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of the
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of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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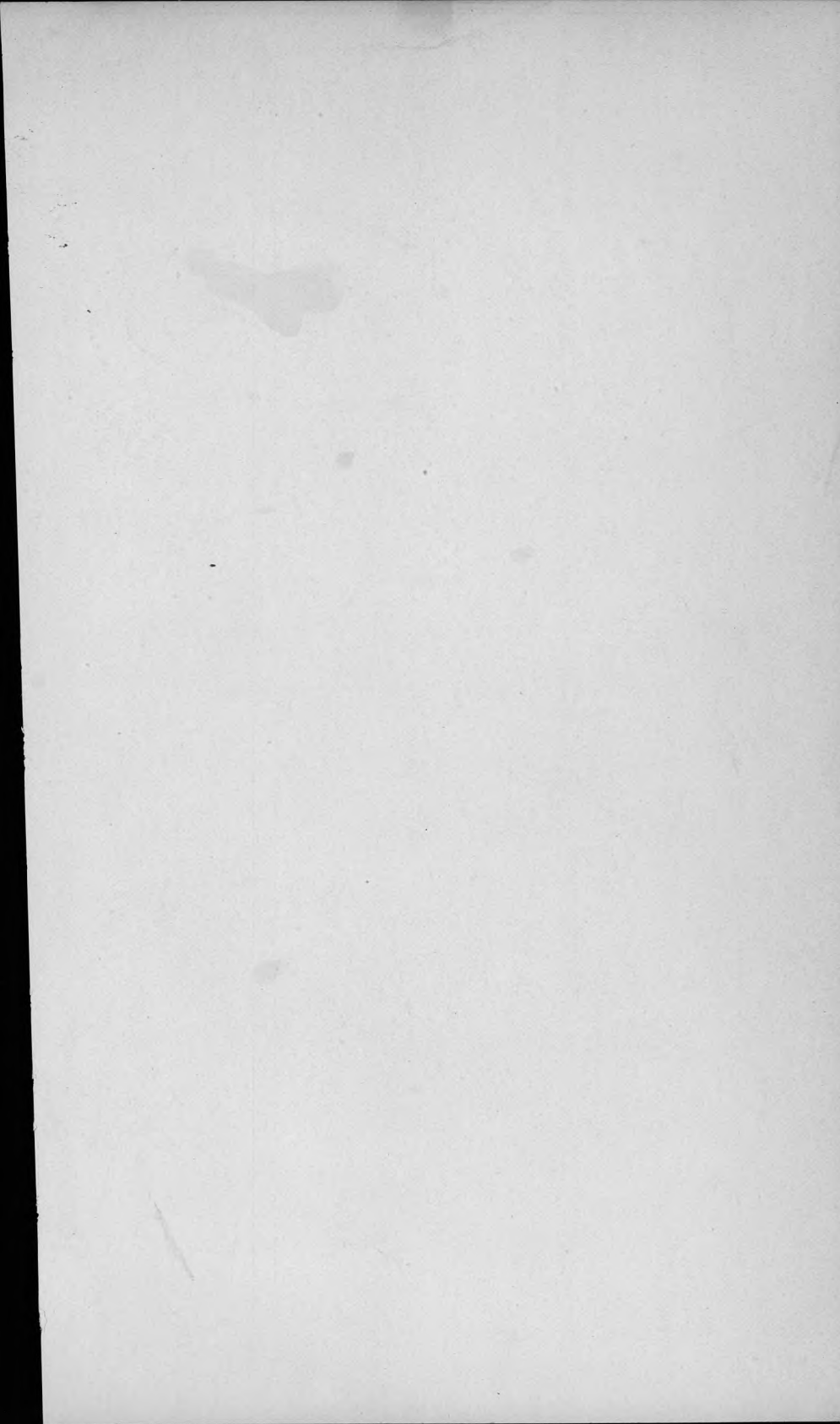
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GRAND HIGH PRIEST



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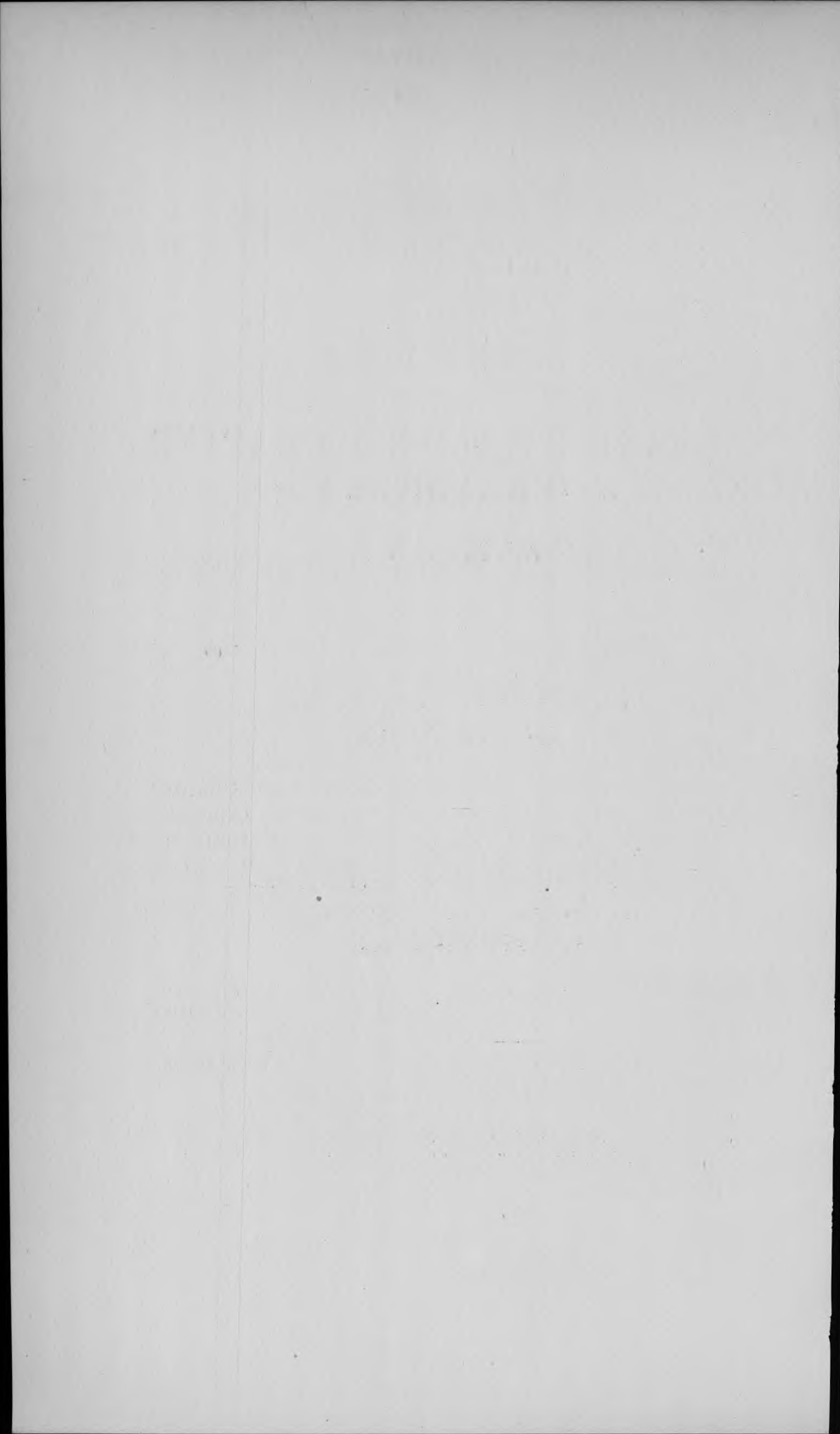
OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
of ALABAMA

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL
CONVOCATION

HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY
BEGINNING ON MONDAY
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MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER 6th AND 7th, 1909
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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, December 6, 1909, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN	Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest <i>as</i> Grand High Priest
FRANCIS H. BATES	<i>as</i> Deputy Grand High Priest
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM	Grand King
LEW LAZARUS	<i>as</i> Grand Scribe
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY	Grand Treasurer
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	Grand Secretary
STEWART MCQUEEN	Grand Chaplain

JOHN B. LYONS	Grand Captain of the Host
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
ROBERT T. WARD.....	<i>as</i> Grand Master of the 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
LEW LAZARUS	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	Hezeriah G. Earnest.
Massachusetts	George A. Joiner.
Minnesota	Walter Smith.

Mississippi -----	Wellborn J. Renfro.
Missouri -----	William E. Bingham.
Nevada -----	Charles R. Bricken.
New Brunswick -----	John M. Miller.
New Hampshire -----	Joseph P. Van Derveer.
New South Wales -----	Q. Salter.
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 ----- K. Woolsey Finnell* ----- S.
5	Eunomia -----	{ A. M. P. Dunn ----- H. P. Leroy C. Sugg ----- K. Augustus F. Evans ----- S.
10	Tuscumbia -----	J. E. Keenan ----- H. P.
12	Marion -----	F. H. Bates* ----- H. P.
19	Moriah -----	E. W. Gosa ----- S.
21	Mobile -----	{ M. T. Sprague ----- H. P. E. B. Wheyland ----- K. Percy B. Dixon* ----- S.
22	Montgomery -----	{ Glenn C. Liby ----- H. P. Frank McPherson ----- K. F. G. Salter ----- S.
23	Talladega -----	{ M. H. Sims* ----- H. P. L. J. Wright* ----- K. G. A. Joiner* ----- S.
24	Eufaula -----	Julius J. Paulint ----- H. P.
25	Courtland -----	G. F. Craig* ----- H. P.

26	Union	{ Siddons Stollenwerk	H. P.
		{ S. T. Townsend	K.
		{ John S. Kennedy*	S.
28	St. John's	{ Henry F. Reese	H. P.
		{ W. H. Trimby*	S.
34	Hermon	{ F. P. Cade*	H. P.
		{ W. G. Walker*	K.
38	Decatur	J. L. Gunter	H. P.
40	Camden	{ J. C. Benson	H. P.
		{ L. W. Hardy*	K.
54	Tyrian	C. A. Simpson*	H. P.
56	Dadeville	{ R. T. Ward	H. P.
		{ William C. Roock*	K.
		{ Joe McClendon*	S.
57	Collinsville	Thomas Bradford*	H. P.
79	Hillabee	{ William L. Johnson	H. P.
		{ L. B. Coley*	K.
		{ J. M. Pearson*	S.
80	Myles J. Greene	J. B. Lyons	H. P.
81	Jefferson	{ Jacob Bley	H. P.
		{ W. C. Harrison, Jr.*	K.
		{ B. F. Gregory*	S.
86	Coosa	H. B. Myers*	H. P.
88	Springville	{ Basil M. Hill	H. P.
		{ William T. Smith	K.
99	Ben Bricken	Charles R. Bricken	H. P.
100	Roanoke	{ G. M. Saliba	H. P.
		{ B. F. Weathers*	K.
		{ R. T. West	S.
101	Mineral City	{ J. D. Mattock*	H. P.
		{ G. J. Hunt	K.
		{ John B. Bethea	S.
104	Sylacauga	W. A. Smith*	H. P.
105	Anniston	{ J. F. Spearman	H. P.
		{ J. N. Shelnut* [*]	K.
		{ M. H. Rudisill	S.
108	Pratt City	{ T. S. Page	H. P.
		{ R. F. Lovelady*	K.
		{ J. T. Massengale	S.
109	Blocton	{ W. W. Perry	K.
		{ J. U. Ray*	S.
110	Bessemer	Samuel Stein*	H. P.
111	Piedmont	{ S. D. Savage	H. P.
		{ O. L. Stewart	K.

112	Brewton	John B. O'Bannon*	H. P.
113	Dothan	W. J. Renfroe	H. P.
		C. W. Hilliard	K.
		E. R. Malone	S.
114	H. C. Armstrong	E. P. Goodwin*	H. P.
		George W. Coggin*	K.
115	Thomasville	E. A. Rentz	H. P.
		W. R. K. Mayton	K.
		H. L. Griffin*	S.
116	Clanton	Joseph P. VanDerveer*	K.
		J. Watts Moore	S.
117	Beauchamp	J. E. McCoy	H. P.
118	Jasper	Norman Gunn	H. P.
119	Jackson	C. P. Loran	K.
120	Cunningham	William Elliott	H. P.
		George Porteous	K.
		Joseph M. Lower	S.
122	Monroe	S. H. Dailey	H. P.
		Q. Salter*	K.
123	Covington	W. C. Randolph	H. P.
		J. M. Head*	K.
		Richard H. Jones*	S.
124	Bladon Springs	Ben M. Locke*	H. P.
		R. C. Long*	S.
125	Coleman	J. P. Melvin	H. P.
		J. F. Jenkins*	K.
126	Tallassee	A. W. Herren	H. P.
127	Evergreen	W. F. Betts	H. P.
		W. B. Ivey*	K.
128	Heflin	W. B. Merrill*	H. P.
129	James E. Cobb	William P. Cobb	H. P.
131	Cordova	J. M. Miller	H. P.
		J. M. Shaver*	K.
		F. M. Sides*	S.
132	Langdale	W. D. Vinson*	H. P.
		W. L. Waller	K.
		W. A. J. Bailey*	S.
134	Elba	C. S. Allred*	H. P.
		T. J. Plant	S.
135	Floral	J. R. Shepherd	H. P.
		D. C. Allen*	S.
136	Auburn	M. E. Bethea	H. P.
		J. T. Anderson	K.
		W. V. Jones*	S.

137	Samson	-----	G. D. King	-----	H. P.
			B. R. Messer	-----	K.
			O. M. Hargette*	-----	S.
138	Columbia	-----	H. A. Ethridge*	-----	H. P.
			G. W. Smith*	-----	K.
			C. L. C. Atkeson	-----	S.
139	Oakman	-----	J. N. Odom	-----	H. P.
			M. T. Hutto*	-----	K.
			M. O. Travis*	-----	S.
140	Hartselle	-----	R. L. Penn	-----	H. P.

* Proxy.

(Number of Chapters represented, 58.)

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 Right Excellent Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

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

Companions: Under the blessings of the Almighty Father we assemble in our 83rd Grand Annual Convocation. By the dispensation of the same Almighty Father I have been called to assume the gavel at this Grand Annual Convocation by reason of the death of our lamented Grand High Priest, Robert W. Southerland, who died at his home in the City of Mobile, on the 11th day of October, 1909. Immediately upon receipt of the information of his death I assumed the duties of the office and as soon as practicable thereafter in memory of our well beloved and lamented Companion, I issued the following memorial address:

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA.

Office of
Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest

Uniontown, Alabama, November 8th, 1909.

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

Companions: It is with profound sorrow that I communicate to you the sad intelligence of the death of our dearly beloved Companion,

MOST EXCELLENT ROBERT WILLIAM SOUTHERLAND
GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER

Who died at his home in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on Monday, October 11th, 1909, at 11:45 P. M.; the designs upon his Trestle Board having been wrought out and his work having passed the Overseer's Square, our beloved Companion answered the summons and we doubt not was admitted within the Veils.

He was the son of Robert William and Martha Southerland, and was born at Mount Olive, Duplin County, North Carolina, May 20th, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and at the age of 19 years entered the firm of McMillan Brothers, Manufacturers of Copper Turpentine Stills, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, and remained with them the balance of his life, becoming a member of the firm in 1896 and Manager of the Mobile, Alabama, branch. He invented a number of improvements to turpentine stills and was well known to naval factors and producers. He was married January 16th, 1900, to Miss Margaret D. Cordes, who, with two children, a son and daughter, survive him. Our beloved Companion in early life made a profession of religion and was a true and consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

His Masonic record is as follows:

He was initiated June 8th, 1891, passed June 16, 1891, and raised June 24, 1891, in Phoenix Lodge No. 8, Fayetteville, North Carolina. He dimitted from said Lodge and affiliated with Zerubbabel Lodge No. 15, Savannah, Georgia, November 23rd, 1893. He dimitted from last named Lodge and affiliated with Athelstan Lodge No. 369, Mobile, Alabama, March 7th, 1895, of which Lodge he was a member at the time of his death and served as Worshipful Master thereof from June, 1897, to June, 1899.

He was exalted June 25th, 1894, in Mobile Chapter No. 21 of Mobile, Alabama, and was elected High Priest thereof in 1902 and again in 1903.

He was anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood December 1, 1902.

He was received and greeted in Mobile Council No. 12, Mobile, Alabama, May 7, 1895.

He was Knighted April 1, 1895, in Mobile Commandery No. 2, Mobile, Alabama, and was elected Eminent Commander of said Commandery in 1902.

He was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, December 6, 1898, and was successively advanced and was elected Grand High Priest in December, 1908.

He received the grades of the A. A. S. R. to the 32nd in Mobile in 1899 and in October, 1905, received the 33d degree, Honorary.

He was also a member of Abba Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Mobile, Alabama.

He was a true man in all the relations of life. To his bereaved family and friends our heartfelt sympathies are extended. Of our dear Companion it may truly be said:

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, this was a man."

As a tribute to the memory of our lamented Companion it is ordered that this memorial be read in open Chapter at the first stated Convocation after its receipt, 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 this the 8th day of November, A. D. 1909, A. I. 24439.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

(Seal.)

Grand Secretary.

As a further token of our esteem and love for our beloved Companion I recommend that this Grand Chapter appoint a special Committee to report suitable resolutions on the great loss that we have sustained.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Since the last meeting of this Grand Chapter our sister Grand Chapters have also been called on to mourn the death of some of their greatest and best loved Companions and we mourn with them in the loss by death of the following Companions who had been honored by their respective Grand Chapters.

M. . E. . Companion Francis Marion Zuck, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arizona. Died June 16, 1909.

E. . Companion, James W. Null, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died August 3, 1909.

M. . E. . Companion Reese Bowen Hogins, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died March 2, 1909.

M. . E. . Companion Jacob Hart Neff, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died March 26, 1909.

M. . E. . Companion James L. Gould, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died January 26, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion William E. Anderson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Died November 12, 1908.

M.'. E.'. Companion Alexandrian Morrill Lambdin, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. Died July 6, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion John O'Neill, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died September 25, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion Loyal Levi Munn, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died November 23, 1908.

M.'. E.'. Companion Philemon H. Clugston, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. Died January 28, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion Rees J. Chesnutwood, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. Died March 15, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion Simeon Stevens Johnson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. Died January 19, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion William Nash Young, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died May 2, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion Baalis Sanford, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Died November 16, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion Samuel C. Randall, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died March 5, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion John P. Fiske, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died February 17, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion James H. Cummins, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died October 29, 1908.

M.'. E.'. Companion Rufus Easton Anderson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. Died July 27, 1909.

M.'. E.'. Companion Charles A. Holmes, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died December 13, 1908.

M. V. E. V. Companion James Dempster, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. Died May 8 1909.

M. V. E. V. Companion William Moore Cunningham, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died August 16, 1909.

M. V. E. V. Companion John Harrison Francis Irvine, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Died September 22, 1908.

M. V. E. V. Companion Alexander H. Morgan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Died October 24, 1909.

E. V. Companion John Henry Babcock, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Died October 26, 1908.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The 34th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America was held at the City of Savannah, Georgia, commencing on November 10th, A. I. 2439. Our lamented Grand High Priest, I am informed, had made all arrangements to attend this Convocation. This Grand Chapter was represented at that meeting by Excellent Companion Walter Smith as proxy for our Right Excellent Grand King William E. Bingham. I recommend that his expenses in attending the same be paid by the Grand Chapter. I also recommend that at the future Convocations of the General Grand Chapter the expenses of such Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter as are entitled by virtue of their offices to attend the same be paid by the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

I find the official acts of our lamented Grand High Priest during the year to have been as follows:

NEW CHAPTERS.

On May 26, 1909, he issued a dispensation to Companions Jeremiah Newton Odom, Sidney Ham Moore, William Moody Cunningham, James Andrew Huggins, Joseph Fletcher Swindle, John Adams, David Houston Chilton, Murray Cannon, John Landon Woodson, Mack Olin Travis, Marion Wilson Self, John Thomas Rose, James Ivan Odom, M. L. Jones, John Kelly and Richard A. Cain to form and organize a Chapter at Oakman, Walker County, to be known as Oakman Chapter No. 139. He appointed Jeremiah Newton Odom to be the High Priest, Sidney Ham Moore to be the King, and William Moody Cunningham to be the Scribe of said Chapter.

On September 15, 1909, he issued dispensation to Companions Richard L. Penn, James L. Draper, Walter B. Isley, Simeon E. Stewart, Andrew A. Oden, Aristes E. Jackson, Eugene Sample, Benjamin F. Heflin, A. Percy Howell and Charles J. Walker to form and organize a Chapter at Hartselle, Morgan County to be known as Hartselle Chapter No. 140. He appointed Richard L. Penn to be the High Priest of said Chapter, James L. Draper to be the King, and Walter B. Isley to be the Scribe.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

On May 28, 1909, he granted a dispensation to Sts. John Chapter No. 28 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On May 31, 1909, he granted dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On June 18, 1909, he granted a dispensation to Jackson Chapter No. 119 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

On July 14, 1909, he 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 14, 1909, he granted a dispensation to Mobile Chapter No. 21 to elect and install a High Priest and Scribe on account of the High Priest and Scribe elected declining to serve.

On August 31, 1909, he granted a dispensation to Palmyra Chapter No. 130 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the Constitutional time.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF STATUTORY TIME.

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

Hillabee Chapter No. 79. January 26, 1909.

Hillabee Chapter No. 79. February 25, 1909.

Columbia Chapter No. 138. March 2, 1909.

Hillabee Chapter No. 79. April 7, 1909.

James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129. April 8, 1909.

Talladega Chapter No. 23. April 8, 1909.

Floral Chapter No. 135. April 10, 1909.

Dadeville Chapter No. 56. April 24, 1909.

Decatur Chapter No. 38. May 7, 1909.

Mineral City Chapter No. 101. May 29, 1909.

Mineral City Chapter No. 101. June 26, 1909.

Union Chapter No. 26. July 6, 1909.

Floral Chapter No. 135. August 2, 1909.

Eufaula Chapter No. 24. September 7, 1909.

Camden Chapter No. 40. September 8, 1909.

(I also issued dispensation to Eufaula Chapter No. 24 November 1, 1909, to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the statutory time.)

ROANOKE CHAPTER NO. 100.

The Charter of Rock Mills Chapter No. 100 having been ordered restored to said Chapter without charge and the name changed to Roanoke Chapter No. 100, and the old Charter having been lost, he caused a new Charter to be issued to said Chapter, without charge.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Our late M. V. E., Companion Robert W. Southerland had prepared the following recommendations:

"Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus, in his annual address last year, recommended that the proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its organization to the year 1860, inclusive, be reprinted, but the pamphlets being more voluminous than was first supposed, the appropriation was insufficient to carry it beyond the year 1852. I now recommend that this reprint be continued from 1853 to 1865 inclusive, and that a sufficient sum be appropriated to cover cost of printing same. Some of the pamphlets for the years named are very rare, especially those issued during the civil war.

I recommend further that one copy of said reprint be sent to each Chapter in 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."

DECISIONS.

Since our last Grand Convocation the following Decisions have been rendered:

1. Question—"Can a Master Mason, who has lost one of his feet at the ankle, but who wears a cork foot, receive the Chapter degrees?"

Answer—Edict No. 14 of the Grand Chapter reads as follows: "It is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally, to all the requirements of all the degrees."

Held therefore that he cannot.

2. Question—"Our Chapter has an applicant who has been elected to receive the degrees, but who has failed to present himself, although notified several times to appear. How long is an election to receive the Chapter degrees valid?"

Answer—Our law is silent in cases of this kind but would recommend that you communicate with the applicant and ascertain whether or not he desires to receive the degrees in the Chapter, and if he does not wish to receive the degrees, would advise that you return the applicant his fee and close the matter in that way."

Believing that our laws should prescribe some time after the election of a candidate in which he should be required to present himself to the Chapter for the degrees, I therefore recommend that unless a candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees presents himself within six months after he has been notified by the Secretary of the Chapter of such election, that such election shall be declared null and void and the fee returned to such applicant by the Chapter.

MASONIC HOME.

The following circular was issued to the several Chapters in this Jurisdiction and we are happy to state that the responses have been very gratifying.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

Office of Grand High Priest. Mobile, Alabama, May 1st, 1909.

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

Companions: The interest manifested among Masons throughout the state in the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home is commensurate with the nobility and importance of the undertaking. There is now some where near \$37,000 in hand for the commencement of this work. It is desired to raise \$50,000 before beginning the actual building of this home.

Capitular Masonry should not be behind in promoting this most excellent enterprise, and it is hoped that each Chapter

will make as large a contribution to this fund as its ability will permit.

It is therefore, earnestly recommended to you to do your best in this direction.

Let each Chapter do something.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT W. SOUTHERLAND,

Grand High Priest.

Attest;

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

Make all remittances to Ben M. Jacobs, Chairman Masonic Home Committee, Birmingham, Alabama.

CONCLUSION.

And now excellent Companions, I congratulate you on the harmony that prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. I congratulate you on the net gain of more than two hundred members since our last annual Convocation. I congratulate you that our membership which in 1900 numbered only 856 has since that date and within the last decade quadrupled. I feel certain that this remarkable increase in membership is largely due to the efficient, painstaking and loving services of our well beloved Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Companion George A. Beauchamp. I congratulate you that the panic which for so long has hung as a pall over our beloved state, has now been dissipated and rolled away and that peace, prosperity, and plenty has again been bestowed by our Heavenly Father on all the people of our beloved Alabama and Excellent Companions may our earnest prayer be that we should ever show ourselves both in our life and conduct worthy of these great blessings of our Heavenly Father.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of R.'. E.'. Companion John B. Lyons, the address of the R.'. E.'. Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest was referred to a Committee composed of three Past Grand High Priests as follows: William Wallace Screws, Basil M. Hill and Lew Lazarus.

On motion of M.'. E.'. Companion William Wallace Screws, that part of the address of the Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest referring to the death of our late Grand High Priest M.'. E.'. Companion Robert W. Southerland was referred to a special Committee of three, to be appointed later; the decisions of our late Grand High Priest were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and his recommendation to continue the reprint of our early proceedings was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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' SREPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,

In Account with the

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

1908.

DR.

Dec. 1. To balance ----- \$ 3,719 59

1909.

Sept. 30. Received from Grand Sec'y 500 00

Nov. 31. Received from Grand Sec'y 2,236 01 \$ 6,455 60

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By Grand Secretary Contingent Fund.	\$	600	95	
Grand Secretary, Charters	-----	40	00	
Grand Secretary, Salary	-----	900	00	
Grand Treasurer	-----	100	00	
Committee on Correspondence	----	100	00	
Grand Sentinel, Self \$21.00, Porter \$4.00	-----	25	00	
Binding and Purchasing Proceed's		43	60	
Book Cases	-----	23	50	
Grand Chaplain, Salary	-----	25	00	
Testimonial to P. G. H. P. Lew Lazarus	-----	25	00	
Reprint of Proceedings from 1827 to 1852	-----	570	00	
Donation to Masonic W. & O. Home Fund	-----	500	00	
Grand Chaplain, Past Services	----	100	00	
Committee on Jurisprudence	----	25	00	
Chapter Manual—				
Engraving Cuts	-----	\$23	00	
Brown Printing Co.	-----	448	50	471 50
Cipher Rituals—				
Waldo Printing Co.	-----	189	00	
Dispatch Printing Co.	-----	190	00	
Expenses on Rituals	----	17	25	396 25
				3,945 80
Balance	-----			2,509 80
December 6, 1909.				\$ 6,455 60

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, 1909:

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1909.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report.....\$ 2,203 75
(For detailed statement see Appendix.)

CERTIFICATES.

Certificates have been issued to the following former members of defunct Chapters since last report:

1909.

Jan. 3.	James A. Bilbro.....	Tuskegee	No. 43	\$1.50
	7. W. W. Lee.....	Phoenix	No. 121	*
April 7.	E. P. McCollum.....	Phoenix	No. 121	1.50
July 6.	Angus J. McEachern.....	Graham	No. 106	1.50
Aug. 18.	John D. Thomas (as P. M.)	Carrollton	No. 84	*

\$4.50

* No charge.

CONTINGENT FUND.

1909.

Nov. 15. Amount not used.....\$ 2 51

RITUALS.

1909.

Nov. 15. New Rituals sold to date.....\$ 55 00

CHAPTER MANUALS.

1909.

Nov. 15.	Chapter Manuals sold to date-----	\$	242 25
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DISPENSATIONS.

1908.

Nov. 23.	To reorganize Hillabee Chapter No. 79---	\$	48 00
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1909.

May 26.	To organize Oakman Chapter No. 139---		90 00
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Sept. 15.	To organize Hartselle Chapter No. 140---		90 00
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\$228 00

RECAPITULATION.

1909.

Nov. 15.	Dues collected since last rep't.	\$	2,203 75
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Nov. 15.	Certific's issued since last re't		4 50
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Nov. 15.	Contingent Fund not used---		2 51
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Nov. 15.	New Rituals sold to date----		55 00
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Nov. 15.	Chapter Manuals sold to date		242 25
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Nov. 15.	Dispensations issued since last report -----		228 00	\$	2,736 01
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1909.

Sept. 30.	Paid Grand Treasurer-----	\$	500 00
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Nov. 15.	Paid Grand Treasurer-----		2,236 01	\$	2,736 01
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I beg further to report that in accordance with the order of the Grand Chapter I have reprinted its proceedings from its organization to the year 1852 inclusive, not being able to carry the reprint to the year 1860 as ordered on account of the insufficiency of the appropriation.

One copy of this reprint was sent to each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, one copy to each Grand Officer and each Past Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter; one copy to each Grand Chapter with whom we are in fraternal correspondence and one copy also to each Masonic Library to whom we send our annual proceedings.

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

November 15, 1909.

Grand Secretary.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

In Account with

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

1908.

Dec. 2. To Contingent Fund -----\$ 600 00

1909.

Nov. 15.	By Printing and Stationery--\$	299 75	
Nov. 15.	By Sundries -----	49 00	
Nov. 15.	By Postage and Express----	189 75	
Nov. 15.	By Coal -----	27 50	
Nov. 15.	By Telephone and Telegrams	2 01	
Nov. 15.	By Dues to Gen. Gr. Chapter	29 48	
Nov. 15.	Amount not used and turned back into the Treasury----	2 51	\$ 600 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

E. Companion William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, which on motion, was received and ordered printed with the proceedings. (See Appendix.)

SPECIAL REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

E. V. Companion William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following reports, and on motion, they were severally adopted:

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

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

We have received a pamphlet containing a record of the organization of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of the State of Idaho, and of its First Annual Convocation.

We quote from said record as follows:

"In pursuance to a proclamation issued by the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, the representatives of the above societies of the Royal Arch Chapters of Idaho assembled at Masonic Hall, Pocatello, Idaho, at 12 M. on June 16th, 1908, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter of Idaho.

"Thomas Barnes of Cyrus Chapter No. 2, being the High Priest of the oldest Chapter in attendance, called the convention to order, stating the object of the meeting, and concluded by reading the certificate of approbation issued by the General Grand High Priest."

Representatives of eleven Chapters participated in the proceedings of that Convention, and everything done was regular and harmonious. Your Committee is of the opinion that, under the circumstances, it would be a graceful act for this Grand Chapter to extend, in advance of a request therefor, recognition of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, with invitation to exchange Representatives, and a cordial welcome to the Sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

And this Committee so recommends.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,

Chairman.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following report:

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia was organized, August, 1904, by a convention of seven of the eight Chapters in the territory. One of the seven was the single English Chapter; the six remaining ones were of Scottish origin. The only one out of the whole number, eight, not joining in the movement, was the seventh Scottish Chapter. The new Grand Chapter had, in 1904, a membership of 226. In September, 1907, it had a membership of 313, an increase of fifty per cent in a little more than three years.

At the outset, the Grand Chapter of Scotland expressed a *greenish* apprehension that the new Grand Body would be unable to sustain itself, and set up the claim that the "number of members of the six Scottish Chapters was only 185, while the two remaining bodies had a membership of 175."

Now what were the "two remaining bodies?" We reply, that one of those "two remaining bodies" was the English Chapter which reinforced the six Scottish Chapters making the membership of the new Grand Body 226 in 1904. So that claim of the Grand Chapter of Scotland was flimsy and disingenuous.

Again, by parity of reasoning, the third section of the agreement entered into by the Representatives of the English, Scotch, and Irish Grand Lodges, at the London Conference, that when two-thirds of the Lodges in a given territory should attempt to set up a Grand Lodge, the proposition should be entitled to consideration, equally should such rule, if recognized, apply to Chapters as well as Lodges. As heretofore intimated by this Committee, not only two-thirds, but three-fourths—nay seven-eighths of the Chapters in Western Australia united in this movement.

A large number of the American Grand Chapters have entered into official, fraternal relations with said Grand Chapter of W. A. Your Committee believes that the Grand Chapter of

Alabama owes it to itself and to the cause of Capitular Masonry, to do likewise, and therefore, again, recommends that this Grand Chapter extend recognition to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and invite an interchange of Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,

Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The R. V. E. V. Deputy and Acting 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

J. Leon Gunter

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Robert L. Douglass

Wellborn J. Renfroe

Louis J. Wright

Robert T. Ward

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Walter Smith

Joseph D. Matlock

Clyde P. Loran

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

Norman Gunn

Jacob U. Ray

Alex M. P. Dunn

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The R. E. Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of our late Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Robert W. Southerland: John H. McCormick, Robert L. Douglass, Henry F. Reese.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

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

SPRINGVILLE CHAPTER NO. 88 REINSTATED.

M. E. Companion Basil M. Hill offered the following preamble and resolution and on motion the preamble was adopted and the resolution concurred in:

Whereas, Springville Chapter No. 88 failed to hold any meeting during the year ending June 24, 1909, but has filed with the Grand Secretary its annual report, and has paid in full its dues to the Grand Chapter.

Now, therefore be it resolved, That said Chapter be and the same is hereby fully reinstated, and declared in good standing.

PROPERTY OF PERFECT FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER NO. 31.

E. Companion Henry F. Reese offered the following preamble and resolution and on motion the preamble was adopted and the resolution concurred in:

Whereas, Perfect Friendship Chapter No. 31 of Benton, Lowndes County, Alabama, at the time it became defunct was the owner of a certain piece of land in Benton, Lowndes County, Alabama, and same is adjacent to the lot owned by Benton Lodge No. 59, A. F. and A. M.

Therefore be it resolved, That the Grand High Priest be and is hereby authorized to convey said lot to said Benton Lodge No. 59 and to request Companion D. B. Edwards, the sole surviving member of said Chapter to join in said conveyance and by said conveyance to protect the rights of any new Chapter which may hereafter be instituted at Benton.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

R. E. and Reverend Companion Stewart McQueen offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote and the Grand Secretary directed to send a copy of same to Companion Lee:

Whereas, Our R. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Lawrence H. Lee, is prevented from attending this Annual Convocation by the serious illness of his mother.

Therefore be it resolved, First, that we take this occasion to express our sincere regret at his enforced absence.

Second, That we assure him of our tender sympathy and earnest prayers for the speedy recovery of his mother.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 5, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp offered the following resolution to amend Section 5, Article IV., of the Constitution, and, on motion, the question was submitted to the Grand Chapter; and more than one-third of the members present voting in the affirmative, the resolution was ordered en-

tered on the minutes and printed in the proceedings, to be submitted at the next Annual Convocation for approval or rejection, as required by Section 1, Article V. of the Constitution :

Resolved, That the first paragraph of Section 5, Article IV of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALS:

M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp Chairman of the Committee on Rituals submitted the following report and on motion the report was adopted, the recommendation concurred in, and the committee discharged:

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

Your Committee on Rituals beg leave to report that we have printed another edition of the Ritual. The price of same has been fixed at \$2.50 per copy and deeming it nothing but right, we have allowed such Chapters as desired to do so, to exchange their old Rituals for the new ones without additional cost.

Three hundred copies of the Ritual have been printed and of this number 59 copies have been disposed of as follows:

No. 1, 2, 3, Montgomery Chapter No. 22 in exchange for old rituals No. 34, 35, 120.

No. 4, Dothan Chapter No. 113 in exchange for old ritual No. 16.

No. 5, 6, 7, Columbia Chapter No. 139. Purchased and paid for.

No. 8, Hartselle Chapter No. 140. Purchased and paid for.
No. 9, 10, Beauchamp Chapter No. 117, in exchange for old rituals No. 45, 46.

No. 11, Beauchamp Chapter No. 117. Purchased and paid for.

No. 12, Roanoke Chapter No. 100 in exchange for old ritual No. 2.

No. 13, Roanoke Chapter No. 100. Purchased and paid for.
No. 14, Cordova Chapter No. 131 in exchange for old ritual No. 115.

No. 15, 16, Cordova Chapter No. 131. Purchased and paid for.

No. 17, Talladega Chapter No. 23 in exchange for old ritual No. 77.

No. 18, Talladega Chapter No. 23. Purchased and paid for.
No. 19, Oakman Chapter No. 139. Purchased and paid for.
No. 20, Piedmont Chapter No. 111. Purchased and paid for.
No. 21, Piedmont Chapter No. 111 in exchange for old ritual No. 39.

No. 22, 23, Hermon Chapter No. 34 in exchange for old rituals No. 36, 37.

No. 24, Eunomia Chapter No. 5 in exchange for old ritual No. 58.

No. 25, Auburn Chapter No. 136 in exchange for old ritual No. 44.

No. 26, Mobile Chapter No. 21 in exchange for old ritual No. 33.

No. 27, 28, Mobile Chapter No. 21. Purchased and paid for.
No. 29, 30, Dothan Chapter No. 113. Purchased and paid for.
No. 31, Eufaula Chapter No. 24 in exchange for old ritual No. 108.

No. 32, 33, 34, Pratt City Chapter No. 108 in exchange for old rituals No. 42, 43, 44.

No. 35, Samson Chapter No. 137 in exchange for old ritual No. 119.

No. 36, 37, Samson Chapter No. 137. Purchased and paid for.
No. 38, 39, 40, Hillabee Chapter No. 79. Purchased and paid for.

No. 41, 42, 43, Jasper Chapter No. 118 in exchange for old rituals No. 4, 5, 6.

No. 44, 45, Hartselle Chapter No. 140. Purchased and paid for.

