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of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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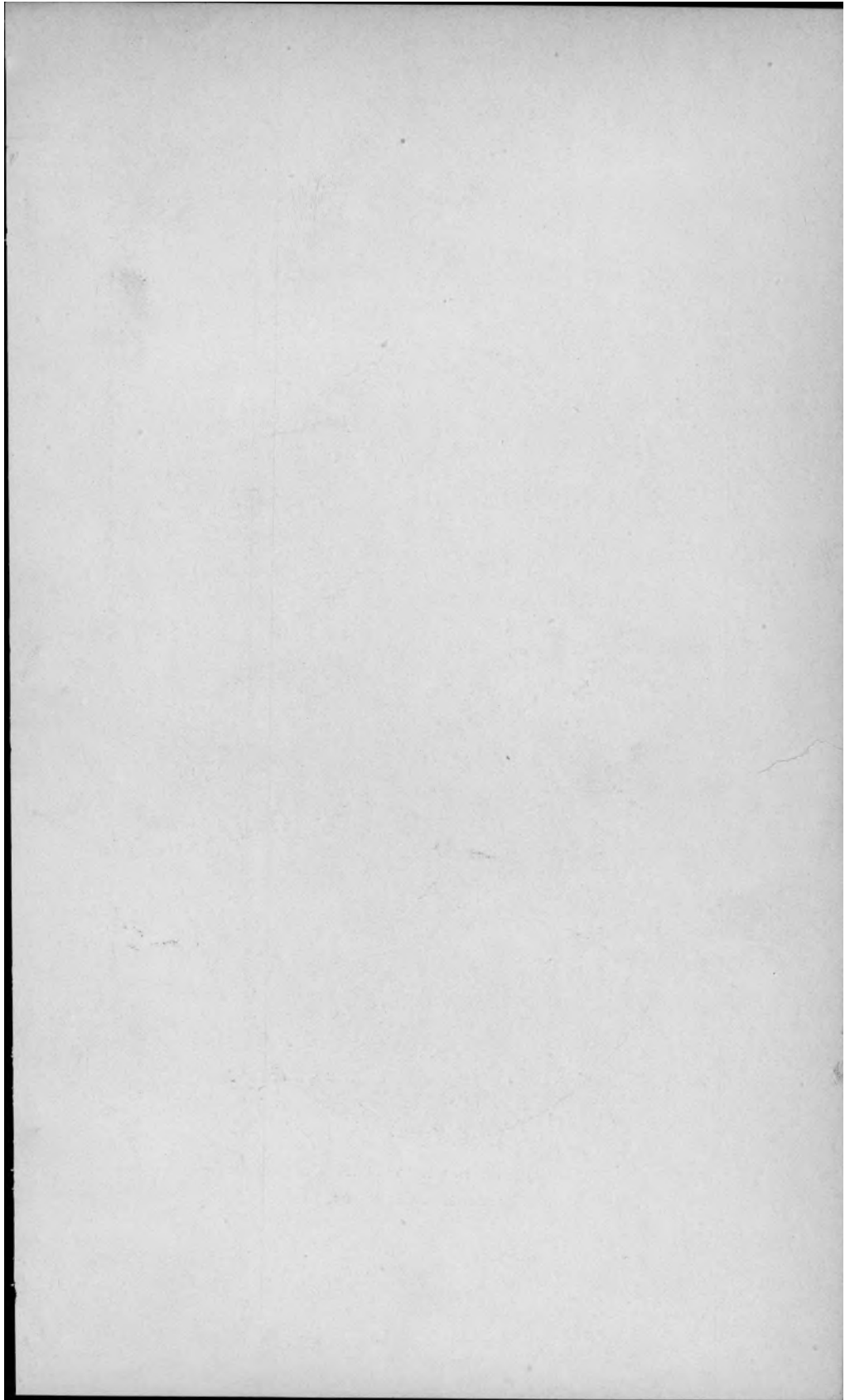
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JOHN B. CHRISTIAN
GRAND HIGH PRIEST



MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
JOHN BEVERLY CHRISTIAN

Was born January 28th, 1859, at his father's plantation, "Fair Oaks," in Perry County, Alabama, and is the son of Robert and Ella (Storrs) Christian. He was educated in the common schools of Uniontown, Alabama, and in July, 1880, received the degree of LL. B. at the University of Alabama. He was postmaster of Uniontown, Alabama, from December, 1885, to October, 1887, when he resigned to again practice his profession. He was elected J. P. in August, 1880. He has been re-elected every four years since and is now J. P. of Uniontown, Alabama.

His Masonic record is as follows:

