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ALABAMA



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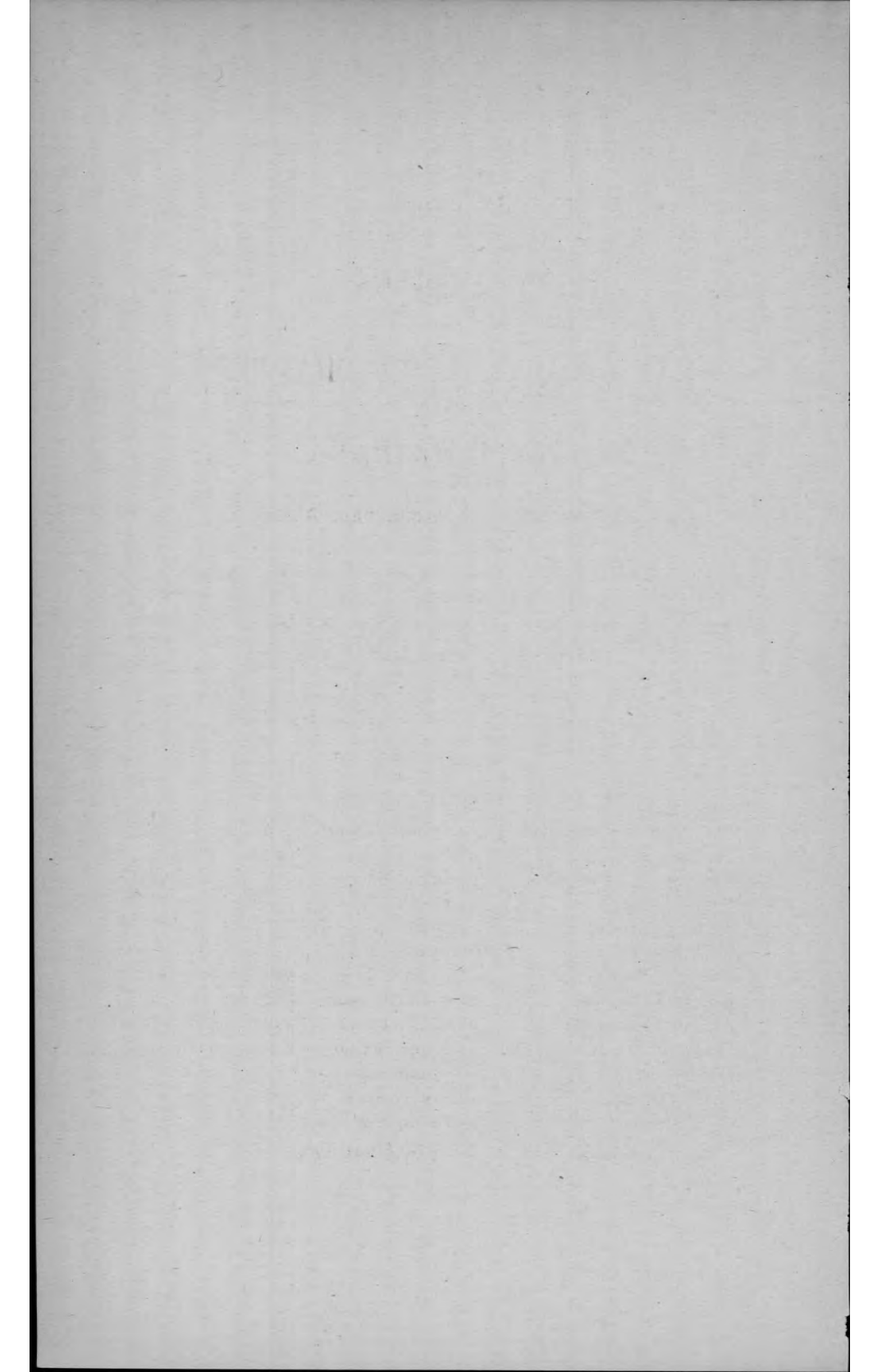
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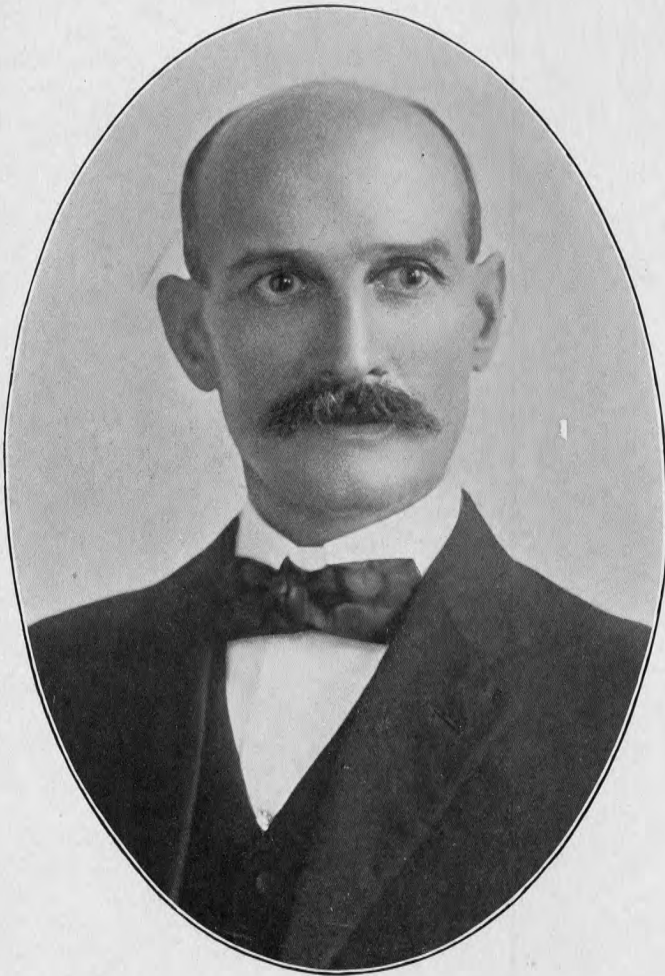
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
of ALABAMA

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL
CONVOCATION

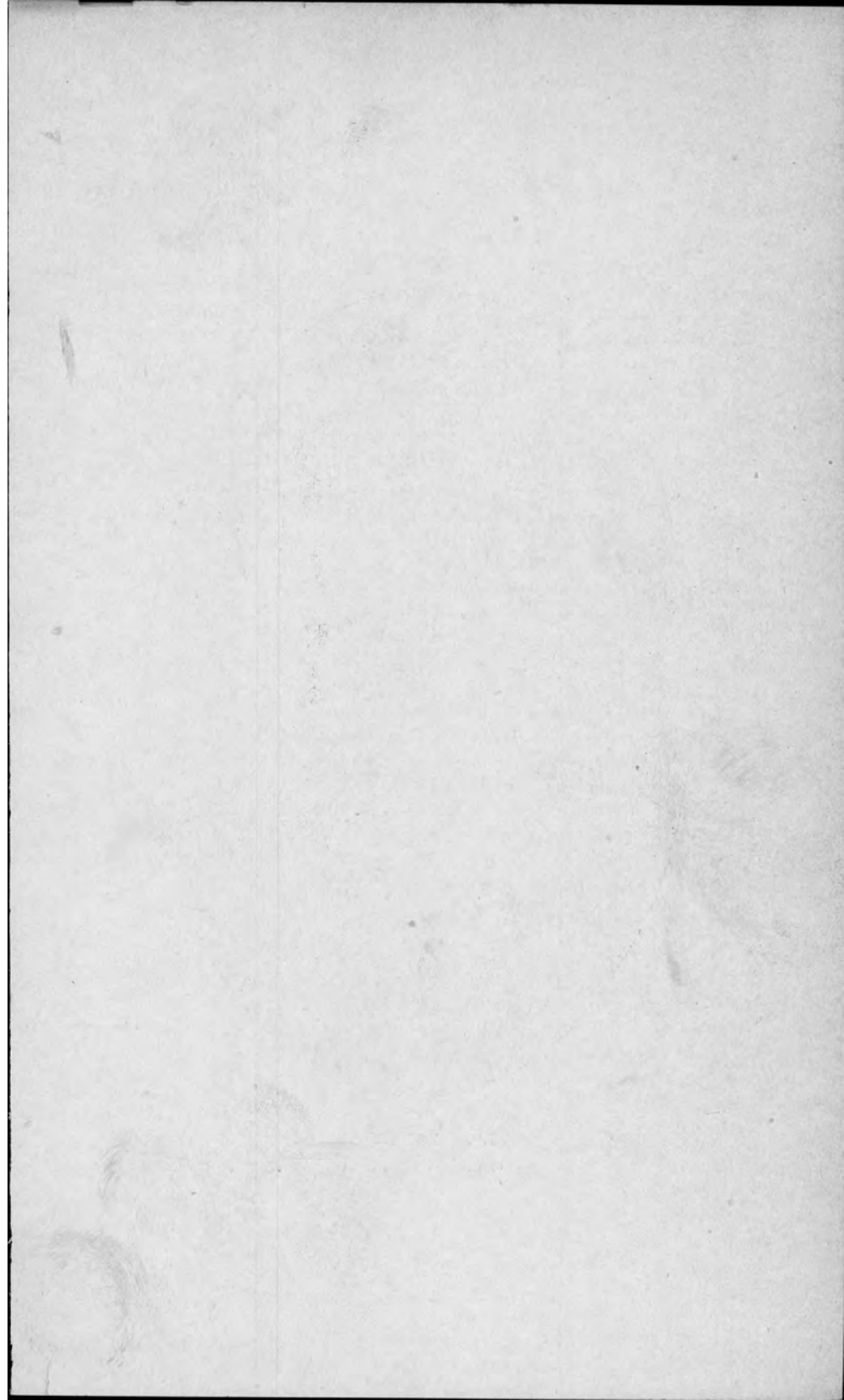
HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, BEGINNING ON
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LEW LAZARUS
Grand High Priest



MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION LEW LAZARUS.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH
CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

The subject of this sketch was born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 4, 1853, and lived in that city until 1872. In that year he went to Houma, Louisiana, where he resided two years. He then removed to Muncie, Indiana, remaining there two years going thence to Shelbyville, Kentucky.

He was married in the year 1879 to Miss Hannah Schwab, of Louisville, Kentucky, and two children, a son and daughter, have blessed their union. He lived in Shelbyville for about ten years, and in the year 1886 moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where he has since resided. He is engaged in the manufacturing business and is the President of a large manufacturing enterprise of that city.

His Masonic record is as follows:

He was initiated into Masonry February 9, 1885, passed, March 9, 1885, and raised April 13, 1885, in Solomon Lodge Number 5, Shelbyville, Kentucky. He dimitted from said Lodge June 15, 1887, and affiliated with Birmingham Fraternal Lodge No. 384, Birmingham, Alabama, August 8, 1887, and was elected W. M. of said Lodge in the year 1890.

He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch May 7, 1885, in Shelbyville Chapter No. 2, Shelbyville, Kentucky. He dimitted from said Chapter June 15, 1887, and affiliated with Mineral City Chapter No. 101, Birmingham, Alabama, July 28, 1887, and was elected the H. P. of said Chapter in the year 1896.

He has also attained to the 32d degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free-Masonry and is a member of Alabama Consistory No. 1, Birmingham, Alabama. He was the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection of that city in the year 1907.

He organized the Birmingham Masonic Relief Committee and has been the Chairman of said Committee since the year 1888.

He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama in December, 1892; Grand Marshal in December, 1893; a member of the Committee on Finance in December, 1896, and was appointed Chairman of said Committee in December, 1900, and is now serving as such.

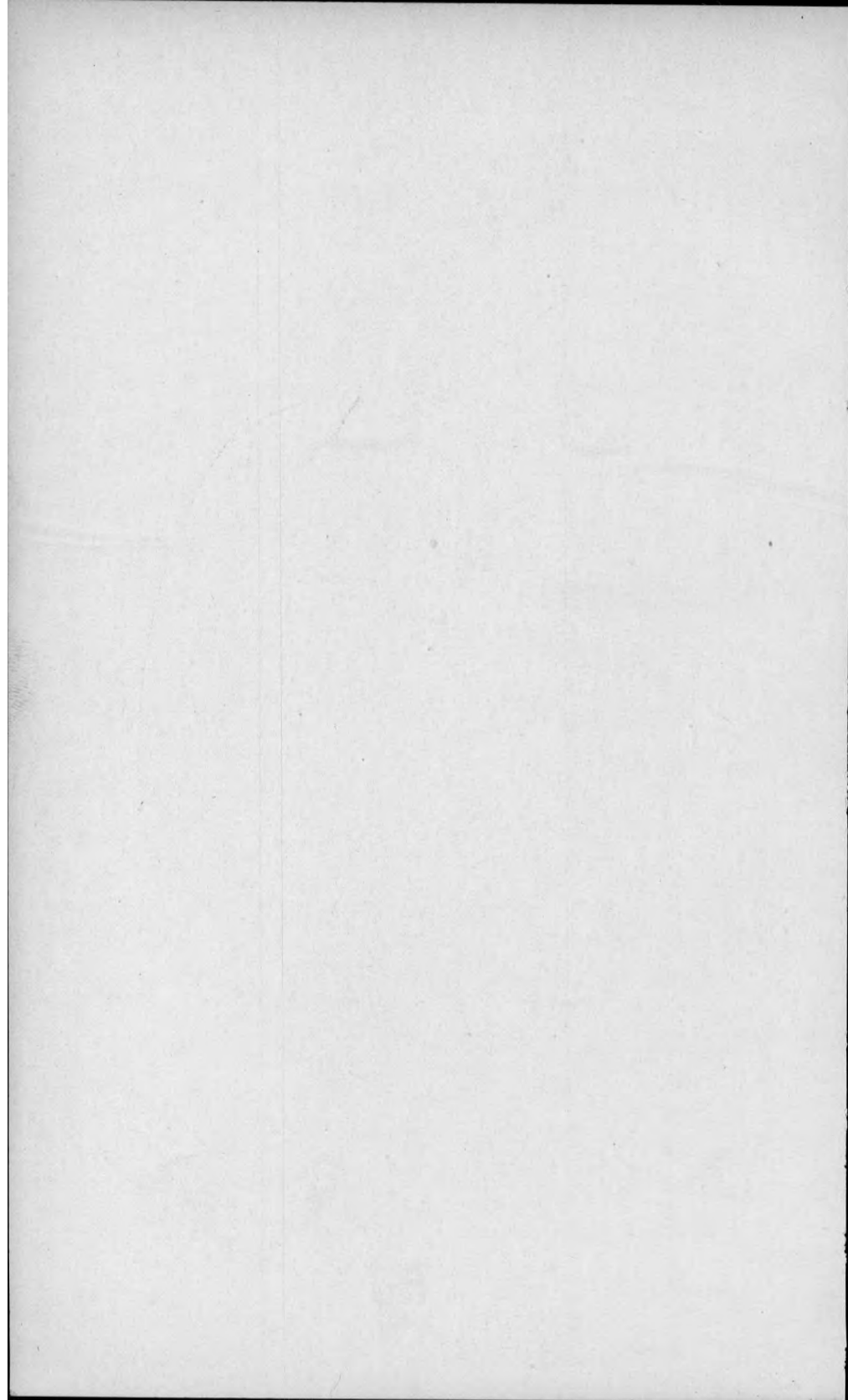
He was appointed Grand Secretary pro tem on the death of M. W. Brother H. Clay Armstrong, December 17th, 1900, serving as such until the regular successor was appointed.

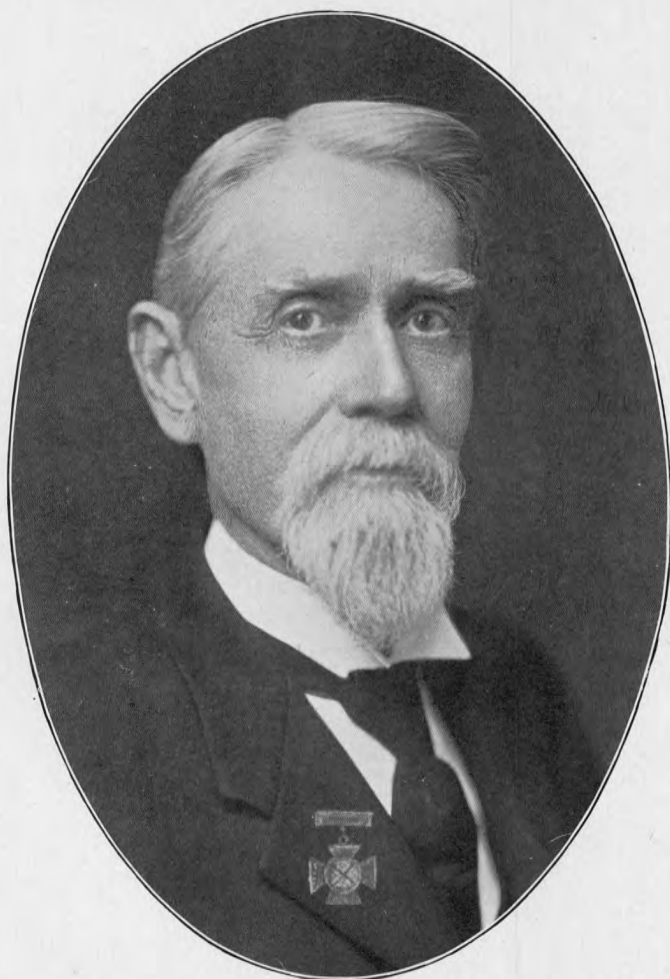
He was appointed Grand Master of the 2d Veil of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama in December, 1896; was regularly advanced, and in December, 1907, was elected Grand High Priest. On the death of M. E. Companion H. Clay Armstrong, December 17, 1900, he was appointed Grand Secretary, serving as such until the Annual Convocation of 1901.

He is a zealous and enthusiastic mason, and enjoys the confidence, esteem and respect of the craft and all who know him.

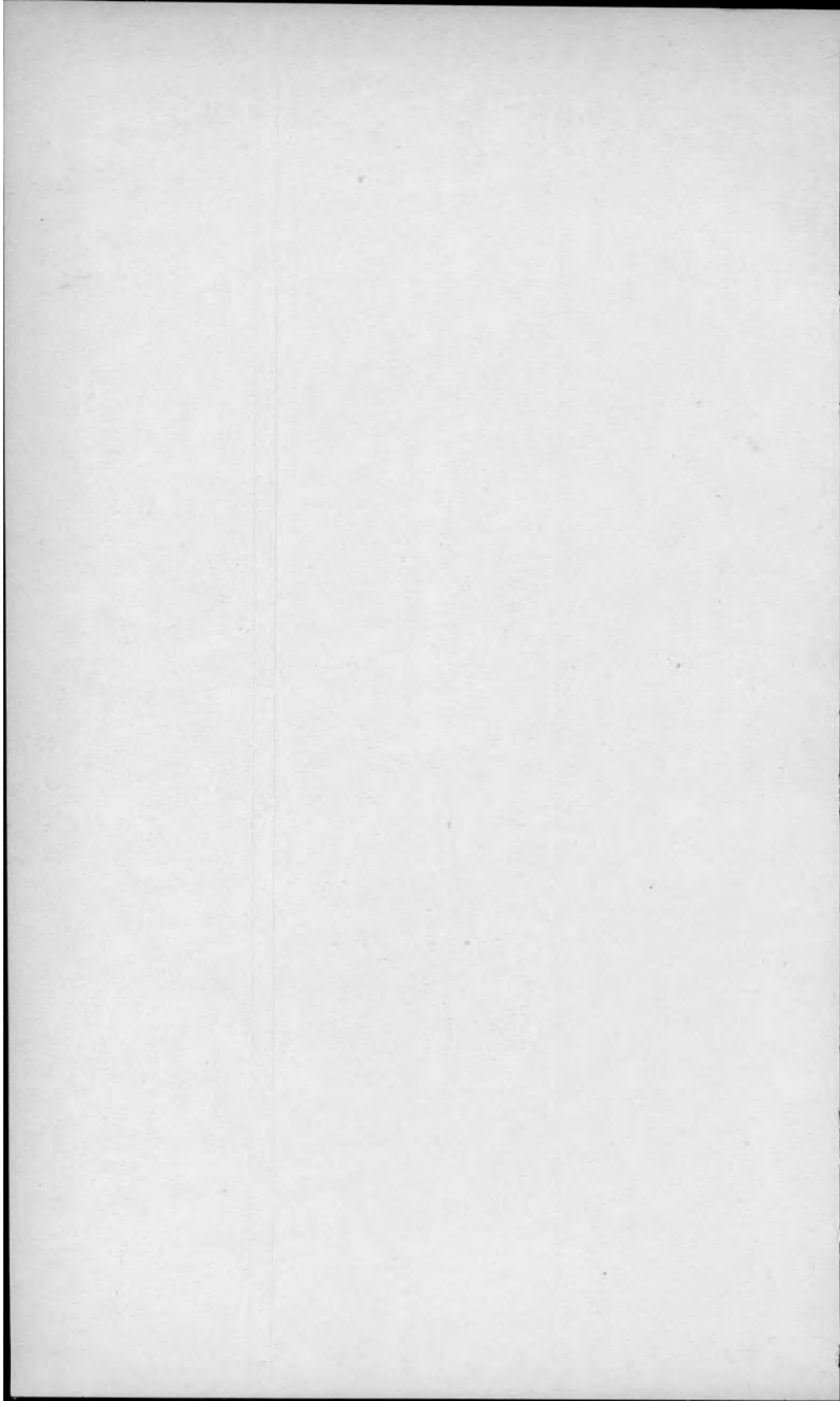


JOSIAH JERNIGAN,
Past Grand High Priest.





JOHN GIDEON HARRIS
Past Grand High Priest



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

Special Convocation at Birmingham, Alabama

A Special Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was held in the hall of Mineral City Chapter, No. 101, at Birmingham, on Thursday, January 23d A. D., 1908, A. I. 2438, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of installing R. V. E. Companion, William E. Bingham, to the office of Grand Scribe.

PRESENT.

LEW LAZARUS.....	Grand High Priest.
JOHN G. SMITH.....	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand High Priest.
ARTHUR BARTON.....	<i>as</i> Grand King.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	<i>as</i> Grand Scribe.
SIMON KLOTZ.....	<i>as</i> Grand Treasurer.
CHARLES J. GEOHEGAN.....	<i>as</i> Grand Secretary.
E. A. WRIGHT.....	<i>as</i> Grand Chaplain.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	<i>as</i> Grand Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL F. VANCE.....	<i>as</i> Grand Principal Sojourner.
MATT T. STRATFORD.....	<i>as</i> Grand Royal Arch Captain.
NATHANIEL L. MEWHINNEY.....	<i>as</i> Grand Master of the 3d Veil.
SAMUEL STEIN.....	<i>as</i> Grand Master of 2d Veil.
JAMES S. VANCE.....	<i>as</i> Grand Master of the 1st Veil.
JOHN B. HOFFMAN.....	<i>as</i> Grand Sentinel.

And a due Representation of Chapters.

OPENED.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Ample Form by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND SCRIBE.

Right Excellent Companion William E. Bingham, was duly installed to the office of Grand Scribe by Most Excellent Companion Lew Lazarus, Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Basil M. Hill acting as Grand Marshal.

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 Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

LEW LAZARUS,

Grand High Priest.

CHARLES J. GEOHEGAN,

Acting Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF ALABAMA.

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

HELD AT

Montgomery, Nov. 30th and Dec 1st, 1908, A. I. 2438.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama met in Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, on Monday, November 30, 1908, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT.

LEW LAZARUS.....	Grand High Priest.
ROBERT W. SOUTHERLAND.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....	Grand King.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....	Grand Captain of the Host.
JOHN B. LYONS.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
ALBERT E. PACE.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
NORMAN GUNN.....	Grand Master of 3rd Veil.

WILLIAM W. RANSOM-----Grand Master of 2d Veil.
 LOUIS J. WRIGHT-----*as* Grand Master of 1st Veil
 WILLIAM H. TICE-----Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS-----Past Grand High Priest.
 CHARLES R. BRICKEN-----Past Grand High Priest.
 BASIL M. HILL-----Past Grand High Priest.
 FRANCIS H. BATES-----Past Grand High Priest.
 ROBERT S. TEAGUE-----Past Grand High Priest.
 GEORGE A. JOINER-----Past Grand Secretary.

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

Arizona-----George W. Coggin.
 Arkansas-----William W. Ransom.
 California-----Basil M. Hill.
 Canada-----Lew Lazarus.
 Colorado-----John B. Christian.
 Connecticut-----William Y. Titcomb.
 Delaware-----Albert E. Pace.
 District of Columbia-----Norman Gunn.
 Georgia-----Robert S. Teague.
 Iowa-----Stewart McQueen.
 Kentucky-----Louis J. Wright.
 Louisiana-----Robert L. Douglass.
 Maine-----William H. Dingley.
 Maryland-----Hazeriah G. Earnest.
 Massachusetts-----George A. Joiner.
 Minnesota-----Walter Smith.
 Missouri-----William E. Bingham.
 Nevada-----Charles R. Bricken.
 New Brunswick-----John M. Miller.
 New York-----Lawrence H. Lee.
 North Carolina-----Robert W. Southerland.

Oregon	George A. Beauchamp.
Quebec	Joseph D. Matlock.
South Carolina	Francis H. Bates.
South Dakota	Jacob Bley.
Tennessee	William W. Screws.
Texas	John B. Lyons.
Victoria	James T. Greene.
Virginia	Henry F. Reese.
West Virginia	Robert F. Lovelady.

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

No.		
1.	Tuscaloosa	{ Walter Smith.....H. P. S. H. Card.....S.
5.	Eunomia	{ A. M. P. Dunn.....H. P. L. C. Sugg.....K. A. F. Evans*.....S.
12.	Marion	{ F. H. Bates*.....H. P. W. H. May*.....K.
21.	Mobile	{ John H. McCormick.....H. P. M. T. Sprague*.....K. R. L. Douglass*.....S.
22.	Montgomery	{ Guy T. Smith.....H. P. Frank McPherson.....K. Duncan Campbell.....S.
23.	Talladega	{ J. F. Hanks.....H. P. Geo. A. Joiner*.....K. Marion H. Sims*.....S.
24.	Eufaula	{ Julius J. Paulint.....H. P. George A. Beauchamp*.....K.
25.	Courtland	{ W. T. Sullivan.....K. J. A. Gilchrist.....S.
26.	Union	{ John S. Kennedy.....H. P. W. M. Neely*.....K. John B. Christian*.....S.
28.	St. John's	{ C. E. Keathley.....H. P. H. F. Reese*.....S.
34.	Hermon	{ W. G. Walker*.....H. P.
38.	Decatur	{ F. T. Saywell.....H. P. R. L. Penn.....K. A. O. Oden*.....S.

40.	Camden	J. C. Benson	H. P.
54.	Tyrian	G. J. Hubbard	H. P.
		S. A. Pilley*	K.
		W. L. Hilliard*	S.
56.	Dadeville	R. T. Ward	H. P.
		J. B. Rylance	K.
		W. C. Roeck*	S.
57.	Collinsville	W. A. Wilbanks*	H. P.
		Thomas Bradford*	K.
64.	Central	E. S. Lyman	K.
80.	Myles J. Greene	John B. Lyons	H. P.
81.	Jefferson	Jacob Bley	H. P.
		S. G. Woolf*	K.
86.	Coosa	H. L. Isen	H. P.
		H. B. Myers*	K.
88.	Springville	Basil M. Hill	H. P.
99.	Thos. M. Bragg	Charles R. Bricken	H. P.
		R. B. Coggins*	S.
100.	Rock Mills	Benjamin F. Weathers	H. P.
		L. E. Harris*	K.
		William G. Floyd*	S.
101.	Mineral City	J. D. Matlock	H. P.
104.	Sylacauga	W. R. Miller*	K.
		A. J. Peterson*	S.
105.	Anniston	H. G. Earnest	H. P.
		James T. Greene*	S.
107.	Ft. Payne	John L. White	H. P.
		W. T. Fuller*	K.
		J. J. Durham*	S.
108.	Pratt City	Robert F. Lovelady*	H. P.
		J. T. Massengale	S.
109.	Blocton	J. U. Ray*	S.
110.	Bessemer	Samuel Stein*	H. P.
		W. E. Surrat*	K.
		L. B. Bradley	S.
111.	Piedmont	O. L. Stewart*	H. P.
		O. L. Stewart	K.
		I. J. Davis	S.
112.	Brewton	John B. O'Bannon*	H. P.
		L. P. Weaver*	K.
113.	Dothan	Pitt M. Carlisle	H. P.
		Albert E. Pace*	K.
		H. Green*	S.
114.	H. C. Armstrong	G. W. Coggin*	K.

115.	Thomasville	{ E. A. Rentz	H. P.
		{ J. J. Vickers*	K.
		{ J. J. Bozeman*	S.
116.	Clanton	E. A. Matthews	H. P.
117.	Beauchamp	Jesse E. McCoy	H. P.
118.	Jasper	{ J. S. Moore*	H. P.
		{ G. G. Bagwell*	K.
119.	Jackson	C. P. Loran	K.
120.	Cunningham	W. M. Elliott	H. P.
123.	Covington	{ J. M. Head	H. P.
		{ R. H. Jones*	K.
		{ W. C. Randolph	S.
124.	Bladon Springs	T. R. Lenoir	H. P.
125.	Coleanor	J. P. Melvin	H. P.
126.	Tallassee	A. W. Herren	H. P.
127.	Evergreen	{ W. F. Betts	H. P.
		{ L. Riley*	K.
		{ G. H. Chapman*	S.
128.	Heflin	Walter B. Merrill	H. P.
129.	James E. Cobb	{ Wm. P. Cobb*	H. P.
		{ Thos. F. Taylor*	K.
		{ E. R. Alexander*	S.
130.	Palmyra	O. D. Street	H. P.
131.	Cordova	{ J. M. Miller	H. P.
		{ W. J. Owen*	K.
132.	Langdale	W. N. Mitchum*	H. P.
133.	Enterprise	{ K. W. Harrison*	H. P.
		{ J. E. Ingram*	K.
134.	Elba	S. H. Nolin	S.
135.	Floral	J. R. Shepherd	H. P.
136.	Auburn	Welborn V. Jones*	H. P.
137.	Samson	{ I. L. Johnson	H. P.
		{ J. W. Brooks*	K.
		{ W. H. R. Preachers	S.
138.	Columbia	{ W. L. Lee	H. P.
		{ D. W. Welch*	K.
		{ C. L. C. Atkeson	S.

*Proxy.

(Number of Chapters represented, 56.)

OPENED.

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

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

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

Companions: Through the kindness and goodness of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe we are again permitted to assemble in this, our eighty-second Annual Convocation.

We as men and as Masons have much to be thankful for as we gather here and give to each other fraternal greetings. The year just past has been one of trial and trouble. Panic and business inactivity cast its unwelcome shadow over our great and glorious country, causing mills and factories to suspend operations, and thereby putting thousands of men, women and children out of employment. Notwithstanding this general depression which visited the old world, as well as our own United States, we have been permitted by Him who rules over the Heaven and Earth, to carry forward our good work, and today capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is in a more flourishing condition than ever before in the history of this Grand Chapter. Much credit for this is due to the untiring efforts of our most worthy Grand Secretary, George A. Beauchamp.

Since our last Annual Convocation five new Chapters have been organized; two dormant Chapters have been reorganized, and our membership also has materially increased.

I see before me the dear familiar faces of those faithful brethren who have come here year after year, and it is with a feeling of joy and happiness that I greet you again.

Our great State must be unusually blessed. While other commonwealths have suffered, we in Alabama have not gone backward. Our soil has produced "bumper" crops this year. Our cotton and corn yields have been abundant. Coal and iron in thousands of tons have been given up by Mother Earth, and there are few of us indeed who are poorer in worldly goods or in health than we were one year ago. For this we are truly thankful.

We have not only gained considerably in membership this year, but from every nook and corner of the State come reports of much interest and enthusiasm being displayed by the Companions in improving and perfecting their work.

One year ago today you placed in my charge the gavel of authority and with it I have tried to govern this Grand Body.

I have endeavored to deserve your confidence and to carry out what I thought were your wishes. You must now determine whether I have accomplished what has been expected of me as I shall place before you my official acts. I leave them for your study and consideration, and I trust they will meet with your approval.

Let us leave behind us the old year with its trials and privations, its panics and its hard times. Let us pray that the new year now before us may bring us joy and happiness, health and strength to carry forward with renewed energy the noble work started so many, many years ago. May we progress in all those things which are good and elevating, those things which make us better men and better Masons. Thus and thus alone will we not only improve ourselves, but will show the world at large that ours is an Order of practice as well as teachings, an Order which makes its members honest and upright, God-fearing and clean in their every walk of life.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Since our last Annual Convocation the Angel of Death has visited our Grand Jurisdiction, and has taken from us some of our beloved Companions, among them being two of our honored Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions, Josiah Jernigan, and John Gideon Harris, the former departing this life on the morning of July 6, 1908, and the latter on the morning of July 7, 1908, and of them it may well be said that they were "lovely in their lives, and in death they were not long divided." I recommend that suitable memorial tablets be set apart in our proceedings to their memory.

In memory of these two beloved and distinguished Companions, I issued the following memorial addresses:

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

Office of Grand High Priest.

Birmingham, Alabama, July 23, 1908.

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

Companions:—It becomes my sad duty to announce to you the death of our dearly beloved Companion, Josiah Jernigan, Past Grand High Priest, who died at his home in Troy, Alabama, at 11 o'clock on the morning of Monday, July 6, 1908, after a severe and lingering illness.

Companion Jernigan was born near Milton, Santa Rosa County, Florida, on November 24, 1847. On November 24, 1864, his seventeenth birthday, he enlisted in Company "I," 15th Confederate Cavalry, and served with great gallantry until the end of the war.

He removed to Rose Hill, Covington County, Alabama, in the year 1861; thence to Elba, Alabama, in 1866; thence to Troy, Alabama, November 10, 1869, and from thenceforth continuously resided at that city.

He was married on September 28, 1871, to Miss Hortense Mullins, near Troy, Alabama, who, with five children, survive him.

He was Register in Chancery from November, 1869, until November, 1880, and served the city of Troy for a number of years in the capacity of city clerk.

He was a prominent member of the First Baptist Church of Troy, and was a deacon of that church for several years.

The following is his Masonic history:

He was initiated January 2, 1869, passed Febr'y 6, 1869, and raised May 1, 1869, in Elba Lodge No. 170, of Elba, Alabama. He dimitted therefrom October 7, 1871, and affiliated with Troy Lodge No. 56, of Troy, Alabama, November 18, 1871. He was the W. M. of said Lodge in 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879; was its Secretary for ten years, and was a member of said Lodge at the time of his death.

He was exalted April 12, 1878, in Tyrian Chapter No. 54, of Troy, Alabama, and was elected the High Priest of said Chapter in the years 1888, 1889, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907, and was a member thereof at the time of his death.

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

He was a Charter member of Troy Council No. 62, R. & S. M., of Troy, Alabama, and was also a Charter member of Troy Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, of Troy, Alabama.

He was appointed Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in the year 1889; elected Grand Captain of the Host in 1890 and 1891; Grand Scribe in 1892 and 1893; Grand King in 1894; Deputy Grand High Priest in 1895, and Grand High Priest in 1896 and 1897.

Our deceased Companion was a good man and true and exemplified in his life the true tenets of Masonry.

As a man, in every sphere of life he was zealous and devoted; as a neighbor and friend, he was kind and just, and as a father and husband he observed the moral law. He was

a consistent Christian, an upright man and honorable gentleman who held a high place in the hearts of his neighbors, friends and brethren.

We bow in humble submission to this stroke of bereavement and cherish the memory of our Companion in our sad hearts, and tender the bereaved family our sincere sympathy. We implore the Divine benediction upon them, and confidently trust that his spirit is in the safe keeping of our Heavenly Father.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, this 23d day of July, A. D., 1908, A. I. 2438.

LEW LAZARUS,

Grand High Priest.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

(SEAL)

Grand Secretary.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

Office of Grand High Priest.

Birmingham, Alabama, July 23, 1908.

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

Companions:—Death has again invaded our ranks and taken from us one of our oldest and best beloved Companions in the person of John Gideon Harris, Past Grand High Priest, who died at his home in Montgomery, Alabama, at seven o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, July 7, 1908, after a protracted illness.

Companion Harris was born July 10, 1834, one and one-half miles from Greene Springs, Hale County (then Greene), Alabama. He was the son of Page Harris and wife Mary (Polly) Harris, nee Williams. Page Harris was born near Raleigh, N. C., March 1795; came to Greene County, Alabama, in 1824, and continued to live in the same place until his death in 1887, aged 93 years.

Our deceased Companion, John Gideon Harris, was educated in the common country schools and under Dr. Henry Tutwiler and Dr. Carlos G. Smith, at Greene Springs School. He studied law in Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, from September, 1857, to May, 1858; practiced law in Greensboro, Hale County, from 1858 to January, 1861, then in Livingston, Sumter County, from 1866 to 1886, and it is a fact worthy of note that he paid his own way through college, and that he began the practice of law without a dollar. His career at the bar was interrupted by the war, and he entered as a private in a Greensboro Company. He was Captain of Company I, 20th Alabama C. S. A. until 1863, and then Major of the 20th Regiment until the close of the war. His service in the army was rendered with credit and distinction.

He was Registrar of Public Lands at Montgomery, Alabama, during Cleveland's first term as President. Was State Superintendent of Education of Alabama from 1890 to 1894. Was elected a member of the Railroad Commission of the State of Alabama, in the year 1906, and was serving as a member thereof at the time of his death.

Companion Harris made a profession of religion in his early years and maintained his profession consistently to the day of his death. He became a member of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, on his removal to that city in 1886. At one time he was President of the International Sunday School Convention. He was a deep student of Masonry and he had delivered many lectures on topics connected with Masonry. His Masonic Addresses had been collected and published, together with the addresses he had delivered on educational topics.

He was owner and publisher of "The Alabama Baptist" twenty years and was editor for ten years. He held no office in any Church but delivered religious talks and lectures and aided in conducting the meetings.

He was married in 1861 to Miss Mary Jane Brown, daughter of John E. and Mary Jane Brown, of Sumterville, Alabama, formerly of South Carolina. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lemuel G. Dawson. His funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, July 8, 1908, from the First Baptist Church, of Montgomery, Alabama. He was buried by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama, of which he had been the Grand Master for two years.

His Masonic history is as follows:

He was initiated in Lafayette Lodge No. 26, of Greensboro, Alabama, July 16, 1861; was passed August 5, 1865, and raised September 2, 1865, in Hermon Lodge No. 106, of Sumterville, Alabama, and affiliated with Livingston Lodge No. 41, of Livingston, Alabama, January 26, 1867, of which Lodge he was a member at the time of his death. He was the W. M. of the last named Lodge from 1875 to 1879.

He was exalted in Livingston Chapter No. 20, of Livingston, Alabama, December 1, 1866, and was High Priest thereof in 1874, and again in 1882, 1883 and 1884.

He received the Order of High Priest December 6, 1876.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama in 1879 and 1880; Senior Grand Warden in 1881 and 1882; Deputy Grand Master in 1883 and 1884, and Grand Master in 1885 and 1886.

He was elected Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in 1882; Grand Scribe in 1883 and 1884; Grand King in 1885 and 1886; Deputy Grand High Priest in 1887, and Grand High Priest in 1888 and 1889.

Such is the Masonic history of our dearly beloved Brother and Companion. He was easily conspicuous among his fellows and characterized by a singularly pure and upright life. As a citizen he was greatly beloved and was held in universal esteem in the communities in which he resided.

As a Mason he was especially respected and beloved by his brethren and enjoyed their confidence and esteem. He was a regular attendant at our annual meetings and we shall miss him and mourn his loss, but trust that the record of our lives will pass such inspection that we will be permitted to meet him in the realms beyond the skies and renew those loving ties that bound us here below.

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 Birmingham, Alabama, this 23d day of July, A. D., 1908, A. I. 2438.

LEW LAZARUS,

Grand High Priest.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

(SEAL)

Grand Secretary.

I have received notifications of the deaths of the following distinguished Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions:

M. E. Companion, John Samuel Titcomb, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Died March 18, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Asa Smith, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut. Died September 29, 1907.

M. E. Companion, John L. Hill, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut. Died October 2, 1907.

M. E. Companion, Dwight Waugh, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut. Died February 29, 1908.

M. E. Companion, John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut. Died June 16, 1908.

M. E. Companion, James R. Post, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut. Died September 9, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Gilbert Wordsworth Barnard, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. Died June 19, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Martin H. Rice, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indiana. Died August 3, 1908.

M. E. Companion, James W. Bowers, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland. Died January 8th, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Charles McDonald, Jr., Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland. Died September 11, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Hugh McCurdy, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan. Died July 16, 1908.

M. E. Companion, William Raens Stubblefield, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri. Died January 10, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Martin Collins, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri. Died May 25, 1908.

R. E. and Rev. Companion, Uriah Chester, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska. Died March 29, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Anthony Schoder, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. Died June 12, 1907.

M. E. Companion, Charles L. Chovey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. Died May 23, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Charles Bechtel, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. Died August 16, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Thomas Henry Rooms Redway, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. Died August 29, 1908.

M. E. Companion, George Van Vliet, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York. Died November 1, 1907.

R. E. Companion, Robert V. Hampson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ohio. Died January 14, 1908.

M. E. Companion, James Shallcross Barber, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Died April 1, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Matthias Holstein Henderson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Died September 18, 1908.

M. E. Companion, John R. Bellinger, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina. Died August 27, 1908.

R. E. Companion, James Stanley Huston, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Dakota. Died April 15, 1908.

R. E. Companion, Bernard C. Jacobs, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Dakota. Died June 28, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Henry Sebra Williams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Dakota. Died September 20, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Eugene T. Murchison, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Died February 12, 1908.

M. E. Companion, Norton Moses, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Died May 21, 1908.

M. E. Companion, William Bramlette, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Died July 21, 1908.

M. E. Comparison, Norman Curtis Daniels, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Wisconsin. Died March 30, 1908.

NEW CHAPTERS.