No. 46, 47, 48, Courtland Chapter No. 25 in exchange for old rituals No. 49, 50, 51.

No. 49, Companion J. D. Matlock, as a member of the Committee on Work.

No. 50, 51, Eufaula Chapter No. 24. Purchased and paid for.

No. 52, 53, 54, Coosa Chapter No. 86 in exchange for old rituals No. 82, 83, 111.

No. 55, W. W. Ransom in exchange for old ritual No. 87, as a member of the Committee on Work.

No. 56, 57, 58, Mineral City Chapter No. 101 in exchange for old rituals No. 1, 47, 48.

No. 59, Lawrence H. Lee as a member of the Committee on Work.

Nos. 60 to 300 we have on hand in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Your Committee recommends that the Grand Secretary be authorized to destroy the old rituals when returned to him.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MANUALS.

M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, Chairman of the Committee on Manuals submitted the following report and on motion the report was adopted and the Committee discharged:

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

Your Committee on Manuals beg leave to report that they have compiled a Manual and have printed 1,000 copies of same;

900 bound in cloth and 100 bound in flexible leather and have fixed the price of the former at 75 cents and of the latter at \$1.00 per copy.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK,

Committee.

DESTROYED RITUAL OF EUNOMIA CHAPTER NO. 5
ORDERED REPLACED.

On Motion of E. V. Companion Alex M. P. Dunn, H. P. of Eunomia Chapter No. 5, the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish said Chapter free of charge a new ritual in place of one which had been destroyed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on work proceeded to exemplify the Mark Master degree for the instruction of the Companions present.

On motion the exemplification of the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees was dispensed with and the conferring of the Royal Arch degree was made the first thing in the order of business after the reconvening of the Grand Chapter this evening.

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, December 6, 1909.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at seven thirty o'clock, the R. E. Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest, John B. Christian, presiding, and the 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.

Montgomery Chapter No. 22, notified the Grand Chapter that Brother Thomas Walter Glaze had been duly elected to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter; that the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master had been conferred upon him by said Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degree of Royal Arch upon said brother.

On motion the Grand Chapter acceded to said request.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the degree of Royal Arch upon Brother Thomas Walter Glaze, two companions acting as substitutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

E. Companion Wellborn J. Renfroe of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, made the following report, and on motion, it was adopted.

To the Most Excellent 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 have found the following Returns to be correct:

Tuscaloosa No. 1	Eufaula No. 24
Tuscumbia No. 10	Courtland No. 25
Mount Moriah No. 19	Union No. 26
Mobile No. 21	Hermon No. 34
Montgomery No. 22	Camden No. 40
Talladega No. 23	Tyrian No. 54
	Dadeville No. 56

The following returns are incorrect in the particulars stated:

Eunomia No. 5. Recapitulation shows two dimitted, but names are not given in the Returns.

St. Johns No. 28. No age or date of death of two deceased Companions.

Decatur No. 38. Initials of Companions given, instead of given names.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that Decatur Chapter No. 38 has doubled its membership during the Capitular year just closed. This is worthy of emulation.

Faternally submitted,

ROBERT L. DOUGLASS,
WELLBORN J. RENFROE,
LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
ROBERT T. WARD,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

E. C. Companion Norman Gunn Chairman of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, submitted the following reports, and on motion they were severally adopted:

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

Your Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, to whom was referred the application of John F. McLendon, formerly a member of Landmark Chapter No. 71, now defunct, for a certificate in the nature of a dimit, would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same and the statements as set forth in a letter from Companion Ben H. McLendon of Cleburne, Texas, to our Grand Secretary, of date Dec. 1, 1909, and a memoranda of the records of Landmark Chapter No. 71, as furnished us by the Grand Secretary, both of which are hereto attached, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to issue to Companion John F. McLendon a certificate in the nature of a dimit free of cost.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN GUNN,

JACOB U. RAY,

ALEX M. P. DUNN,

Committee.

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

Your Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, to whom was referred the application of Reverend Companion William M. Boswell formerly a member of Pine Level Chapter No. 75, who was suspended N. P. D. June 8th, 1870, and now asks this Grand Chapter for a dimit or certificate in the nature of a dimit would respectfully report. First, Companion Boswell is a Minister of the Gospel. Second. He is now old and infirm. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to issue a certificate in the nature of a dimit to Companion Boswell free of charge.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN GUNN,

JACOB U. RAY,

ALEX M. P. DUNN,

Committee.

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

Your Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, to whom was referred the application of Companion D. G. Huckby formerly a member of Concord Chapter No. 37, now defunct, for a certificate in the nature of a dimit would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same and the statements as set forth in letter of our Grand Secretary of date March 18th, 1909, which is hereto attached and recommend that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to issue to Companion D. G. Huckby a certificate in the nature of a dimit free of cost.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN GUNN,

JACOB U. RAY,

ALEX M. P. DUNN,

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 7, 1909.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock, the R. E. Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest, John B. Christian, presiding, and the 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.

R. V. E. V. Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Grand Scribe, who, owing to the serious illness of his mother, was unable to attend the previous sessions of this Annual Convocation, arrived and occupied his station.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S
ADDRESS.

M. V. E. V. 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 address of the Right Excellent Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest, beg leave to report:

That we deeply deplore the death of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Robert W. Southerland, and join in the recommendation of appointment of a special committee to pay proper tribute to his personal qualities and his exalted Masonic character. His death coming so near the meeting of this Grand Convocation, we realize there was but little time in which to prepare an address or for submission of matters for discussion. The various acts, and orders, and decrees, are clearly set forth and show to the fullest extent his devotion to duty, and we recommend their approval. We endorse the recommendation of the Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest as to attendance upon sessions of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States. There should never be a meeting of that great body without adequate representation from this Grand Chapter. We note with pleasure the cheerful words of

the address relating to the growth of Capitular Masonry since our last Grand Convocation and the pleasing outlook for a still greater increase in the coming year and the years to come after.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS,

BASIL M. HILL,

LEW LAZARUS,

Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

E. . Companion John H. McCormick, of the Special Committee, appointed to draft resolutions on the death of our late Grand High Priest, M. . E. . Companion Robert W. Southerland submitted the following report and on motion it was unanimously adopted :

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

Your Committee on Resolutions relating to the death of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert W. Southerland, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Whereas, The Supreme Grand Master of the Universe in His wisdom hath called from labor to refreshment our noble, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert William Southerland, and exalted him into that immortal Chapter which is the ultimate hope and reward of every good Mason ;

Resolved, That we bow in sorrow in this our affliction ; we distinctly realize and deplore the loss of one who has so long been a constant attendant upon all our meetings and foremost in our councils, and in the advancement and exemplifying the principles of our Order. We revere and cherish his memory ; his work and life we commend to the Companions of our Order as most worthy of their admiration and emulation—a typi-

cally perfect ashlar; to his bereaved family we tender our most sincere sympathy.

Resolved further, That in token of love for his memory that a page in our book of records be set apart to him and these resolutions be spread on the minutes and a copy thereof be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to his sorrowing family.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT L. DOUGLASS,

JOHN H. MCCORMICK,

HENRY F. REESE,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS
NO. 1.

E. V. Companion, John B. Lyons, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, submitted the following report and on motion it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1 beg to report that the returns from the following Chapters are correct:

Collinsville No. 57

Central No. 64

Myles J. Greene No. 80

Jefferson No. 81

Coosa No. 86

Springville No. 88

Ben Bricken No. 99

Roanoke No. 100

Mineral City No. 101

Sylacauga No. 104

Anniston No. 105

Blocton No. 109

Bessemer No. 110

Piedmont No. 111

Brewton No. 112

Dothan No. 113

H. Clay Armstrong No. 114

Thomasville No. 115

Clanton No. 116

Beauchamp No. 117

Jasper No. 118

Jackson No. 119

Cunningham No. 120

Monroe No. 122

Covington No. 123	Palmyra No. 130
Coleanor No. 125	Cordova No. 131
Evergreen No. 127	Langdale No. 132
Heflin No. 128	Auburn No. 136
James E. Cobb No. 129	Samson No. 137

We find the following incorrect, for reasons stated:

Pratt City No. 108. Gives only the names of eleven exalted while recapitulation shows twelve.

Bladon Springs No. 124. S. A. Y. Dahlberg dropped, without a given case and Samuel Allman on roll unaccounted for.

Tallassee No. 126. Recapitulation shows one dimitted but does not give name in place designated for such.

Elba No. 134. Report shows one man affiliated, but does not account for him. The place for accounting for affiliates being torn out of booklet.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. LYONS,
WILLIAM W. RANSOM,
JULIUS J. PAULINT,
J. LEON GUNTER,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

E. C. Companion, Henry B. Myers, of the Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and on motion it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on By-Laws to whom was referred the by-laws of the following Chapters, Dadeville No. 56, Hartselle No. 140, Oakman No. 139, and Hillabee No. 79, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined same and report as follows:

DADEVILLE CHAPTER NO. 56.

Article I is changed to read "at 7 P. M. from October 1 to March 31 and at 8 P. M. from April 1 to September 30.

We approve Article II.

Article III is changed to conform to the requirements of the manual of the Grand Chapter.

We approve Article III, Section 2.

We approve Article IV with amendments to Sections 5 and 7.

We approve Article V.

We approve Article VI.

We have amended the order of business to conform to the manual.

We approve Article VIII.

HARTSELLE CHAPTER NO. 140.

We approve these by-laws as submitted, being a copy of the by-laws as laid down in the Manual.

OAKMAN CHAPTER NO. 139.

We approve the by-laws of Oakman Chapter as submitted.

HILLABEE CHAPTER NO. 79.

We find these by-laws so at variance with the Manual and contain so much unnecessary material that we recommend that they be returned to the Chapter and that the same be made to conform to the Manual.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. JOINER,

JOHN H. McCORMICK,

HENRY B. MYERS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

E. . Companion, James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, and on motion the report was adopted and the recommendation concurred in.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and his recommendation that a limit of time should be fixed after the election of a candidate to the degrees in which to present himself to the Chapter.

Recommend that Decision No. 1 be approved and adopted, and that the accompanying by-law be adopted to carry into effect the recommendation as to time limit.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

HENRY F. REESE,

Committee.

BY-LAW.

That when any applicant to a subordinate Chapter has been elected to take the degrees and who, after due notice, fails to present himself to the Chapter, for the degrees, for the period of six months, the said election shall become null and void and the fee returned to such applicant by the Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

E. . Companion, Walter Smith, of the Committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report, and on motion was adopted:

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

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

Hartselle Chapter No. 140, Hartselle, Alabama.

The minutes of this Chapter are practically in memorandum form being written in pencil and not in continuous order. The Companions representing this Chapter stated that they brought the minutes up in this form intending if approved to have them properly engrossed. We recommend that they be granted a charter, but that they be required to bring their records to the next session of the Grand Chapter for inspection.

We find that the records of Hillabee Chapter No. 79 and of Hartselle Chapter No. 140 are neatly and apparently correctly kept and we recommend that the charter of Hillabee Chapter No. 79 be restored free of charge and that charter be granted to Oakman Chapter No. 140.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK,

CLYDE P. LORANZ,

Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

The Grand High Priest-elect subsequently appointed the following:

NORMAN GUNN	Grand Principal Sojourner
WILLIAM W. RANSOM	Grand Royal Arch Captain
JOHN H. MCCORMICK	Grand Master 3rd Veil
HENRY F. REESE	Grand Master 2nd Veil
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK	Grand Master 1st Veil
WILLIAM H. TICE	Grand Sentinel

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST JEWEL.

M. V. E. V. Companion, Robert S. Teague, offered the following preamble and resolution and on motion the preamble was adopted and the resolution concurred in:

Whereas, our late M. V. E. V. Companion Robert W. Southerland died while serving this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest, and,

Whereas it has been the custom of this Grand Chapter to present all retiring Grand High Priests with a testimonial,

Therefore be it resolved that a Past Grand High Priest's jewel be purchased, properly inscribed, and presented to the widow of our late Companion and that the sum of \$25.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated to cover the cost of same.

GRAND LECTURER.

E. V. Companion John N. Shelnutt offered the following resolutions and on motion they were referred to the Committee on Finance:

1. *Resolved*, That the office of State Grand Lecturer be and the same is hereby constituted, whose duty it shall be to visit the several subordinate chapters under this jurisdiction be-

tween the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter, and shall spend at least three days during the year with each subordinate Chapter in exemplifying the work, giving the lectures, etc.

2. That said Grand Lecturer shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest on the recommendation of the Committee on Work of this Grand Chapter, and shall hold office for two years unless sooner removed for cause by said Committee on Work.

3. That the compensation of the Grand Lecturer shall be \$1,200.00 per annum payable out of the treasury of this Grand Chapter monthly at the rate of one hundred dollars per month on the warrant of the Grand Secretary, and in addition there-to his actual and necessary traveling expenses in visiting said subordinate Chapters to be paid in like manner out of the treasury of this Grand Chapter.

4. That when the Grand Lecturer has finished his work at each subordinate Chapter he shall furnish the Excellent High Priest an itemized statement of his expenses in attending said Chapter including the necessary amount for his return home or to the next Chapter and the treasurer of the Chapter shall remit the amount to the Grand Secretary to be placed to the credit of the Grand Lecturer's expense fund.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

E. V. Companion Louis J. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports and on motion they were severally 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	\$ 3,719 59	
Since that time he has receipted to the Grand Secretary for	2,736 01	\$ 6,455 60

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel	\$ 25 00	
Grand Sec'y for four Charters issued	40 00	
Contingent Fund	600 95	
Cases for Library	23 50	
Grand Secretary, salary	900 00	
Grand Treasurer, salary	100 00	
Grand Chaplain, salary	25 00	
Committee on Foreign Cor., salary	100 00	
Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence	25 00	
Binding and purchasing Proceedings	43 60	
Testimonial to P. G. H. P. Lew Lazarus	25 00	
Reprint of Proceedings from 1827 to 1852 inclusive	570 00	
Donation to Masonic Home Fund	500 00	
Grand Chaplain, past services	100 00	
Chapter Manuals	471 50	
Cipher Rituals	396 25	\$ 3,945 80

Balance on hand and in bank	\$ 2,509 80
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The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Gr. Treasurer	1,061 75
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Total cash on hand	\$ 3,571 55
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We find the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1909:

Dues collected	\$ 2,203 75	
Certificates issued	4 50	
Dispensations issued	228 00	
Rituals sold	55 00	
Manuals sold	242 25	
Contingent Fund not used	2 51	\$ 2,736 01

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

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.

Amount appropriated 1908 Convocation of the Grand Chapter ----- \$ 600 00

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By printing and stationery-----	\$ 299 75	
Sundries -----	49 00	
Postage and Express -----	189 75	
Coal -----	27 50	
Dues to General Grand Chapter---	29 48	
Telephone and Telegrams -----	2 01	
Amount not used and turned back into the treasury -----	2 51	\$ 600 00

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Contingent Fund -----	\$ 650 00	
Grand Treasurer (payable quarterly) --	100 00	
Grand Secretary (payable monthly) --	900 00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence (payable quarterly) -----	150 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	
Reprinting Proceedings from 1853 to 1865 inclusive -----	500 00	
Chairman of Committee on Masonic Ju- risprudence -----	25 00	
Donation to Masonic Home Fund-----	500 00	\$ 2,950 00

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WEIGHT,

JOHN B. LYONS,

SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, relative to the refunding or payment of the expenses incurred by Excellent Companion Walter Smith in attending the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States held in the city of Savannah, Georgia on Nov. 8th, 1909, beg leave to report that we heartily concur in the above recommendation. Your Committee beg leave to recommend that at all future Convocations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the M. E. Grand High Priest or his proxy be allowed a sufficient sum from the General fund of this Grand Chapter to meet the actual expenses of attending such Convocations.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

JOHN B. LYONS,

SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

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

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the recommendation of our late M. E. Grand High Priest, Robert W. Southerland, relative to the reprinting of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter from 1853 to 1865, beg leave to report that the Committee concurs in this recommendation and that the same has been incorporated in the general report of the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

JOHN B. LYONS,

SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

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

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of E. Companion John N. Shelnutt, providing for the

creation, and the payment of a Grand Lecturer for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama beg leave to report as follows: In view of the extraordinary appropriations made by your Committee, said appropriations being almost equal to the revenue of this Grand Chapter, your Committee deem it advisable to disapprove of said resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

JOHN B. LYONS,

SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

RITUALS FOR COMMITTEE ON WORK.

R. E. Companion Lawrence H. Lee offered the following resolution and on motion it was adopted:

Be it resolved by the M. E. Grand Chapters of the State of Alabama, that the members of the Committee on Work of this Grand Chapter, so long as they are members of said Committee on Work, shall be entitled to receive from the Grand Secretary, upon their official receipt to him, one copy of the secret work—contained in two books—and retain the same for their respective use until their connection with said committee shall have been severed when the same shall be returned to this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

E. Companion Walter Smith Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations submitted the following report and on motion it was adopted:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave to report that Columbia Chapter No. 138 and Florala Chapter No. 135 have

failed to get their records here and we therefore recommend that they be continued under dispensation for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

J. D. MATLOCK,

CLYDE P. LORANZ,

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:

Alabama, Reprint, 1823-1852	1 Volume
Alabama, Reprint, 1823-1839	1 Volume
Colorado, 1906-1908	1 Volume
Illinois, 1866-1869	1 Volume
Indian Territory, 1905-1909	1 Volume
Iowa, 1906-1908	1 Volume
Maine, 1906-1909	1 Volume
Minnesota, Reprint, 1859-1870	1 Volume
Minnesota, 1871-1875	1 Volume
New Hampshire, 1857-1867	1 Volume
New Jersey, 1907-1909	1 Volume
Ohio, 1861-1865	1 Volume
Tennessee, 1883-1890	1 Volume
Texas, 1907-1908	1 Volume
Wisconsin, 1907-1909	1 Volume
General Grand Chapter, 1903-1906	1 Volume

16 Volumes

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

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

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.....Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES T. GREENE.....Anniston.

WILLIAM W. WHITESIDE.....Anniston.

WALTER B. MERRILLHeflin.

ON FINANCE.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT.....Talladega.

JOHN B. LYONS.....Opelika.

SAMUEL STEINBessemer.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMPMontgomery.

ROBERT S. TEAGUEMontgomery.

JOHN B. LYONS.....Opelika.

WELLBOEN J. RENFROE.....Dothan.

WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....Birmingham.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Montgomery.

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....Birmingham.

JACOB BLEYDemopolis.

MORRISON E. BETHEA.....Auburn.

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.

Geo. A. Deauchamp
Grand Secretary



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

The Thirty-Eighth 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 7th, 1909, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	M. V. E. V. President
WOOLSEY FINNELL	as E. V. Vice-President
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM	E. V. Chaplain
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY	E. V. Treasurer
BASIL M. HILL	E. V. Recorder
WALTER SMITH	E. V. Master of Ceremonies
WILLIAM W. RANSOM	E. V. Conductor
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK	as E. V. Herald
JOHN W. TERRY	E. V. Steward

MEMBERS.

Charles R. Bricken	Past Grand High Priest
Francis H. Bates	Past Grand High Priest
Robert S. Teague	Past Grand High Priest

Augustus F. Evans	Eunomia Chapter No. 5
Guy T. Smith	Montgomery Chapter No. 22
Archibald L. R. Thompson	Montgomery Chapter No. 22
Louis J. Wright	Talladega Chapter No. 23
Jacob Bley	Jefferson Chapter No. 81
Joseph Brower	Mineral City Chapter No. 101
William W. Whiteside	Anniston Chapter No. 105
John N. Shelnuutt	Anniston Chapter No. 105
Samuel Stein	Bessemer Chapter No. 110
Eugene A. Rentz	Thomasville Chapter No. 115
James R. Shepherd	Floralda Chapter No. 135

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 :

Myron T. Sprague	Mobile Chapter No. 21
John M. DeCottes	Montgomery Chapter No. 22
Glenn C. Liby	Montgomery Chapter No. 22
Siddons Stollenwerk	Union Chapter No. 26
Joseph L. Gunter	Decatur Chapter No. 38
Julian F. Spearman	Anniston Chapter No. 105
Thomas S. Page	Pratt City Chapter No. 108
Albert E. Pace	Dothan Chapter No. 113
Henry Green	Dothan Chapter No. 113
Wellborn J. Renfro	Dothan Chapter No. 113
Norman Gunn	Jasper No. 118
William Elliott	Cunningham Chapter No. 120
William C. Randolph	Covington Chapter No. 123
William P. Cobb	James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129
Morrison E. Bethea	Auburn Chapter No. 136
Richard L. Penn	Hartselle Chapter No. 140

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

The sixteen 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
Joseph D. Matlock	.....	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-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

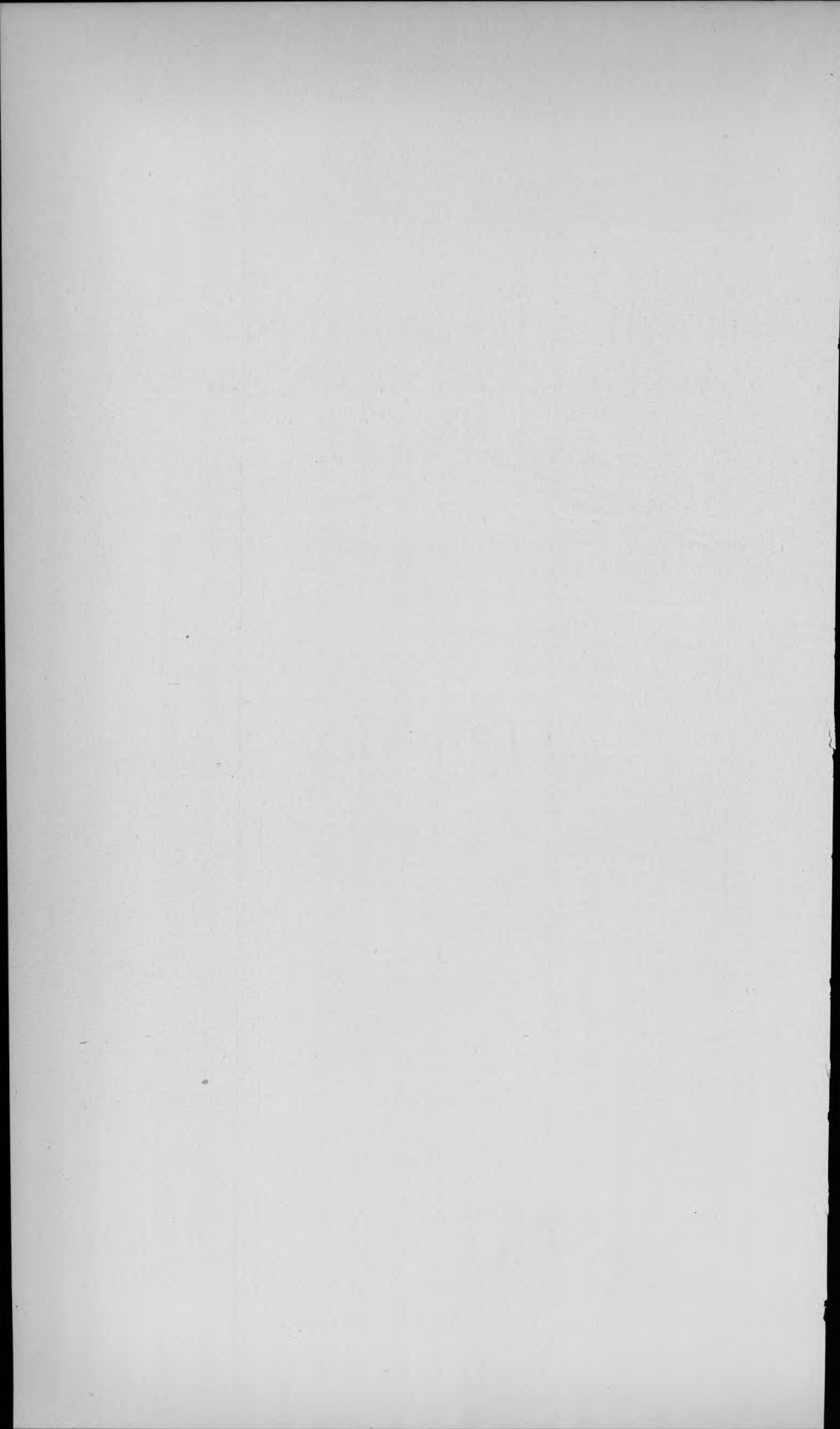
Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

BASIL M. HILL, Recorder.

The Council of the City of New York
has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
the report of the Committee on the
Administration of the City of New York
for the year 1900.

APPENDIX



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BY

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, respectfully sub-
mits the following Report:

The Proceedings, named below, have been reviewed as fol-
lows: (Proceedings will be placed in alphabetical order, re-
gardless of the date of their consideration.)

Arizona	1908	New Brunswick	1907
Arkansas	1907	New Brunswick	1908
Arkansas	1908	New Hampshire	1907
Canada	1909	New Hampshire	1908
Colorado	1908	New Jersey	1908
Connecticut	1909	New South Wales	1907
Delaware	1909	New York	1909
England	1908	New Zealand	1908
England	1909	New Zealand	1909
England and Wales	1908	Nevada	1908
Florida	1909	North Dakota	1908
General Grand Chapter	1906	Nova Scotia	1908
Georgia	1909	Ohio	1908
Illinois	1908	Pennsylvania	1908
Indiana	1908	Quebec	1908
Iowa	1908	Rhode Island	1908
Kansas	1909	Scotland	1908
Kentucky	1908	Scotland	1909
Louisiana	1909	South Carolina	1908
Maine	1909	Texas	1908
Maryland	1908	Virginia	1908
Massachusetts	1907	Washington	1908
Minnesota	1908	West Virginia	1908
Mississippi	1909	Wisconsin	1908
Missouri	1909		

Forty-four Jurisdictions—forty-nine volumes of Proceedings.

ARIZONA.

19TH ANNUAL—PRESCOTT—NOVEMBER, 1908.

Comp. Francis Marion Zuck, M. E. Grand High Priest. Chartered Chapters, 8; U. D., 1; Members, 591; Gain, 37.

A portrait of Grand High Priest F. M. Zuck adorns the first page of this volume of Proceedings.

At the Convocation under review there were present—all the Grand Officers; a quorum of Chapter representatives; seven Past Grand High Priests; Representatives of eighteen Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, as we gladly note.

The address of the Grand High Priest is imbued with an excellent spirit, and, short though it is, fills all the requirements of such an utterance.

He had issued a dispensation for formation of one new Chapter.

He had, by dispensation, permitted one Chapter to amend its by-laws so that it could lend its surplus funds.

In closing his address he says:

"Having passed the three score and ten milestone of life, during the year, I propose to claim a period of cessation from the assiduous labors and activities of life, to which I feel myself fully entitled, and now may the blessing of heaven rest upon you and all regular Masons, may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement you, now, and evermore."

The writer passed that "milestone" nearly 13 years ago, but does not desire cessation of labor so long as his work is acceptable to the Fraternity.

It seems that clandestinism has, in one instance, invaded the Jurisdiction of Arizona. Grand Secretary Geo. J. Roskrige has availed himself of a provision of the "Session Laws" of the Twenty-Third Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona, entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the insignia, Distinctive Ribbons, Membership Rosette or Button of Benevolent, Fraternal or Secret So-

cieties or Organizations," by filing for record in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, the emblem used by Grand Chapter and its members, the same being a keystone, on one side of which, in a circular form are the letters, H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. Good! for Arizona.

The Grand Secretary says that the returns of all chartered Chapters have been received, and that the Chapter U. D. asked for a continuance of its dispensation, on account of the stringency of the times, and the recent general election.

The Committee on Correspondence reported no business save consideration of the nomination of Grand Representatives, by the Grand High Priest, which nomination was referred to this committee, and by it approved.

The dispensation of the Chapter U. D. was continued, on recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The next annual session of Grand Chapter will be in the city of Tucson, February, 1910, owing to change made in the time of meeting.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the action of the Grand High Priest, permitting a certain Chapter to lend its surplus funds.

No Report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of sister Jurisdictions.

Comp. Selim Julius Michelson, M.°. E.°. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. J. Roskrige, R.°. E.°. Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

58TH ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER, 1907.

Comp. John T. Hicks, M.°. E.°. Grand High Priest.

We find no summary of numerical statistics in this volume; hence cannot conveniently give the membership of this Grand Chapter.

The features of the Grand High Priest-elect form an attractive frontispiece to these Proceedings.

In his address the Grand High Priest made feeling reference to the death of Companion Edmund Metcalf, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

The M. E. regarded it as an indication for good, that he had received no requests for dispensations to form new Chapters. He thought it far preferable that the Chapters already organized should be strengthened numerically and financially, instead of organizing many Chapters with small membership, and little activity. However, a number of dispensations had been issued for conferring degrees, holding elections, installing officers, etc. He had made a number of visitations by proxy.

By resolution, the Grand Secretary was instructed to draw his warrant for \$15.00 monthly for the benefit of the venerable and beloved Companion, G. A. Dannelly, who is in a very feeble condition. A highly appreciative letter was received from that aged Companion, to whom the Grand Secretary was instructed to reply with expressions of warmest fraternal sympathy and best wishes.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$4,097.28.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns reported as on the rolls, 82 Chapters in good standing—66 of them making returns, and 55 represented.

Special Committee on General Grand Chapter Attendance asked and received further time to make report—some of the committee were not present.

The Grand Lecturer made an extended, yet condensed report of his year's work. The report was very encouraging.

The several committees following, viz: On Charters and Dispensations, on Appeals and Grievances, and on Jurisprudence—all reported no business.

The Committee on Memorials made an appropriate report. No Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

We trust Companion Schonover, Chairman of the Committee, will give us a report next year.

Comp. Sam H. Davison, M. E., Grand High Priest.

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

ARKANSAS.

59TH ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER, 1908.

Comp. Sam H. Davidson, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 81; Members, 3,732; Net gain, 57.

This volume of Proceedings is embellished with portraits of Grand High Priest-elect R. B. Hogins and Grand Secretary John C. Bone, and with a view of the Masonic Orphans Home at Batesville, Ark.

In his address, the Grand High Priest said:

"The past year has been a period of distinct advancement and prosperity in the realm of Capitular Masonry, our Chapters are, with few exceptions, in a healthy condition, morally, materially and financially, and nearly three hundred new names have been added to our rolls."

The M. V. E. V. reported seven decisions which, no doubt, conform to the laws of his Jurisdiction.

Nineteen Grand Representatives being present received a cordial greeting and welcome. Our minister was not reported present, but his commission had been received and recorded.

The Grand Secretary says that of the eighty-one Chapters on the roll, seventy-one have made returns and paid dues.

R. V. E. V. Comp. John C. Bone, as Grand Secretary is indispensable.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$3,542.82.

Extension of time was granted to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for completion of its Report.

The Committee on Memorials made fitting report which was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapter of Idaho, and official fraternal relations were arranged for.

On favorable report of the Committee on Charters and Dispersations, a charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all but two of the decisions of the Grand High Priest. The exceptions were Nos. 3 and 4.

We extract from the Committee's report as follows:

"Regarding Decision Number 3, wherein the Most Excellent Grand High Priest holds that a Master Mason having one leg shorter than the other, making it necessary for him to wear a shoe with a high heel and a sole of unusual thickness, but which enables the Brother to take all proper steps, but not perfectly, is not eligible for the Chapter degrees; we disagree with the decision as rendered by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, for the reason that we regard the question of his physical qualifications as having been settled by his reception in the Lodge. He thereby becomes, so to speak, like unfinished Masonic material suitable for farther advancement should he so apply, and in this view we regard the Brother as eligible."

"With regard to Decision No. 4, wherein the Most Excellent Grand High Priest holds that Hill Chapter had acquired jurisdiction over a certain candidate who had been elected by a St. Louis Chapter to receive the degrees, said jurisdiction being acquired by virtue of the candidate having become a resident of the jurisdiction of Hill Chapter for a certain length of time, we recommend instead of the decision as made, that the Grand Secretary correspond in the name of this Grand Chapter with the St. Louis Chapter and ascertain for what length of time said St. Louis Chapter holds jurisdiction over a candidate after election, and whether they claim jurisdiction over this particular candidate and advise Hill Chapter of the information obtained. It follows that if the St. Louis Chapter under their laws have jurisdiction, that Hill Chapter could acquire none."

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was received and adopted. The Committee had under consideration only one case—that of a Chapter which had violated an edict of the Grand Chapter.

A pleasing incident near the close of Grand Chapter was the donation of \$180.00 to the aged and greatly beloved Past Grand High Priest George A. Dannelly together with hearty expressions of sympathy.

M. E. Companion Charles N. Rix, General Grand Master of the 2d Veil of the M. E. General Grand Chapter of the R. A. Masons, United States, was introduced and received in most complimentary manner.

News of the coronation of Companion Fay Hempstead as Poet Laureate, was joyfully received by his Arkansas Companions.

Companion Hempstead is fully possessed of the poetic instinct—the poetic temperament, and we tender him our hearty congratulations.

We have failed to find on our table the Report on Correspondence which was to be published with the Proceedings, circumstances having prevented its earlier production.

Comp. R. B. Hogins, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

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

CANADA.

51ST ANNUAL—TORONTO—JANUARY, 1909.

Warranted Chapters, 133; Chapters U. D., 6; Membership, 13,032; Net gain, 961.

Comp. John Leslie, M. V. E. V. Grand 1st Principal Z.

We fail to find the name of our Representative, Comp. Wm. Rea, among those of the Grand Representatives reported as present.

The Grand Z., in his address, paid feeling tribute to Companions who had died during the year.

He had, during the same period, issued five dispensations for new Chapters.

He intimated that the volume of Proceedings of the 50th Annual of Grand Chapter—"Jubilee Proceedings"—constituted a monument to the indefatigable labors of the devoted Grand Scribe E. V. Companion Bennett, as well as to the much appreciated and specially valuable historical sketch presented by M. V. E. V. Comp. J. Ross Robertson.

He had very fully exercised one very important function of his high office, viz: Official visitation, even extending his journey to the Pacific coast.

He was gratified at the restoration of the minimum fee for exaltations to its original figure, \$20.00, which, contrary to the

predictions of a few Companions, had been followed by increase in numbers, and in financial strength.

In language most emphatic he expressed his appreciation of the invaluable services of the Grand Scribe E. Here is his well written and patriotic conclusion:

"CONCLUSION."

"And now, Companions, in conclusion let me say that during this year I have had it borne in upon me as perhaps never before the immensity of this Canada of ours, the almost illimitable extent of its resources, and the boundless opportunities that it affords to those who are ready to grasp them; and, in addition, I am impressed with the responsibilities that rest upon the citizens of this country in its upbuilding and development. We are now but at the beginning of our history, at the threshold of our national life. What the present century will bring forth no one can tell; the imagination itself staggers at the possibilities. It is a trite saying, oft repeated but none the less true on that account, that a nation is no greater than the men who compose it. It is the duty of us, as Royal Arch Masons, to help to lay broad and deep the foundations of this new land, not alone upon material, but along intellectual, moral and spiritual lines. An institution, as a nation, is judged by the work that it accomplishes. We must stand or fall not by what we say, but by what we might do. If we are true to the sacred teachings of our order, we will stand forth as worthy examples and play a part, and that not a mean one, in the great work that is to be done. The principles are there, beautiful and true; the practice is for us. Let us be faithful to the best that Capitular Masonry teaches. If we are, our noble Craft will be exalted, we ourselves will have lived up to the best that is in us, and the citizens of the future will rise up and call us blessed."

The reports of the Grand Superintendents cover 89 pages of this volume. As we have heretofore intimated, these reports are of great value for the information they supply in regard to Capitular conditions all over the Grand Jurisdiction.

Acting Grand Supt. J. Langlais Bell made an interesting report on the unattached Klondike Chapter No. 154, at Dawson. Significant of the healthy condition of said Chapter was the statement that an average of 75 per cent of its members have attended its convocations.

R. V. E. L. Companion George J. Bennett presented his Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted his annual report—a fine one. He embodied, in the same, correspondence with the Grand Secretaries of three Grand Chapters, viz: Ohio, New York, and Michigan, also replies from the Grand High Priests of Ohio and Michigan, concerning complaint against a Chapter in western Ontario, for countenancing the conferring of an unauthorized degree by visitors from said states. That correspondence was conducted with true Masonic courtesy, and evinced full purpose to respect the rights of their neighbors, on the part of Ohio and Michigan. Results were satisfactory so far as these two Grand Chapters could so make them. New York had not yet been heard from.

The Grand Scribe E. had found it necessary to admonish a number of Scribes E. concerning their duties. Conformity on their part, to the requirements would obviate much trouble.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$4,934.37, January 18, 1909. Assets, including said cash, and bonds and debentures \$31,604.11.

The report of the Grand Lecturer discloses the fact that during 14 years of service, he had been called on, for visitation and instruction, but one time. Concluding his report he says:

"In most of the Jurisdictions on this continent, the office of Grand Lecturer is one of great importance, and the excellence of the work in the Grand Chapters of the United States is largely due to the efforts put forth by these officers."

He thought some provision should be made to utilize the services of the Grand Lecturer, or the office be abolished.

The report of the Committee on condition of Capitular Masonry evinces no disposition to cheapen Masonry. While the committee approved the suggestion of the Grand Z that Chapters be called upon to recognize the Grand Lecturer as the custodian of the work, to whom they should apply for information, we fail to discover that it made any recommendation of action thereupon.

The Committee sustained the ruling of the Grand Z and lauded his successful administration.

Toronto was selected as next meeting place.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again, we are pleased to note, presented by R. E. Companion Geo. J. Bennett, whose pen has the polish of the Saladin's blade, and, at times, its keenness too, "cutting to the raw." But, were Companion Bennett condemned to total abstinence from facetiousness, we should be robbed of one distinct charm of his discourse.

He gives Alabama, 1907, four full pages of fraternal notice. Occasionally he is unable to stem the tide of sarcasm rising upon his brain.

Witness the following:

"A Companion at the morning session proposed the abolition of the Committee on Work as the existing ritual rendered such superfluous. This was agreed to. During the interval for refreshments he indulged in a profound think, and on Grand Chapter resuming labor asked that the morning vote be reconsidered, which was also agreed to, and the 'workers' are still in the enjoyment of active toil and were given an opportunity to display their skill.