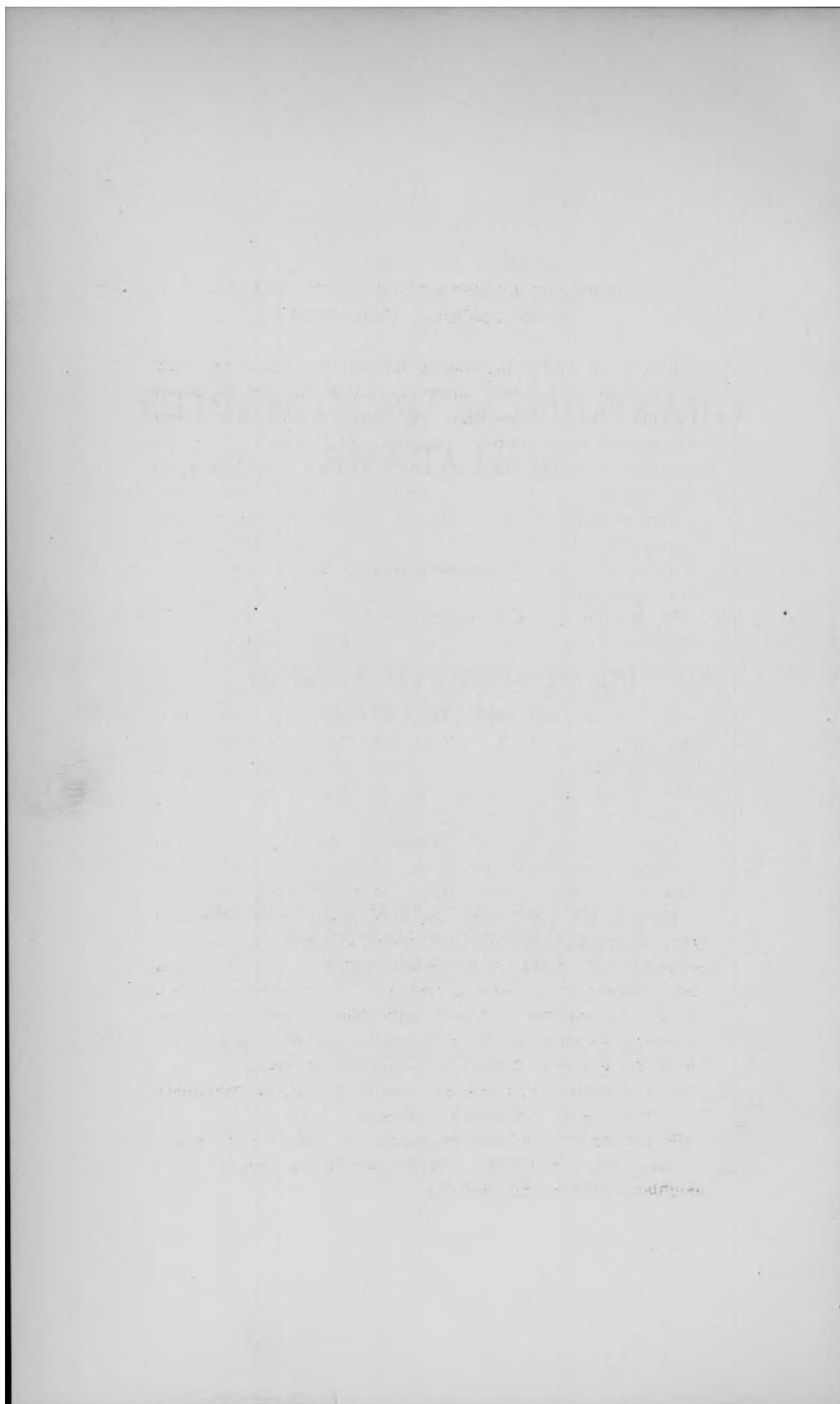
He was initiated June 15, 1881; passed July 25th, 1881, and raised September 15, 1881, in Union Lodge No. 50, of Uniontown, Alabama, of which lodge he was elected Worshipful Master in the years 1892, 1893, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905. He has been Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama for a number of years.

He received the Capitular degrees on May 9th, 1883, in Union Chapter No. 26, of Uniontown, Alabama, and was elected High Priest of said Chapter in the years 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905. He received the Holy Order of High Priesthood December 5, 1899. He was appointed Grand Master of the Second Veil of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in December 1901, successively advanced, and was elected Grand High Priest in December, 1909. He was also a member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Chapter for a number of years.

He was received and greeted, August 7, 1907, in Tuscaloosa Council No. 4 of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

He is a zealous and devoted Mason, an upright and honorable gentleman, and holds a high place in the hearts of his neighbors, friends and brethren.

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MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER 5 AND 6, 1910, A. I. 2440.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter
of the State of Alabama met in Annual Convoca-
tion at the Masonic Temple in the City of Mont-
gomery, on Monday, December 5, 1910, at 9 o'clock
A. M.

PRESENT.

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
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 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.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Norman Gunn.
Florida	Robert T. Ward.
Georgia	Robert S. Teague.
Idaho	Walter B. Merrill.
Illinois	Morrison E. Bethea.
Indiana	Seth Mabry.
Iowa	Stewart McQueen.
Kansas	Alex. M. P. Dunn.
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.
Nebraska	Richard H. Jones.

Nevada	Charles R. Bricken.
New Brunswick	John M. Miller
New Hampshire	Joseph P. Van Derveer.
New Jersey	William P. Cobb.
New S. Wales	Q. Salter.
New York	Lawrence H. Lee.
North Carolina	Siddons Stollenwerck.
North Dakota	John Philip Melvin.
Nova Scotia	Albert E. Garner.
Oregon	George A. Beauchamp.
Pennsylvania	Woolsey Finnell.
Quebec	Joseph D. Matlock.
South Carolina	Francis H. Bates.
South Dakota	Jacob Bley.
Scotland	Jacob U. Ray.
Tennessee	William W. Screws.
Texas	John B. Lyons.
Vermont	J. Leon Gunter.
Victoria	Gabriel M. Saliba.
Virginia	Henry F. Reese.
Washington	Samuel Stein.
Western Australia	John H. McCormick.
West Virginia	Robert F. Lovelady.
Wisconsin	James C. Benson.
Wyoming	Thomas Bradford.

AND HIGH PRIESTS, KINGS, SCRIBES AND PROXIES
FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS FOLLOWS:

No.		
1	Tuscaloosa.....	{ Walter SmithH. P. Woolsey Finnell*K.
5	Eunomia.....	A. M. P. Dunn*.....H. P.
12	Marion.....	Francis H. Bates.....H. P.
21	Mobile.....	{ John V. Falck.....H. P. I. LichtbachK. R. L. Douglass*.....S.
22	Montgomery.....	{ William H. Cooper.....H. P. Frank McPhersonK. Fitz Gerald Salter.....S.