On January 29, 1908, I issued a dispensation to Companions John Burrell Simmons, Arthur V. Buck, S. Hardin Nolen, George Henry Thigpen, Sam William May, William Driscle Colquitt, Gerald Franklin Pollard, Charles Spaulding Allred, Malcolm Smith Carmichael and Levi Connie Powell to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Elba, Coffee County, to be known as Elba Chapter No. 134. I appointed John Burrell Simmons to be the High Priest of said Chapter, Arthur V. Buck to be the King and S. Hardin Nolen to be the Scribe.

On April 8, 1908, I issued a dispensation to Companions James R. Shepherd, William B. Perry, Roland J. Perry, John Joseph Howell, James Carson Howell, Jr., James Hiram Burgess, Wiley Franklin Martin, Bruce Francis Luttrell, L. Hamilton Brassell, Herschel Hentz McDougald and William Claiborne Whitt to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Florala, Covington County, to be known as Florala Chapter No. 135. I appointed James R. Shepherd to be the High Priest of said Chapter, William B. Perry to be the King and Roland J. Perry to be the Scribe.

On April 24, 1908, I issued a dispensation to Companions Edwin Mead Wilcox, Clifford LeRoy Hare, Arthur McBryde Ransom, C. A. Cary, Charles A. Cornell, Murray Percival Edwards, Felix T. Hudson, Lummis A. Knapp and James Edward Ward, to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Auburn, Lee County, to be known as Auburn Chapter No. 136. I appointed Edwin Mead Wilcox to be the High Priest of said Chapter, Clifford LeRoy Hare to be the King and Arthur McBryde Ransom to be the Scribe.

On May 29, 1908, I issued a dispensation to Companions Ira Leonidas Johnston, John Henry White, Wm. Richard Henry

Preachers, Albert Fletcher Bullard, George Dallas King, Olin Milton Hargett, John Henry Holley, Benjamin Robert Messer, Benjamin Jefferson Lewis, Christopher C. Brock, Jones Wiley Thurmond, James W. Brooks, James L. Lewis, James Green Page, Henry B. Bullard, and Zachariah R. Fuller to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Samson, Geneva County, to be known as Samson Chapter No. 137. I appointed Ira Leonidas Johnson to be the High Priest of said Chapter, John Henry White to be the King and Wm. Richard Henry Preachers to be the Scribe.

On October 9, 1908, I issued a dispensation to Companions W. L. Lee, I. Y. Palmer, C. L. C. Atkeson, William C. Fenn, William H. Grant, A. E. Garner, Daniel W. Baker, R. L. Mays, W. C. Howard and J. T. Jay to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Columbia, Houston County, to be known as Columbia Chapter No. 138. I appointed W. L. Lee to be the High Priest of said Chapter, I. Y. Palmer to be the King and C. L. C. Atkeson to be the Scribe.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS.

On August 22, 1908, to Companions Benjamin Franklin Weathers, James Albert Jeffers, Charles W. Eichelberger, Burrel C. Jones, David Manley, J. Whit Bonner, Francis M. Handley, Samuel Henderson, John Augustus Walden, Martin V. Hudson, William H. Knight and George B. Hendon, to reorganize Rock Mills Chapter No. 100, at Roanoke, in the County of Randolph, said Companions having paid the amount of indebtedness that said Chapter owed the Grand Chapter when its Charter was forfeited. I appointed Benjamin Franklin Weathers to be the High Priest of said Chapter, James Albert Jeffers to be the King, and Charles W. Eichelberger to be the Scribe.

On November 23, 1908, to Companions William L. Johnson, J. D. Nolen, Benjamin Walker, R. S. Nolen, Sr., R. S. Nolen, Jr., Joseph A. Goggans, James M. Pearson, John T. Adcock, Daniel M. White and John R. Gilbert, to reorganize Hillabee

Chapter No. 79, at Alexander City, in the County of Tallapoosa, said Companions having paid the amount of indebtedness that said Chapter owed the Grand Chapter when its Charter was forfeited. I appointed William L. Johnson to be the High Priest of said Chapter, J. D. Nolen to be the King, and Benjamin Walker to be the Scribe.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

On January 23, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Montgomery Chapter No. 22, to elect a King, the Companion elected to this office having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

On May 25, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Coleanor Chapter No. 125, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On July 1, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Bessemer Chapter No. 110, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On July 3, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Marion Chapter No. 12, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On July 11, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Brewton Chapter No. 112, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On July 20, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Central Chapter No. 64, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On July 21, 1908, I granted a dispensation to St. Johns Chapter No. 28, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On July 27, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Tallassee Chapter No. 126, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On August 28, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80, to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On September 16, 1908, I granted a dispensation to Jackson Chapter No. 119, to elect a Scribe, the Companion elected to this office, having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF STATUTORY TIME.

For good and satisfactory reasons I have issued dispensations for the following Chapters to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the statutory time:

- Anniston Chapter No. 105, January 3, 1908.
- Covington Chapter No. 123, January 15, 1908.
- Anniston Chapter No. 105, February 13, 1908.
- Union Chapter No. 26, May 21, 1908.
- Union Chapter No. 26, June 16, 1908.
- Dadeville Chapter No. 56, June 22, 1908.
- Mineral City Chapter No. 101, October 8, 1908.
- Rock Mills Chapter No. 100, October 15, 1908.
- Anniston Chapter No. 105, October 22, 1908.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

- On January 21, 1908, I visited Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
- On January 23, 1908, I visited Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
- On January 27, 1908, I visited Cunningham Chapter No. 120.
- On June 25, 1908, I visited Mineral City Chapter No. 101 and installed the officers of said Chapter.
- On July 14, 1908, I visited Bessemer Chapter No. 110 and installed the officers of said Chapter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On January 20, 1908, I appointed Companion Thomas Ochtreigh Heydenfelt, of Redwood City, California, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of California, vice Companion Robert Ash.

On November 14, 1908, I appointed Companion Fielding W. Harris, of Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, Grand Representa-

tive of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, vice H. A. Butler, deceased.

DECISIONS.

1. On June 3rd, 1908, Elba Chapter No. 134, asked for a ruling on the following question: Can a Master Mason holding a dimit from a Blue Lodge receive the Chapter degrees?

I ruled that he could not.

2. On July 1st, 1908, I made the same ruling in the case of Dothan Chapter No. 113.

3. On June 29th, 1908, Covington Chapter No. 123, asked: What is the standing of a Companion who has been indefinitely suspended by his Blue Lodge?

My ruling was that upon legal information he also stands suspended in the Chapter and shall be so declared by the High Priest, at the first regular meeting after said information has been obtained.

4. The same Chapter also asked the following question: Shall a Companion who has been dimitted from his Lodge for a longer period than twelve months be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Chapter?

Answer: (See page 36, 1907, Grand Chapter Proceedings:) "Nor shall a dimitted Master Mason be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, who volutarily remains dimitted from a M. M. Lodge a longer period than twelve months from the date of his dimit."

Therefore, he stands suspended and shall be so declared by the High Priest after the first regular meeting after legal information has been obtained.

5. On July 24, 1908, Mineral City Chapter No. 101 asked the following question:

Can our Chapter receive the petition of a Master Mason for the degrees, whose membership is in a Lodge in another State, he now residing in this State?

My ruling was that Mineral City Chapter could receive said petition provided they obtained permission from the Chapter

in the jurisdiction in which he held his Lodge membership, provided his residence was in this State.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Many of our early proceedings are out of print, and as our finances are now in good shape, I recommend that the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, from its organization to the year 1860, inclusive, be reprinted and that a sufficient sum be appropriated to incur the expense of printing same.

I recommend further that one copy of said reprint be sent to each Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction, one copy to each Grand Officer and each Past Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter, and one copy also to each Grand Chapter with whom we are in fraternal correspondence.

CONCLUSION.

I thank you, my Companions, for the high honor you have conferred upon me and the confidence and trust you reposed in me. I have tried to be true to your trust and will continue as long as life lasts to work with zeal unabated for the good of our Craft.

I trust our present convocation will be a successful one; one that will remain always in our memory for the good feeling which existed and the good work I trust we shall do. As the High Priest in Israel dismissed his congregation, so do I conclude this my annual address.

"May the Lord bless thee and keep thee. May the Lord let His countenance shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

Fraternally submitted,

LEW LAZARUS,
Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of R. E. Companion Stewart McQueen, the Grand High Priest's Address was referred to a committee composed of three Past Grand High Priests, as follows: William W. Screws, Basil M. Hill and Francis H. Bates.

THE 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:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,
In Account with the

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

1907		DR.			
Dec. 2	To balance	-----	\$	2,862	29
1908					
Nov. 16	Received from Grand Secretary	-----		2,508	00
				\$	5,370 29
		CT.			
By	Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund	-----	\$	500	00
	Grand Secretary, Charters	-----		20	00
	Grand Secretary, salary	-----		800	00
	Grand Sentinel	-----		21	00
	Grand Sentinel, porter	-----		4	00
	B. L. Davis, see Proc. p. 28	-----		8	50

Grand Treasurer, salary-----	100 00	
Committee on Correspondence	100 00	
P. G. H. P. Teague, jewel----	25 00	
Library—		
Book cases -----	24 50	
Purchasing Proceed's	14 60	
Binding -----	33 10	72 20
	1,650 70	
Balance-----	3,719 59	5,370 29

Dec. 1, 1908.

REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, submitted the following reports, which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

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

I beg to submit the following reports for the year ending November 15, 1908.

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1908.

Nov. 15 Dues collected since last report-- \$2,014 50
(For detailed statement see Appendix.)

CERTIFICATES.

The following certificates have been issued to former members of defunct Chapters, since last report:

1908.

Jan. 25	C. W. McMahon	Piedmont	No. 102	\$1.50
Mar. 9	J. W. Kennington	Landmark	No. 71	1.50
Mar. 19	John M. L. Peacock	Columbus	No. 93	1.50
Mar. 19	Peter M. Metcalf	Columbus	No. 93	1.50
Aug. 8	Henry L. Crook	Rock Mills	No. 100	1.50
Aug. 8	James H. Johnson	Rock Mills	No. 100	1.50
Oct. 29	George Delaney	Phoenix	No. 121	1.50
				\$10.50

DISPENSATIONS.

1908.

Jan. 29	To organize Elba Chapter	No. 134	\$ 90 00
Apr. 8	To organize Florala Chapter	No. 135	90 00
Apr. 24	To organize Auburn Chapter	No. 136	90 00
May 29	To organize Samson Chapter	No. 137	90 00
Aug. 22	To reorganize R'k Mills Chapter	No. 100	24 00
Oct. 9	To organize Columbia Chapter	No. 138	90 00
			\$474 00

RITUALS.

1908.

June 16	Ritual No. 119 sold Samson	Chapter No. 137	\$3 00
June 29	Ritual No. 117 sold Elba	Chapter No. 134	3 00
Sept. 23	Ritual No. 2 sold Rock Mills	Chapter No. 100	3 00
			\$9 00

RECAPITULATION.

1908.

Nov. 15	Dues collected since last report	\$2,014 50
Nov. 15	Certificates issued since last report	10 50
Nov. 15	Dispensations issued since last report	474 00
Nov. 15	Rituals sold since last report	9 00
Nov. 15		
Nov. 16	Paid Grand Treasurer	\$2,508 00

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Nov. 16, 1908.

Grand Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

*In Account with the*MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

1907.

Dec. 6 To Contingent Fund..... \$500 00

1908.

Nov. 15 By printing and stationery..... \$313 25

Nov. 15 By sundries..... 34 30

Nov. 15 By postage and express..... 96 51

Nov. 15 By coal..... 30 00

Nov. 15 By dues to General Grand Chapter 26 89 \$500 95

Amount overdrawn..... 95

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRE-
SPONDENCE.

E. . Companion, William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, stated that owing to recent serious illness he had been unable to finish his Annual Report, and, on motion he was allowed further time to complete said report, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to print same with the proceedings.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

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

ON BY-LAWS

George A. Joiner

John H. McCormick

Henry B. Myers

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

John B. Lyons

Julius J. Paulint

William W. Ransom

Frederick T. Saywell

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Robert L. Douglass

Wellborn J. Renfroe

Louis J. Wright

William H. May

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Walter Smith

Joseph D. Matlock

Clyde P. Loran

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

John B. Christian

Jacob U. Ray

Alex M. P. Dunn

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The representatives of the Grand Chapters present were received and given a most hearty welcome by the M. E. Grand High Priest, E. Companion William Y. Titcomb responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work made report on the Mark Master degree and it was adopted.

The Committee on Work made report on the Past Master degree and it was adopted.

R. E. Companion, William E. Bingham, who was prevented from attending the last Annual Con-

vocation on account of the illness of his wife, thanked the Grand Chapter for its kind resolutions of sympathy and for its kindness in electing him to the office of Grand Scribe, and ordering a Special Convocation held for the purpose of installing him to said office.

APPROPRIATION FOR GRAND CHAPLAIN.

R. . E. . Companion, Lawrence H. Lee, offered the following preamble and resolution and the preamble was adopted and the resolution unanimously concurred in:

Whereas, our Right Excellent and Reverend Companion Stewart McQueen has faithfully served this Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain since the year 1899 without remuneration.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated to our Right Excellent and Reverend Companion for past services rendered and also as a slight token of the esteem and appreciation in which he is held by this Grand Chapter.

MYLES J. GREENE CHAPTER NO. 80 AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE TO W. O. MASSEY.

R. . E. . Companion, Lawrence H. Lee, offered the following preamble and resolution, and on motion they were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Whereas, the returns from Loachapoka Chapter No. 80, for the year 1866 show that W. O. Massey was, on September 28, 1866, exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch; and,

Whereas, it further appears that notwithstanding the fact of such exaltation, it fails to appear from the roll of members so returned from said Chapter for that year, or any subsequent year, that said W. O. Massey was a member thereof, and,

Whereas, said Chapter, together with Macon Chapter No. 42, and Opelika Chapter No. 74, united under the name of Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 in December, 1890; and,

Whereas, it does not appear from the records of Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 that said W. O. Massey is a member thereof; now,

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, That said W. O. Massey is a member of said Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80, and that said Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 is authorized and empowered to grant a dimit to said W. O. Massey, upon said Massey complying with the requirements of such Chapter in such a case.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

E. . Companion, James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report:

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the foregoing resolution introduced by Companion Lawrence H. Lee in reference to Companion W. O. Massey, have had the same under consideration and report favorably thereon and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

HENRY F. REESE,

Committee.

APPROPRIATION TO PRINT CIPHER RITUALS.

E. . Companion, Jacob Bley, offered the following resolution and it was adopted:

"Be it resolved, That a sufficient amount be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of printing another edition of the cipher ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until four o'clock this afternoon.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

Monday Afternoon, November 30, 1908.

The M. . E. . Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at four o'clock, M. . E. . Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Samson Chapter, No. 137, notified the Grand Chapter that Brothers Frank Josephus Mizell and Tullius Akron Goodwin had been duly elected to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter; that the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master had been conferred upon them by said

Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch upon the said brethren.

On motion the Grand Chapter acceded to said request.

The Committee of Work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the degree of Most Excellent Master upon Brothers Frank Josephus Mizell and Tullius Akron Goodwin.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of M. E. Companion, George A. Beauchamp, the further report of the Committee on Work was made the first thing in the order of business after the reconvening of the Grand Chapter this evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

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

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

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, has performed the duty assigned to it, and begs to report as follows:

We find the following returns correct:

Tuscaloosa No. 1	Springville No. 88
Tuscumbia No. 10	Mineral City No. 101
Mobile No. 21	Ft. Payne No. 107
Talladega No. 23	Bessemer No. 110
Courtland No. 25	H. Clay Armstrong No. 114
St. Johns No. 28	Clanton No. 116
Camden No. 40	Jasper No. 118
Central No. 64	Tallassee No. 126
Jefferson No. 81	Langdale No. 132

The following returns are incorrect in the particulars specified:

Dadeville No. 56, initials instead of given names; amount of fees for degrees not stated.

Anniston No. 105, initials of members instead of given names.

Brewton No. 112. No seal. Return not signed by Secretary.

Cunningham No. 120. Initials of members instead of given names.

Bladon Springs No. 124. No fees for degrees stated. Return of last year showed 63 members, and this year only 61 are accounted for. This Chapter owes dues for two members.

Heflin No. 128. No seal.

Palmryra No. 130. Initials of members instead of given names. No seal.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT L. DOUGLASS,
LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
WILLIAM H. MAY,
Committee.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

Monday Evening, November 30, 1908.

The M. . E. . Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, M. . E. . Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus, presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to further exemplify the work, and conferred the degree of Royal Arch on Brothers Frank Josephus Mizell and Tullius Akron Goodwin, in due form, using one substitute to complete the "trio."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

M. E. Companion, William Wallace Screws, Chairman 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 referred the annual address of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, beg to report as follows:

Every Royal Arch Mason in Alabama will read with pleasure these words in the address of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest: "Notwithstanding the general depression which visited the old world, as well as our own United States, we have been permitted by Him who rules over Heaven and Earth to carry forward our good work, and today Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is in a more flourishing condition than ever before in the history of this Grand Chapter." While recognizing the earnest labors of the Grand High Priest, whose fervency and zeal have been many times notably illustrated, all will join him in these words of commendation of our faithful Grand Secretary—"Much credit for this is due to the untiring

efforts of our most worthy Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp."

The Great Reaper laid heavy hands upon our ranks in the removal of our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests Josiah Jernigan and John G. Harris. We commend the memorials of our Grand High Priest sent out to the subordinate Chapters and incorporated in his address. We would further recommend that to each one of them a page of our journal be dedicated.

The long list of honored dead of other Jurisdictions serves to warn that death will come to us all in God's own time, and that we should so regulate our conduct while living as not to be afraid to die.

The re-organization of two Chapters and the organization of five new ones is gratifying evidence of progress and the forerunner of still better reports when matters financial get back to normal conditions.

The rulings of the Grand High Priest upon disputed questions are all interesting and important. We recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We commend as wise and timely the suggestion for reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from organization to 1860 and recommend that steps be taken to have it done.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS,
BASIL M. HILL,
FRANCIS H. BATES,
Committee.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

Tuesday Morning, December 1, 1908.

The M. . E. . Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock, M. . E. . Grand High Priest, Lew Lazarus, presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

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

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of Rev. W. W. Lee, would report that from personal testimony before us it seems that the Rev. W. W. Lee was elected by Phoenix Chapter No. 121 (now defunct), to receive the degrees; that before the degrees were conferred on him by said Chapter that he removed to Blocton, Alabama, and that Phoenix Chapter No. 121 requested Blocton Chapter No. 109 to confer the degrees on Rev. W. W. Lee, which was done by Blocton Chapter No. 109, but owing to a misunderstanding of the two Chapters, this was never reported to the Grand Chapter by either Phoenix or Blocton Chapters.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized upon application of the Rev. W. W. Lee to issue to him a certificate without cost.

Your Committee further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to enter the name of Companion W. W. Lee on the records of Phoenix Chapter No. 121.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JACOB U. RAY,

ALEX M. P. DUNN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

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

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to which was referred the rulings and decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest have had the same under consideration and concur in and approve decisions numbered one, two, three and four.

The fifth decision on the question "Can a subordinate Chapter receive the petition of a Master Mason for the degrees whose membership is in a lodge in another State, he now residing in this State, that the Chapter could receive said petition provided they obtained permission from the Chapter in the jurisdiction in which he held his Lodge membership provided his residence was in this State?"

It is the opinion of your committee and they so report that the decision goes too far in requiring the chapter to obtain the permission of the chapter in the jurisdiction in which he held his lodge membership.

It is the opinion of your committee that a chapter may confer the degrees upon any regular Master Mason in good standing whose fixed place of abode is within its jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to which was referred the following resolution offered by Companion Samuel Stein, to-wit:

"Be it resolved, That the outgoing High Priest of each subordinate Chapter be and is hereby required to turn over to the High Priest-elect at installation all the rituals belonging to the Chapter, taking his receipt therefor; said receipt to be mailed to the Grand Secretary,"

have had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE, Chairman.

TESTIMONIAL FOR RETIRING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

M. E. Companion, Basil M. Hill, offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

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

Be it resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby empowered and directed to purchase a suitable testimonial for our retiring Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

R. E. Companion, George A. Joiner, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following reports and recommendations, and on motion they were severally adopted:

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

Your Committee on By-Laws, to which was referred the By-Laws of the following Chapters: Union Chapter No. 26, of Uniontown, Alabama; Enterprise Chapter No. 133, of Enterprise, Alabama; Elba Chapter No. 134, of Elba, Alabama; Auburn

Chapter No. 136, of Auburn, Alabama; Samson Chapter No. 137, of Samson, Alabama, and Columbia Chapter No. 138, of Columbia, Alabama, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same and report as follows:

UNION CHAPTER NO. 26.

We approve Article I.

We approve Article II, Section I; also Section 2 with the addition of the word "Eligible" after the words "Highest office."

We approve Article III as a whole.

We approve Article IV as a whole.

We approve Article V as a whole.

We approve Article VI as a whole.

We approve Article VII as a whole.

We approve Article VIII as a whole.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO. 138.

We approve Article I as a whole.

We approve Article II as a whole.

We approve Article III as a whole.

We approve Article IV, Section 1, as amended.

We approve Article IV, Sections 2 and 3.

We approve Article V, Sections 1 and 3.

We approve Article V, Section 2, as changed.

We approve Article VI as a whole.

We approve Article VII as a whole.

We disapprove Article VIII as in controversion of Rule 10, Section 11, Article IV, By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and recommend that same be stricken out.

We approve Article IX as amended.

We approve Article X as amended.

We approve Article XI as a whole.

We approve Article XII as a whole.

We approve the order of business as amended.

ELBA CHAPTER NO. 134.

We approve Article I as amended.

We approve Article II as a whole.

We approve Article III as a whole.

We approve Article IV, Section 1, as amended.

We approve Article IV, Sections 2 and 3.

We approve Article V, Sections 1 and 3.

We approve Article V, Section 2, as changed.

We approve Articles VI and VII as a whole.

We disapprove Article VIII as in controversion to Rule 10, Article IV, Section 11, By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and recommend that same be stricken out.

We approve Article IX as amended.

We approve Articles X, XI, and XII as a whole.

We approve the order of business as amended.

AUBURN CHAPTER NO. 136.

We approve Article I as amended.

We approve Article II as a whole.

We approve Article III, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

We approve Article III, Section, 6, as amended.

We approve Article IV as amended.

We approve Article V, Sections 1 and 3.

We approve Article V, Section 2, as amended.

We approve Articles VI and VII as a whole.

We disapprove Article VIII as in controversion of Rule 10, Article IV, Section 11, By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and recommend that same be stricken out.

We approve Article IX as amended.

We approve Articles X, XI, and XII as a whole.

We approve the order of business as amended.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER NO. 133.

We approve Article I as amended.

We approve Article II as a whole.

We approve Article III, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

We approve Article III, Section 2, as amended.

We approve Article IV, Section 1, as amended.

We approve Article IV, Sections 2 and 3.

We approve Article V, Sections 1 and 3.

We approve Article V, Sections 2, as amended.

We approve Articles VI and VII as a whole.

We disapprove Article VIII as in controversion of Rule 10, Article IV, Section 11, By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and recommend that same be stricken out.

We approve Article IX, Section 1, as amended.

We approve Articles X, XI and XII as a whole.

We approve the order of business as amended.

SAMSON CHAPTER NO. 137.

We approve Article I, Section 1.

We approve Article I, Section 2, as amended.

We approve Article II as a whole.

We approve Article III as a whole.

We approve Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

We approve Article IV, Section 6, as amended.

We approve Articles V and VI as a whole.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. JOINER,

JOHN H. McCORMICK,

HENRY B. MYERS,

Committee.

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

Your Committee on By-Laws make the following recommendation:

Whereas, the several By-Laws submitted to your Committee on By-Laws show considerable variance and contain matters already fully covered by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter;

Therefore, your Committee recommends that the Committee on Revision and Publication of the Code of the Grand Chapter be instructed to prepare a set of model By-Laws for subordinate Chapters, to be inserted in the forthcoming Code.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. JOINER,
JOHN H. McCORMICK,
HENRY B. MYERS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

E. C. Companion, Louis J. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

To the M. V. E. V. 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-----	\$2,862 29	
Since that time he has receipted to the		
Grand Secretary for-----	2,508 00	\$5,370 29

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel-----	\$ 25 00
Grand Secretary, for two Charters issued_	20 00
Contingent Fund-----	500 00
Cases for library-----	24 50
Grand Secretary, salary-----	800 00
Grand Treasurer, salary-----	100 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, salary	100 00

Binding and purchasing Proceedings.....	47 70	
P. G. H. P. Jewel.....	25 00	\$1,650 70
Balance on hand and in bank.....		\$3,719 59
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer.....		1,009 00
Total cash on hand.....		\$4,728 59

We find the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1908:

Dues collected.....	\$2,014 50	
Certificates issued.....	10 50	
Dispensations issued.....	474 00	
Rituals sold.....	9 00	\$2,508 00

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

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

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Amount appropriated 1907 Convocation of the Grand Chapter.....	\$500 00
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By Printing and stationery.....	\$ 313 25	
Sundries	34 30	
Postage and express.....	96 51	
Coal	30 00	
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	26 80	\$500 95
Amount overdrawn.....		95

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Contingent Fund.....	\$600 00	
Grand Treasurer (payable quarterly).....	100 00	
Grand Secretary (payable monthly).....	900 00	
Grand Secretary, amount paid out in excess of Contingent Fund.....	95	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence (payable quarterly).....	100 00	
Grand Sentinel (to cover all expenses).....	25 00	
Binding and purchasing Proceedings.....	50 00	
Book Cases for Bound Proceedings.....	25 00	
Grand Chaplain, salary.....	25 00	
Testimonial P. G. H. P. Lazarus.....	25 00	
Reprinting Grand Chapter Proceedings 1827 to 1860 inclusive.....	500 00	
Donation to the building fund of the Masonic Home Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama.....	500 00	
Grand Chaplain, Past services.....	100 00	
Chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence	25 00	\$2,975 95

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

JOHN B. LYONS,

SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

E. . Companion, Joseph D. Matlock, of the Committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave to report that they have examined the minutes of the following Chapters:

Enterprise Chapter, No. 133, Enterprise, Alabama.

Elba Chapter, No. 134, Elba, Alabama.

Auburn Chapter, No. 136, Auburn, Alabama.

Samson Chapter, No. 137, Samson, Alabama.

Rock Mills Chapter, No. 100, Roanoke, Alabama,

and find same correctly kept, and therefore recommend that Charters be granted to the first four named Chapters, and that the Charter of Rock Mills Chapter No. 100 be restored without cost.

We further recommend that the petition of the Companions of Rock Mills Chapter, No. 100, Roanoke, Alabama, asking to have the name of said Rock Mills Chapter No. 100 changed to Roanoke Chapter No. 100, be granted.

We further recommend that the following Chapters working under dispensation, Columbia Chapter No. 138, Columbia, Alabama, and Florala Chapter No. 135, Florala, Alabama, be continued under dispensation on and by request of the representatives of said Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

E. E. Companion, John B. Lyons, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, made report which was adopted:

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

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

Eunomia No. 5

Union No. 26

Marion No. 12

Tyrian No. 54

Montgomery No. 22

Collinsville No. 57

Eufaula No. 24

Coosa No. 86

Thomas M. Bragg No. 99	Covington No. 123
Blocton No. 109	Coleanor No. 125
Piedmont No. 111	Evergreen No. 127
Dothan No. 113	James E. Cobb No. 129
Beauchamp No. 117	Cordova No. 131
Jackson No. 119	Auburn No. 136
Samson No. 137	

The following are found incorrect, and for reasons stated.

Decatur No. 38, fails to state what the fees are for the degrees and does not give annual dues per member.

Rock Mills No. 100, has error in recapitulation, putting in a Mark Master to fill out the list.

Sylacauga No. 104, no seal attached.

Thomasville No. 115, fails to state fee for the degrees.

Enterprise No. 133 does not give the fee for the degrees correctly.

Myles J. Greene No. 80, error in list and recapitulation of members.

Hermon No. 34 is incorrect in so much as initials instead of full first names are given.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. LYONS,
WILLIAM W. RANSOM,
JULIUS J. PAULINT,
FREDERICK T. SAYWELL,
Committee.

REPORT ON BINDING.

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

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

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

	Vols.
Alabama, 1905-1907.....	1
California, 1905-1907.....	1
Canada, 1907-1908.....	1
Delaware, 1817-1868, Reprint.....	1
Delaware, 1883-1891, 1904-1907.....	2
England, Volume I, 1868-1885, Volume II, 1886-1895, Volume III, 1896-1904.....	3
Indiana, 1904-1907.....	1
Iowa, 1854-1867.....	1
Maryland and District of Columbia, 1814-1847, Reprint.....	1
Massachusetts, 1904-1906.....	1
Michigan, 1848-1853, Reprint; 1907-1908.....	2
Mississippi, 1904-1907.....	1
Missouri, 1857-1861, 1862-1867, 1907-1908.....	3
Nebraska, 1867-1877, 1878-1882, 1883-1889, 1890-1893, 1894-1897, 1898-1901.....	6
New York, 1907-1908.....	1
North Carolina, 1822-1830, Reprint.....	1
Nova Scotia, 1901-1907.....	1
Oregon, 1885-1886, 1906-1907.....	2
Pennsylvania, 1905-1907.....	1
Quebec, 1905-1908.....	1
South Carolina, 1881-1892.....	1
Washington, 1905-1907.....	1
West Virginia, 1904 to 1907.....	1
Wisconsin, 1860-1867.....	1

We have also bound the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales as follows:

November, 1875, to June, 1880; November, 1880, to June, 1885; July, 1885, to June, 1890; December, 1890, to June, 1895; September, 1895, to June, 1900; September, 1900, to June, 1905; 6 volumes.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

NAME OF THOMAS M. BRAGG CHAPTER No. 99
CHANGED.

M. E. Companion, Charles R. Bricken, offered the following preamble and resolution, and same were referred to the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, and said Committee reporting favorably thereon, the preamble was adopted and the resolution concurred in:

"Whereas, at a regular Convocation of Thomas M. Bragg Chapter No. 99, held in the hall of said Chapter on the 20th day of March, 1908, it was agreed by a unanimous vote of said Chapter to change the name of said Chapter to that of Ben Bricken Chapter No. 99.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the name of said Thomas M. Bragg Chapter No. 99 be and is hereby changed to Ben Bricken Chapter No. 99.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

ROBERT W. SOUTHERLAND	Grand High Priest
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN	Deputy Grand High Priest
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM	Grand King
LAWRENCE H. LEE	Grand Scribe
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY	Grand Treasurer
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	Grand Secretary
STEWART McQUEEN	Grand Chaplain
JOHN B. LYONS	Grand Captain of the Host

The Grand High Priest-elect subsequently appointed the following:

ALBERT E. PACE	Grand Principal Sojourner
NORMAN GUNN	Grand Royal Arch Captain
WILLIAM W. RANSOM	Grand Master of the 3d Veil
JOHN H. McCORMICK	Grand Master of the 2d Veil
WILLIAM J. McLEOD	Grand Master of the 1st Veil
WILLIAM H. TICE	Grand Sentinel

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were duly installed by M.'. E.'. Companion, Charles R. Bricken, E.'. Companion, Joseph D. Matlock, 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.
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ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES T. GREENE	Anniston.
HENRY F. REESE	Selma.
WILLIAM W. WHITESIDE	Anniston.

ON FINANCE.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT	Talladega.
JOHN B. LYONS	Opelika.
SAMUEL STEIN	Bessemer.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	Montgomery.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE	Montgomery.
JOHN B. LYONS	Dothan.
WELLBORN J. RENFROE	Opelika.

WILLIAM W. RANSOM	Birmingham.
LAWRENCE H. LEE	Montgomery.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK	Birmingham.
WILLIAM J. McLEOD	Sylacauga.
JACOB BLEY	Demopolis.

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 Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Geo. A. Deane
Grand Secretary



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Council of Anointed High Priests
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, December 1st, 1908, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. BEACHAMP-----	M. . E. . President.
CHARLES R. BRICKEN-----	as 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.

MEMBERS.

Francis H. Bates-----	Past Grand High Priest
Robert S. Teague-----	Past Grand High Priest
Woolsey Finnell-----	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1

Augustus F. Evans.....	Eunomia Chapter No. 5
Phillip McRae.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22
Marion H. Sims.....	Talladega Chapter No. 23
Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega Chapter No. 23
John B. Christian.....	Union Chapter No. 26
William M. Neeley.....	Union Chapter No. 26
James C. Benson.....	Camden Chapter No. 40
Jacob Bley.....	Jefferson Chapter No. 81
Samuel Stein.....	Bessemer Chapter No. 110
Emmett A. Matthews.....	Clanton Chapter No. 116
Richard H. Jones.....	Covington Chapter No. 123

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Recorder then presented the following petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, which were on motion referred to a committee of three for investigation:

Alex M. P. Dunn.....	Eunomia Chapter No. 5
John H. McCormick.....	Mobile Chapter No. 21
Guy T. Smith.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22
J. Frank Hanks.....	Talladega Chapter No. 23
John S. Kennedy.....	Union Chapter No. 26
Frederick T. Saywell.....	Decatur Chapter No. 38
Hartsford L. Ison.....	Coosa Chapter No. 86
Benjamin F. Weathers.....	Roanoke Chapter No. 100
Joseph D. Matlock.....	Mineral City Chapter No. 101
William W. Whiteside.....	Anniston Chapter No. 105
Russell M. Cunningham.....	Pratt City Chapter No. 108
Levi P. Weaver.....	Brewton Chapter No. 112
Eugene A. Rentz.....	Thomasville Chapter No. 115
James M. Head.....	Covington Chapter No. 123
John Philip Melvin.....	Coleman Chapter No. 125
James R. Shepherd.....	Floralta Chapter No. 135
Ira L. Johnston.....	Samson Chapter No. 137

The Committee on the above petitions, after investigation having reported, a ballot was had and all were declared elected.

The seventeen 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, which resulted 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.

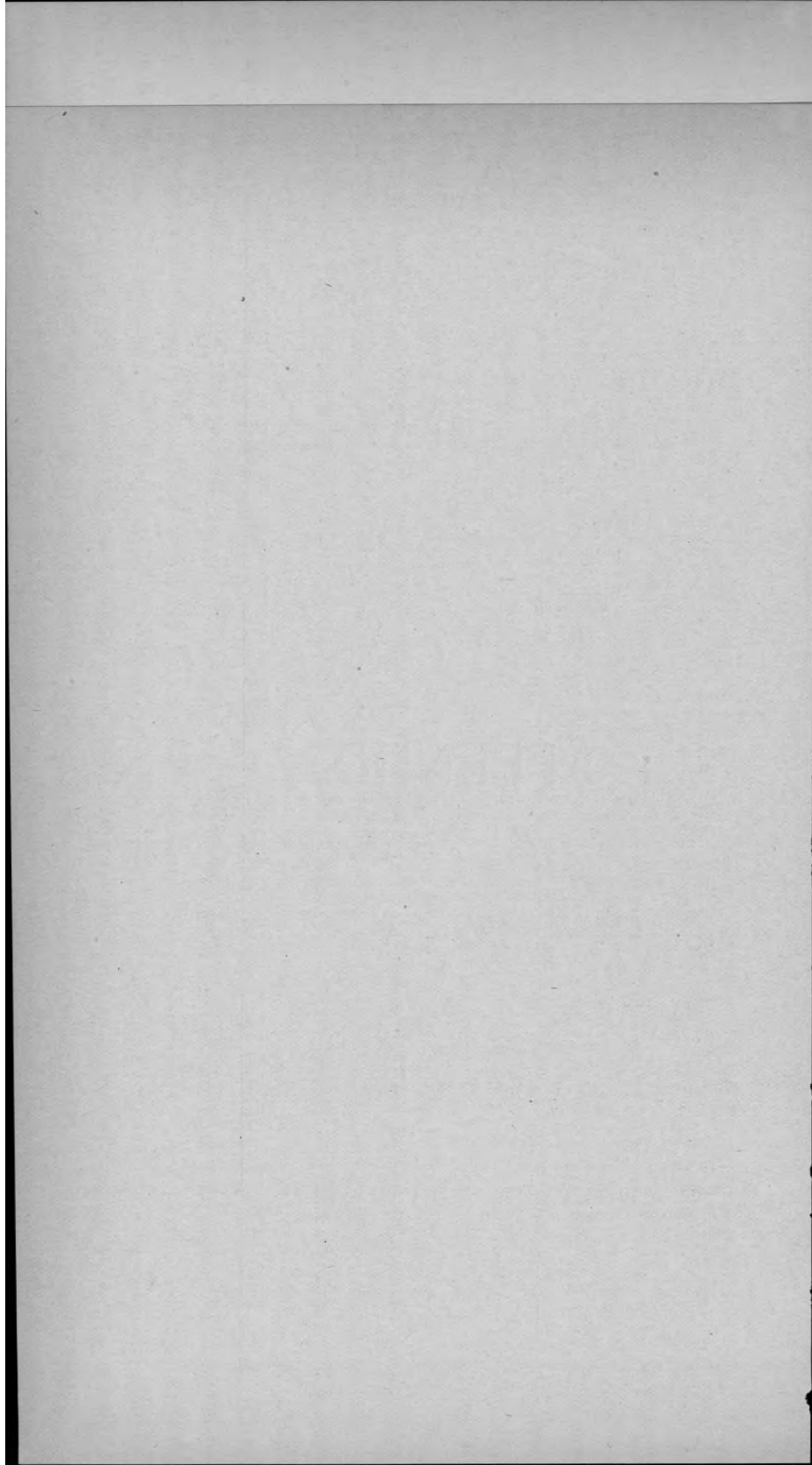
CLOSED.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace by the Chaplain, the Thirty-Seventh 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.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

BY

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB,

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully
submits the following report:

The several Grand Chapter Proceedings named here have
been reviewed, as follows:

Arizona -----	1907	Mississippi -----	1908
California -----	1908	Missouri -----	1908
Canada -----	1908	Nebraska -----	1907
Colorado -----	1907	Nevada -----	1907
Connecticut -----	1908	New Mexico -----	1907
Delaware -----	1908	New York -----	1908
Dist. of Columbia -----	1908	North Carolina -----	1907-1908
Florida -----	1908	North Dakota -----	1907
Georgia -----	1908	Ohio -----	1907
Illinois -----	1907	Oregon -----	1908
Indiana -----	1907	Pennsylvania -----	1907
Indian Territory -----	1908	Quebec -----	1907
Iowa -----	1907	Rhode Island -----	1907
Kansas -----	1908	South Carolina -----	1907
Kentucky -----	1907	Tennessee -----	1908
Louisiana -----	1908	Texas -----	1907
Maine -----	1907-1908	Vermont -----	1907-1908
Maryland -----	1907	Virginia -----	1907
Michigan -----	1908	West Virginia -----	1907
Minnesota -----	1907		

It is with regret that the committee finds itself forced to
leave several volumes for next Report; but under the circum-
stances our Companions will bear with us. We have reviewed
39 Jurisdictions in 42 volumes.

ARIZONA.

18TH ANNUAL HELD IN THE "STOPE" OF THE "LONE STAR" MINE
UNDER THE TOWN OF MORENCI, ARIZONA—NOVEMBER, 1907.

Comp. Albert D. Barnhart, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.
Number of Chapters, 7; Members, 554; Gain, 42.

The Grand High Priest being unavoidably absent, the Deputy Grand High Priest, R.'. E.'. Comp. Francis M. Zuck filled the chair. Grand High Priest Barnhart sent his address later, and it was printed in the Proceedings. Said address was short (less than two pages) but it conveyed wholesome suggestion, and breathed the true Masonic spirit.

The Grand Secretary says:

"As usual, the returns of subordinates were received in good time, and carefully made out."
And he thanks the Secretaries.

Receipts, \$787.00. Expenditures, \$371.89. The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on hand as \$3,067.96.

Resolutions of sympathy with M.'. E.'. Companion Albert D. Barnhart, in his bereavement, were unanimously adopted.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence. Peace and harmony were prevalent throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

A portrait of the retiring Grand High Priest graces this volume.

Comp. Francis Marion Zuck, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. George James Roskrue, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

54TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—APRIL, 1908.

Active Chapters, 90; Making returns, 89; Members, Jan., 1908, 10,580; Gain, 730.

We are pleased to note that our ambassador was one of the nineteen Grand Representatives present. Twelve Past Grand

High Priests were also in attendance. The Grand Representatives, escorted by the Grand Captain of the Host, were presented, received, welcomed and accorded the Grand Honors.

In his address the Grand High Priest feelingly mentioned the demise of the following Companions, viz.: Grand Chaplain (P. G. H. P.) Eli Tucker Blackmer, M. E. Companions Benj. F. Tuttle and Milton H. Myrick, also 22 Past High Priests, one Scribe and 148 other Companions in the Jurisdiction. He also reported the illustrious dead of sister Grand Jurisdictions, of whom he had received official notice.

Three Chapters had been constituted, and one Temple dedicated. Dispensations for forming four Chapters U. D. had been issued. Seven special dispensations had been granted—three of these to permit waiver of time in balloting on petitions, and one to allow the use of two substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

It had appeared that, during the year, many sufferers by the earthquake and fire, who were unwilling to ask relief, were so pressed by their misfortunes that aid was necessary. For their relief appropriations had been made out of the Relief Fund to the extent of \$16,901.90. The balance of said fund, in bank, was the sum of \$9,058.25.

The M. E. had made some twenty official visitations.

In his conclusion, the Grand High Priest asserts that,

"There are no higher or lower degrees in Masonry. They are all of equal standing. One could just as logically say that all of mathematics is in the multiplication table as to assume that all of Masonry is found in the Master's Lodge."

All the same, we believe that all there is of Ancient Craft Masonry is found in the symbolic Lodge.

Grand Secretary Companion Wm. A. Davies makes, as he always does, a thoroughly business like report.

His statement of the disposal of the Ascroft Manual, shows a profitable venture, from a mere business point of view, since the 1,000 copies printed, cost the Grand Chapter but \$913.00, and the receipts from the sale of 498 copies were \$747.00.

The Grand Treasurer's report exhibits an excellent condition of Grand Chapter's finances—Total receipts, \$77,776.76; total disbursements, \$9,613.96, leaving balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer in the sum of \$68,162.80.

The Grand Lecturer had made more than thirty visitations, and had held two schools of instruction.