The Jurisprudence Committee, which is apparently composed of Companions who delve below the surface, reported non-concurrence in the following resolution:

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

Grand Chapter, however, which is not partial to delving, carried it on the motion of the Companion who abolished and reinstated the 'workers' at an earlier stage. He is, to all appearances, the prime 'mover' of the assembly and what he 'moves' invariably goes. The same Companion asked for a Committee to arrange and publish another edition of the ritual and his request was thereupon complied with. He achieved

various other 'moves' successfully and no doubt 'returned to his own country with the satisfaction of having performed his duty.'

All this with no more foundation than the fact that when exemplification of the work was about to be entered upon, in the Grand Chapter of Alabama a Companion moved to dispense with the report of the Committee on Work, and the motion prevailed. Later, the same day, the mover yielded to the wishes of Companions who were anxious to see the exemplification, and generously moved reconsideration of his own previous motion. And this motion also prevailed. That's all. The foregoing extract will entertain our G. C. of the H.

As to the slur upon our Grand Chapter, that it "is not partial to delving," by which as we apprehend, superficiality is attributed to the Grand Chapter of Alabama, we let it pass, save undertaking to affirm that no one man "is the prime mover of the assembly," and what thing soever any one moves does not "invariably go." The Grand Chapter of Alabama has no "boss."

Companion Bennett very generously gives the writer two pages of his review of Alabama.

As to Companion Schultz's hostility to the doctrine of dependent membership, we had said "Ephraim is joined to his idols. Let him alone," and "The same to Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, of Canada, who extensively quotes him on the D. M. subject." Whereupon Companion Bennett gets off the following:

"Now, dear Companion, don't you think you should have spelled out the words? It is a mistaken economy to risk a reputation for clear expression, among readers, some of whom are, doubtless, careless in interpretation. Remembering that *we are an Ephraimite*," Italics ours) "he will surely excuse a 'turbulent' query."

Fie! fie! Companion, don't attribute to us that which originated in your own head. There was in our mind no thought of any "cuss-word" when we wrote the initial letters, "d. m." But after expressing his opinion adverse to further "hammering" that already, well battered subject, Companion Ben-

nett proceeds to hammer away to the extent of more than a half page, including a letter to himself from that justly famous Masonic historian, William James Hughan, whose opinion, on the matter in question, coincides with his own. All the same, our view of said matter remains unchanged.

He will please accept our grateful acknowledgment of kind expressions in his concluding paragraph under Alabama, and of our pride in his agreement with us in regard to recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia.

There is much in this spicy review that we would like to refer to, but just limitation of our own report precludes much further extension of the same. We therefore close with the following:

Companion Terrell of Texas had questioned the propriety, (or fitness, perhaps we should say) of a by-law in an Alabama Chapter, providing for a St. John's Day meeting, and had asked what Capitular Masonry had to do with St. John's Day.

Companion Bennett retorts as follows:

"Just as much claim to it as Symbolic Masonry has, if 'ancient usage' be accepted. Why are the Saints John in Craft Masonry at all? A little 'sun' light on that question might enlighten many."

We leave the question for Companion Terrell to answer. We'll not put our finger in his pie.

A portrait of Grand First Prin. Z-elect graces this volume.

Comp. George Moore, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

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

COLORADO.

34TH ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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

Number of Chapters, 40; Members, 3,816; Net gain, 157.

All the Grand Officers, a quorum of members, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, and thirty-seven Grand Representatives, including our envoy, were present.

A portrait of the Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. George D. Kennedy, is seen on the first page of this well-executed volume.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest, Companion John Samuel Titcomb, who died in Sunnymead, his Colorado home, March 18, 1908.

Like the writer, Comp. Titcomb was a lineal descendant of William Titcomb (the first of our name in America) who "came over from London, England, in the good ship Hercules, in 1634. The writer once received, from Companion John S. Titcomb, a letter which breathed the spirit of a true Mason, a true man, and a true Christian. While we were not nearly enough related to claim close kinship, we were both bound by the ties of brotherly love.

The Grand High Priest reported two decisions—the first of the two, ruling that the Capitular degrees could not be conferred upon a brother who had lost his right thumb.

The other ruling decided that it was unmasonic for a Chapter to serve intoxicating liquors at a banquet.

The M. E. had granted four special dispensations—not one of which permitted waiver of time in conferring degrees.

He is "sound as a dollar" on the subject of granting special dispensations to waive time in conferring the degrees. He steadfastly refused to grant any such dispensations. We quote his concluding remarks under that head, and heartily approve them. They are as follows:

"My opinion is, that Freemasonry in all its transactions, both with the outside world and its own members, should never be in a hurry. I think that our attitude towards those who desire our privileges should be such as to say to them in substance: 'If you measure up to our standards, and if your coming among us will not disturb the harmony already existing among our members, then *in our own way, and in our own time*, we will admit you to participate in our labors. Men usually value highest those things which are not easily obtained; and in the end this attitude of independence will give us more inherent strength and stability than if we yield lightly to every request to depart from our time-honored customs."

He granted a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter in Denver, Colorado.

He had made a large number of visitations.

His ideas of the subject of condition of the Craft, were excellent, as also, were his views on the Scope of the Institution.

His recommendation as regards Annual Returns, should arouse Chapter officers:

The Grand Treasurer's balance was the sum of \$5,007.15.

From the compact and excellent report of Grand Secretary, Companion Jacobson, it is learned that all the Chapters had paid their Grand Chapter dues.

The Committee on Necrology made an appropriate report which was adopted.

M. E. Comp. Ernest LeNeve Foster presented his Annual Report on Correspondence, which was adopted and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Lecturer reported a goodly number of visitations. All his acts were approved, and he was highly commended for faithfulness and efficiency in the discharge of his duties.

Turning to the report of the Jurisprudence Committee we find that the decisions and recommendations of the Grand High Priest were approved first by the Committee, then, by the Grand Chapter.

The Chapter U. D., being in excellent condition, but not having worked any degree beyond Mark Master, was continued U. D. until the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected thirteen eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster presented his Twenty-first Annual Review, which is, in no respect, inferior to his excellent preceding ones. He reviews proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters (four of them for two years) in concise and instructive manner.

Alabama, 1907, receives nearly two pages of fraternal and ever courteous notice. He is pleased at the sight of Grand Secretary and honorary P. G. H. P., Geo. Allan Beauchamp's photograph. He gives us a brief but judicious summary of Grand High Priest, Robert S. Teague's address, and pays the writer a very nice compliment, for which he will please accept our best thanks.

He says:

"The next Annual will occur, November 30, 1908, according to the constitution. Why it was necessary to offer a resolution for that purpose, we are at a loss to see."

Companion Foster will not "be at a loss to see," when informed that the resolution was to meet at 9 A. M. on the day fixed in our constitution. Hitherto the Grand Chapter has begun its meeting at 10 o'clock on that day. It required a resolution to change the hour.

Regarding the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, the writer had said:

"Hard, isn't it? Such action classes non-payment of dues with theft, arson, rape and murder."

Companion Foster comments thus:

"Not knowing the circumstances, it is hard to comment, but as a general proposition, expulsion for non-payment of dues is too severe a punishment, though in case one is amply able to pay and refuses, it comes pretty nearly under the classification of theft, as he is taking the rights and benefits of Masonry without giving anything in exchange for them."

We do not think the majority of the delinquents are of the class which embrace those who are able to pay, and refuse to do so. Some, while poor, are also proud, and shrink from going before the Lodge or Chapter to plead poverty. If such men are dropped from the rolls or suspended, how are they in such case, "taking the rights and benefits of Masonry without giving anything in exchange for them?" With us, when a member has become delinquent for two years, he is suspended by operation of law.

We would like to tarry with Companion Foster, but there are about thirty other "Proceedings" awaiting our attention, and the time for our Grand Chapter to convene is near; hence we bid our Companion a reluctant good-bye.

Comp. George D. Kennedy, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

CONNECTICUT.

111TH ANNUAL—NEW HAVEN—MAY, 1909.

Number of Chapters on roll, 40; Number represented, 39; Members, 8,050; Net gain, 282.

This volume is embellished with portraits of Grand High Priest, Geo. A. Kies, and Past Grand High Priests, James S. Gould and Edmund Tweed, also, with a portrait of the lamented P. G. M. John H. Barlow.

The Annual Convocation was opened May 11th, 1909, with M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, Geo. A. Kies in the chair, and all the Grand Officers present except the R.'. E.'. Grand Scribe, and with thirteen Past Grand High Priests, and twenty Grand Representatives, including our ambassador, M.'. E.'. Eugene A. Hall, answering to their names.

In the Grand High Priest's address, he paid worthy tribute of respect to the memory of departed Companions, making especial mention of Past Grand Officers—John H. Barlow, James R. Post, and James S. Gould, as well as of Companion Thos. B. Hazard.

Although not personally acquainted with Companion Barlow, we have been strongly drawn toward him, through Correspondence Reports, by his fairness, genialty, and conservatism, as well as by his wise counsels. His death has entailed upon us a sense of personal loss. Peace to his soul!

The Grand High Priest affirms that most of the Chapters are in fine condition financially.

He had made nine personal visitations and inspections.

He submitted but one decision, as follows:

"A subordinate Chapter has no power to impose fines for non-attendance at Convocations," and adds:

"The only punishments for which provision is made by our Code, are: expulsion; suspension, definite or indefinite; and reprimand, either public or private. Hence, especial enabling legislation by the Grand Chapter is necessary before a subordinate Chapter can impose a fine."

Under the head of "Recommendations," he says:

"For years, I have been struck with the inconsistency of our system of title. We style the High Priest of a subordinate Chapter as 'Most Excellent.' Should he be called to an appointive office in this Grand Chapter, he is shorn of a portion of his title, being styled simply 'Excellent.' Again, in the Grand Chapter, both the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest are called 'Most Excellent.'

With a view of doing away with these and other incongruities, I recommend a revision of our regulations so as to provide that the Grand High Priest shall be styled 'Most Excellent,' the remainder of the elective officers of the Grand Chapter 'Right Excellent,' and the appointive officers simply 'Excellent.' I also urge that the High Priest of a subordinate Chapter be styled simply 'Excellent,' the King and Scribe, as well as the other officers and members, to be known simply as 'Companions.' In addition, it would seem that the word 'Grand' should be eliminated from the titles of Masters of the Vails in subordinate Chapters."

We learn from the address that, up to date, Grand Chapter has donated to the Masonic Charity Foundation sums aggregating \$5,500.00.

The other members of the Grand Council made report of their respective visitations.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, May 12, 1909, was \$3,586.59.

The Committee on the Address recommended that, in future, a Companion represent only one Grand Jurisdiction at one and the same time, and that he be, at least, a P. H. P.

Telegrams of fraternal greeting were exchanged with the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Texas.

The Committee on By-Laws reported a standard form of By-Laws, which was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decision submitted by the Grand High Priest, but did not approve his rec-

ommendation as to change of title of officers in Grand Chapter and in the subordinate Chapters. One or two other matters were reported upon by the Committee. Entire report approved.

M. E. Companion Kies was decorated with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and Apron.

The Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected fifteen qualified Companions to membership in the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence (98 pp.) was presented by M. E. Companion Geo. A. Kies, Committee. Companion Kies ably and succinctly reviews the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters that claimed his attention. Alabama, 1908, is courteously given two pages of fraternal notice. He approves all of Grand High Priest Lazarus' decisions save one, which was not concurred in by our Jurisprudence Committee, said decision requiring that a Chapter, desiring to receive the petition of a Master Mason whose Lodge membership is in another State, obtain permission from the Chapter in the Jurisdiction in which he held his Lodge membership.

The writer's grateful acknowledgment of kind reference to the Alabama Report on Correspondence, are hereby tendered.

Of Comp. A. W. Johnston's claim that the Grand High Priest's prerogative of "making at sight" is the equal of the Grand Master, he says:

"Correct, and rests upon the same foundation, namely: the power to create subordinate bodies by dispensation."

With all due respect, we disagree.

Under Georgia, he pertinently says:

"While we believe in the principle that 'majorities should rule,' and therefore that Grand Bodies have a legal and moral right to strip their official heads of nearly every prerogative, however ancient the latter may be, we do not believe in the expediency of such action. The presiding officer of every

Grand Body is given large powers, not for indiscriminate use, but in order that he may have freedom in every emergency to act for the good of the Craft within the limits of a broad discretion. The fact that the dispensing power is sometimes too generously used furnishes, to our mind, small argument for its abolition. If a Grand Body disapproves of any dispensation granted, it can easily put itself on record as such. And, while its action would not retroactively affect the particular case in question, we can hardly conceive of a Grand officer refusing to be influenced by such vote when considering future applications for that kind of dispensation."

Companion Kies is a stalwart defender of dependent membership.

Comp. Charles A. Farnham, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

DELAWARE.

41ST ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY, 1909.

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

Number of Chapters, 4; Members, 986; Gain, 2.

On the initial pages is seen the intelligent countenance of Grand High Priest Companion Clower.

Present—All the Grand Officers, six Past Grand High Priests, twenty-four other Permanent Members, also our ambassador, with twenty-three Representatives of sister Jurisdictions. M. E. Comp. J. Harmon Rile is always on hand.

The Grand High Priest feelingly announced the death of Past Grand Treasurer, James Parke Postles; and that of eight other Companions in this Jurisdiction; also he presented a list of the eminent Companions of other Jurisdictions, who had died during the year.

During his term of office he had officially visited all the Chapters, and had found them in good working and financial condition.

He reported no decisions. He had issued no dispensations.

He made four recommendations, viz:

1. That Subordinate Chapters failing to hold at least eight convocations in one year, shall be summoned to appear and show cause why their charters shall not be arrested.

2. That, upon the death of a member of Grand Chapter, the Memorial Committee prepare a suitable memorial to be read at the next Regular Convocation of each Subordinate Chapter, and that, upon the death of a P. G. H. P., all sister Grand Jurisdictions shall be officially notified.

3. That applications for dimits shall be in writing.

4. That a Companion elected to office in his Chapter, cannot hold an appointed one at the same time.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$624.41. (January, 1909.)

Past Grand High Priest V. V. Harrison presented his report on Foreign Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The Grand Secretary reported all the Chapters as having paid their Grand Chapter dues. (St. John's Chapter at Wilmington paid dues to the tune of \$283.00—largest Chapter in the State.)

The Grand Representatives present were duly received and welcomed. (By the way, forty-three of the Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Delaware, reside in Wilmington—scatter them a little, Companions of Delaware.)

The four recommendations of the Grand High Priest were considered, and acted upon as follows:

No. 1 was held to be unnecessary.

No. 2 was approved.

No. 3 was approved.

No. 4 was approved after the amendment by addition of the words, "except temporarily." Standing Resolution No. 15 holds to the doctrine of Dependent Membership. Good!

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the work of P. G. H. P., Companion Virginius V. Harrison, and good work it is.

Alabama, 1907, is given two-thirds of a page of courteous attention. The reviewer refers, approvingly we infer, to the address of Grand High Priest, Robert S. Teague, and applauds his recommendation that the unused donation for the California earthquake sufferers returned to Grand Chapter, be put into the Grand Lodge Widows' and Orphans' fund.

His kind reference to the writer's Report is, he may rest assured, very highly appreciated.

Companion Harrison, what will you take for your condenser? It is excellent.

Comp. A. Henry Berlin, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

ENGLAND.

We find on our table two pamphlets containing the proceedings of Quarterly Convocations held—one, on August 7, 1907, the other, February 5, 1908.

Having looked through their pages we discover no matters of interest to us here in America, save, perhaps, that on recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, nine petitions for establishment of new Chapters, were favorably received, and the prayers of the petitioners were granted favorable answer.

The finances of Grand Chapter appear to be in a very healthy condition.

Two weak Chapters were permitted to surrender their charters, and have their names erased from the Roll.

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

Comp. Sir Edward Letchworth, E.'. Grand Scribe Ezra.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—AUGUST, 1908.

Comp. The Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, M. P. E. P. Grand Z.

At this Convocation Lord Ampthill was obligated and duly installed as Pro First Grand Principal of the Order.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was read and adopted. On recommendation of said committee, petitions for five Chapters were received and the prayers of the petitioners granted. Three of these Chapters are located at different points in Africa, one in Bengal, India, and one in England. Four petitions for removal of quarters were also granted.

The balance cash in bank, amounted to \$5,686.92.

No further business appearing, Grand Chapter was closed "in Ancient and Solemn Form."

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—FEBRUARY, 1909.

Comp. The Lord Ampthill, M. P. E. P. Pro Grand Z.

The Committee of General Purposes reported balance on hand and receipts during the three months just ended, as \$5,283.72, and balance after disbursements, \$3,443.36.

On recommendation of said committee, authority was granted petitioners to establish four new Chapters—each one to be attached to a designated Lodge.

A Chapter 100 years old petitioned for authority to permit its members to wear a Centenary Jewel. Granted.

On motion of the Pro Grand Z. \$960.00 to supplement appropriation of \$4,800.00 by Grand Lodge, for the relief of sufferers by the earthquake in Sicily. Real Masonry.

The business of the session having been concluded, Grand Chapter was closed in "Ancient and Solemn Form."

Comp. The Lord Ampthill, M. P. E. P. Pro Grand Z.

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

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We have before us the Proceedings of the influential Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. This Grand Lodge is an important factor in the system of Masonic benevolence. Its influence for the exercises of charity, is advancing and widening year by year. This Grand Body has nearly six hundred subordinate Lodges. The receipts for the year, ending March 31, 1908, were (according to our method of changing English money to United States currency) \$7,134.78, for Lodge dues, and for Registration and Certificate Fees, \$3,957.88.

One instance of the Mark Masters' benevolent work is shown on a large scale in these Proceedings. It was the Annual Festival of 1907, from which the net proceeds for charity amounted to \$11,996.93.

H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught is the M.°. W.°. Grand Master.

The Earl of Euston is M.°. W.°. Pro Grand Master and C. F. Matier is R.°. W.°. Grand Secretary.

The volume contains the proceedings of the four Quarterly communications, also those of a "Movable" Communication (as we say Special Communication) held at Plymouth to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Mark Masonry in the Province of Devon.

Brother Matier is to be congratulated upon the excellent painstaking evinced in his voluminous statistical tables. His task is not easy, but he is equal to it.

Mark Master Mason Lodges have a firm footing in Great Britain, and Australia. That such Lodges, as distinctive bodies, are not found in this country outside of Pennsylvania, is the fact it we are not mistaken.

On their errand of mercy, we bid these Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in England and the Dependencies of the British Crown, God Speed.

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

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

FLORIDA.

63D ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—MAY, 1909.

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

Number of Chapters, 29; Present membership, 1,817; Gain, 193.

A portrait of Grand High Priest J. H. Weddell is the frontispiece of this volume.

When Grand Chapter had convened, all the Grand Officers were at their posts, except the Grand Chaplain. Eleven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. We note with pleasure that our Representative, Comp. Geo. H. White, heads the list of envoys from twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinced zealous care for the interests of the Royal Craft, and thorough devotion to duty. The address contains the Grand High Priest's circular, to the subordinate Chapters, announcing in feeling and eloquent terms the death of Past Grand High Priest, William E. Anderson, than whom no nobler specimen of a true gentleman was in his lifetime, to be found, anywhere. We knew him personally.

The address also embraces an account of the visitations of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe. From these reports it appears that some of the Chapters are in splendid condition, while most of the others are in fairly good shape, but a very few barely existing. It is noticeable that when the head of the Craft discovers defects he does not gloss them over with the varnish of faint praise, but points out what is wrong, and fraternally directs those, who may be in error, toward the right way.

Among his few dispensations, two were for organizing Chapters U. D.

His "Decisions and Opinions" reported by M. E. Comp. Weddell strike us as certainly Masonic in spirit, and, doubtless, Masonic in letter.

Reporting thereon the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence said:

"In the matter of the decisions reported by the Grand High Priest, we recommend the approval of the decision on January 12th to Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, regarding a dispensation to elect and install officers; the decision of February 10th to Jericho Chapter, No. 11, regarding work by courtesy, and the decision of October 30th to Ocala Chapter, No. 13, regarding the election and installation of officers on St. Johns Day when it occurs on Sunday.

While the foregoing decisions are in accordance with the constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter, there are no new questions of law involved excepting in the last decision mentioned. In relation to that decision we recommend the adoption of the following regulation:

A Chapter cannot lawfully meet or work on Sunday, except for funerals or very urgent charity.

In the matter of the decision on March 3rd for Island Chapter, No. 21, regarding the manner or method of communicating to Chapters information in cases where suspension or expulsion has been had by the Blue Lodge or other competent Masonic authority, which matter is referred to in regulation No. 38, we approve the action of the Grand High Priest and recommend that regulation No. 38, as it now appears in the regulations be stricken out and the following be adopted in lieu thereof:

No. 38. When information comes to a Chapter that a Grand Lodge or other competent Masonic authority, has suspended or expelled a Brother who is a member of the Chapter or who has received any of the capitular degrees therein, such Chapter shall immediately cause an investigation of the matter to be made and upon such information being confirmed, shall make an entry thereof in the minutes. Such person may be restored or re-instated by action of the Chapter, after evidence that he shall have been restored or re-instated by proper Masonic authority.

In the matter of the decision dated April 20th to Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, regarding the receiving of the petition for initiation of sailors and officers in the U. S. Navy we think the action of the Grand High Priest was correct, and feel sure that he used the words "Short of time" in the sense in which it was used in the letter from the Chapter, because in capitular law of this jurisdiction those words do not apply in the sense in which they are used in the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Section 41 of the constitution of the Grand Chapter provides that petitions for degrees must be duly presented in writing at a regular convocation. Regulation, No. 39, as printed in the reprint of 1908 (No. 31 of the revision of 1899) provides that a petition for degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter. These requirements are mandatory and cannot be waived by dispensation. We are of the opinion that

the Grand High Priest has no power to waive these requirements nor has the Grand Chapter itself a right so to do until after amendment to the constitution."

In a supplemental report, the Jurisprudence Committee, having under consideration a resolution looking to the exemption of clergymen from the payment of fees for the degrees, presented the following amendment to the Constitution (which, under the rules, lies over until next Annual) for final action.

"Add to Section 41, Article 11, of the Constitution the following words: 'Provided that any Chapter may remit the fees to clergymen.'"

It must be confessed that the writer is not very enthusiastic on the subject of giving ministers free passes into the Chapter.

The brief report of the Committee on Memorials was most appropriate. It was received and adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D., applying for the same.

Among the "Regulations" of this Grand Chapter we find the following:

"This Grand Chapter recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Chapter of Alabama over all material residing within five miles of the State line, provided there be no organized Chapter of his own Grand Jurisdiction within ten miles of petitioner's residence.—1902."

And among the "Amendments to the Constitution," appears the same resolution of comity, re-affirmed in 1905.

Like action was taken by the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Although the writer was the author of the Alabama response to the Florida resolution of reciprocity, he confesses to an extensive weakening in his enthusiasm for inter-state, concurrent Jurisdiction in Free Masonry. To enlarge upon the matter, is needless.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Order of High Priesthood received twelve accessions.

Comp. Samuel Pasco, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

33D TRIENNIAL—BOSTON—JUNE, 1906.

Comp. Arthur G. Pollard, M.'. E.'. G. G. H. P.

Number of Grand Chapters, constituents of the General Grand Chapter, 38; Number represented, 33.

So near is the time when our Reports must go to the printer, and we having just reached the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, that very brief must our notice be, of the Triennial at Boston, Mass. Just a glance including a few statistics.

A portrait, steel engraving, of Gen. Grand High Priest, Arthur G. Pollard, embellishes the first page of the volume before us.

From the address of the General Grand High Priest we learn that, for good reasons, he had declined to grant a dispensation for a special election of officers of a Chapter in Idaho.

Asked for a duplicate charter, the original having been burned, he deemed it not in his province to grant the same, but he granted a dispensation to be used as a charter until the next Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

He had granted a dispensation to Comp. Byron W. Bates to preside at an election of the principal officers of a Chapter in Puerto Rico, and, on the same date had issued his dispensation to Comp. J. H. McLearey to constitute said Chapter and install its officers.

He had issued two dispensations for formation of like number of new Chapters in Idaho, and one, for formation of a Chapter in Manila, Philippine Islands, also one, for formation of a Chapter in Utah.

Under the heading, "Decisions," in answer to a question with reference to the display of emblems on the Altar, the General

Grand High Priest said that in accordance with his best judgment, and so far as his observation would warrant, the three great lights of Free Masonry were the only requisites needed for display on the Altar during Convocations held under the Jurisdiction of the Capitular Rite.

So he does not sanction the use of that appropriate emblem, the equilateral triangle, and truth to say, no Grand Chapter in the United States, so far as we know, puts the triangle upon the Altar. But it is in use in Canada and England, we believe.

In answer to the two following questions, viz:

"1st. Is a dimitted Mason eligible to any elective office in Royal Arch Masonry?"

"2nd. Is there not an established law in Masonry that no dimitted Mason can be eligible to an elective office?"

The General Grand High Priest replied thus:

"Lowell, Mass., January 29, 1906.

J. D. Carpenter, Esq., Past High Priest of Mt. Zion R. A. Chapter, Atlanta, Georgia:

My Dear Sir and E. V. Companion: I find that different jurisdictions have different regulations concerning the eligibility of dimitted Masons to hold official positions. The General Grand Chapter has declared that every Royal Arch Mason ought to be in affiliation with a lodge of Free Masons, but legislation upon this subject is left with the several Grand Chapters. This rule as far as the General Grand Chapter is concerned is binding only upon the membership of subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Body. I would, therefore, suggest that you confer with the Grand High Priest of your own Grand jurisdiction in regard to the matter you mention.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
General Grand High Priest."

In regard to Puerto Rico, he says:

"The condition of affairs in the Masonic Jurisdiction of the Island of Porto Rico has caused me considerable embarrassment and perplexity" in respect to the matter of conferring the Capitular degrees upon Master Masons of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, which was formed, and is held under the auspices of Scottish Rite Masonry."

Quoting the decision of Companion Jas. W. Taylor, General Grand High Priest, at the Triennial held in 1903, favorable to recognition of Puerto Rico Masonry, and the report of the Jurisprudence Committee adverse thereto. Under that report which was adopted, he felt compelled to make unfavorable answer to the communication from Borinquen Chapter, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In reply to an inquiry as to the eligibility of a candidate, for the Capitular degrees, who had been physically disabled by the loss of an arm, he said:

"The General Grand Chapter by vote has decided that it is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements of such degrees."

"While my sympathy was most assuredly with the candidate, yet I was obliged to rule in accordance with the above decision."

The Correspondence Committee on the request of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, made a lengthy and elaborate report thereon, adverse to the present recognition of said Grand Chapter. The Committee was of the opinion that recognition should be withheld until an amicable settlement of the differences between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the regularly organized, lusty young Grand Chapter of Western Australia, should be reached. The report of the Committee was adopted.

It goes without saying, that such action is not in accordance with the writer's convictions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, through its Chairman, Comp. Frederic Speed of Miss., made an able and exhaustive report on the Puerto Rican situation. The Committee concluded its long report as follows:

"We, therefore, conclude that as the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico is a sovereign body with complete control over the Lodges of its obedience, free from the dictation or control of any Grand Orient or Supreme Council, and as such is or has been recognized by a number of the American Grand Lodges, and

we feel that it should be by all of them, that the Master Masons made in its Lodges are entitled to full and complete recognition everywhere, and as such are eligible to receive the degrees conferred in our Chapters.

The premises considered, we respectfully recommend that Borinquen Chapter, be authorized to receive petitions from any Lodge in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and which is otherwise acceptable material and duly qualified."

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Graff M. Acklin pronounced before the General Grand Chapter an eloquent and touching eulogium on the life and character of the late Past General Grand High Priest, Companion Reuben C. Lemmon.

The masterly, historical address of P. G. M. and Recording Grand Secretary Sereno D. Nickerson must have been highly appreciated. We do not have the audacity to essay a settlement of the Massachusetts-Pennsylvania contention as to precedence. It is not a "business question" at all events.

A few statistics must close this rambling, disconnected paper. Here they are:

	1903	1904	1905	Totals
"Number Exalted -----	20,080	22,236	21,191	63,507
Number Affiliated -----	2,670	2,659	2,778	8,107
Number Restored -----	1,293	1,177	1,090	3,560
Increase -----	24,043	26,072	25,059	75,174
Number Dimitted -----	3,620	3,531	3,769	10,920
Number Suspended -----	3,224	3,113	3,421	9,758
Number Expelled -----	38	47	57	142
Number Died -----	3,436	3,668	3,849	10,953
Decrease -----	10,318	10,359	11,096	31,773
Affiliated Companions ----	233,685	250,198	264,919	

The Assembled Companions had a royal time at "the Hub," and were entertained magnificently, and all went home as happy as larks leisurely leaving a well stocked field of grain.

Comp. Joseph E. Dyas, M. F. E. F. General Grand High Priest.

Comp. Christopher G. Fox, R. F. E. F. General Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

87TH ANNUAL—MACON—APRIL, 1909.

Comp. L. M. Heard, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the initial page of this volume.

Number of Chapters, 129; Members, 6,368; Net loss, 401.

This loss due to the fact that, while four charters had been granted, nine charters had been forfeited. But courage, Companions, for diminution of numbers does not always denote loss of strength.

This volume opens with a general outline of committees, with their respective duties, the cost referring to entertainment of the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial in Savannah next November. Georgia will, we feel sure, cover herself with glory on that occasion.

When Grand Chapter assembled in the beautiful city of Macon, the staff of Grand Officers present was complete, and was reinforced by the presence of six Past Grand High Priests. We note with pleasure that Companion Thos. H. Jeffries (M. V. W. V. G. M.) our ambassador, heads the list of twenty-six Grand Representatives present.

In the opening page of his short but business-like address, the Grand High Priest, in the true Masonic spirit said:

"The character of Capitular Masonry is measured by the loyalty, the devotion and the purity of those who have assumed its vows. The moral force and benign influence of every institution are gauged by the virtue and integrity of its disciples.

Would you make the Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia a power for good, go forth teaching and preaching its moral lessons by precept and example, and if thy tongue be silent let the voice of thy life proclaim, 'I have learned its lessons well.'"

He had issued thirty-seven special dispensations and four dispensations for formation of new Chapters. He recommended that charters be granted to these new Chapters. He also recommended that such appropriation be made to the Masonic Home as the Trustees think necessary, and financial conditions will permit. No decisions were reported.

He highly complimented Grand Secretary Wolihin.

A committee was appointed to convey the sympathy of Grand Chapter to Past Grand High Priest Henry Banks, who was taken suddenly ill, on his way to attend this convocation.

A distinguished visitor, in the person of Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, Henry D. Hamilton, was received and welcomed with the honors due to his rank.

The Finance Committee recommended increase of the salary of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to \$100.00. On recommendation of the same committee the sum of \$1,000.00 was appropriated to the Masonic Home, to be used as the Trustees may direct.

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

The Grand High Priest's 27 special dispensations safely passed the ordeal of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

A letter from Past Grand High Priest, A. M. Lambdin, who was at Stamford, Texas, seeking health, was read and ordered printed in the Proceedings. Distance and ill health prevented him from attending Convocation, but his letter was full of sympathy with Grand Chapter in its noble mission, and invoked upon it the blessing of the Great I Am.

At a special hour for the presentation, to the Masonic Home, of a memorial of Masonic badges in memory of Companion George Augustine Dure, a most worthy companion whose good deeds will live in the hearts of his associates, the Grand Chapter was placed at refreshment, Companion Dure's surviving family were escorted to the East, Grand Secretary Wolihin presented the touching and eloquent memorial, and Companion Thos. H. Jeffries, who might, with propriety, be dubbed, "The Golden Mouthed," made the response.

Companion Jeffries in his inimitable manner, also presented, for the Grand Chapter, a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest-elect, made a brief but fitting address; and after a committee had been appointed to procure a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel for the new Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter was closed.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected four Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Companion, A. M. Lambdin, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented his tenth annual report, which was, in no particular, less meritorious than his previous excellent reviews.

Alabama, 1908, is accorded nearly a page and a half of courteous remarks.

He quotes (approvingly, we infer) from the address of Grand High Priest, Companion Lew Lazarus, and pays the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence a very much higher compliment than the writer is conscious of deserving. All the same, we are grateful for his commendation.

The true Masonic gentleman appears in Companion Lambdin's excellent

"CONCLUSION."

"There can be no more fitting conclusion to this report than to express the hope that all the Companions of the Correspondence Corps may find it possible to attend the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter which convenes in Savannah in November of this good year, 1909.

Although there was some disappointment that you and all the other Companions of the various Grand Chapters could not visit our Southland while the magic touch of Spring was resting upon our hills and dales, still the welcome will be all the warmer when you come to us amid the golden glow of our matchless Indian Summer.

Come and see for yourselves that of this land and this people 'the half has not been told.'

With all the rejoicing that a long labor is ended, there comes ever the wish that it were better done. But it is now too late to make amends.

The fire burns low on the hearth; the March wind has died away into a calm; the weary pen would rest; from an earnest heart we bid you

'Gude nicht, and joy be wi' you a'!

Fraternally,

A. M. LAMB DIN."

An exemplification of the work was arranged for the occasion of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah, Ga.

Comp. J. A. Walton, M. E., Grand High Priest.

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

ILLINOIS.

59TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1908.

Active Chapters, 194; Members, 27,789; Gain, 1,560.

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

A portrait of Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. Frederick E. Hoberg, graces the first page of this volume, while later on we discover the attractive face of the lately deceased Grand Secretary Gilbert W. Barnard, who had served as such official almost thirty years. He rests from his labors.

It is a pleasure to note that our minister, Comp. S. J. Le Ferre was one of the forty Grand Representatives present.

In his address the Grand High Priest paid due respect to the memory of R. E. Companion Barnard.

He had visited two of the Schools of Instruction, and was of the opinion that they had proved to be of great benefit to the Craft.

In person, or by proxy, he had constituted three Chapters in ancient form.

He had appointed Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, Grand Secretary to serve until the next Annual Convocation.

If Companion Warvelle's business capacity proves to be commensurate with his ability as a writer, that was a first-class appointment.

The Grand High Priest reported no decisions, all questions propounded to him having been answered by reference to the Code.

His several visitations were very satisfactory. At one of these, after the Chapter was closed, a banquet was served to one thousand guests.

He announced that he had extended, on behalf of Grand Chapter, congratulations and good wishes to the new Grand Chapter of Idaho, and recommended that the subject be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The address "was listened to with marked attention and, at the end, was greeted with generous applause."

The several reports of the subordinate Grand Officers were very favorable, and the report of the Board of Grand Lecturers was most encouraging in respect of three Schools of Instruction, which had an aggregate attendance of eighty-two Chapters.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we learn that the net balance on hand was \$19,571.55, while the total securities held, amounted to \$20,000.00.

The report of Grand Secretary Warvelle satisfies us that he is "the right man in the right place."

He was pleased to report that, with a few minor exceptions, no Chapters were delinquent for 1908.

Communications of sympathy on account of the death of Grand Secretary Gilbert W. Barnard were received from the Grand Secretaries of Scotland and Victoria, Australia; also a communication from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, expressing grateful appreciation of the generous aid contributed to the sufferers by the awful fire and earthquake of April 18, 1906, and returning the unexpended portion of that contribution made by the Illinois Companions.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, approved of the appointment of Companion Warvelle as Grand Secretary; and congratulated the Grand High Priest on his able and satisfactory management of affairs during his term of office. Report adopted.

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

The dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved.

On favorable report by the Committee on Chapters U. D., one such Chapter was granted a charter.

The Committee on Grievances had no case on its docket. The Committee's report was adopted.

The lengthy but appropriate report of the Committee on Obituaries was received and adopted. The report covered about thirteen pages of the printed Proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the salary of the Grand High Priest was fixed at \$600.00 a year.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected forty-two eligible Companions to the Order, whereupon all but one being present, were "received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood."

CORRESPONDENCE.

With the short time at our command and the limited space left, we cannot even attempt to review the very able Report on Correspondence presented by R. E. Companion Geo. W. Warvelle, Committee on Correspondence.

Comp. Warvelle reviews the Proceedings of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, 1907, which is accorded about half a page, while a few Jurisdictions receive only some six, eight or ten lines. So we of Alabama are not quite at the foot of the class, and are content. The short notice of our Jurisdiction is brotherly and courteous.

The writer had the audacity, last year, to criticise Comp. Warvelle's location of a Latin verb. But our Illinois contemporary is too broad-minded, of too large intellectual caliber to suffer his temper to be ruffled by a little thing of that sort. Witness the following:

"Comp. Titcomb discovered a hole in my armor and therein did he give me a thrust. He found an error in my conjugation of the Latin verb 'facio,' which I inadvertently placed in the wrong category. Well, the drinks are on me. Titcomb is all right. All of which goes to show that when an old snoozer like your uncle tries to air his youthful academic erudition, it behooves him to consult his pony before he speaks."

Well, Companion, we claim no credit for that trifling matter. The fact is, when we were a schoolboy we were drilled so persistently on the Latin conjugations that they have stuck to our memory ever since.

The most interesting portion of Companion Warvelle's paper is found under the heading, "From the Tripod," in which he discusses various topics, all of which discussions evince wide reading, great research and solid chunks of thought.

Among the subjects treated are the following:

"Sins and Sinners," "Exclusion vs. Suspension," "Special Dispensations," "The Wisdom of the Wise" (a very caustic article, but not a particle too caustic), "Order of High Priesthood," "Who Were They," "The American Royal Arch System."

While, if it were practicable, we would like that our readers should see those essays, we must content ourselves with two excerpts from his conclusion:

"The year has been one of much prosperity in Masonic circles and particularly is this true of the Chapter. Never before have so many been seeking the recovery of the lost word. Never have the treasuries shown larger balances, and at no time in the past has Masonry been so popular. There are those who see, or affect to see, impending disaster, if not ruin, in the large influx of candidates that we are now having, and who utter pessimistic warnings to 'close the door.' But, for my own part, I can see only good in this wide spread diffusion of Masonic principles. I cannot subscribe to the oft expressed sentiment that Masonry is only for the few and not for the many, and I utterly repudiate the statement, that Masonry is becoming too popular. One might, with equal propriety, say that religion is becoming too popular."