23	Talladega	{ William H. Sindlinger.....H. P. M. H. Sims*.....K. J. H. Rogers.....S.
24	Eufaula	J. T. Mainor.....H. P.
25	Courtland	John A. Gilchrist.....S.
26	Union	{ W. M. Neely*.....H. P. George Pegram.....K. Siddons Stollenwerck*.....S.
28	St. Johns	{ Henry F. Reese.....H. P. Francis M. Stillwell.....K.
34	Hermon	W. G. Walker*.....H. P.
38	Decatur	{ J. Leon Gunter.....H. P. William P. Fogarty*.....K.
40	Camden	J. C. Benson.....H. P.
56	Dadeville	{ R. T. Ward.....H. P. W. C. Roeck*.....K.
57	Collinsville	William S. Roberts.....S.
79	Hillabee	{ W. L. Johnson*.....H. P. J. M. Pearson*.....K.
80	Myles J. Greene	J. M. Frazer.....H. P.
81	Jefferson	{ Jacob Bley.....H. P. L. Cornish*.....K. B. F. Gregory*.....S.
88	Springville	Basil M. Hill.....H. P.
99	Ben Bricken	Charles R. Bricken.....H. P.
100	Roanoke	Gabriel M. Saliba.....H. P.
101	Mineral City	John B. Bethea.....K.
105	Anniston	{ S. T. Smoot*.....H. P. J. F. Spearman*.....K. C. H. Tomlinson.....S.
106	Graham	{ Thomas J. Thomason.....H. P. J. Emmett Thomason.....K. Christopher C. Harrington*.....S.
107	Ft. Payne	{ J. L. White.....H. P. N. J. Callan*.....K.
108	Pratt City	{ A. H. Dunlop.....H. P. G. W. Edwards.....K. J. C. Fason.....S.
109	Blocton	{ W. W. Perry.....H. P. Jacob U. Ray*.....K.
110	Bessemer	{ Samuel Stein*.....H. P. Joe Sachs*.....S.
111	Piedmont	O. L. Stewart.....H. P.
112	Brewton	John B. O'Bannon*.....H. P.

113	Dothan	{ C. W. Hilliard	H. P.
		{ E. R. Malone	K.
		{ A. E. Garner*	S.
114	H. Clay Armstrong	{ George W. Coggin	H. P.
		{ D. O. McConnell	S.
115	Thomasville	{ E. A. Rentz	H. P.
		{ W. R. K. Mayton	K.
		{ J. A. Gilmore*	S.
116	Clanton	{ J. Renfroe Mullins	H. P.
		{ J. P. VanDerveer*	K.
		{ H. T. Pipes*	S.
117	Beauchamp	J. E. McCoy*	H. P.
118	Jasper	Norman Gunn	H. P.
120	Cunningham	{ Henry Bonsack*	H. P.
		{ William S. Porteous*	K.
		{ E. B. Mays	S.
122	Monroe	Q. Salter*	H. P.
123	Covington	{ William C. Randolph	H. P.
		{ Richard H. Jones*	K.
		{ Charles S. Caton*	S.
124	Bladen Springs	J. E. McLemore*	H. P.
125	Coleanor	{ J. P. Melvin	H. P.
		{ J. F. Jenkins*	K.
		{ W. Mills*	S.
127	Evergreen	James K. Kyser*	K.
128	Heflin	W. B. Merrill*	H. P.
129	James E. Cobb	William P. Cobb	H. P.
130	Palmyra	S. H. Tyler*	H. P.
131	Cordova	{ J. M. Miller	H. P.
		{ B. F. Nuttall	K.
132	Langdale	{ J. H. Shepherd*	H. P.
		{ W. D. Vinson	S.
133	Enterprise	J. E. Engram*	S.
135	Floral	{ J. R. Shepherd	H. P.
		{ W. C. Whitt*	K.
136	Auburn	{ James T. Anderson	H. P.
		{ M. E. Bethea	K.
		{ W. P. Zuber	S.
137	Samson	{ I. L. Johnston	H. P.
		{ O. M. Hargette*	K.
		{ A. W. Dannelley	S.
138	Columbia	C. L. C. Atkeson	S.
139	Oakman	J. N. Odom	H. P.
140	Hartselle	Charles J. Walker*	H. P.

141	Castleberry-----	{ J. W. Thurmond* -----H. P. L. A. Kirkland -----S.
142	Cherokee-----	{ Thomas Bradford -----H. P. S. G. Cardon* -----K. L. J. Cobb* -----S.
143	Delta-----	{ A. K. Brooks-----H. P. G. R. Fuller* -----K.

* Proxy.

(Number of Chapters represented, 57.)

OPENED.

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

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

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

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

Companions:—Under the blessings of the Almighty Father we assemble in our Eighty-fourth Grand Annual Convocation. We should be most grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe that we are again permitted to convene in our Annual Convocation under such favorable conditions; the harvests have been bountiful and prosperity and peace pervades our entire beloved state. In accordance with the custom and requirements of our Order, I herewith submit you an account of my stewardship as your Grand High Priest for the past Capitular year, viz.:

NEW CHAPTERS.

On March 28, 1910, I issued a dispensation to Companions Luman W. Kirkland, Joseph L. Dyke, Lee A. Kirkland, Edward N. Amos, George W. Kirkland, Solomon Castleberry, Jar-

vis B. Heard, Jones Wylie Thurmond, Martin L. Conner and Enoch Partin to form and organize a Chapter at Castleberry, Conecuh County, to be known as Castleberry Chapter No. 141.

I appointed Luman W. Kirkland to be the High Priest, Joseph L. Dyke to be the King, and Lee A. Kirkland to be the Scribe of said Chapter.

On April 12, 1910, I granted a dispensation to Companions Thomas Bradford, John W. O'Bryant, Hugh H. White, James Roland Lowe, Thomas B. Jones, A. D. Chancellor, Andrew J. Harris, James M. Pridgen, William R. Westbrook, William S. McElrath, Frank M. Savage, Lemuel J. Cobb, Luther W. Watts, William M. Watts, and Melton C. Smith to form and organize a Chapter at Centre, Cherokee County, to be known as Cherokee Chapter No. 142.

I appointed Thomas Bradford to be the High Priest, John W. O'Bryant to be the King and Hugh H. White to be the Scribe of said Chapter.

On July 12, 1910, I issued a dispensation to Companions Andrew K. Brooks, Ira H. Garrett, James W. Watwood, George R. Fuller, Oliver N. Gregg, Amos Fuller, Albert R. Stephens, James Jenkins and Thomas E. Alexander to form and organize a Chapter at Delta, Clay County, to be known as Delta Chapter No. 143.

I appointed Companion Andrew K. Brooks to be the High Priest, Ira H. Garrett to be the King, and James W. Watwood to be the Scribe of said Chapter.

CHAPTER REORGANIZED.