In recognition of the great service Companion Ascroft has done the Royal Craft, not only as Grand Lecturer, but also, in preparing his Manual, it was voted to make him a present of a typewriter, he to select the brand, and to send the bill to the Grand Secretary. That machine will be much more useful to Comp. Ascroft than would a showy jewel pinned on the lapel of his coat.

The Committee on Earthquake and Fire History, made in its report, the following recommendation:

"That immediately after the completion of the opening exercises of each annual session of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall direct the calling of the roll of all the Companions in attendance at the second day's session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, held on the morning of April 18th, 1906, in the old Masonic Temple at Post and Montgomery streets, after the earthquake and during the fire that destroyed San Francisco, and that all those companions answering "present" shall then be specially received and accorded grand honors."

The recommendation was unanimously adopted:

At a seasonable time the several stations in Grand Chapter were temporarily vacated and Alameda Chapter No. 70 exemplified the Royal Arch Degree. Grand Chapter emphasized its thanks for same by a rising vote.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, reporting on the dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest, declared all his official acts conformable to the law and regulations of Grand Chapter, and to those of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Concurred in.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances facetiously reported strenuous efforts on its part, to find some case of appeal on its docket—all to no avail.

Later the Jurisprudence Committee reported on the following question:

"Has a Mark Master Mason of another Jurisdiction, or one who has received the intermediate degrees, a right to demand of a Chapter a committee of examination for the purpose of visitation?"

The opinion of the committee was, "that no one is entitled to a committee of examination except he has received all the capitular degrees in a just and legally constituted Royal Arch Chapter." Concurred in.

On favorable report of Committee on New Chapters, charters were granted to four Chapters U. D.

At the Grand Convention of High Priests, twenty Excellent Companions, were elected members of the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In the ability and thoroughness of his reports, Past Grand High Priest, Companion William Abraham Davies, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, is unexcelled.

Companion Davies generously gives Alabama-1906 and 1907 four pages of fraternal attention. For the writer's share of which, grateful acknowledgment is here made.

In concluding his review of Alabama, Companion Davies says:

"Comp. Titcomb will please note that persons of or about the same age are generally most interested in each other's welfare. A corporation is a person, in a legal sense. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama is a corporation of eighty-one years. The undersigned confesses to having entered upon his eighty-first year this present month; hence we must be somewhat related; and, as in duty bound, we say "God bless Alabama."

So our Companion's four score milestone is passed. Well, in less than three months from this date (Nov. 2, 1908) the writer, if God spares his life so long, will be 82.

God bless Companion Davies and California! Our congratulations to

Comp. Frederick Wm. G. Moebus, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. William Abraham Davies, R. E. Grand Secretary.

Note—If the G. H. P. elect is the same Companion Moebus, who was the faithful friend of the writer's elder brother, some time since deceased, we desire to again thank him for the love he bore that brother, John Henry Titcomb. We had lost Comp. Moebus's address.

CANADA.

50TH ANNUAL—TORONTO—JANUARY, 1908.

Comp. John Leslie, M. E. Grand Z.

Number of Chapters, 133; Total Membership, Dec. 31, 1907, 12,071—net gain, 1,015.

This handsome volume is enriched with medallion portrait of the present Grand officers, artistically arranged on the initial page. Surrounded by the other Grand Officers, the Grand 1st, 2nd and 3d Principals look out from the enclosures of the Triple Triangle. The book is also embellished with medallion likenesses of the twenty-four Past Grand Z.'s who officiated, one after another, during the half century of Grand Chapter's existence. Also, with portrait of the late M. E. Companion Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer, and one of the late R. E. 3rd Principal J. Companion Jno. Earl Halliwell. And the foregoing are not all the illustrations, for another page presents us with a view of the six successive R. E. Grand Scribes E. All of these portraits making the volume very attractive, and suitable for this Semi-Centennial issue of Proceedings, with its Semi-Centennial Souvenir Badge with its dates, inscriptions and Triple Tau enclosed by a double triangle placed within an equilateral triangle—all very tasteful.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, a quorum of Chapters being represented, and the Grand Z being in the chair. The Committee on Credentials in its report stated that there were 127 warranted Chapters and 6 U. D., 104 of these being represented. There were twenty-five Grand Representatives present, but not Alabama's. Where was Companion William Rea, our minister, Comp. Bennett?

After the usual formalities, the Grand Z delivered his address. In his opening he paid worthy tribute to the memory of Past Grand Z, William Roaf, Third Principal J., Jno. Earl Halliwell, and Past Grand Z. Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer.

He had granted dispensations for four new Chapters. He denounced the practice of giving two separate and distinct offices in the Chapter—Scribe E., and Treasurer—to one and the same Companion. On two occasions he had heard of such unwarrantable doings.

His visitations had been few, but those made were greatly enjoyed. He extended hearty thanks to Grand Scribe E. Comp. Bennett for kindly assistance rendered during the year.

He made flattering reference to Klondike Chapter, Yukon, and expressed great pleasure because M.'. E.'. Companion J. Ross Robertson had consented to deliver historical address at the Jubilee Semi-Centennial to be held during the current convocation of Grand Chapter. Later the "Our Jubilee" was celebrated with great enthusiasm. On that occasion, in compliance with the G. H. P.'s request, Companion Robertson, Historian of the Craft, delivered an address which marks him as one of the best informed, most erudite Masons of the present generation. The address covers over twenty pages of this volume, and is an invaluable contribution to the history of the Royal Craft—especially of Canadian Royal Arch Masonry.

(We note with satisfaction that, on pages 163 and 167, M.'. E.'. Comp. Robertson writes it "Knights Templars"—not Knights Templar. We have, for years, thought this designation the correct form—one Knight Templar; two or more Knights Templars. For years we have seen in print, the

name spelled Knights Templar. This is our first sight, in all that time, of the printed name ending with an s. We fancy we hear some hypercritical Companion exclaim: "That is a very small matter to be writing about." Reflect, esteemed Comp., that multitudinous "small" things make up the great things in life.)

The Grand Representatives present were cordially received in the usual manner. Felicitous speeches graced the occasion.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents take up ninety-four pages of this volume of Proceedings. These reports constitute a striking feature of the volume, and bring the reader into touch with the Chapters all over the Grand Jurisdiction. The tabular statements appended to each report speak volumes in praise of the system.

The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry recognized the valuable work of the Grand Superintendents and found, so far as we have seen, only one fault with those efficient officers—that of neglect to hold Chapters of Instruction, in accordance with the wish of Grand Chapter. The careful report of the committee was adopted.

Comp. Bennett made an able, supplementary report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommending recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and the report was adopted. We wish that Companion Bennett had, in said report, expressed strong disapproval of that third resolution adopted by the conference of delegates from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, held in London two or three years since.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made a brief report on one case, and the report was received and adopted. To the honor of Capitular Masonry, cases of discipline are rare in the Royal Craft.

The Executive Committee, in reporting on the Grand Z.'s address, recommended approval of his rulings and dispensations, and indeed, of all his official acts, and concurred in his recommendations, also endorsed his commendation of the Grand Scribe E.

The Committee on the Roaf Memorial reported that the granite monument erecting in memory of the beloved, late Past Grant Z., was nearing completion. Report adopted.

Toronto was chosen, by a large majority, for the next place of meeting.

Of the Executive Committee consisting of ten members Grand Chapter elects five, and the Grand Z. appoints the other five.

The eighteen Grand Superintendents are selected by their respective districts, and the selection confirmed by Grand Chapter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Chapters, is the work of that ripe scholar, and spicy, genial reviewer, Companion Geo. J. Bennett.

His introduction contains a short historical sketch of his Grand Chapter, and a vindication of the designation of the three principal officers of the Chapter as Z., H. and J. He cites the rules and regulations adopted at the formation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in 1795, in which it is declared "that Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees—the three first of which are that of E. A., the F. C., and the sublime degree of Master, and the fourth, the Holy Royal Arch." He also cites Article 7 of said regulations, "which defined a form of return to the General Grand Chapter commencing 'We the three Chiefs,' and signed 'Z. H. and J. Chiefs.'"

Well, we leave it to those better informed than ourselves to discuss this question.

Alabama-1906 is fraternally reviewed on a trifle more than two pages of Companion Bennett's really valuable space. He quotes briefly from the address of Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates (approvingly we infer), and shortly epitomizes our transactions. He notes that an amendment to our Constitution was approved, to the effect that no Companion shall be

eligible to the office of G. H. P., D. G. H. P., G. K. or G. S., who has not been duly elected, installed and who has not presided over a Chapter. Comp. Bennett says:

"From which it is not unsafe to infer that hitherto those exalted positions were attainable by the rank and file. It was also resolved that the chief office could not be held more than one year 'successively.'"

The word "successively" in quotation marks, by being so placed, conveys to our mind a criticism of its use in this connection, but the meaning intended is obvious. It might have been expressed better perhaps by the following: no companion shall hold the office for two or more consecutive years.

The question of the safety or insecurity of Companion Bennett's inference, bobs up like the toy monkey in the box when the spring is touched.

It has been our law always, that High Priests, only, serve, or are eligible to the office of G. H. P., D. G. H. P., Grand King, or Grand Scribe. It was the attachment of the clause limiting the G. H. P. to one year of continuous service, that constituted the amendment.

The writer gratefully acknowledges Companion Bennett's handsome compliment to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

The following excerpt from his well written conclusion will interest our readers. It breathes the genuine spirit of Masonry. It is a beautiful bed of flowers in a luxuriant garden. Listen:

"It is nearly forty years since the solemn injunction "never to suffer an infringement of our customs or a deviation from established usage" was impressed upon the attention of a young Master Mason by a snowy-haired and palsied brother then nearing his hundredth year.

"When you see new methods and customs introduced into the body of the Craft with little or no protest," he said, "then prepare for the slow but sure waning of the once brilliant light of Masonry."

That lesson has never been forgotten, and the reasonings of the courteously eloquent or the convenient insinuations of the gentle sophist are all too weak to prevail now that years have

furrowed a once peach bloom countenance and thinned the nut-brown locks that crowned it.

Aye, time, relentless time, passes rapidly and like the "ancient mariner," we are occasionally surprised into acknowledging the fact. He had been showing his well worn telescope to some young ladies who were enjoying a summer holiday at the sea shore. One of them remarked that the glass was a good one.

"Yes, miss," said the old tar; "that 'ere telescope was given me by Lord Nelson."

"Good gracious! Why, Nelson has been dead nearly a hundred years."

"Well, I'm blowed," remarked the salty one, quite abashed, "ow the time do fly!"

The bells peal joyously ushering in the merry season, and the chimes seem to re-echo the angel heralds' glad message, "On earth peace, good will toward men." To our Companions throughout this happy land we extend cordial wishes for present content and prosperity in the second half-century of Grand Chapter's useful existence.

"When thou wast born a naked helpless child,
Thou then didst weep while all around thee smiled;
So live that sinking to thy last long sleep,
Thou then may'st smile while all around thee weep."

Comp. John Leslie, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

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

COLORADO.

33D ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Comp. Joseph W. Wilson, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 40; Members, 3,659—net gain, 201.

Again we are pleased to note the presence, at this Convocation, of our Representative, Comp. Tyler D. Heiskell (P. G. H. P.) in company with thirty-six other ambassadors, who were cordially received and welcomed. When Grand Chapter was open it was found that the goodly number of twelve Past Grand High Priests had come up to the Temple.

In his address, the Grand High Priest announced the death of three Past Grand High Priests, viz: Thomas Nicholl, George Keith Kimball and Chas. Otto Unfug. Three special dispensations had been granted. No chapters U. D. reported.

Two new Chapters had been constituted. He urged the Companions to attend the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree, by one of the subordinate Chapters, in its own Temple, on the evening of the First Day.

To the writer it seems better that work should be done by the Chapter, rather than by the Grand Body, which is purely a legislative assembly, though we do not know any law inhibiting it. We like the Colorado method of exemplifying. No decisions were reported.

M. E. Comp. Wilson had been able to make only five visits. Much to his regret. We do not share his view as to interstate communications.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand, Sept. 19, 1907, of \$4,063.90.

Through Grand Secretary Jacobson's report it is learned that, during the year, the Royal Arch Degree had been conferred upon 276 candidates.

P. G. H. P. Emmet LeNeve Foster presented his annual report on Correspondence, which was adopted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

It goes without saying, that all the business of Grand Chapter was conducted with dignity and in order.

The eloquent report of M. E. Companion Lawrence N. Greenleaf, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, was, of course, adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence sustained the Grand High Priest's views on interstate communications, and submitted an amendment to Sec. 139, as follows:

"Amendment to Sec. 139:

But all such inquiries or communications concerning the standing of members of Chapters outside this Grand Jurisdiction shall be considered and answered by the Grand High Priest or the Grand Secretary, and that no degrees shall be conferred upon candidates by our Subordinate Chapters at the request of Sister Jurisdictions except upon the direct authority of our Grand High Priest."

Adopted.

To the writer such action on the part of Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge seems to be an infringement of the rights of the constituent bodies.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-one Companions members of the order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The cream of this volume is found in the report on Correspondence, presented by Past Grand High Priest, Ernest Le Neve Foster, chairman of the Committee. Companion Foster gives every one his due, no matter where the "shoe pinches." If he agrees with us, we take courage therefrom; if he differs, we examine again the ground upon which we stand.

His notice of Alabama-1906 is judicious and brotherly. He does the writer honor by quoting a few passages from the Alabama report, but inadvertently ascribes to us a title which is not ours—that of "P. G. H. P."

Under Illinois he quotes Companion Warvelle's criticism of the Grand Chapter of Alabama in respect of exemplification, in Grand Chapter, with an actual candidate. Companion Foster subjoins the following, after Comp. W.'s closing remark, that "A legislative gathering of the Craft is not a 'lawfully constituted Chapter' within the meaning of the O. B."

"But we should scarcely go so far as the last sentence, for, surely a Grand Chapter has as much authority as the Subordinate it creates, though it might be inexpedient to use it."

Under Nebraska he has the following:

"Reviewing Montana on a subject we cannot forever keep on the shelf, he (Comp. Phelps) thus expresses his agreement with Companion Hedges on the subject:

"In reviewing Western Australia we find him correctly saying that its organization seems to have been regular, and further "the Grand Chapter of Scotland is interposing objections that to us seem to savor more of self interest than of genial and generous companionship." With which this writer fully agrees."

On the same subject, Companion Foster also says:

"We again quote his remarks under Tennessee regarding recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia:

"Under this resolution no matter how long the Grand Chapter of Scotland may continue its unreasonable, unjust, and un-Masonic treatment of the regularly organized Grand Chapter of Western Australia, no matter how abundant the evidence of the regularity of such organization, no matter how meritorious the cause of the Australian Grand Chapter, although the Masonic world may accord recognition, Tennessee will "defer recognition" until such time as Scotland shall agree. We had supposed that the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was an independent sovereign Grand Chapter, at least not dependent upon the will and pleasure of a Grand Chapter in Scotland."

We extract the following under New Jersey:

"He (Companion Haines) regrets the Alabama amendment confining a Grand High Priest to a single term, and his position is well defended."

Well, some fine day that amendment may be repealed. We indulge the hope that such may be the case. While our ears are not closed to the arguments of those who favor periodic rotation in office, we still do not think it wise to limit the term of office by enactment.

Companion Foster's "conclusion" is as follows:

"In preparing this Report the usual amount of thought and labor has been necessary to cull from over 8,000 pages this brief review. It has, however, been more of a task this year than ever before, for beside our personal bereavement, which often rendered it impossible to concentrate thought upon the subject, there has been the loss of many of those familiar in the reportorial field toward the head of the column, which yearly makes room for a younger generation. This year there has gone to the past from this Capitular reportorial corps Albert S. Wait of New Hampshire, Phineas M. Savery of Mississippi, and Cornelius Hedges of Montana, but two seem left who started at this work prior to us: Schultz of Maryland and Barlow of Connecticut, if we excluded W. N. Cunningham, who was not reporting at that time and who was out of the running for 36 years and has just re-entered; Swain of Wisconsin has written more reports, but commenced the following year to our first.

"We find Capitular Masonry more prosperous than for many years, and long may it so continue."

Comp. Wm. W. Cooper, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Chas. H. Jacobson, R. E. Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

110TH ANNUAL—HARTFORD—MAY, 1908.

Comp. Saml. H. Huntington, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 40; Members, 7,368—net gain, 323.

This very neat volume comes adorned with portraits of the following Companions, viz: Grand High Priest S. H. Huntington, and Past Grand High Priests, Reuben H. Tucker and John L. Hill, deceased. Moreover, the volume is printed in good large type.

We are gratified to see that our Representative, R. E. Comp. Eugene A. Hall, heads the list of Grand Representatives present.

When Grand Chapter was opened, fourteen Past Grand High Priests answered roll call.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, paid loving tribute to the memory of three Past Grand High Priests, of the Jurisdiction, lately deceased, viz: John L. Hill, Asa Smith, and Dwight Waugh.

He reported but one decision, as follows:

"A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons must be opened and closed at every convocation whether stated or special; and a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters or Most Excellent Masters cannot be opened at any convocation without first opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

We believe this to be the general, though not universal rule. The work of those dependent (or intermediate) degrees derives its authority from the Chapter which dispenses with its labor, for the purpose of opening one of the dependent Lodges. It seems to us that there must be a Chapter in session in order to put said Lodge (so to speak) "on its feet," by dispensing with labor therefor.

Only one of the few dispensations of the Grand High Priest was for permitting a ballot on an application for degrees in less time than the law requires.

The M. E. had spent four years in collecting and studying the By-Laws of the several Chapters in the Jurisdiction, and had found them very divergent in some respects. He favored a uniform system of By-Laws for the entire Jurisdiction.

He urged the use of parchment instead of paper for Chapter charters.

He had made quite a number of official visitations and had found the Chapters visited in good condition.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, made full and satisfactory reports of their official acts during the year.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$3,431.53.

The report of the Grand Secretary covers less than half a page, and is made up of statistics.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended approval of the Grand High Priest's decisions. It recommended approval of his dispensations also, with one exception, which authorized a Chapter to continue in Convocation, during the winter months, by passing from labor to refreshment and from refreshment to labor.

After installation of the Grand Officers-elect, the roll being called, 39 of the 40 Chapters were found to be represented.

The Annual Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected, "received, anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood," twenty-three Companions who presented certificates of election to the office of High Priest, or were vouched for as such High Priests-elect.

CORRESPONDENCE.

That the report on Correspondence is a thoroughly good one, is guaranteed by the fact that its author is P. G. H. P. Companion John H. Barlow, who reviews the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters in a manner which is not excelled by any of the guild. Companion Barlow is a broad-minded, discriminating writer.

Alabama-1906, and 1907, are concisely but courteously epitomized. He objects to our regulation restricting the Grand High Priest to one year's continuous service in the chair, and thinks the representatives should have the right to say who shall be Grand High Priest.

In his review of our 1907 proceedings he falls into the mistake of stating that the following resolution was rejected by the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

"Be it further resolved, That a Companion Royal Arch Mason, who has been expelled or suspended, for any reason, by the M. M. Lodge of which he was a member, shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason. 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 for a longer period than 12 months from the date of his dimit."

If Companion Barlow will look at page 36 of the Alabama Proceedings-1907, he will see that said resolution was adopted. He was, doubtless, misled by the unfavorable report of the Jurisprudence Committee, whose report, however, was not concurred in.

Comp. Geo. A. Kies, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

DELAWARE.

40TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY, 1908

Comp. Thos. J. Jacobs, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 4; Members, 984—net gain, 67.

All the Grand Officers present. Eight Past Grand High Priests were in attendance—a goodly number. Also twenty-seven Grand Representatives, including Past Grand High Priest, Comp. J. Harmer Rile, our envoy, were at their posts.

The address of Grand High Priest T. J. Jacobs (whose portrait adorns the first page of this volume) was brief, but embraced all subjects needful to be reported upon. Especial men-

tion was made of the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph A. Bond, and of Comps. Benj. F. Sheppard, and Benj. F. Bartram—the former, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, and the latter, Past Grand Treasurer.

The M. E. reported no decision made, and no dispensations granted.

He offered ten recommendations—most of them of local importance. No. 3 would prohibit subordinate Chapters from exalting candidates before demonstration by the latter, in open M. E. M. Lodge, or before a committee, of their proficiency in the preceding degrees.

No. 4 would prohibit installation of a High Priest-elect unless he presents to the installing officer a certificate of his qualification to fill said office. Such becoming the law would impel Companions to study the law and learn the work.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was \$486.51. The Committee on Finance reported above amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and \$689.50 in hands of Grand Secretary, also \$4.82 invested in Wilmington Savings Fund.

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

The two recommendations, which we have copied, were not adopted, but, looking at those matters from an educational standpoint, they should have been concurred in.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, covering forty Grand Jurisdictions is, once more, from the heart, brain and hand of Past Grand High Priest, Virginius V. Harrison. Alabama-1906 is courteously reviewed. The writer highly appreciates Companion Harrison's kind words, and feels honored by quotation from his own report.

Our readers shall see Comp. Harrison's well written conclusion. Here it is:

CONCLUSION.

Again we arrive at the place where we with some reluctance lay aside the pen and scissors, at our journey's end again. What have we found in our imaginary travels? We have found the Craft in a healthy, prosperous condition, adding to their numbers and finances, and extending the scope of their charity. The old Companion, who has traveled the rough and rugged road of life and finds himself near his journey's end, has in nearly every Jurisdiction a good, comfortable home provided for him if he cannot provide one for himself. There he can rest in peace conscious of the fact that he is not an object of charity in its broadest sense. He is resting in his brother's house, cared for by his brother's hands. The widow and the orphan is also receiving the same attention; the one being cared for in her old age and infirmity, the other educated and fitted to properly fight life's battles. Does not this repay us for the time spent at our bodes and for the money we use in keeping them afloat? All hail to these magnificent institutions! Our only regret is that our own Jurisdiction is too small and too poor to establish and maintain one.

We note the general improvement of the Craft in the understanding of the law. Fewer decisions are given and fewer interpretations of the law. The Committees of Grievances with few exceptions report "nothing to do," showing a thoroughly peaceful and satisfied condition such as should exist in such a body of men as we represent.

To the "Knights of the Quill" we again say "Au Revoir." May heaven's choicest blessing rest upon them and all members of the Craft. We note the "passing" of some of the older writers and a sense of sadness comes over us. Some of them we have had the pleasure of meeting personally, others we know by their works, but one and all must sooner or later feel the icy touch of the dread visitor and can only leave as a monument to his memory the work he has done.

V. V. HARRISON,
For the Committee.

Comp. Alfred M. Clower, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

41ST ANNUAL—WASHINGTON CITY—FEBRUARY, 1908.

Comp. Claude F. King, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 12—Members, 3,401—Net gain, 46.

Glad to see that our Representative, Comp. Charles W. Hancock, was one of the thirty-two present.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests manifested their interest in Capitular Masonry by attending this Annual Convocation.

Two Special Convocations had been held to attend the funerals of M.'. E.'. Companions, John Lockie and Jas. F. R. Appleby.

At the Annual Convocation, the Grand High Priest, in his address, under "Necrology", fittingly set before his companions the examples of those two Past Grand High Priests, now gone, as worthy of emulation.

His three decisions reported were sound to the core; and they were approved by the Law Committee and by the Grand Chapter.

His four special dispensations were also approved. Three of them were on one and the same line—waiving statutory time in conferring degrees upon U. S. Officers. The fourth related to the conferring of the degrees upon a member of a D. C. Lodge, now residing in Penn. Said dispensation permitted the Capitular degrees to be conferred in a Washington Chapter.

M.'. E.'. Companion King referred to the great Masonic Fair in Washington, 1907, as a grand success; also he commemorated, as a notable occasion, the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in Washington, June 8, 1907.

The Grand Secretary made his usual, Annual Financial Report in compact form.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in hand was \$2,458.58.

The Committee on Grievances had no case on its docket.

Recurring to the Grand High Priest's address, we would not fail to note that he emphasized the educational value of the

two affiliated degrees—Order of High Priesthood and the Cryptic Rite, generally known as Council of Royal and Select Masters. He recommended to companions, not possessing the same, to refuse to rest contented until they shall have added those degrees to their Masonic knowledge. Committee on Address concurred in said recommendation.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer had made six or seven visits to each Chapter in the Jurisdiction. Did not have to travel many miles to accomplish such results.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted providing that no two degrees shall be conferred on any candidate at the same Convocation unless one of the degrees conferred be the Past Master's Degree. It was also made the law that no two Convocations should be held on the same day. Thus putting a stop to so much "hurry up" work.

Resolutions of sympathy were sent to the Grand Chapter of Maryland on account of disaster to the Masonic Temple in Baltimore.

In the Convention of Anointed High Priests, eleven newly-elected High Priests were duly received into the Order.

THE REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

With its appropriate caption—"The Capitular World—Doings of the Various Grand Chapters"—is the highly intelligent work, as usual, of R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary Comp. Arvine W. Johnston. It is full of meat—spiced meat at that—and holds the reader's sustained interest "from a to izzard". Fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed (two for 2 years). We have marked for notice so many passages that we despair of our ability to refer to all of them, and, at the same time, to hold down this paper to spatial limitation.

Alabama—1906 is courteously treated on nearly two pages of the Report. M.'. E.'. Companion Bates' address and our Proceedings are concisely epitomized, and Companion Johnston says, in regard to the amendment to our Constitution, restricting service, in the Chair, to one year:

"While we believe in rotation in office, we do not believe in making it compulsory. Circumstances might arise that would make the latter clause" (one year term) "a very inconvenient one."

The writer is generously given over one page. Referring to Companion Schultz's suggestion that "dependent membership is sentimental", and the writer's reply thereto, Companion Johnston very pertinently says:

"It is not so much a matter of 'sentiment,' to our mind. To be a voter in this country one must be a citizen. To remain a voter he must remain a citizen. To become a Royal Arch Mason one must be a Master Mason in good standing. To remain a Royal Arch Mason in good standing he should be compelled to remain a Master Mason in good standing. In other words, to retain a thing obtained by having a certain qualification one should be required to retain the qualification."

Notwithstanding our fear of Companion Warvelle's ire, we gratefully acknowledge the following:

"It is a bright, chatty, interesting report all the way through notwithstanding Companion Titcomb's eighty years. May he live to write many more as good."

Companion Johnston is "heartily in accord" with Comp. Ernest LeNeve Foster, of Colorado, in regard to exemption from payment of dues.

Under Illinois he reproduces Companion Warvelle's clever slashing of us for our apparently strong attachment to the "mutual admiration society". Well, perhaps our fondness for the "nice things" has been excessive—but we will wait until we reach "Illinois", before replying to Companion Warvelle's stinging blow. Under Louisiana he seems to disagree with Companion Duncan as to the requirement that a Chapter must be opened before doing work in the appendant Lodges. Without having given the matter much thought, it seems to us that the District of Columbia requirement of opening the Chapter first and then "dispensing" for the purpose of work in the Lodges, is logical and proper.

Under Mississippi, Companion Johnston discourses rationally as follows:

"The duties of a Masonic reviewer are not very well defined. A book reviewer generally expresses his own opinion of the matter contained in a book. Why a Masonic reviewer should not do the same is not clear. As to the questions being old, if they ever had been satisfactorily settled and were not constantly coming up again they would not be under discussion now. Each generation has to learn the alphabet for itself, as well as to solve the questions of life that are constantly arising in new shapes."

Under Tennessee, he quotes Companion McClester's disagreement with the writer as to "accessories" in the work. Well, every one to his taste.

As to the "fifty-five" who traveled from Babylon to Jerusalem in automobiles, as on the "lightning express" we have nothing to say, as, personally, we are opposed to hurry-up work.

But positively, we must stop, since so many volumes on our table await attention.

Comp. L. St. Clair Thompson, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Comp. Arvine W. Johnston, R. E. Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

62D ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—MAY, 1908.

Comp Wm. S. Ware, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 27; Members, 1,625—net gain, 98.

(We had just begun this paper when a spell of sickness came and put us to bed. Thank God, we are better now, though very weak, and thus apologize for exceeding brevity.)

It is pleasant to note that our Representative, Comp. Geo. H. White, was present. Ten Past Grand High Priests were also in attendance.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, commemorated the virtues of the late R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, 1884, Companion Warren Fletcher Scott.

He had granted five special dispensations—one of these to waive time in balloting on a candidate for the degrees. He had issued dispensations for forming three Chapters. The only question calling for a decision was regarding degrees and dues for clergymen. Answered by reference to the constitution.

Aware that Grand Chapter could not afford a permanent Grand Lecturer, and regarding the existing method of official visitations as unsatisfactory, he recommended that future Grand High Priests be empowered to go or employ others to visit such Chapters as desire a three days' session for their instruction, and that the traveling expenses and a per diem of \$3.00 per day be paid such instructor.

That invaluable officer, Grand Secretary, W. P. Webster, reported all the Chapters as having made returns and paid their dues for 1907—one of them paying for 1906 and 1907.

Most of the business transacted was routine. The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decision reported by the Grand High Priest, also his special dispensations. Received and adopted.

One of the three Chapters U. D. having asked for a continuance of its dispensation, it was granted. The other two neither asked for a charter nor for continuance of dispensation. Ordered to return their dispensations—dead by limitation—with their records, and directed to apply to incoming Grand High Priest for new dispensations, if they desired such.

Grand Treasurer's balance cash, \$3,907.90.

The Order of High Priesthood, in Convention assembled, conferred the Order upon five eligible companions.

The next annual Convocation will be held in the city of Jacksonville, second Tuesday in May, 1909.

Comp. John H. Weddell, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wilber P. Webster (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

86TH ANNUAL—MACON—APRIL, 1908.

Comp. Thos. F. Moody, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Portraits of Grand High Priest Moody and Past Grand High Priest John Gable, grace this volume of proceedings. Number of Chapters, 134; Membership, 6,769—gain, 1,009.

In his address the Grand High Priest is jubilant over the marvelous progress of Georgia and Georgia Masonry. Winding up his exordium he says:

"From Yonah's heights to Tybee's lights", we were six Chapters in 1822. Now our membership is 130."

He may justly feel proud of this remarkable increase—especially so in view of the high standard of Georgia Masonry today.

After feeling reference to dead Companions both at home and abroad, he recounted his forty or more dispensations issued during the year. Twenty-five of these were for waiving time in receiving petitions, balloting on same, and conferring degrees.

He said that he had not been called upon to render a single decision during the year.

One Chapter had been resuscitated and two new Chapters instituted.

He recommended a suitable appropriation for the Home.

With most of us, the sentence of expulsion is for grave offenses against Masonic law; but in Georgia that heavy sentence is pronounced against those who do not pay up. Three Companions were expelled for continued non-payment of dues.

In the report of the Finance Committee, which report was adopted, we find three important recommendations, viz.:

1st. Appropriation of \$1,000.00 to the Home.

2d. Appropriation of additional \$1,000.00 to build a school house for the Home.

3d. To place \$4,000.00 of the balance in the Treasury in some bank or banks, at best rate of interest obtainable, and at the direction of the Committee on Finance and the Grand Treasurer.

The other Committees made brief reports not of interest to outsiders, and said reports were adopted.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected six eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To intimate that the report on Foreign Correspondence is an excellent one—bright and "clear cut," it is sufficient to state that it is the handiwork of Past Grand High Priest Comp. A. M. Lambdin.

Alabama-1907 is fraternally and courteously treated, as it always is, by this esteemed Companion.

The writer is grateful for kind commendation, and for the honor of being quoted. But it must, under stress of circumstances, be with us merely a "touch and go," in making up our report; still our readers shall see a part of Companion Lambdin's well penned conclusion. It is as follows:

"This report, like its predecessors, have filled most of the winter evenings. We have taken it leisurely so as to get out of it the pleasure which can never come from an enforced and hurried task. As the shadows lengthen and the evening of life draws on apace we find ourselves more given to a pleasurable way of doing things. We miss so much in the hurry and rush and stress of youth. God is good to give us the aftermath.

"With this 'easing up' comes a tender love for our Order and all that it has meant to us for so many years. The principles it inculcates become more noble, the lessons it teaches more inspiring, and the associations it has fostered become more nearer and dearer. We have therefore lingered long over the reports of the Companions whose thoughts we have read so many times, and with eager interest have perused the production of the new members of the 'Guild' to see if mantles have fallen on worthy shoulders. We have no fears for the future. When we whose time is shortening lay down the

pen, capable and faithful hands will be ready to take it up and thus will the work go on.

"Faternally,
"A. MORRILL LAMBDIN,
"Chairman Foreign Correspondence."

Comp. S. M. Heard, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

ILLINOIS.

58TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1907.

Comp. Marcus M. Lord, M. E. Grand High Priest.

A portrait of the G. H. P.-elect adorns the first page of this volume. Active Chapters, 191; Members, 26,132—gain, 1,399.

On Thursday, Oct. 26th, the Grand Chapter convened in Chicago, the great metropolis of the West, with a full corps of officers at their respective posts.

The Grand High Priest's address is "strictly business"—absolutely free from flights of fancy and rhetorical flourishes. From it we learn that he had issued sixteen dispensations—two of these to form new Chapters—three, to elect candidates, and the balance, to elect officers.

Of his four decisions submitted the first was to put it to the wise heads of the Law Committee to decide whether or not the Past Master's sash, referred to in the ritual, should be worn in the P. M. Degree, and if so to be worn, what its color should be.

The second, ruled that it is necessary for the Companions to wear crowns in the Royal Arch Degree.

The third decided that white aprons only should be worn by Companions and candidates in the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master's Degrees.

The fourth ruled that the R. W. Master wears the hat in the Mark, Past, and M. E. M. Degrees.

The Grand High Priest informs us that the Board of Grand Lecturers had held three schools of instruction during the year.

He made official announcement of the passing away of Past Grand High Priests Richard L. Higgins and Philander W. Barclay.

From all of the eight districts except the second, fourth and fifth, the Grand Officers assigned to duty in said districts, made reports which were generally of very favorable character.

The Grand Treasurer's recapitulation shows total receipts to have been \$29,568.15—total disbursements, \$10,823.63, leaving balance cash as \$13,744.52. He also holds, as Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, \$15,000.00 in bonds and securities.

A letter of sympathy on account of the death of Past Grand High Priest Richard T. Higgins was received from R. E. Comp. John Braim, Grand Scribe E., Melbourne, Aus.

Grand Secretary Gilbert W. Barnard keeps the affairs of the Grand Chapter of Illinois in excellent shape.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Warvelle, Committee on Correspondence, presented his annual report. Received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

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

The Illinois pro rata of unexpended contributions to the California sufferers by earthquake and fire, viz.: \$325.00, was announced as returned to the donors.

The Committee on Obituary prefaced its report with a somewhat labored essay on human life—justified, no doubt, by the length of the report.

The Jurisprudence Committee "came to taw" and "plumped" at the question turned over to it in G. H. P.'s decision by intimating that "the wearing of the sash as explained in the ritual, is not necessary for proper clothing to be worn in the Past Master's degree. When used as explained in the ritual, authorities agree that the color should be purple." The Committee approved No. 2.

No. 3, it will be remembered, declared that the Companions

should wear only white aprons in the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master's Degrees.

The Committee approved the same modified as follows:

"All Royal Arch Masons are entitled to wear the square, white, scarlet-edged apron in all appendant degrees of the Chapter, and all other brethren present the white apron."

The entire report of the committee was adopted.

Th Grand Council of High Priests elected thirty-six eligible Companions to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle presents his sixth annual report on Foreign Correspondence, in which, with his universally admitted ability, he epitomizes the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Chapters. But the best part of his report comes under the head, "Fragments." It is good reading.

Alabama-1906 receives about one-third of a page and, alas! the longest paragraph in this brief notice, consists of the following onslaught upon the writer:

"Comp. Wm. Y. Titcomb presented a report on Correspondence wherein our Proceedings for 1905 are fraternally reviewed. He reproduces with evident relish all the nice things the other fellows say about himself, and as a sort of counter weight I suppose, he also reproduces with like evident relish, all the mean things they say of me. And so, by presenting the antithesis of good and bad in correspondence writing, he preserves the equilibrium."

Cleverly put, we must admit, though not altogether just. Still we have more than once reflected that we have, in several instances, made too free reproduction of remarks complimentary to the writer. Thank you, Companion, for "taking us 'down.'"

We have not quite the complacency of "Joey Bagstock," and are glad of help to amend our failing whether or not that help is instigated by kind or spiteful motives.

We have persued Companion Warvelle's "Fragments" with sustained interest. There is so much rich food for thought therein contained that pages and pages would be required for giving the same to our readers.

At the hazard of excluding more important matter in favor of the less important, we take—as it were—a snapshot at the following:

"I notice a movement in certain localities for the abolition of correspondence reports, but whether the movement will gather sufficient impetus to accomplish the object in view is somewhat problematical. The instigators of the movement say that inasmuch as no one reads this kind of literature its publication is only a waste of money. They further urge, that the guild, at best, is only a mutual admiration society and that their inane drivel is not worth reading anyway. And so, they say the guild should be abolished.

The objections are by no means new. In fact I have been listening to these same strictures for the last thirty years. As to the truth or fallacy of the objections I have nothing to say at this time, and I don't care a continental whether the guild goes or stays. But I do rise to remark, that in Freemasonry, as in many other social organizations, there is a class of pin-heads that know it all; and because of their super-sufficiency of knowledge they have no occasion to read or to learn anything from others. These are the fellows that are constantly advocating the uselessness of correspondence reports and howling for retrenchment.

My own experience has been that if a reporter will write something worth reading he will not want for readers; that a large element in the Craft will and does read what the reporter prepares; and that, in many ways, the average reader profits by the labors of the scribe. If the reporter doesn't fill the bill; if he is ignorant, stupid, careless or inattentive to what is transpiring in the Capitular world, then discharge him and hire a better man."

How much soever one may differ, on any particular point, with Companion Warvelle, it must be conceded that the Illinois Correspondent is broad-minded, thoroughly equipped as a writer, and well informed through extensive research.

One must read his lucubrations to get a good idea of them.

We close with the following statistical information which may interest our readers:

"The total number of exalted in all of the Chapters during the year aggregates 24,995. To this add 2,761 for admissions and 1,380 for reinstatements and you have the gross increase. Now deduct 4,168 for dimissions, 3,839 for suspensions, 58 for expulsions, and 4,374 for deaths, and you have left 17,260, which represents the net increase for the year. That is, if Barlow's figures don't lie. I am taking Barlow's word for these statistics and if they are not right you will have to fight it out with him.

The present membership is 308,449, distributed among 2,968 Chapters.

The smallest membership is assigned to Nevada, which has but 322 Royal Arch Masons. This is one less than they had last year. Arizona has but 469 members and Delaware but 853. With these three exceptions no Grand Chapter in the country falls below the 1,000 mark.

It would afford me great pleasure to report next year that Illinois was pressing New York for first place. It can be done. Will you do it?"

Comp. Monroe C. Crawford, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Gilbert W. Barnard, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

62D ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER, 1907.

Comp. Philemon H. Clugston, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Active Chapters, 113; total membership, 11,893—net gain, 755.

It is gratifying to see that our envoy was one of the thirty-two Grand Representatives present. One hundred and seven chartered Chapters were represented (all the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues), and the goodly number of nineteen Past Grand High Priests answered: "Here," to roll call.

The address of the Grand High Priest marks him as firm as a rock in the discharge of his duties, and as thoroughly devoted to the interests of the Craft.

Most of his decisions commend themselves to our judgment. The following one will be more acceptable to Companion Schultz of Maryland and Companion Harris of Maine than to

the writer—we believe in dependent membership. Here is the ruling:

“Non-affiliation in the Blue Lodge does not affect the standing of a Companion in the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama has now spoken in no uncertain tones on the subject. (See Ala. Grand Chapter Proc., 1907, pp. 35 and 36.)

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was, October 15, 1907, \$4,375.82. And the assets of Grand Chapter were, according to Grand Secretary's statement, \$13,375.83.

The latter officer informs us that the unexpended contribution of the Indiana Masons, for the earthquake sufferers in California, sent back from San Francisco, amounting to \$529.55 had been placed at interest in the relief fund, to be drawn upon in case of emergency.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the rulings and decisions of the Grand High Priest were approved. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings. The special committee reports on memorial of P. G. H. P.'s Church and Fetta, lately deceased, and the report on Necrology, were unanimously adopted by rising vote.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received the large number of thirty High Priests-elect into the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence presented by Comp. Simeon S. Johnson (73 pp.), reviews the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters, in fraternal manner, and with a consistency which is highly commendable. His reports are far from being “voluminous.”

If possible, his example shall not be lost upon the writer.

Alabama—1906 is accorded a page and a half of courteous notice.

A portrait of the Grand High Priest-elect adorns this volume of proceedings. It may be styled a strong face as well as a manly one.

Comp. Edgar H. Bristol, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

INDIAN TERRITORY.

19TH ANNUAL—MCALISTER, OKLA.—APRIL, 1908.

Comp. Robt. Y. Morrison, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Active Chapters, 54; Chapters U. D., 5; Membership, 2,775; Net gain, 237. During the year there were 327 exaltations—a goodly number for one of the smaller Jurisdictions.

We are proud to see that our Representative was the file-leader of the platoon of 21 Grand Representatives reported present. Eight Past Grand High Priests also responded to roll call.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, reported that he had granted five dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, and had, by proxy, constituted two Chapters. He had issued thirteen special dispensations—nine of these to waive time in balloting on petition; but had refused one such, the only reason given for asking it being that the applicant was a contractor never in any one place more than two or three months.

His six decisions reported seem to be good law, save decision No. 1, which was in answer to the question:

"Is a companion eligible to the office of High Priest until he has passed the office of King or Scribe?"

"Answer: He is."

Presuming that the p. d. printed "eligible" when he should have put it ineligible, we concur; it being generally, though not universally so regarded.

He recommended that the title of the Grand Chapter be changed from "The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indian Territory" to "The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chap-

ter of Oklahoma," as he says: "We are now the State of Oklahoma instead of the Twin Territories."

He is eloquent in praise of the Masonic Home.

He warmly commends, to his Grand Chapter, his "beloved Companion," Patriarch Murrow."