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"From Greenwood's table it would seem that there are now in North America a grand total of 339,581 affiliated Royal Arch Masons; that of this number 27,850 were exalted during the year. New York still leads, in point of numbers, with a membership of 32,800, but Illinois comes next with 26,132. Ohio occupies third place with 25,698, and Pennsylvania is a close fourth with 25,309. These Jurisdictions are the big four of Capitular Masonry and stand in a class by themselves, as no other Jurisdiction can show over 20,000. The nearest approach is Massachusetts, which has 19,367. The smallest Jurisdiction is Nevada with only 342.

In point of activity New York also leads the others with 2,691 exaltations. Ohio comes next with 2,212, and Illinois sinks to third place with only 2,114. These three are all who show accessions by work of over two thousand. Canada, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Texas, each show exaltations in excess of one thousand. Arizona, Delaware, Nevada, New Brunswick, New Mexico and Nova Scotia, each show less than one hundred. Nevada brings up the rear of the procession with only 14.

The restorations of the year were practically offset by the dismissals, the former being 4,682 and the latter 4,661. The total deaths of the year amount to 4,842."

Comp. Frederick E. Hoberg, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.
Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

63D ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER, 1908.

Comp. Edgar H. Bristol, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.
Active Chapters, 114; Members, 12,704; Gain, 811.

In his address, the Grand High Priest made the sad announcement of the death of M.'. E.'. Companion, Martin H. Rice, Grand Treasurer for twenty-five years—the best known Mason in Indiana. He also fittingly mentioned the fraternal dead, both at home and abroad.

One Chapter had been constituted, and the M.'. E.'. had granted a dispensation for the organization of one new Chapter. Six special dispensations to elect officers had been issued.

The Grand High Priest reported a few decisions, as follows:

1. "A Companion, having been expelled by his Lodge, and no action having been taken by his Chapter, and subsequently restored to non-affiliate condition by his Lodge, is in good standing in his Chapter.

2. A soldier in the United States army petitioned a Chapter within whose jurisdiction he had lived but there months, and the Grand High Priest was asked if the petitioner was entitled to waiver of the Regulation requiring six months' residence on account of his being in the Regular Army.

The Grand High Priest decided that six months' residence was essential in every case.

3. Verbal objection, in the presence of witnesses, was made to the exaltation of a brother who had taken the dependent degrees. Asked how long such objection would hold good, the Grand High Priest decided that the objection holds good until the next regular meeting of the Chapter, when, to sustain the objection, charges must be made. If no charges are made, the degree may be conferred."

4. A Chapter asked this question:

"A member of this Chapter was suspended in 1883 for non-payment of dues. He now resides in Oklahoma, and desires to be re-instated; what steps will he have to take in the matter?"

The Grand High Priest ruled to the following effect:

"Unless there is something more against the Companion than non-payment of dues, the payment of all that was against him at the time of his suspension, and a majority vote of the members present at a stated meeting restores to membership."

The Grand High Priest recommended that the General Regulations be so amended as to require continued membership in the Blue Lodge. He also recommended that a codification and reprint of the General Regulations be provided for.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in hand was the sum of \$4,677.66. Total of assets of Grand Chapter was the sum of \$14,677.66.

Grand Secretary Calvin W. Prather is a model officer. From his report it is learned that 1,140 were exalted during the year.

The reports of the Grand Inspector shows that he has zealously and capably performed the duties of his responsible office.

Past-Grand High Priest, Comp. Simeon S. Johnson, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, presented his annual Report, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The special committee on the death of M^r. E^r. Martin H. Rice, Grand Treasurer, made an excellent report which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

A most appropriate report was that of the Committee on Necrology.

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

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals found pleasure in reporting an empty docket. Adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the new Grand Chapter of Idaho, and exchange of Representatives invited.

The Jurisprudence Committee made the following report:

To the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence recommend the approval of the acts and rulings of the Grand High Priest and concur in his recommendation that the General Regulations be amended so as to require petitions for the degrees to lay over for four weeks and that no emergency shall hereafter be declared whereby action thereon can be sooner had, excepting that the Grand High Priest shall be empowered to grant a dispensation on request of the Chapter permitting prior action at a meeting to be called for that purpose, of which said meeting all members must have due notice."

A portrait of the Grand High Priest-elect adorns the first page of this well-printed volume.

The Council of High Priests elected thirty eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Simeon S. Johnson presented an able report on Foreign Correspondence.

He concisely reviews the Proceedings of forty-five Jurisdictions, touching upon the salient points in each case.

To Alabama, 1907, he gives nearly two pages of fraternal notice.

He says:

"The following resolutions were adopted, and are now the law in that Jurisdiction:"

But forgets to state what the said resolutions were. Then he says:

"In our opinion this is sound law and ought to prevail in all the States."

Were those our resolutions concerning non-affiliation with the Blue Lodge?

Companion Johnson ignores the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. Robert M. H. Britton, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

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

IOWA.

55TH ANNUAL—WATERLOO—OCTOBER, 1908.

Comp. Wm. H. Norris, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 127; Number Represented, 92; Total Membership, Dec. 31, 1907, 10,569; Net increase, 376.

All the Grand Officers answered to their names except the Grand Principal Sojourner and the Grand Chaplain.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present, as also were twenty-seven Grand Representatives, including our diplomat, Comp. William Wilbraham.

In his well written address, the Grand High Priest noted under the head of Necrology, the demise of one hundred and seventy-five Iowa Companions, and the distinguished dead of eighteen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The address is eminently practical and does not fail to point out errors wherever they appear, nor to give encouragement when it will act as a spur to effort and activity.

The chief executive had granted but four dispensations, all of them to fill vacancies, or install officers "out of time."

He was glad the present law of the Jurisdictions enabled and required him to refuse certain dispensations which, if granted, would set aside the fundamental law.

He reported no decisions, reference to the Code answering all questions propounded. And he trusted that Chapter Officers would so inform themselves as to relieve the Grand High Priest of much unnecessary trouble; but he found some excuse, for Chapter officials, in the unsatisfactory condition of the Code. And was gratified to find that the committee appointed for that purpose, was prepared to report a new and annotated edition of the laws of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, on hand was the goodly sum of \$16,459.84.

Grand Secretary, Comp. Alf. Wingate, reported that all the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues.

The report of the Committee on Necrology, which was adopted and ordered printed with the proceedings, was an appropriate and eloquent expression of the sentiment of Grand Chapter.

The Annual Report of the Committee on Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The "Committee on Code" reported the result of its labors and asked that certain changes it recommended in the constitution and laws, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. So ordered.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund reported balance on hand, Relief Fund, \$905.74. Balance on hand, Permanent Fund, \$3,374.50. They also reported total securities, \$12,700.00.

Under the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, it would appear that uncollected dues amount to a large sum. Secretaries should "get a move on them." The Committee seems to have gone over the Chapters with a searching rake. Such action is conducive to Capitular health.

The Committee recommended that the incoming Grand High Priest appoint a "corps of efficient inspectors to visit the subordinate Chapters, and ascertain their condition, etc." It also recommended that the incoming Grand High Priest be authorized to arrest the charter of any Chapter where less than five regular convocations are held during the year, if his judgment warrants the same.

The Committee on the Address passed the highest encomiums upon the Grand High Priest's administration of Grand Chapter affairs.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had no case on its slate, for investigation and report.

The M. E. was authorized to provide for the holding of Schools of Instruction in different parts of the state, when he shall deem it advisable so to do.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the changes proposed for the constitution and laws, and recommended the adoption of the same. The committee's recommendation was adopted.

The Committee also reported upon the matter of remission of dues, which topic we pass.

In regard to the recommendation that Chapters be required to hold, at least five stated Convocations, each year under penalty of forfeiture of charter, in case of non-compliance, the committee deemed the action proposed unnecessary, existing laws being sufficient on that subject.

The report of the Committee on the Code was read, and after consideration, section by section, the revised constitution and laws, were adopted as a whole.

In a very able report from the Correspondence Committee, P. G. H. P. Comp. W. F. Cleveland recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and the recommendation of the committee was adopted. The committee also recommended that, whereas, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, U. S. A., has declared the Grand Chapter of Idaho a regular and duly organized Grand Chapter, R. A. M., said Grand Chapter be recognized and welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

The twenty-seven Grand Representatives present, including our envoy, Comp. Wm. Wilbraham, P. G. H. P., were received and welcomed.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

That the Report on Correspondence is one of the best of the year, "goes without saying" when Past Grand High Priest W. F. Cleveland is known as its author.

Alabama, 1907, receives about two pages of courteous notice. Companion Cleveland notes that Alabama has "dropped into line" on the dependent membership question, something the writer has long wished for.

In his kind reference to the writer's Report, he says:

"In his conclusion he says he has not included a review of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, because it has never been recognized by the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Although the Grand Chapter of Iowa has never complied with their reasonable and dignified request for recognition, still we have reviewed every printed Proceeding received from them. Just wait, Companion Titcomb, until after the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, if it does not formally recognize them then you will very likely see many of the Grand Chapters of the United States one by one complying with their request, and not only formally recognizing them as a Grand governing body of Royal Arch Masonry in that Grand Judisdiction, but arrangements will be perfected for an exchange of Grand Representatives. The Grand Chapter of Scotland has had ample opportunity to reconsider their first refusal and be fraternally interested in the welfare and growth of a body of Royal Arch Masons located so far away and one that is gradually growing in strength and membership."

It is true that up to the present time (November 6, 1909) the Grand Chapter of Alabama has not complied with the request of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia for recognition, but if Companion Cleveland will take the trouble to look up the matter, he will see that in 1904 and again in 1905, the writer strove to secure recognition for the latter Grand Chapter. Whether or not the General Grand Chapter, at the Triennial in Savannah recognizes our Western Australian sister, we propose to ask our own Grand Chapter, a third time, to extend that recognition.

Time and space are lacking for such attention as Companion Cleveland's report richly deserves.

Comp. Louis Block, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

KANSAS.

44TH ANNUAL—WICHITA—FEBRUARY, 1909.

Comp. Augustus O. Wellman, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Chartered Chapters, 88; Members, 7,929; Net gain, 470.

This volume is embellished with several striking portraits, including one of M. E. Companion Wellman.

As per the report of the Committee on Credentials, when Grand Chapter was opened, the staff of Grand Officers was unbroken. Eleven Past Grand High Priests and twenty-seven Grand Representatives, including M. E. Companion Maxwell, our minister, were present.

The exordium of the Grand High Priest's address is a thoughtful and scholarly production. Would that we had space for its reproduction.

His tribute to the memory of the lately deceased Grand Sentinel, Comp. Spencer P. Wade, was simply beautiful.

He had made a few official visitations, but expressed regret that none of the small Chapters had been so visited, "as they stand sadly in need of personal attention."

In this connection he recommended a system of District Deputy Grand High Priests. He also recommended that the Committee on Jurisprudence formulate such By-Laws as will cover his recommendation.

He further recommended that the Grand High Priest have authority to commission any Royal Arch Mason as an instructor for any specific Chapter that may require instruction, proper provisions therefor to be made, by Grand Chapter, for expenses and compensation.

Two dispensations had been issued for organization of new Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance, February 1, 1909, was \$1,640.08.

The Grand Secretary's report is a well prepared and very comprehensive document. Companion Wilson's services are invaluable.

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

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D., charters were voted to two new Chapters.

We have perused the able and full Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, but as the most of it is of local interest, we shall not give our readers all the details thereof. The Committee favored the adoption of a by-law providing, as the G. H. P. had requested, for a system of District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The Committee did not concur in his recommendation that authority be given the G. H. P. to send any Royal Arch Mason to instruct any specific Chapter, the expense and compensation of such delegate to be paid by Grand Chapter; the Committee, however, presented a by-law which would accomplish the end aimed at by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee recommended denial of representation at the Annual Convocation to Chapters neglecting or refusing to make their returns in time, and to pay their dues, tax, or assessments.

In a supplemental report the Committee presented the following:

"They approve of the several rulings and recommend that they be placed with the approved decisions of Grand High Priests as follows:

49. The Mark Master's degree should never be conferred upon more than one candidate at a time. The lecture and charge of the Mark Master's degree may, however, be given to one or more candidates at the same time upon the conclusion of the work.

50. The Past Master's degree should never be conferred upon more than one candidate at a time. The lecture, however, may be given to one or more candidates at the same time upon the conclusion of the work.

51. The Most Excellent Master's degree may be conferred upon one or more at the same time. All candidates may be obligated at the same time, and witness and take part in the conferring of this degree.

52. The Royal Arch degree should never be conferred except upon a team, as prescribed by the laws of this Grand Chapter."

Both reports of the Committee were adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence, having previously presented its annual Report, which had been received and ordered printed with the Proceedings, submitted a supplemental report, presenting a letter from General Grand High Priest, Joseph E. Dyas, commending the Grand Chapter of Idaho to Capitular Grand Bodies everywhere, for admission into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters; and recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Idaho. And the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The Committee, also, after a plain, forcible statement of the case, recommended recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and an interchange of Representatives. And this recommendation was also adopted. Good!

We have not yet succeeded in securing the assent of the Grand Chapter of Alabama to our own view that the Grand Body in Western Australia should be recognized, but—*nil desperandum*.

The Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-three eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by M.'. E.'. Companion Matthew M. Miller, Chairman of the Committee.

He says that this is his "initial effort in the line of Capitular Correspondence."

Since his first effort on this line is a most successful one, his succeeding productions, if he keeps the pace, must be remarkably good.

He reviews Alabama, 1907 and 1908. He says of M.'. E.'. Companion Teague's address in 1907:

"The address of Comp. Teague is brief and pertinent to the business record of Grand Chapter, a record of harmony and progress: One Chapter exalting fifty-four, and another thirty-one during the year."

Referring to the writer's "good word for the Grand Chapter of Western Australia," and to the withholding of recognition of said Grand Chapter, by the Grand Chapter of Alabama, he says:

"The disregard for Western Australia, in behalf of Scotland, whose only claim is that it has furnished authority to perform Capitular work, is phenomenal: Would Alabama expect a like deference if it should grant a dispensation for a charter in Alaska? We think not."

We concur.

Reviewing our Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1908, and referring to M. E. Companion Lew Lazarus, he says:

"The grand High Priest's record is a good one and his administration a notable gain for the Grand Chapter of Alabama."

The writer is grateful to Companion Miller for the latter's very kind complimentary reference to this scribe's age which, if the Great I Am spares us so long, will be 83 next month, January 28, 1910. (As we write, the date is Dec. 1, 1909.)

Our Annual Convocation is only five days off, and a number of "Proceedings" on our table, if they had tongues, would be clamoring for our attention! hence we reluctantly say good-bye to Companion Miller's fine Report after quoting his hint to Grand Representatives to do their duty. Here it is:

"Our Grand Representative in Mississippi would get into all sorts of trouble if he were called upon to act as judge in a contest as 'lookers' between the members of the Kansas octette. We surmise that few of them would seek his services in the selection of a matched team—even for lookers—to say nothing about gait, action, bottom or finish in the home-stretch. After all, though, to be true to your ancient name, Comp Enoch, the best criterion should be 'handsome is that handsome does,' and that is what 'goes' in Kansas, whether in McGregors or Masons."

Comp. Thos. G. Fitch, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

KENTUCKY.

91ST ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1908.

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

Number of Chapters, 92; Members, 6,820; Net Gain, 364.

A portrait of Past Grand High Priest Geo. A. Lewis graces the first page of this volume. Other portraits are found in the body of these Proceedings.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, announced the demise of Past Grand High Priest Herman H. Erdmann, Grand Treasurer. He also reported the appointment of Herman Becker as the successor of Companion Erdmann.

He had granted to thirty-two Chapters dispensations to waive time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees.

His six decisions reported, evince steadfast purpose to deal justly and fairly with all questions submitted to him. All of these rulings seem to be good law. The first was "that only the presiding officer in a Past Master's Lodge should remain covered."

The second, ruling that a ballot having been taken and the result declared, cannot be re-taken at a subsequent convocation is, we believe, universally recognized in this country.

The third decision was as follows:

A Brother having received the Mark Master's Past Master's, and Most Excellent Master's degree, meeting objection to his further advancement, may, at the expiration of six months, petition the Chapter again, and, if no further objection appears, may be exalted to the August Degree of the Royal Arch.

The fourth was in substance, as follows:

"A companion having been suspended N. P. D., by a Blue Lodge, but not having been suspended by his Chapter; and having remained suspended for ten years, but then having been re-instated by the Blue Lodge, can, in that event, resume his seat in the Chapter without that body's taking a vote on his case, as soon as the Secretary of the body is notified of his re-instatement in the Lodge."

The fifth was elicited by the following question :

"Can the Chapter receive, and act on the petition of a Master Mason who lost both of his limbs before he received the Master's Degree, but who is now supplied with artificial limbs?"

The ruling was, "That as the Brother had safely passed the test of the Blue Lodge, his maim does not interfere materially with his becoming a Chapter member; but the Chapter, being in position to best judge, should be able to settle the question for itself."

No. 6 was drawn out by the question, "What is the duty of the Chapter when notified by the Blue Lodge, of the suspension of one of its members N. P. D.?"

The Grand High Priest's answer, in effect, was, "that suspension in the Blue Lodge works suspension in the Chapter. The Secretary of the Chapter should record the fact and notify the suspended Companion."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, considering the subject of "Balloting at called meetings," referred to by the Grand High Priest, who thought that Section 1, Article X should be amended by adding thereto the following provision: "*Provided, however, That the Grand High Priest may grant dispensations permitting petitions to be received and balloted on at called meetings, previous notice having been given, to the members of the Chapter, of the name of the candidate; and of the dates when the ballot will be spread,*" and that Section 7 of the same Article should be entirely stricken out." This he thought, "would relieve the law of any uncertainty, and make plain the right of the Grand High Priest in the premises," and the committee finding the sections of the Constitution bearing on the subject, somewhat ambiguous, recommended that Section 9, Article X, be allowed to remain as it is, and that Section 1, Article X be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 1. All balloting shall be had in the Royal Arch Degree and at a stated meeting, except at special elections as set out in Sec. 11 of Art. VIII, *Provided, however, that the Grand High Priest may grant dispensations permitting petitions to be received and balloted upon at called meetings under the provisions of Section 7 of this Article.*"

The decisions of the Grand High Priest were concurred in by the committee, and the whole of the committee's report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The Joint Committee of Grand Chapter and Grand Council on Capitular and Cryptic Bodies, made a lengthy report thereon, but as it would not specially interest our Alabama readers (that is to say, in our opinion) we pass it by.

A resolution to amend Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution, referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, was approved by that committee, but, under the rules, lies over till the next Annual for final action thereon.

The resolution proposes to strike out the words, "unanimous ballot," and, in lieu thereof, insert the words, "a vote of three-fourths of those present, expressed by ballot." (See Art. XII, Section 3 of the Constitution.)

The Committee on Necrology was allowed time to complete its report, and print it in the Proceedings. The report covers over 30 pages.

This volume leaves the Correspondence Report incomplete under 'Wisconsin,' hence we surmise that the printer failed to print it in its entirety, as well as the record of the Convention of the Order of High Priests.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. W. W. Clarke, "Reporter on Fraternal Correspondence," submits his "Report on The Doings of Other Grand Chapters," consisting of brief comments and free extracts from the Proceedings reviewed. It is a valuable paper well worth attention.

Alabama, 1907, is courteously treated to a full page of fraternal notice:

He says:

"Evidently the Grand Chapter of Alabama does not hold to the doctrine of dependent membership. Note the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence whose recommendation was concurred in:"

Then he quotes said report which, in its second section recommended non-concurrence in a dependent membership resolutions.

"Evidently," Companion Clarke did not read page 36, Proc. Grand Chapter of Alabama, 1907, quite far enough, else he would have discovered that Grand Chapter rejected the committee's recommendation, and adopted said resolution. He will please accept the writer's thanks for kind personal remark.

Having quoted Comp. Foster's criticism on the "new-fangled idea" that documentary evidence is necessary to enable visitors to enter the Lodge or Chapter, Companion Clarke says:

"We have made the suggestion before, we make it again, and seriously, that if the Masonic Order is to further imitate other organizations, it go the full length, and, through a Committee of the General Grand Chapter, issue a semi-annual pass-word, and exclude all visitors not in possession of it."

Having quoted Comp. Greenwood, of New York, in a criticism of dispensations shortening time in conferring degrees, such being deemed violations of law, Comp. Clarke replies thus:

"We have never been able to understand how an act performed by a subordinate Chapter under the authority of the Constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter to which it owes obedience, can, with any regard to the accurate use of language be considered as a *violation of law*; and we are fully convinced that the balloting on a petition by a Chapter authorized so to do by dispensation legally issued, will not 'so cheapen Masonry, nor lower it in the estimation of all who are parties to such an arrangement,' as the moving our Chapters about from place to place for the convenience of candidates, something which, we think, the Grand High Priest of Kentucky would scarcely even contemplate authorizing by dispensation.

We take no exemption whatever to criticism of Kentucky's laws or methods, but we confess to a perceptible increase in temperature when we are charged with making Masons illegally, or of bringing the Order into disrepute. Candidly, we do not think that is appropriate language to hold towards a Grand Chapter or its Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest of Kentucky may make mistakes, and the laws of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky may not be as wise as the laws of some other Jurisdictions, but he and it are seeking in an humble

way, to inculcate the same great teachings that the Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter of New York are endeavoring to teach—teachings which, we feel assured, actuate the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of New York."

Comp. Laban T. Everett, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. H. B. Grant, (P. G. H. P.), R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

62D ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

Chartered Chapters, 30, all making returns; Members, 2,700; Gain upon last year, 174.

It affords us pleasure to note that our Representative was present.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were in attendance, with Representatives from twenty-seven of the thirty Chartered Chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a scholarly paper.

From under the head of "Official Acts and Decision" we extract the following:

Asked to interpret Section 44, General Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, U. S., which reads as follows:

"For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum." He had called together the members of the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, and received from them the answer as follows, which he offered:

"No Chapter shall transact business, other than opening and closing, and conferring degrees, unless nine members of that particular Chapter are present, but that a Chapter may open and close and confer degrees with less than nine of its members present; provided, there are nine Royal Arch Masons present, some of whom may be members of different Chapters."

The writer is clearly of that opinion.

The M.'. E.'. had been asked if a special convocation of the Chapter could be called without the consent of the High Priest,

If that officer was unwilling to call the special convocation, desired by some of the members.

His answer was in the negative.

He had refused to consent to the lowering of the annual dues of a certain Chapter from \$3.00 to \$2.00, since, under such change, the Chapter could not properly meet its necessary expenses.

The Grand High Priest had made but few official visits.

With much force, he urged the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, who should give his whole time to instruction of the Chapters all over the State.

(Under the heading, "Grand Lecturer and Committee on Work," M.'. E.'. Companion, incidentally, referred to the "rapid growth of 'Esperanto,'" We had not supposed that "universal language," to be making rapid advances. We have some doubt of its utility—due, perhaps, to our ignorance.)

The Grand Treasurer's net balance cash on hand was the sum of \$3,543.00.

R.'. E.'. Companion Richard Lambert is invaluable as Grand Secretary.

From his tabulated statement of work done by the Chapters we excerpt the following:

"Marked during the year	260
Presided during the year	264
Received and acknowledged	268
Exalted	267"

On the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, the several rulings, reported by the Grand High Priest, were approved.

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

The Special Committee appointed to consider, and report upon the suggestion of the Grand High Priest in regard to the matter of having a Grand Lecturer, was granted permission to sit during recess, in order to give the subject full and careful consideration.

The M. E. Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected and anointed seven eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the excellent work of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Herman Cope Duncan. Companion Duncan ranks with the foremost writers of the Guild.

Alabama, 1907, receives about half a page of kindly notice at his hands. His review of Alabama opens with the following sentence:

"It seems to us that the photograph of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. George A. Beauchamp, and his biography do not run together on the matter of age."

Well, Companion Beauchamp is not to blame for his youthful appearance. He is a tireless worker and merits all the praise bestowed upon him—and more too.

Companion Duncan expresses a wish that he could shake hands with us, and says:

"Could he not meet with us in New Orleans at some of the convocations of our Grand Chapter?"

Companion, we would be very glad to have the privilege of shaking hands with you. Falstaff used the expression, "If reasons were as plenty as blackberries," and we would intimate that if shekels were thus plentiful, the pleasure of that hand-shake should be ours.

Comp. Gus. D. Levy, M. E., Grand High Priest.

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

MAINE.

84TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1909.

Comp. Franklin R. Redlon, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 59, 55 being represented; Members, 9,204; Net increase, 240. One Chapter U. D. has been chartered, making even 60 Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-five Grand Representatives were present. Our envoy, Comp. Nevins not reported on hand.

In his address the Grand High Priest congratulated the Companions upon the fact that Capitular Masonry in Maine is in better condition and greater prosperity than ever before.

He made mention of the two Schools of Instruction held during the year. One of them was the largest convention, for exemplifying the work, ever held in the State. Great interest was taken by the participants in the task of perfecting themselves in the ritual.

He had granted one dispensation for organizing a new Chapter, and had granted four special dispensations—all strictly within his prerogative; but had declined to grant one to waive lawful time of residence in the Jurisdiction before taking the degrees. Correct.

He had officially visited six Chapters. At each visit he saw excellent work, and at each, the work was followed by an enjoyable social function.

The M. E. recommended the issuance of traveling cards, so that Companions might be enabled to visit Chapters in Jurisdictions which require "documentary evidence" on the part of those wishing to pay their Chapters a visit.

He submitted no decisions to Grand Chapter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, Grand Scribe, and the several District Deputies, all submitted satisfactory reports.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was \$4,500.22; securities and deposits, \$6,798.23.

Comp. Stephen Berry is a model Grand Secretary. He is the Grand Chapter's steadfast guardian of its affairs.

Comp. Herbert Harris presented a most appropriate report on Memorials. In said report he paid a fine tribute to our two Past Grand High Priests, John G. Harris and Josiah Jernigan, who died within 24 hours apart, last year.

Comp. Harris' report on Foreign Correspondence "was received with permission to add to it."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no case on its docket, and rejoiced thereat.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$300.00 be appropriated to defray expenses of representation at the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah in November, 1909. **Adopted.**

Comp. Albion E. Chase, for the Jurisprudence Committee, reported, verbally, recommending that the question of issuing traveling cards, be reported on at next Annual and the recommendation was adopted.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund reported the amount of said fund, at \$6,593.23; income of same for the year, as \$325.65; amount appropriated to beneficiaries, \$235.00.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected, received and anointed twenty-two petitioners for admission to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by Companion Herbert Harris, committee, is one of the best of the year. Clear-cut, loyal and conservative, his Reports are always welcome visitants at our table.

Alabama, 1907, is fraternally and courteously reviewed on two full pages. He quotes from M. V. E.'s Grand High Priest, Lew Lazarus' address, also says that G. H. P. Lazarus' report of the "condition of Capitular Masonry in Alabama was most encouraging."

For very kind, flattering, personal mention the writer is truly grateful, notwithstanding his feeling that the commendation is

far greater than he deserves. He is especially thankful for the generous wish in regard to "his health and strength."

As to the explanation concerning "extra fee," we just ejaculate, "satisfied."

Though strongly disagreeing with Companion Harris as to the doctrine of dependent membership, we take pleasure in giving our readers his well written side of the question set forth in his Conclusion, as follows:

"CONCLUSION."

"Now the seventh time we have walked and talked together. The exciting encounters of other days have been lacking. On some questions there is a more general agreement than formerly; on others the masonic writers are content to disagree; or, if not quite content, yet are apparently convinced that extended discussion is a waste of vital energy and of good ink and paper. On certain topics the hope of convincing one's opponents is very faint; and yet it is well at intervals to give renewed expression to our principles, in order that our fellow-believers may know that we hold to the faith of our fathers.

We still hear resounding talk about 'progressive Masonry,' and one is reminded of a story told a few years ago by the Templar correspondent of Iowa, which is good enough for Maine Royal Arch Masons to read; although, told as it now is from memory, it may not read as well as when told by him. The story goes that a ship's captain had put Pat in charge of the wheel, directing him to steer so many points off from the North Star. Pat got careless and lost the star, so he shouted to the captain to 'come and pick me out another.' 'Didn't I give you your course by the North Star?' asked the captain, 'Yis sor,' said Pat, 'but, sure, we've sailed clean by that one.'

Sometimes our progressive friends seem to have lost sight of some star by which we all ought to be guided, and perhaps they think the masonic ship has sailed beyond it; but it is still visible to the eyes of the old-fashioned mason, and to him it seems safer to steer by it still.

To the present writer the hard and fast laws for dependent membership are among the most objectionable of these signs of 'progress.' He has no love for the non-affiliate; but, if the latter chooses to deprive himself of certain privileges, whose business is it? Granted that he frequently is an undesirable member; perhaps one who became a mason from motives of self-interest and has not got what he expected from

the connection, or one who is disgruntled because others have been elected to office above him. It is entirely possible that both lodge and chapter would be better off without such a member, but that is not the point. If he is dropped from the chapter, he is punished in the chapter for an offence against the lodge. If he renews his lodge membership in order to remain in the chapter, he is forced into the lodge against his will; which is not only an interference with individual rights, but is very poor policy, as well; for our membership must be voluntary in order to be strong and influential.

It must be remembered also that the members affected are not all 'undersirable members.' A worthy companion may have perfectly legitimate reasons for allowing his lodge membership to lapse, while wishing to retain his connection with his chapter; but no, these laws apply to all alike.

An advertisement appeared awhile ago, in a London newspaper, signed 'A Clergyman's Widow,' who styled herself 'a rigid disciplinarian,' and ask for young people to train. 'Lessons,' so much; 'Corporeal punishment,' so much; 'rod furnished; visits all places.' The application is, perhaps, evident in this illustration of modern methods.

The above remarks are offered by your committee with some hesitation, because he has had small experience as a masonic writer; and he feels somewhat like a certain schoolboy whose teacher had assigned various topics to the class, with directions to think them over and deduce some lesson from them. This boy's subject was 'Zaccheus,' and this was the result of his cogitations: 'Zaccheus was a little chap, and so am I. Zaccheus was up a tree, and so am I. Zaccheus wanted to come down, and so do I.'

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT HARRIS, *Committee.*"

As already intimated, we do not agree, in all things, with our distinguished Companion of Maine, but concede to him what we claim for ourselves—the privilege, or right of holding an opinion.

Comp. Franklin R. Redlon, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

MARYLAND.

111TH YEAR—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1908.

Number of Chapters, 22; Members, 3,027; Net Gain, 87.

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

A portrait of Companion Cochrane makes a fine appearance on the first page of this neat volume.

Present—All the Grand Officers and quorum of Representatives of Chapters, together with ten Past Grand High Priests, and Grand Representatives of twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions, including our ambassador, Comp. Gustav A. Eltel (as we are glad to note.)

The M. E. Grand High Priest installed 19 High Priests, eight Kings, and seven Scribes of the Subordinate Chapters; then delivered his annual address.

His eleven official visitations were most agreeable and, no doubt, productive of much good.

Referring to the destruction by fire, of the Masonic Temple on North Charles street, Baltimore, January 17, 1908, he accorded the highest meed of praise to Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for his wise, prompt and zealous efforts, whereby in marvelously quick time, quarters were provided for the meeting of Grand Chapter.

He had granted quite a number of special dispensations, good and sufficient reasons appearing therefor.

He commemorated the lives and characters of Past Grand High Priests, James W. Bowers and Charles McDonald, both lately deceased.

He passed high encomiums on the zeal and efficiency, and invaluable services of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction. He said in his report to the Grand High Priest:

"As you are familiar with the exact conditions of these Chapters, as per monthly reports, it is only necessary to

say that all are in very good condition—better indeed than when visited one year ago. The average attendance in most of them has increased and the work generally done in an impressive manner."

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, Nov. 19, 1908, was \$4,079.16.

The Report on Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Grievances "had nothing to report."

The Committee on Unfinished Business, Standing Resolutions, Dispensations and Charters, had nothing before it for consideration.

The M. E. Grand High Priest's decisions and dispensations were approved.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers commended the diligence of the Grand High Priest in visiting Chapters, and trusted that his successors in office would do likewise.

In the "Council of M. E. High Priests, of Maryland," ten High Priests-elect were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is a distinct pleasure to find R. E. Companion Edward T. Schultz still sitting on the tripod reportorial, whence he may continue to dispense light and knowledge to his less informed Companions. At the risk of repetition, we ejaculate, "Long may he so continue!"

Judging from his utterances, he seems to have found what Ponce de Leon vainly sought in the "Land of Flowers," so bright and crisp are his expressions.

Alabama, 1907, is kindly given about two pages of fraternal, courteous notice. He will be so good as to accept assurance that his brotherly reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence is greatly appreciated.

Companion Schuultz will pardon us for calling his attention to the following inadvertence in his review of Alabama:

As printed it attributes to this scribe a decision of the Grand High Priest in Maryland, as follows:

"He further says:

That Committees of Investigation should report orally and not in writing, and no record should be made as to whether the report was favorable or unfavorable. Also that this was the proper course, whether the petition was for the degrees or for affiliation."

"In our last year's report we called attention to the fact that several of the Correspondents had criticised this ruling, holding that such reports should be in writing and made a matter of record."

"This surprised us no little. We had supposed that the decision of the Grand High Priest referred to was the universal custom. We requested that the Correspondents would inform us as to what is the usage and custom in their jurisdictions upon this subject. We regret that Brother Titcomb has not told us what is the custom in Alabama."

Cease regretting, Companion, for be it known unto you that the "custom in Alabama," so far as our knowledge extends, is to have reports of investigating committees presented in writing.

What Companion Schultz says in reply to Companion Harrison of Delaware, on the subject, quoting the decision of Grand High Priest Bevan, is worthy of consideration whether we agree or disagree. The said decision was, "that the reports of the committees on applicants for the degrees on membership, should be made orally and not in writing, and no record should be made as to whether the report was favorable or unfavorable." Having quoted the foregoing decision Companion Harrison had said:

"We are accustomed to report in writing, and it does seem to us that the report should be a matter of record."

And thus Companion Schultz:

"The ruling of Grand High Priest Bevan is simple and explicit and needs no explanation. We presume, however, Companion Harrison desires us to inform him why we require such reports to be made orally, and not in writing. We answer, to safe-guard the secrecy of the ballot box. If an unfavorable report of the Committee is made in writing, signed

by them and recorded, does it not indicate pretty clearly the names of three Companions who cast unfavorable ballots? or, as it sometimes happens, the Committee is divided, would it not indicate how one or more of them voted? or if you please, suppose the Committee reported unanimously favorable, and the ballot should be unfavorable, would not this disclose the names of three Companions who at least presumably did not cast unfavorable ballots? We hold that it is just as improper to know who cast favorable ballots as to who cast unfavorable ones.

The spreading of the secret ballots is one of the most sacred and important functions that can engage the attention of a Masonic body. It is for the purpose of determining whether, or not, a petitioner for admission, not into a particular Lodge, but into the great fraternity of Freemasonry, shall, or shall not, be admitted therein. It is a question to be determined by the Brethren, then and there present, alone. No one, not even an absent member of the Lodge, has a right to know what may have been said for or against the applicant; the result only of the ballot may be made known to those who were not present. Therefore we hold that the character of the report of the Committee should be held as secret within the breasts of the Brethren present as is the number of unfavorable ballots to be held sacred by the Master and Wardens."

Scant time and space preclude any further notice of this excellent Report.

Comp. John W. Linthicum, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Comp. John H. Miller, R. V. E. V. Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

109TH ANNUAL—BOSTON—DECEMBER, 1907.

Comp. Harry Hunt, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapter, 76; Members, 20,087; Net gain, 726.

The contents of this volume include an abstract of proceedings at the March, June, and September Quarterlies, and at the Annual Convocation, December 10, 1907—all embraced by a period extending from March 11, 1907, to December 12, 1907.

Throughout these Convocations, the business of Grand Chapter was conducted harmoniously and in excellent order.

Touching and eloquent memorials of R.'. E.'. Grand Scribe Moses Henry Fowler, R.'. E.'. Past Grand Scribe Solomon Alonzo Bolster, James Utley M. D., Silas Barnett Dickerson, and of Joseph Warren Hill—all of them shining lights, both as Masons and citizens. These memorials were unanimously adopted by rising vote.

At the March Quarterly the Committee on the Annual Address, in its report, quoted these earnest words of Grand High Priest Hunt:

"In speaking of the continued prosperity and largely increased membership in the Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Companion Hunt says, "the stability of our order lies in the nobility of character of those admitted, and sounds the note of warning that no motive other than that which shall redound to the ultimate good of our order should ever actuate those charged with the responsibility of guarding well the entrance. This sentiment cannot be emphasized too often."

As we are pleased to note, our Representative, Comp. Wm. B. Lawrence, was present at the Annual Convocation.

We learn from the Auditing Committee's report that the property of Grand Chapter—cash and securities—was the sum of \$28,486.44.

In his Annual Address, the Grand High Priest spoke earnestly in favor of the present system of District Exemplification of the Work, highly commending the Deputies.

The greater number of his thirteen special dispensations were for waiving time in balloting on petitions, and conferring degrees. This action seemed to him wise under the circumstances, but he deprecated the asking of such dispensations except in extreme cases.

The Convention of High Priests elected sixteen candidates to the Order.

A fine steel engraving of the Grand High Priest-elect embellishes this volume, which is a monument to the excellent taste of the Grand Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion J. Gilman Waite, with his wonted skill, conservatism, and fair-mindedness, reviews the Proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters, devoting nearly two hundred pages thereto. He concedes to every one all that is justly due, expresses his own opinion in clear, manly words.

Alabama, 1906, receives almost four pages of brotherly notice. The address of our Grand High Priest, Francis H. Bates is shortly summarized—with approval, we infer.

The reviewer notes that, at our Annual, the several Capitular degrees were conferred upon a candidate who had been regularly elected by one of our Chapters. Such action, he says correctly, in no way deprived said Chapter of its Jurisdiction over the brother; also that like action had been previously taken in some other Grand Jurisdiction, but he doubts the wisdom of the proceeding.

The writer thinks the better way would be, for the Grand Officers to temporarily vacate their seats and invite some Chapter—say the one which had elected said candidate, to fill the offices and confer the degrees. That would incite emulation, among the Chapters, in thriving to do the best work.

Companion Waite generously gives the writer about two pages of his review of Alabama, and does us the honor to quote some of our remarks. He may rest assured that his good opinion is highly appreciated.