On December 29, 1909, I issued a dispensation to Companions Thomas J. Thomason, L. Talley Lowe, John J. Johnson, William R. Cole, Henry T. Crook, Thomas J. Daniel, James H. Johnson, Joda E. Johnson, John A. Stilwell and William W. Wiggins to reorganize Graham Chapter No. 106 located at Graham, Randolph County, said Chapter having paid the amount of dues required by the Grand Chapter.

I appointed Thomas J. Thomason to be the High Priest, L. Talley Lowe to be the King and John H. Johnson to be the Scribe of said Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

On June 4th, 1910, I granted dispensation to St. John's Chapter No. 28 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On June 22nd, 1910, I granted dispensation to Coleanor Chapter No. 125 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On June 28th, 1910, I granted dispensation to Springville Chapter No. 88 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On July 5, 1910, I granted dispensation to Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On July 23, 1910 I granted dispensation to Beauchamp Chapter No. 117 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On August 8, 1910, I granted dispensation to Auburn Chapter No. 136 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On October 18, 1910, I granted dispensation to Monroe Chapter No. 122 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 I issued dispensations to the following Chapters to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the statutory time:

- Auburn Chapter No. 136. January 25, 1910.
- Oakman Chapter No. 139. February 28, 1910.
- Graham Chapter No. 106. February 28, 1910.
- Cherokee Chapter No. 142. April 14, 1910.
- Castleberry Chapter No. 141. April 22, 1910.

Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1. April 29, 1910.
Hillabee Chapter No. 79. May 27, 1910.
Decatur Chapter No. 38. May 28, 1910.
Union Chapter No. 26. June 3, 1910.
Mineral City Chapter No. 101. June 27, 1910.
Sylacauga Chapter No. 104. June 29, 1910.
Delta Chapter No. 143. July 29, 1910.
Delta Chapter No. 143. September 3, 1910.
Anniston Chapter No. 105. September 1, 1910.
Coleman Chapter No. 125. October 6, 1910.
Union Chapter No. 26. October 20, 1910.
Anniston Chapter No. 105. October 29, 1910.

DISPENSATIONS TO MORTGAGE PROPERTY.

On proper application being made, I issued dispensations to Chapters to mortgage their property as follows:
Oakman Chapter No. 139. February 9, 1910.
Marion Chapter No. 12. March 12, 1910.

DISPENSATION TO CONTINUE WORK.

On October 19, 1910, I issued dispensation to Pratt City Chapter No. 108 to continue work until this Annual Convocation, the Charter of that Chapter having been lost.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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

Grand Chapter of Arizona, Daniel Francis Mitchell, Prescott.

Grand Chapter of Arkansas, Fielding W. Harris, Mammoth Springs.

Grand Chapter of California, Thomas O. Heydenfelt, Redwood City.

- Grand Chapter of Canada, William Rea, Ottawa.
Grand Chapter of Colorado, Tyler D. Heiskell, Ft. Morgan.
Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Eugene A. Hall, Meriden.
Grand Chapter of Delaware, J. Harmer Rile, Wilmington.
Grand Chapter of District of Columbia, Charles W. Hancock, Washington.
Grand Chapter of Florida, George H. White, Jacksonville.
Grand Chapter of Georgia, Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta.
Grand Chapter of Idaho, J. M. Aldrich, Moscow.
Grand Chapter of Illinois, Samuel J. Lefevre, Gibson City.
Grand Chapter of Indiana, Alvin G. Tillotson, Michigan City.
Grand Chapter of Iowa, William Wilbraham, Cresco.
Grand Chapter of Kansas, William L. Maxwell, Paola.
Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Laban T. Everett, Catlettsburg.
Grand Chapter of Louisiana, H. A. King, New Iberia.
Grand Chapter of Maine, Charles M. Sleeper, South Berwick.
Grand Chapter of Maryland, Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore.
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, William P. Lawrence, Medford.
Grand Chapter of Minnesota, James Kelley, Duluth.
Grand Chapter of Mississippi, C. W. Bolton, Pontotoc.
Grand Chapter of Missouri, David M. Wilson, Milan.
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Frederick J. Schaufelberger, Hastings.
Grand Chapter of Nevada, William McMillan, Reno.
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Allison B. Connell, Woodstock.
Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Henry P. Glidden, Dover.
Grand Chapter of New Jersey, Joseph A. Behan, Hackensack.
Grand Chapter of New South Wales, David Walter Custer, Sydney.

Grand Chapter of New York, R. Montrose Medbery, Ballston Spa.

Grand Chapter of New Zealand, James McGregor, Invercargill.

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

Grand Chapter of North Dakota, Charles E. Best, Enderlin.

Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, Andrew J. Munro, Amherst.

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

Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, William H. Essex, South McAlester.

Grand Chapter of Oregon, Jay Tuttle, Astoria.

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

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

Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, (No one recommended).

Grand Chapter of Scotland, Charles Martin Hardin, Garthill.

Grand Chapter of South Carolina, O. Frank Hart, Columbia.

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

Grand Chapter of Tennessee, J. R. Spicer, Paris.

Grand Chapter of Texas, T. L. Stanfield, Dallas.

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

Grand Chapter of Victoria, Henry I. Scott, Melbourne.

Grand Chapter of Virginia, Alfred Stith Lee, Richmond.

Grand Chapter of Western Australia, John W. Smart, Geraldton.

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

Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, Frederick Pollworth, Milwaukee.

Grand Chapter of Washington, William A. Fairweather, Tacoma.

Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Hudson W. Darrah, Cody.