Grand Secretary Murrow made an admirable report. From the Grand Treasurer's "summary" we find that the balance on hand and receipts for the year amounted to \$6,911.81.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispersations, charters were granted to the five Chapters U. D., on supplementary favorable report by the same committee a charter was granted to one other Chapter U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all the decisions of the Grand High Priest except the first, which we have already noticed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-six volumes of proceedings, was presented by that veteran scribe, Joseph Samuel Murrow. May our Companions in Oklahoma long have the benefit of his wise counsel and wholesome example!

Alabama-1906 is fraternally, kindly treated. We proffer grateful thanks for personal mention.

The volume is graced with a portrait of M. E. Robert Y. Morrison, the retiring Grand High Priest.

Comp. Daniel M. Hailey, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Joseph S. Murrow (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

54TH ANNUAL—FT. DODGE—OCTOBER, 1907.

Comp. W. H. Hart, M. E. Grand High Priest, of whom a fine engraving appears on the first page of this artistically covered volume.

Number of Chapters, 127; represented, 96; Membership, 10,193—net increase, 334.

Grand High Priest W. H. Hart being in the chair, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, Oct. 3, 1907. Nine Past Grand High Priests and twenty-six Grand Representatives manifested their interest in Capitular Masonry by being present at this convocation. It is pleasant to note that our ambassador was on hand. The diplomatic corps was duly received and welcomed.

The address of the Grand High Priest was an excellent paper, eminently practical, and replete with good moral lessons. He mentioned the fact that 112 Companions of his Grand Jurisdiction had passed through the veils to the great Beyond. He especially referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest Companion Thomas Bigelow Lacey, mourned by the entire community in which he had lived.

He said that no decisions which had not been passed upon by Grand Chapter, had been made by himself; hence none of them appear in his address. He had granted numerous dispensations, but had refused all such as were in contravention of the law.

He laid much stress upon the subject of Chapter inspection, and expressed his belief that great good would result from its continuance and improvement in methods.

As to condition of the Craft, he was glad to be able to bring a "pleasant report." He said:

"The official circle comes to the end of the year unbroken; no calamity of any serious nature has been reported to me which affected any of our Chapters or, indeed, the craft of other jurisdictions. For these things, Lord, may we be truly thankful. Some one has said, 'Many favors which God gives us ravel out for want of hemming through our unthankfulness;' and another, 'Wouldst thou first pause to thank thy God for every pleasure for mourning over grief thou wouldst not find the leisure.'"

"May we trust for great things in the coming years."

After all disbursements the Grand Treasurer had on hand cash amounting to \$9,151.24.

Grand Secretary Wingate, in his annual report, submitted details of great interest to the Craft.

The Committee on Necrology made a carefully prepared and excellent report.

Sympathetic telegrams were sent to the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Master of the 3d Veil—both of those Grand Officers being in the shadows of affliction.

In the haste of eleventh hour preparation, and with several volumes still to review, we must leave out several important matters.

The report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's address was full of praise for that most capable Grand Officer.

On motion the Committee on Ritual was continued with instruction to report a cipher ritual at next annual convocation.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, having an empty docket, reported thereon its felicitations to Grand Chapter. Report adopted.

The Trustees of Grand Chapter Charity Fund reported total cash on hand as \$2,987.00, and securities to the amount of \$13,400.00.

Next annual convocation will be held in the city of Waterloo.

One Chapter U. D. was so continued because it had not been in existence long enough to entitle it to receive a charter.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported adversely upon a resolution proposing certain instructions to the Grand Custodians in reference to their program for the School of Instruction, since the passage of said resolution would be an infraction of the law.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected 22 High Priests-elect to the Order.

We note with pleasure that the Convention took steps to present a suitable testimonial to Past President Wm. F. Cleveland in recognition of his zealous work and services during his seven years' presidency of the Convention.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is with regret that, perforce, we give but a moment's attention to the admirable report on Correspondence presented

by Past Grand High Priest Companion Wm. F. Cleveland, chairman of the committee, in which he reviews the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Bodies with his wonted grace and ability.

Alabama-1906 receives courteous and brotherly attention. The writer feels very grateful to Companion Cleveland for very kind, commendatory observations personal to this scribe.

Comp. W. H. Norris, M. E., Grand High Priest.

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

KANSAS.

43D ANNUAL—TOPEKA—FEBRUARY, 1908.

Comp. Wm. F. March, M. E., Grand High Priest. Portraits of Grand High Priest W. F. March and Grand High Priest Geo. W. Post (1888) grace this record of proceedings.

Number of Chapters, 88; Members, 7,459—net gain, 481.

We note with pleasure, that our Representative, Companion Wm. S. Maxwell, headed the list of thirty-six Grand Representatives present, who were received and heartily welcomed as usual; in whose behalf M. E. John C. Postlethwaite made a happy response to the address of welcome.

M. E. Comp. Bestor G. Brown was officially introduced as General Grand Master of the 3d Veil in the General Grand Chapter U. S. and was accorded the honors due his exalted station.

The Grand High Priest delivered an admirable address. His exordium is filled with recognition of the overruling and protecting care of the Great I AM.

The M. E. had issued dispensations for organizing three new Chapters; also, seven special dispensations—two of these for waiving statutory time in conferring degrees; the other five permitting pilgrimages for purposes of work.

His few official visitations were, to him, most pleasant, and to the Chapters visited very profitable.

He especially commended the able and faithful Grand Lecturer E. J. Chas. W. Williams.

He is sound as a dollar on dependent membership. His single decision reported, came under that head. This ruling was drawn by the following case: A chapter in submitting its annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901, deducted from its roll eight Companions previously carried as members, reporting them as "suspended on account of non-affiliation in Lodge, indicating as dates for such suspension, dates running back from one to eleven years, and claiming accordingly, in settlement, rebate for overpaid Grand Chapter dues—some \$27.00. And he thus proceeds:

In January the Grand Secretary presented a question involving the construction and application of By-Law 101, relating to dependent membership. Nemaha Chapter No. 32, of Seneca, in submitting its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1907, deducted from its roll eight companions previously carried as members, reporting them as "suspended on account of non-affiliation in lodge," indicating as dates for such suspensions various dates running back from one to eleven years, and claiming accordingly in settlement rebate for overpaid Grand Chapter dues aggregating some twenty-seven dollars.

Correspondence developed the facts that the dates indicated for such suspensions in the report were arbitrary dates fixed by adding six months to the known date of dismission of the companion from his lodge; that no action of declaration of suspension at such dates, or at any other time, had ever been taken by the chapter; that no notice had ever been given to any of said companions; that in the case of all of said companions except one, the chapter was possessed of no knowledge as to whether the companions were now actually affiliated with lodges, or had attempted to affiliate and had been rejected. In the one excepted case the companion had recently admitted, in conversation with the Secretary of the chapter, that he had not affiliated with a lodge since the date of the known dismission.

The Grand Secretary was able easily to dispose of the case of one of the companions by showing, from the Grand Lodge register, that this companion was actually affiliated with the lodge at his present residence, but as to the others, most of whom were admitted to be living out of the State, no evidence as to the actual facts was immediately available; and the Grand Secretary asked for an official construction and ruling as to the applicability of By-Law 101 to the questions involved.

By-Law 101 of our code adopted February 14, 1905, is iden-

tical with the standing regulation adopted February 14, 1899, and reads as follows:

"101. *Dependent Membership.*—Membership in the chapter shall be based upon the affiliation of the companion in a just and lawfully constituted lodge of Master Masons, and when that affiliation ceases the membership in the chapter shall cease: Provided, however, this regulation shall not apply to the transfer of membership from one lodge to another during a period of six months pending such transfer. The presentation of an application for membership within six months, and a renewal thereof within a like period or periods thereafter until such membership shall be effected, shall be construed as an extension of the period of time for effecting the transfer of membership."

As this was not the law of our Grand Chapter prior to 1899, all claims of suspensions, or rebates for Grand Chapter dues paid prior to that year, were easily dismissed.

From a careful reading of By-Law 101 I am constrained to believe that the intent of this law, and of the Grand Chapter in framing it, was to legislate against the *voluntary* non-affiliate of the lodge; that it was intended as a requirement upon chapter members to maintain lodge affiliation, if possible, and that it was never intended as a means of enabling chapters to clear their rolls of those who it is suspected had, at some time, been lodge non-affiliates for some period over six months in duration, or to escape the payment of Grand Chapter dues upon them.

I therefore held that before a chapter could declare a member suspended from membership in it on account of non-affiliation with a lodge of Master Masons, it must first serve notice upon such suspected non-affiliate to show cause, within a reasonable time, why he should not be so suspended; and that if in answer to such notice such member should show either of the following facts: (1) that he was now affiliated with a regular lodge of Master Masons, naming it; (2) that within a period of the last six months he had petitioned for membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons, naming it, and had been rejected; or (3) that his petition for membership had been presented to, and was now in the hands of a regular lodge of Master Masons, naming it, awaiting action, such answer should be construed as a sufficient answer to the charge of voluntary lodge non-affiliation, and no declaration of suspension for this cause could then be made. This law of dependent membership is of such recent adoption in masonic bodies that it ought not to be strictly construed, nor enforced, without notice, against a member who ignorantly is violating it."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows balance cash on hand—General Fund, \$7,038.61; Charity Fund, \$1,472.24—Total cash on hand, \$8,510.85.

Grand Secretary Shaver's annual report is very complete. He says: "The returns do not indicate any violation of By-Law 73 by any of the Chapters during the year." Companion Shaver is an invaluable officer.

It is gratifying to note that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was out of a job.

The Jurisprudence Committee reporting on the Grand High Priest's one decision under the head of dependent membership, after quoting the amendment recited in this paper, continued thus:

"Before a chapter shall suspend a member for non-affiliation with a lodge under the foregoing regulation, it shall first serve actual notice upon him, by personal service or by registered mail directed to his last known postoffice address, to show cause within a reasonable time, which can not be made less than four weeks from date of service, why he should not be suspended from membership in the chapter for non-affiliation with a regular lodge of Master Masons, and upon said notice shall be written or printed this by-law.

If, in answer to such notice, the companion shall show either of the following facts:

1. That he is now affiliated with a regular lodge of Master Masons, naming it; or
2. That within the period of the last six months he has petitioned for membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons, naming it, and been rejected; or
3. That his petition for membership has been presented to, and is under consideration by a regular lodge of Master Masons, naming it, awaiting action; such showing shall be construed as a refutation of the charge of voluntary non-affiliation with a lodge, and shall prevent suspension.

The failure of a companion, after proper notice, so to refute the charge, shall be construed as an admission of its truth, and the companion shall thereupon be declared suspended.

A member, under suspension for non-affiliation with a regular lodge of Master Masons, may at any time thereafter effect affiliation with a regular lodge, and, upon notifying the chapter in writing of this fact, naming the lodge with which he has become affiliated, he shall be restored forthwith to membership in said chapter, and the High Priest shall immediately so declare.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL R. PETERS,
WILLIAM E. HUTCHISON,
THOMAS L. BOND,

HARVEY C. LIVERMORE,
CHARLES H. LAWRENCE,
Committee."

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

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected thirty petitioners to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the practiced and skillful hand of Companion Wm. M. Shaver. We regret to see in his "conclusion," that it is his last. He is universally regarded as a very able, discriminating reviewer. To our additional regret, Alabama does not appear in the present report by Companion Shaver. His conclusion is in part as follows:

"The report does not contain several jurisdictional reviews usually covered by our report, but this is accounted for by the fact that it is being closed much earlier than usual.

It has been prepared hurriedly and written under conditions not conducive to producing the best results, but it must stand as it has been prepared.

FINALLY.

We are closing our eighth and last Correspondence Report in this field of labor. The Grand High Priest very kindly reappointed us chairman of the committee, but we were compelled to ask to be relieved, as we do not anticipate we will be in a position at the close of this year where we can find the time to devote to this work.

To the Craft of Kansas and to our companions in the South-East corner and of the Guild abroad we express our sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses and courtesies accorded us.

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM M. SHAVER,
Chairman of Committee."

"Topeka, Kansas, March 10, 1908."

Comp. Augustus O. Wellman, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp Albert K. Wilson, R. E. Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

90TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1907.

Comp. Henry Hopson Holleman, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Chapters now on roll, 93; members, 6,456—gain, 626. Total received and paid to the Grand Treasurer, \$6,408.50.

An intelligent face is that shown on the first page of this volume of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

All the Grand Officers were present at the opening of Grand Chapter, also the goodly number of sixteen Past Grand High Priests who answered roll call.

We have failed to find a list of the Grand Representatives, notwithstanding that the index refers us to page 58, which bears—not a “list of Grand Representatives,” but, of Grand Secretaries. As we have elsewhere intimated, this review (?) has to be a “touch-and-go” paper.

The Grand High Priest, in his well prepared address, presented four decisions, with which we can find no fault, and which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Chapter.

Two Chapters U. D. were granted Charters.

The business of Grand Chapter was conducted in peace and harmony, the reports of the several committees being received without friction, and adopted.

The views of rooms at the Home indicate comfort and neatness, as displayed between pages in the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence as submitted by R. E. Comp. W. W. Clarke, “Reporter,” evinces, under our hurried inspection, marked ability in its preparation.

Alabama-1906 receives over one page of kind, courteous attention. For generous personal mention the writer lifts his beaver and makes profound salaam.

Comp. Geo. A. Lewis, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. H. B. Grant, R. E. Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

61ST ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY, 1908.

Comp. L. E. Thomas, M. E. Grand High Priest,
Active Chapters, 23; Royal Arch Masons, 2,489—net gain,
186.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with all the Grand Officers present except the Deputy Grand High Priest. Nine Past Grand High Priests answered roll call, as did the Representatives of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Where, Comp. Duncan, was R. E. Comp. King, our Representative?

The address of Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas, was worthy of his exalted position as head of Capitular Masonry in Louisiana.

Under the heading, "State of the Order," he said that it was a source of great gratification that Capitular Masonry had kept pace with the splendid progress of the symbolic lodges in recent years.

He had instituted two new Chapters, which would apply for charters. He said:

"We have not lost a single Chapter from suspension or any other cause."

He had issued nine special dispensations for various purposes, the reasons therefor being deemed sufficient.

His few decisions commend themselves to our judgment, save one which related to the use of substitutes.

Asked if it were permissible to use one substitute in conferring the R. A. Degree, he replied that it was, and quoted the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee that it had been customary for more than fifty years to substitute one Companion. True he decided in the affirmative, but he added the following remark which we heartily endorse:

"Though I expressed to him my individual views that there was a very serious doubt as to the legal right to use a substitute in making a full team. It appears to me that

it is contrary not only to the obligation, but also to the duty of an Excellent High Priest, as embodied in the questions propounded to him at the time of his installation. As we have no edict in the Grand Chapter upon the subject-matter, I submit the question to this Grand Chapter for such action as it deems proper in the premises."

Under that "very serious doubt," it seems that he should have ruled against substitutes, despite the opinion of the law committee, for that opinion, as expressed, was based solely upon the fact that the practice had obtained for "more than fifty years." If an error has prevailed for fifty years, that is not a good reason for continuing the same. Again, if one substitute may be used, why not two? "As well be hung for an old sheep as for a lamb," is pertinent.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$3,016.22.

The Grand Chapter has no more faithful and efficient officer than Grand Secretary Richard Lambert. Long may he be preserved, to give his zealous care and wise counsels to the Grand Body.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the appointment of Representatives near the Grand Chapters, was approved; also the Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, recently appointed, were acknowledged and received.

On recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, the Grand High Priest's decisions were approved and adopted.

The Committee on Work reported that the passage of a resolution providing for adoption of the work of the General Grand Chapter, was "inexpedient." Whether or not the Committee's report was adopted, the record fails to show.

On favorable report by the Finance Committee, the sum of \$150.00 was appropriated for the Samuel M. Todd Tomb Fund.

On recommendation of the Committee on Constituent Chapters, a charter was granted to one of the two Chapters U. D.; the other was continued U. D. The latter seems not to have brought up the requisite cash for a charter.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no case on its docket. Congratulations.

The Jurisprudence Committee wrestled with the question of use of a substitute. The committee says that, in 1872, the General Grand Chapter, by a vote of 91 to 30, decided that the use of substitutes is not in violation of the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry or the Installation Charges delivered to a High Priest. The committee had the grace, however, to admit that the practice should be followed only in case of absolute necessity.

Plainly, neither the Committee nor the General Grand Chapter view the Installation Obligation of a High Priest through our spectacles.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected eight Companions members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is still (we are pleased to see) from the heart, brain and pen of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Herman Cope Duncan, Chairman of the Committee, in which he reviews the proceedings of 47 Grand Chapters, and two Mark Master Grand Lodges.

Alabama-1906 is given a page of courteous notice, of which about nine-tenths are generously accorded to the writer. Our Companion finds fault with our explanation of the reason why we enumerate the Past Grand High Priests present at annual convocation. He says our "motive is, of course, all right, but doubts that our method demonstrates it." In this castigation he uses the following illustration:

"Grand Chapter A may have five living Past Grand High Priests; Grand Chapter B may have ten. If seven of the latter are present at B's convocation, and four of the former at A's convocation, does that prove that the spirit of gratitude is more largely developed in B jurisdiction than in A jurisdiction? To make his statistics of value for the purpose he intends, Comp. Titcomb should tell us how many were absent as well as how many were present. Again, Past Grand High Priests have a very unfortunate way of growing old and suf-

fering the infirmities incident to such growth. Is it just to count the absence of the old Grand High Priests as evidence of ingratitude to the Grand Chapter for favors bestowed in past years?"

Your argument, Companion, is ingenious; but pardon us if we think our idea is, on general principles, correct, and if we continue to "do business at the same old stand."

Under North Carolina he admonishes us not to throw stones while living in a "glass house," having reference to our objection to the use of substitutes, and citing the action of our own Grand Chapter in using two substitutes last year.

We merely expressed our personal opinion in that objection. Did your Grand Chapter, Companion Duncan, never—no, never, do anything which you personally disapproved?

Under the same, he says:

"Comp. Titcomb is having a tilt with Comp. Southgate of North Carolina over the adage, *Vox populi vox Dei*. Comp. Southgate says the *vox populi* is not always the *vox Dei*, and he "has long since taken this idea out of our list of the follies of 'ye olden tyme'" We are unable to comprehend what Comp. Southgate means. He can scarcely mean, because the *vox populi* is not always the *vox Dei*, he has taken it out of his list of follies. Yet that is what he says.

Comp. Titcomb seems to think that Comp. Southgate meant to say that he had added the phrase to his list of follies, for thus he writes:

"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."

We desire to "butt into" this scrimmage to the extent of saying that we propose to get down on Comp. Titcomb's side of the fence."

It is exhilarating to us when so doughty a Knight as Companion Duncan dismounted to lock shields with us on our "side of the fence."

We have marked considerable matter in this report for quotation, but must hasten on, as so many volumes are yet on the waiting list; and as our time is very short.

Comp. C. C. Kramer, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Richard Lambert (P. G. H. P.), R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

82D ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1907.

Comp. J. E. Blanchard, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Chapters, 59; all making returns; Members, 8,603—Increase, 278; Number of Chapters represented, 55.

Our envoy, Comp. James M. Nevens, was not one of the 34 Grand Representatives reported present, by the Credentials Committee. Twelve Past Grand High Priests were reported as in attendance, also two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, and three Past Grand Scribes.

In the absence of the M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, who was sick, and had not prepared an address, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. Edw. A. Porter, presided and opened the Grand Chapter in "Full form," with the assistance of the other officers and Companions present.

The several reports of the D. G. H. P., the G. K., the G. S., and the four District Deputies, were very encouraging, giving evidence, almost without exception, of a lively interest in Chapter work, evinced by the members, and showing most of the Chapters to be in splendid condition. All of these officers were emphatic in their appreciation of courtesies and hospitality everywhere received.

The Grand Treasurer, May 1907, had on hand cash to the amount of \$6,452.54.

In R.'. E.'. Comp. Herbert Harris' report on Memorials, appear most appropriate tributes to our two deceased Past Grand High Priests—Edward S. Gatchell and James Tait Beck.

The following committees, viz: On Grievances and Appeals, on Masonic Jurisprudence, on Dispensations and Charters—reported that no matters had come before them for consideration.

The annual report on Foreign Correspondence was presented in print, and accepted with permission to add later proceedings.

Section 3, Art. 1 of the Constitution was amended by adding thereto the following: "Nor shall any Companion be proxy for more than one absent member."

From "Abstract of Proceedings of the Trustees of the Charity Fund" it is learned that the Charity Fund amounts to \$6,332.54. Increase for the year, \$307.63.

The Trustees had voted \$245.00 to beneficiaries, and said action was confirmed.

In regard to dimitts, the following is the law in Maine:

"Article V, Sec. 34, of the Constitution, was amended by adding the following:

Chapter membership may be terminated in either of the following methods:

I. Upon application at any stated convocation, the chapter may vote a dimit at once, either in the form of an honorable discharge from membership, or with a recommendation, as it may see fit.

II. Or a member may give notice at a stated convocation, that at the next he shall apply for a dimit, and at such next stated meeting, if no charges have been filed and his dues are paid to that time, it is the Secretary's duty to give him a certificate of honorable discharge from membership. The chapter may also vote him such recommendation as it sees fit. The Secretary shall note on his record the giving of the notice and the issuing of the dimit.

III. Or a member may apply to another chapter for membership, in which he shall state in his petition that he is still a member of——Chapter (naming it); then, if accepted, he may secure his dimit in either of the methods above stated, file it with the other chapter at any time within six months, sign the by-laws thereof, and thereby become a member.—(*Proc.* 1900, p. 197.)

The term of commissions of Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Maine is fixed at six years.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected, appointed and set apart twenty-five eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion Herbert Harris' Report on Correspondence (102 pp.), like its predecessors, is bright, crisp and very instructive. His style of writing is as clear as crystal. One is never left in doubt as to the idea intended to be conveyed. In respect of the fund of information therein contained, if we may employ as a simile the gallinacious product, the egg is full of meat.

Heretofore we have noted a remark made by him about the universal language, called "Esperanto." There is an old saying, that it is hard for "an old dog to learn new tricks," nevertheless, although in the "sere" and *brown* "leaf," we are glad to learn something about this new medium of communication between men who cannot speak each other's vernacular.

Under Colorado, he quotes Companion Foster and makes reply as follows:

"He compliments Maine's correspondence report by making several quotations from it, but of the Esperanto proposition he says:

"Well, we don't know a thing about *Esperanto*, and doubt our ability, at this stage of life, to learn it sufficiently well to write a report in it, and we also doubt whether any manufactured language will ever become universal enough to warrant its use in international matters."

Now, judging of Comp. Foster's brain power by its published products, I feel sure that it would absorb this exceedingly simple language in a very short time; and that, if he *had* known "a thing about Esperanto," both his doubts would have disappeared immediately. Perhaps he will be interested to know that it is already beginning to be used in international gatherings; not to mention the "world's congresses" which were gathered together for the express purpose of propagating the language, let me cite the international convention of Christian Endeavor societies at Geneva in August last; there were found to be so many Esperantists in attendance there that they held a mass meeting on their own account, with addresses in Esperanto by speakers of various nationalities. The same thing happened at the gathering of Freemasons called together by the Grand Lodge Alpina in 1906, in which many, though not all, of the masonic nations were represented; and it has been proposed that the Esperanto language be used at a similar gathering which is to take place in 1907. It is also much used already in business correspondence and advertising between Europe and the United States.

These are, of course, only beginnings, which may not be followed by the wide-spread results anticipated by the advocates of the language; but it really looks hopeful."

There is much in this Report made by Companion Harris, which we would like to extract, but we must content ourselves with his happily penned Conclusion. It runs thus:

CONCLUSION.

"You can work it out by Fractions or by simple Rule of Three,
But the way of Tweedle-dum is not the way of Tweedle-dee.
You can twist it, you can turn it, you can plait it till you drop,
But the way of Pilly-Winky's not the way of Winkie-Pop!"

—(*Kipling.*)

Everywhere things seem to be slipping smoothly along, with little apparent friction. Chapters are quiet and prosperous; Grand Chapters find little but routine business to occupy their time. Correspondents have only old matters to discuss; and the few belligerents, who are ill at ease without a fight, are forced to erect for themselves straw men, there being no pleasure in life for them unless something confronts them which may be pulled down. The questions of physical perfection, dependent membership, saloon legislation and the actual presence of the charter we have always with us, and it is perhaps useless to expect perfect agreement upon them; but it is interesting to see the different ways in which they are treated. One is reminded of a bright little trifle by Carolyn Wells, from which a few extracts are given below:

("A modern mortal having inadvertently stumbled in upon a house-party of poets given on Mount Olympus, being called upon to justify his presence there by writing a poem, offered a Limerick. Whereupon each poet scoffed, and the mortal, offended, challenged them to do better with the same theme.)

THE LIMERICK.

"A scholarly person named Finck,
Went mad in the effort to think
Which were graver misplaced,
To dip pen in his paste,
Or dip his paste-brush in the ink.

OMAR KHAYYAM'S VERSION.

"Stay, fellow-traveller, let us stop and think,
Pause and reflect on the abysmal brink;
Say, would you rather thrust your pen in paste,
Or dip your paste-brush carelessly in ink?

RUDYARD KIPLING'S VERSION.

"Here is a theme that is worthy of our cognizance,

A theme of great importance and a question for your ken;

Would you rather—stop and think well—

Dip your paste-brush in your ink-well,

Or in your pesky pasting-pot immerse your inky pen?

MR. DOOLEY'S VERSION.

"I see by' pa-apers, Hennessy," said Mr. Dooley, 'that they'se a question up for dee-bate.'

"What's a dee-bate?" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"Well, it's different from fish-bait,' returned Mr. Dooley, 'an it's like this, if I can bate it into the thick head of ye. A lot of people argyfy an' argyfy to decide, as in the prisint instance, whether a man'd rayther shtick his pastin'-brush in his ink-shtand, or if he'd like it bettther to be afther dippin' his pen in his pashte-pot.'

"Thot,' said Hennessy, 'is a foolish question, an' only fools wud argyfy about such a thing as thot.'

"That's what makes it a dee-bate,' said Mr. Dooley."

Very likely Messrs. Dooley and Hennessy are right, and their conclusion may, perhaps, be stretched to include some of our pet topics of "dee-bate"; so let us shake hands, in the earnest hope that we all may meet in the ring next year.

"For you are right, and I am right,

And all is right as right can be." (*W. S. Gilbert.*)

Alabama does not, as usual, head the column of Jurisdictions reviewed, but, as we are glad to see, puts in an appearance leading "Additional Proceedings" at what some would call the "tail end" of his report.

She, however, is given truly fraternal notice, on her tardy arrival.

Ill-deserving as the writer may be, of Comp. Harris' very handsome compliment, he, still, is grateful for the commendation bestowed upon him by the accomplished correspondent up in Maine.

Comp. Edwin A. Porter, M. E. Grand High Priest

Comp. Stephen Berry, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

83D ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1908.

Comp. Edwin A. Porter, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Working Chapters, 59—Making returns, 59—Represented, 58—Members, 8,964—Net increase, 359. Grand Chapter receipts, \$4,783.50—Disbursements, \$3,036.16—Amount of Charity Fund, \$6,465.58.

We regret to note that Alabama's spokesman was not reported as one of the 34 Grand Representatives present.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, mentioned the death of Companion Wilford J. Fisher, at the time of his demise 85 years old.

After careful consideration and after consultation with Grand Council, and Committee on Charters and Dispensations he had declined to answer favorably a petition for one new Chapter.

He had granted three dispensations—two of these giving permission to receive and ballot on petitions at the same Convocation, conditioned on payment by the candidates \$5.00 each, in addition to the regular fee. This, in the writer's opinion, was wrong. If Chapter was permitted to override the law, the candidate ought not to be punished therefor by the exaction from him, of \$5.00 more than the regular fee. The thing smacks of commercialism.

The seven decisions reported by the Grand High Priest were, in our judgment, eminently correct. The following was one of them:

"A companion Royal Arch Mason, holding a dimit from a Chapter in another State, does not have to be in this State (Maine) one year, and within the jurisdiction of a Chapter six months before he can make application for affiliation."

Under Condition of the Craft, he has the following:

"The year past has been a most prosperous one. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and, so far as I have been able to learn, no contentions have arisen to mar the work of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

By consulting the reports of the visiting officers I find that they have faithfully performed their duties as inspecting officers, having visited all the chapters except six, viz.: Eagle Chapter, No. 11, Dunlap, No. 12, Acacia, No. 31, Pine Tree, No. 59, Mount Katahdin, No. 60, and Minnewaukon, No. 61. The most of these omissions were due to the chapter not giving a date when it could be visited, or, giving it so near the convocation that the visiting officer could not attend. The secretary should send a notice of all meetings for work during the year to the Grand High Priest and also to the Grand Officer to whom the chapter has been assigned for visitation, thereby keeping said officers in touch with his chapters to be visited. Not over twenty per cent. of the secretaries have attended to this duty."

The official visitations of the Grand High Priest, were, no doubt conducive to the interests of the Royal Craft, and withal exceeding enjoyable. The social feature was always in evidence.

The several Reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and those of the District Deputies, were full and satisfactory. (One of the Deputies in his Report animadverted upon the unreliability of the automobile for transportation. Sometimes the machine has to be hauled in by a mule team or yoke of oxen.)

A rather hurried perusal of all these Reports leaves the impression that Capitular Masonry in the State of Maine is on a very high plane.

In his Report, the Grand Lecturer presented a brief but comprehensive outline of his year's work. He thought the present plan of disseminating the Work, the correct one, and that great good would be accomplished by continuing it.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows cash on deposit, \$3,166.58, and securities to the amount of \$3,300.00.

Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry's Report is, as usual, very short but to the point.

Comp. Herbert Harris, from the Committee on Memorials, submitted a most appropriate Report, which was accepted.

Companion Harris also presented his Annual Report on Correspondence, which was accepted, with permission to add thereto.

The Grievance Committee's docket was a blank. The Report was accepted.

The Grand High Priest had declared it the duty of every High Priest to see that each candidate select (and record?) his Mark before being advanced to the Royal Arch Degree. He had also called the attention of Chapters to the fact that *it is necessary that the Charter be present at their meetings.* (Italics ours.)

In these opinions, the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers fully concurred.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and so did the Grand Chapter.

Two amendments to the Constitution were adopted. One of these is, we think, of very general acceptance; hence does not require notice here. The other is of like character save that it embraces matter applicable to Chapters in Maine alone.

The Council of the Order of High Priests elected twenty-seven eligible Companions, to the Order. Twenty-five of these, being present, were received and anointed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand King, Comp. Herbert Harris presented his sixth Annual Report on Correspondence. And it is a thoroughly good one, too. His selections are judicious, his comments, brief, crisp and full of meat.

He gave Alabama—1907 about three-fourths of a page of courteous attention, making short extract from Grand High Priest, Robt. S. Teague's address, and noting the biographical sketches of M. V. E. Companion Teague, and R. V. E. Companion Beauchamp, the latter of whom he mentions as "the efficient Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, as well as of the Grand Chapter." He says:

"Companion William H. Dingley, Grand Treasurer, of course stood for Maine."

Companion Dingley was a personal friend of the lamented Drummond.

Our beloved Companion Wm. H. Dingley is now going on his 85th year, but his heart is as young and his brain as clear as they were in the zenith of his spotless and most useful career.

Comp. Harris' surmise that "Maine" had not put in an appearance is correct.

Many thanks for personal compliment. Again he says of the writer:

He shows himself a master hand with quotation and abstract; but some of us would be glad if he would give us more material for quotation."

For answer to the foregoing, we will just chuck at his bald (?) pate what he approvingly quotes from Companion Bennett of Canada, as follows:

"The desire to hear himself rather than to examine into the methods and doings of others, and to faithfully inform the constituency for which he writes of his gleanings and deductions, would be very likely to lead the ordinary correspondent into unintentional carelessness and error. The essayist and reviewer are different and distinct."

Under Connecticut he says:

"An Iowa mayor having said, in welcoming the Grand Chapter to his city, that Masonry was his religion and that he wanted no better, either to live by or to die by, Comp. Barlow thus dissents:

"Much as we value Masonry for its pure and lofty principles, let us give it no false charms; it is a human institution, not divine; it is not religion nor a substitute for it. Such claims tend to degrade not only religion but Masonry also."

The writer thinks that Companion Barlow is right as to that matter; and so, we infer, does Companion Harris.

Comp. Franklin R. Redlon, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Stephen Berry, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

110TH ANNUAL—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1907.

Comp. Wm. F. Bevan, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 22—Members, 2,940—Net gain, 160.

We are pleased to note that our minister, Comp. Eitel, was one of the twenty-five Grand Representatives present at the Convocation under review.

There were eleven Past Grand High Priests also, in attendance. Nineteen out of the twenty-two Chapters in the Jurisdiction were represented at this Convocation.

In his address, the Grand High Priest announced the demise of Past Grand High Priests, Daniel T. Ordeman and David C. Avery, also the death of the eminent Ritualist, Jacob Sikes.

The visit, to Baltimore, of General Grand High Priest Jacob E. Dyas, is noted. The distinguished Companion was received with true Maryland courtesy.

The Grand High Priest had made twelve official visits. He gives a glowing account of his attendance, with a number of his associate Grand Officers, at the Centennial of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Virginia, at Norfolk, Oct. 7th.

He made four recommendations, most of them of purely local interest. The second, was that the Committee on Work, in their examination of High Priest-elect require a reasonable knowledge of the Standing Resolutions of the Grand Chapter, and of their own By-Laws.

In concluding his address he expressed his sense of deep indebtedness to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer for their assistance, which greatly helped him to discharge the duties of his office.

His circular letters, to the Subordinate Chapters, commemorating the lives of Past High Priests Ordeman and Avery will be cherished by the families and friends of the two departed worthies.

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction. He had found them all in very good condition, and their work very well done.

The Reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer show the Grand Chapter to be in good shape financially.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported nothing before it for consideration. Liwewise did the Committee on Grievance. Both reports were adopted.

Companion Schultz's Annual Report, already in print, was ordered bound with the Proceedings.

Under the heading, "Titles, and Dates of Meeting of Bodies Composed Exclusively of Masons," we note that the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are included in the list. Why not then include the Knights of the Golden Horse Shoe?

True the Shriners are Masons, but the Shrine is not a Masonic body. All the members of a banking house may be Masons, yet that fact does not make the bank a Masonic institution.

The Council of M.'. E.'. High Priests of Maryland anointed, consecrated and set apart eight High Priests-elect.

A portrait of M.'. E.'. Wm. F. Bevan graces the initial page of this volume.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (his 31st Annual) is again, we are glad to see, from the heart and brain (though not the pen) of R.'. E.'. Companion Edward T. Schultz.

A perusal of this Report has not had the effect to, in the slightest degree, diminish the high opinion we have entertained of Comp. Schultz's ability.

He reviews the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Chapters—three for 2 years. Alabama—1906 receives about a page of courteous notice (inserted after his Report was in print, we suppose, for till then, our Proceedings had been "unaccountably" mislaid). For kind personal mention our Maryland contemporary may rest assured that the writer is very grateful.

Under Louisiana he quotes Companion Duncan's remarks, when reviewing Alabama, on the danger of criticizing fellow Scribes. Well, on reflection, we deem it not needful to be so cautious in criticism, for, by clash of ideas truth is finally evolved, and, to be candid, we rather like to find the other fellow pouncing down upon us. It quickens the pulse, and puts one on his mettle. Furthermore, if the critic is in error, he, perhaps, catches a Tartar; on the other hand, if he is right, the party criticized is enabled to correct his mistakes.

Under Missouri, he quotes Comp. Stevenson as saying of him (Schultz):

"Under Alabama, he notes that Comp. Titcomb claims comradeship with the 'kids.'"

Well, well, if a "kid" gets, like the writer, to be 81 years of age, what is he but a wrinkled, frazzly old *goat*? All the same, if an old man does not like the companionship of "kids"—children, we infer—, as the immortal Will says: "Let not that man be trusted."

With all due respect for the able Missouri Correspondent, we cannot fail to agree with Companion Schultz in the following rejoinder to Companion Stevenson who had said, on the right of objection to advancement:

"It is acknowledged that a custom so open and notorious that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, makes it the law. In the latter day the courts sustain a custom in commercial lines although its origin can be clearly established as of fixed date. Reason and common sense pervade both propositions.

"Mackey offers as principal reason sustaining the right of objection or of casting an unfavorable ballot, that the Brother in the Fraternity has rights paramount to those of a seeker for admission, and is permitted to protect them, as his judgment dictates, by use of the ballot."

Thus, Companion Schultz:

"If Companion Stevenson had ended here, we would have regarded him as approving the correctness of our position, but like Companion Hodson, he believes that the change made by the Baltimore Convention in 1843, transferring the business of the Lodge and Grand Lodge from the Entered Apprentice to the Master's degree, necessitated the change from three separate to a single ballot and that an Entered Apprentice has a

right *per se* to receive the remaining degrees, etc., and devotes over a page in support of this contention.

"But, if he will excuse us, he offers no argument, we think, that is not fully met and covered in our reply to Companion Hodson, and we will only say that if their contention is correct that the change made by the Baltimore Convention necessitates a change from a three-separate to a single ballot, is it not passing strange that no Grand Lodge discovered the fact until some twenty or twenty-five years after the close of that Convention, and that it took others from thirty to fifty years to find it out, while the older, and more conservative Jurisdications of our country, after the lapse of sixty-four years, have not yet discovered any such necessity? For as we declared and challenged proof to the contrary, that until within a few decades, it was the universal rule and practice among all Grand Lodges to require three separate ballots for full membership in the Fraternity. Now, we ask, for what purpose were the second and third secret ballots held, if not to permit the members of the Lodge to object, as the old regulations say, "in their own prudent manner," to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft, whom they might regard as unfit, or unworthy?"

In Alabama three separate ballots are required.

Comp. Chas. E. Cochrane, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. John H. Miller, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

60TH ANNUAL—DETROIT—MAY, 1908.

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

Chartered Chapters, 141—Chapters U. D. 3—Total membership Dec. 27, 1907, 18,413—Net gain for the year, 652.

A portrait of Grand High Priest Cottrell, as frontispiece, and medallion portraits, in group, of all the grand officers, add to the attractiveness of this splendidly executed volume of proceedings.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests were reported as present at the Convocation under review.

Under the head of "Visiting Chapters" the Grand High Priest, in his address, said:

"I have been greatly impressed by the eagerness of the companions to become proficient in the work.

He forcibly denounced horse-play in the conferring of degrees; also he condemned the telling, at banquets, of stories or anecdotes unfit for the ears of "mothers, wives, sisters or sweethearts."

One Chapter has been constituted, and two new Chapters organized. The M. E. thought these two Chapters very promising. He had issued fourteen special dispensations—very few of them, for waiving time in conferring degrees.

Under "Decisions" he reported the following question:

"What number constitutes a quorum in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters?"

To which he replied as follows:

"Answer: It does not matter whether a Chapter is conferring the degree of Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason, it is a Chapter that is doing the work. As nine Royal Arch Masons constitute a quorum, there must be nine Royal Arch Masons present to confer the degrees."

Correct. Otherwise the R. A. Chapter could not be closed.

The foregoing decision comports with the Alabama rule. According to his third decision, a Companion being a member of a Chapter joining in a petition for a new Chapter, does not lose his membership in his old Chapter until the new Chapter has been instituted.

It would seem to us that the moment the Companion was granted a certificate of dismission, his connection with the old Chapter would terminate.

In answer to the question: "What are the titles of the officers of Royal Arch Masons in this State?" he copied the legislation of the Gen. Grand Chapter (Pro. 1891, pp. 148 and 149) declaring the officers in Capitular Masonry being entitled to take rank as follows: "In Mark Master's Lodge," the presiding officer is to be styled "Right Worshipful," and all the rest "Brother." In the Past Master's Lodge, presiding officer—"Right Worshipful," all the rest, "Brother." In the M. E. M. Lodge, the same titles. In the Chapter, the presiding officer, "Excellent," all the rest, "Companion." Grand Chapter—Grand High Priest, "Most Excellent," D. G. H. P.

"Right Excellent;" G. K. G. S., G. T., G. Sec., G. C. H. G. P. S., G. R. A. C., G. M. 3d V., G. M. 2d V., G. M. 1st V., G. Sentinel—"Excellent." All officers of the Gen. Grand Chapter have the title, "Companion."

A letter of regret, on account of his enforced absence, was received from M. E. Companion Hugh McCurdy, and a message of sympathy and regret was wired to that Eminent Companion.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was \$7,677.33. Grand Secretary, Comp. Charles A. Conover "fills the bill" as Grand Secretary.

Grand Lecturer, Horace S. Maynard made an extended report, which was ordered printed in the proceedings.

R. E. Comp. Chas. A. Conover presented his Annual Report on Correspondence, which took the same course.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, all the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved.

Three Chapters U. D. were granted Charters.

Blank docket greeted Committee on Appeals. Good!

The Committee on Masonic Home made satisfactory report. Received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The Report of the Committee on Obituaries was full and most appropriate.

Thanks of Grand Chapter were extended to the retiring Grand High Priest, and to the Grand Secretary whom the mantle of his eminent father fits well.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received seventeen accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion, Chas. A. Conover, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, is a born reviewer. Ease, force and grace mark his productions.

Alabama—1907 receives courteous notice. Having quoted our reference to his Chief's experience at the Boston Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, in which he noted the

good eating the Michiganders had at Boston, in which reference we had the presumption to hint that he said nothing about *drinking*, Companion Conover asks us if there was any drinking there.

Ask us something easy, Companion.

Comp. M. Earl Brackett, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Chas. A. Conover, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

46TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1907.

Chartered Chapters, 65—1 Chapter U. D.—Members, 6,988
—Net gain, 392.

Comp. William Todd, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume. The Committee on Credentials reported fourteen Past Grand High Priests as present.

As we are pleased to note, Comp. James Kelly, our Representative, heads the list of Grand Representatives in attendance.

In his short address the Grand High Priest paid touching tribute to the late M.'. E.'. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary since 1889.

M.'. E.'. Companion Todd reported but three decisions. The first of these was, That a Companion, signing a petition to form a Chapter U. D., does not thereby sever his connection with the Chapter of which he is then a member.

The second was to the following effect: At the time a Charter is granted as before the Chapter is constituted, if the Companion, who has petitioned for the same, fails to secure his dimit, he retains his membership in his Chapter until regularly dimitted therefrom.