Under Arkansas, he says:

"The report of the Grand Lecturer gives an account of his duties performed during the year, in which he too frequently states that he 'helped confer the degrees.' The duties of his office seem to be to teach the officers how to confer the degrees and then see that they do it.

We notice in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the resolution relative to the use of a uniform version of the Lord's Prayer, the following: 'That the prayer is well contained in 'Sheville's and Gould's Chapter Monitor,' which Monitor is generally used in this Jurisdiction, and we recommend that that form be adopted.' Query: What is the matter with adopting the one in the sixth chapter of Matthew?"

Under Illinois, he presents his readers with Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle's very able vindication of the "American Royal Arch System." The length of the article precluded our copying or clipping it—about three solidly printed pages of solid reasoning.

Companion Barron of South Carolina, had complimented him on an address to the Convention of High Priests in Mass. To that Companion Waite makes characteristic reply:

"No objection to bouquets thrown our way, Companion Barron, but we dodge those not belonging to us," and he explains that said address was delivered by M.'. E.'. Warren B. Ellis.

Comp. Baalis Sanford, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Gilman Waite, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

47TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1908.

Comp. Geo. N. Houghton, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 61; Members, 7,319; Net gain, 306.

We note with pleasure that Comp. James Kelly, our Representative was present together with thirty-one other members of the diplomatic corps. With added pleasure we observe that fifteen Past Grand High Priests were also in attendance.

From the Grand High Priest's address we learn that two Chapters had been duly constituted, that he had granted eight special dispensations—one to receive and ballot on a petition the same evening; one to change the date of their Annual Convocation; one to elect officers for the ensuing year, there having been no quorum at their Annual Convocation; one to change the hour of meeting from 7 P. M. to 4 P. M., so that the Royal Arch Degree could be conferred three times during the afternoon and evening; one to elect a Scrobe at Stated Convocation, Aug. 17, 1908, the Scribe elected at the Annual having refused to serve; one to elect officers at a special Convocation, not having had a quorum at the Annual; one to permit a Chap-

ter to confer the M. E. M. Degree in the hall occupied by Grand Chapter during its Annual Convocation, and one, to elect a Treasurer at a special Convocation, the Companion elected to that office, at the Annual, having declined to serve.

The M. E. had made a few visitations in the country, and had visited all the Chapters in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The following decisions were reported:

"Question—Is it permissible to advance a saloon keeper to the chapter degrees? Answer—Yes, if the chapter finds him worthy.

Question—Before the ballot was ordered spread on a brother's petitions for degrees it was, on motion, regularly withdrawn. The petitioner says the action of the Companion who made the motion was unauthorized and demands that he receive the benefit of the ballot at the next stated convocation. Is it necessary for the brother to re-petition? Answer—Yes.

Question—A brother wishes to petition a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for degrees. He holds a dimit from a Mark Master's Lodge in Scotland. Is it necessary for him to petition for all of the degrees? Answer—If the dimit appears regular in every way and the holder can pass a satisfactory examination proving to have regularly received the degree, I am of the opinion the Chapter would be justified in accepting it as authentic and receiving his petition for the remaining Chapter degrees. I would also recommend that one-quarter of the fee charged by your Chapter be remitted.

Question—A Companion was stricken from the roll for non-affiliation in the Lodge. Was the action valid? He asks for a dimit. Answer—No. The Companion is still a member of the Chapter and if clear on the books and no charges pending he is entitled to a dimit.

Question—A brother petitions a Chapter for degrees. The Committee investigating his standing as a Master Mason, learns that he petitioned the Lodge in a different name than the one used in seeking admission to the Chapter. Can we receive his petition as signed? Answer—No; not unless he can show that his new name was acquired in accordance with the laws of the State.

Quite a number of requests for special dispensations have been received during the year and a good majority of them declined as being unnecessary or contrary to law.

The power given the Grand High Priest in granting special dispensations is, no doubt, on many occasions a great benefit to the craft, and I have been very careful not to abuse it."

Having been informed, by the Grand Secretary, of the General Grand High Priest's advice that the Grand Chapter of

Idaho had been regularly formed, he had directed that officer to extend fraternal greetings to said Grand Chapter and to recommend Companion _____ as its Representative near the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Well timed were his observations under the head of "Work."

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$5,906.85.

The Grand Secretary furnishes the information that "insurance to the amount of \$1,000.00 is carried on the Grand Chapter records, paraphernalia, regalia, etc."—that one Chapter had been continued U. D. until this Convocation; that two Chapters had been organized U. D., and that all the constituent Chapters had made returns. At the same time he gently raps the knuckles of some of the Secretaries for being dilatory in sending up their reports.

Arrangements were set in motion for celebration of the semi-centennial of organization of Grand Chapter.

The Committee on deceased Companions made an appropriate report. Adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved the Grand High Priest's dispensation sanctioning the action of a Chapter which received and balloted on a petition the same evening.

As to the two dispensations—one permitting change of date; the other allowing change of the hour for opening the Chapter, the Committee expressed its disapproval.

The other dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest were approved.

The Committee also disapproved the decision that a saloon keeper may be advanced to the Capitular degrees, remarking that "it was of the opinion that any person that is engaged in any form in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors is ineligible to receive the Capitular degrees."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the work of our accomplished Companion, Irving Todd.

Alabama, 1907, is given nearly two pages of courteous notice. He calls the writer's Report on Foreign Correspondence, "quite a formidable document."

We trust it did not cause his hair to rise.

In respect of "written or printed ritual," and of "balloting on petitions and conferring degrees out of time," Companion Todd asks:

"How about Alabama?"

It will be enough to reply that the Grand Chapter of Alabama is not responsible for our personal opinions.

Again he asks:

"Would Comp. Titcomb recommend a return to the alleged ancient practice of confining the royal arch degree to those who had actually presided over a Lodge of Master Masons?"

For answer, we rather think not—indeed such a guillotining of thousands of Royal Arch Masons would be clearly impracticable.

Comp. Jerome E. Cooley, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. John Fishel, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

61ST ANNUAL—MERIDIAN—FEBRUARY, 1909.

Active Chapters on Roll, 61; Members, 3,813; Net Gain, 160.

Comp. Chas. H. Blum, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

A portrait of Grand High Priest-elect, Edwin J. Martin, graces the first page of this volume of Proceedings.

The Credentials Committee reported all the Grand Officers present as well as nine P. G. H. P.'s, and twenty-seven Grand Representatives, among whom we note with pleasure the name of Comp. C. S. Cullens, our envoy.

To show the excellent spirit of the Grand High Priest's Address, we extract the following:

"Not for one moment have I been insensible to the honor conferred upon me by my companions, nor will I ever care to look back upon the year consecrated to the noble calling of Grand High Priest of our state with ought but tender, loving memories. Whatever be the extent to which I have served you, nothing that I could do would quite measure up to what, in my estimation, the office is entitled to in point of service, and in my case, surely the honest efforts to meet the requirements were ever prompted by an earnest desire to prove worthy of the trust reposed in me by the companions of the Royal Craft. As the High Priest, Aaron, the original prototype of the office with which you honored me, was supposed to 'bear the cause of the Children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually,' so should the mitre teach the Masonic High Priest the dignity of his office and the breastplate his responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honor and interest of the Chapter should always be near his heart. Such has been my aim, and if in the discharge of my duties, ought has been left undone, which should have been done, or mistakes of any kind have ever been in evidence, they are but the errors of the mind and not the heart."

He had signed three Charters... granted seven special dispensations—three of them to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions for the degrees—but for good reason, had refused one; had issued one dispensation for forming a new Chapter, and had greatly regretted his inability to make any visits.

Here is, in part, what he said concerning the Masonic Home which our Mississippi brethren have now erected, and on which we tender hearty congratulations:

"The Masonic Widow's and Orphans' Home is no longer a 'Utopian Dream.' Here in the beautiful city of Meridian, justly styled the 'Masonic center of our Commonwealth,' after years of struggles, and hope, we find the fruition of our labors. The dream of years has ripened into fulfillment. The magnificent structure, that offers a haven of rest to Masonic widows, and a home to Masonic orphans, stands as a living evidence of Masonic love for Masonic teachings. Notwithstanding the dark commercial depression out of which we are just emerging, with grim determination the Craft has responded to every call, enabling the workmen to complete their task and erect

a home to 'The Glory of the Great I Am,' standing, in its completion, as an inspiring monument to the Masons hope, the Mason's faith and the Mason's charity."

Words were inadequate to express his sense of indebtedness to Grand Secretary Frederic Speed for his guidance, aid and assistance in the discharge of official duties. The Charters of two Chapters had been arrested for cause.

The Committee on the Address could not say enough in praise of the able and faithful administration of Companion Blum.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the Grand Chapter to be in better condition than ever before.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand, was \$8,046.87.

We excerpt the following as of general interest:

"On motion of Most Excellent Companion Oliver Lee McKay, the following was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi, upon recommendation of Grand Master E. J. Martin, withdrew fraternal relations with the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on account of said Grand Lodge holding fraternal relations with a Lodge in its Grand Jurisdiction, which permits the making of negroes Masons in said Lodge; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in Annual Convocation assembled, do, and hereby does, heartily endorse the action of the M. W., the Grand Lodge."

The M. E. Grand High Priest had recommended that Grand Chapter make an appropriation to the Masonic Home. The Special Committee, to which said recommendation was referred, reported as follows:

"The Special Committee on Masonic Home submitted the following report which, on motion, was adopted:
To the Grand Chapter:

We, your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address, in reference to an appropriation to the Masonic Home, beg leave to recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to be placed to the credit of the fund.

Fraternally submitted by the Committee,
B. V. WHITE,
T. B. FRANKLIN,
W. H. CLIFTON,

Committee.

Grand Lecturer, Comp. Edmund Sadler did not suffer the "grass to grow under his feet," for during the year, he made nearly seventy visitations.

The Committee on Capitular Law approved the Grand High Priest's dispensations granted, and the dispensation refused. The committee's approval was adopted.

Resolutions of thanks, to the Grand High Priest, for his very able and zealous performance of the duties of his high office, were adopted by a unanimous standing vote.

The next Annual is to be held in the city of Columbus.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again the bright, spicy and sensible production of Companion DeLap, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

Alabama, 1908, is accorded a page and one-half of fraternal notice.

Companion DeLap thinks the following question put to Grand High Priest, Comp. Lew Lazarus, viz: "Can our Chapter receive the petition of a Master Mason whose Lodge membership is in another State, he residing in this State?" "No." He also deems the answer thereto "unnecessary" and further that it should not have the *proviso* that consent should be secured from the Chapter in the Jurisdiction in which the Lodge membership of the Brother is held.

While we agree with Comp. DeLap as to said right of petition, nevertheless we do not think that our Grand High Priest should be taken to task for endeavoring to enlighten the Companion who put the said question.

Companion DeLap does honor to the writer by bestowing commendation upon the latter's Report. For this kindness the writer is grateful, although it is better than this scribe deserves.

Of our beloved Grand Chaplain, he says:

"We note, with satisfaction, that Comp. and Rev'd. Stewart McQueen, who had served the Grand Chapter for ten years, as 'Sky Pilot,' 'without compensation,' was voted one hundred

dollars as a token of the appreciation of the body for his services. We presume he needed the money and, if he has kept the members of the Grand Chapter anywhere in the vicinity of the 'Straight Way of Life,' he has earned it. What we don't understand is his long tenure of office. Either he don't wear the boys out with long prayers and don't carry all his godliness in his face, or else they are short on preachers in that Jurisdiction. Which is it, Comp. Titcomb?"

With alacrity we reply that our Grand Chaplain "doesn't wear the boys out with long prayers, and don't carry all his godliness in his face." He is not built that way.

We would like to give extended notice to this fine Report, but the printer will soon be clamoring for "copy" and several volumes still await attention.

Comp. Edw. J. Martin, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frederic Speed (P. G. H. P.) R. E. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

63D ANNUAL—JOPLIN—APRIL, 1909.

Comp. Alfred H. White, M. E. Grand High Priest.

A striking portrait of him graces the first page of this handsome volume.

Chartered Chapters, 105; Members, 11,428; Net Gain, 619.

In his address the Grand High Priest made special mention of the death of the oldest P. G. H. P. in Missouri, Companion Martin Collins, and of Companion Wm. H. Lambert, the oldest, in Virginia, also, of Pembroke R. Flitcraft, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Missouri. The M. E. stated that the constituent Chapters had lost 159 Companions.

He had made a large number of visitations—had granted dispensation to form one new Chapter—had no decisions to report, all questions having been answered by reference to the Code—had granted four special dispensations, but, for good reasons, had refused three such grants.

He recommended amendment to the by-laws, so that any Master Mason in good standing and a resident of Missouri,

and not living in a city or town where there is a Chapter, may petition any Chapter in the State for the degrees.

He warmly commended the Masonic Home, "the pride of our Fraternity," and stated that the Grand Chapter had appropriated, directly, upwards of \$20,000.00 for the use of the Home.

He recommended action on the volume and character of the Reports on Fraternal Correspondence.

He spoke of the assets of the Home amounting to \$271,153.49.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, April 20, 1909, was the sum of \$16,484.78.

The Grand Secretary made a full, complete and painstaking report, giving all needed information respecting Grand Chapter affairs.

The report on the address of the Grand High Priest, was a strong endorsement of his administration.

The Committee on Necrology made a report covering some thirteen pages, and mentioning particularly each distinguished Companion of whose death official notice had been received. The report was adopted.

Like some other Jurisdictions, the Grand Chapter of Missouri is still wrestling with the problem, how to securely guard the Cipher Ritual.

The Committee on Ritual and Monitor recommend that the Committee be authorized to reprint the Ritual, and to use a Cipher which can be read and understood by the officers and members of the Chapters, each Chapter to be supplied with three copies of the same.

A motion to appropriate \$800.00 for said reprinting was referred to the Finance Committee, and said Committee reported favorably thereon.

The single Chapter U. D. was granted a Charter. The Grand Lecturer's extended report shows that he is a most thorough worker. Under his instruction, Capitular Masonry in Missouri has greatly improved.

(We will not take time to count his numerous visits to the Chapters.) He reports that eighty-seven Chapter officers have

failed to receipt for the Ritual. He suggests such change in the law as will provide that the H. P. of each Chapter shall be the custodian of the three copies sent his Chapter, and be responsible therefor.

One Chapter is mentioned, which, in a little more than four months, exalted forty-three candidates. A hustler truly.

Under a resolution adopted at the last session of Grand Chapter, a special committee was appointed to consider, and report on, at this Annual, the question as to how Grand Chapter membership might be increased. In its report the Committee presents a comparative statement of the relative strength of Capitular and Symbolic Masonry all over the United States. According to the committee's report, the proportion of Royal Arch Masons to Master Masons is lowest in North Carolina, and only one step higher in Alabama. In North Carolina the Chapter Masons are only 11 per cent. of the Master Masons, and in Alabama, only 13 per cent. while in little Rhode Island the Royal Arch Masons are 50 per cent. of the Master Masons. We suspect the question of the scarceness of shekels in some quarters, and the abundance of the same in other sections has much to do with this condition of things. Did you, Companion, never hear a Master Mason say, "I would like to go into the Chapter, but can't afford it?"

Eighty-eight chartered Chapters and one Chapter U. D. were represented at the Convocation under review.

Hereafter the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, in Missouri, is to be limited to one hundred pages.

The Jurisprudence Committee is an able one. To its report we briefly refer. The Committee proposed and recommended that Section 114, Article XII of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, be repealed, and the following be substituted.

"Section 114, Charter Forfeited.—Any Chapter, which for the space of twelve months neglects or refuses to receive and act upon a petition for the degrees or for membership, or which neglects or refuses to hold a Convocation at least once in three months, shall thereby forfeit its Charter, and it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to arrest the Charter of the said Chapter."

Under another head, the Committee was of the opinion that each Chapter should determine for itself whether or not to send notices of meetings by mail.

The Committee did not favor limitation of holding the office of High Priest, to three successive terms.

It also recommended repeal of Section 137, Article XIV, of the By-Laws, and in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 137.—Resignation—Any officer of the Chapter may resign."

On the subject of Jurisdiction of Chapters, the committee recommended the adoption of an amendment making Section 215, Article XXI, read as follows:

"Jurisdiction.—No Chapter shall receive a petition from an applicant for the degrees who lives nearer another Chapter, without the unanimous consent of the other Chapter, except in places where there are more than one Chapter and concurrent jurisdiction; provided, that the unanimous consent of all Chapters of a concurrent jurisdiction shall be had before the petition of a resident therein can be received by a Chapter outside of said concurrent jurisdiction, and, provided, further, that the Grand High Priest may, upon proper cause shown grant a dispensation to any affiliated Master Mason in good standing and a resident of this state, permitting him to petition for the degrees, some chapter other than the one in whose jurisdiction he resides; the Grand High Priest to designate the Chapter to which the petition may be addressed."

One member of the committee dissented as to the amendment concerning "Jurisdiction of Chapters."

After some discussion in Grand Chapter the report was somewhat modified, and then adopted.

The salary of the Grand Lecturer was fixed at the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum.

The Grand Convention of the Order of Anointed High Priests elected forty-nine eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Grand Secretary Robert F. Stevenson presented an excellent review of the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters, according Alabama, 1907, two pages of courteous notice.

The reviewer intimates that the report of Grand High Priest Robert S. Teague, was approved in every particular by the committee to which it was referred.

After giving the writer a slap for his "familiarity with the construction of" the Latin "lingo" (which, by the way, we do not merit), he proceeds to give us a drubbing on account of our "hurried preparation" of our reports, and our lack of "ginger" therein. Well, Companion, no doubt the imperfection of our reports called for criticism; but as to "ginger," we protest that we are not "spoiling for a fight"—there is no chip on our shoulder, although we approve the motto, "Don't Tread On Me."

We wonder why he injects a fling at Companion DeLap of Mississippi into his criticism of our Report.

But, hold! There is getting to be too much of the personal in our paper, and—we will close.

Comp. Van Fremont Boor, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Robert F. Stevenson (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

20TH ANNUAL—SAINT JOHN—AUGUST, 1907.

Comp. Wm. B. Wallace, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 8; Members, 618; Net increase, 67.

All the Chapters except No. 3, were represented at this Convocation.

All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Chapter representatives were present at Convocation.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Alexander Burchill, and Past High Priest Companion John S. Benson, both of whom had fully exemplified the principles of Masonry.

The M. E. animadverted upon the evil of too much haste in conferring degrees.

He had made several official visitations to the great profit, no doubt, of the Chapters visited.

The Grand Secretary announced that returns and remittances had been received from all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$704.78.

The Executive Committee was "happy in being able to congratulate Grand Chapter upon its healthy condition, both in membership and finances, indicated by the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer."

Among the Grand Officers elected at this Convocation were:

Comp. Andrew McNichol, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. Twining Hartt, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

Three Companions were elected to the Order of High Priesthood.

(Note—Companion Hartt will please accept our compliments on the excellent "make up" of his Proceedings.)

NEW BRUNSWICK.

21ST ANNUAL—SAINT JOHN—AUGUST, 1908.

Comp. Andrew McNichol, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest,
Number of Chapters, 8; Members, 681; Net gain, 63.

The address of the Grand High Priest was very brief, but pertinent. It had been his intention to visit all the Chapters; he had, however, found it inconvenient to do so. The visitations he did make were satisfactory, and on all such occasions, he "was well and royally received."

He feelingly announced the death of P. G. R. A. C., Comp. John McKenzie, P. G. K., Comp. Arthur S. Trueman, and R.'. E.'. Comp. Geo. M. Jarvis, 3d Grand Principal at the first Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

At this Convocation, 18 Grand Jurisdictions were represented—Alabama not included.

We find nothing in these proceedings, calling for particular reference.

The Grand Secretary has given us a neat, well printed record of the 1908 Proceedings.

Comp. George Ackman, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Twining Hartt, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

88TH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1907.

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

Number of Chapters on Roll, 26; Number making Returns and Represented, 20; Membership, 1907, 3,906; Increase 62. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$1,530.10.

During the year, four Special Convocations had been held—one for constituting a Chapter; one for attending exemplification of the Work in the several degrees, and two for celebrating centennial anniversaries of as many Chapters. Nine Past Grand High Priests attended the Annual Convocation under review; also, twenty-one Grand Representatives were present. Our Representative, Comp. Glidden was not of the number. Wonder why.

In his address, the Grand High Priest said:

"The year just closing has been one of unusual interest in Chapter masonry in New Hampshire, and offers much of promise for the future. Yet it is not without its sadness, for some are missed from our ranks, and it seems most fitting that we should pause for a little to pay tribute to them."

He then made mention of several who had died during the year, giving extended notice of our greatly lamented Companion Albert S. Wait.

He had granted, during the year, three dispensations—one to fill vacancies caused by death; one to attend, in regalia, a reception and concert given under Masonic auspices, and one to elect and install a C. of H.

He had made seven official visitations, which, no doubt, were of much benefit to the Chapters visited.

His own visits and those of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, were calculated to intensify the interest of the Companions in Capitular Masonry.

"Rev. Comp. Josiah L. Seward presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and it was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this convocation."

The Jurisprudence Committee had nothing up for consideration and so reported.

The business of Grand Chapter was conducted on a high plane, but presented no matters of general interest.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected, set apart, anointed and solemnly consecrated seven eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the painstaking, thorough work of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Josiah L. Seward who reviewed 53 Grand Jurisdictions—38 of them for two years. Alabama, 1905, was given courteous notice covering nearly two pages. The accomplished reviewer after regretting the fact that the number of our Chapters was less than half of the number originally chartered, gives place to Grand High Priest Hill's statement that since R. E. Companion Geo. A. Beauchamp assumed the office of Grand Secretary, the number of Chapters had grown from 32 to 50, and that our Chapter membership had increased from 856 to 2,100 and over. While our Grand Chapter funds had swollen from \$697.18 to \$2,206.19—a result, we gladly admit, largely due to the intelligent and indefatigable efforts of Companion Beauchamp.

He presumes that the absence of "New Hampshire" from the writer's report was due to the fact that their proceedings had not come to hand. Right you are Companion. Had your Proceedings reached our table, they would have been noticed.

Under Connecticut we find very pertinent observations concerning horse-play in conferring degrees, as follows:

"Permit us to say 'Amen' to every endeavor on the part of the constituted authorities of Royal Arch bodies to eliminate any and all undesirable methods and customs which have crept stealthily into the work of the Royal Arch degree in many places. And to the Royal Arch degree we might add the Past Master degree. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that there is no degree in Freemasonry, from the first to the last, in any rite, which should, or properly can be, used for purposes of fun, or to draw a crowd for excitement. Free-

masonry, in all its branches, exists for a nobler and more glorious purpose. We have witnessed the conferring of both the Past Master degree and the Royal Arch degree when liberties were taken with the ritual, and methods of procedure employed, which could never have met the approval of Masons who were imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry. In college Greek letter fraternities we naturally look for some display of that fullness of life and buoyancy of spirits which characterize youth, but Freemasonry is intended, in every degree, to teach some solemn and impressive lesson; and to call the attention of candidates to the serious side of life. every form or ceremony or procedure which detracts from this high ideal should be always forbidden. At no time, and under no circumstances, should levity, in any form, be permitted in any Masonic ceremonial."

We should be glad to give our readers the benefit of Companion Seward's able disquisition, under Quebec, elicited by the report of the "Committee on Banners," but our limits preclude the same. We will, however, take a "snap-shot" at his very sensible remarks, under Pennsylvania, on physical qualifications. His whole argument is able, but we have not room for all of it. Here is the extract:

"The decision in regard to physical disqualifications is of much interest. Generally speaking, we favor a strict application and a rigid enforcement of all essential laws. As a general rule, there should be no exceptions in administering justice and applying the laws. In Masonry, we are peculiarly exacting in the impartial application of our regulations to all brethren or Companions. We are cemented (or supposed to be) into one 'sacred band or society of brothers and fellows.' At the same time, mercy is a divine attribute. We may well pause to consider how far we should oblige an excellent, bright, perhaps scholarly and accomplished, worthy man to lag behind his more physically favored brothers because of some accidental physical defect. We can think of but a single reason why a deaf man should not be allowed all the privileges of any branch of Freemasonry. We are disposed to believe that the reason commonly urged ought not, in reality, to be regarded as fatal to his initiation into a Lodge or to his advancement. However, we must admit the truth of the adage that 'there should be reason in all things.' I would never, as a rule, advise a deaf man to be an aspirant for the honors of Masonry. It is not a *sine qua non* of a man's happiness, and he would not derive a sufficient amount of benefit from the institution to make up for the serious inconveniences which such a handicap would impose upon him. Our personal

inclination would lead us not to debar him from the privileges of Masonry if he should strenuously wish for them, but to advise him not to connect himself with such an Order. As respects maimed limbs, we have known most worthy Freemasons who could not comply with all requirements which might be imposed upon them, without resorting to artificial arrangements which would be unusual; but the moral and intellectual life of the fraternity would have missed valuable material if they had been excluded.

Generally, in the administration of law, a certain amount of elasticity is necessary. School teachers, administrators, and magistrates have discovered that they cannot apply laws and rules in a manner too severely literal without acquiring a certain fussiness which is likely to be silly and unwise. Montesquieu in his 'Spirit of the Laws' has shown that the ship of state may be wrecked on the 'letter' of the law, and, if we look for authority in Holy Writ, has not St. Paul assured us that 'the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life'."

The mantle of M.'. E.'. Companion Wait has fallen on broad and worthy shoulders.

Comp. William W. Oliver, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

89TH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1908.

Comp. William W. Oliver, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 26, all making returns; Number represented at the Annual, 21; Members, 4,036; Increase, 130.

A Special Convocation had been held, November 20, 1907, for the purpose of exemplification of the "Work," at which the several degrees exemplified with actual candidates, the degrees being conferred by subordinate Chapters.

Our diplomat was not among the twenty-four Grand Representatives reported present.

Of Past Grand High Priests there were nine reported as in attendance.

The Grand High Priest being in the chair, and a quorum of representatives being present, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

In his address the M. E. did not fail to make particular mention of the departed Companions of his own Jurisdiction.

He had granted six dispensations—all of them strictly within his prerogative.

He reported one decision in answer to the following question:

"When a Royal Arch Mason who has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues is reinstated or restored to membership by vote of the Chapter, does he by that vote regain his membership and may he at once take part in the business of the Chapter, or must he first sign the by-laws?"

"Answer: The restoration of a suspended member does not technically imply a restoration of membership (which has not been lost) but a restoration to the full exercise of the functions and enjoyments of the privileges of the Chapter. Therefore, it would not be necessary that one thus restored to such privileges should again sign the by-laws."

M. E. Companion Oliver paid several official visits which were with pleasure to himself, and, doubtless, with profit to the Chapters visited.

In closing his address, he presented the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, detailing the results of their respective visits to the Chapters assigned them.

After an expenditure of \$2,326.82 the balance on hand was \$491.52 in the Grand Chapter Treasury.

The Finance Committee recommended that the per capita tax of thirty-five cents be continued until otherwise ordered.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that there was nothing before it, for consideration. The Committee called the attention of Chapter officers to the law requiring Mark Masters to record their "Marks" before exaltation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the heart, brain and pen of Companion Josiah L. Seward, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

The Alabama Proceedings, 1906 and 1907, receive full attention in a judicious and carefully prepared review.

Companion Seward will please accept our hearty thanks for very kind personal mention.

His animadversions upon the subject of dispensations, to waive time in conferring degrees, so far as we are individually of opinion, merit hearty endorsement.

He will pardon us for intimating that he is in error as regards the action of our Grand Chapter on the dependent membership question. Notwithstanding the adverse report of our Committee on Jurisprudence, Grand Chapter adopted the resolution reported upon unfavorably by the Committee. (See p. 36, Proc. Grand Chapter of Alabama, 1907.)

Here is what Companion Seward says about dispensations to waive time, etc.:

"A study of the rules in different jurisdictions reveals two standpoints upon this question, diametrically opposed to each other. There are those which absolutely forbid such dispensations; there are others which seem to pay no attention to them. Between these extremes lies, perhaps, a wiser course, although absolute prohibition may be the safest. Emergencies are conceivable where circumstances arise that no human ingenuity would have enabled one to foresee. Some such emergency, as when a soldier of the regular army, or sailor in the navy, receives a sudden order to depart to some foreign place on a day definite, may cause a special dispensation of the kind named to be very proper. If, however, the 'emergency' be a desire to join some other friend in the ceremonial, or to enlarge a class of applicants to get more money, or to make an imposing spectacle at a visitation of the grand officers, or because applicants would not make up their minds until the last moment, such reasons are insufficient."

Our Grand Convocation is so near that it is out of the question for us to give our Companion's review the extended notice it merits.

Comp. Charles H. Sinclair, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

52D ANNUAL—TRENTON—MAY, 1908.

Comp. Jacob Kirkner, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 38; Members, 5,601; Net gain, 342.

This volume is embellished with portraits of distinguished Companions, G. H. P. Jacob Kirkner and two P. G. H. P.'s.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance upon the Convocation under review.

The Grand High Priest, after fitting recognition of the Great I Am, and feeling commemoration of the departed Companions both at home and abroad, in straight-forward terms gave account of his official acts during the past year. He reported three special dispensations—not one of them to shorten time in conferring degrees.

He reported no decisions, all questions having been easily answered by reference to the Constitution and statutes of Grand Chapter.

For reasons deemed good and sufficient he had declined to grant a dispensation for organizing a new Chapter in Newark, N. J., but stated that the matter would come up in Grand Chapter for consideration.

His few recommendations were of no interest outside of New Jersey.

The several reports of Grand Lecturer, Companion Henry S. Haines, and of the five Assistant Lecturers were, it appears to us, highly satisfactory.

The Grand Representatives present were received and cordially welcomed. The record does not show whether or not our Representative was one of those received.

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

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing on its docket to try.

On recommendation of Committee on Constitution, the dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved.

The Committee on Charity, and the one on Unfinished Business were on the same bench on which reclined the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The Committee on Necrology paid eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Companions, Past Grand High Priest, Anthony Schoder, and Assistant Lecturer, Cornelius Vreeland. The Committee also recorded the names of deceased Companions in New Jersey, and those of distinguished dead in sister **Grand Jurisdictions.**

M. E. Comp. Haines made most satisfactory report of his visit, as proxy for the Grand High Priest, to the Grand Chapter of Virginia, in October, 1907, the occasion being the centennial celebration of that Grand Chapter.

Grand Treasurer Fred G. Wiese (our Representative) had served as such officer faithfully many long years, and that too without any compensation. In recognition of said service an honorarium of one hundred dollars was appropriated to that "Worthy Companion."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the thorough work of that graceful and accomplished writer, Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry S. Haines, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, furnishing a complete review, covering 212 pages. We have marked more passages for reference, than our space will admit; hence we must fail to do justice to this most capable reviewer.

In his courteous and generous review of Alabama, 1907, he expresses his disapprobation of a legislative body's doing of executive work. (Grand Chapter conferring degrees). Personally we favor vacating the chairs temporarily, and giving such work in charge to some competent subordinate Chapter. Still we are unwilling to concede that the practice is improper.

His remarks personal to the writer are gratefully appreciated, even though the latter cannot feel that he merits such

praise bestowed by a reviewer so well equipped as Companion Haines is.

Our Companion is mistaken in stating that the dependent membership resolution reported on adversely by the Jurisprudence Committee of our Grand Chapter, failed of adoption. That resolution was adopted over the non-concurrent report of the Committee. (See Ala. Proc. 1907, p. 36.)

Under California, Companion Haines refers to an amendment of the Constitution, unanimously adopted, which "fires" an elected officer when certification has been made that said officer has been absent from three consecutive stated meetings, and intimates that, had he been one of the voters on said occasion, the unanimity referred to, would have vanished into thin air. We are like minded.

We wish we had room to reproduce his tilt with Companion Bennett of Canada, concerning the "American Capitular system" (so called). It evinces considerable research.

Under Colorado, he quotes Companion Foster's definition showing the difference between a *dispensation* and a *commission*, as follows: "A dispensation is authority for a subordinate to commit an act against which there is a law, whereas a *commission* delegates authority given by law," and declares the definition proper. To be sure.

Under Delaware he pertinently says:

"The horror of all printed Rituals becomes more manifest every day."

Under Maryland, Companion Haines expressed surprise that Companion Schultz should advocate the permitting of visitors to participate in balloting on candidates for the initiatory degrees; the grounds of such advocacy being that the application is for admission to the Fraternity, or great family of Masons.

We must confess that Companion Haines is not alone in experiencing such "surprise."

There is much—very much in this Report by Companion Haines richly worth producing. Most of it must be passed by.

Commenting on the able Report of Companion Stevenson of Missouri, he says:

"He is looking forward to the time when Companion Harris' report will be produced in Esperanto, and as in this no cuss-words exist sufficiently emphatic to meet the needs of the strongest emotions, hopes to escape the severer denunciations of the reviewer.

A quite lengthy dissertation is found relative to objection after ballot, but neither the argument nor the conclusions are clear to us, but we gather that he believes that one who has received one or more of the degrees should not be debarred from advancement unless charges are preferred against him. This is sound doctrine, and easily maintained with safety to the Chapter. The right of objection or complaint inheres of course in every member, and the right of the master or the High Priest to stay advancement during investigation has never been denied, but the force of such complaint should be in the discretion of the lodge or Chapter. Since the peddling of the several degrees was wisely abandoned, a candidate, who has been favorably reported upon and elected, is elected for the degrees and for membership and has acquired vested rights before any degree is conferred, distinguishing him from others of the profane; and while it is perfectly true that as between the lodge and the profane, the former is to be first considered, it is also true that the Lodge often requires protection from those within the fold, marplots and mischief-makers, who are 'agin the govermint,' at the election of whom the use of the black ball might have been profitably made. In descanting further upon the condition of one thus held in check, he writes the following pellucid paragraph, which we presume exactly states the case, 'Demonstration of a monstrosity is in holding an undeveloped embryo in preservation instead of permitting natural evolution or accomplishing ab solute destruction.'

Companion Haines, evidently does not concede that possession of the Order of High Priesthood is essential to qualify a High Priest-elect to preside over and govern his Chapter.

Under Oregon, occurs the following pertinent paragraph in his comment on Companion Hodson's Report:

"His belief that Royal Arch Masonry has been a part of the original system from time immemorial is abundantly proven, and this should strengthen opposition to the claim of independence set up for it by those who consider the Grand High Priest invested with unlimited power and prerogative, an assumption which leads to many inconsistencies and evils.

We are somewhat disappointed in his acquiescence in the views of Companion Chambers, of Québec, regarding the relative status given to Joshua, Zerubbabel and Haggai in rank, and think he should be guided by his own argument that not only in the sacerdotal functions of the Temple but even in affairs of State the power and influence of the High Priest was in the Hebrew system superior to that of the King, which latter Zerubbabel did not claim to be, but only a Prince of the House of Judah. Having more fully dilated upon the topic last year, we will not dwell upon it now. We desire to again dissent from the suggestion here and elsewhere made that democratic notions controlled those who formulated the so-called American system in thus degrading the King."

Longer tarrying with this fine review is out of the question.

Comp. James S. Ware, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Leonard L. Grear (P. G. H. P.) R. V. E. V. Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings, for 1907, of the four Quarterly Convocations, and of a Special Convocation held on August 7, 1907.

Comp. S. D. Townsend, M. V. E. V. Grand Z., who filled the chair at each of said Convocations.

We are pleased to note in the report of Committee on General Purposes, February 13, 1907, that a copy of the Alabama Proceedings had been received.

From the several addresses of the Grand First Principal Z. it is learned that the condition of the Royal Craft in N. S. W. is highly satisfactory. He said:

"I am pleased to state to this Convocation that our position has been more than maintained. Our progress has been of a tangible and enduring nature. Almost without exception both city and country Chapters have made substantial progress."

With feelings of sadness he announced the death of M. V. E. V. Herbert S. Thompson, late a member of the Grand Committee.

At the special Convocation, August 7, 1907, the Committee of General Purposes reported the Revised Constitutions for consideration of Grand Chapter. With some amendments, the body of laws was unanimously adopted.

At the August Quarterly, the same Committee reported receipt of copy of Alabama Proceedings (those of 1907, we suppose.)

Our Representative, Comp. D. W. Custer, was reported present. It is always a pleasure to find Grand Representatives showing appreciation of the honor conferred upon them. At the November Quarterly, the committee reported his presence.

The business of Grand Chapter, at these several Convocations, was conducted in peace and harmony, decently and in order.

The Grand Z.'s several visitations must have been most profitable to the Chapters visited.

The balance in the Treasury, October 31, 1907, amounted to \$564.82. The balance of assets over liabilities was \$1,351.20.

Comp. S. D. Townsend, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

Comp. A. J. Burbridge, E.'. Grand Scribe E.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

Leaflets containing proceedings of the Half-Yearly Communication, May 17, 1907; Special Communication, August 22, 1907; and Half-Yearly Communication, November 29, 1907, now lie upon our table.

The Grand Master's Address at the March meeting was of a very encouraging nature, as well as an instructive paper, and breathed the true spirit of Masonic loyalty. Witness his conclusion:

"And now Companions of the Mark, I am about to instal my successor, who will, I am sure, add to the high reputation of this Grand Lodge. I hand over to him an institution with an increasing membership, prosperous financially, and at peace with the whole world. I know that it will be his object—as it is that of all of us—to see that no discord creeps into the councils of Mark Masonry, and in bidding you farewell as your Grand Master, you may be sure that my interest in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales will never abate, but that I will always be ready to place at

your Grand Master's disposal any abilities that I may possess. I thank you for your kindness to me, for the confidence you have placed in me, and may the Grand Overseer of the Universe ever keep you all under the shadow of His protection. (Loud and continued applause.)"

These pages furnish nothing that would especially interest our readers.

In his November address, the Grand Master ably vindicated the claims of M. M. M. to the consideration of Freemasonry, making numerous references to the Book of the Sacred Law.

The several Reports of the General Board were, no doubt, for the best interests of the Craft.

In New South Wales, past grand rank is obtainable only by those who have actually served a full term in office.

The business of this Mark Grand Lodge is always conducted in a business-like manner.

Bro. Edward Macfarlane, M. V. W. V. Grand Master.

Bro. A. J. Burbridge, V. V. W. V. Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

112TH ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY, 1909.

Comp. Willis Wood Rice, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Two hundred and four Chapters (200 represented); Members, 34,099. Net gain, 1,299.