I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as Representatives of the several Grand Chapters

named near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, nearly all of whom have received their commissions:

- Grand Chapter of Arizona, George W. Coggin, Fayette.
- Grand Chapter of Arkansas, William W. Ransom, Birmingham.
- Grand Chapter of California, Basil M. Hill, Springville.
- Grand Chapter of Canada, Lew Lazaras, Birmingham.
- Grand Chapter of Colorado, John B. Christian, Uniontown.
- Grand Chapter of Connecticut, William Y. Titcomb, Annis-ton.
- Grand Chapter of Delaware, Albert E. Pace, Dothan.
- Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, Norman Gunn, Jasper.
- Grand Chapter of Florida, Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.
- Grand Chapter of Georgia, Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.
- Grand Chapter of Idaho, Walter B. Merrill, Heflin.
- Grand Chapter of Illinois, Morrison E. Bethea, Auburn.
- Grand Chapter of Indiana, Seth Mabry, Eufaula.
- Grand Chapter of Iowa, Stewart McQueen, Montgomery.
- Grand Chapter of Kansas, Alex M. P. Dunn, Huntsville.
- Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Louis J. Wright, Talladega.
- Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Robert L. Douglass, Mobile.
- Grand Chapter of Maine, William H. Dingley, Montgomery.
- Grand Chapter of Maryland, Hezeriah G. Earnest, Annis-ton.
- Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, George A. Joiner, Talladega.
- Grand Chapter of Minnesota, Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa.
- Grand Chapter of Mississippi, Welborn J. Renfro, Dothan.
- Grand Chapter of Missouri, William E. Bingham, Tuscaloosa.
- Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Richard H. Jones, Andalusia.
- Grand Chapter of Nevada, Charles R. Bricken, Luverne.
- Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, John M. Miller, Cordova.
- Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Joseph P. Vandever, Clanton.

- Grand Chapter of New Jersey, William P. Cobb, Tuskegee.
Grand Chapter of New South Wales, Q. Salter, Monroeville.
Grand Chapter of New York, Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of New Zealand, John M. P. Otts, Jr., Birmingham.
Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Siddons Stollenwerck, Faunsdale.
Grand Chapter of North Dakota, John Philip Melvin, Piper.
Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, Albert E. Garner, Dothan.
Grand Chapter of Ohio, John G. Smith, Birmingham.
Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, William F. Betts, Evergreen.
Grand Chapter of Oregon, George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Woolsey Finnell, Tuscaloosa.
Grand Chapter of Quebec, Joseph D. Matlock, Birmingham.
Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Jesse E. McCoy, Atmore.
Grand Chapter of Scotland, Jacob U. Ray, Woodstock.
Grand Chapter of South Carolina, Francis H. Bates, Hamburg.
Grand Chapter of South Dakota, Jacob Bley, Demopolis.
Grand Chapter of Tennessee, William Wallace Screws, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of Texas, John B. Lyons, Opelika.
Grand Chapter of Vermont, J. Leon Gunter, New Decatur.
Grand Chapter of Victoria, Gabriel M. Saliba, Roanoke.
Grand Chapter of Virginia, Henry F. Reese, Selma.
Grand Chapter of Western Australia, John H. McCormick, Mobile.
Grand Chapter of West Virginia, Robert F. Lovelady, Woodlawn.
Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, James C. Benson, Camden.
Grand Chapter of Washington, Samuel Stein, Bessemer.
Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Thomas Bradford, Centre.

COMPANION JAMES T. GREENE.

Every old member of this Grand Chapter will miss the warm, friendly clasp of our beloved Companion, Judge James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who since our last Grand Annual Convocation has passed "within the veils." I was intimately associated with Companion Greene when I had the honor to be a member, in past years, of your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and I soon learned both to admire and to love him, and his death is, therefore, peculiarly a personal loss to me and, paraphrasing Bobbie Burns' lament on the death of his friend and benefactor, the Earl of Glencairn, I can only humbly bow my head and say:

"The monarch may forget the crown,
That on his head so late hath been;
The bridegroom may forget his bride,
Was made his own but yester een;
The mother may forget the child,
That smiled so sweetly on her knee;
But I will ne'er forget thee, Jim Greene,
And all and all that thou hath been to me."

I appointed Hon. Henry F. Reese of Selma, as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Greene.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Since the last Convocation 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 have been honored by their respective Grand Chapters:

M. E. Companion W. K. Ramsey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died March 18, 1910.

M. E. Companion Franklin Henry Day, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died March 16, 1910.

M. E. Companion Adolphus Hewel, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died August 1, 1909.

M. E. Companion John Hugh Stephens, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Died November 13, 1909.

M. E. Companion John M. Pearson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died June 4, 1910.

M. E. Companion William Berry Grimes, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died April 10, 1910.

E. Companion Elmer E. Reeves, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. Died July 13, 1910.

M. E. Companion C. Stewart Ells, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Died in November, 1909.

M. E. Companion Charles E. Monell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Died October 26, 1910.

M. E. Companion Benjamin Porter, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died March 13, 1910.

M. E. Companion Charles John Kruger, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died March 1, 1910.

M. E. Companion Charles Whippo Nash, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died August 18, 1910.

M. E. Companion Blinn Converse, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died March 11, 1910.

M. E. Companion Charles T. Chamberlain, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Died October 20, 1909.

M. E. Companion John Alexander Bares Jones, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Died January 13, 1910.

M. E. Companion Frederic George Weise, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died March 7, 1910.

M. E. Companion Jacob Kirkner, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died December 14, 1909.

M. E. Companion Michael A. Murphy, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. Died October 26, 1909.

R. E. Companion Frank Dana Woodbury, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. Died November 19, 1909.

R. E. Companion Frank Jared Thompson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. Died February 25, 1910.

M. E. Companion Leonard Warren Gammons, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. Died December 17, 1909.

M. E. Companion John Milton Hodson, Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Died October 9, 1910.

M. E. Companion George Henry Kenyon, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. Died May 7, 1910.

M. E. Companion Henry Warren Rugg, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. Died July 21, 1910.

M. E. Companion Jacob T. Barron, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. Died September 16, 1910.

R. E. Companion W. A. Clendening, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Died May 19, 1910.

M. E. Companion Henry Jackson McBride, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Died June 13, 1910.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

On June 1st I issued an official circular to the Subordinate Chapters of Alabama as follows:

Uniontown, Alabama, June 1, 1910.

*To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Chapters in
This Grand Jurisdiction—*

Companions:—

From information in my possession I have deemed it best to call your especial attention to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution which reads as follows:

"No Chapter shall charge a less fee than thirty dollars for the Chapter Degrees, which fee must in all cases accompany the petition—and in no case shall credit be given, nor shall any part thereof be refunded to any candidate, unless his petition be rejected." (This does not apply to ministers.)