Third. During the time the new Chapter is working U. D. a Companion who petitioned therefor, is entitled to all the rights and privileges of said membership.

The Grand High Priest had issued dispensations to form three new Chapters, and had granted only a very few special dispensations, those being easily within his prerogative.

Under the head of Special Correspondence, he presented a letter of sympathy, from the Grand Secretary of Victoria, Australia, on account of the death of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Thos. Montgomery.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was \$9,037.50.

The Grand Secretary reported receipt of the returns from all of the Chapters save one.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Charters were granted to two of the three Chapters U. D. The third was, at its own request, continued U. D.

On favorable report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the special dispensations and the decisions of the Grand High Priest, were approved and the report of said Committee was adopted.

The retiring Grand High Priest was decorated with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel—an honor which that M. E. Companion fittingly acknowledged.

Fifteen eligible Companions were duly elected to the Order of High Priesthood, after which they were introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart thereto.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Irving Todd again presented the Annual Review of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, reviewing forty-four Grand Chapters within the space of fifty pages. Companion Todd's report is a model of conciseness and condensation.

He is a consistent advocate of dependent membership, although his views thereon are not sustained by his Grand Chapter; nevertheless we believe his attitude as to the matter ought to receive the support of his Grand Chapter.

Alabama—1906 was courteously and fraternally noticed. For kind mention of the writer's report Companion Todd will

please accept hearty acknowledgments. Under Kentucky he says:

"Had we the ear of the law making power in Kentucky we would suggest that their subordinate chapters be authorized to receive petitions and confer degrees at their own will and pleasure, without the necessity of applying for special dispensations; that a copy of the ritual be given to any worthy companion who asks for it; and that the printing of their proceedings be given to some competent firm at a fair price. Things would then run much smoother down among the blue grass."

Comp. Geo. N. Houghton, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

MISSISSIPPI.

60TH ANNUAL—HATTIESBURG—FEBRUARY, 1908.

Comp. John S. Brooks, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chapters on roll, 72—Represented, 64—Present membership, 3,653—Net gain, 397.

Our Representative was not one of the fifteen Grand Representatives reported present. Ten Past Grand High Priests answered roll-call.

The address of the Grand High Priest, which was short—covering a little less than seven pages—treated every subject, requiring notice at his hands, with due attention. His decisions were but four in number, as reported. The following were the only ones of interest outside the State:

"Third—I was asked the standing of a class of candidates, whose applications had been received by Greenwood Chapter, elected and exalted by that Chapter though in the Jurisdiction of William Starling Chapter at Indianola? I ruled, that, being exalted in a legally constituted Royal Arch Chapter, they were Royal Arch Masons, but not members of Greenwood Chapter. They should petition William Starling Chapter for membership, but if they do not, their status is that of non-affiliates, without any Chapter affiliation whatever.

"Fourth—When asked by Brookhaven Chapter No. 80, if a Master Mason, who had lost a foot since becoming a Master Mason and who had a cork foot with which he could walk comfortably, was eligible for the Royal Arch Degree? My

answer was: That if he could adapt himself to the position in which it was sometimes necessary to assume in complying with certain regulations, and if he was otherwise worthy, he was eligible to be made a Royal Arch Mason."

Most Excellent Companion Brook's views on the subject of physical qualifications are broader than some we "wot of."

On May 13, 1907, he had nominated Companion C. S. Culins Representative of Grand Chapter of Alabama *vice* Comp. Nolan Stewart who had resigned.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on hand as \$5,004.01.

P. G. H. P., Companion Frederick Speed is a most intelligent and painstaking Grand Secretary. Nothing can go far wrong while he has charge of the Capitular interests.

The Grand Lecturer had made about seventy-five visitations during the year. He surely did not "idle away" his time. On his visits he had collected, for the Home, \$653.60.

On favorable report by a Special Committee, \$1,000.00 were appropriated for benefit of building fund for Masonic Home.

A resolution had been introduced and referred to the Finance Committee, for the purpose of reducing the per capita tax from \$1.50 to \$1.00. Upon said resolution the Committee reported adversely. Report adopted.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood conferred the Order upon seventeen eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by—we know not whom, since it is not signed by any one; nevertheless it is a good one—bright, chipper, and abounding in that commodity yeleft, common sense. No need for the author to hide his name. If we felt that our own reviews were as good, we should be quite proud of it.

While his "Prologue," in some part seems to us a little paradoxical—the "Ego" staring out in one place, and a becoming modesty shining forth in another. But for the admiring allusion, in his review of Alabama, to "our beloved Fred", we should be tempted to attribute this excellent report to Com-

panion Frederic Speed. But—hold! Possibly the self-assumption was put in for the sole purpose of throwing us off the trail. If this last surmise is unkind, we recant and beg pardon. Under Kentucky, after quoting Comp. Clarke upon the criticism on reviewers, the unknown says:

“The redoubtable Fred is like lots of old maids and childless married people, who think they know all about how to raise children and are eternally telling their married friends, who are parents, just how to proceed. Time passes, some of them have children of their own who are notorious in the community in which they live, as being the meanest brats in the batch! There is no doubt about Fred’s *ability* to write a good report, but he is very presumptuous in telling me how I ought to write mine! The villain! Our report was closed before this pamphlet came, but out of regard for Kentucky, where they have pretty women and neighborhood feuds, we insert this short review.”

We regret the necessity of dismissing this fine Report so summarily, but—can’t help it.

Comp. Charles H. Blum, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frederic Speed (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Gr. Sec.

MISSOURI.

62D ANNUAL—SPRINGFIELD—APRIL, 1908.

Comp. David M. Wilson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Whole number of Chapters, 105—Members, 10,809—Net gain, 472.

Receipts from all sources, \$13,030.07. Disbursements, \$10,994.12.

Portrait of Grand High Priest, Davis M. Wilson adorns the first page of this volume.

In his excellent address, the Grand High Priest, under the heading, “Condition”, adverted to the fact that the condition of the Royal Craft had, for quite a number of years, been such as to alarm the serious minded. * * * general apathy was fast assuming command everywhere.” He said:

“Several things contribute to bring about this sad and deplorable state of affairs, though I shall now refer to but one of them.

At the Annual Convocation of 1898, by a vote of 94 to 46, a cipher ritual was adopted, and a committee of five, Glaspell (then Grand High Priest) McDowell, Kuhn, Stevenson and Haynie was appointed to prepare and distribute it. The committee discharged its duties well, sending out a ritual, which they said in their report, was not a resume, and in this I most heartily agree, and by the 15th of October of that year copies had been mailed to all who were entitled to them. The question in 1898 was "Shall we have a cipher ritual, or shall we put a Grand Lecturer in the field?" and on the ground of cheapness and the mistaken idea that a cipher was the peer and equal of a personality, we (that is the majority), voted for the ritual. The Royal Arch Masons of Missouri gave the ritual an honest and fair trial for nine years. The high hopes entertained of its efficacy and efficiency did not end in fruition. The experience came near being a disastrous one. At least the situation became desperate. Something had to be done. And at the last session, while the discussion ranged hotly around the adoption of the majority or the minority report of the committee, to which the subject had been referred at the convocation of 1906, two of the leading spirits of this Grand Body were inspired (I know of no other word that so nearly expresses the idea), to offer as a substitute the putting of a Grand Lecturer in the field. The substitute carried, and Companions, in my judgment, for the first time in nine long years we have our feet on solid ground."

He had appointed E. V. Companion Louis E. Vogelsang Grand Lecturer, whom, for his zeal and efficiency and his sterling qualities of head and heart, he warmly applauded. In the period of twelve months the exaltations had been 110 more than in the previous year.

The M. V. E. V. gave earnest attention to the subjects of "Inspection", and Schools of Instruction. He had granted dispensation to form a new Chapter, and had made several official visits, which, no doubt, enlivened the interest, of the Companions visited, in Capitular Masonry.

He had a good word for the Masonic Home, and urged the Companions to contribute freely to its maintenance and support.

He eulogized Grand Secretary Stevenson—a well merited commendation.

No decisions were reported.

April 21, 1908, the Grand Treasurer had cash on hand, to the amount of \$18,685.61.

In the Report of the President of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home, occur touching memorials of both the late President, M. E. Companion Noah M. Givan, and of M. W. Brother Joshua Bell Thomas, late member of the Board.

In referring to the state of the Home, President Allen said:

"The conditions surrounding the Home continue to improve, and each returning season lends new encouragement and strengthens our hope for the future.

"The Superintendent and Matron are well qualified for their respective stations. Universal thrift, happiness and contentment seem apparent at all times."

The Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home amounts to \$111,765.94.

The Committee on the address approved all the official acts of the Grand High Priest.

The Report on Necrology, covering about ten pages, was adopted.

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

In the somewhat lengthy Report on Returns of Chartered Chapters, the committee, among other things, recommended that it be made compulsory for Secretaries to refuse petitions for the degrees, when there is not given the full name, date of birth, number and location of the Lodge of the petitioner; so in petitions for affiliation, if number and location of Chapter are not stated, the same refused.

The Jurisprudence Committee, in the matter of the phraseology of the form of petitions for the degrees, and for membership, was of the opinion that the form should be as follows: "To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of ----- Chapter No. ----- of Royal Arch Masons," and so recommended. Grand Secretary Stevenson, in a note, says that while the Jurisprudence Committee expressed that opinion and Grand Chapter adopted it, there was no formal amendment of the erroneous section of the law.

Result, we suppose,—Chapters, in that matter will do as they please.

The Committee reported adversely on a recommendation to strike out certain words in Section 55. Report adopted.

The Committee of Anointed High Priests received 51 eligible Companions into the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is with real regret that we find ourselves forced to merely glance at the admirable Report on Fraternal Correspondence presented by M. E. Companion Stevenson, Chairman of the Committee, as well as Grand Secretary.

Alabama 1906 is most courteously treated. The reviewer was laboring under a wrong impression, when he stated that the law, allowing six chapters to demand, in writing, a meeting of the Grand Body, was "defeated." It has always been, and is now lawful for six Chapters to make such demand.

Comp. Stevenson was satisfied with the reception, by the writer, of that bovine comparison—all right. We did not, for one moment think that said comparison veiled even a scintilla of malice. So serenity rules the hour.

He facetiously refers to what he styles a "game of pitch" between the Nevada correspondent and the writer, in which "the stakes" were the respective qualifications of the two Grand Secretaries. Well, when our Nevada Companion, after extolling Companion Noteware's attainments, asked us, "How is that for high?" it came into the writer's head, as naturally as the "raindrop rolls off the duck's back," to reply that our man was not only High, but also Low, Jack and the Game, having heard of the game sometimes called "Old Sledge." So, now.

The writer greatly appreciates Companion Stevenson's commendation of the Alabama Report.

It was our purpose to extract from his review, especially under Louisiana and Maine, but time to go to the printer is too close, and there are too many Jurisdictions awaiting notice to admit of further extension of this paper.

Comp. Alf. H. White, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Robt. F. Stevenson (P. G. H. P). R. E., Grand Sec.

NEBRASKA.

41ST ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1907.

Comp. Robert W. McGinnis, M. E., Grand High Priest. His portrait appears on the first page of this volume.

Chartered Chapters, 55; Chapter U. D., 1; Royal Arch Masons, 3,916—gain over last year, 143.

We are glad to note that our ambassador, Comp. Fred. J. Schaufelberger, was one of the 23 Grand Representatives present. Of Past Grand High Priests—thirteen were in attendance. A goodly number.

In his address the Grand High Priest made special mention of the death of Past Grand High Priest George W. Lininger, late President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, of whom his admirers had said: "He was the best beloved of all."

To the best of his information, the Chapters throughout the State were in prosperous condition, for which, and for all other blessings, he expressed devout thanks to the S. A. O. T. U.

The Grand High Priest reported three decisions, as follows:

"No. 1. *Question*: Can a companion who is a bookkeeper in a brewery, serve as Secretary of a Chapter?"

"*Answer*: The law of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. must be applied in a case of this kind."

"No. 2. *Question*: Can a companion who has not served as King or Scribe of a Chapter be elected and serve as High Priest?"

"*Answer*: Yes. The law of the Grand Chapter requires as the only qualification of a High Priest, that he must receive the Order of High Priesthood before being installed."

The third decision rules that a Chapter cannot suspend a Companion who is in arrears for dues, but not of sound mind, at the request of his relatives.

Under the head of visitations, the Grand High Priest reported seven visits. During the first half of the year, it had been out of his power to make any visits.

He had granted six special dispensations for various purposes—none of them to waive time in receiving and acting on petitions—also one dispensation to form a new Chapter. He had visited this Chapter U. D., seen its work, and heartily recommended it for a Charter.

He recommended a change in their law, abolishing the rebate credit system. The existing law does not work well.

The subject of taking further steps in the interest of the Masonic Home, was not ignored, and the Grand High Priest recommended that the entire subject be submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for its consideration, and report at the current Convocation.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand, December 11, 1907, \$5,264.88.

In his painstaking report, the Grand Secretary furnishes some important information in regard to the Nebraska Masonic Home. He says that out of a total of 359 shares of stock issued the Grand Chapter owns 35. He states that there have been in the Home, during the year, one girl, two boys, thirteen women and twenty men—total, thirty-six. Five deaths and four removals have reduced the total to twenty-seven. A new addition to the Home is building, the cost of which will approximate \$18,000.00. The employees are a superintendent, a matron, a nurse, a cook, a laundress, two dining room girls, and one general utility man. For the ten months ending October 31, 1907, the expenditures have been, total, \$5,865.48. Since January 23, 1907, the Home has received total cash \$26,326.36.

The Grand Secretary made a very short but roseate report on the condition of the Craft. He had received only a few calls from Chapters. His duties had not been arduous.

On motion of Companion Phelps, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, his postponed report of 1906, recognizing the Supreme Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Western Australia, was adopted.

Grand Chapter stood while the short but impressive report of the Committee on Memorials was read, and during the roll call of the dead. The Committee paid a touching tribute to

the memory of Past Grand High Priest, Geo. W. Lininger, deceased.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions and special dispensations of the Grand High Priest, also his recommendation of a change in the law abolishing the rebate credit system. Report of committee adopted.

The Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home made report recommending appointment of a permanent committee of three Past Grand High Priests, with the incoming Grand High Priest as chairman, whose duty it shall be to attend to all matters relating to the Home, and to recommend at each meeting of the Grand Chapter, the amount to be appropriated to the Home. The committee also recommended an appropriation of \$500.00 to buy five more shares of stock. It is not stated in the records whether or not the committee report was adopted.

The following telegrams were exchanged:

"The following telegram was received from Past Grand High Priest French:

Francis E. White, Grand Secretary,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Busy laying the foundation of the first temple prevents my being present at the rebuilding of the second.

UNCLE BOB.
The Veteran Tramp."

"The following was sent in reply:

Robert E. French, P. G. H. P.,
Wahoo, Nebraska.

The Grand Chapter in annual convocation assembled sends greetings to the builder of the first temple, and has full confidence that he is laying the foundation broad and strong.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary."

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood had an accession of fifteen new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Charles J. Phelps, presented his sixteenth annual report on Foreign Correspondence,

and we have no hesitancy in affirming that it keeps him in the front rank of reviewers—right on the "firing line."

Alabama-1906 is most courteously treated. Of Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates' address he says:

"In his annual address the Grand High Priest exhibits that commendable zeal which should actuate all called to the important position of Chief over the Craft. He congratulates his companions upon the steady growth and prosperity of the Royal Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction, paying tribute to their faithful Grand Secretary, George A. Beauchamp. One can hardly over estimate the importance of the office of Grand Secretary. A thoroughly practical and faithful Grand Secretary is the one officer mainly relied upon by the chief, and by the Fraternity in his jurisdiction for the orderly conducting of the affairs of the Grand Body and its subordinates. Such a Grand Secretary, our own Grand Jurisdiction possesses."

Referring to an amendment of the Constitution adopted by the Grand Chapter of Alabama in 1906, which amendment, in its last clause, limits the holding of the Grand High Priest's office to one year—that is, cutting off two or more consecutive years' service in that capacity, Comp. Phelps says:

"A new feature, and one, we think, of doubtful propriety, was incorporated into their constitution in the following:"

Then he quotes the amendment, and adds:

"Of course our objection is to the last clause. We think an occasion might arise when this provision might interfere with the best interests of the Craft."

Touching this matters, personally, we concur with him in opinion. He is pleased to characterize the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence as "admirable." Such an expression, coming from so able a reviewer as the Nebraska correspondent, is regarded by the writer as a very high compliment.

Noting the writer's comment on the Colorado Jurisprudence Committee's report upon the status of a Deputy Grand High Priest becoming Grand High Priest by the death of his superior, our esteemed contemporary says:

"Under Colorado, noticing the conclusion of the Committee on Jurisprudence, holding that the Deputy Grand High Priest,

upon the death of the Grand High Priest, became Grand High Priest *de facto*, he very pertinently asks: 'Why was not M.'. E.'. Com. Unfug Grand High Priest *de jure* as well?' And speaking of Companion Foster's report on correspondence he says:

"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 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 Phelps also endorses the Alabama decision as to the right of a Chapter to act on petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge although that Lodge is in a foreign country. On this subject he says:

"Alabama had decided that a Chapter in its jurisdiction may receive and act on a petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge, even though said Lodge may be in a foreign country. The decision doubtless assumed that the petitioner was a resident within the Chapter's jurisdiction and that being true, *the decision is, we think, clearly right*. The holding has been criticized, but, we think, because of a misunderstanding of the premises."

We always feel greatly encouraged by the support of so thoughtful a reviewer.

Comp. Charles W. Kaley, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Francis E. White, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

Note.—The portrait, in duplicate, presenting the kindly face of the lamented Lininger, was so sent out to enable those who keep a portfolio of portraits, to include this one. Is this surmise correct, Companion Phelps?

NEVADA.

34TH ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE, 1907.

Number of Chapters, 8; Royal Arch Masons, 342.

Comp. Chas. L. Fulstane, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

E.'. Comp. Wm. McMillan, our Representative, we are glad to note, was present with the envoys from fifteen other Grand

Jurisdictions; also that seven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

The Grand High Priest's address was short (about six and one-half pages). He reported no decisions, and had issued but few dispensations—one was for waiving statutory time in balloting on no more than six petitions, and conferring the several degrees at one and the same convocation. His reason for this was the greatly reduced and widely scattered membership, and the difficulty of securing a quorum for more than one convocation to receive and act on petitions for degrees. Another dispensation was for forming a new Chapter.

Deeming the offices of Treasurer and Secretary of too great importance to be filled for any length of time by pro tempore appointment, he recommended the adoption of a General Regulation defining what shall constitute a vacancy in each of said offices.

He also recommended conformity with the system of the General Grand Chapter, as to the Cryptogram, deeming it essential that the reading thereof should be uniform. He thought there should be two Arks used—one the Ark of the Covenant with the Cherubim attached, and one without the Cherubim, but with the proper characters inscribed on the top and sides of the same.

Owing to press of business, his visitations had been few.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance, June 30, 1907, was \$575.21.

The excellent Grand Secretary made the gratifying statement that all returns had been made and all dues paid.

On recommendation of the Committee on Address of the Grand High Priest, his dispensations were approved, and on recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand High Priest's recommendations in regard to vacancies in the offices of Treasurer and Secretary, also in regard to the Cryptogram, were approved.

The Grand High Priest had been compelled to accept the resignation of Companion E. D. Vanderleith as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence on account of great pressure

of business. The Committee on the Address regrets the loss to the Craft occasioned by Companion Vanderlieth's resignation, although congratulating that Companion upon his good fortune in sharing the prosperity of the country. Hence we suppose Comp. Vanderlieth is personally in better condition than hitherto. We felicitate him, but not ourselves, for we shall miss his racy reviews. A new committee has been appointed, but, of course, there is no Correspondence Report this time.

Comp. Wm. S. Cox, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. C. N. Noteware (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

10TH ANNUAL—CARLSBAD—OCTOBER, 1907.

Comp. C. D. Stevens, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters under Charter, 11—all represented. U. D., 1; Members, 705—net gain, 67.

The Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers present, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Eight Past Grand High Priests answered to their names when the roll was called, as also did 28 other P. G. O.s.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows plainly that he has been a faithful and intelligent administrator of Capitular affairs. His special dispensations were few in number and of local interest. He had issued his dispensation for the formation of one new Chapter.

He had "not been called upon, during the year, to render any important decision, only one being worthy of mention." It embraced four points as follows:

1st. "In conferring the Chapter Degrees, but one candidate can receive the First and Second Sections of the Mark Master Degree at one time."

2nd. "One candidate only can receive the Past Master's degree at one time."

3d. "More than one candidate may receive the Most Excellent Master's Degree at one time."

4th. "Three candidates, and three only, can receive the Royal Arch Degree, i. e., one full team and only one, at one time."

All of which we concur in.

His several visitations were, no doubt, very profitable to all the Chapters visited. By such visitations the interest of the Companions in the various Chapters is surely intensified.

He deplores the rushing of candidates through the Chapter Degrees, and in the course of his remarks says:

"It is an injustice to the candidate and a disgrace to the Chapter to allow him to go away uninstructed, and I would recommend that a by-law or resolution be framed making it obligatory on the High Priest of each Chapter in this jurisdiction to satisfy himself, either by personal knowledge or the vouchment of a companion that the candidate has committed enough of the Lecture of the Degree to enable him to visit other Chapters, before conferring the next Degree upon him."

He had appointed five District Deputies, whom he highly commends.

He thinks that while a Ritual is in use, the office of Grand Lecturer might be dispensed with, or suspended while the Ritual is in use, and the District Deputies be given jurisdiction over the ritualistic as well as other duties pertaining to that office, the amount of money paid for Grand Lecturer's expenses, being appropriated to the account of the traveling expenses of the District Deputies.

He closes his address with a short but earnest lesson on the equality which subsists on the Masonic floor.

The Grand Treasurer's recapitulation puts the total of general and charity funds as \$1,750.62.

Grand Secretary, Comp. Alpheus A. Keen, at the close of his business-like report, recommended that the annual Chapter dues of Chapter members be increased from fifty cents to one dollar each, and for every Companion exalted the fee be reduced from three dollars to one dollar. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Committee on Grand High Priest's address disagreed in part with the decision reported by the Grand High Priest. The

committee was of the opinion that the M. M. Degree up to, and including the obligation; also the First Section of the M. E. M. Degree should be conferred on only one candidate at a time.

Thus amended by the committee, said decision was adopted. The committee favored the G. H. P.'s suggestion that the office of Grand Lecturer be abolished.

A charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the salary of Grand Lecturer was abolished. The same committee heartily approved the Grand Secretary's recommendation as to fees and dues. Report adopted.

Committee on Necrology made short, appropriate report. Adopted.

The reports of the five District Deputies appear in the Appendix.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that protracted sickness and heavy cares had prevented preparation of an annual report. It is to be hoped that Companion Wroth will be able to give us one of his good reports next year. The apology was accepted.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected eight eligible Companions members of the Order.

Comp. James G. Fitch, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Alpheus A. Keen, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

111TH ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY, 1908.

Comp. Dana Baldwin Pratt, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, whose portrait adorns the initial page of this volume.

Number of Chapters, 204; Members, 32,800—gain, 1,692.

Grand Representatives present, 25; although, as we regret to note, Alabama's was not one of that number.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinced close attention to the interests of the Grand Chapter. That M.'. E.'. officer, for good and sufficient reasons, had refused one dis-

pensation to form a new Chapter, but had granted two, for like purpose.

He had granted seventeen "Incidental Dispensations,"—most of them, to elect and install officers, and of special dispensations he had issued eight, to confer the M. M., the P. M. and the M. E. M. Degrees in any Masonic Lodges within the jurisdiction of the respective Chapters.

Several dispensations had been issued to assemble, in their respective Districts, Conventions of Anointed High Priests to confer the Order on individual Companions.

Two Grand Councils had been convened to confer the Order of High Priesthood upon a large number of eligible Companions—36 in one case, and 71 in the others.

He had approved the proceedings, findings and sentence of expulsion against two Companions, Dec. 26, 1907.

He had declined to grant any requests (many having been received) for permission to waive time in conferring degrees, as such permission would be in violation of the constitution. He reported one decision, viz.: that the life membership of a Companion ended when his Chapter ceased to exist. He said that such membership could not be transferred to another Chapter, for such transfers would be unfair to the Chapter receiving him, since Grand Chapter dues would have to be paid for him without any equivalent. In our opinion the Grand High Priest was right in that decision.

During the year he, on invitation, had made nineteen official visits to Chapters:

Before closing his address he expressed his sense of the invaluable assistance rendered him by the able and efficient Grand Secretary, Comp. Christopher G. Fox, calling attention to the fact that Companion Fox had been a member of the Grand Body just fifty years, and he recommended that some fitting recognition be adopted, suitably to commemorate this anniversary.

Just after the close of the last Grand Chapter the Deputy Grand High Priest, in consequence of the illness of his chief, found himself clothed for the time, with the authority and

responsibility of Acting Grand High Priest. His report shows that he assiduously discharged the duties thereto appertaining.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance cash in bank in the sum of \$60,779.88.

Grand Secretary Christopher G. Fox made a very complete report. He reported all the Chapters as having made returns. He commended to the Companions the report of M. E. Marvin I. Greenwood, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as "worthy of study and reflection." We heartily concur.

He stated the number of exaltations during the year to be 2,691. His recapitulation shows, as compared with last year's returns, an increase of *twenty-eight* exaltations, *nineteen* affiliations, *twenty-eight* dismissions, *one* expulsion, and *sixty-seven* deaths; and a decrease of *thirty-five* restorations and *fifty-five* suspensions. The largest Chapter has a membership of 1,022 and the smallest a membership of 23.

The Grand Lecturer had visited twenty-seven Chapters during the year, and had held several conventions for the instruction of the Chapters participating in the same.

M. E. Marvin I. Greenwood submitted his annual report on Foreign Correspondence. Received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

Two appeals from the findings of the Trial Commissioners were referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

At 8 p. m., First Day, Exemplification of the Work took place, to the evident satisfaction of the large assemblage of Companions.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, the findings of the Trial Commissioners, in the two cases already mentioned, were sustained.

On favorable report by the Committee on Charters, a duplicate charter was issued to a Chapter which had lost its original document, on condition that, if the original should be found, the duplicate should be returned to the Grand Secretary. Also, charters were granted to two Chapters U. D.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that a fitting testimonial be presented to Grand Secretary Fox, on recommendation of a special committee, a cheque for \$1,000 was presented to that officer, in recognition of his forty-one years' eminent services as Grand Secretary.

The gift was worthily bestowed and, without doubt, fully appreciated by R.'. E.'. Companion Fox.

The report of the Committee on Memorials, which was adopted, was impressive and eloquent.

The retiring Grand High Priest richly merited the Jewel presented to him, on leaving the chair.

We utterly fail to find any report by the Committee on Jurisprudence, upon the Grand High Priest's decision concerning life membership.

The scholarly and eloquent address delivered by the R.'. E.'. Grand Chaplain, Companion, The Rev. Pierre Cushing, was upon the theme, "Lessons from the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again the excellent work of Past Grand High Priest Marvin I. Greenwood who, in terse, concise paragraphs, briefly reviews all the Proceedings that reached him in time to go to press.

He gives Alabama-1906 a little over a page and one half of fraternal, kindly notice. He does not favor our rule limiting occupancy of the Grand High Priest's chair by the same Companion to one year at a time. Personally we concur with Companion Greenwood as to that matter.

His handsome compliment to the writer shall not be repeated here. So now, Companion Warvelle of Illinois, your charge that we copy "*all the nice things*" said of us (*italics ours*) shall not be verified in this instance. Nevertheless, Companion Greenwood has our grateful thanks for his generous commendation.

Under District of Columbia, Companion Greenwood says:

"We believe in letting other people manage their own affairs in their own way, and we claim the same right for ourselves."

Commenting under Kentucky on M.'. E.'. Companion Haleman's defense of dispensations to shorten time in conferring degrees, the gist of which defense was that in every instance when such dispensations are granted it is required that all the members shall have timely notice of the proposed action before it is taken, Comp. Greenwood says very pertinently:

"All of which may ease his mind, but it does not convince us that it is for the good of Masonry to give the impression that we are so anxious to get additions to our numbers that we will violate our laws and accommodate ourselves to the convenience of any applicant for the sake of getting him into our ranks. From our view-point it cheapens Masonry, and lowers it in the estimation of all who are parties to such an arrangement. We are glad that in New York it is put beyond the power of a Grand High Priest to vary the time between the reception of a petition and the action upon it, or the time that must elapse between the degrees."

Companion Stevenson of Missouri had said of Companion Greenwood's report that he "clips the roses found blooming in the cultivated landscape", to which Companion Greenwood replies as follows:

"That is good, but dear Companion, we try to be careful before we pass them out that there are no thorns left growing upon them, that may cause pain or a smart to the recipient."

From which we infer that Comp. Greenwood is well supplied with a certain kind of milk. None of his writings leave a "dark brown taste in the mouth."

Comp. Willis W. Rice, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Christopher G. Fox, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

59TH ANNUAL—GREENSBORO—MAY, 1907.

Comp. Lat Williams, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Chapters, 27; Members, 1,833—net gain 248, for year ending April 1, 1907.

A portrait of the Grand High Priest embellishes the first page of this handsome and well printed volume.

Our Representative, Comp. Wm. B. McKoy, of Wilmington, was not reported as present at the Convocation under review. What is the distance from Wilmington to Greensboro, Companion Southgate? But perhaps Comp. McKoy was suffering with "la grippe."

We note that Comp. R. W. Southerland, of Mobile, has been commissioned as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

In his address, the Grand High Priest expresses devout thankfulness to the Great I AM, that, during the year, the Grand Chapter has been shielded against the ravages of the "Insatiate Archer."

He reported one decision which was elicited by the question, "When a Mason or Masons are excluded from our Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues, can he or they still retain their good standing in our Chapter?" His ruling on this question when condensed, was, "Yes."

He had granted nine dispensations, five of which were permissions to ballot and act on petitions without waiting for the statutory time to intervene.

In his conclusion he gives the Companions some salutary advice.

Past Grand High Priest Wm. J. Hubbard, of Virginia, was received and welcomed as a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand as \$3,369.45.

The Grand Lecturer, in his report, called Companion Southgate "North Carolina's Masonic Hero," "The Noblest Roman of them all." We would not pluck a single leaf from the chap-

let with which he decks the brow of the genial correspondent. The Grand Lecturer said that the present condition of the Order in N. C. was "most encouraging, and the future outlook more hopeful than it had been for many years."

The following committees, viz: On Returns, on Finance; on Appeals and Grievances; on Unfinished Business; on Necrology; on Time and Place, made brief reports which were adopted. The Appeals committee had an empty docket, as it was, no doubt, glad to report; also the Time and Place Committee; the majority was for Kinston as the place, and the minority for Winston—no disagreement as to time. Kinston was chosen—time, 2d Tuesday in May, 1908.

The report of the Educational Committee shows faithful discharge of its duties. Its importance is not easily estimated, if we try to survey the ever-widening results. The committee recommends a standing committee on education. Its report was adopted.

"Companion Southgate presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings."

The Jurisprudence Committee was of the opinion that the dispensations of the Grand High Priest were violative of no principle of Masonic law. He did not go beyond his prerogative; but the committee did deplore the necessity for granting dispensations to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions for the degrees, and put on record its opinion that such action should never be taken" except for the most urgent reason."

Had the committee left off all after the word "taken," we should have been with it in that opinion.

The committee discussed at some length the single decision reported by the Grand High Priest, who in vindication of his ruling, maintained that, since under the Grand Lodge law (Masonic Code 1897), "No Lodge can rightfully suspend or expel a Mason for a disregard of any special regulations conditioned upon membership, such as non-payment of dues," etc.

He further said, that "As a member of a Lodge can only be excluded (not suspended) for non-payment of dues; it seems clear that he would not be affected by the law of the Grand Chapter, being neither suspended nor excluded"—expelled, doubtless.

"To sum up the matter, if exclusion by a Lodge for non-payment of dues only, which is undoubtedly so, a Mason's standing in his Chapter is not affected thereby, but if it is from all Masonic rights, which cannot be true, he loses, as in the case of either suspension or expulsion, his standing as a Royal Arch Mason."

On this the Committee says:

"The reasoning of the Grand High Priest in support of his decision seems to be founded upon the written law and probably fully in accord with it. We feel, however, that we must be guided, in matters of this sort, as much by long established custom and evident intent as by what may have been written. There seems to be a diversity of opinion as to the meaning of 'excluded' and 'suspended.' The By-laws of the Grand Chapter do not seem to contemplate any such penalty as 'exclusion,' but refer in all cases to 'suspension' for non-payment of dues. * * * and 'suspension' seems to be a very delicate cue. An 'excluded' Mason is certainly suspended from certain Masonic privileges, and a 'suspended' Mason is without doubt excluded from the same privileges. As 'exclusion' seems to have been imposed only for non-payment of dues, and as failure to pay dues in some cases is from supposed inability to pay, it seems to have been felt that some lighter degree of punishment should be inflicted for this cause than when the misdemeanor which had been committed called for 'suspension.'

An "excluded" Mason does not lose his membership. He is still a member of his Lodge, but not in good standing. He may restore himself at any time by his own voluntary act.

Neither does a suspended Mason lose his membership. He may be suspended for a time definite, after which he is restored without further action on his part or his Chapter.

In neither case does he lose his membership. If he did lose his membership for any cause or for any length of time, there is no method under Masonic law which comes within our knowledge by which he may be restored to membership except by unanimous ballot.

While the letter of the law may not be clear on this point, we are decidedly of the opinion that it is the intention of the Chapter to follow the Lodge in all matters of this sort.

We are therefore of the opinion that "exclusion" (for any cause) in a Lodge will reach the membership in the Chapter and cause the same degree of punishment there; that "suspension" (for any cause) in the Lodge will reach the membership in the Chapter and also cause the same degree of punishment there."

The report of the committee was adopted.

We concur with the committee for the reason that "suspension" and "exclusion" are practically the same. In this light it seems to be the "difference between tweedledum and tweedledee."

The memorial pages of this volume are beautifully executed; and the good, clear, large print of the records is a delight to our old eyes.

N. C. has no Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood. Comp. Munds, index the next volume, please.

CORRESPONDENCE.

That the report on Correspondence is first class goes without saying, since it is from the heart, brain and pen of Past Grand High Priest, Companion James Southgate. His review of the Proceedings of forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions presents every thing of general interest therein contained.

Alabama-1906 is accorded over two pages of kindly notice. He says of the address of Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates that "it is a well conceived and well written paper."

He objects to Alabama's practice of exemplifying the work with actual candidates.

The writer had used his pen in disapproval of the use of substitutes. Companion Southgate thus belabors him for that utterance:

"Well, Companion, we have elsewhere called attention to your use of two substitutes in exemplifying the work in your own Grand Chapter."

To which we can only reply: Precisely so; and if we personally favored such procedure we should now be busily engaged in trying to collect our scattered remains. But, in fact,

it is well known that we have never been in favor of the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

Modesty bids us refrain from repeating the nice things Companion Southgate says of our own report. All the same, his commendation is gratefully appreciated.

He expresses a hope that we may some day meet face to face and exchange greetings—a hope which we cordially reciprocate. He says: "How about Saratoga next July?" (last year). Didn't have the necessary shekels for the trip, and could not think of counting the cross-ties for so many, many miles.

Comp. A. B. Andrews, Jr., M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James C. Munds, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

60TH ANNUAL—KINSTON—MAY, 1908.

Comp. A. B. Andrews, Jr., M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 34; Members, 2,076—gain, 263.

Opening this volume we are confronted by a portrait of the Grand High Priest. It exhibits an intellectual face.

We note with pleasure that our envoy, Comp. Wm. B. McKoy, was one of the 23 Grand Representatives present. Five Past Grand High Priests answered roll call.

In opening his address, the Grand High Priest extolled the virtues of an "illustrious statesman, citizen and Mason—Brother Richard Caswell, whose name, the Chapter within the precincts of which Grand Chapter was holding its convocation, loyally commemorates, hard by a monument the State had erected to his memory.

The M.'. E.'. had granted eleven dispensations—six of them to waive time in receiving and balloting on petitions for the degrees. One of those dispensations authorized a designated High Priest to act until election time; also authorizing an election of officers to fill out the year, in one Chapter which had been given back its charter after 45 years' dormancy.

So far as we know, this case is quite unique.

His decisions reported evince careful examination of the laws bearing upon the questions submitted, and intelligent ruling thereon.

One of said decisions was elicited by the following:

"A brother was elected to the degree (degrees?) in West Gate Chapter (55) at Murphy, and received only the Mark Master's Degree, after which the Chapter became dormant. He has since removed to Blue Ridge, Georgia, and now desires to complete his Capitular work, and Bryson City Chapter (63) asks what steps are necessary for him to take."

"Held—That upon the dormancy of West Gate Chapter, its unfinished material became the property of the nearest Chapter which succeeded to its jurisdiction, namely: Ashville Chapter (25), and that upon the organization of Bryson City Chapter, which thereby acquired jurisdiction over that part of West Gate's jurisdiction, it succeeded to such unfinished material, on which, of course, it could ballot before advancement, if such were asked."

"The proper course advised was for Bryson City Chapter (63) to request the Chapter of Blue Ridge, Georgia, to confer the remaining degrees. Such request, it was further advised, should be made through the Grand Secretary's office of our Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary's office in Georgia."

The fifth decision is as follows:

"Under Article VII, Section 3, an amendment to the By-Laws of a Chapter must be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and not by the Grand High Priest."

This ruling strikes the writer as a very sensible one. In the sixth decision it was ruled that while a petitioner was elected to the degrees, a ballot could be demanded on passing from one Chapter degree to another—same as in the Lodge.

In the seventh decision, it was suggested that Article VI, Section 8, of the By-Laws, ought to be repealed. Said section forbids the granting of a dispensation to form and open a Chapter within three months next preceding the annual convocation of Grand Chapter.

Decision No. 8 sanctions the use of substitutes. The writer's views on that matter are too well known to need repetition here.

The Grand High Priest devoted considerable attention to the subject of mileage for the members of Grand Chapter. He thinks the time has come when the Grand Body can pay the traveling expenses of the members attending the annual convocation—side-tracking for the present the matter of *per diem*.

The address is supplemented with several exhibits—no less than ten, from "A" to "J." Most of them present statistics valuable to the N. C. Companions. "Exhibit A" gives out to the several Grand Officers, the assignment of their respective visitations and inspections during the coming year, in accordance with rules adopted by Grand Chapter. This By-Law includes all the Grand Officers from D. G. H. P. to G. M. of Ist V., and the Grand Chaplain. The Grand Chapter of N. C. believes in putting its Grand Officers to work.

The Grand Treasurer had a balance of \$2,820.75. The Grand Secretary's financial report is a painstaking piece of work.

Comp. F. M. Moye, the efficient Grand Lecturer, made a very encouraging report of his visitations and schools of instruction. He is jubilant over the improvement in most of the Chapters visited. He thinks the three Chapters U. D. will prove to be "bright stars" in the Masonic galaxy.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the dispensations of the Grand High Priest were violations of no principle of Masonic law, and all within his prerogative, and that his decisions were all of them in accordance with Masonic law and the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter.

His recommendation that Article VII, Section 4, be changed, was approved, as was also his recommendation that Article VI, Section 8, be repealed, and Grand Chapter adopted the committee's report.

On favorable report of a special committee, his suggestion that Grand Chapter pay the mileage of members of Grand Chapter, was also adopted.

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

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had the pleasure of reporting that its "occupation was gone."

The Educational Committee made an excellent report. From that report we learn that Grand Chapter is educating a young lady at a normal college, and a young man at the A. & M. College at Raleigh. The committee's recommendation that the annual appropriation of \$250.00 for educational purposes be raised to \$300.00, was heartily approved; on favorable report by the Finance Committee.

The compensation of the Grand Secretary was increased from \$250.00 per annum to \$400.00. Good!

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispersations, a charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.; the other two were continued U. D.

The next annual convocation will be held at Winston, in May, 1909.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected twelve eligible Companions to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence, as was to be expected, was presented by Companion James Southgate, Chairman of the Committee. Companion Southgate's reports never fail to be instructive and interesting. If the Companions do not read them they remain ignorant of much valuable information concerning the craft.

Alabama-1907 received courteous notice over a page in extent. Kind personal mention is made, and is highly appreciated.

Comp. Jas. C. Braswell, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jas. C. Munds, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

18TH ANNUAL—GRAND FORKS—JUNE, 1907.

Comp. Chas. W. Greene, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 16; Members, 1,688—net gain, 87.

June 27th, the M. E. Grand High Priest being in the chair, and the requisite number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

We note with pleasure that our Representative, Comp. Halley V. Hicks, was in attendance. Twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

Nine P. G. H. P.s and one P. G. K. made evident their interest in Capitular Masonry by their presence.

Manifestation of high resolve to uphold the honor and dignity of the Royal Craft pervades the short (five page) address of the Grand High Priest.

He had granted five dispensations during his term—three of them to elect and install officers, and two to permit Chapters to receive and ballot on petitions for the degrees in less than statutory time.

His three rulings are good Masonic law, and so thought the Law Committee.

He intimated that words were inadequate to express his gratitude to the efficient Grand Secretary for his many acts of help and kindness.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand June 27, 1907, was \$5,627.73.

The Grand Secretary made a good report; and both his statement and that of the Grand Treasurer passed the ordeal of the Finance Committee without the smell of fire.

The brief report of the Committee on Obituary met the approval of Grand Chapter.

Short reports of the following committees, viz: on Chartered Chapters; on California Relief; on Appeals and Grievances; on Per Diem, were all adopted.

It is agreeable to note the fact in so many Jurisdictions, last year, the Committee on Grievances was "out of a job."

This Grand Chapter has adopted a new code—Constitution and By-Laws. If well indexed it will be invaluable to Chapter officers.

As has been already intimated, the Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest, as conformable to Masonic law and usage.

His dispensations granted were also approved in committee, and both decisions and dispensations were sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The Convention of the Order of High Priests elected, anointed and set apart five eligible Companions.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Comp. John Riessbeck, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank J. Thompson, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

91ST ANNUAL—COLUMBUS—OCTOBER, 1907.

Comp. Wm. T. McLean, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 162; Members, 25,698—gain, 1,869.