The first page of this well executed volume bears an artistic steel engraving of the features of M. V. E. V. Companion Rice.

At the Convocation under review, all the Grand Officers were present. The goodly number of seventeen Past Grand High Priests did show up, as also did twenty-seven Grand Representatives, (Alabama's envoy again absent).

Several distinguished visitors were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

The address of the Grand High Priest (31 pp.) is a clear exposition of his administration.

He had granted several ordinary, and special dispensations. (New York never permits overriding the Constitution by allowing waiver of time in conferring degrees.)

He reported no decision—evidence that the Companions are acquainting themselves with the law.

He incorporates in his address the proclamation of General Grand High Priest, Joseph E. Dyas announcing the formation of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, which will be welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

In his commendation of Grand Secretary C. G. Fox, he says:

"While we cannot ask the Lord to spare him to us for forty years more, we would at least ask for twenty."

The Deputy Grand High Priest made a detailed report of his acts during the year. Both reports were properly referred.

The grand total of Grand Chapter funds on deposit, was \$69,064.25.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters had made returns. He submitted a carefully prepared report, in the main, statistical.

Grand Lecturer Geo. McGown reported conventions held in 19 Districts. Of the 197 Chapters located in said Districts, 120 favored the convention system.

The Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by M. E. Marvin I. Greenwood, Chairman, was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

Exemplification of Work in the M. E. M. Degree and in the Royal Arch Degree, took place on the First Day.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests held meetings, January 3d and February 2nd, and conferred the Order upon 115 eligible Companions.

The address of the Grand Orator, Companion The Rev. Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, was "able and eloquent." While it seems to us that it was not necessary for him to question the accuracy of the accepted definition of Masonry, still we must admit that his discourse was logical and forceful.

The Jurisprudence Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The matter referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence on the report of the Grand Secretary is as follows:

A companion was expelled from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. This finding was approved by the Grand High Priest, and on appeal by the defendant, this Grand Chapter affirmed the action of the Grand High Priest. The Chapter affected, assuming that official notice would be given of the action of the Grand Chapter, did not take any action for nearly one year thereafter.

The question submitted is. "What is the proper procedure in such cases?"

After careful consideration your Committee has determined that the duly authorized printed Proceedings of this Grand Chapter have always heretofore, should continue to be, and are, authoritative and binding upon all Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction.

Inasmuch as the matter referred to us brings up a new question of procedure, it seems to require an explicit declaration of opinion. It is therefore the decision of your Committee that in cases determined by this Grand Chapter, affecting the status of a member of any Subordinate Chapter, the action thereon should be the subject of immediate notice to the Chapter to which such member or members may belong. The printed Proceedings cannot be compiled, printed and put in the possession of Chapters until several months have elapsed after the Annual Convocations. It is our opinion and we recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to send a notice in writing forthwith to the Chapter, any one of whose members has been suspended or expelled or otherwise disciplined by the action of the Grand High Priest or of this Grand Chapter, and that a Chapter, so notified be directed to immediately amend its roll of membership in conformity to the action taken."

"Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM SHERER,
SEYMOUR H. STONE,
WILLIAM J. McDONALD,
ROLLIN M. MORGAN,
HENRY DeWITT HAMILTON."

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and to the new Grand Chapters of Idaho.,

On recommendation of the Committee on Charity, the sum of \$300.00 was "placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest for a charitable purpose."

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. E. Marvin I. Greenwood presented his seventh Annual Report (82 pp.), in which he reviews with excellent judgment the Proceedings received by him. His Report is a concise summary of the volumes reviewed (a lesson to the writer on the subject of condensation, which we will heed—if we can.)

Alabama, 1907, is fraternally and courteously accorded nearly two pages. The writer returns grateful thanks for kind, personal mention.

We would like to appropriate Companion Greenwood's brief, but well expressed "Conclusion" which is as follows:

"Our work for 1908 is done. We have read and examined all of the Proceedings that have reached us in time to be included in this report, and have gleaned therefrom the items we submit for your consideration.

Among so many and such varied matters of interest, it is many times difficult to know just what to select and what to leave out, and, with all the care we can exercise, there are no doubt left in the Quarries many valuable gems, both of Poetry and Rhetoric, which if brought up would prove of essential service to the Craft.

The labor of preparing this report, while it is considerable, yet has been pleasant and agreeable, and brings us into closer touch with our great Fraternity all over the world.

The conclusion, reached after a survey of the Masonic field, is that our beloved Institution was never in a better or more prosperous condition than now, and the future looks bright and promising."

Long may our New York Companions have the benefit of Companion Greenwood's services.

Comp. Charles G. Hunt, M. W. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Christopher G. Fox, R. W. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

15TH ANNUAL—WELLINGTON—JANUARY, 1907.

Comp. J. Macgregor, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

M.'. E.'. Companion Macgregor was reported as "elected for further term," as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

In the Report of the Supreme Committee we note the following under the head of "Grand Representatives:"

"A custom prevails in some American jurisdictions of making the appointments triennially, which, while it may have something to recommend it, also has its disadvantages. As an example, North Carolina nominated a new representative, but did not return the Commission issued to the previous Companion for cancellation. It was pointed out by G. S. E. that a cancellation of the first Commission was necessary before a second could be issued, and this action was approved by the Committee. No reply has been received to this communication."

The matter of the recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was still "hanging fire," the latter Grand Body having agreed to act in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the subject of recognition, and the Grand Lodge not having been heard from on the matter. A fraternal correspondence, however, was going on, and as soon as the Grand Lodge should act, there was no doubt the Grand Chapter would quickly follow.

Capitular Masonry is surely on the "up grade" in New Zealand. Witness the fact that several petitions for new Chapters had been received. The Supreme Committee, all the same, acts very discreetly in regard to action on petitions.

The Grand Chapter deprecated the establishment of a Mark Lodge.

On 31st of December, 1906, the balance of Benevolent Fund on hand, stood \$709.20.

Subordinate Chapters had increased in number to 25.

Comp. J. Macgregor, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

Comp. Herbert J. Williams, R.'. E.'. Grand Scribe E.

NEW ZEALAND.

16TH ANNUAL—BLENHEIM—JANUARY, 1908.

Comp. Robert Fletcher, M. V. E. V. Grand Z.

It is a pleasure to note that among the fraternal greetings conveyed to Grand Chapter, were those extended by our Grand Representative, Companion J. Macgregor (G. Z.)

The following brief passage in the Report of the Supreme Committee indicates Capitular health and prosperity in New Zealand. It is as follows:

"6. The progress of Royal Arch Freemasonry has been very marked during the past year, and your Committee is of opinion that Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on its additions."

The finances of Grand Chapter are in good shape. The increase of receipts over the previous year was upwards of \$700.00.

The subject of Official Visitations is given great prominence by our New Zealand Companions.

Considerable attention was given to the amendment of the Rules.

To convey to our readers an impression of existing sentiment on the Mission of Free Masonry in New Zealand, we excerpt from the Grand Z.'s address the following:

"And now, companions, I would say a word or two on the responsibilities that rest upon every R. A. Freemason. It is expected of us who have taken these higher degrees that we should be more truly Masonic in our lives and actions than those who have not done so, and be more careful to carry out those great principles we teach and advocate. An address that was written and circulated some twelve or thirteen years ago (I forget by whom) had, I remember, a strong Masonic bearing. It was called: 'The Greatest Thing in the World.' Do you know, Companions, what is the greatest thing in the world? St. Paul said it was Love, and that is the text of the address I refer to. And do we not profess the same? Is not a Freemason's first grand principle, Brotherly Love? Then let us remember this, companions, and determine that for each other's happiness, and the honor of R. A. Freemasonry, we

will endeavor by our kindly behavior one towards another, by our patience, courtesy, good temper, unselfishness, and sincerity, to prove to the world the happy influence of our Masonic teaching, and practice outside the Chapter what we are taught in it. In conclusion, and on this subject of Brotherly Love, I will quote to you the last words of 'Cradock Nowell' a man purified by affliction), a book written by Blackmore, who, if he was not a Freemason, surely should have been:— it is true that we shall have hill and valley, towering oak, and ragged robin, zenith cloud overlooking the sun, and crouching mist in the hollows, and true as well that we cannot see all the cause and needs of the difference, but is it not still more true and sure that the whole is one universal kingdom (bound together by one great love), the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the powerful and the helpless? And in the spreading of that realm beyond the shores of time and space, when at last old men may discover what the true aim of life has been—not greatness, honor, wealth, or science, no, nor even wisdom (as we unwisely take it), but happiness here and hereafter—happiness, a flowing tide whose fountain is our love to one another (where alone we can learn) that all the clefts of anguish, and the rifts into the heart of us, were but the needful entrance for the grafts of fruit eternal."

Comp. C. J. Griffiths, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

Comp. H. J. Williams, R.'. E.'. Grand Scribe E.

NEW ZEALAND.

17TH ANNUAL—CHRIST CHURCH—JANUARY, 1909.

Number of Chapters, 28; Mark Lodge, 1; Membership, 1,168; Net gain, 59.

Comp. C. J. Griffiths, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

From the report of the "Supreme Committee" it is learned that "the numerical increase of membership will quite hold its own with that of past years, while the secessions are not nearly so large."

Most of the matters referred to, are of interest to our New Zealand Companions alone.

Under "Finance" it appears that the cash to the credit of Grand Chapter amounts to \$3,452.48.

The capital to the credit of the Benevolent Fund (having been held in abeyance two years) stands \$918.80.

Considerable discussion was evoked by the recommendation of the Supreme Committee that the tax on Chapters known as the Representative Tax, be confirmed. Finally, the Committee was sustained.

At the evening session, the Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year, were duly installed and invested with the insignia of their respective stations.

The Grand Z-elect delivered an address replete with genuine Masonic sentiment, and interspersed with choice poetical selections.

We give our readers his closing lines, as follows:

"It has been rightly said that the essence of the Supreme Degree of the H. R. A. is reverence. See to it, I charge you, companions, that, as you call yourselves earnest members of our fraternity, your conduct both in and out of the Chapter is such as can only reflect credit upon it, that the exemplifications of our ceremonies are carried out only with the most profound reverence as befits a fraternity whose sole object is to concentrate the attention and stimulate the devotion of its members on that Supreme Being from Whom all blessings flow. So may our prayers and oblations ever ascend to the Throne of Grace. I like to think of that old Rabbinical legend of Sandalphon, the Angel of Prayer, who—

* * * 'Stands listening breathless
To sounds that ascend from below:
From the spirits on earth that adore,
From the souls that entreat and implore
In the fervour and passion of prayer;
From the hearts that are broken with losses,
And weary with dragging the crosses
Too heavy for mortals to bear.
And he gathers the prayers as he stands,
And they change into flowers in his hands,
Into garlands of purple and red;
And beneath the great arch of the portal,
Through the streets of the City Immortal,
Is wafted the fragrance they shed.'"

Companion J. Macgregor is Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

Comp. S. C. Bingham, M. E. Grand Z.

Comp. H. J. Williams, R. E. Grand Scribe E.

NEVADA.

35TH ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE, 1908.

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

Number of Chapters, 8; Members, 373; Net gain, 69.

Of the Grand Officers all but three were present at the opening of Grand Chapter. Seven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

In his address, the Grand High Priest made the customary announcement of the names of Companions deceased.

No dispensations had been asked or issued during the year.

The M. E., had made visitations to only two Chapters, business engagements having prevented more visits.

His recommendations were of local interest only.

Asked for his decision on the matter of healing Royal Arch Masons exalted in Scotland, but not in possession of the intermediate degrees, his decision thereon referred the Chapter to the General Grand Chapter Regulations, "with the additional opinion that a fee might be charged sufficient to cover the expense of the convocation called for the purpose."

He had been unable to prevail on any one to accept the position of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and his own duties precluded him from preparation of such Report; hence no Correspondence Report is furnished for publication with this volume of Proceedings. Our Representative, Companion Wm. McMillan, was one of the fifteen diplomats present.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$608.00.

We learn from the report of Grand Secretary C. N. Note-ware that seven Chapters had made correct returns and paid their annual dues. One Chapter had sent up no returns and paid no dues.

He had received inquiries in regard to the non-payment, for paraphernalia, by a new Chapter, and thought this a large sum for the outfit of a new Chapter, calling for investigation.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the action of the G. H. P. in constituting a new Chapter, his recommendations, and his decision on the cases of Royal Arch Masons exalted in Scotland. Adopted.

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased to \$300.00. Little enough, it seems to us.

After installation of Officers, appointment of Committees—standing, and special, no further business appearing, Grand Chapter was closed.

A portrait of M. V. E. Comp. Wm. E. Cox adorns the first page of this neat volume.

Comp. Pearis B. Ellis, M. V. E., Grand High Priest,
Comp. C. N. Noteware, R. V. E., Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

19TH ANNUAL—FARGO—JULY, 1908.

Comp. John Riessbeck, M. V. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 17; Members, 1,794; Net gain, 106.

This volume is handsomely embellished with portraits of Grand High Priest, Comp. Riessbeck and Grand Treasurer, Alexander C. Mather (lately deceased), and with views of the members of Grand Chapter in group and of the interior of the Masonic Temple Library.

All but three of the Grand Officers were present at the opening of Grand Chapter, as were nine Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-nine Grand Representatives, among whom, we are glad to see, was our diplomat, Comp. Halley V. Hicks.

The Grand High Priest's address covered less than six pages, yet embraced all matters requiring his attention. He had granted two dispensations allowing the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree; and one for forming a new Chapter.

He reported no decisions.

In his conclusion he said that language failed him when he attempted to express his "gratitude to Grand Secretary,

Comp Frank J. Thompson for his kind and courteous assistance."

The balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands was the sum of \$6,288.44.

The Grand Secretary said that "the annual returns of the several Chapters came to hand before the expiration of the statutory time," so that no fines were imposed.

He congratulated Secretaries on their promptness, but "raked some of them down the back" for sending up imperfect returns.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D., the dispensation of one such Chapter was continued one year.

The report of the Obituary Committee, which was adopted, was very short, but most fitting. The Subordinate Chapters had, during the year, lost by death seventeen Companions.

It seems that the flowers of rhetoric are cultivated in the cool atmosphere of North Dakota; witness the following:

"PRESENTATION OF JEWEL."

"The R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary Comp. Frank J. Thompson (5) in a moment of aberration again surprised the companions, and astonished the retiring Grand High Priest, John Riessbeck, by presenting to him a Past Grand High Priest jewel. What the Grand Secretary said lies only on record in the spiritual ark of the covenant, and what the retiring Grand High Priest remarked is written in letters of gold on the Book of Life in the celestial library."

Comp. Frank H. Sprague, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank J. Thompson, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

39TH ANNUAL—YARMOUTH—JUNE, 1908.

Comp. Wm. W. Dillon, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 16; Members, 1,129; Gain, 17.

At the Convocation under review, all the Grand Officers were present, with a quorum of representatives. Thirteen Grand Representatives were also in attendance. How many

Past Grand High Priests were on hand, the record fails to show; although the Credentials Committee reported seventeen of those Past Grand Officers eligible. Comp. D. Small, our envoy, was not reported among the Grand Representatives present.

In his scholarly address the Grand High Priest endeavors to elucidate a text in the Book of Revelations, which reads as follows: "And the City lieth four square, and the length and breadth and height of it are equal." To say the least, his interpretation of the passage is ingenious. It is too long to copy, and garbled extract therefrom would mar the beauty of the entire exordium of the address.

He duly honored the fraternal dead, both at home and abroad.

One Chapter had been constituted, and one instituted U. D. His account of his numerous official visitations makes interesting reading, and sets a good example for others to follow.

He reported only one ruling, which was as follows:

"All candidates are entitled to the privilege of the ballot as soon as they have been exalted."

He bestowed well merited commendation on Grand Secretary, Companion Waddell, and averred that words failed to express his appreciation of the invaluable services of that officer.

It seems that, in Nova Scotia, the Board of General Purposes has the appointment of the Standing Committees.

The Report of the Board was of interest to home Companions alone.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in bank was the sum of \$1,113.81.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest was glad to see the number of dispensations asked for so greatly reduced. The committee was also of the opinion that, while the ruling of the Grand High Priest was not, perhaps, in strict accordance with Masonic law, it was conducive to the best interests of the Craft."

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter was set for June 8, 1909, in Halifax.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected ten eligible Companion to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence consisted of M.'. E.'. Comps. deBlois, Alley, Black, Waddell, and T. V. B. Bingay. The Committee divided up 48 volumes of Proceedings, in the distribution of which, Alabama, 1907, fell to the lot of Comp. Samuel J. Waddell, Grand Secretary, who accords Alabama a full page of his valuable space.

He referred to M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, Robert S. Teague's congratulations upon the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry in Alabama.

In spite of our intention to exclude personals from our review, we must let our Alabama Companions see what a handsome compliment Companion Waddell pays the writer:

"The reading of Comp. Titcomb's Correspondence Report is always a great pleasure, and the one before us is in no respect inferior to those that have preceded it. Rather, as the years pass they seem to touch him so lightly that they serve only to invigorate his pen."

Very neatly put, how much soever the writer may fall short of deserving it. Companion Waddell's good opinion is highly appreciated.

The Nova Scotia Committee on Foreign Correspondence is well equipped for the reviewer's task.

Comp. Thos. Van B. Bingay, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Samuel J. Waddell (P. G. H. P.) R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

92ND ANNUAL—CLEVELAND—OCTOBER, 1908.

Chartered Chapters, 161; Chapters U. D., 2; Members, 27,237; Net Gain, 1,639.

Comp. Lewis M. Lea, M. E., Grand High Priest.

It is gratifying to observe that Companion Fels, Alabama's mouthpiece, was one of the thirty Grand Representatives present. We also note that fourteen Past Grand High Priests were on hand.

In his address the Grand High Priest feelingly announced the death of R. E., Grand Treasurer Robert V. Hampton, who had been the efficient and faithful Treasurer of Grand Chapter for twenty-three years.

The M. E., stated the number of Companions in the Jurisdiction who had died during the year, as 352.

He had appointed Comp. Ralph R. Rickly Grand Treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion Hampton.

He had granted dispensations for formation of two new Chapters. He had granted a number of special dispensations—most of these to elect and install officers.

For good reasons he had refused four requests for such dispensations.

He reported no decisions, the Code answering all questions.

By proxy he had consecrated and constituted two new Chapters.

Invited to be present at the dedication of three new Masonic Temples, and to consecrate Capitular apartments therein, he had been able to attend two such events; and they were notable occasions.

Quite a number of official visitations are on the credit side of his ledger. Without doubt, these visits were not only with pleasure to himself, but with both pleasure and profit to the Chapters visited.

A communication from Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, conveyed to him information that a Canadian Chapter had committed some irregularities with the assistance of some Companions over the Border (conferring the P. M. Degrée, so that these Canadian Companion might visit Chapters in the States.)

The object of the latter was, to secure co-operation, in Ohio, in preventing any recurrence of such violation of Masonic law and inter-jurisdictional comity. A brief correspondence ensued resulting in a truly fraternal understanding illustrating the real Masonic spirit which should ever actuate our dealings with each other.

From the Grand Treasurer's report it is learned that the total receipts amounted to \$23,785.49—total paid out, \$1,562.39, leaving balance, October 1, 1908, \$22,223.10.

Grand Secretary, Edwin Hagenbuch made the gratifying statement that all the Chapters had made complete returns, and paid Grand Chapter dues and Masonic Home tax—a fine showing indeed.

M. E. Comp. Wm. M. Cunningham presented his annual Report on Correspondence, and it was ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand High Priest having satisfied the Grand Chapter of Canada that there should be no repetition, on the part of Ohio Companions, of the irregularities committed in a certain Canadian Chapter, the Committee on Jurisprudence applauded his action in the premises, and approved the same. The Committee gave somewhat lengthy consideration to the question of the propriety of obligating more than one candidate, at one and the same time, for the Mark Master's Degree, and wound up its report with the recommendation that the Code of Grand Chapter be amended by inserting the following new section:

"Section—In conferring the Mark Master Degree only one candidate shall be obligated at a time."

The Committee did not desire immediate action on the proposed amendment, but recommended that it lie over till next

Annual, so that Companions could consider the same and vote upon it intelligently. The entire report of the Committee was adopted.

One at a time, is our rule.

On favorable report of the Committee on Charters and Dispersations, charters were granted to two Chapters U. D. One was continued U. D. at its own request. One of the two Chapters mentioned in the foregoing, must change a section of its by-laws before receiving its charter.

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

Touching memorials of P. G. H. P. Brenton D. Babcock and R. V. E. R. V. Hampton, were delivered.

Peace and harmony everywhere prevailing, the Committee on Grievances was "out of a job."

The next Annual was ordered to be held at East Liverpool, first Wednesday in October, 1909.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence recognition was fraternally extended to the new Grand Chapter of Idaho.

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

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected 72 candidates.

Photogravures of M. V. E. Companion Lewis M. Lea, and the late R. V. E. Companion Robert V. Hampton adorn this volume, while a portrait of P. G. H. P. Brenton D. Babcock and a view of his monument, grace the dedication services in his honor.

At the dedication, an "In Memoriam" in verse, was read by M. V. E. Nelson Williams. The poem is a gem.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Before reaching the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, we had become sensible of an exceedingly great loss sustained by the Companions of that State, and not only their

loss, but ours also—indeed a great loss by the Free Masons everywhere. To show the estimation in which Companion Cunningham was held abroad as well as at home, we quote, from the admirable letter of Comp. J. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and one of the foremost Masonic scholars of the day, said letter, on the subject of Masonic diplomas, being addressed to Companion Cunningham, as follows:

"Your letters are always welcome; this last of yours is doubly welcome, inasmuch as it tells me you have taken your historical duties seriously in hand. It is not I alone, but the whole body of international Masonic students that expect great things from you, and there is no fear of our being disappointed. Tried and trusty, you have earned your spurs."

Such commendation from such a source, was to be highly prized.

M. E. Companion Cunningham reviewed the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions in his own excellent manner. This valuable review must be read, to be appreciated.

His "Introductory" embraces a learned treatise on the "Divine Name," by Brother The Rev. Jacob Warren, for twenty-five years Professor of Hebrew, at Cambridge, Mass., and a letter on "Masonic Diplomas," by the accomplished Dr. Crawley, Grand Treasurer, G. L. of Ireland.

Alabama, 1907, received at Companion Cunningham's hands, what he always exercised—brotherly comment and unflinching courtesy.

Comp. Edward H. Archer, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, R. E., Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

113TH ANNUAL—PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER, 1908.

Comp. Wm. B. Meredith, M. E. Grand High Priest.

This beautifully printed volume, with its large, clear type, is embellished with a portrait of M. E. Companion Wm. Whitney, Grand High Priest, 1843-1844, and with an attractive view of "Renaissance Hall," where the Grand Chapter meets, in the magnificent Temple at Philadelphia.

Number of Chapters, 131; Members, 29,534; Net gain, 1,486.

The volume embraces records of proceedings at the several Quarterly Convocations, and of the Annual Grand Convocation, December 27th, 1908.

At none of the Quarterly Convocations, nor at the Grand Annual was our Representative reported present.

A touching memorial of the late Past Grand High Priest, James Shallcross Barber, was read at the June Quarterly.

At the December Quarterly the Grand High Priest touchingly referred to an almost irreparable loss sustained by Grand Chapter, viz.: the death of Past Grand High Priest, Matthias H. Henderson.

Companion Henderson's demise created a void which will not be easily filled. As a writer on the Correspondence Committee, he stood in the front rank. He will be greatly missed by the members of the reportorial guild.

In memory of this deceased Companion, M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., presented a graphic and fitting eulogy of his character.

The business of Grand Chapter at the several Quarterly Convocations, does not specially demand our attention.

The Grand High Priest, in his excellent address, reported ten decisions which, no doubt, accord with Pennsylvania Masonic law.

We copy two of said rulings, the third and the sixth.

Third, "That the signers of a petition for a warrant for a new Chapter, must present with the Petition copies of their Marks, they necessarily seeking membership in a new Chapter."

To the writer it seems that "seeking membership in a new Chapter," presupposes the present existence of that Chapter. The case in point, is the seeking to organize a new Chapter.

No. 6 ruled that "The Chapter Hall, Chapter Name or *Chapter Funds* cannot be used for any purpose that is not strictly Masonic in every respect. The use of either must be confined exclusively to Masons." (*Italics ours.*)

In the writer's opinion, Grand Chapter had no right to dictate to the Chapter how it shall use its surplus money. Centralization of power needs to be held in check.

During the year, the Grand High Priest had granted but three dispensations—two to fill vacancies, and one to confer the Royal Arch Degree in short time.

He had issued but one edict during his term of office—declaring null and void the action of a certain Chapter in receiving and acting upon the petition of a Brother for degrees and membership, and conferring the dependent degrees upon him when he was not eligible for the Capitular Degrees.

It was a matter of regret that he had no authority to guillotine (figuratively speaking) the recommenders and at least two officers of said Chapter.

The M. E. had not been an idler, he had made sixteen official visitations, and twenty-five informal ones.

Exemplification of the Work took place at suitable times during the Convocation.

In the course of his remarks on "Work," the Grand High Priest very sensibly objected to the keeping of late hours by the Chapters in conferring degrees. The womenfolks will surely applaud him for this.

When the business of Grand Chapter had been concluded, the retiring G. H. P. was presented with a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel. The presentation was felicitous and the response most happy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The five members of the Correspondence Committee for 1908 were as follows: Past Grand High Priest, J. Henry Williams, Thos. F. Penman, Robert E. Umbel, James W. Hughes, and George Hale.

Companion Williams, out of respect to the memory of the lamented Henderson, reviews the Proceedings which would have been allotted to that eminent Companion.

M. E. Companion Williams said that this review would be his first and last effort in that direction, and that it was done solely from a sense of duty to the memory of M. E. Companion Henderson, and at the urgent request of Grand High Priest William B. Meredith.

Alabama, 1907, fell to his lot, and received a courteous notice of nearly two pages extent.

Companion Williams correctly states that the writer "does not believe in the autocratic power of the Grand High Priest," and says that we "think it is because of this power we (they) appropriate to him \$3,000.00 annually."

Companion Williams rejoins as follows:

"Well, we have flourished under our 'autocrats,' have no dissensions, harmony prevails, and we are abundantly blessed with prosperity—so why should we change? Our Jurisdiction is large geographically; many of our Chapters are hundreds of miles from the seat of government. Many visitations are made and the money is thus used for the benefit of the Craft."

We had ventured to criticise some of Companion Williams' decisions as G. H. P. He summarily dismisses our comments thus:

"The decisions of the writer, while Grand High Priest, are criticized, but no response will be made."

As it pleases you, Companion, we are content. All the same, when we think we have discovered error, we have the presumption, to animadvert upon the same, how exalted soever the source of the alleged error may be.

Refinement and courtesy as well as ability characterize the Reports of all the members of the Pennsylvania Committee on Correspondence.

Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles Cary, M.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

31ST ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1908.

Chartered Chapters, 11; Members, 1,152; Net increase, 59.

Comp. John McLean, M.'. E.'. Grand First Principal Zerubabel.

It is a pleasure to note that our Representative, R.'. E.'. Past Grand H. Comp. C. P. O'Connor, was reported present at the Convocation now receiving our attention. At this Annual Convocation, Grand High Priest John McLean presided having eight of the regular staff (himself included) of Grand Officers present, the other five being *pro tems*. Eight Past Grand Z's were in attendance.

A fine photogravure of the Grand Z-elect is the first object that engages one's attention on opening this volume.

The Grand Z's address occupied seven pages and presented a clear account of his administration. There is in said address, little or nothing to claim the attention of Companions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

He had granted but two dispensations during the year, and those two were for installation of officers.

He recommended appropriation of \$250.00 to supplement the amounts already granted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec for the completion of the Masonic Temple at Montreal.

He also recommended appropriation of \$250.00 for the Graham Monument.

The modesty of his conclusion bespeaks his merit.

The several reports of the Grand Superintendents indicated the prevalence of peace and harmony as well as prosperity in the respective Districts.

The Annual Report of the Grand Scribe Ezra exhibits a tabular statement of the returns of each Chapter.

M. E. Companion Whyte says that every Chapter received candidates. He further states that the receipts for the year were \$1,025.50—an increase over last year's receipts, \$14.50.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, March 23, 1908, was the sum of \$1,462.46. The cash assets of the General and Benevolent Fund were \$3,779.32.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp. Jos. I. Phillips, made an extended report, in the course of which he said: "I believe I may safely say that the condition of all the Chapters with one exception in this Jurisdiction, is a satisfactory one." It was resolved "that R. E. Comp. Jos. I. Phillips be continued in office for another year, and that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated for his services."

The sum of \$50.00 was appropriated for incidental expenses of the Grand Z. for the current year. If that amount is to cover traveling expenses, the First Grand Principal Z. cannot travel very much unless he "counts cross-ties." Two hundred and fifty dollars was voted for the Graham monument.

The dispensations of the Grand Z. were approved.

Likewise his recommendation that \$250.00 be appropriated to the monument being erected to the memory of P. G. H. P., Companion John H. Graham.

The Committee on Jurisprudence had nothing before it to report upon.

CORRESPONDENCE, FRATERNAL.

The Report on Correspondence is again the handiwork of Companion E. T. D. Chambers, than whom there is no better reviewer in the guild of correspondents. In his introduction he says:

"No new matters of general interest have engaged the attention of Grand Chapter Reviewers, and the quietness and confidence that come of long continued peace and prosperity are the prevailing features of most of their reports.

There appears to be a growing determination to prevent as far as possible the use of the Chapter as a mere stepping stone to so-called higher degrees; and this is most commendable.

The innovations attempted in certain quarters, by adding new and modern requirements as to occupation, etc., for those seeking admission to the Royal Craft, are apparently not gaining in favour. This is eminently satisfactory.

For the rest, there are constantly coming to the surface a number of old questions that are apparently new to the younger generation of Masons.

We have not found it necessary to enter into any long discussions of burning questions, chiefly, perhaps, because burning questions are happily rare. So we have chiefly contented ourselves with a running description of the condition of Capitulat Masonry in the various jurisdictions whose reports have reached us."

Alabama, 1907, is most fraternally and politely treated. Companion Chambers quotes the writer's remarks, in his conclusion, concerning Western Australia, and says: "We agree with every word of what he says of the Grand Chapter in question." Then he touches us up a little for not reviewing Grand Bodies with which we are not holding fraternal relations.

Well, it is ever the case that what Companion Chambers says soever, merits consideration at least.

Comp. Harry G. Elliott, M.°, E.°, Grand Z.

Comp. Will H. Whyte, (P. G. Z.), M.°, E.°, Grand Scribe Ezra.

RHODE ISLAND.

110TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH, 1908.

Comp. Chas. F. Richardson, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 10; Members, 3,517; Net gain, 134.

At the opening of Grand Chapter, all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, were at their posts. Nine Past Grand Priests were present, as also, were twenty-six Grand Representatives. (What was Companion Sanborn doing for Alabama?)

The address of the Grand High Priest was short (4 pp.) but well penned. He had visited six of the ten Chapters during the year. He reported no dispensations issued, no decisions rendered.

The Committee on the address mentioned three dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, and approved the same, and Grand Chapter did likewise.

We learn from the Grand Secretary's report that all the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues.

The Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was the sum of \$5,983.73.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was authorized to publish its Report with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee to Revise the "Work," a special Convocation of Grand Chapter was ordered to be held within sixty days from this Annual, for consideration of and action upon the "Work" of Grand Chapter and the findings of said Committee in relation thereto.

Memorials were presented and read, of the following deceased Companions, viz: P. G. H. P. William T. C. Wardwell, R.'. E.'. David Stevens, and R.'. E.'. George H. Burnham.

An excellent photogravure likeness of Grand High Priest, Charles F. Richardson graces the initial page of this finely executed volume of Proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is a distinct pleasure to note that Companion, the Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D., still conducts the Correspondence Report for the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Ever dignified, courteous and scholarly, his reviews are stamped with the impress of wisdom and conservatism. His Introduction is interesting, giving a sketch of the history of Capitular Masonry in Rhode Island.

His review of Alabama, 1907, is truly fraternal. The writer feels greatly honored by Companion Rugg's commendation of the Alabama Report, and quotations therefrom.

We offer no apology for giving our readers his

"CONCLUSION."

"As we come to the writing of the closing paragraphs of this report the question recurs, 'What use?' What benefit ensues from the receiver's work? If fairly well done it must help to dispense Masonic light and knowledge; at least it must furnish Companions who desire to keep posted in the activities and movements of the Royal Craft with some desired information; and then, perhaps, the Correspondent may be reckoned among the agents that hold the Institution to its high ideals and noble purposes. His reports may not be read or heeded to the extent that could be desired; but they have value if the organization itself has value, and if it is worth maintaining among the uplifting forces of present-day need and use."

"And so comes the still larger question as to the utility of Freemasonry. What good comes from the Institution? What service does it render its members or the community, by which it justifies its existence? The question is stated, not for the purpose of answering it by the presentation of facts and figures, or by argument, but rather as suggestive of an appeal to those who may read these lines, that they should inquire of themselves to learn whether or not they have been instructed and cheered and blessed by Masonic teaching and fellowship. Such inquiry is likely to reveal to every faithful Brother that he has been a recipient of good, indirectly if not directly, from the Fraternity in which he holds membership—that he has been benefited, if not 'in basket and store,' yet actually in the broadening and sweetening of his life, by the lessons and symbolism which have grown familiar to him, and by the free communions with friends and Brothers for which Freemasonry gives the opportunity and furnishes the occasion."

"The open vision is needed to bring out the full meaning and true glory of Freemasonry. The Royal Arch system is charged with signs and suggestions of what there is beyond—of something yet to be revealed. And so follows search and achievement. Even so is it in life. We profit by our dream thoughts—by the ideals of truth and virtue, of light and blessing that sometimes flash before our vision. Let us encourage these visions, and be obedient to them as they point to the right shaping of character and to all true service. Thus shall we have the purpose to act, as also the spirit of desire to be acted upon, and so happily our highest and best vision shall have fulfillment."

"Blessed be God for the inspiring visions of life here and of life to come—of what is the largest and most comforting view of life, according to the Divine plan, on which are stamp-

ed glorious possibilities for two worlds. 'For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Comp. Wendell R. Davis, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. R. Greene, R. E. Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

We have in hand three pamphlets containing the Proceedings of the Quarterly Convocation, March 6, 1908; the Annual Convocation for Installation of Grand Office-Bearers; and the Quarterly, June 19, 1908. To these papers we can give only slight attention at this time.

Comp. C. Carthen Yorrton, M. E. Deputy Grand Z., presided at each of these Convocations.

At the March Quarterly receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and of several other Grand Jurisdictions, was acknowledged with thanks.

At this Convocation, the election of Grand Office-Bearers for the ensuing year, took place, Comp. Col. R. King Stewart being chosen as M. E. First Grand Principal.

Provincial Reports; tabulated statement of fees received from Chapters; and abstract of General Accounts of the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of Scotland, together with Abstract of Charity Accounts occupy most of these pages.

Nine new charters had been granted.

March 23, 1908, the Annual Convocation was held, and the Office-Bearers-elect, who were present, were installed according to ancient custom. The Grand Z.-elect was unavoidably absent on account of sickness in his family.

After the Office-Bearers present, elected on the 6th instant, had been duly obligated, invested, and installed in their respective offices," the Supreme Grand Chapter was closed in due and solemn form, the Companions adjourned to the Banqueting Hall to celebrate the Festival of the Vernal Equinox." The Chairman in a few appropriate words proposed the loyal

toasts, which were cordially pledged and responded to in speeches abounding in wit and wisdom.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Supreme Committee, the Auditor's report showed that the income for the quarter—\$2,781.44 exceeded the expenditure by \$1,299.98, but that the corresponding period of the previous year showed excess of income over that of 1908-9 in the sum of \$725.70.

The minutes of the Quarterly, June 19, 1908, present no matters of interest to foreign Companions.

SCOTLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—EDINBURGH—MARCH 5, 1909.

Comp. C. Carthen Yorrtoun, Dep. G. Z. as Grand Z.

There was an "excellent attendance" at this Convocation. We are pleased to see that the Proceedings of our Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and of our Grand Council of R. and S. Masters, had been received with thanks.

The election of Supreme Grand Office-Bearers, for the ensuing year, was held, resulting in the unanimous choice of Comp. R. King Stewart as M. V. E. V. First Grand Principal, and of his several Subordinate Officers.

The Provincial Reports from the various Districts were received with satisfaction. These reports included one, from the District Grand Chapter of India, S. C.

A Special Convocation had been held, October, 1908, for the dedication of Chapter 341, S. C.

The General and Charity Fund Accounts of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, amounted, Feb. 13, 1909, respectively, to \$38,291.58, and \$18,912.46.

Six new charters had been granted.

The Annual Convocation, for installation of Grand Officers, was held, March 19, 1909. After close of Grand Chapter, the Festival of the Vernal Equinox was in the Banquet Hall according to custom.

The remaining record embraced in this pamphlet would not specially interest our Alabama readers.

Comp. R. King Stewart, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

Comp. Arch. Lang, M.'. E.'. Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

97TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—FEBRUARY, 1908.

Comp. Joseph Lindsay, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

This volume is embellished with several half-tone portraits of Past Grand High Priests.

Number of Chapters, 27; Members, 1,810; Net increase, 236.

It accords us pleasure to note that our diplomat, Comp. Thomas Riley, was one of the twenty Grand Representatives present.

In his address the Grand High Priest noted with satisfaction that none of the present or past Grand Officers had died during the year just ended. Ten of the subordinate Chapters, however, had been visited by the "Great Reaper." To the memory of those departed Companions he paid short but touching tribute.

He had granted dispensations for organizing two Chapters, also several special dispensations, a majority of which were to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions.

His few decisions submitted, were as follows, with one exception—a question of Chapter Jurisdiction over a Brother who had been elected, but who had not presented himself for admission; had moved away and had become a non-affiliate, etc.:

"DECISIONS."

"At the time of the revival of Beulah Chapter, I was asked: 'Who are entitled to a vote?'"

Answer. All Companions who were in good standing at the time the Chapter became dormant.

Another Companion wanted to know:

First. 'When the Chapter is opened in the Royal Arch degree and suspends labor in order to open on some other degree

to confer such degree on a candidate, should work in the degree, when conferred, be suspended and labor resumed in the Royal Arch Degree for the purpose of closing in due form?