I ask that this section be read in full in open Chapter.

This section fixes a minimum fee for the degrees and no Chapter, either under charter or dispensation, can charge a less fee without violating the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter.

Should satisfactory evidence be given me that any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter has violated this provision of the Constitution, I will at once arrest its charter or dispensation.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT LECTURER.

In March, 1910, application was made to me for the appointment of a District Lecturer. Finding no provision in the Constitution or Laws for such an appointment, I was compelled to refuse the same, and referred the Companion to the Chairman of the Committee on Work, who could furnish him, if he thought proper so to do, a certificate as to his proficiency in the work.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions have been rendered by me:

1st. Was the Edict of 1888 which provided that the Grand High Priest should appoint two Lecturers under certain conditions, etc., still in force? And my attention was called to the fact that no proceedings of any Grand Convocation since 1888 showed a repeal of the Edict or resolution of 1888.

I held: That the Committee which was appointed at the 81st Grand Convocation to codify the laws, resolutions and edicts of the Grand Chapter of Alabama and other matters, knew of this Edict, that they failed to incorporate it in their report, that the Grand Chapter when it adopted the report of this Committee and adopted our present laws, rules and regulations repealed by implication the Edict of 1888 providing for the appointment of these two lecturers, and that therefore said Edict was no longer in force in Alabama.

2nd. Question—Is any member in good standing in a subordinate Chapter eligible to the office of High Priest in such Chapter?

Held—That under Section 34, page 161 Chapter Manual of Alabama—"Any member of the Chapter who is in good and regular standing is eligible to the office of High Priest."

3rd. Would the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association come within the proviso of Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution? In other words could a Subordinate

Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction confer the Royal Arch Degree gratuitously on the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association under said proviso?

Ruling—Said proviso reads as follows: "Provided, That all regularly ordained Ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in the exercise of their ministerial functions and in good standing in their respective lodges may be entitled upon application and election thereto to receive said degrees gratuitously." I held that he did not come within that proviso.

GRAHAM CHAPTER NO. 106.

In the latter part of September, 1910, information was given me that this Chapter lately reorganized and working under Dispensation had and was conferring the degrees on a number of candidates for less than the minimum fee. I wrote at once to the High Priest in reference to the matter. He was away from home and wrote me that when he returned home he would investigate the matter. I also wrote to a number of the members of whom I had learned had so received the degrees, asking what fee had been charged them for the degrees. One to whom I so wrote (I suppose, although he did not sign his name to his reply) replied that he had paid like the others—Ten Dollars. The High Priest on November 5th, 1910, wrote me explaining delay in giving me the information and pleading guilty to reducing the fee, and stating that some of the Companions thought they had a right to donate part of the fee and did not intend to violate the Masonic law. Therefore, although I regretted the necessity for so doing, I issued an order arresting their Dispensation until the meeting of this Grand Chapter.

PROPERTY OF PERFECT FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER NO. 31, DEFUNCT.

By a resolution of the Grand Chapter at its last Grand Convocation I was directed under certain conditions to convey the realty of this Chapter to Benton Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M.

M.'. Having great confidence in the legal skill of Companion Henry F. Reese, the author of said resolution, I requested him to prepare this deed, which was done by him and the deed duly executed and delivered. I desire to extend my thanks to Companion Reese for his kind assistance in this matter.

NEW RITUALS TO CLANTON CHAPTER No. 116.

In March, 1910, I instructed the Grand Secretary to issue to Clanton Chapter No. 116 two copies of the Ritual, free of cost, satisfactory evidence having been furnished me that two (2) copies of their Ritual had been destroyed by fire.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend to this Grand Chapter and earnestly urge the Finance Committee that they set aside or appropriate some certain sum to be known as "Contingent fund for use of the Grand High Priest," to be used by and accounted for by him to the next Grand Convocation. It is highly important, most necessary, that the Grand High Priest should have at his command some fund that he may use for the good of Capitular Masonry and no Companion that might be elected by this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest would ever expend one cent of that fund except for the good of Capitular Masonry.

I also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to sign checks, etc., in the place of the Grand Treasurer, who is now, I regret to say, seriously ill.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my Companions, I surrender to you the commission entrusted to me at your last Grand Convocation. It is an honor that I and mine shall ever cherish. It is one more to be desired than any political office that could be conferred upon the recipient. In surrendering the same I believe that I have filled the office to the best of my ability, and that

its pure escutcheon is as bright and untarnished as when you entrusted it to me one year ago. May the Grand Chapter of Alabama continue to grow and prosper in all its "good work, true work, square work," is the humble prayer of

Yours fraternally,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of R.'. E.'. Companion Stewart McQueen, the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was referred to a Committee composed of three Past Grand High Priests as follows: William Wallace Screws, Basil M. Hill and Francis H. Bates.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,

In Account with the

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Dr.

1909. Dec. 6.	To Balance-----	\$ 2,509 80	
1910. Nov. 15,	Received from Grand		
Secretary --	-----	2,769 38	\$5,279 18

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By Grand Sec'y, Contingent Fund----	\$	650 00	
Grand Sec'y, Issuing Charters----		20 00	
Grand Sec'y, salary-----		900 00	
Grand Treasurer, salary -----		100 00	
Com. on Foreign Correspondence--		150 00	
Grand Sentinel, all expenses-----		25 00	
Binding and purchasing proceed- ings -- -----		50 00	
Book-cases for library -----		23 75	
Grand Chaplain, salary-----		25 00	
P. G. H. P. Jewel, Robert W. Southerland -----		25 25	
Donation to Masonic Home ----		500 00	
Chairman Com. on Masonic Juris- prudence -- -----		25 00	
Walter Smith, expenses in attend- ing Triennial Convocation General Grand Chapter-----		43 00	
Reprinting proceedings 1853-1865--		570 00	3,107 00
Balance -- -----		2,172 18	
			\$5,279 18

December 5, 1910.

Montgomery Alabama.

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, 1910:

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1910.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report-----\$ 2,262 75

CERTIFICATES.