The portraits are of Grand High Priest Comp. Wm. T. McLean, and Grand Secretary Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch. At the Annual Convocation there were fourteen Past Grand High Priests present. Our Representative, Comp. Geo. W. Fels, was also in attendance.

The Grand High Priest reported eleven special dispensations granted, and two refused for good reasons. All those granted were liable to no criticism.

He had issued two dispensations to form new Chapters, and would have granted a third, but for the late arrival of petition for the same. However, he strongly recommended said petitions to the favorable action of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

He submitted no decisions, but reported the following, as of interest:

"Bordering on a decision was my solution of a question submitted to me by the High Priest of Celina Chapter No. 120, in which his Chapter was interested.

A candidate was elected to receive the Mark Master's degree, but before it was conferred upon him he removed to Lima, where he has since resided and where he claims citizenship, but has maintained his membership in the Blue Lodge at Celina. In January last I was asked by the High Priest relative to jurisdiction over this candidate, he at the same time giving a history of the proceedings, which included the information that when the ballot was passed the all important requirement of the law as set forth in Section 8, and Decision 32 of the Code, had been carelessly overlooked, and the fee was not on deposit. I held that had the fee been on deposit when the candidate was balloted for he would still be entitled to receive the degrees in Celina Chapter agreeable to Decision 21, page 45 of the Code, but as the fee was not on deposit, the ballot was unauthorized, illegal and void, and Celina had now no jurisdiction over the candidate."

October 2, 1907, the Grand Treasurer's balance cash in hand was \$20,183.74.

In his excellent report, the Grand Secretary says:

"Our membership has more than doubled in the last 15 years, and our increase in five years has been 7,486 or more than 41 per cent."

R'. E'. Comp. Hagenbuch attributes the large decrease in the number of suspensions n. p. d. to the application of the law of 1906 requiring annual collection of dues.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported adversely on the question of Chapters becoming incorporated under the laws of the State, and offered for adoption the following amendment to the Code:

"47a. No Chapter subordinate to this Grand Chapter shall become a body corporate."

The report and the amendment were separately adopted by more than a three-fourths vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to two Chapters U. D., on condition that they make certain changes in their By-Laws, and certify such changes, as made, to the Grand Secretary. Their dispensations were continued until said charters should be prepared.

A dispensation to form a new Chapter at Montpelier was granted, on recommendation of same committee.

The Committee on Necrology made fitting report which was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The city of Cleveland was unanimously chosen as the next place for the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

At roll call of the Grand Representatives, those present (29 in number), with our Representative, Comp. Fels as file-leader, formed line, and were saluted in the usual manner.

The annual reports of officers of the Ohio Masonic Home are headed by a picture of that beautiful and imposing institution—a great and enduring testimonial to the zeal and humanity of the Ohio Freemasons.

From the Superintendent and Secretary's report it is learned that the total amount on hand in all funds is \$79,559.51.

The following will interest some of our readers:

"AVERAGE PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTENANCE."

"Average per capita cost per resident for maintenance of the Home for the year, basing the number at 180, this being the average present during the twelve months, \$188.54. This includes all the items of expense given under the head of maintenance, such as amusements, clothing, drugs, nurses and other hospital expense, freight, funerals, heat and light, household and kitchen needs, insurance, ice, laundry, printing, payroll, machinery, repairs, schools, tobacco, table supplies, feed for stock and other farm necessities, etc."

Too much praise cannot be given to the O. E. S. for erecting and furnishing the excellent hospital on the grounds of the Home. Those women of the Eastern Star were surely "laying up" for themselves "treasures in heaven," while they were building that retreat for the sick and suffering.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests elected seventy-one eligible Companions to membership in the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Past Grand High Priest Compan-

ion Wm. M. Cunningham, who has reflected so much honor on the Royal Craft by his Masonic learning and high-toned consideration of every subject that has claimed his attention.

His "Introductory," including remarks on "The Book of the Law;" the contrast between American Capitular Masonry and the Foreign production, verified by our distinguished contemporary, W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in a letter to Companion Cunningham, "Historical"—"Mark Masonry in England," and "Mark Masonry, 1599-1905" by that eminent Masonic writer, Wm. J. Hughan, commends itself to the Masonic student.

Alabama-1906 is accorded nearly three pages of courteous notice. For the very kind and complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence, Companion Cunningham has the writer's high appreciation, and for his good wishes that we may have many happy returns of our birthday, he will please accept our grateful thanks.

At this writing justice cannot be done to Companion Cunningham's admirable review; hence we close with his truly fraternal

"CONCLUSION."

"The length to which this Report has grown admonishes your Committee to abstain from any extended concluding comments or personal views, other than to briefly note the regret of your Committee at the absence of the Proceedings of two Grand Chapters and of the General Grand Chapter.

"Whilst comments on the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial Convocation, by those in attendance have in a very few instances been noted, nothing therein warranted quotation in this Report.

"It is to be hoped that at its next Triennial Convocation the General Grand Chapter will give due consideration to the very wise suggestion of Past Grand High Priest M. J. E. J. Comp. Graff M. Acklin, in regard to the manner of selection of Officers, viz.: instead of the present cumbrous method of electing the whole list of its Officers, to elect only the first four and the Treasurer and Secretary and to provide for the appointment of the remaining official list, which would not only be a great saving in the legislative time of that Grand Body, but also more satisfactory in many other respects, especially for those, who by its system of rotation in its elective

offices, expect to reach the summit, if their lives are spared long enough.

"The writer again begs to express his acknowledgments for the courteous and fraternal reception accorded the Report of your Committee for the past year by the Reportorial Guild, and to express his personal appreciation of the many kindly expressions of commendation extended by them and other Eminent Companions in that connection.

"With profound respect for this most Excellent Grand Chapter and sentiments of love and esteem for all loyal Royal Arch Masons this Report is herewith

fraternally submitted,

"W. M. CUNNINGHAM,
"For the Committee."

OREGON.

48TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1908.

Comp. Frederick W. Davis, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The portrait on the first page of this volume is a likeness of Grand High Priest F. W. Davis. It looks as though its original had a will of his own. Our minister, Companion Jay Tuttle, was not reported as one of the Grand Representatives present, but we note that he offered a resolution in Grand Chapter, on the afternoon of the first day—was tardy, we suppose.

Now, by way of apology for this paper's shortcoming, we will say that recent illness consumed considerable of our time, and in the next place, a big pile of Proceedings on our table awaits notice and, thirdly, Grand Chapter will be in session in a few days; so it is out of the question to do justice to the Grand Chapter and especially to the very able report on Correspondence by Companion J. M. Hodson.

The short address of the Grand High Priest does not call for much outside attention.

The M. E. Companion announced, in his address, the death of the Grand Captain of the Host, R. E. Companion A. J. Marshall, and paid the departed Companion feeling tribute. Three pages of the address are devoted to Necrology.

He (the G. H. P.) reported no decisions. He had granted five special dispensations—all legitimate.

In closing his address, he exhorted his Companions to exercise an earnestness that would insure success to their deliberations.

M. E. Companion J. M. Hodson presented his annual report on Correspondence—adopted and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Secretary stated that all the Chapters had made returns and had paid their dues. He reported the number of Chapters as 28—the members as 2,598, being a net gain of 148.

A special committee, appointed to hunt for a Grand High Priest's lost seal, made report and it was adopted. The committee, with noses to the ground, scented the implement which had lain in darkness since Grand High Priest Cleland's time; the trail became "hot," and quickly the seal was found and brought to light. As a reward of their merit, the finders were appointed "Grand Masters of the Seal." This degree is a new one on us. Doubtless, Companions smiled on that occasion.

The special dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved.

By unanimous vote, Grand Chapter adopted a resolution requiring the Grand Lecturer to deliver, at each annual convocation, an address (or lecture) on Capitular Masonry; and by similar vote, a resolution to allow the Grand Secretary \$400.00 a year for his services. Companions of Oregon, Grand Secretary Robinson deserves all the good things you can give him.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made fitting report, which was adopted. Past Grand High Priest J. M. Hodson presented a touching memorial on the death of Companion A. J. Marshall, Grand Captain of the Host when death overtook him.

Ten eligible Companions were "elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood," in the Grand Council of High Priests.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence is again presented by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. J. M. Hodson, Chairman of the Committee who, as usual, with signal resourcefulness, reviews the proceedings of forty-five Grand Chapters.

Alabama-1907 is accorded three full pages of his valuable space. He says that the three Chapters U. D. "appeared to have done about equally well, though he could discover but two of them being chartered; that the other was not mentioned—probably continued U. D."

If Companion Hodson will look at our 1907 proceedings again he will see, on page 279 of the Appendix, that the third Chapter U. D. was so continued. This was done by dispensation of the Grand High Priest after final close of the Grand Chapter. Referring to the writer's last report on Foreign Correspondence, he says:

"Companion W. Y. Titcomb again wields the pen of instruction to the extent of 190 well filled pages. Oregon for 1907 has fraternal review. He quotes our remarks on the presence of the Charter, in controversy with Brother Warvelle of Illinois, but for a wonder, fights shy of telling us which is right," etc.

Hold up, Companion. Our active support of the view that the charter, or warrant, must be actually present during Lodge meetings, has been on record a long time, but we have not thought it necessary for us to be forever ding-donging that opinion in the ears of our readers.

He does us the honor to make six or seven brief quotations from our report—agreeing as to some, dissenting as to others. As we have heretofore intimated, when Comp. Hodson supports our views, we are greatly encouraged; when he differs from us, we look to our bearings, having great respect for what he thinks.

As a sample of Companion Hodson's force in debate, we extract his reply to Companion Chambers, of Quebec. That Companion had accused Comp. Hodson of dodging a certain question. It came about because Comp. H. advocated keeping

whisky sellers and drunkards out of the fraternity by law instead of leaving the matter to the Lodges and Chapters. Said Comp. Hodson:

"Now that's pretty hot. It is the first time in our more than forty years' Masonic experience that even by insinuation any brother ever accused us of dodging or failing to answer squarely any proposition either in Masonry or morals. * * *

"We submit that the ancient usages of the fraternity require Masonic material to be selected from the list of "good men and true," and if his experience has been the same as ours, he never met a saloonkeeper that marked up to the standard. Yet we know that through personal friendship, or the influence of wealth, hundreds of them have been members of the fraternity, and there is not a one of them who ever added either wisdom, strength or beauty to our mystic temple; therefore, to save our successors the same chagrin we have felt, we have supported both with our pen and vote the closing of the doors against them. Further, we submit that a Grand Chapter which will not shut them out by law, or a Chapter which will not shut them out by ballot, is not developed to the highest plane of excellence, and we know of many which will not; but we believe the day is near when the Masonic doors will be closed fast in every jurisdiction against the drunkard maker and his victim. Now, if that is treason we are guilty, but not of dodging" or refusing to "answer squarely." It is not a matter of right or wrong alone, it is not a matter of modernizing the usages alone, it is not a question of changing or making innovations in the body of Masonry alone, which the opponents of such legislation as we advocate are troubled about in fact. It is merely a matter of policy, a desire to get along in the way that pleases everybody, the smoothest, non-committal style to avoid friction, which is all well enough in a way, but it does not suit us. We believe in doing right for right's sake, and we further believe in doing right by law as well as in acting by intuition."

Our Companion, of Oregon, may rest assured that we do not "fight shy" of this matter, but concur with him in opinion on the subject. So there.

To give extended notice of this meaty report would afford us much pleasure, but we must hasten on. It is our sincere wish that Companion Hodson may long continue to write the Oregon reports on Correspondence.

Comp. A. H. Steiner, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jas. F. Robinson, R. E., Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

112TH YEAR—PHILADELPHIA—MARCH, 1907, TO DECEMBER
SAME YEAR.

Comp. Wm. B. Meredith, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

This volume, printed in excellent type, is adorned with an attractive picture of the "Elkins' Masonic Home for Orphan Girls," and with engravings of Grand High Priest W. B. Meredith and Past Grand High Priest Samuel H. Perkins.

Number of Chapters, 127; Mark Lodges, 3; Members, 26,691
September and December Quarterly "Communications," also
—a net gain of 1,382.

We find in these pages the proceedings of the March, June, September and December Quarterly "Communication," also the annual, on December 27th (St. John's Day).

We have failed to find that our Representative was present at any one of those Communications. We trust that Companion Clark was not ill.

At the March Quarterly, after the transaction of some business, including a report of the Finance Committee, Grand Chapter was called off; a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and the Mark Degree was exemplified.

The Most Excellent Master's Degree was in like manner exemplified at the June Quarterly, and the Royal Arch Degree at the one held in September. We like the method of exemplifying the work, employed in Pennsylvania and some other Jurisdictions, a subordinate body opening; a Chapter if the Grand Body is of Capitular; or a Lodge, if it be of Symbolic Masonry; after which the Grand Body resumes its labors.

The Grand High Priest incorporated in his address a circular letter of instructions to the several district deputies minutely stating the duties to be performed by them.

The few decisions reported by the Grand High Priest appear to the writer to be good Masonic law.

We quote the following:

"Vaudeville" and the "Dance" have no place in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction and are prohibited.

The following questions were submitted:

Can money subscribed and paid to assist in the formation of a new Chapter (such money being used exclusively for Masonic purposes) be credited on dues or life membership fees:

The reply was: It cannot. A Chapter must be constituted free of debt; hence all subscriptions must be treated as gifts or voluntary contributions.

Can a Companion who is not able to open or close a Royal Arch Chapter be elected and installed M. E. High Priest of a Chapter?

A Chapter can elect any Companion M. E. High Priest who has served as either King or Scribe, but ordinary respect for Capitular Masonry would require the Companion to have not only sufficient knowledge to open and close a R. A. Chapter, but also to do the work required of a M. E. High Priest."

The Grand High Priest is strongly of the opinion that Chapters should never elect Companions to the office of High Priest, who do not know not only how to open and close a Chapter, but also who do not know how to do the work.

He had granted but few dispensations.

He had refused dispensation for conferring all the Capitular degrees at one meeting. Also, he had refused to permit the conferring the Royal Arch Degree in less time than four weeks (the constitutional time).

He had made twelve "Grand Visitations," and a large number "of Informal Visitations," to the great profit, doubtless, of the Chapters visited.

He urges the importance of effort to secure uniformity of work; also gives much space to the subject of Marks, and tabulates the Chapters under the heads, "Unrecorded Marks, Dec. 1906;" "Reduction, 1907;" "Unrecorded Marks, Dec. 1907." In Harmony Chapter, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1906, there were 97 unrecorded—but in December, 1907, these were reduced 89—only 8 still unrecorded. A large number of the subordinate Chapters left, December, 1907, no Marks unrecorded.

M. E. Companion Meredith might feel justly proud of his success on that line of work. But all over the U. S. it seems hard to secure the Marks.

Among his appointments to office we note that there were eight Grand Chaplains. Of so large a number there would, no doubt, always be one of them present at Grand Convocation (beg pardon—Communication). By the way, an amendment to the organic law, which was adopted, provides that the Chapter officers shall consist of the following: Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Three Masters of the Veils, Senior Master of Ceremonies, Junior Master of Ceremonies, Guide, Pursuivant and Tyler; to which *may* (italics ours) be added Chaplains and Stewards." "Guides," what their duties are, we know not, unless they be to safely conduct pilgrims from Babylon to Jerusalem. The P. S., however, has that in charge.

But why not include Chaplains in the regular list of officers? It seems to us that such inclusion should consist, especially, with the spirit of Masonry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As usual in Pennsylvania, the Committee on Correspondence consists of five Companions. This year they are as follows: P. G. H. P. Companion Matthias H. Henderson, Chairman, and Comps. Thos. F. Penman, Robert E. Umbel, Jas. W. Hughes and George Hale. (We shall miss Comp. Stockton Bates, but note that he has been appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.)

Alabama-1906 fell to the lot of Companion Henderson, who accords our Grand Chapter about three pages of courteous, brotherly attention, generously giving the writer almost the whole of the third page thereof. Companion Henderson has our hearty thanks for his kind words, and for his hope that we have safely passed the eightieth milestone. Companion, the Good Lord has spared us until, at this writing (Nov. 16, 1908), we are very near our eighty-second milestone.

Under Delaware, Companion Henderson says:

"We are sorry to see that the Grand Chapter of Delaware, after due consideration of the subject, still clings to the Past Master's degree and confers it in their Chapters."

The writer's sympathy, as to that matter, is surely with our M. E. Companion of Pennsylvania.

From Companion Penman's report on Indian Territory it is learned that, in Pennsylvania, a candidate who has received the Mark Degree cannot be denied advancement except as the result of charges against him. Our Companion says:

Reasons for our position have been stated repeatedly, and, after long practice we are convinced our method is logical."

Companion Harris, of Maine, having quoted from Grand High Priest Williams' decision on "physical perfection," desired the Correspondence Committee of Pennsylvania to enlighten him as to how this perfection is insured. Companion Umbel, of the Committee, thus replies:

"He quoted only a part of the decision. For the information of his Companions it might have been well to have incorporated the whole of it, showing upon what authorities it is based. As to how nearly the initiates of our Chapters conform to the rule, as expounded by our Grand High Priest, is another proposition. But if, as suggested by Companion Harris, they could be paraded before him, we think he would be surprised to see how hard we are trying, and with what success, to apply that law. The question, however, is, What is the law? Is our Grand High Priest right? We infer that Companion Harris believes that he is, but that the law is one of that kind, like the Maine State prohibition law, which some persons think is better observed in its breaking or bending. We must leave that for the Grand Chapter of Maine to determine for herself."

As for ourselves, the elucidation of the process of determining a candidate's perfectness of body, leaves us in the dark, if we may be pardoned for saying so.

Comp. Umbel quotes in full Comp. Frederic Speed's introduction to his report, in which he devotes over fifty lines of close print to the task of scoring members of the guild for their diffuse platitudes.

We give our readers Companion Hale's conclusion :

"Companion R. A. Masons of Pennsylvania:—We have endeavored to bring before you the thought and the work of the Royal Arch Masons of other Jurisdictions, as they have been made known to us. Methods may differ—even sharp differences may exist on many points—yet beneath is after all the fundamental, underlying belief that the great commandment, Love to God and to fellow-man, lies at the very basis of our institution. As has been well said, "It is easier to moralize than to be moral," so it is easier to criticise than to accomplish. It seems to me that it is wiser to note and make our own that which helps us to a nobler manhood, a clearer vision of what Royal Arch Masonry really is, than to pick out shortcomings which violate no principle, but are simply vagaries. We all believe in the eternal verities, Faith, Hope, Love, and with such as our dearest possessions, may realize complete happiness; the longing of every soul."

The committee is an able body of reviewers.

Comp. Wm. B. Meredith, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles Cary, M. E. Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

30TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1907.

Comp. John McLean, M. E. Grand Z.

All but four of the Grand Officers were present at this Grand Convocation, also were six Past Grand Z.'s on hand. It is pleasant to note that our Representative, Comp. C. P. O'Connor, Past Grand H., was one of the seventeen Grand Representatives present.

In his short address the Grand Z. referred to an interesting coincidence in connection with the convocation, which was that the earliest preserved records of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Quebec, are said to be those of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 2, Modern, of the city of Quebec, of date 26th March, 1783, exactly 124 years prior to the date of the Convocation under review.

He took pleasure in referring to the growth of the "Masonic Order generally, which is spreading out year by year with the

expansion of the Dominion of Canada."

He recounted his several official visits, and derived encouragement therefrom, as to progress made, and as to efforts of the officers of the subordinate Chapters to perform their duties conscientiously.

He stated, under the head of "Grand Representatives, that a commission had been issued to E. J. Companion J. D. Matlock of Birmingham, to represent the Grand Chapter of Quebec, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and he had recommended R. J. E. J. Comp. C. P. O'Connor to be Grand Representative of Alabama near Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents constitute an important feature of these proceedings. These reports bring the several Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction into touch with each other—a very desirable result.

R. J. E. J. Companion Phillips, the Grand Lecturer, seems to have been "the right man in the right place." His report is replete with matters which merit the close consideration of the Companions.

The Committee on Finance and Benevolence reported balance to credit of the General Fund as \$1,242.32, and balance to credit of Benevolent Fund as \$2,199.41. Total, \$3,441.73.

On recommendation of the Committee on Grand Z's Address, his official acts were endorsed and confirmed.

His administration received unstinted praise.

The sum of \$400.00 was transferred from the General Fund to the Benevolent Fund, and \$2,500.00 of the Benevolent Fund was invested in good securities.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is again presented by Past Grand Principal Z., Companion E. T. D. Chambers. (Long may he continue to wield the pen reportorial.) Companion Chambers' 83 pages contain a vast amount of valuable reading matter. That we have to give it so meagre a notice—"Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true."

If Companion Chambers could have seen us last September, he might have thought as some of our friends did think, that we were done with writing reports. Thank God, we are still alive, while the year 1908 is dying.

Alabama-1906 is generously treated to over two pages of courteous notice, a full page of which is given the writer. If in our last report we were "over complimentary, Companion Chambers has paid us back in our own coin." Witness the following:

"Brother Titcomb is over complimentary, yet the pleasure his approval affords is the greater because his own work is recognized by the members of the Guild, so far as we have been able to observe, as a model for that of others. He has a special genius for presenting what is most worthy of attention in the reports of others, and is kind, while outspoken, in dissent and criticism."

But—hold! It has been our intention to omit personal, complimentary remarks—personal to the writer, we mean. Well, we'll be more careful in future.

Comp. John McLean, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

Comp. Will H. Whyte (P. G. Z.), R.'. E.'. Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

109TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH, 1907.

Comp. Nelson R. Hall, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 10; Members, 3,383—net gain, 163.

Small territorily as is this Jurisdiction, it has in its ten Chapters 3,383 members—694 more than we have. Its largest Chapter has 1,568 members; its smallest, 38—an average membership of 338.3 members.

A photogravure of M.'. E.'. Nelson R. Hall graces the first page of this volume.

The Grand High Priest's address calls for no comment by us save to remark that his claim for superiority of the Rhode Island work is quite natural. Hear him in the following:

"As to the work of the General Grand Chapter, in my estimation, from practical observation of the work as done by

Chapters using it, it has nothing to recommend it except in the method of giving signs, passwords, and grips.

"I believe that the work authorized by the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island is nearer perfect, more beautiful, and more impressive than that of the General Grand Chapter."

With all due respect for the M.'. E.'. Companion's exalted position, we do not concur in the following, in his remarks upon his experience at the Boston Triennial:

"Without intent to criticise Newport Chapter in the least, I wish to bring the following incident before Grand Chapter. At the after-dinner exercises, the Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island, was given precedence over the Grand High Priest. While I personally have no feeling in the matter, and while I was much relieved by the arrangement, I felt that in the future, at all gatherings of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand High Priest, or in his absence the highest representative of Grand Chapter, should take precedence over the Grand Master of Masons or the Grand Officers of any other body."

The Grand Master is head of the Craft. His office is higher than that of Grand High Priest, Grand Commander, or Grand anything else. It is proper to state that the Committee on the G. H. P.'s Address was "heartily in sympathy with him" in the matter of precedence" at Royal Arch gatherings.

Peace and harmony were not disturbed during M.'. E.'. Companion Hall's administration.

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

The Grand Secretary's statement shows that returns, dues and taxes had been received from all the Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was \$5,-431.07. The assets of Grand Chapter amount to the sum of \$7,131.07.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was authorized to publish its report with the proceedings.

Hereafter, in Rhode Island, every petition for the Chapter degrees must contain a statement showing that the petitioner is not in arrears to his Lodge for more than one year's dues. This we take to be a salutary regulation.

Well expressed memorials of Past Grand High Priests Horace K. Blanchard and Edward L. Freeman were presented, read and ordered published with the proceedings.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests received no accessions, postponing the election of candidates to a special meeting to be called by the President of the Grand Council. A biographical sketch of the retiring Grand High Priest reflects honor upon both the writer thereof and his subject.

CORRESPONDENCE.

That scholarly and high toned reviewer, Comp. the Rev. Henry W. Rugg, continues, we are glad to see, to wield the pen reportorial for his Grand Chapter.

Alabama-1906 is courteously and fraternally noticed. The writer is honored by quotation of his remarks on the use of substitutes. Companion Rugg will please accept grateful acknowledgments of his kind reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence. He says the use of substitutes detracts somewhat from the impressiveness of the work.

From our Companion's well written conclusion we extract the following:

"The purpose of the present writer has been to stimulate interest in and attachment for the Masonic system and organization. Freemasonry in its organic life is strong as never before. It has been vindicated in the popular judgment from former assaults, and now there is before it the open door through which there is entrance to the field of those more abundant labors for love's sake and for humanity's sake, where alone there is given to the Brotherhood idea the utmost of glory.

"Freemasonry comes to us, as we all know, with varied gifts: There is first of all a blessed fellowship growing out of our associations and free interchanges of thought and affection; and then there is the moral uplift of Masonic teaching, giving clearer vision of God and the eternal verities; and still more, there is that unfolding of relation and service to our fellow man which marks out the one great Brotherhood of the race.

"Get at the heart of freemasonry, and it will be found to have a meaning thus far reaching and divine. It implies a

genuine altruism which as true Craftsmen we are to cultivate and express. It calls for mutual regard, mutual charity, mutual helpfulness, among Brethren, with all that broader range of love and service that best marks the ennobling of present being and its forward movement to life and light eternal."

Comp. Charles F. Richardson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. R. Greene, R. E. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

96TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—FEBRUARY, 1907.

Comp. Frank E. Harrison, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 23; Chapters, U. D., 2; Present Membership, 1,588—net gain, 242.

This neat volume is embellished with several portraits of Past Grand High Priests.

Twenty Grand Representatives were cordially welcomed, but Alabama's minister was not one of the number.

Eighteen subordinate Chapters were represented and, the M. E. Grand High Priest being in the chair, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand High Priest's Address was, all through, excellent in tone, and absolutely free from rhetorical display. We note therein that Comp. Thos. R. Riley had been duly commissioned as Grand Representative of Alabama.

During the year six special dispensations had been granted—only one to waive time in receiving petition for the degrees.

The Grand High Priest reported one decision only, to the effect that a new ballot was unnecessary in the case of a candidate who had been elected and had taken one degree, but had failed for twelve months to apply for advancement, but now wished to receive the remaining degrees.

As the next Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, 1909, is to be held in Savannah, Ga., he recommended the appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of establishing and main-

taining headquarters in the city of Savannah on that occasion, and of paying the expenses of the Representatives of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

Last year the Grand Lodge of South Carolina appropriated \$10,000.00 as the first step toward the accumulation of a fund which, when deemed large enough, shall be used to build a Masonic Home.

The Grand High Priest fraternally recommended the appropriation of \$2,000.00 to be used for that most worthy purpose.

He asked of the Companions "a careful and thoughtful perusal" of Comp. Jacob T. Barron's Report on Foreign Correspondence.

He had learned from the Grand Secretary that the financial condition of Grand Chapter was first rate—that the receipts this year were between four and five hundred dollars better than ever before.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$4,803.72.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that all the Chapters save one, had made returns and paid their dues. The returns were "nearer correct this year than ever before, and as a rule, were promptly made."

Heretofore Companion Barron has, each year, done yeoman service in visiting the Chapters, but he regrets that, the past year, he had been greatly hindered by professional engagements.

The report of the Committee on Necrology—only one page in length—expressed much in few words. Adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not concur with the Grand High Priest, in his decision, that a new ballot was unnecessary in the case of a petitioner who had been elected and had received one degree; but had let a year pass before applying for advancement. See what the committee says:

"Your Committee cannot agree to this decision. The By-Laws distinctly say 'a new ballot is required in case a petitioner does not take the *degrees* for one year after his election, clearly meaning *all* the degrees. The same reason which would require a new ballot if the candidate did not take any

degree would exist in case he failed to take only one. His life, in the meantime, may have been such as to render him unfit to be made a Royal Arch Mason, and for this reason the rule was adopted, so as to give every Companion the right to ballot on his advancement. If the naked objection of a Companion would have 'all the force of rejection by ballot,' there is no necessity to state his reasons for such objection either to High Priest or Chapter. And if the decision of the High Priest or Chapter should be that such objection was not valid, the reasons therefor being given, such decision would virtually deprive the objecting Companion of the benefit of his objection and force him into companionship with one he honestly believes is unworthy of such companionship. Besides, when one is balloted on in a Chapter, it is to take the Royal Arch degree, and the other degrees are merely incidental and necessary only to fit him for that degree. Hence, if he does not take that degree within the year, there should be a new ballot.

"Fraternally submitted,

"JNO. R. BELLINGER,
J. L. MICHIE,
"D. F. MILES."

"Adopted."

The Finance Committee approved—and so did the Grand Chapter—the Grand High Priest's two recommendations—one that \$2,000.00 be appropriated toward the establishment of a Masonic Home; the other, that \$1,000.00 be set apart for establishing and maintaining headquarters in Savannah when the General Grand Chapter holds its Triennial there next year, and for paying expenses of the Representatives of the Grand Chapter of S. C.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a charter was granted to one of the two Chapters U. D., and the other was permitted to assume the name and number of Mackey Chapter No. 15 (defunct) and to work thereunder—a substitute Chapter to be issued in place of the illegible original.

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

Next annual convocation will be in Charleston.

The Grand Convention of High Priests held its twelfth annual convention on the twelfth day of February, 1907, and elected twelve eligible Companions. Co-incidence notable.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Within the compass of eighty-eight pages, R. E. Grand Secretary Comp. Jacob T. Barron presents an excellent compendium of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters which had reached his table. To our regret Alabama was not one of the number which passed under his critical eye.

On the use of substitutes, he quotes, under Iowa, Companion Cleveland's remark that personally he never had any objection to the use of one substitute, that under certain conditions it is a privilege that is liable to much abuse, as for instance: A Chapter that exalted three Companions during the year, each one separately, by using two substitutes with each candidate exalted, and says Companion Barron:

"We venture the assertion that the Chapter profited by the so-called 'abuse'. The necessity for substitutes must have impressed each of the three candidates with its meaning and symbolism."

To the writer—the use of two substitutes or one substitute seems to be a subterfuge—what some people call "whipping the devil round the stump." To our mind, it would be no greater violation of our pledges, to exalt four or five at the same time, than to exalt one or two only, at one time.

Under Missouri he says:

"Commenting on Companion Titcomb's question as to whether the scene in a Kansas Chapter would appeal to the hearts of such as those who met 'in the Lodge room over Simpkin's store,' he says:

"One may reasonably ask, why not stick to the mother tongue in all forms of expression, rather than resort to a foreign language for emphatic impress. Come off the perch, Companion Titcomb," etc.

We must confess that we were puzzled to find out why the Missouri correspondent threw that brick at us, until we concluded that he was a little 'mixed'; that is, that he had some other scribe in his thoughts when he hurled the missile at us. It reminds us of a passage we once read in Trevelyan's *Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay*.

While Macaulay was a student at Cambridge, one evening there was a sort of riot in the town between two rival factions. Macaulay and several of the students went down to look on. The leader of one of the factions being rather hard pressed took refuge in the upper story of the inn, and threw from a window a dead cat, intending it for the person of the opposing leader; but it missed him and struck Macaulay. After the disturbance had ended the thrower learned where his missile had landed, and hastened to apologize, saying he intended the cat for another man. "Indeed," replied Macaulay, "I had rather you meant it for me, but *hit* the *other* fellow."

Companion Barron, under Nevada, pays Companion Vanderleith a well deserved compliment in the following:

"No one can read his bright, interesting report and have the blues. There is nothing dull in it."

Under Oregon, he says of Companion Hodson:

"Anent Companion Titcomb's comments on some proposition to eliminate the Past Master's degree, he says:" (then he quotes Companion Hodson's ingenious paragraph, too long to extract here), beginning with the sentence, "If the Royal Arch Chapters in America have any landmark it is that no one shall be exalted to that august degree who is not a Past Master." (Actual?) Somehow it is running in our head that, a good while since—say, in the eighteenth century—none but Past Masters were eligible to the Royal Arch Degree. But we are spinning out this report to too great length, hence we reluctantly say good bye to our esteemed Companion, Jacob T. Barron.

Comp. Joseph Lindsay, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jacob T. Barron, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

79TH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1908.

Comp. Samuel Slager, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 81; Royal Arch Masons, 4,179—gain, 490.

On the first page of this volume appears a portrait of the Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. Charles Comstock.

Our Representative is not reported as one of the 18 Grand Representatives present.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests, and thirty-four Past High Priests were in attendance.

The Grand High Priest's address was not lengthy, but was a clear, well expressed and well arranged review of his administration. He had granted ten dispensations—three of them to form new Chapters. None were granted to waive time in conferring degrees. As P. G. H. P., Comp. McClistor says, under Indian Territory: they "do not allow that in Tennessee." Good! exclaim we.

One of his three rulings reported was drawn out substantially as follows: Brother —, a member of a Lodge in Tennessee, spent over one year temporarily in another State in the employ of a railway company, his family remaining in Tennessee, and he claiming his home there. While in the other State he petitioned a R. A. Chapter there, but before his application was acted on, having learned that he was under the jurisdiction of the Chapter at his Tennessee home, he asked that his application be withdrawn from the Chapter he had petitioned. His request was refused, and he was elected to receive the degrees. He had since written twice to the last named Chapter, asking return of the fee he had paid. This request had also been refused. He had come back to Tennessee and expected to remain there, and desired to petition the Tennessee Chapter for the degrees. The Grand High Priest was asked to take up the matter with the official head of the other Grand Jurisdic-

tion for the purpose of accomplishing, if possible, the end petitioner aimed at.

His ruling was adverse to the request, as the applicant had acquired residence within the Jurisdiction of the foreign Chapter by residing there over one year.

His second ruling was that no petition can be entertained from a brother who is deformed, maimed, or imperfect in his limbs, or whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from conforming literally to all the requirements of the several degrees.

The third ruling was that no citizen of Tennessee could be exalted in Georgia without waiver of Jurisdiction from the nearest Tennessee Chapter.

He had made several official visits with pleasure to himself and profit to the Chapters visited.

Before concluding his address he justly extolled the Widows' and Orphans' Home; also announced the death of Past Grand High Priest W. S. Findlay, who had died on the 16th day of the current month.

Members of the Grand Chapter were supplied with printed Reports of Committee on Correspondence.

The evening of the first day was devoted to exemplification of the work, evoking resolution of thanks from Grand Chapter. Early the second day, memorials of Past Grand High Priests Gideon R. Gwynn and William S. Findlay were submitted and adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the Grand High Priest's dispensations and refusals of dispensation, also his ruling except No. 1, believing that the petition for return of application and fee should have been allowed by the foreign Chapter, but upon its refusal to permit the same, the matter should have been taken up with the Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction in question. Report of the Committee adopted.

In a supplemental report, the committee gave its opinion that a brother should be a bona fide resident within the Jurisdiction of a Chapter before petitioning said Chapter for the degrees.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations, charters were granted to three Chapters U. D., and a dispensation was granted to revive a defunct Chapter.

At roll-call of Grand Representatives, eighteen responded. Alabama's envoy did not "put in an appearance." Why not?

The Committee on Accounts reported, and its report was adopted—that, after all disbursements, there remained in the Treasury a balance of \$4,837.34.

Committee on Returns reported as having made returns, all the subordinate Chapters, save five.

The charter of one of those five was arrested. On recommendation of the Committee on Accounts, the Grand Chapter refused to allow the actual expenses of the Grand Inspectors to be paid out of the Grand Chapter Treasury.

After the reading of a synopsis of the Grand Inspectors' reports, followed by exemplification of work, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected 38 eligible Companions to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, James H. McClister presents his fifth annual report on Correspondence. It is concise yet sufficiently comprehensive—in one word, it is excellent.

Under Maine, noting Comp. Harris' disagreement as to dependent membership, he says:

"Well, we all have our own notions."

Comp. Harris does not, at all, favor the doctrine of d. p.

Under Maryland, he does not think the Order of High Priesthood *compulsory* on High Priests-elect. The taking or not taking of the Order will not affect one's standing as Past High Priest, in his opinion.

Quoting, under Pennsylvania, the decision that "a candidate, who had lost a part of the index finger of the left hand, is disqualified," Companion McClister exclaims:

"Too much physical perfection for us."

Yes, and sooner or later very many will be of the same mind, Companion.

He gives Alabama-1906 about two pages of courteous fraternal remarks. He briefly summarizes our transactions, and quotes Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates on the California disaster. He is very kind to the writer, shortly quoting him in two or three instances. We humbly beg pardon for inadvertently calling him "*John*" H. McClister instead of "*James*." The old Adam in us makes us reflect that "misery loves company," and causes us to derive some little consolation from the fact that he gives the same rap to Companion Barlow's knuckles. Hereafter he will be called James, or Jeemes.

As to the fact that Companion McClister and ourselves agree on most points of opinion, and he felicitates himself thereat, we beg to declare the satisfaction all ours.

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

Comp. Wm. A. Clendening, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

58TH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER, 1907.

Comp. P. M. Riley, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters on the roll, 210; present membership, 12,629—net gain, 844; Number exalted during the year, 1,389, as per Grand Secretary's report.

Portraits embellish the initial pages of this volume.

When Grand Chapter was opened, all the Grand Officers were at their stations except the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Master of the Third Veil—of course *pro tem* filling their places.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, by their presence, lent dignity to the occasion. One hundred subordinate Chapters were represented. We note with pleasure that our Representative was one of the 27 Grand Representatives present.

The Grand High Priest, in the eloquent exordium of his address, dilated upon the stability and permanence of Masonry

during the centuries of rise and fall of empires, and of vicissitudes in human affairs. And well might he thus speak. Like the Eddystone lighthouse which still shows the mariner how to shape his course so as to avoid the dangers of an inhospitable coast, so Masonry has stood all through the ages, despite the fact that, ever and anon, the tremendous waves of hate and passion have lashed her bulwarks, still her beacon light, clear and serene, has continued to shine out upon the troubled sea of life, marking the course of safety in avoidance of the hidden dangers of the way—Don't say "Whoa! Companion." We have already whoa-d.

The Grand High Priest reported nine Chapters constituted, seven dispensations for new Chapters issued, two to resume labor, four refusals of dispensation for reasons deemed sufficient.

He forcibly recommended removal of the restriction of Mexico City Chapter to the Federal District in respect of receiving petitions from Master Masons.

His thirteen decisions reported appear to the writer to be founded on good law.

He recommended re-adoption of Art. 177 of the "Resolutions and Edicts." As we cannot, at this moment, lay our hand on said Resolutions and Edicts, we "pass."

The comfortable balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer R. E. Comp. B. F. Frymier, was in the sum of \$16,812.26. (The proverbial wolf is far from your door, Comp.)

The committee appointed in 1906 to prepare a Ceremony for Constituting and Dedicating New Chapters, reported a form which is appropriate, and impressive in its simplicity. Report adopted.

The committee on Cryptic Degrees, after an extended and instructive report, recommended that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters be taken out from the control of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The Grand High Priest is instructed "to proclaim that all oversight, control, and jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, by the said

Grand Chapter, that may have heretofore existed, has terminated, ceased and is wholly at an end," etc.

The Committee on Revision of the Ritual made a report which will gladden the hearts of our Companions of Tennessee. Texas has no printed or written cipher, but pure and simple "mouth to ear" work. We applaud the Committee and the Grand Chapter. The report of the committee was adopted.

The address of the Grand Orator was not lengthy, but ingenious and stored with moral lessons.

The report of Committee on Home for Aged Masons, which was adopted, presented a resolution embracing six sections. The report is too lengthy to copy in this paper, but the first section is sufficiently explanatory and reads as follows:

"Section 1. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas hereby declares its intention to establish and maintain within this jurisdiction a Home for Aged Masons."

The remaining sections set forth the necessary details of the plan of procedure. Our Texas Brothers and Companions are to be heartily commended for this noble, charitable undertaking.

From the report of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, it appears that Texas is all right on dependent membership.

"Any member of a Texas Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, who shall voluntarily remain a non-affiliate of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, for a period of six months, shall thereby and thereupon cease to be a member of such Chapter, and the Secretary shall drop his name from the roll of membership of such Chapter, noting the fact and the reason therefor in the Chapter minutes."

On recommendation of Committee No. 1, on Petitions, eight charters were granted to petitioners. Three were granted on recommendation of Committee No. 2 on Petitions.

Four Chapters U. D. received charters, on recommendation of Committee No. 2 on Chapters U. D.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was as follows:

"To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

Your M. E. Grand High Priest, in his annual Address, reports thirteen decisions. With those numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, we concur. (We give the numbers as they appear in the Address; No. 7 is missing.)

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The decision No. 12 is not covered by an existing statute, but we think it good policy, and therefore approve it.

With No. 14 we do not agree, except in part. The question involved was the right of an elected officer to dimit. Under our Constitution, upon the failure of a "hold-over officer to promptly enter upon his official duty, the Grand High Priest, upon receiving information thereof, should suspend him from office and appoint some competent Companion to serve in such office for the current year. In this case, an election had been held, and the Companion re-elected, which, we think, put him in the position of a 'hold-over' officer, and having been previously installed, was under the legal obligation to serve until his successor had been provided for. We think he could not dimit, at least until such time as the Grand High Priest had suspended him from office and appointed his successor.

We have considered the matters relating to the conditions in Mexico, and would recommend that Section 2 of the resolution relating to jurisdiction in Mexico, as found on page 81 of P. P. of 1906, be amended by striking out all after the word "Mexico," in line 4, and amend so as to read:

"Second. That the issuance of a charter to Mexico City Chapter No. 225, in the Republic of Mexico, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, does not confer upon this Grand Chapter exclusive jurisdiction over the Republic of Mexico; provided, however, that until such time as another Chapter of Royal Arch Masons may be established in the Republic of Mexico by a recognized Grand Chapter, the jurisdiction of Mexico City Chapter No. 225, will be co-extensive with the limits of the Republic of Mexico. Upon the establishment of such another Chapter in the said republic, then the jurisdiction of said Mexico City Chapter No. 225, will be considered as extending half-way in direct line, to said Chapter or Chapters."

Fraternally submitted.

FRANK NUSOM,
J. C. KING,
T. L. STANFIELD,
F. W. FITZPATRICK,
Committee."

CORRESPONDENCE.