Answer. No.

Second. 'Or can the lodge of Mark Master, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master be closed in due form.'

Answer. Yes.

Third. 'Again, a Special Convocation called to confer, say, the Most Excellent Master degree upon a candidate, should the Royal Arch Chapter be opened, labor suspended, a lodge opened, its labors suspended, and labor resumed in the Royal Arch Chapter?'

Answer. No.

Fourth. 'Can a lodge of Most Excellent Masters be opened, degree conferred and lodge closed in due form?'

Answer. Yes."

As to the proposed Masonic Home, we learn that last year the treasurer of the Home had on hand \$13,000.00. That sum was not deemed enough with which to begin the work of establishing a Home. The Committee had been somewhat disappointed at the smallness of contributions.

The Grand High Priest urged greater activity, on the part of Companions, in pushing the great undertaking.

He congratulated Grand Chapter on having so able and devoted a committee on Correspondence as R.'. E.'. Companion Jacob T. Barron.

He passed high encomiums on Grand Treasurer R.'. E.'. Comp. C. Frank Jackson who had served as Grand Treasurer 50 years.

The balance in the Treasury of Grand Chapter was \$3,185.01.

Grand Secretary Barron stated that most of the Chapters had, in reasonable time, made their returns and paid their dues.

The dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which his decisions had been referred, reported on the same as follows:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report:

We concur in the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's decisions numbers one and two, and section two and three.

We can not concur in his second decision, Section first, because under the laws of the General Grand Chapter, a subordinate Chapter when opened on the Royal Arch degree must be closed on that degree. It may suspend labor in the Chapter, open on a lower degree to confer said degree on a candidate, close in such lower degree, labor resumed in the Chapter, which must be closed in due form on the Royal Arch Degree.

With reference to section two of said second decision, which reads as follows: 'Again, at a special Convocation called to confer, say, the Most Excellent Master degree upon a candidate; should the Royal Arch Chapter be opened, labor suspended, a lodge opened, its labors suspended, and labor resumed in the Royal Arch Chapter;' which is answered 'No.' Your Committee recommend that the answer should be 'not necessarily,' for the reason that at Special Convocations it is perfectly lawful for a Chapter to be opened on the Royal Arch degree, suspend labor, open and work on a lower degree, close that degree and resume labor in the Chapter, which should then be closed in due form.

For the guidance of Chapters generally, we would say that we are of the opinion that at a Special Convocation where work is done in more than one degree, the proper practice is to open in the highest degree in which work is to be done, then suspend labor in that degree, and open on the lower degree, complete the work, close that lodge, resume labor in the higher degree, and after the work is done close on that degree."

And the report of the Committee was adopted.

The city of Columbia, S. C., was selected as the place for the next Annual Convocation.

A committee of three was appointed to report at the next Annual on a "Form for Opening and Closing In Short Form."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was again presented by Companion Jacob T. Barron, Committee, in a No. 1 review of all Proceedings received. Companion Barron's Reports are always welcome guests at our table.

In his courteous notice of Alabama, 1906, he says its a pity that our Grand High Priest cannot serve more than one year consecutively.

He is "surprised" at the failure of a proposition to make P. H. P.'s permanent members of Grand Chapter.

To the writer Companion Barron is most kind. He may rest assured that commendation from himself is greatly valued.

Under Colorado we find the following:

"This meets our hearty approval, and agrees with our actual experience covering many years:

We would add, late hours are unnecessary if Chapters meet promptly and do their work in the same way. The longest degree there is, is the Royal Arch, for which two hours and a half is ample time, and that doesn't occur many times in a year."

Under Maine, it appears that the charge made, by Comp. Bennett, of Canada, that Webb invented the M. E. M. Degree, falls because the degree was worked three years before Webb was made a Royal Arch Mason.

The following, under Wisconsin, is to our mind:

"Companion Swain presents his thirty-third Correspondence Report in which we fare well. But this takes away our breath.

We are generally in agreement with Companion Barron, unless it is on the question of physical qualifications. We understand him on that as being in favor of the old rule of strictly holding candidates up to being sound.

In the first place, the laws of our Grand Chapter, which we had the honor of writing, only require that a candidate shall be able, physically, to conform literally to all the requirements of the ritual. In the next place, almost ever since we became a member of our Grand Lodge we have been fighting for a modification of our Grand Lodge law, commonly styled 'the perfect youth fad.'"

The South Carolina Proceedings are elegantly printed. Our compliments on the same, to Comp. Barron.

Comp. Joseph Lindsay, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jacob T. Barron, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

59TH ANNUAL—WACO—NOVEMBER, 1908.

Comp. Chas. F. Smith, M. E., Grand High Priest.
Chapters on Roll, 228; Members, 13,916; Net gain, 732.

The volume is embellished with several portraits.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests attended this Convocation, as, also, did a large number of Grand Representatives, among whom, as we gladly note, was our ambassador, Comp. T. L. Stanfield.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, made no attempt at rhetorical display, but presented a well-written, strictly business report of his administration.

He said in regard to the projected Home for Aged Masons:

"This year marks another important step taken in the noble work of providing a Home for Aged Masons, a beautiful and convenient site has been furnished by the committee for its location."

And he intimated that the Committee would report in detail what had so far been done.

He included in his address the proclamation, which, he had sent to the Chapters, declaring the severance of the Grand Council from the Grand Chapter, making the former the independent custodian of Cryptic Masonry. The following quotation explains the purpose of the proclamation:

"To all Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters in Texas—Greeting:

"In accordance with instructions given by the Grand Chapter of Texas, contained in the hereinafter mentioned resolutions, adopted at the Annual Convocation of that Grand Body on December 3, 1907, the terms of same having been accepted and ratified on the same date by the Grand Council of Texas, which Grand Body being lawfully re-established, and having again assumed jurisdiction over the Cryptic Degrees in this Jurisdiction, and by virtue of the authority so vested in me, I do hereby

"PROCLAM, ETC."

Then follows the details of the agreement, between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council, which it is unnecessary to copy in this paper. Suffice it to say that latter has now exclusive control of the Cryptic Degrees.

By proxy, the Grand High Priest had duly constituted nineteen Chapters, also he had issued dispensations for eleven Chapter organizations.

His nine decisions have the right ring. Let us see what the Jurisprudence Committee had to say concerning said rulings. Here it is:

We concur in decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

In decision No. 6, our Grand High Priest states the law correctly, and that a Chapter violated the same, but the conclusion of the decision, we think, goes further than we are warranted to go in the case.

With decision No. 8 we do not concur. We do not think that the papers presented and referred to are such as are referred to in Art. 107, which specifically names 'Dimits.' In this case we do not think the Chapter could legally act without having a certified statement from the Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, over the seal of the said Grand Body, that the Companion had been restored to all his rights and privileges as a R. A. Mason.

As to decision No. 9, we concur with that part which says that an unfavorable ballot in a Council of Royal and Select Masters does not affect a previous ballot had in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Of that portion which says a 'ballot in the Council was therefore illegal and must be void,' we would say that, in our opinion, this Grand Chapter is not competent to make a declaration as to the validity of any action of a Council of R. and S. Masters."

The Grand Secretary announced that all the Chapters had made returns, and all save two, had paid their dues.

At the hazard of displaying our ignorance, we ask Comp. Terrell if the Texas law requiring Chapters U. D. to pay dues, generally obtains?

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented its Report, and the same was ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

A Chapter U. D. applying for a charter was turned down because, although the petitioners had complied with every other requirement, they had failed to petition for a charter for their Council also, as required by law.

Our Constitution does not require petition for charter for a Council to accompany petition for charter for the Chapter.

On recommendation of committees 1, 2, and 3, on Chapters U. D., charters were voted to seven such Chapters.

The Committee on Obituaries made appropriate report, which was adopted. The report covers seven pages.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood received about thirty accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence—his thirteenth—was presented by Companion John H. Terrell. To pronounce Companion Terrell's Reports first-class, would be to tell our readers what they already know.

Alabama, 1907, is courteously treated in notice covering two pages of print.

Referring to the portraits of our two highly esteemed, M. E., Companions—Robert S. Teague and Geo. A. Beauchamp, Companion Terrell says:

"Both men are handsome as here shown, but we are confident that the photographs from which these cuts were made, were taken when they were mere boys, though we find from biographical sketches, that the former is past forty, and the latter, past fifty-three."

Your "confidence," Companion, is misplaced, for Companion Beauchamp's photo, was taken in January, 1903, Companion Teague's in October, 1905. Companion Beauchamp was in his 48th year when his picture was taken, and Companion Teague was in his 37th year when he sat before the camera.

We and you—old moss-backs that we are—must not fancy everybody else to be grizzled and gray like ourselves. (If the writer is spared by the S. A. O. T. U. to see the 28th day of next month, January, 1910, he will be 83 years old.)

Companion Terrell will please accept our grateful acknowledgment of very kind personal mention. We are much gratified to know that he and ourselves are in accord on so many points of opinion.

This bit of pleasantry, under Mississippi, we append before answering the clamor of the printer:

"In the back of the volume is a 'Report on Foreign Correspondence,' signed 'DeLap,' and we presume he is the same of whom Companion Speed said last year: 'He has wheels in his head, and don't care a cent who he sandpapers.' He opens his maiden effort with a 'Prologue,' and closes with an 'Epilogue.' The work is snappy throughout, and while we are not so sure about the 'wheels,' it does appear that we now have three several characters of reviewers, to-wit: The Warvelleian method, the DeLap style, and the balance of us fellows who write chaff, so says Speed."

Companion DeLap will be equal to the occasion.

Comp. Edwin R. Bryan, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. John A. Bryan, R. E., Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

101ST ANNUAL—RICHMOND—OCTOBER, 1908.

Comp. John Henry Fisher, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 61; Members, 5,564; Net gain, 396.

At this Convocation, all the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-two Grand Representatives, including our ambassador, Comp. Alfred S. Lee, were present, together with the representatives of the constitutional number of Chapters.

In his address, the Grand High Priest announced the death of twenty-nine Past Grand High Priests in the Capitular fraternity—two of whom were of his own Jurisdiction, viz.: M. E. Companion, William Henry Lambert and Philo Bradley.

He recommended that the Digest be amended so that Section 186 shall read as follows:

"No petition for the degrees shall be entertained from any person who is not a Mason in good standing in some regular Masonic Lodge, or has been excused from such membership, under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; and *voluntary non-affiliation for three months* from some Blue Lodge, or a regular excuse under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for such non-affiliation, shall deprive a Companion of membership in any Royal Arch Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction; nor shall any Royal Arch Chapter in this jurisdiction confer the Select Master and Royal Master Degrees on any Royal Arch Mason holding membership in another Grand Jurisdiction where these degrees are not conferred in Royal Arch Chapters."

He also recommended that the *pro rata* of the Virginia Masonic contribution to the California Relief Fund sufferers sent back to Virginia, be placed in the General Fund.

He made a telling appeal to the Companions on behalf of the Masonic Home.

Grand Secretary, James Braxton Blanks made, in his report, the satisfactory statement that each of the sixty-one Chapters had made its return and paid in full all dues for the year 1908. Those returns show that 582 Companions had been exalted during the year, and that during the same period, seventy-seven of the Virginia Companions had died.

The Grand Treasurer's balance in bank was the sum of \$286.85.

The Grand Lecturer presented a detailed report which evinced unremitting labor, on his part, for the instruction of the Royal Craft.

On the evening of the Second Day, the Grand Committee of the Whole held its meeting for the consideration of the reports and resolutions referred to it.

Among other matters, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the balance of the centennial Fund—\$588.77, and the amount returned by the Grand Secretary of California—\$192.02, be donated to the Masonic Home of Virginia."

Companion Nesbitt's Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The Grand Committee of the Whole, having considered all the matters referred to it, the entire action of the said committee was adopted by Grand Chapter. The committee approved the proposed amendments to the Methodical Digest. Virginia adheres to the doctrine of dependent membership. Good!

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests received into the Order twenty-two eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With his wonted ability, Companion Nesbitt presents a review of all the Proceedings which reached him in due time.

Alabama, 1907, receives one-third of a page of fraternal notice. Thanks for personal mention. Here is his "Conclusion."

CONCLUSION.

I am satisfied this review will not come up to the standard expected by the Guild, but it will have to be accepted, as the time allowed is too short to do any better.

I hope the Companions of Virginia will find something of interest.

CHARLES A. NESBITT, *Chairman*.

We would appropriate the sentiment of Companion Nesbitt's concluding remarks, for ourselves, save as to the shortness of his review.

That particular we could not honestly assume for ourselves. Alas! our own papers are "too long-winded." The writer must make his reports shorter, even at the risk of omitting valuable matter found in the Proceedings reviewed.

Comp. Wm. Baylor McChesney, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James B. Blanks, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

24TH ANNUAL—TACOMA—JUNE, 1908.

Comp. Francis B. West, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Twenty-six Chartered Chapters; 2 Chapters U. D.; Members,
2,626.

A portrait of M. E. Francis B. West graces the first page of this volume.

Grand High Priest F. B. West being in the chair, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were zealous enough to attend the Convocation under review.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, reported having granted five dispensations for using one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch Degree. Of each and every Grand Jurisdiction permitting substitutes—our own included—it might be said: "Ephraim is joined to his idols—let him alone."

Asked concerning the following amendment to Chapter By-Laws, viz.: "Ministers of the Gospel shall receive the degrees conferred in this Chapter upon payment of that portion of the fee only, which must be sent back to the Grand Chapter," as to its legality, he pronounced it in conflict with the Constitution. He added the following:

"As to the propriety of such an amendment will say, that it has been my experience that any object achieved without effort and expense is not properly appreciated in the large majority of cases, and I feel that a minister should come into a Chapter of his own free will and accord, with no extra inducements, and on an equal footing with his brethren."

We must admit that there is force in what the M. E. says on this point.

He had visited a large majority of the constituent Chapters, and had been, everywhere, most cordially received.

From information furnished him by General Grand Secretary, Christopher G. Fox, it appears that the General Grand Chapter will meet in Savannah, Ga., on the 10th of November.

1909, instead of on the 17th of that month, as previously stated.

The Grand Orator delivered a scholarly and thoughtful address on Masonry's symbolism.

The Grand Treasurer's total cash on hand was the sum of \$3,399.30. Bonds on hand, \$1,000.00.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D., charters were granted to three such Chapters, the charters to be effective upon compliance of the petitioners with certain specified requirements.

The Jurisprudence Committee, to which was referred that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest pertaining to decisions and dispensations, recommended the same for approval. The committee complimented the Subordinate Chapter officers on the knowledge of the laws, they have shown, in the fact that the Grand High Priest had not been called upon to make a single decision during his term of office.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood added to its membership sixteen eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by R. V. E. V. Companion Yancey C. Blalock. It was his twentieth annual, and covered 147 pages. Alabama, 1907, received courteous notice.

Comp. Fobert L. McCroskey, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, R. V. E. V. Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

38TH ANNUAL—FAIRMOUNT—NOVEMBER, 1908.

Chartered Chapters, 34; Chapters U. D., 2; Members, 4,495; Net gain, 262.

Comp. Tom. C. Strickler, M. E. V. Grand High Priest.

This neat volume is embellished with several striking portraits.

The goodly number of eleven Past Grand High Priests attended the Convocation under review.

Our Representative, Companion Jas. A. Bryan was, duly, at his post of duty.

In his brief, business-like address, the Grand High Priest announced the death of Companion Henry B. Baguley, E., Grand Royal Arch Captain.

He reported two dispensations for forming new Chapters; also the constituting of two Chapters. In addition to the foregoing he had issued a dispensation to permit Orient Chapter No. 9, Fairmount, to ballot on candidates, and transact any other business needful for entertaining the Grand Chapter.

He had made five official visitations to Subordinate Chapters. He regretted not having been able to make more visits. He thought work along this line ought to be encouraged. Most assuredly.

The two resolutions following, were referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, viz.:

"Resolved, That a Subordinate Chapter cannot confer more than two degrees upon a candidate at one and the same Convocation, except the candidate live a distance of ten (10) miles, or more, from the Chapter; nor shall any Subordinate Chapter promote a candidate until he shall have shown a suitable knowledge of the preceding degrees.

Resolved further, That a candidate must not be exalted until after he shall have recorded his mark."

The Committee reported the following substitute for the first resolution:

"Resolved, That a Subordinate Chapter shall not confer more than two degrees upon a candidate at one and the same Convocation, except that the degrees of Royal and Select Master and Most Excellent Master may be conferred at the same Convocation. Provided that the candidate live a greater distance than ten (10) miles from the Chapter, then the foregoing prohibition shall not be operative; nor shall any Subordinate Chapter promote a candidate until he shall have shown proficiency in the signs, grips and words of the preceding degrees."

but concurred in the second. Report adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a charter was granted to one of the two Chapters U. D., the other was continued U. D. another year.

The Committee on Obituary briefly, but impressively reported on the life and character of the late E. J. Royal Arch Captain, Companion Henry Byron Baguley, recommending that a memorial page be set apart to him in the Proceedings; also recommending that like pages be set apart for the 35 Companions in West Virginia who had died during the year.

Report ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The per capita tax of fifty cents a year was continued.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

An able synopsis of the Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters presented by Companion J. D. Baines, Chairman of the Committee, occupying 88 pages, concludes this volume.

Alabama, 1906-1907, is courteously reviewed.

Three pages are devoted to the two years' record. The reviewer compliments our Grand High Priest by saying that his "address was not an essay, but, as it should be, a business report."

He disposes of the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, in short order, as he does, of most of the Grand Jurisdiction Correspondence Reports, thus:

"The Report on Correspondence is full," or "The Foreign Correspondence Report is full."

This certainly has the merit of conciseness.

Comp. John W. deVeber, M. J. E. J. Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. K. Reed (P. G. H. P.), R. J. E. J. Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

58TH ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—FEBRUARY, 1908.

Comp. Homer B. Hubbell, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chapters reporting and represented, 77; Membership, Jan. 1st, 1908, 8,533; Net gain, 524.

At this Annual Convocation all the Grand Officers were present, supported by seventeen Past Grand High Priests. Our Representative, Companion William C. Swain (who will become General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, at the Triennial in Savannah), headed the list of thirty-three Grand Representatives present.

In his address the Grand High Priest said:

"From the small beginning of three Chapters in the year 1850 * * * our Grand Chapter has increased to seventy nine chartered subordinate Chapters, and three under dispensation, with a total membership of 8,533 Royal Arch Masons on January 1, 1908."

As to the State of Capitular Masonry in Wisconsin, he said:

"I am pleased to report that the general condition of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction is most satisfactory. There has been an unprecedented increase in membership during the past year. A net gain of 524 members, being the largest increase in any single year since the organization of this Grand Chapter. No internecine disputes or contentions have arisen, and peace and harmony prevail within our borders.

The statistics of gains and losses in the membership of subordinate Chapters, financial condition of the Grand Chapter, and matters of like import, will be found in detail in the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Trustees. I will not anticipate them."

He reported thirteen official visitations during the year, in all of which he had found himself to be "among friends who indeed proved to be Companions in every sense of that expressive word."

He had granted three dispensations for new Chapters. By indications he was satisfied that he had made no mistake in issuing those dispensations.

He had granted a few special dispensations. One of them was for waiving constitutional time limit, but not proficiency.

Of his six decisions we shall quote but one. In that instance it appears that his conviction are adverse to the use of substitutes in conferring the R. A. Degree.

The decision was elicited by what, in substance follows:

A Most Excellent Master had been prevented, quite a while, from being exalted to that august degree, by circumstances beyond his control. Subsequently the Chapter was unable to secure proper and timely material, and could find no opportunity for the brother to complete a team by request in any neighboring Chapter. Without any negligence or fault on his part, he waited from April 9th to November 26th, when the Secretary wrote to the M. E., explaining that the brother had engaged steamship passage to Europe for December 7th, adding that said brother was about to visit his old home in Denmark, and desired to sit in Lodge with his father and other relations, but could not do so in that country without the R. A. Degree, which there and in other European countries, is a part of the Symbolic Lodge work. Here is M. E. Companion Hubbell's decision in the case:

"Answer: This seems to be an emergency case of special merit, so I will apply the Golden Rule and do as I would be done by. Your Chapter may confer the Royal Arch Degree with two substitutes in this instance, but this decision shall be no precedent for similar action hereafter, either by your own or any other Chapter, unless affirmed by the Grand Chapter. The Royal Arch Degree was thus conferred upon the brother the night before his departure.

I find upon investigation that two substitutes have been used more than once in this Grand Jurisdiction, notwithstanding apparent precedents to the contrary.

In the Grand Chapter Proceedings for 1902, page 13, Grand High Priest William B. Andrews reports that he granted a dispensation to Marinette Chapter No. 57 to confer the Royal Arch Degree with two substitutes in a case almost a duplicate of this one. It was regularly referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but for some unknown reason that Committee made no allusion to it in their report. So it stands as an unaffirmed decision of this Grand Chapter.

I also find among the decisions of the General Grand Chapter the following statement which contains the plural form 'substitutes:'

"The use of substitutes is not a violation of the ritual or of the installation charges delivered to a High Priest, but they should not be used, only to complete a class when necessary." Constitution, Rules and Regulations of 1899, page 47.

Under this decision two substitutes are allowed 'when necessary' in all Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

It certainly seems as if the authority ought to be lodged somewhere in our own Grand Jurisdiction to afford relief in a meritorious case such as I have described."

Notwithstanding that decision of the General Grand Chapter, we are presumptuous enough to entertain the opinion that the use of substitutes impairs the beauty and impressiveness of the degree. As Cato was wont to reiterate the injunction, "Carthage must be destroyed," so we harp on these words, "three—no more, no less."

It is not necessary to note the Grand High Priest's few recommendation, they being especially for the benefit of the Craft at home. He quoted several paragraphs from the eloquent address of M. W. R. T. W. Duke, of Norfolk, on the "Beauty and Importance of Capitular Masonry."

February 18, 1908, the Grand Treasurer had on hand the neat sum of \$6,606.00.

From Grand Secretary Perry's excellent report it appears that his disbursements exceeded receipts, to the amount of \$723.08.

The Board of Trustees in its annual report paid well merited compliment to the faithful and painstaking Grand Secretary. It also verified the Grand Treasurer's balance.

The report of the Grand Lecturer evinced faithful discharge of his duties, with results, for the most part, very satisfactory.

The report of the Committee on Obituary is a scholarly, eloquent and very interesting essay on the subject of mortal life, and the soul's immortality.

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

The Committee on Returns made the satisfactory announcement that all the Chapters had sent in their annual reports, and had paid all dues.

M. E. Companion Wm. C. Swain, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, offered the following preamble and resolution, and they were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Whereas, This Grand Chapter has heretofore recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec, under objections from the Grand Chapter of England, therefore, be it hereby

Resolved, That we recognize the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and the Grand Secretary is instructed to enter into correspondence with them in regard to Grand Representatives."

On recommendation of the Law Committee, said resolution was adopted. Good!

Letters of sympathy and fraternal love were sent to Past Grand High Priest, Norman C. Daniels, who was seriously indisposed.

The General Committee favored the granting of charters to the three Chapters U. D. It was accordingly so done.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the first five of the Grand High Priest's six decisions. In respect of the sixth the committee said:

"In reference to decision 6, we recommend that the action of our M. E. Grand Priest, under the circumstances, be allowed to stand."

"We do not approve the use of more than one substitute in the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree under any circumstances, emergency or conditions. It is bad practice. It is contrary to the intent of the Ritual. It is unconstitutional. The granting of a dispensation for the use of more than one substitute is unjustifiable and not required for the welfare of the Craft."

We are too obtuse to appreciate the logic of the Committee's opinion. If it is a "bad practice"—contrary to the intent of the Ritual" and "unconstitutional" to use two substitutes, it is equally so to employ one. The "intent of the Ritual" is precisely three, and neither more or less than that number. The use of any substitutes is a sham.

The Committee approved the dispensations of the Grand High Priest. Its report was adopted, all and singular.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood received thirteen (oh!) accessions to its ranks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The veteran reviewer, Past Grand High Priest, Companion Wm. C. Swain, again presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence and, within the compass of 79 pages, provides a great quantity of wholesome, mental pabulum for his readers.

Alabama, 1906, is given nearly one page of courteous notice. He refers to an appropriation of \$25.00 for a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel to be presented to the retiring G. H. P., and says:

"It was not an extensive appropriation."

Well, it was "extensive" enough. For our own part, we would prefer to see the amounts devoted to the purchase of costly Jewels, turned into the charity channel.

Companion Swain will please accept grateful thanks for complimentary personal reference.

His Report consists almost exclusively of well selected excerpts. His comments are nearly as scarce as "hen's teeth." While his selections are most judicious, we must confess that we would like less extract and more Swain.

Comp. David Harlowe, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. W. W. Perry, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

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	Amt. of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accepted	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
1	Tuscaloosa†	79	\$ 113 25	10	10	10	10	2		2	1	5	
5	Eunomia	25		2	2	3	3	1		1	2		
10	Tuscumbia	20	15 00	3	3	3	3					1	
12	Marion*	26	18 00										
19	Mt. Moriah	32								1			
21	Mobile	91		6	5	4	2	3		2	3	5	
22	Montgomery	97	72 75	11	11	11	11	1	5	2	3	2	
23	Talladega	47	35 25	8	8	8	8					4	
24	Eufaula*	32	21 00	3	3	3	3	2				1	
25	Courtland†	17	24 75	2	2	2	2				1		
26	Union	52	34 50	7	7	7	6						
28	St. Johnst	63	91 50	5	5	5	5			2		2	
34	Hermon†	72	105 75	6	6	6	6	2		2	1	4	
38	Decatur†	94	103 50	49	49	50	49	2	13	2	12	4	
40	Camden*	45	24 00	12	12	12	12	1					
54	Tyrian	77		2	2	1	3			1	1		
56	Dadeville	78	58 50	3	3	5	5			2	6	5	
57	Collinsville	37		8	8	8	8			1	1		
64	Central†	22	37 50					1			1	6	
79	Hillabee, U. D.	63		50	50	50	50	13					
80	Myles J. Greene*	38	29 25							1			
81	Jefferson	59	42 75	4	4	2	2	1		3	2		
86	Coosa*	64	58 50	3	3	3	3			3	1	11	2
88	Springville*	23	18 00							1			
99	Ben Bricken*	45	33 75	1	1								
100	Roanoke	79		9	7	7	7	1	1	2	2	1	
101	Mineral City	381	285 75	22	21	20	20	8	5	1	6	5	
104	Sylacauga*	53	42 00							3	1		
105	Anniston	80	58 50	16	14	13	12	3			4	3	
107	Ft. Payne*	31	21 75										
108	Pratt City*	39	21 00	11	11	11	11		1	1	1		
109	Blocton	41	30 75	2	2	4	4				2	5	
110	Bessemer*	87	60 00	9	9	9	7	1	2		3		
111	Piedmont*	34	30 75	5	5	5	5			1		11	
112	Brewton*	40	32 50							2			

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
113	Dothan†	98	142 50	12	12	12	12	5	1	1	2	9	--
114	H. C. Armstrong*	65	51 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	--	--
115	Thomasville	32	21 00	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	1	--
116	Clanton*	44	29 25	6	6	6	6	--	--	--	1	--	--
117	Beauchamp†	38	57 75	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
118	Jasper	39	29 25	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	4	9	--
119	Jackson	41	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	4	6	--
120	Cunningham	65	48 75	11	11	10	9	--	6	--	1	6	1
122	Monroe	24	--	3	3	--	--	--	--	3	--	9	--
123	Covington*	58	40 50	8	8	8	7	1	--	--	3	3	1
124	Bladen Springs*	40	38 25	2	2	2	2	--	--	--	--	12	--
125	Coleman*	22	17 25	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
126	Tallassee*	23	18 00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
127	Evergreen*	50	38 25	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
128	Heflin**	27	28 50	6	6	6	6	2	--	--	--	--	--
129	James E. Cobb*	33	22 50	6	6	6	6	--	--	--	3	--	--
130	Palmyra	27	17 25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
131	Cordova	34	25 50	8	8	8	8	--	--	--	11	1	--
132	Langdale*	54	33 00	9	9	9	10	--	--	--	--	--	--
133	Enterprise	41	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
134	Elba	25	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
135	Florala, U. D.	24	--	11	11	11	11	1	--	--	1	--	--
136	Auburn	14	--	3	3	3	3	--	--	1	1	--	--
137	Samson	36	24 75	16	16	16	16	1	--	--	1	--	--
138	Columbia, U. D.	37	--	29	29	29	29	12	--	--	4	--	--
139	Oakman, U. D.	25	--	9	9	9	9	16	--	--	--	--	--
140	Hartselle, U. D.	10	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--
		3189	\$2203 75	409	403	398	391	95	35	45	95	131	4

* Dues paid for 1908.

** Dues paid for 1907 and 1908.

† Dues paid for 1908 and 1909.

The annual returns have not been received from two (2) Chapters as follows:

Fort Payne No. 107.

Enterprise No. 133.

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: Samuel Birnbach, Thomas H. Cook, Guy G. Derden, John B. Davenport, Joseph Milo Frick, Archibald Hood, William H. Hubbard, William E. Hutchison, Theodore R. Maul, Sennett R. Westcott.
- Eunomia, No. 5: Frank Karthouse, Henry McDonnell, Joseph B. Van Valkenburgh.
- Tuscumbia, No. 10: Henry M. Bailey, Leonard P. Pounders, William W. White.
- Mobile, No. 21: Benjamin C. Calhoun, Felix S. Cleveland.
- Montgomery, No. 22: James E. Andrews, Christopher L. Armstrong, William N. Cox, Bernard C. Ehrenreich, Henry M. Edmonds, Clement G. Hewett, Charles B. Jones, Searcy H. Johnson, Clifford Lanier, Oscar T. Nelson, Ernest W. Stay.
- Talladega, No. 23: Theodore D. Boynton, William E. Baker, Ethridge Garrettson, C. P. Gay, Daniel P. McDearmid, James N. Rogers, E. S. Swift, A. T. Smith.
- Eufaula, No. 24: William R. Affleck, Laban H. S. Chappelle, Edwin K. McDowell.
- Courtland, No. 25: Ezrkin Y. McGregor, Charles J. Walker.
- Union, No. 26: Walter J. Hearn, William C. McKnight, Alfred E. Rosenbaum, William B. Sams, Frank Seay, Robert L. Webb.
- St. Johns, No. 28: Jacob K. Staplan, Paul H. Meroney, Sloan Rowan, Augustus F. Strohmeier, Frank H. Smith.
- Hermon, No. 34: W. H. Curry, C. W. Fenn, W. M. Hill, T. R. Martin, W. C. Martin, J. H. Randle.
- Decatur, No. 38: Dave C. Allmon, Frank C. Brown, Thomas A. Bowles, George L. Bowles, Henry B. Beard, G. Henry Berry, Jasper D. Bush, James A. J. Brock, E. W. Crittendon, Joseph J. Cornish, W. H. Driskell, James L. Draper, A. C. Dillehay, Eugene E. Emmerson, William P. Fogarty, William A. Frost, Harry T. Gill, Harrel Hildreth, Alex A. Hardage, Monroe L. Hardage, F.

W. Hurston, B. F. Heflin, A. Percy Howell, Jacob B. Herron, Horace E. Hicks, Walter B. Isley, W. S. Isherwood, A. D. Jervis, A. E. Jackson, John W. Knight, Jeff D. Minor, J. F. Myers, Thomas H. Mullen, Wm. G. McKoin, James D. McNabb, Wm. R. McClusky, Elmer C. Nix, Richard L. Penn, Coleman L. Peck, Gus P. Sivley, Eugene Samples, S. E. Stewart, Conrad Strickland, Tennis Tidwell, Herman O. Troup, Wm. A. Warner, M. M. Wheeler, T. J. Williamson, William J. Wyker.

Camden, No. 40: John Thomas Carlton, Gordon Thomas Dannelly, Hiram P. Farish, Marcus Gerhardt, Sidney Gault, John Paul Jones, Henry Miller, Barnett H. Matthews, David A. K. Dowell, Harris Bleansley, Jonathan N. Stanford, George G. Newell.

Tyrian, No. 54: John W. Bowers, Joseph H. Holladay, William B. Kelley.

Dadeville, No. 56: Claude Holston, Hugh E. Jones, James H. Leslie, Henry L. McClendon, Mylus J. Slaughter.

Collinsville, No. 57: John T. Bartlett, T. B. Jones, Walter T. Miller, John W. O'Bryant, Walter C. Pyron, Frank M. Savage, L. W. Watts, Hugh H. White.

Hillabee, No. 79: Ike Frohsin, Leon A. Nolen, Benjamin Russell, Lorenzo D. Welch, James M. Wilder, Jr., Geo. W. Bross, Hezekiah O. Dean, James W. Horton, E. H. Hawkins, William A. Holloway, James M. Hancock, W. Richard Knight, Joe S. Mabry, Henry G. Newell, J. A. M. Nolen, Robert B. Owens, Arthur H. Owens, George C. Radford, Richard Speake, Loftin Thomas, Sim A. Thomas, W. Luther Waters, Bluford B. Bridges, Atticus B. Carlton, Ernest C. Harris, John C. McMullen, Eugene E. Stoudemire, Andrew F. Young, James A. Arnold, Lemuel B. Coley, Cartis W. Darden, W. Preston Graham, Oliver L. Hanson, John Irvin, Robert F. Mosk, Andrew J. Smith, Julian M. Watson, James M. Warren, Jesse D. Warren, James P. Avant, George A. Cryen, James

- C. Cousins, Benjamin F. Ellis, Baker J. Hodnett, James T. Hunter, Miles P. Heath, Oscar S. Justice, Geo. W. McElhiney, Walter F. Pasley, James L. Penton.
- Jefferson, No. 81: James D. Rhodes, L. Percy Smith, J. Earl Tucker.
- Coosa, No. 86: Andrew J. Harris, Robert L. Reese, Tolley B. Wood.
- Roanoke, No. 100: Abner Coker, Marion S. Bingham, Noah W. Foster, William C. Lane, James D. Sessions, Earnest M. Shannon, Tyler M. Swann.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Lawrence Price Andrews, Hiram William Ashman, Elgie LeRoy Brownlie, David Harry Blumberg, Clinton Samuel Carnes, John Cowles Couch, Dana Monroe Collier, John Denson, Mabry Floyd Echison, Albert Morris Ford, Jacob Friedman, William Newton Green, John Elmer Hennessy, Thomas Boyd Mullen, Harry Oliver Moore, Harry Cross Stradford, Charles William Toliver, Harry Marshall Urban, George Edson Wallace, Clarence William Wallace.
- Anniston, No. 105: George G. Pace, Jesse L. Murphy, James L. Peak, C. H. Tomlinson, C. F. Kelly, William L. Jones, James A. Johnson, William J. Nelson, E. D. Roy, C. H. Mitchell, R. B. Roy, R. B. Ledbetter.
- Pratt City, No. 108: P. C. Vann, J. M. Reynolds, A. B. Crenshaw, R. H. Franklin, S. M. Tatum, D. Eugene Cook, J. C. Fason, Walter A. Weed, C. N. Carroway, W. G. Powell, Charles L. Cansler.
- Blocton, No. 109: Roscoe L. Avery, C. Clarence Kendig, John A. Perdue, Hampton S. Smith.
- Bessemer, No. 110: James A. Lay, Sidney W. Quarles, James W. Leggett, J. P. Auton, E. J. Roe, R. H. McGee, W. R. Eddins.
- Piedmont, No. 111: George E. Barlin, John T. Hency, George D. Jenkins, Arthur P. Thompson, John T. Terry.

- Dothan, No. 113: James H. Darnell, Henry L. McArthur, Earnest H. Hill, Sam W. Holland, Thomas W. Holland, Henry P. Nichols, William J. Owens, Robert H. Parker, James R. Paramore, Owen L. Reynolds, Willie Simpson, Wiley W. Wafford.
- Clanton, No. 116: Samuel C. Matthews, William W. Monroe, James E. Robinson, Ruben W. Rascoe, Edgar E. Upchurch, Mallie L. White.
- Cunningham, No. 120: C. C. Chatley, G. B. Kisstler, B. A. Tipper, C. T. Walker, E. B. Mayes, C. J. Rogers, Joe Scholl, W. C. Christie, J. G. Burns, W. A. Nichols.
- Covington, No. 123: Noah D. Caton, James D. McPherson, Julius A. Nance, William L. Reid, Benjamin C. Stewart, Brown W. Windham, Lewis Willis.
- Bladon Springs, No. 124: William D. Copeland, L. O. Mills.
- Heflin, No. 128: J. Thomas Boyd, Clarence Swift Davis, Carroll Clay O'Neal, William Gordon Porter, Joseph Sims, Ulysses Vaughan.
- James E. Cobb, No. 129: Benson Walter Booth, John R. Curry, John R. Henderson, James W. Marshall, William Paul Williams, Grover C. Thompson.
- Cordova, No. 131: Frank H. Anstead, D. H. Chilton, W. B. Earnest, James A. Huggins, John Kelley, W. B. Pickard, Joseph F. Swindle, Henry A. Shepherd.
- Langdale, No. 132: Edward P. Green, John Barnes, Fletcher E. Barnes, John A. Crowder, John T. Waters, Charley M. Reeves, James B. Roris, Ezekiel E. Stunly, Richard Hendrick, Jimmie Henderson.
- Floral, No. 135: John Bair, John W. LeMaistre, J. G. F. Miligan, Charles C. McRae, John L. Richbourg, E. Porter Webb, J. A. Prestwood, Jr., Sam M. Boggett, J. T. Manning, W. N. Matthews, T. C. Penton.
- Auburn, No. 136: Arthur Z. Wright, James T. Anderson, Roger S. McIntosh.