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

1910.

Jan. 17.	A. C. Bowen-----	Landmark No. 71-----	\$ 1 50
31.	Judge S. Williams---	Clayton No. 63-----	1 50
11.	Robert D. Evans----	Bell No. 83-----	1 50
11.	John W. Knowles----	Bell No. 83-----	1 50
Feb. 23.	William M. Boswell---	Pine Level No. 75--no charge.	
11.	John F. McLendon---	Landmark No. 71--no charge.	
June 24.	Jot A. Miller-----	Rockford No. 62-----	1 50
Sept. 1.	Henry Clay Knight--	Bell No. 83-----	1 50

 \$9 00

CONTINGENT FUND.

1910.

Nov. 15. Amount not used -----\$ 55 88

DISPENSATIONS.

1909.

Dec. 15. To reorganize Graham Chapter No. 106---\$ 31 50

1910.

March 28.	To organize Castleberry Chapter No. 141	90 00
April 12.	To organize Cherokee Chapter No. 142--	90 00
July 12	To organize Delta Chapter No. 143-----	90 00

 \$301 50

RITUALS.

1910.

Nov. 15. Rituals sold since last report-----\$ 57 50

MANUALS.

1910.

Nov. 15. Chapter Manuals sold since last report---\$ 82 75

RECAPITULATION.

1910.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last rep't \$ 2,262 75

Nov. 15. Certific's issued since last rep't 9 00

Nov. 15. Contingent Fund not used---- 55 88

Nov. 15. Dispensations issued since last
report -- ----- 301 50

Nov. 15. Rituals sold since last rep't-- 57 50

Nov. 15. Chapter Manuals sold since
last report ----- 82 75 \$2,769 38

1910.

Nov. 15. Paid Grand Treasurer ----- \$2,769 38

I beg also to report that in accordance with the order of the Grand Chapter I have reprinted its proceedings from the year 1853 to the year 1865, inclusive.

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, 1910.

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.

1909.

Dec. 6. To Contingent Fund -----\$ 650 00

1910.

Nov. 15.	By printing-----	\$ 275 21	
15.	By Sundries -----	55 61	
15.	By Postage and Express----	193 81	
15.	By Coal -----	37 00	
15.	By Telegrams -----	60	
15.	By Dues to General Grand Chapter -----	31 89	
15.	By Amount not used -----	55 88	\$ 650 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 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

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

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of the State of Alabama:

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

Whereas, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Wyoming has been regularly organized, in compliance with the laws and usages of the Royal Craft, and under the sanction of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the United States of America, as witness the following:

“GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

PARIS, ILLINOIS, February 25, 1909.

To All to Whom these Presents may Come, especially the High Priest, King and Scribe of each of the Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Wyoming, subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America—FRATERNAL GREETING:

WHEREAS: It having come to my knowledge, from trustworthy sources, that the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wyoming are desirous of forming a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in and for that State, and believing, from ascertained conditions prevailing therein, that the interests of the Royal Craft, and of the individual Chapters in the State of Wyoming will be best conserved and promoted by the establishment of such a Grand Chapter, I do by these presents, and pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, grant my approbation to the forming of such a Grand Chapter, and I do hereby authorize the lawful Representatives of the several Chapters in that State, or their duly appointed proxies, to assemble in Convention at Rawlins, Wyoming, on April 6th, 1909, at 12 M., for the purpose of forming and establishing a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in and for the State of Wyoming.

with power to adjourn from time to time until the purpose of said Convention shall be effectuated.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH E. DYAS,

General Grand High Priest."

Therefore, Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Alabama, hereby extends its congratulations to said recently organized Grand Chapter, and welcomes it to fellowship with all regular Grand Chapters.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to communicate this action of the Grand Chapter of Alabama to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, and to invite interchange of representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,

Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The M. V. E. V. 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

J. Leon Gunter

William W. Ransom

James T. Mainor.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Robert L. Douglass
Louis J. Wright

Morrison E. Bethea
Robert T. Ward

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Walter Smith

Joseph D. Matlock
Siddons Stollenwerck

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

Norman Gunn

Jacob U. Ray
Alex M. P. Dunn

On motion of M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, a Committee on Propositions and Grievances was created and the Grand High Priest appointed the following companions members of said committee:

John P. Melvin

Julian F. Spearman
Jesse E. McCoy

SPECIAL REPORT ON RITUALS.

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

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

Since our last report we have disposed of Cipher Rituals as follows:

No. 60, Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10, in exchange for old ritual no. 110.

Nos. 61, 62, 63, Cunningham Chapter No. 120 in exchange for old rituals Nos. 59, 70 and 71.

No. 64, Decatur Chapter No. 38 in exchange for old ritual No. 14.

No. 65, Eunomia No. 5. By resolution of Grand Chapter, in place of one lost.

Nos. 66, 67, Covington Chapter No. 123 in exchange for old rituals Nos. 119 and 104.

Nos. 68, 69, 70, Thomasville Chapter No. 115, one in exchange for old ritual No. 7 and two purchased and paid for.

No. 71, Dadeville Chapter No. 56 in exchange for old ritual No. 84.

No. 72, Covington Chapter No. 123. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 73, 74, 75, Bessemer Chapter No. 110 in exchange for old rituals Nos. 28, 29 and 56.

Nos. 76, 77, 78, Coeanor Chapter No. 125, two in exchange for old rituals Nos. 91 and 103 and one purchased and paid for.

No. 79, St. Johns Chapter No. 28 in exchange for old ritual No. 18.

Nos. 80, 81, Monroe Chapter No. 122 in exchange for old rituals Nos. 68 and 72.

No. 82, Palmyra Chapter No. 130 in exchange for old ritual No. 109.

Nos. 83, 84, 85, Union Chapter No. 26 in exchange for old rituals Nos. 17, 107 and 116.

No. 86, Langdale Chapter No. 132 in exchange for old ritual No. 114.

Nos. 87, 88, 89, Camden Chapter No. 40, in exchange for old rituals Nos. 95, 97 and 98.

No. 90, Morrison E. Bethea, Member of the Committee on Work.

No. 91, Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 in exchange for old ritual No. 52.