What we said, in 1906, of Companion Scott's review, viz: that it was one of the best of the year, we repeat with unction as regards Companion J. S. Terrell's report on Foreign Correspondence now before us. Comp. Terrell is easily one of our best reviewers. Into his mature years he carries the vigor and sprightliness of youth.

Reviewing Alabama-1906, he says Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates "delivered a lengthy and interesting address, wherein he modestly gave much credit to his associates and the Grand Secretary for the success of his administration."

He questions the propriety, right, or lawfulness of the Grand Chapters doing degree work. Where is the law that forbids such proceeding?

Speaking of our one year service for G. H. P., he says:

"In Texas it would, doubtless, be a hard matter to get the consent of a Companion to L.S. election a second time."

Are the duties of the position in Texas so onerous?

Noting that a certain Chapter holds installation of officers on St. John's Day, Companion Terrell asks, "What has Capitular Masonry to do with St. John's Day?" Again, we "pass."

Companion Terrell gives our report on Foreign Correspondence far more praise than, in our opinion, it deserves; all the same we are grateful for his good opinion which we value highly.

He styles the writer's answer to Companion Schultz, on dependent membership, as "very pertinent."

On the P. M. Degree he says:

"For some reason the Past Master's Degree and Companion Titcomb are hardly on speaking terms," and quotes our remark that, if it belongs anywhere, it belongs to symbolic Masonry.

We disclaim being greedy, but make no apology for clipping a portion of his conclusion. Here it is:

To-night, as I write these closing lines, the partner of all life's joys and sorrows sits contentedly by, and together we

enjoy the warmth of the blazing fire, while neither the cold, drizzling rain falling without, nor the present financial stringency," have the effect to disturb the serenity of the household. Neither am I disturbed about the Companions of Texas reading this review. The information as to what the Capitular world is doing, and the many good things said by wise Masonic jurists and copied herein, are for their benefit, and if they prefer not to read, the loss is theirs.

All Proceedings received have been reviewed, or an attempt made thereat, and if any guilty has escaped it is not my fault. Nothing startling or specially new has come to the front for discussion. A few perverse members of the guild still insist that an elected candidate *must* receive all the degrees, no matter how many may protest, unless he is tried and found guilty of some heinous offense. As an indication of my own feelings on the subject, I copy from a draft of the oldest by-laws of an American Masonic Lodge, written by Benjamin Franklin, as follows:

"That no new Member be admitted against the will of any present Member; because certainly more Regard ought to be had in this way, to a Brother who is already a Mason, than to any Person who is not one, and we should never in such cases disoblige a Brother, to oblige a Stranger."

Don't tell me he is not a stranger. He is a stranger to the degree he seeks; as much a stranger as the profane is to the E. A. degree.

But I am getting this conclusion too lengthy, and going into the discussion of subjects I did not intend to when I began it. If it receives the commendation it deserves, probably I will write another next year; provided always, of course, it pleases the next Grand High Priest of this Jurisdiction to re-appoint the same chairman, who assumes to perform the duties of the whole committee.

"Then join hand in hand,
By each brother firm stand,
Let's be merry and put a bright face on;
What mortal can boast
So noble a toast,
As a free and accepted Mason?"

Fraternally submitted for the committee,

JOHN L. TERRELL,

Terrell, Texas, November 16, 1907.

Chairman.

VERMONT.

The first page of this well printed volume is graced with the handsome portrait of Grand High Priest David A. Elliott. We now take up the

90TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1907.

Chartered Chapters, 29—28 making returns; Royal Arch Masons, 3,811—net gain, 153.

At the Convocation under review all the Grand Officers were present; also, nine Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-two Grand Representatives, among whom, as we are glad to note, was our own ambassador, Companion Black.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short but comprehensive—a model of condensation. He reported the condition of the Craft as highly gratifying. He attributed the success of Grand Chapter in obtaining uniform work and in bringing it to a higher plane, in a marked degree, to the faithful efforts of the District Deputies.

He submitted no decisions. He recommended that a committee be appointed to codify the Capitular laws, since a Chapter Code was required by the interests of Capitular Masonry. No grievances were reported—a good indication.

The Committee on Jewels made a report brimming with eloquence and good feeling.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand to the amount of \$12,717.67. This Grand Chapter is “well off”—it has lent the Grand Lodge of Vt. \$12,000.00.

Comp. Marsh O. Perkins presented his annual report on Correspondence—accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, was especially complimentary to the Grand High Priest, and to the Grand Lecturer who, to the great regret of his Companions, is about to leave the State.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, a dispensation was granted to certain petitioners to open a Chapter at Richford, Vt.

The Grand Lecturer's report merited the careful consideration of the Companions.

The District Deputies made satisfactory reports. The report of the Committee on Necrology was eminently appropriate.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received eight High Priests-elect into the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence submitted by Past Grand High Priest Marsh O. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee, is a very valuable contribution to Masonic literature. It is with great regret that we are compelled to treat it so slightly. Time for work reduced by recent illness.

Alabama-1906 received two full pages of courteous notice. Companion Perkins disapproves the amendment to our constitution, restricting the Grand High Priest's tenure of office to one year. So, personally, do we.

Our eminent contemporary is very kind to us, giving us more credit than we deserve. He is pleased to say:

"Under Illinois, he admits being an octogenarian. We must confess surprise. No one would suspect it from the completeness and clearness of his valuable reports."

As we have said, this praise is beyond our deserts; all the same, we are grateful for the good opinion of our accomplished Companion.

Comp. Collins Blakely, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Henry H. Ross, R. E. Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

91ST ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1908.

Comp. Collins Blakely, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 29—all making returns; Members, 3,922—net gain, 111.

On opening this volume of proceedings our attention is arrested by a portrait of the Grand High Priest who makes a striking picture with his flowing "burnsides." Had he been a Roman soldier, these whiskers would have been whacked off so quick as to make his head swim.

Alabama's Representative, Comp. Carroll W. Black, as we are glad to note, was reported present at the Convocation under review. All the Grand Officers were in attendance; also eight Past Grand High Priests responded "present."

In his address, the Grand High Priest paid much attention to those Companions who, during the year, had passed from time to eternity. That portion of his address will be gratefully received by the bereaved friends of the departed Companions.

He reported only five dispensations—three of the same giving permission to receive and ballot on petitions in less than statutory time.

Under the head of "Decisions," he ruled in one instance that any member of a Chapter in good standing was eligible to the office of High Priest.

He had been asked what the standing of Companions under dispensation at a certain place, was. His answer was the following::

"A. The petitioners for a new chapter at Fair Haven now under dispensation are still members of Poultney Chapter, but their active rights of participation in the business of said chapter, such as voting on petitions, motions, or resolutions, are suspended until such time as the Grand Chapter shall have determined whether a charter shall be granted them, and if the charter is refused, their rights become thereby fully restored without any further action from any source, but if they are granted a charter they become members of the new chap-

ter. Their dimissions become practically operative from the date of granting the dispensation for a new chapter, otherwise they would hold a dual relationship in the two chapters."

Another question—and—answer, stood as follows:

Q. Is it proper for a chapter to attend as a body, a meeting for Masons at a church?

A. I can see no reason why it will not be proper for a chapter to attend as a body, especially church services to which you refer. I would suggest, however, that you dispense with the wearing of regalia at such times. Since giving this reply, I find in the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1900, page 70, a decision in effect that it is proper for a lodge to attend church in regalia when the service is of a Masonic character. If this is established, of course, it would not be improper for Chapter Masons to attend as a body, wearing their regalia.

Under the heading, "Aprons," he advised that all Chapters conform to what the General Grand Chapter has prescribed as to Royal Arch aprons, viz: "A Royal Arch apron should be lined and bound with scarlet, on the flap of which should be placed a triple tau cross, within a triangle, and all within a circle."

There has been much speculation as to the original significance of this emblem. It is involved in doubt. In England, according to Mackey, "it constitutes the Jewel of the Royal Arch, and is so highly esteemed as to be called "the emblem of all emblems," and "the grand emblem of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Grand High Priest, in concluding his address, says:

"Never, so far as I have been able to learn, has there been greater harmony among the Royal Craft than during the past year. May we ever feel that we are as one, united in a common cause and endeavor to stimulate brotherhood, manhood and peace and good will among our Companions and fellow-men."

One Grand Representative (in Kansas) had made report, which is published in these proceedings.

Grand Secretary H. H. Ross made a brief statistical report.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the comfortable sum of \$13,816.91.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers heartily commended the M. E. Grand High Priest for his able address

as well as for his official acts during his term of office, also his advice to the Companions to read attentively the report on Foreign Correspondence prepared by the gifted Chairman of the Committee, M. E. Marsh O. Perkins.

Companion Perkins presented his annual report, which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Finance Committee set the seal of its disapproval on a resolution the object of which was to reduce the Grand Chapter dues which are, for the Mark, \$4.00, and for the Royal Arch, \$3.00, to \$3.00 for the Mark, and \$2.00 for the Royal Arch.

The committee's report was adopted by a vote of 73 to 55.

The Committee on Grievances had, as such, no business to transact.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted:

"To the M. E. Royal Arch Chapter now in session:

Your committee to whom was referred the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and certain other matters found in his address, would courteously recommend that his decisions, as reported, be approved, being in harmony with the capitular law of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your committee would further recommend that his official acts in approving of waivers of jurisdiction and the granting of special dispensations be confirmed, being within his recognized prerogatives as established by law and usage.

Your committee would call special attention to the suggestion of the M. E. Grand High Priest in regard to aprons, with approval of the same, and to be mandatory in procuring future supplies of aprons.

Attention is called to the meaning of regalia to be worn by Royal Arch Masons in attendance as such, upon church services, viz.: aprons and jewels, but not robes or the capitular dress.

MARSH O. PERKINS,
DELOS M. BACON,
E. B. TRUE,
Committee."

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, the dispensation of one new Chapter was continued another year.

The report of the Grand Lecturer was highly satisfactory in regard to all the Districts save one, which seemed to need waking up. The reports of the District Deputies were for the most part very encouraging.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected eleven eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

That accomplished writer and sound thinker, M. E. Companion Marsh O. Perkins, still, we are glad to note, wields the pen reportorial for his Grand Chapter. Long may he continue so to do! Thoroughness marks all of his work.

A perusal of his report will convince any one of that fact.

From his conclusion we extract his punching of our British cousins. It is as follows:

"As then, peace and prosperity have been found nearly everywhere, the only visible sign of discontent being attributed to the continued, unwarranted refusal of our British cousins to concede the right of their Australian kindred to unhampered, independent home government. Meanwhile the sympathy, if not active support, of the rest of the Capitular world is with the latter, and the justice of a righteous cause can but ultimately prevail."

Alabama-1907 is briefly reviewed, with unflinching courtesy, as, indeed, are all other jurisdictions. For personal attention, Companion Perkins will please accept the writer's thanks.

Comp. Olin W. Daley, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Henry H. Ross, R. E. Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

100TH ANNUAL—NORFOLK—OCTOBER, 1907.

Comp. Robt. M. Ferguson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 58; Chapters U. D., 3; Membership, 5,168—net gain, 386.

An attractive portrait of Grand High Priest Ferguson greets the eye as this volume is opened.

The meeting being the centennial anniversary of the Grand Chapter, many distinguished visitors were present. A multitude of "Greetings and Reports" came from all over the land. Among these we note the name of our esteemed Companion, John B. Christian of Alabama.

In this eleventh hour rush, the volume before us can receive only scant attention.

A portion of the Grand High Priest's address in opening is clipped as of interest to many. Here it is:

"COMPANIONS:

My work is done, and now I come to render an account of my stewardship.

This being the One Hundredth meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, it seems appropriate that we should have a orief history of the Royal Arch Degree, and of the origin of this body.

Our own Dr. John Dove, deceased, quotes Dr. Oliver as saying that the Royal Arch Degree originated in England about the year 1740.

Prior to the year 1797, to quote M. Ex. Thomas S. Webb, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred under authority of a Master's Warrant.

From Stillson's History of Freemasonry, (note at page 556), I quote: "We have traced the Royal Arch Degree at Fredericksburg, Va., in 1753."

If this be true, Virginia was probably the first State in the new world where the Royal Arch Degree was conferred.

The same authority states that Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge, in Virginia, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland April 5th, 1775. If this be true, that Chapter had gone out of existence prior to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia in 1806.

In the year 1797 the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was formed, and is consequently the oldest grand Royal Arch Chapter in the United States.

In January, 1798, representatives from Chapters in the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and New York, met at Hartford, Connecticut, and formed the Grand Chapter of the Northern States. (Now the General Grand Chapter of the United States).

I find that there were at least three Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, authorized to confer the Royal Arch Degree, prior to March, 1772, to-wit: Norfolk, Staunton and Richmond. These Chapters were doubtless acting under authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A convention of Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, on May 3rd, 1806, consisting of representatives from the Chapter at Norfolk and the Chapter at Richmond (now No. 3), at which it was determined to draw up a plan of Constitution for the government of the several Chapters in Virginia.

A constitution was accordingly drawn and ordered submitted to the Chapters at Norfolk, Staunton, Richmond and Dumfries (now out of existence). This Constitution was ratified by the first three named Chapters, and accordingly a meeting was held in the city of Norfolk on May 1st, 1808, when The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Excellent and Super-excellent Masons of Virginia was formally organized. I here reproduce the resolution as adopted, for the reason that I do not find it anywhere in our Masonic records:—

The M. E. had granted a few dispensations, but had refused a number which lacked good reasons for their being granted. He had authorized the organization of three Chapters U. D., and had "instituted" five Chapters already chartered.

He had sent out to the subordinate Chapters his proclamation of reciprocity with contiguous states, in respect of border Chapters.

His few decisions, doubtless, conform to the Capitular laws of Virginia. From one of them arose the following recommendation which he presented:

"No Chapter shall authorize or permit the publication of the name of any candidate for the degrees, whose name is to be balloted on at a future time."

After his address was in print, he received notice of the demise of the two following Past Grand High Priests—Companions Robt. Enoch Withers and Robt. Templeman; these he reported to Grand Chapter.

Balance cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$129.88. This after disbursement of \$2,811.57.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia has a right to be proud of its Grand Lecturer, Comp. Hubard. His report justifies this assertion. We are glad he roasted one Chapter guilty of horse-play in conferring degrees.

Twenty-one Grand Representtaives were duly received and welcomed.

Seventy-five dollars was appropriated to the Southwestern Royal Arch, and Valley Royal Arch, Schools of Instruction.

The condensed reports of the District Deputies show a net gain in each of the Districts save two.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests received into the Order twenty qualified Companions.

The Centennial Anniversary was a notable occasion, long to be remembered by the participants.

Past Grand Master, R. T. W. Duke, Jr., orator of the day, covered himself with glory.

The medallion portraits of the Grand Officers are very artistic.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence prepared by Comp. Chas. A. Nesbitt, was fully up to the high standard set by its accomplished author.

In his report on Alabama-1906, Comp. Nesbitt says:

"As to Grand Representative, we thought Comp. Beauchamp's list was correct. He still has no one from Virginia."

Right E.'. Comp. Beauchamp informs us that the list of Grand Representatives was "correct." When the 1906 proceedings went to press, the commission of Comp. Henry F. Reese, of Selma, Ala., had not been received.

R.'. E.'. Comp. Blanks forgot to send it, and it did not arrive until after our 1906 proceedings had been printed.

Companion Nesbitt will please accept our acknowledgment of his very kind reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. John H. Fisher, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James B. Blanks, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

37TH ANNUAL—PARKERSBURG—NOVEMBER, 1907.

Comp. Jas. C. LeSage, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 32; Chapters U. D., 2; Members, as per returns from 29 Chartered Chapters, 3,891—gain over last year's number, 324.

It is pleasant to note that our Representative, Comp. Jas. A. Bryan, was one of the 24 Grand Representatives received and welcomed.

The Grand High Priest, in his excellent address, mentioned the demise of Past Grand High Priest, Companion George Davis; also the distinguished dead of other Grand Jurisdictions.

He had granted two dispensations for forming new Chapters. One Chapter had been instituted—as we say, constituted. Two special dispensations were refused for reasons deemed good and sufficient, and one was granted in part, but refused as to the remaining portion. The request refused was for receiving petition at a special convocation; the one granted was for balloting, at special convocation, on petition duly filed and in the hands of the secretary one month or more, notice of the Special Convocation having been sent to all the members.

The M. E. read to Secretaries an earnest lecture on the importance of promptness in sending up returns. He devoted about three pages of solid print to the important subject of Chapter visitations.

One of his few decisions reported ruled that a ballot on the character and moral qualifications of a candidate is valid for one year only; hence a candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees, and against whose advancement objection has been raised, is ineligible to receive the degrees of Capitular Masonry, unless the objections are regularly withdrawn within one year from the date on which such ballot was taken. If, however, the objections are not withdrawn until one year has

elapsed, the candidate must re-petition the same as though rejected by ballot of the Chapter.

In another decision the Grand High Priest ruled, in effect, that there was no limit to the life of a regular dimit. We concur

The Grand Treasurer held, Nov., 1906, balance amounting to \$3,726.55.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers congratulated the Grand Chapter on the excellent condition of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction. The committee paid deserved compliments to all the Grand Officers, especially to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and recommended their adoption, which was accordingly so done.

The Committee on Grievances had full play-time. Good!

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispersations, charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

The Order of High Priesthood received into its membership eleven eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence, presented by Comp. J. D. Baines, Chairman of the Committee, is an admirable synopsis of the proceedings of the several jurisdictions reviewed. Companion Baines surely is possessed of the faculty of condensing a great quantity of matter within a limited space, interspersed with tersely brief comment. We regretfully note that Alabama is not 'in it.' We are in full accord with him on "*Anno Benefacio*." A blessing was *pronounced* upon Abraham; hence it was a benediction.

It would be a pleasure to quote largely from Companion Baine, even including his pungent paragraph on "Errors in Masonry," but we must content ourselves with what he says about "The Shrine."

On our own part, we have only to say that we have nearly reached our 82d "milepost," without the shrine, but have no

"crow to pick" with those who elect to join it. Doubtless the ins have a jolly time in giving the initiate a camel-ride over the burning sands, etc. They are welcome to their fun, on condition that they do not repeat the Denver "Smoker." Here is what Comp. B. pertinently says:

THE SHRINE.

In these later days, as soon as a man finishes his Master Mason's degree, he is handed a Chapter petition. After the Royal Arch, somebody has a Commandery petition for his signature. Immediately after he is Knighted, a yellow Shrine petition makes its appearance. Moreover, a lot of young men itch to get into the Shrine, and go with a hop, skip, jump through the several Masonic degrees, *en passant*. It seems as if everybody and everything stood ready to help on the wild race for the Shrine. Dispensations are granted to hurry along, qualifications are ignored, black balls are withheld and Specials are held to give him the necessary preceding degrees. This is not too strong a statement of the facts. The candidate finally lands in the Shrine, where he enjoys himself hugely; but he has never absorbed the teachings of Masonry, and never knows even the principles or the signs and words of the Institution. Besides, he carries back into the Royal Arch all the horse-play he witnessed in the Shrine. He makes the mad race for the Shrine for a frolic, and has no relish for the Masonic degree unless they furnish opportunities for fun. Every State is experiencing difficulty in this direction. Some of them favor requiring a respectable interval between the conferring of the several degrees. We are heartily in favor of such a requirement, for the impetuous candidate, with his face set toward the Shrine as his ultimate aim, is too impatient to endure the delay of a few months interval between the degrees. The Shrine, of which we are a member, is destroying Masonry. We accept full responsibility for this statement. Thousands of thoughtful Royal Arch Masons fully agree with us in this opinion. This condition of things has resulted in a sentiment that Lodge or Chapter Masonry is only a stepping-stone; in consequence, a mere Master Mason, or a mere Royal Arch Mason stands discredited in the estimation of thousands who have attained the Shrine. Really the Shrine is only a Masonic Social Club. Of course it is enjoyable, and some of the ceremonies are interesting, and some of its teachings are wholesome. True, the use of the *Koran* is entirely improper and offends the feelings of many. But it is not a Masonic Order, and its only relation to Masonry is that membership is confined to those who have become Knights Templar or Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Masons. Many Masonic Temples

refuse to permit the use of their halls by the Shrine. The writer always attends the meetings of his Shrine, and is a trustee for its estate; nevertheless, he is free to say it has hurt Masonry in many ways. And this opinion is growing.

Well executed portraits embellish this volume.

Comp. Tom G. Strickler, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. K. Reed (P. G. H. P.), R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

For the shortcomings of this report, we humbly apologize to the Guild and to our Companions everywhere. A serious illness attacked us in the midst of our labors, and for weeks and weeks we were unable to attend our wonted duties; hence our omissions and some of our imperfections. Over these throw, Companions, that beautiful heaven-given mantle—Charity. If the Great I AM vouchsafes health and strength to us for another year, we will engage to do better next time.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB, Chairman.

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS MAKING RETURNS.

With the Number of Members Returned, Amount of Dues paid to the Grand Chapter, and the number of those Advanced, Presided, Received and Accepted, Exalted, Affiliated, Reinstated, Died, Dimitted, Suspended and Expelled since last return.

Number.	Name of Chapter	No. Members.	Amount of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept'd	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.
1	Tuscaloosa* ----	74	\$ 48 00	9	9	9	9	2	2	1	2		
5	Eunomia† ----	24	35 25	1				1	2			2	
10	Tuscumbia ----	18	13 50					1	1	1		3	
12	Marion ----	27								1			
19	Mt. Moriah* ----	33	24 75										
21	Mobile ----	96	72 00	2	2	3	4	2	4	1	6	2	
22	Montgomery ----	87	65 25	9	9	9	9	2			1	4	
23	Talladega ----	43	32 25							1			
24	Eufaula* ----	28	18 75	2	2	2	2	2		1			
25	Courtland* ----	16	15 75							2	1	2	
26	Union ----	46	34 50	7	7	5	5			2	2	1	
28	St. Johns* ----	62	44 25	7	7	7	7	1		2	2	1	
34	Hermon* ----	71	53 25	2	2	2	2			2			
38	Decatur* ----	47	42 75	4	4	4	4	1		1		15	
40	Camden* ----	32	26 25					1		4			
54	Tyrian ----	76	53 00	8	8	9	6		1	1	2	4	
56	Dadeville† ----	86	122 25	9	9	11	11	1		3			
57	Collinsville ----	30	22 50	1	1	1	2						
64	Central* ----	28	22 50							2			
80	Myles J. Greene* ----	39	29 25	6	6	6	6			1	5		
81	Jefferson† ----	61	86 25	5	5	6	7				1	1	
86	Coosa* ----	78	56 25	5	5	5	5			1	1		
88	Springville* ----	24	18 00										
99	Thos. M. Bragg* ----	45	27 25	6	6	6	6	2		2	1		
100	R'ck Mills, U. D. ----	75		59	58	58	58	14	3				
101	Mineral City ----	360	270 75	22	23	25	25	13	6	2	2	6	
104	Sylacauga ----	57		1	1	2	2				1		
105	Anniston ----	72	54 75	14	14	14	14	4		1	2	2	
107	Ft. Payne ----	31		1	1	1	1			2			
108	Pratt City* ----	28	21 00	1	1	1	1						
109	Brocton ----	44	33 00	4	5	2	2					4	1
110	Bessemer* ----	80	53 25	12	12	12	11	1	1	1		3	
111	Piedmont ----	41		11	11	11	11					1	
112	Brewton* ----	42	30 75	1	3	2	2	3		2	2		

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113	Dothan* -----	92	65 25	15	15	15	15	5	1	11	5	--	--
114	H. C. Armstrong* -----	68	51 75	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
115	Thomasville -----	33	22 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	5	--
116	Clanton* -----	39	30 00	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	1	--	--
117	Beauchamp* -----	40	32 25	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	1
118	Jasper -----	50	37 50	6	6	6	6	--	2	1	2	--	--
119	Jackson -----	52	35 25	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	--	--
120	Cunningham† -----	56	80 25	10	10	10	10	2	1	1	7	--	--
122	Monroe* -----	43	32 25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
123	Covington* -----	57	40 50	13	13	13	13	2	--	--	11	1	--
124	Bladon Springs* -----	51	47 25	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	10	--
125	Coleanor* -----	23	21 75	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	3	--
126	Tallassee* -----	24	13 50	6	6	6	6	--	--	1	--	--	--
127	Evergreen* -----	51	31 50	12	12	12	12	1	--	--	4	--	--
128	Heflin -----	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
129	J. E. Cobb -----	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
130	Palmyra -----	27	17 25	5	5	5	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
131	Cordova -----	38	28 50	10	10	10	10	1	--	--	1	--	--
132	Langdale -----	44	--	16	16	17	16	1	--	1	--	--	--
133	Enterprise, U. D. -----	41	--	18	19	22	22	1	--	--	6	--	--
134	Elba, U. D. -----	24	--	15	15	15	15	11	--	2	--	--	--
135	Floral, U. D. -----	12	--	17	17	17	17	11	--	--	16	--	--
136	Auburn, U. D. -----	13	--	5	3	3	3	10	--	--	--	--	--
137	Samson, U. D. -----	20	--	4	4	4	4	16	--	--	--	--	--
		2948	\$2014 50	361	362	368	366	113	24	48	89	84	2

*Dues paid for 1907.

†Dues paid for 1907 and 1908.

The annual returns have not been received from two (2) Chapters as follows:

Mt. Moriah No. 19.

Monroe No. 122.

We regret to say that we are therefore unable to give the correct membership of the above named Chapters, and in making out this tabular statement, we were compelled to estimate the membership of same.

EXALTED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Pelham D. Brown, John T. Bealle, Edward F. Buchner, William H. Fraker, A. F. Kirk, Frank W. Meids, J. W. H. Pollard, S. T. Palmer, Jr., Joseph Saks.
- Mobile, No. 21: William H. Armbrrecht, M. R. Baker, Claude E. Hill, Carl N. Pooley.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Harry S. Kealhofer, Glenn C. Liby, T. A. McAmis, Donald McDougald, John H. O'Gwynn, Henry E. Quillan, F. G. Salter, Wm. W. Waldo, Charles C. Wright.
- Eufaula, No. 24: Albert J. Clayton, Wm. R. Patterson.
- Union, No. 26: S. E. Hodges, D. C. Moseley, Thos. E. O'Sullivan, George Pegrain, Geo. E. West.
- St. Johns, No. 28: James Y. Fowler, Thomas Harden, John D. McKay, Geo. W. Jenkins, J. H. Sanders, Henry Ware, Robert Young.
- Hermon, No. 34: E. L. Crawford, E. E. Estlinger.
- Decatur, No. 38: Ivan E. Dailey, Wm. H. Duncan, J. L. Gunter, W. B. Mason.
- Tyrian, No. 54: J. G. Brantley, W. P. Harris, T. Hollis, C. P. McEachern, Davis Phoenix, Thomas R. Tatom.
- Dadeville, No. 56: J. L. Fuller, Chas. W. Lovelace, H. Norris, J. W. Pittman, C. C. Smith, I. B. Sargent, F. F. Sturdevant, E. W. Thompson, G. A. Veazey, A. H. Wilder, R. L. Wilson.
- Collinsville, No. 57: J. H. Block, W. C. White.
- Myles J. Greene, No. 80: John C. Farley, Jr., Geo. C. Roberts, Edward Ryland, Arthur G. Smith, Dallas B. Smith, Jr., Howard R. Williams.
- Jefferson, No. 81: Geo. G. Bley, Jas. P. Daughtry, Benj. F. Gregory, Robt. R. Johnson, Wm. M. Laird, E. A. Trigg, Isaac Weidenfeldt.
- Coosa, No. 86: Wm. T. Christopher, Thos. S. Griffin, Joseph P. Sansom, Frank K. Setz, Thos. H. Stephens.

- Thos. M. Bragg, No. 99: A. B. Brooks, W. S. Copeland, G. W. Greene, J. C. Lynn, Charles Pearson, H. C. Stephens.
- Rock Mills, No. 100: John A. Arrington, F. M. Adams, Geo. W. Allen, Chas. N. Briskey, A. C. Brannen, J. E. Brown, Wm. E. Bosworth, Jas. D. Bursons, John S. Cahill, Andrew J. Clardy, Jas. A. Cochran, Guy L. Cotney, Wm. A. Clardy, Joseph Z. Collier, Anderson M. Clemons, Walter P. Dickinson, Samuel Enloe, James T. Edmondson, Wm. G. Floyd, Louis Goldman, J. L. B. Green, J. L. Gregg, E. W. Hill, John T. Heflin, H. E. Hester, J. T. Hamilton, H. F. Harper, Luther E. Harris, Wm. C. Hunter, Wm. H. Hill, J. N. Hodnett, H. W. Hearn, Wm. A. Handley, John P. Liles, A. J. Langley, Nixon Lucas, J. J. LeSuer, Goodsen LeSuer, W. E. Mitchell, F. D. Munson, Chas. McConnell, C. S. Moon, Wm. O. Robertson, Joseph W. Robertson, Smiley S. Smith, G. M. Saleba, Wm. J. Slay, John A. Shankland, John B. Tatum, Wm. F. Ussery, M. J. Ussery, Wm. A. Vinson, Zachariah J. Wright, J. P. Williams, Wm. H. Welch, Wm. T. Williams, Wyatt W. Wood, Robert T. West.
- Mineral City, No. 101: J. M. Brown, C. C. Blackwell, F. W. Crane, C. W. Clarke, Geo. Dunn, R. B. Davis, Barton Eberhart, S. J. Erckert, M. S. Fleming, W. H. Gillespie, W. J. Hill, F. A. Hewitt, J. R. Hunter, Sam Inman, W. C. Johns, Fred Larkins, W. P. McAdory, A. J. Massey, Jr., W. C. Pound, J. C. Rinehart, M. L. Semon, N. O. Tyler, R. H. Wright, W. J. Wheeler, J. E. Worthington.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: John J. Green, J. F. Morris.
- Anniston, No. 105: Whitfield Clark, J. W. Comer, Jr., Noah A. Johnson, James Keith, Jr., T. B. Maybank, David R. Murphy, S. J. McCurry, B. Pace, Wm. E. Parker, Gerald Schumaker, Wm. D. Sellers, S. T. Smoot, John H. Snodgrass, Abner N. Steele.
- Ft. Payne, No. 107: C. C. Russell.

- Pratt City, No. 108: Chas. S. Williams.
- Blocton, No. 109: Dallas P. Lee, Herbert E. Reynolds.
- Bessemer, No. 110: L. B. Bradley, B. L. Davis, Louis Hester, Jr., A. L. Lucas, C. I. Meigs, G. F. Peter, C. H. Perry, B. G. Perry, Wm. E. Suratt, R. W. Simpson, John E. West.
- Piedmont, No. 111: John R. Barlow, James D. Collins, Frank Danna, Charles S. Fagan, T. H. Fornby, A. O. Harris, R. H. Kinnebrew, B. F. Parsons, W. T. Pike, C. S. Savage, F. C. Webb.
- Brewton, No. 112: G. H. Green, A. A. Ross.
- Dothan, No. 113: C. C. Bennett, Thomas W. Butler, M. L. Cummings, Wm. H. Grant, G. A. Garner, C. W. Hilliard, J. C. Knight, Meyer Levine, A. G. Lawrence, Wm. D. Martin, Sr., C. J. Morris, Robert L. Thirce, A. J. Turner, J. Thomas Trawick, Geo. A. Wood.
- Jasper, No. 118: J. O. Long, Homer F. Baird, J. H. Craig, John A. Gravlee, L. O. Harrold, E. Tucker.
- Cunningham, No. 120: H. S. Meade, Joe Lower, W. H. Davis, A. L. Arnold, Geo. Porteous, James C. Jackson, R. M. Fortner, Robert King, Jr., A. Reid, Joe Steed.
- Covington, No. 123: F. J. Banghman, L. H. Brassell, J. H. Burgess, Chas. S. Caton, Angus C. Darling, W. H. Heath, H. H. McDougald, Pitt C. Milner, G. F. C. Moore, R. J. Perry, W. B. Perry, James R. Shepherd, S. E. Whigham.
- Tallassee, No. 126: James H. Ashurst, Geo. W. Coker, C. D. Herren, H. S. Holloway, David Kohn, S. H. Scott.
- Evergreen, No. 127: J. G. Barrow, Arthur Cunningham, G. H. Chapman, J. D. Dening, Francis M. Deer, H. W. Dunn, K. Fowler, Wm. B. Ivey, L. W. Kirkland, Richard L. Riley, P. W. Shaver, John B. Tate.
- Palmyra, No. 130: Alex Gilbreath, Hogan Jackson, Robert P. Lane, Joseph L. Matthews, William C. Rayburn.
- Cordova, No. 131: Richard A. Cain, J. W. Dickson, G. J. Grant, H. H. Graves, B. G. Horten, F. T. Lantrip,

- A. B. Levy, W. J. Owens, Frank M. Sides, J. C. Wheeler.
- Langdale, No. 132: Rance O'Neal, Ed. Britt, J. T. Smith, Wm. A. Hodges, C. L. Holt, Charles L. Gibson, Wm. R. Williams, Wm. A. Bailey, Henry O. Wallace, Tom Bell, David Vinson, Sidney Terry, Pitt Lane, Geo. Wilkerson, M. R. Vinson, William N. Mitchum.
- Enterprise, No. 133: B. J. Austin, H. H. Blackman, C. E. Dorsey, T. W. Dollar, J. A. Chambliss, M. S. Carmichael, O. P. Cowart, P. T. Fleming, W. E. Henderson, O. P. Harden, N. W. Hawley, W. N. Gunter, O. E. Lay, G. W. King, E. H. Murdock, W. S. Price, A. M. Owens, J. T. Scott, Wm. A. Smith, J. T. Walker, Henry Watson, L. C. Powell.
- Elba, No. 134: A. A. Allen, Joseph D. Blue, H. R. Bradley, J. A. Carnley, B. F. Conner, Wm. L. Douglass, John M. Garrett, Paul B. Johnson, James W. Maddox, M. A. McDougald, Thomas J. Plant, John A. Thomas, John S. Windham, Emil Wise, Jacob Wise.
- Floralda, No. 135: A. F. Bullard, H. H. Bullard, J. W. Brooks, C. C. Brock, A. W. Dannelly, Z. R. Fuller, O. M. Hargett, I. L. Johnston, G. D. King, B. J. Lewis, J. W. Lewis, B. R. Messer, G. B. Page, W. R. H. Preachers, C. J. Thurman, J. N. McLane, Jno. H. Holley.
- Auburn, No. 136: W. V. Jones, Carey O. Wright, Washington P. Zuber.
- Samson, No. 137: Daniel B. Adkison, Wm. A. Eilands, Gorrie McGregor, Ham T. Wilkinson.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Edgar B. Kay, C. W. McMahon.
Eunomia, No. 5: Max Landaner.
Tuscumbia, No. 10: J. Henry Lester.
Mobile, No. 21: Henry K. Hill, James C. Snively.
Montgomery, No. 22: A. E. Hortenstein, R. E. L. Majors.
Eufaula, No. 24: Wm. A. Arnold, James T. Mainor.
St. John, No. 28: Houston C. Armstrong.
Decatur, No. 38: E. M. Odom.
Camden, No. 40: Wm. M. Hestle.
Dadeville, No. 56: Jere C. Dennis.
Thomas M. Bragg, No. 99: Charles L. Ketler, David B. Mothershed.
Rock Mills, No. 100: Benjamin*F. Weathers, James A. Jeffers, Charles W. Eichelberger, Burrell C. Jones, David Manley, J. Whit Bonner, Francis M. Handley, Samuel Henderson, John A. Walden, Martin V. Hudson, William H. Knight, George B. Hendon, Churchill Allen, John W. Thomason.
Mineral City, No. 101: E. R. Clare, Rodney C. Cadden, Wm. C. Griggs, Mose Garry, W. R. Hudson, P. F. Jaqua, Robert A. Mills, James T. Pittard, John L. Stephenson, Richard T. Tyler, Horace H. Vance, Winfield T. Wilson, Henry B. Young.
Anniston, No. 105: James G. Greene, S. P. Kennedy, Luther McCoy, H. Frank Williamson.
Bessemer, No. 110: Fred Milton.
Brewton, No. 112: E. Downing, Richard T. Holland, C. V. Stubbs.
Dothan, No. 113: John W. Goff, J. Thomas Keyton, Peter M. Metcalf, M. N. L. Peacock, Jr., Frederick Phoenix.
Clanton, No. 116: V. J. Gragg.
Cunningham, No. 120: James Smythe, Wm. Elliott.
Covington, No. 123: Samuel W. Boyd, A. D. Coleman.
Evergreen, No. 127: Wm. R. Shaver.
Cordova, No. 131: W. J. Grant.

Langdale, No. 132: Joseph L. Hildebrand.

Enterprise, No. 133: H. D. Goins.

Elba, No. 134: John B. Simmons, Arthur V. Buck, S. Hardin Nolen, George H. Thigpen, S. W. May, William D. Colquitt, Gerald F. Pollard, Charles S. Allred, M. S. Carmichael, Levi C. Powell, Hansford DeWitt Boyd.

Floral Chapter, No. 135: James R. Shepherd, William B. Perry, Roland J. Perry, John J. Howell, James C. Howell, Jr., James H. Burgess, Wiley F. Martin, Bruce F. Luttrell, L. Hamilton Brassell, Herschel H. McDougald, William C. Whitt.

Auburn Chapter, No. 136: E. Mead Wilcox, Clifford L. Hare, Arthur McB. Ransom, C. A. Cary, Charles A. Cornell, Murray P. Edwards, Felix T. Hudson, L. A. Knapp, James E. Ward, Morrison E. Bethea.

Samson Chapter, No. 137: Ira L. Johnson, John H. White, Wm. R. H. Preachers, Albert F. Bullard, George D. King, Olin M. Hargett, John H. Holley, Benjamin R. Messer, Benjamin J. Lewis, Christopher C. Brock, Jones W. Thurmond, James W. Brooks, James L. Lewis, James G. Page, Henry B. Bullard, Z. R. Fuller.

REINSTATED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: James D. Guyton, Henry F. Fletcher.
Eunomia, No. 5: O. J. Brooks, W. M. Gillis.
Tuscumbia, No. 10: Wm. H. Wilson.
Mobile, No. 21: Henry L. Ash, W. Peter Hutchinson, John E.
Michael, Chas. I. Malone.
Tyrian, No. 54: H. B. Cowart.
Rock Mills, No. 100: Wm. J. Barrett, H. Richard Moore, H.
H. Pitts.
Mineral City, No. 101: John H. Abercrombie, Wm. J. Adams,
Joseph M. Anderson, James Hillhouse, Sr., Edward
A. Schmitt, Wm. E. Wailes.
Bessemer, No. 110: Charles G. Pritchard.
Dothan, No. 113: Robert S. Mays.
Jasper, No. 118: A. Chamblee, Peyton Norvell.
Cunningham, No. 120: R. C. Book.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: John A. Caldwell.
- Mobile, No. 21: Henry L. Ash, M. C. Forchheimer, Dave E. Jett, James T. Jett, C. M. Linscott, Charles I. Malone.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Neal L. Anderson.
- Courtland, No. 25: James T. Smith.
- Union, No. 26: R. B. Crowder, Geo. F. Robertson.
- St. Johns, No. 28: D. M. McLanglan, Thomas C. Fairchild.
- Tyrian, No. 54: H. D. Boyd, J. F. Price.
- Myles J. Greene, No. 80: Charles A. Cary, Chas. A. Cornell. Murray P. Edwards, James E. Ward, E. Mead Wilcox.
- Jefferson, No. 81: Oscar F. Welch.
- Coosa, No. 86: Charles P. Stough.
- Thomas M. Bragg, No. 99: Geo. H. Thigpen.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Wm. E. Craig, Edward F. Valentine.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: O. P. Bentley.
- Anniston, No. 105: E. A. Hawle, W. L. Crim.
- Brewton, No. 112: W. C. Griggs, B. F. Luttrell.
- Dothan, No. 113: C. L. C. Atkeson, Morrison E. Bethea, Daniel W. Baker, Wm. C. Finn, Wm. H. Grant, Albert E. Garner, Wm. L. Lee, Robert L. Mays, L. Y. Palmer, John F. Yarbrough, H. H. McNeil.
- Clanton, No. 116: V. J. Gragg.
- Beauchamp, No. 117: Earnest Y. Morgan, Wyley Wynne.
- Jasper, No. 118: John R. Buchanan, Percy F. Jacquea.
- Jackson, No. 119: S. A. Adams, A. F. Carpenter.
- Covington, No. 123: Jesse O. Acree, L. H. Brassell, James H. Burgess, James C. Howell, John J. Howell, Wiley F. Martin, H. H. McDougald, R. J. Perry, Wm. B. Perry, James R. Shepherd, Benjamin F. Stewart.
- Bladen Springs, No. 124: Samuel Almon.
- Coleanor, No. 125: James G. Hendrix, John A. Ratliffe.
- Evergreen, No. 127: Elisha Downing, Richard T. Holland, Carl V. Stubbs, Wm. R. Shaver.

Cordova, No. 131: R. A. Whatley.

Enterprise, No. 133: C. S. Allred, A. V. Buck, M. S. Carmichael, J. W. Goff, S. H. Nolan, L. C. Powell.