- Samson, No. 137: John B. Bedsole, John H. Burtnette, Loranzie D. Gentry, Tullius A. Goodwin, Elijah N. S. Lee, Francis J. Mizell, Daniel D. Murphy, David H. Morris, Jr., John W. Powell, John B. Pinkard, Henry R. Schramm, William J. Savage, John H. Simmons, Houston E. Thom, John D. Weeks, James T. Weeks.
- Columbia, No. 138: John C. Alford, J. O. Appling, D. R. Bragunin, W. J. Bell, W. H. Christian, W. L. Crawford, C. F. Cassidy, H. F. Deal, H. A. Ethridge, G. C. Gilford, Britt Holland, J. N. Johnson, J. M. Koonce, M. T. McGriff, J. F. McTyer, J. E. McNair, W. C. Metcalf, H. C. McDonald, T. P. McGriff, W. F. Oakley, N. J. Oakley, K. L. Oakley, W. G. Peterson, W. H. Purcell, H. G. Purcell, Y. M. S. Smith, J. P. D. Wilkerson, D. W. Welder, J. F. Yarbrough.
- Oakman, No. 139: Walter Isaac Calvert, Casimer Philip Chabert, William Wilson Earnest, Marion Turner Hutto, Lewis Sylvester Harbin, Max Gardner, Watkins Arthur George, C. Vester Pate, Hermie Harris Stoudemire.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: George Delaney, E. P. McCollum.
Eunomia, No. 5: William Hinchcliffe.
Mobile, No. 21: Jesse O. Acree, Sam J. Hahn, William R. Heckert.
Montgomery, No. 22: Thomas L. Peach.
Eufaula, No. 24: Schuyler G. Boyd, George W. Peach.
Hermon, No. 34: James C. Baldwin, Matthew W. Hall.
Decatur, No. 38: H. H. McConnell, L. R. Winn.
Camden, No. 40: Neil J. McConnell.
Collinsville, No. 57: Marion Briscoe.
Central, No. 64: William W. Lee.
Hillabee, No. 79: J. Wilson Nolen, T. Hezeriah Stout, Newton S. Walker, 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, John R. Gilbert.
Jefferson, No. 81: George Morris.
Roanoke, No. 100: Earnest A. Zobel.
Mineral City, No. 101: Joseph Wallace Christie, John James Carter, Jasper Hill Dobbins, John P. Long, Earnest L. Mountfort, Frank Galloway McConnell, John William McKee, Frank Turpin.
Anniston, No. 105: H. P. Lankford, Herbert H. McGee, Hiram P. Smith.
Bessemer, No. 110: William H. B. Rue.
Dothan, No. 113: Albert E. Garner, William H. Grant, Daniel W. Baker, William C. Fenn, Robert L. Morgan.
Beauchamp, No. 117: Robert F. Lowery.
Jasper, No. 118: Norman Gunn, Robert I. Walston.
Covington, No. 123: John B. Tate.
Heflin, No. 128: Jefferson Davis Duke, Robert Joel Williams.
Floral, No. 135: David C. Allen.
Samson, No. 137: Asa W. Dannelly.

- Columbia, No. 138: J. T. Fay, L. F. Oakley, 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, J. T. Jay.
- Oakman, No. 139: John Adams, William M. Cunningham, David Houston Chilton, Murray Cannon, Richard A. Cain, James A. Huggins, Mathew L. Jones, John Kelley, Sid Ham Moore, Jeremiah N. Odom, James Ivan Odom, Joseph F. Swindle, Marvin W. Self, John T. Rose, Mack O. Travis, John L. Woodson.
- Hartselle, No. 140: James L. Draper, A. Percy Howell, Benjamin F. Heflin, Walter B. Isley, Aristes E. Jackson, Andrew A. Oden, Richard L. Penn, Eugene Sample, Simeon E. Stewart, Charles J. Walker.

REINSTATED.

Montgomery, No. 22: Benjamin S. Chapman, George W. Jones, Gustav F. Mertins, Robert E. Steiner, Henry F. Vandiver.

Decatur, No. 38: Henry T. Bracken, Edward W. Collier, Chas. A. Devinell, John C. Eyster, Carl C. Harris, Alto B. Malbese, W. B. McCulloch, W. H. Mitchell, Wm. E. Oakley, Sr., Andrew A. Oden, W. A. Rickles, Frank Utler, George W. Young.

Roanoke, No. 100: Nathaniel E. Baker.

Mineral City, No. 101: James Napoleon Collins, Alonzo W. Clark, Harry J. Falls, Charles Wesley Ferguson, Charles F. Hahn.

Pratt City, No. 108: Erskine Ramsey.

Bessemer, No. 110: John D. Hanby, Thomas J. Cornwell.

Dothan, No. 113: W. A. Fountain.

Thomasville, No. 115: John A. Gilmore.

Cunningham, No. 120: Henry Broda, Martin Harman, C. F. Sharp, Robert Neill, J. A. Dupuy, F. E. Porter.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: William E. Hightower.
- Eunomia, No. 5: Francis Tappey, Leo J. Marschuetz.
- Mobile, No. 21: Peter W. Hutchison, Henry D. Lesesne, Sam'l C. Shaffner.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Frank C. Baugh, William O. Garside, J. D. Hendrix.
- Courtland, No. 25: Charles J. Walker.
- Hermon, No. 34: J. F. Dailey.
- Decatur, No. 38: Charles A. Devinell, James L. Draper, B. F. Heflin, A. P. Howell, A. E. Jackson, W. B. Isley, William E. Oakley, Jr., Andrew A. Oden, Richard L. Penn, Eugene Samples, S. E. Stewart, Frank Turpin.
- Tyrian, No. 54: David C. Allen.
- Dadeville, No. 56: Andrew J. Coley, J. Wilson Nolen, Isaac D. Nolen, Thomas H. Street, Allen D. Thompson, Newton S. Walker.
- Collinsville, No. 57: William C. White.
- Central, No. 64: Allie Porter Bradley.
- Jefferson, No. 81: William B. Cooper, Charles L. T. Griffith.
- Coosa, No. 86: John C. Slack.
- Roanoke, No. 100: Frank D. Munson, Charles McConnell.
- Mineral City, No. 101: William Clarence Kilgore, Casper Henry Lutterkort, George W. Morgan, Albert Elijah Nelson, James Ivan Odum, Josiah Eugene Pearce.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: Louis H. Crumpler, Sr.
- Anniston, No. 105: Ben W. Ingersol, William Bailey, Peter Haull, Herbert H. McGee.
- Pratt City, No. 108: William C. Bryant.
- Blocton, No. 109: Dallas P. Lee, J. Walter Tatum.
- Bessemer, No. 110: Howell T. Heflin, T. J. Cornwell, James A. Lay.
- Dothan, No. 113: Charles B. Tendall, Robert L. Theus.
- H. Clay Armstrong, No. 114: Murray Cannon, Marion W. Self.

- Thomasville, No. 115: Norman Gunn.
Clanton, No. 116: J. DuBose Lamar.
Jasper, No. 118: William M. Cunningham, L. O. Herrald, M.
O. Travis, W. N. Kilgo.
Jackson, No. 119: John R. Wotring, C. B. McLeod, W. F.
Monk, P. A. Bryant.
Cunningham, No. 120: C. F. Scharf.
Covington, No. 123: Homer S. Stallings, Thomas L. Waters,
Samuel E. Whigham.
Tallassee, No. 126: R. L. Cox.
Evergreen, No. 127: John B. Tait.
James E. Cobb, No. 129: George Washington Griffin, Julius
A. Kernodle, James C. Baldwin.
Cordova, No. 131: John Adams, Richard A. Cain, D. H. Chil-
ton, James A. Huggins, M. L. Jones, John Kelley,
Sid H. Moore, J. N. Odom, J. T. Rose, Joseph F.
Swindle, J. L. Woodson.
Florala, No. 135: L. H. Brassell.
Auburn, No. 136: E. Mead Wilcox.
Samson, No. 137: Jones W. Thurmond.
Columbia, No. 138: D. W. Baker, Will C. Fenn, W. H. Grant,
A. E. Garner.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Ben F. Eddins, A. D. Killian, Miles P. Mealer, Chas. A. Strickland, John B. Taylor.
- Tuscumbia, No. 10: Edward W. Gillillan.
- Mobile, No. 21: Edward B. Mershaw, John W. Murray, Robert H. Peters, Fred W. Pettibone, William F. Tebbets.
- Montgomery, No. 22: William L. Allen, Marshall B. King.
- Talladega, No. 23: William M. Costner, Thomas C. Costner, William B. Dupree, George A. Mattison.
- Eufaula, No. 24: Zachariah A. Barnes.
- St. Johns, No. 28: Thomas G. Kenan, Harry D. Broadway.
- Hermon, No. 34: G. P. Thompson, W. D. Cobb, A. Hixson, S. G. Woodall.
- Decatur, No. 38: John F. Knowles, Charles E. Malone, Lycius S. Robinson, William E. Skeggs.
- Dadeville, No. 56: Phillip A. Harris, John A. Harris, Robert Jefferson Jinks, William J. Jinks, Thomas A. Shepard.
- Central, No. 64: John D. Campbell, Joseph Henry Hoskin, Arthur Felix Hutchins, Robert Lee Lacy, Percy W. McKerrall, Sutton Smitherman.
- Coosa, No. 86: Collier D. Clark, Henry Meacham, E. M. Underwood, John T. Willer, Jeff D. Stewart, J. D. Smith, N. A. Hood, J. W. Stone, Samuel Colson, O. D. Neighbors, Ephraim G. Lafollette.
- Roanoke, No. 100: Hillary H. Pitts.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Joseph Matthews Anderson, Oliver Earl Barker, Charles Henry Merritt, James Woolsey Morrow, Frealand Howard Parsons.
- Anniston, No. 105: John N. Bagley, James H. Savage, D. J. Haynes.
- Blocton, No. 109: William O. Dyeus, Charles F. Melvin, William E. Oldham, T. C. Tuggle, George B. Bainbridge.

- Piedmont, No. 111: George L. Brown, M. Lafayette Brown, K. B. Brown, John W. Coffman, William R. Dobbs, George D. Harris, Frank F. Lester, William J. Smith, C. W. Whiteside, John M. Yeatman, A. Sharpe Stewart.
- Dothan, No. 113: Charles A. Burk, Herman Behrman, Jasper W. Harris, Andrew J. Morris, Walter E. Pate, Starlus Riggell, Andrew J. Turner, James M. Cobb, E. A. Dannelly.
- Thomasville, No. 115: Earnest L. Hestle.
- Jasper, No. 118: S. V. Cunningham, John A. Gravlee, Frank G. Morris, James Nicol, D. J. Parker, George W. Shaw, Charles W. Stubblefield, Porter K. Tate, William P. Yeatman.
- Jackson, No. 119: G. S. Chapman, C. W. Davis, G. C. Hawkins, C. L. Schaab, F. J. Bernhardt, Redding Kelly.
- Cunningham, No. 120: D. A. Echols, J. F. Echols, E. H. Galansba, J. A. Dupuy, Roy L. Gray, H. L. Ream.
- Monroe, No. 122: David D. Cole, Robert L. Casey, James E. Fuller, Isaac W. Fuller, Wiley W. Fox, Wiley S. Gay, Archie Heyburne, William H. Lane, Isaac S. Lambert.
- Covington, No. 123: J. Thomas Clark, Thomas M. Costen, Charles M. Wiggins.
- Bladen Springs, No. 124: Robert Bonner, Thomas E. Bonner, Samuel C. Bonner, Frank E. Christopher, D. M. Carney, John W. Gordey, Morris J. Knight, Daniel T. McCall, Ira B. Morris, Remus M. Morris, Carlton L. Williams, John T. Wilson.
- Cordova, No. 131: L. M. Harris.

EXPELLED.

- Coosa, No. 86: J. R. McMullen, Robert L. Adams.
- Cunningham, No. 120: J. W. Clayton.
- Covington, No. 123: Pierce B. Campbell.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

Tuscaloosa, No. 1: J. Thomas Garner, Dec. 25, 1908, aged 64 years; J. Rufus Moseley, Nov. 20, 1908, aged 47 years.

Eunomia, No. 5: James B. Harrison, Dec. 19, 1908, aged 51 years.

Mt. Moriah, No. 19: John J. A. Smith, Sept. 9, 1909, aged 80 years.

Mobile, No. 21: George R. Haas, April 2, 1909; Robert W. Southerland, Oct. 11, 1909, aged 41 years.

Montgomery, No. 22: Daniel S. E. Starr, Oct. 29, 1908, aged 66 years; William F. Vandiver, Dec. 9, 1908, aged 58 years.

St. Johns, No. 28: Tom Harden, Elbert S. Starr.

Hermon, No. 34: James C. Baldwin, Sept. 22, 1909, aged 38 years; J. B. Beaumont, Oct. 1, 1909, aged 81 years.

Decatur, No. 38: Richard H. Adams, June 6, 1909, aged 61 years; Wylie J. Martin, Sept. 27, 1909, aged 44 years.

Tyrian, No. 54: Louis Jackson, Aug. 20, 1909, aged 58 years.

Dadeville, No. 56: Cyrus W. Cowart, Aug. 10, 1909, aged 62 years; Richard R. Slaughter, Nov. 15, 1908, aged 63 years.

Collinsville, No. 57: John B. Appleton, Oct. 18, 1908, aged 81 years.

Myles J. Greene, No. 80: T. D. Power, Feb. 2, 1909, aged 47 years.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

- Jefferson, No. 81: Edmond B. McCarty, Sept. 21, 1909, aged 49 years; B. B. Seale, Aug. 22, 1909, aged 76 years; Bryan W. Whitfield, Dec. 15, 1908, aged 81 years.
- Coosa, No. 86: William H. Barnes, Dec. 27, 1908, aged 48 years; William J. Sibert, July 29, 1909, aged 76 years; John B. Bass, Feb. 22, 1909, aged 75 years.
- Springville, No. 88: James M. McLaughlin, Oct. 23, 1908, aged 70 years.
- Roanoke, No. 100: William A. Handley, June 23, 1909, aged 75 years; Martin V. Hudson, Aug. 30, 1909, aged 72 years.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Edward Benjamin Norton, Dec. 29, 1908, aged 45 years.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: William R. J. Stone, Feb. 13, 1909, aged 80 years; Andrew J. Kent, July 27, 1909, aged 31 years; William D. Andrews, Aug. 8, 1909, aged 54 years.
- Pratt City, No. 108: Hale S. Hamilton.
- Piedmont, No. 111: Martin T. Ledbetter, Nov. 26, 1908, aged 68 years.
- Brewton, No. 112: Thomas J. Miller, Feb. 2, 1909, aged 63 years; Carl V. Stubbs, June 23, 1909, aged 37 years.
- Dothan, No. 113: James A. Kemp, June 5, 1909, aged 64 years.
- H. Clay Armstrong, No. 114: Jarred A. Sudduth, May 11, 1909, aged 58 years.
- Beauchamp, No. 117: Jesse Thomas Epperson, April, 1909, aged 42 years.

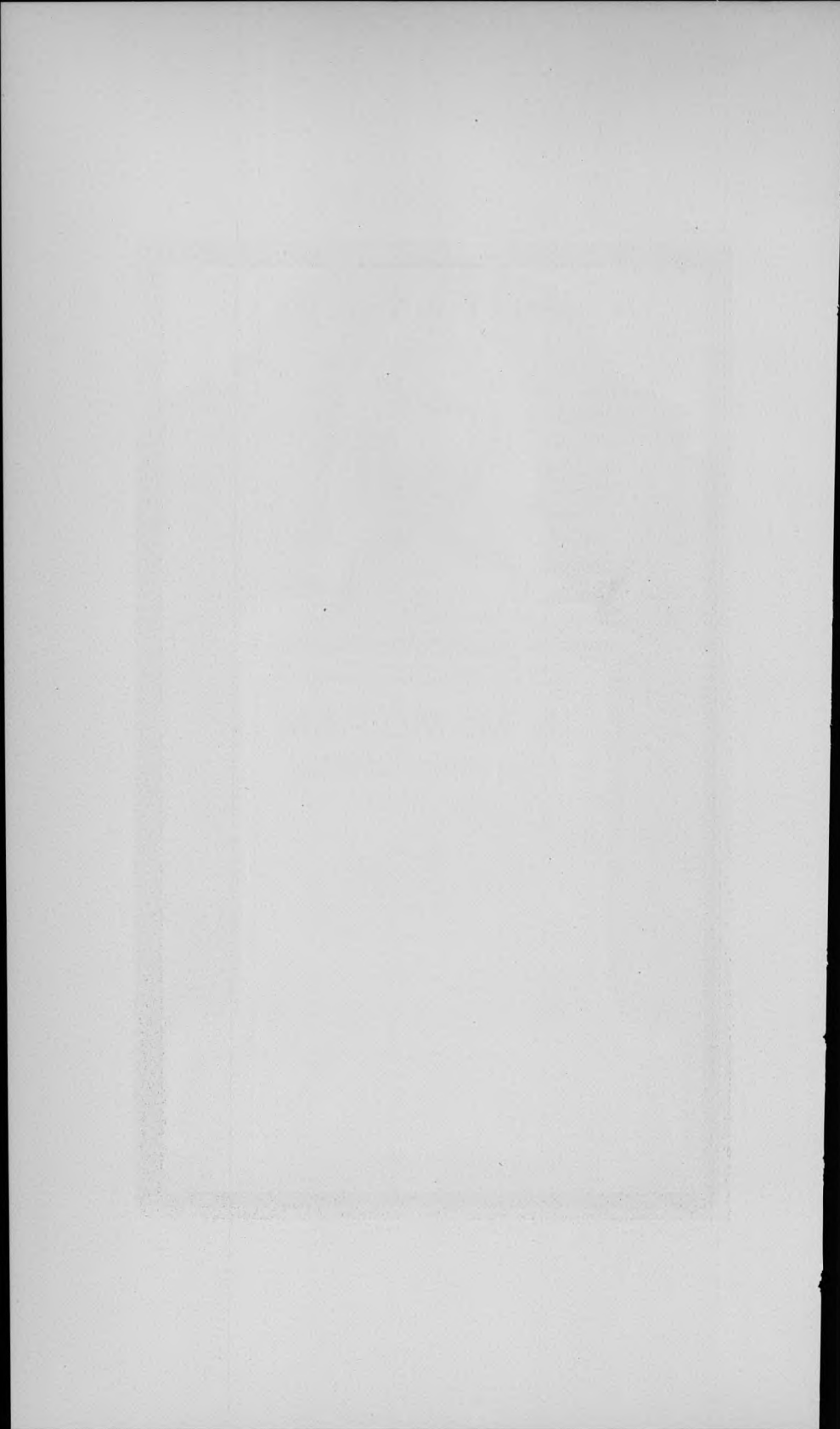
OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

Jackson, No. 119: Kossuth A. Mayer, May 17, 1909,
aged 56 years.

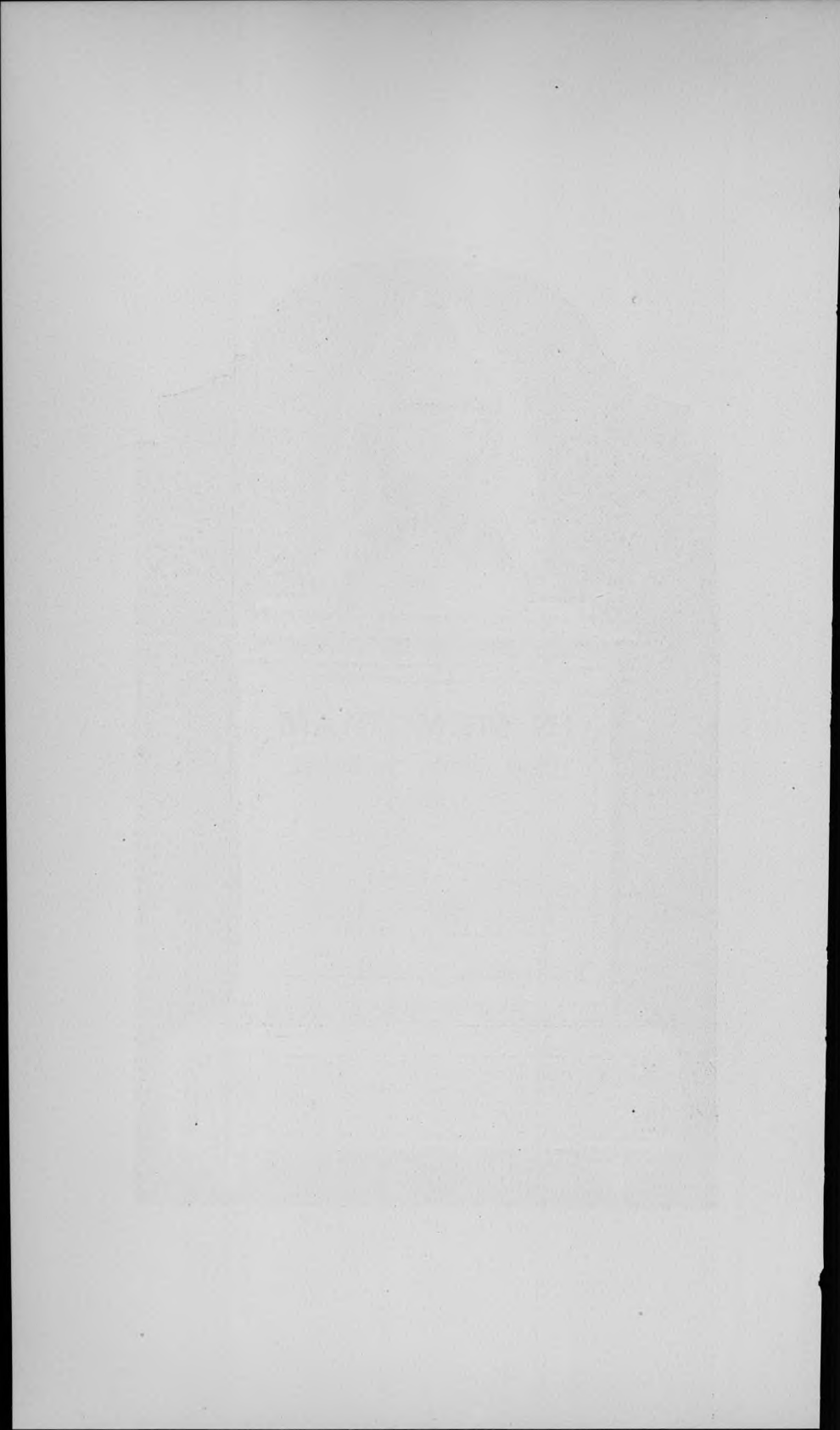
Monroe, No. 122: Oscar O. Bayles, July 14, 1909, aged
35 years; Francis M. Jones, Nov. 27, 1908, aged
72 years; James L. Smith, Feb. 22, 1909, aged
68 years.

Coleanor, No. 125: Mick Manduran Kuffner, July 6,
1909, aged 38 years.

Auburn, No. 136: Arthur McB. Ransom, July 24, 1909,
aged 34 years.







CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Fort Payne	No. 107
Enterprise	No. 133

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Fort Payne	No. 107
Enterprise	No. 133

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Oakman	No. 139
Hartselle	No. 140

CHARTER RESTORED.

Hillabee	No. 79
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DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

Floralda	No. 135
Columbia	No. 138

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Chartered chapters 1908	57
Chapters chartered 1909	2
Charter restored 1909	1
Chartered Chapters on the roll 1909	60
Chapters under Dispensation	2
Present number of Chapters	62

Number of Chapters represented.....	58
Number of Chapters making returns.....	60
Number of Chapters paying dues.....	55

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GAIN.

Exalted	391	
Affiliated	95	
Reinstated	35	521

LOSS.

Died	45	
Dimitted	95	
Suspended N. P. D.....	131	
Expelled	4	
Errors	5	280
Net gain	241	241
Present membership		3189

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Number.	Name.	Location.	County.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Sec'y's Address.	Convocation.
1	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Walter Smith	Andrew F. Prince	Tuscaloosa	2 Friday.
5	Eunomia	Huntsville	Madison	A. M. P. Dunn	J. B. VanValkenburgh	Huntsville	4th Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	James E. Keenan	Charles H. King	Sheffield	1st Mon. after 2nd Sat.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Henry L. Brannon	William H. May	Marion	1 Tuesday.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	John Gray	Radford E. Mobley	Eutaw	2nd Friday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Myron T. Sprague	Charles S. Shawhan	Mobile	2 and 4 Friday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Glenn C. Liby	David W. Crosland	Montgomery	2nd Tuesday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Eugene P. Cason	Robt. P. Henderson	Talladega	2nd Friday.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Julius J. Paulint	Jas. P. Hill	Eufaula	1st and 3rd Thursday.
25	Courtland	Town Creek	Lawrence	Jos. M. Houston	Wm. H. Smith	Town Creek	3rd Tuesday.
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	S. Stollenwerck	Junie Harwood	Uniontown	1st Thursday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	Henry F. Reese	Walter H. Trimby	Selma	4th Monday.
34	Hermon	Union Springs	Bullock	James B. Hunter	Morgan W. Johnston	Union Springs	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
38	Decatur	New Decatur	Morgan	J. Leon Gunter	Andrew B. Harvey	New Decatur	4th Tuesday.
40	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	James C. Benson	Solomon D. Bloch	Camden	3rd Wednesday.
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	William T. Steger	Charlie Cox	Troy	2 and 4 Friday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Robert T. Ward	Wm. C. Roeck	Dadeville	4 Thurs. & 2 Fri.
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Wm. J. Roberts	Wm. R. Roberts	Collinsville	1st Friday.
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	E. S. Lyman	C. L. Meroney	Montevallo	1st Tuesday.
79	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	W. L. Johnson	Newton S. Walker	Alexander City	Sat. bf 3 Cui.
80	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	John B. Lyons	Edgar J. Tucker	Opelika	1st Tuesday.
81	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	Jacob Bley	J. L. Lee	Demopolis	1st and 3rd Monday.
86	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	Joseph Balfour	Geo. E. Christopher	Gadsden	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
88	Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Basil M. Hill	E. M. McClendon	Springville	Sat. before 3rd Sunday.
99	Ben Bricken	Luverne	Crenshaw	Chas. R. Bricken	John T. Ivey	Luverne	4th Tuesday.
100	Roanoke	Roanoke	Randolph	Gabriel M. Saliba	Marion S. Bingham	Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.
101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	James R. Vance	Chas. J. Geohagan	Birmingham	2nd and 4th Thursday.

104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	M. E. Couaway	M. H. Jackson	Sylacauga	W b 1 & Th b 3 Sa.
105	Anniston	Anniston	Calhoun	J. F. Spearman	Hezeriah G. Earnest	Anniston	2 and 4 Fridays.
107	Ft. Payne	Ft. Payne	DeKalb				
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	Thos. S. Page	C. D. Comstock	Pratt City	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
109	Blocton	Blocton	Bibb	J. Morgan Turner	David M. Lewis	Blocton	2nd and 4th Monday.
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	Fred M. Barkis	Samuel Stein	Bessemer	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
111	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	Sam'l D. Savage	John R. Barlow	Piedmont	Thurs. bf 2nd Sunday.
112	Brewton	Brewton	Escambia	P. H. M. Tippin	E. A. Smith	Brewton	3rd Tuesday.
113	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	W. J. Renfro	Pitt M. Carlisle	Dothan	2 and 4 Tuesday
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	Robert F. Peters	J. Newton Collins	Fayette	1st Monday.
115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	Eugene A. Rentz	Jesse J. Bozeman	Thomasville	Fri. bf. 1st Sat.
116	Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	J. R. Mullins	James E. Robinson	Clanton	3rd Saturday.
117	Beauchamp	Atmore	Escambia	Jesse E. McCoy	J. C. Campbell	Atmore	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
118	Jasper	Jasper	Walker	Norman Gunn	T. B. Hazelton	Jasper	3 Thursday
119	Jackson	Jackson	Clarke	O. R. Moore		Jackson	2nd Thursday.
120	Cunningham	Ensley	Jefferson	William Elliott	F. E. Butcher	Ensley	2nd and 4th Monday.
122	Monroe	Monroeville	Monroe	Sam'l H. Dailey	John M. Coxwell	Monroeville	Tues. bef. 2nd Sun.
123	Covington	Andalusia	Covington	Wm. C. Randolph	Richard H. Jones	Andalusia	1st and 3rd Wed.
124	Bladen Springs	Bladen Springs	Choctaw	T. R. Lenoir	W. A. Turner	Bladen Spgs.	Fri. before 3rd Sun.
125	Coleman	Coleman	Bibb	J. P. Melvin	William L. White	Piper	4 Saturday.
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Elmore	A. W. Herren	J. T. Jarman	East Tallassee	1st and 3rd Saturday.
127	Evergreen	Evergreen	Conecuh	W. F. Betts	F. J. Dean	Evergreen	4th Friday.
128	Heflin	Heflin	Cleburne	A. E. Carruth	Fred Osborn	Heflin	Thurs. before 2nd Sun.
129	James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Macon	William P. Cobb	W. B. Riley	Tuskegee	2nd Monday.
130	Palmyra	Guntersville	Marshall	Oliver D. Street	S. H. Tyler	Guntersville	F b fl moon, ea 2 wks af
131	Cordova	Cordova	Walker	J. M. Miller	Andrew D. Thorne	Cordova	2nd and 4th Monday.
132	Langdale	Langdale	Chambers	R. W. Williams	Carey P. Gantt	Langdale	3rd Saturday.
133	Enterprise	Enterprise	Coffee				
134	Elba	Elba	Coffee	J. A. Carnley	Levi C. Powell	Elba	4 Friday.
135	Floral	Floral	Covington	Jas. R. Shepherd	J. C. Howell	Floral	2 Friday.
136	Auburn	Auburn	Lee	M. E. Bethea	C. L. Hare	Auburn	3 Monday.
137	Samson	Samson	Geneva	George D. King	James W. Brooks	Samson	2 and 4 Wednesday.
138	Columbia	Columbia	Houston	William L. Lee	L. F. Oakley	Columbia	2 and 4 Tuesday.
139	Oakman	Oakman	Walker	J. N. Odom	M. O. Travis	Oakman	Fri. bf 1 and 3 Sun.
140	Hartselle	Hartselle	Morgan	R. L. Penn	A. P. Howell	Hartselle	4 Monday.

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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 I. 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 I. Thornton*.....	Benjamin B. Fontaine*.....	Henry A. Snow*.....	John G. Aikin*.....
1828 e	John Murphy*.....	John Elliott*.....	Harry I. Thornton*.....	Charles O. Foster*.....	Henry A. Snow*.....	John G. Aikin*.....
1829 f	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1830	Thomas B. Creagh*.....	James Penn*.....	James H. Saxon*.....	Anderson Hutchinson†.	Henry A. Snow*.....	John G. Aikin*.....
1831						
1832						
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1837 g	John C. Hicks†.....	George W. Esselman*.....	Isham 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 Herndon*.....	David Moore*.....	John A. Whetstone†.....	Major Cook*.....	Amand P. Pfister*.....
1841	David Moore*.....	Edward Herndon*.....	Nathaniel W. Fletcher*.....	Felix G. Norman*.....	Luther S. Skinner†.....	Amand P. Pfister*.....
1842	David Moore*.....	Edward Herndon*.....	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 Herndon*.....	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. Holt*.....	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*.....

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 Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1857	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1858	David Clopton*	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. Moorer*	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 W. Screws...	William W. McCollum	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1883	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws...	William W. McCollum	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1884	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws...	William W. McCollum	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1885	William W. Screws...	William W. McCollum	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1886	William W. Screws...	William W. McCollum	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1887	Joseph H. Johnson*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1888	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H. Dingley..	Myles J. Greene.*
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1890	James T. Beck*.....	John A. McKinnon*....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	Andrew J. Nunnally...	William H. Dingley..	Myles J. Greene.*
1891	James T. Beck*.....	John A. McKinnon*....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	Andrew J. Nunnally...	William H. Dingley..	Myles J. Greene.*
1892	James A. McKinnon*....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	Andrew J. Nunnally...	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1893	John A. McKinnon*....	John G. Smith.....	Andrew J. Nunnally...	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1894	John G. Smith.....	Andrew J. Nunnally...	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*....	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1895	John G. Smith.....	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*....	Edward S. Gatchell*...	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1896	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*....	Edward S. Gatchell*...	George F. Moore.....	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1897	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*....	Edward S. Gatchell*...	George F. Moore.....	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1898	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore.....	Charles R. Bricken....	George A. Beauchamp..	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1899	Edward S. Gatchell*....	George F. Moore.....	Charles R. Bricken....	George A. Beauchamp..	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1900	George F. Moore.....	Charles R. Bricken....	George A. Beauchamp..	Basll M. Hill.....	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1901	George F. Moore.....	Charles R. Bricken....	Basll M. Hill.....	Joseph P. McQueen*...	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1902	Charles R. Bricken	Basll M. Hill.....	Joseph P. McQueen*...	Francis H. Bates.....	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1903	Charles R. Bricken	Basll M. Hill.....	Joseph P. McQueen*...	Francis H. Bates.....	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1904	Basll M. Hill	Francis H. Bates.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Low Lazarus.....	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1905	Francis H. Bates.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Lew Lazarus.....	Robt. W. Southerland*	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1906	Robert S. Teague.....	Lew Lazarus.....	Robt. W. Southerland*	John B. Christian.....	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1907	Lew Lazarus	Robt. W. Southerland*	John B. Christian.....	William E. Bingham..	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1908	Robert W. Southerland*	John B. Christian.....	William E. Bingham..	Lawrence H. Lee.....	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1909	John B. Christian.....	William E. Bingham..	Lawrence H. Lee.....	John B. Lyons.....	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 there-fore 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.

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

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Arizona-----	George W. Coggin-----	Fayette.
Arkansas-----	William W. Ransom-----	Birmingham.
California-----	Basil M. Hill-----	Springville.
Canada-----	Lew Lazarus-----	Birmingham.
Colorado-----	John B. Christian-----	Uniontown.
Connecticut-----	William Y. Titcomb-----	Anniston.
Delaware-----	Albert E. Pace-----	Dothan.
Dist. of Columbia-----	Norman Gunn-----	Thomasville.
Florida-----	Stephen C. Henderson-----	Brewton.
Georgia-----	Robert S. Teague-----	Montgomery.
Illinois-----	Ralph N. Hudson-----	Mobile.
Indiana-----	Thomas P. Whitby-----	Selma.
Iowa-----	Stewart McQueen-----	Montgomery.
Kansas-----		
Kentucky-----	Louis J. Wright-----	Talladega.
Louisiana-----	Robert L. Douglass-----	Mobile.
Maine-----	William H. Dingley-----	Montgomery.
Maryland-----	Hezeriah G. Earnest-----	Anniston.
Massachusetts-----	George A. Joiner-----	Talladega.
Minnesota-----	Walter Smith-----	Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi-----	Wellborn J. Renfro-----	Dothan.
Missouri-----	William E. Bingham-----	Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska-----	James B. Hunter-----	Union Springs.
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.
North Carolina-----		
North Dakota-----	Magnus E. Conaway-----	Sylacanga.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Nova Scotia.....	Albert E. Garaer.....	Dothan.
Ohio.....	John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.
Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Pennsylvania.....	Robert M. Hearin.....	Bladon Springs.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	Birmingham.
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.....	Hamburg.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.....	Demopolis.
Tennessee.....	William W. Screws.....	Montgomery.
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.....	Opelika.
Vermont.....	Leonard Cornish.....	Demopolis.
Victoria.....	James T. Greene.....	Anniston.
Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Selma.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.....	Pratt City.
Wisconsin.....	Bernard Harwood.....	Eutaw.

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

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Arizona	Daniel Francis Mitchell	Prescott.
Arkansas	Fielding W. Harris	Mammoth Spgs.
California	Thos. O. Heydenfelt	Redwood City.
Canada	William Rea	Ottawa.
Colorado	Tyler D. Heiskell	Fort Morgan.
Connecticut	Eugene A. Hall	Meriden.
Delaware	J. Harmer Rile	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Charles W. Hancock	Washington.
Florida	George H. White	Jacksonville.
Georgia	Thos. H. Jeffries	Atlanta.
Illinois	Samuel J. Lefevre	Gibson City.
Indiana	Alvin G. Tillotson	Michigan City.
Iowa	William Wilbraham	Cresco.
Kansas	William L. Maxwell	Paola.
Kentucky	Laban T. Everett	Catlettsburg.
Louisiana	H. A. King	New Iberia.
Maine	James M. Nevens	Bucksport.
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore.
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.
New Hampshire	Henry P. Glidden	Dover.
New Jersey	Fred J. Weise	Bordentown.
New S. Wales	David Walter Custer	Sydney.
New York	A. Marcellus Lampher	Lowville.
New Zealand	James McGregor	Invercargill.
North Carolina	W. B. McKoy	Wilmington.
North Dakota	Halley V. Hicks	Oakes.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Nova Scotia.....	David Small	Charlottetown.
Ohio.....	George W. Fels.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	Jay Tuttle	Astoria.
Pennsylvania.....	Walter D. Clark.....	New Castle.
Quebec.....	Charles P. O'Connor.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....
Scotland.....	Charles Martin Hardie.....	Garthhill.
South Carolina.....	Thomas R. Riley.....	Greenwood.
South Dakota.....	Frank A. Brown.....	Aberdeen.
Tennessee.....	John W. Bailey.....	Memphis.
Texas.....	T. L. Stanfield.....	Terrell.
Vermont.....	Carroll W. Black.....	Bellows Falls.
Victoria.....	Henry I. Scott.....	.....
Virginia.....	Alfred S. Lee.....	Richmond.
West Virginia.....	James A. Bryan.....	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin.....	William Chester Swain.....	Milwaukee.

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Arizona	George J. Roskrugs	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
California	Wm. A. Davies, 110 Sutter St.	San Francisco.
Canada	George J. Bennett	Toronto.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington.
England	Sir Edw. Letchworth, G. S. E., Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street	London, W. C.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Albert A. Jessup	Boise.
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Ireland	Archibald St. George	Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	John H. Miller	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston.
Michigan	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	Robert F. Stevenson, P. O. Box 959	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Harri	St. John.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New Hampshire.....		
New Jersey.....	Leonard L. Grear.....	Passaic.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales.....	Alfred J. Burbidge.....	Sydney.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
New Zealand.....	Herbert J. Williams.....	Wellington.
North Carolina.....	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	S. J. Waddell.....	Truro.
Ohio.....	Edwin Hagenbuch.....	Urbana.
Oklahoma.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	Charles Carey.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte, Box 1207.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	Robert S. Brown, Royal Arch Mason's Hall, 75 Queen St.	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	Jacob T. Barron.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee.....	William A. Clendening.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	John A. Bryan.....	Cleburne.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	G. L. Marquand.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg.
Washington.....	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla.
West Virginia.....	David K. Reed.....	Clarksburg.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Adrian J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne.
Gen. Gr. Chapter.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo, N. Y.

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