Floral, No. 135: A. F. Bullard, H. H. Bullard, J. W. Brooks, C. C. Brock, Z. R. Fuller, O. M. Hargett, I. L. Johnston, G. D. King, B. J. Lewis, J. W. Lewis, B. R. Messer, G. B. Page, W. R. H. Preachers, C. J. Thurman, John H. Holley, A. W. Donnelly.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Geo. B. Wimberly, Henry V. Wilkins.
Eunomia, No. 5: Charles E. Johnson, Wm. C. Wheeler.
Tuscumbia, No. 10: Taylor H. Henry, William J. Meade.
Mobile, No. 21: Wm. J. Donohy, Edward L. Marechal.
Montgomery, No. 22: D. W. Crawford, Geo. W. Jones, Wade A. McBryde.
Courtland, No. 25: W. W. Simmons, J. White.
Union, No. 26: John F. Connor.
St. Johns, No. 28: Louis Bamberger.
Decatur, No. 38: R. H. Adams, J. E. Banks, E. W. Cowels, W. B. McCullach, H. E. Myers, R. G. McClure, John McFerran, W. H. Nabors, J. E. H. Ogle, W. E. Perie, A. Pickley, Jr., Fred L. Proctor, Thomas J. Parrish, J. A. Thornton, F. A. Woods.
Jefferson, No. 81: James M. Miller.
Mineral City, No. 101: Chas. A. Ellis, Edward N. Hamill, S. W. LaRosse, Wm. D. Mitcham, Anderson E. Riddle, A. R. Wissinger.
Anniston, No. 105: W. F. Brown, B. Dudley Williams.
Blocton, No. 109: W. H. Comerford, W. A. Harvey, J. Fritz Thompson, John W. Wallwork.
Bessemer, No. 110: James Austin, John Hebel, Wm. R. Ivey.
Piedmont, No. 111: Samuel H. Chaney.
Dothan, No. 113: David Douglass, Wm. A. Taunton, Wm. F. Gissendonner, John W. Harris, I. W. Yon.
Thomasville, No. 115: Travis L. Bedsole, John A. Gilmore, Henry K. Jackson, Thomas B. McFarland, James F. Loftin.
Cunningham, No. 120: Henry Broda, E. T. Fields, Martin Harman, C. H. Mandy, Robert Neil, F. E. Porter, T. H. Sanders.
Coleanor, No. 125: Wm. C. Evans, J. D. Echols, S. O. Sanders.
Bladon Springs Chapter, No. 124: Henry J. Brown, Paul D. Burns, Thomas J. Campbell, William R. Elliott, William G. Land, Dan B. McRae, T. W. Overton, Walter S. Powe, Peter A. Trice, J. E. Thames.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Tuscumbia, No. 10: James R. Crow (non-affiliation with Blue Lodge).

Covington, No. 123: Ernest B. Dickinson.

EXPELLED.

Blocton, No. 109: Philip Odess.

Beauchamp, No. 117: Joseph W. Frost.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Tuscumbia, No. 10: James P. Murdock, June 21, 1908, aged 58 years.

Marion, No. 12: Wm. H. Pedding, Aug. 15, 1908, aged 73 years.

Mobile, No. 21: Gladden G. Scott, April 12, 1908.

Talladega, No. 23: Wm. C. Hearn, Mch. 21, 1908, aged 79 years.

Eufaula, No. 24: John W. Sheally.

Courtland, No. 25: Wm. V. Prenit, Feb. 18, 1908, aged 52 years; Charles C. Swoope, June 19, 1908; aged 73 years.

Union, No. 26: Moses Marx, March 1, 1908, aged 67 years; John M. Sadler, March 7, 1908, aged 63 years.

St. Johns, No. 28: Robert J. Barber, July 28, 1908, aged 61 years; Silas O. Trippe, Oct. 22, 1907.

Hermon, No. 34: James A. Outz, Nov., 1908; W. A. Walker, Oct., 1907.

Decatur, No. 38: W. S. Eyser, Oct. 5, 1908, aged 82 years.

Camden, No. 40: John T. Cook, Jan 5, 1908, aged 66 years; Thomas S. Caldwell, April 3, 1908, aged 64 years; Charles F. Brown, May 5, 1908, aged 38 years; Neil McArthur, Feb. 23, 1908, aged 66 years.

Tyrian, No. 54: Josiah Jernigan, July 6, 1908, aged 59 years.

Dadeville, No. 56: N. F. Brown, May 12, 1908, aged 67 years; J. H. Lockhart, Jan. 16, 1908, aged 83 years; John R. Newphrest, Aug. 6, 1908, aged 70 years.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

- Central, No. 64: Willis C. Carpenter, December, 1907;
Francis M. Peterson, March 3, 1908.
- Myles J. Greene, No. 80: Rinaldo M. Greene, Dec. 27,
1907, aged 70 years.
- Coosa, No. 86: R. Eugene Randall, Nov. 15, 1907, aged
40 years.
- Thomas M. Bragg, No. 99: N. J. Ganey, Thomas M.
Horn, March 14, 1908.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Peter H. Atkins, March 14,
1908; Charles E. Sullivan, Oct. 26, 1907.
- Anniston, No. 105: J. N. Teague, June 11, 1908, aged 46
years.
- Ft. Payne, No. 107: Warner L. Driskill, James W.
Smith,
- Bessemer, No. 110: James H. Fulton, Feb. 5, 1908, aged
60 years.
- Brewton, No. 112: Alex McGowan, Nov. 22, 1907, aged
46 years; James T. Douglass, Dec. 16, 1907,
aged 39 years.
- H. Clay Armstrong, No. 114: Thos. E. Goodwin, April
14, 1908, aged 60 years.
- Thomasville, No. 115: Wm. E. Johnson, June 10, 1908,
aged 82 years; Charles Poole, Dec. 3, 1907,
aged 85 years.
- Clanton, No. 116: Wm. M. Gore, Jan. 11, 1908, aged 66
years.
- Jasper, No. 118: Leroy Williams, Sept. 11, 1908.
- Jackson, No. 119: Amos N. McLeod, Feb. 17, 1908,
aged 58 years.
- Cunningham, No. 120: J. H. Edwards, April 16, 1908.

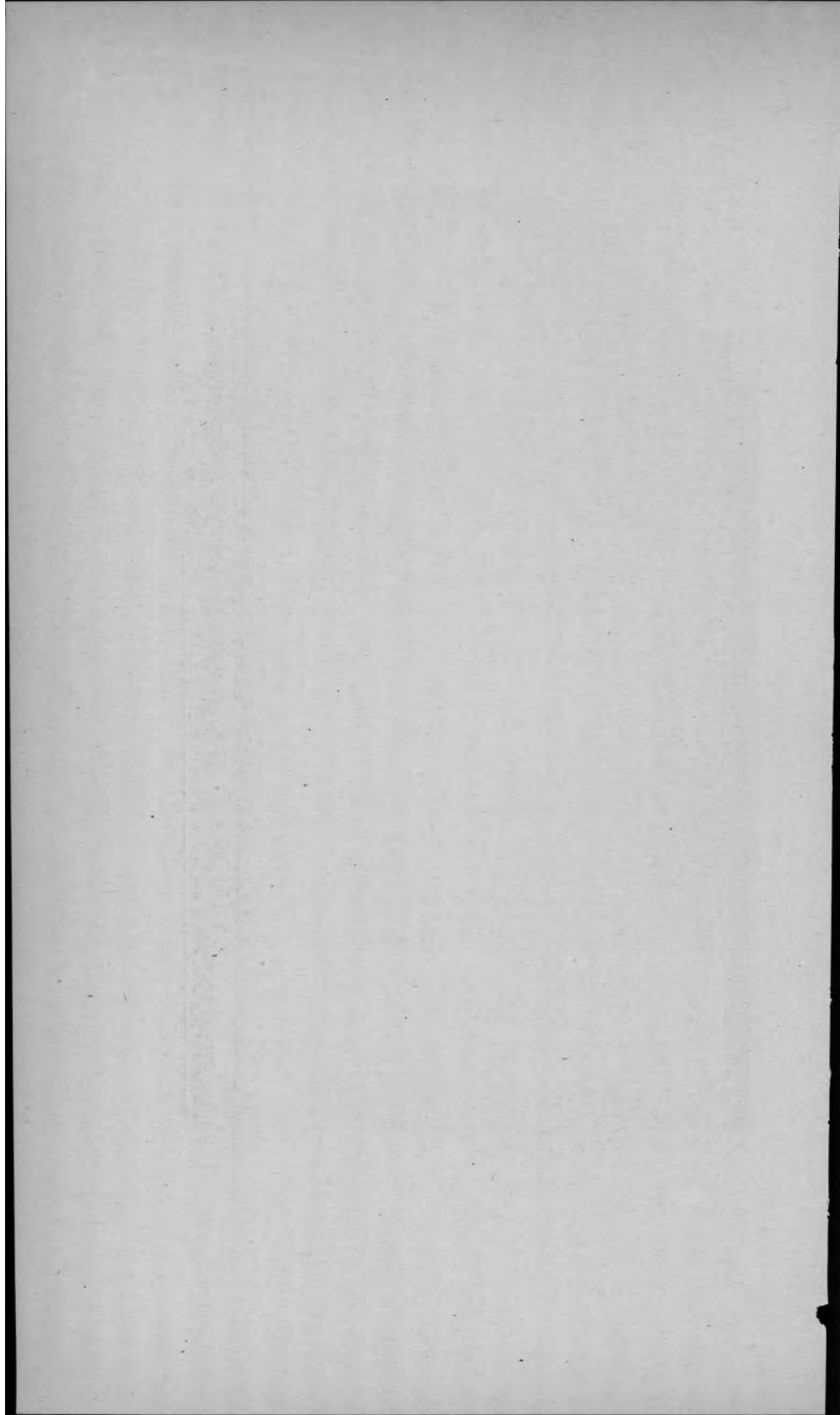
OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

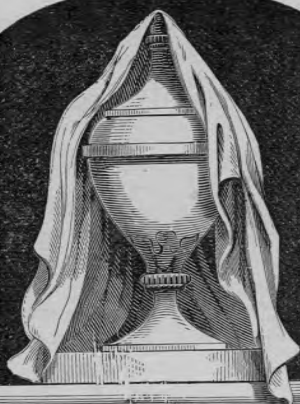
Bladon Springs, No. 124: James M. Warrick, Dec. 24, 1907.

Coleanor, No. 125: Robert Arnold, Dec. 16, 1907, aged 32 years.

Langdale, No. 132: C. C. Heard, Feb. 26, 1908, aged 52 years.

Elba, No. 134: Arthur V. Buck, Aug. 8, 1908, aged 55 years; John B. Simmons, Jan. 13, 1908, aged 83 years.





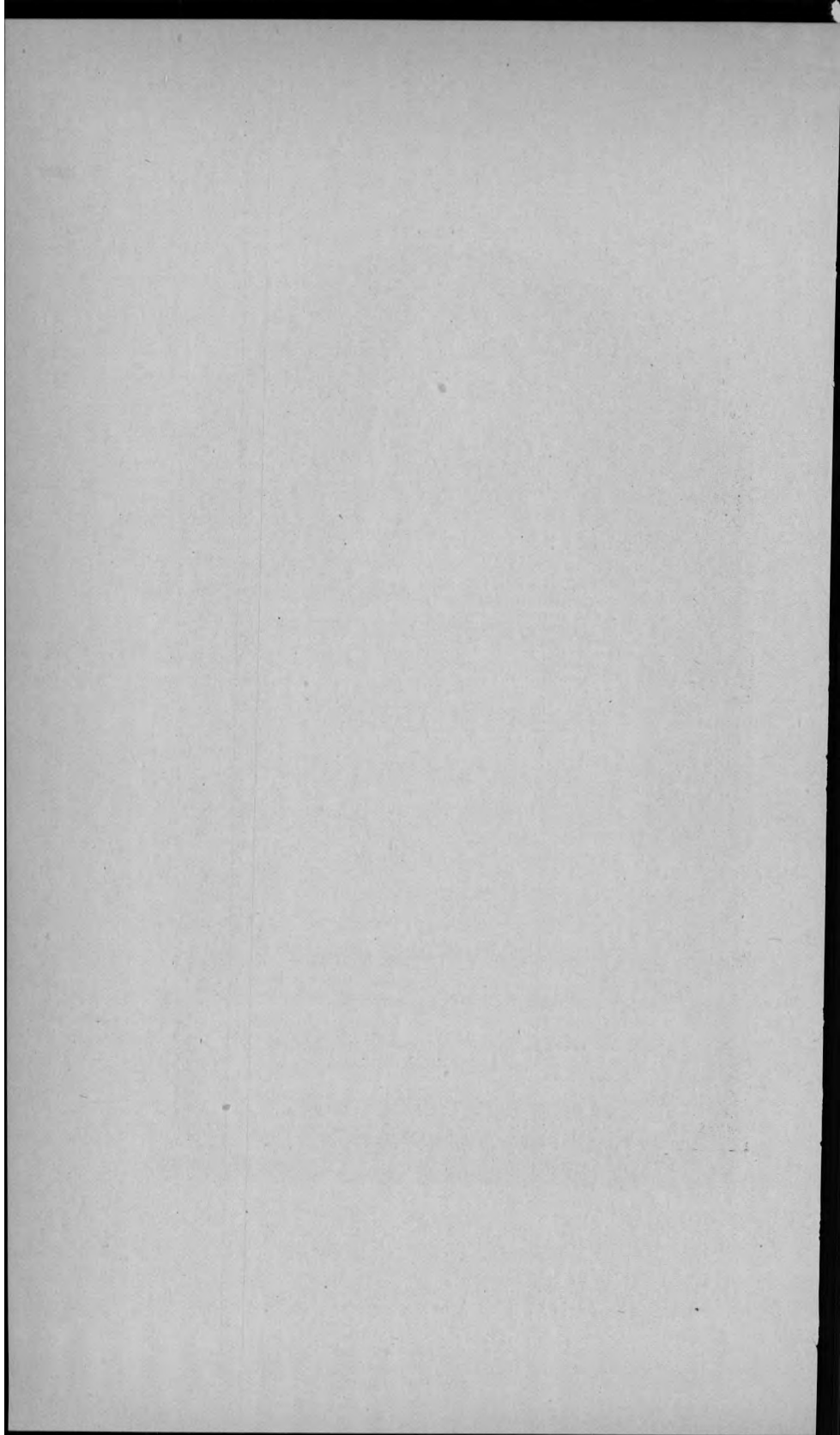
IN MEMORIAM.

Josiah Jernigan,
Past Grand High Priest,

Born November 24, 1847.

Died July 6, 1908.

We cherish his memory.





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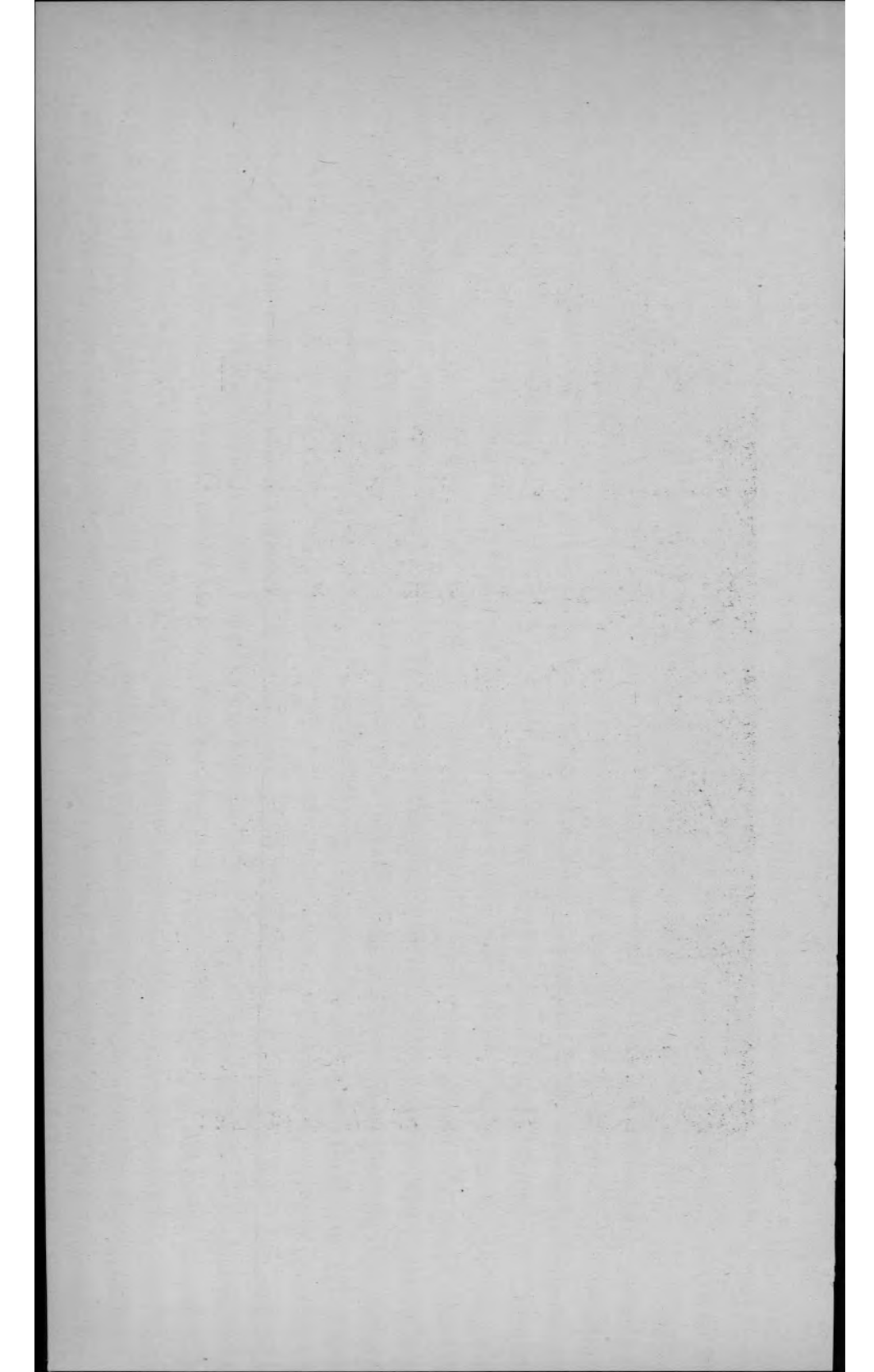
John Gideon Harris,

Past Grand High Priest,

Born July 10, 1834,

Died July 7, 1908.

We cherish his memory.



CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Mt. Moriah	No. 19
Monroe	No. 122

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Mt. Moriah	No. 19
Sylacauga	No. 104
Monroe	No. 122

CHAPTERS REINSTATED.

Hillabee	No. 79
Rock Mills	No. 100

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Enterprise	No. 133
Elba	No. 134
Auburn	No. 136
Samson	No. 137

CHARTERS RESTORED.

Rock Mills	No. 100
(Name changed to Roanoke No. 100.)	

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

Hillabee*	No. 79
Florida	No. 135
Columbia	No. 138

(*This Chapter was not reorganized until December 7, 1908, and its dispensation was continued by the Grand High Priest.)

APPENDIX.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters represented.....	56
Number of Chapters making returns.....	56
Number of Chapters paying dues.....	49
Number of Chartered Chapters on the Roll, 1907.....	52
Charters issued 1908	4
Charters restored 1908	1
Number of Chartered Chapters on the roll, 1908.....	57
Number of Chapters U. D. on the roll, 1908.....	3
Number of members.....	2948

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Exalted	366
Affiliated	113
Reinstated	24
Died	48
Dimitted	89
Suspended, N. P. D.....	82
Suspended, U. C.....	2
Expelled	2

REVISED AND CORRECTED LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1823 TO THE PRESENT TIME, WITH THE YEAR OF THEIR ELECTION.

Year.	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1823 a	Dugald McFarlane†	John Elliott*	Horatio G. Perry*	William B. Patton*	John H. Vincent*	John B. Hogan.*
1824 b	Israel Pickens*	John Elliott*	Anderson Hutchinson†	James H. Weakley*	John H. Vincent*	John B. Hogan.*
1825	Israel Pickens*	John Elliott*	Anderson Hutchinson†	James H. Weakley*	Henry A. Snow*	William D. Stone.*
1826	Nimrod E. Benson*	John Elliott*	Harry L. Thornton*	Thaddeus Sanford*	Andrew McBryde*	William D. Stone.*
1827 c	John Murphy*	John Elliott*	Horatio G. Perry*	Benjamin B. Fontaine*	Henry A. Snow*	William D. Stone.*
1827 d	John Murphy*	John Elliott*	Harry L. Thornton*	Benjamin B. Fontaine*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Alkin.*
1828 e	John Murphy*	John Elliott*	Harry L. Thornton*	Charles O. Foster*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Alkin.*
1829 f	Thomas B. Creagh*	James Penn*	James H. Saxon*	Anderson Hutchinson†	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Alkin.*
1830						
1831						
1832						
1833						
1834						
1835						
1836						
1837 g	John C. Hicks†	George W. Esselman*	Isiah Woodward*	Thomas B. Jones*	Major Cook*	Doric S. Ball†
1838	John C. Hicks†	James L. F. Cottrell†	Armistead B. Dawson*	Felix G. Norman*	Major Cook*	Doric S. Ball†
1839	John C. Hicks†	Armistead B. Dawson*	William A. Ferrell*	Robert H. Dalton†	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1840	Armistead B. Dawson*	Edward Herdon*	David Moore*	John A. Whetstone†	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1841	David Moore*	Edward Herdon*	Nathaniel W. Fletcher*	Felix G. Norman*	Luther S. Skinner†	Amand P. Pfister.*
1842	David Moore*	Edward Herdon*	Felix G. Norman*	Gerard W. Creagh*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1843	David Moore*	Gerard W. Creagh*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1844	James Penn*	Gerard W. Creagh*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1845	Felix G. Norman*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Stephen F. Hale*	William Hendrix*	Edward Herdon*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1846	Felix G. Norman*	William Hendrix*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Sidney Smith*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1847	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greene†	James M. Brundidge*	Moses F. Hoyt*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1848	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greene†	James M. Brundidge*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1849	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greene†	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1850	Rufus Greene†	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Sidney Smith*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1851	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norrist†	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1852	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norrist†	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*

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Year.	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1853	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	Thomas J. Clark*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1854	William A. Ferrell*	John R. Clark*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1855	William A. Ferrell*	Thomas C. Hartwell*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Thomas F. Flournoy†	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1856	David Clifton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1857	David Clifton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1858	David Clifton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	John R. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1859	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy†	Hugh Parks Watson*	Stephen D. Moore*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1860	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy†	Hugh Parks Watson*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1861	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	James B. Harrison*	Noah B. Cloud*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1862	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Thomas F. Flournoy†	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1863	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Stephen C. Williams*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1864	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Isaac W. Suttle*	William Kerr*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1865	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	William Kerr*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1866	George D. Norris*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	Palmer J. Pillans*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1867	Peleg Brown*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	James B. Luckie*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1868	Peleg Brown*	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1869	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1870	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1871	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1872	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1873	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1874	Myles J. Greene*	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1875	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	James Kent*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1876	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1877	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1878	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1879	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1880	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1881	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	John R. Goldthwaite*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1882	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William W. McCollum	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*
1883	William S. Foster*	William S. Foster*	William W. McCollum	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley	Daniel Sayre.*

1884	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws	William W. McCollum	William G. Harris*	John G. Harris*	John G. Harris*	William H.	Dingley	Daniel Sayre*
1885	William W. Screws	William W. McCollum	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	James T. Beck*	James T. Beck*	William H.	Dingley	Daniel Sayre*
1886	William W. Screws	William W. McCollum	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	James T. Beck*	James T. Beck*	William H.	Dingley	Daniel Sayre*
1887	Joseph H. Johnson*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	William H.	Dingley	Daniel Sayre*
1888	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	William H.	Dingley	Myles J. Greene*
1889	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	William H.	Dingley	Myles J. Greene*
1890	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	Henry C. Wiley*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H.	Dingley	Myles J. Greene*
1891	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	Henry C. Wiley*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H.	Dingley	Myles J. Greene*
1892	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	Henry C. Wiley*	Andrew J. Nunnally	Josiah Jernigan*	Josiah Jernigan*	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1893	John A. McKinnon*	John G. Smith	Andrew J. Nunnally	Andrew J. Nunnally	William J. Rhodes*	William J. Rhodes*	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1894	John G. Smith	Andrew J. Nunnally	Josiah Jernigan*	Josiah Jernigan*	Edward S. Gatchell*	Edward S. Gatchell*	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1895	John G. Smith	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore	George F. Moore	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1896	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore	George F. Moore	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1897	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore	George F. Moore	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1898	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore	Charles R. Bricken	Charles R. Bricken	George A. Beauchamp	George A. Beauchamp	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1899	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore	Charles R. Bricken	Charles R. Bricken	George A. Beauchamp	George A. Beauchamp	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1900	George F. Moore	Charles R. Bricken	Charles R. Bricken	George A. Beauchamp	Basil M. Hill	Basil M. Hill	William H.	Dingley	H. Clay Armstrong*
1901	George F. Moore	Charles R. Bricken	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill	Joseph P. McQueen*	Joseph P. McQueen*	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp
1902	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill	Basil M. Hill	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates	Francis H. Bates	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp
1903	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill	Basil M. Hill	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates	Francis H. Bates	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp
1904	Basil M. Hill	Francis H. Bates	Francis H. Bates	Robert S. Teague	Lew Lazarus	Lew Lazarus	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp
1905	Francis H. Bates	Robert S. Teague	Robert S. Teague	Robert S. Teague	Robert W. Southerland	Robert W. Southerland	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp
1906	Robert S. Teague	Lew Lazarus	Lew Lazarus	Robert W. Southerland	John B. Christian	John B. Christian	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp
1907	Lew Lazarus	Robert W. Southerland	Robert W. Southerland	John B. Christian	William E. Bingham	William E. Bingham	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp
1908	Robert W. Southerland	John B. Christian	John B. Christian	William E. Bingham	Lawrence H. Lee	Lawrence H. Lee	William H.	Dingley	George A. Beauchamp

a. *May*, 1823.

b January, 1824. Regular annual convocation, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

c June; there being no convocation in January, the Grand Chapter being declared irregular by the General Grand Chapter, it was therefore re-organized in June, 1827, and a new constitution adopted.

d December. At this time annual convocations were changed to July.

e July; in accordance with previous order, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

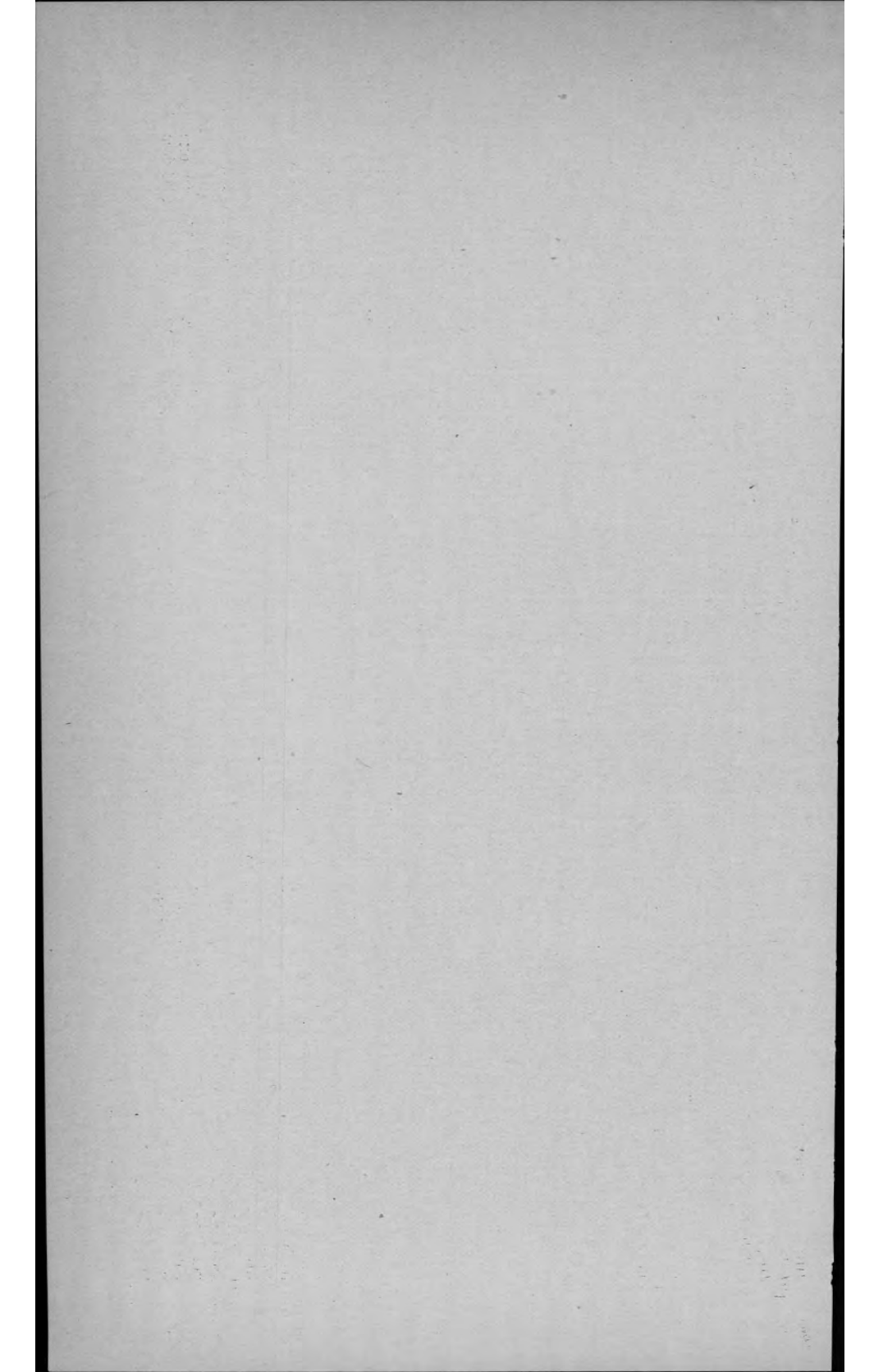
f No election, the Grand Chapter having "adjourned" on the evening of July 14th, until the next evening; but it did not convene again, the members having dispersed.

g There had been no convocation of the Grand Chapter for upwards of seven years, in consequence, perhaps, of the Morgan excitement. In December, 1837, a few companions assembled in Tuscaloosa and reorganized by the adoption of a constitution, and the election of Grand Officers. The constitution of 1827 was adopted, and the annual convocations fixed for December.

* Those marked thus (*) are dead.

† Removed.

‡ Expelled by Mobile Chapter No. 21.



REGISTER OF CHAPTERS.

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

Number.	Name.	Location.	Comty.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Sec'y's Address.	Convocation.
1	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Walter Smith	Andrew F. Prince	Tuscaloosa	2 Friday.
5	Eucumonia	Huntsville	Madison	A. M. P. Dunn	Leo, J. Marsbuetz	Huntsville	4th Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	James E. Keenan	Charles H. King	Shelfield	1st Mon. after 2nd Sat.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Henry L. Brannon	William H. May	Marion	1st Tuesday.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	J. H. McCormick	Charles S. Shawhan	Mobile	2nd Friday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Guy T. Smith	David W. Grosland	Montgomery	2 and 4 Wednesday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	J. Frank Hanks	Robt. P. Henderson	Talladega	2nd Tuesday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Julius J. Paulint	Jas. P. Hill	Eufaula	2nd Friday.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	James M. Houston	Wm. H. Smith	Town Creek	1st and 3rd Thursday.
25	Courtland	Town Creek	Lawrence	John S. Kennedy	Junie Harwood	Uniontown	3rd Tuesday.
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	C. E. Keathley	Walter H. Trimby	Selma	1st Tuesday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	James B. Hunter	R. J. Lawrence	Union Springs	4th Monday.
34	Hernon	Union Springs	Bullock	F. T. Saywell	B. L. Compton	New Decatur	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
38	Decatur	New Decatur	Morgan	James C. Beuson	S. D. Bloch	Camden	4th Tuesday.
40	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	G. J. Hubbard	Charles A. Simpson	Troy	3rd Wednesday.
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	R. T. Ward	Wm. C. Roock	Dadeville	2 and 4 Friday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Wm. J. Roberts	Wm. R. Roberts	Dadeville	4th Thursday.
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	J. L. McConaughy	C. L. Meroney	Collinsville	1st Friday.
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	Wm. L. Johnson	Edgar J. Tucker	Montevallo	1st Tuesday.
79	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	John B. Lyons	J. I. Lee	Opelika	1st Tuesday.
81	Myles J. Greene.	Opelika	Lee	Jacob Bley	Henry B. Myers	Demopolis	1st and 3rd Monday.
86	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	H. L. Ison	E. M. McClendon	Gadsden	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
88	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	Basil M. Hill	John T. Ivey	Springville	Sat. before 3rd Sunday.
99	Ben Bricken	Springville	St. Clair	Chas. R. Bricken	E. W. Hill	Luverne	4th Tuesday.
100	Roanoke	Luverne	Crenshaw	B. F. Weathers	Chas. J. Geohagan	Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.
101	Mineral City	Roanoke	Randolph	J. D. Matlock		Birmingham	2nd and 4th Thursday.

104	Sylacauga	Talladega	S. P. McDonald	A. J. Kent	Sylacauga	W b 1 & Th b 3 Sa.
105	Anniston	Calhoun	H. G. Earnest	V. L. Powell	Anniston	2 and 4 Fridays.
107	Ft. Payne	DeKalb	John L. White	N. J. Callan	Ft. Payne	2nd Friday.
108	Pratt City	Jefferson	Thos. J. Page	C. D. Comstock	Birmingham	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
109	Blocton	Bibb	George Archer	David M. Lewis	Blocton	2nd and 4th Monday.
110	Bessemer	Jefferson	A. C. Mitchell	E. L. Mitchell	Bessemer	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
111	Piedmont	Calhoun	Sam'l D. Savage	Thomas A. Howell	Piedmont	Thurs. bf 2nd Sunday.
112	Brewton	Escambia	P. H. M. Tippin	E. A. Smith	Brewton	3rd Tuesday.
113	Dothan	Houston	Pitt M. Carlisle	John B. Saxon	Dothan	2nd and 4th Friday.
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Robert F. Peters	J. Newton Collins	Fayette	1st Monday.
115	Thomasville	Clarke	E. A. Rentz	Jesse J. Bozeman	Thomasville	Fri. bf. 1st Sat.
116	Clanton	Chilton	E. A. Matthews	John W. Stanfield	Clanton	3rd Saturday.
117	Beauchamp	Escambia	Jesse E. McCoy	Perry A. Johns	Atmore	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
118	Jasper	Walker	Thos. L. Sowell	T. B. Hazelton	Jasper	1st and 3rd Thurs.
119	Jackson	Clarke	O. R. Moore	Coleman B. McLeod	Jackson	2nd Thursday.
120	Cunningham	Jefferson	W. M. Elliott	F. E. Butcher	Ensley	2nd and 4th Monday.
122	Monroe	Monroe	James M. Head	Richard H. Jones	Andalusia	Tues. bef. 2nd Sun.
123	Covington	Covington	T. R. Lenoir	M. L. Smith	Anniston	1st and 3rd Wed.
124	Bladon Springs	Choctaw	J. P. Melvin	B. M. Thompson	Piper	Fri. before 3rd Sun.
125	Coleman	Bibb	A. W. Herren	J. F. Jarman	East Tallassee	2nd Saturday.
126	Tallassee	Elmore	W. F. Betts	F. J. Dean	Evergreen	1st and 3rd Saturday.
127	Evergreen	Concuh	Walter B. Merrill	Albert L. Black	Heflin	4th Friday.
128	Heflin	Cleburne	L. C. Lewis	H. P. Merritt	Healin	Thurs. before 2nd Sun.
129	James E. Cobb	Macon	Oliver D. Street	S. H. Tyler	Tuskegee	2nd Monday.
130	Palmyra	Marshall	J. M. Miller	A. D. Thorne	Guntersville	F b fl moon, ea 2 wks af
131	Cordova	Walker	R. M. Williams	C. P. Gantt	Cordova	2nd and 4th Monday.
132	Langdale	Chambers	W. H. Edwards	C. S. Livingston	Langdale	3rd Saturday.
133	Enterprise	Coffee	Jno. B. Simmons	B. F. Conner	Enterprise	2 Friday.
134	Elba	Coffee	Jas. R. Shepherd	J. C. Howell, Jr.	Elba	4 Friday.
135	Floral	Covington	E. Mead Wilcox	M. P. Edwards	Floral	2 Friday.
136	Auburn	Lee	I. L. Johnston	James W. Brooks	Auburn	3 Monday.
137	Samson	Geneva	William L. Lee		Samson	2 and 4 Wednesday.
138	Columbia	Houston			Columbia	

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THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

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Canada	Lew Lazarus	Birmingham.
Colorado	John B. Christian	Uniontown.
Connecticut	William Y. Titcomb	Anniston.
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Georgia	Robert S. Teague	Montgomery.
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Indian Ter.		
Iowa	Stewart McQueen	Montgomery.
Kansas		
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Louisiana	Robert L. Douglass	Mobile.
Maine	William H. Dingley	Montgomery.
Maryland	Hezeriah G. Earnest	Anniston.
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Minnesota	Walter Smith	Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi	Wellborn J. Renfroe	Dothan.
Missouri	William E. Bingham	Tuscaloosa.
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Nevada	Charles R. Bricken	Luverne.
New Brunswick	John M. Miller	Cordova.
New Hampshire	Joseph P. Van Derveer	Clanton.
New Jersey	John R. Barr	Eufaula.
New S. Wales	Q. Salter	Monroeville.
New York	Lawrence H. Lee	Montgomery.
New Zealand	John M. P. Otts, Jr.	Birmingham.
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South Dakota-----	Jacob Bley-----	Demopolis.
Tennessee-----	William W. Screws-----	Montgomery.
Texas-----	John B. Lyons-----	Opelika.
Vermont-----	Leonard Cornish-----	Demopolis.
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Connecticut-----	Eugene A. Hall-----	Meriden.
Delaware-----	J. Harmer Rile-----	Wilmington.
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Florida-----	George H. White-----	Jacksonville.
Georgia-----	Thos. H. Jeffries-----	Atlanta.
Illinois-----	Samuel J. Lefevre-----	Gibson City.
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Kansas-----	William L. Maxwell-----	Paola.
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Massachusetts-----	William P. Lawrence-----	Medford.
Minnesota-----	James Kelley-----	Duluth.
Mississippi-----	Nolan Stewart-----	Jackson.
Missouri-----	David M. Wilson-----	Milan.
Nebraska-----	Fred'k J. Shaufelberger-----	Hastings.
Nevada-----	William McMillan-----	Reno.
New Brunswick-----	Allison B. Connell-----	Woodstock.
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New Zealand-----	James McGregor-----	Invercargill.
North Carolina-----	W. B. McKoy-----	Wilmington.
North Dakota-----	Halley V. Hicks-----	Oakes.

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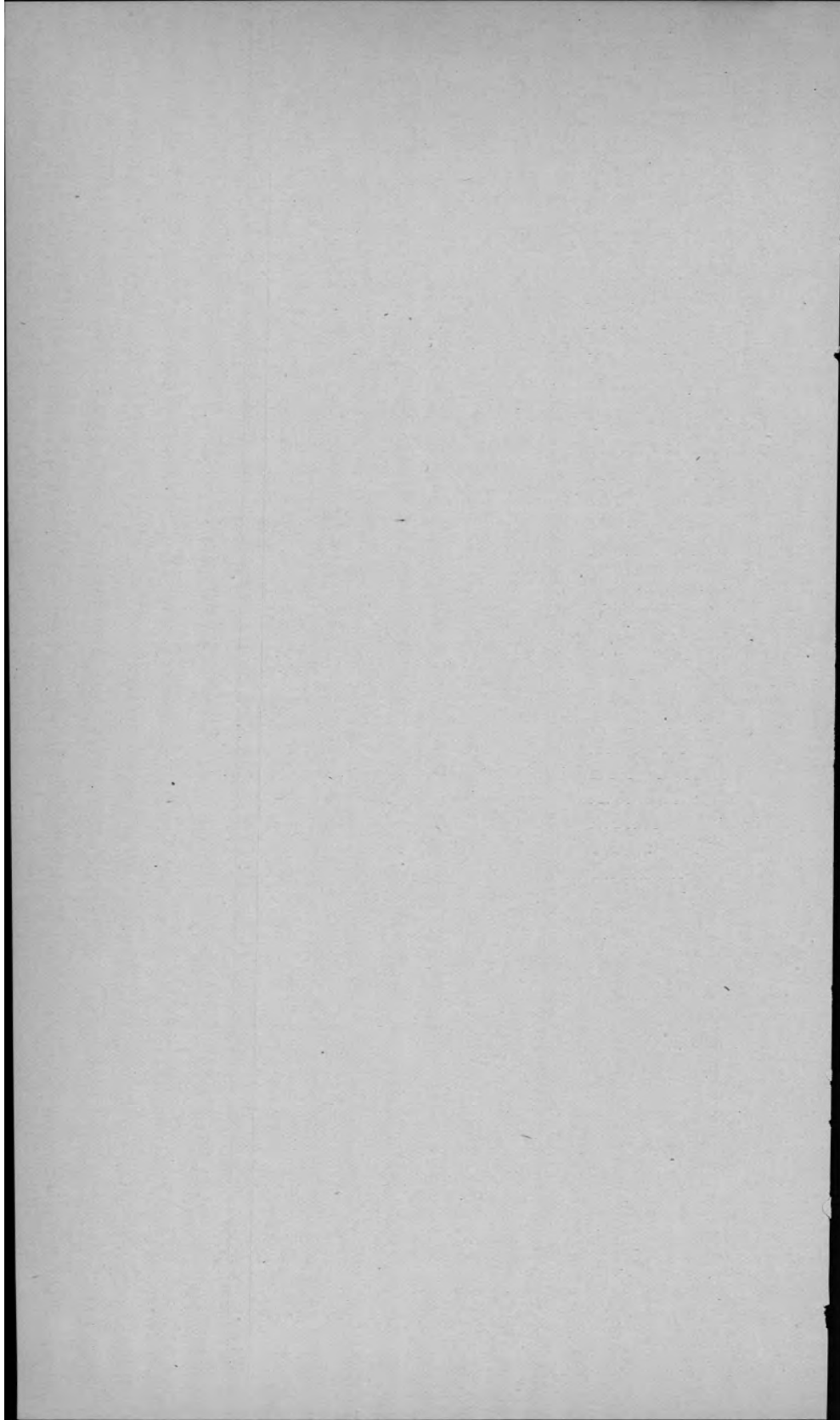
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Quebec-----	Charles P. O'Connor-----	Montreal.
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South Carolina-----	Thomas R. Riley-----	Greenwood.
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Tennessee-----	John W. Bailey-----	Memphis.
Texas-----	T. L. Stanfield-----	Terrell.
Vermont-----	Carroll W. Black-----	Bellows Falls.
Victoria-----	Henry I. Scott-----	-----
Virginia-----	Alfred S. Lee-----	Richmond.
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Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
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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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South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	William A. Clendening	Nashville.
Texas	John A. Bryan	Cleburne.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
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Virginia	James B. Blanks	Petersburg.
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West Virginia	David K. Reed	Clarksburg.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Gen. Gr. Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.



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