No. 92, John B. Lyons, Member of Committee on Work.

Nos. 93, 94, Blocton Commandery No. 109. One in exchange for old ritual No. 69 and one purchased and paid for.

Nos. 95, 96, Decatur Chapter No. 38. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 97, 98, 99, Graham Chapter No. 106. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 100, 101, Collinsville Chapter No. 57, in exchange for old rituals Nos. 92, 106.

Nos. 102, 103, 104, Brewton Chapter No. 112, in exchange for old rituals Nos. 11, 12, 13.

Nos. 105, 106, 107, Castleberry Chapter No. 141. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 108, 109, 110, Tallassee Chapter No. 126. One in exchange for old ritual No. 85 and two purchased and paid for.

Nos. 111, 112, Cherokee Chapter No. 143. Purchased and paid for.

No. 113, Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, in exchange for old ritual No. 27.

No. 114, Collinsville Chapter No. 57, in exchange for old ritual No. 112.

Nos. 115, 116, 117, Clanton Chapter No. 116. One in exchange for old ritual No. 23 and two on the Order of the Grand High Priest.

Nos. 118, 119, Langdale Chapter No. 132. Purchased and paid for.

No. 120, Jefferson Chapter No. 81 in exchange for old ritual No. 15.

Nos. 121, 122, 123, Florala Chapter No. 135. One in exchange for old ritual No. 35 and two purchased and paid for.

Nos. 124, 125, 126, Tyrian Chapter No. 54 in exchange for old rituals Nos. 73, 74 and 75.

No. 127, Robert S. Teague. Member of Committee on Work.

Nos. 128 to 300, inclusive, are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Montgomery Chapter No. 22, notified the Grand Chapter that Brother William E. Pitts had been duly elected to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degrees upon him and also that Brother H. E. Burns had been duly elected to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter; that the degree of Mark Master had been conferred upon him by said Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason upon this brother.

On motion, the Grand Chapter acceded to these requests.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master upon Brother William E. Pitts and the degree of Past Master upon Brother H. E. Burns.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion, the further report of the Committee on Work was made a special order for seven thirty o'clock this evening.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

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

Whereas, our esteemed and venerated Companion, William H. Dingley, has been Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter

for forty years—a service of unprecedented length in our history and being almost half the time of our existence as a Grand Chapter,

Resolved,

(1) That we greatly felicitate our brother and Companion upon his long period of faithful service; that we rejoice in his presence with us at this Annual Convocation, and further, pray that his declining years may be crowned with light, and that he be sustained by the assurance of a blessed and glorious immortality in the Beatific Presence of our merciful God and Heavenly Father.

Resolved,

(2) That a copy of this preamble and resolution, signed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, be conveyed to him by the Right Excellent Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

E. V. Companion Robert L. Douglass, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, 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 Returns of Chartered Chapters No. 2 has performed the duty assigned to it and begs to report as follows:

We have examined the returns of the following Chapters and find them correct:

Tuscumbia No. 10.
Montgomery No. 22.
Eufaula No. 24.
Union No. 26.
Tyrian No. 54.

Hillabee No. 79.
Jefferson No. 81.
Springville No. 88.
Mineral City No. 101.
Anniston No. 105.

Fort Payne No. 107.	Tallassee No. 126.
Blocton No. 109	James E. Cobb No. 129.
Piedmont No. 111.	Cordova No. 131.
H. Clay Armstrong No. 114.	Floralala No. 135.
Beauchamp No. 117.	Samson No. 137.
Cunningham No. 120.	Oakman No. 139.

In the following returns the initials of Companions instead of full names are given :

Tuscaloosa No. 1.	Collinsville No. 57.
Hermon No. 34.	Bladon Springs No. 124.

Your Committee congratulates the Grand Chapter on the general correctness of the returns from subordinate Chapters, errors being only of a minor nature. It is readily shown that the Grand Secretary has exhibited his usual careful thoroughness in revising the returns, enabling secretaries to present their reports in a complete and perfect condition.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT L. DOUGLASS,
LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
ROBERT T. WARD,
MORRISON E. BETHEA,
Committee.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

Monday Evening, December 5, 1910.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at seven thirty o'clock, the M. E. 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 COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S
ADDRESS.

M. E. Companion, William Wallace Screws, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand High Priest, beg leave to report:

The absence from the address of any reference to discord in any portion of this Jurisdiction is a very happy omen and augurs for continued good will and fraternity.

Three new Chapters and one re-organized indicates growth. The number of dispensations for the election of officers at other than the stated meeting time shows some indifference on the part of subordinate Chapters which should be corrected and we express the hope that such a list of dispensations will be entirely missing in the next annual address.

The long list of Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters indicate that the most cordial relations exist with all other jurisdictions of Capitular Masonry, and this fact is still further emphasized by the large attendance on this Grand Chapter of the representatives of sister jurisdictions, covering all the United States and much foreign territory.

The circular letter of the Grand High Priest of date June 1, 1910, in reference to abiding by Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution in the matter of fees is regarded by the Committee as a timely note of warning, which should be heeded by all subordinate Chapters. It necessarily follows that his action in reference to Graham Chapter No. 106, arresting its dispensation, until meeting of this Grand Chapter is commended by your Committee.

We most heartily concur in the recommendation that a fund be set aside to be known as the contingent fund of the Grand High Priest, and that the Finance Committee make provisions therefor and in such amount as it deems advisable.

In view of the feeble condition of our beloved Grand Treasurer we also concur in the recommendation that the Grand Secretary be authorized to sign checks in place of the Grand Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. SCREWS,

BASIL M. HILL,

FRANCIS H. BATES,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the degree of Most Excellent Master on Brothers William E. Pitts and H. E. Burns.

Hartselle Chapter No. 140 notified the Grand Chapter that Brother A. M. White had been duly

elected to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter, that the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master had been conferred on him by said Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degree of Royal Arch on said Brother.

On motion, the Grand Chapter acceded to said request.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to further exemplify the work and conferred the Royal Arch degree on Brothers William E. Pitts, H. E. Burns and A. M. White.

Note:—The Companions on whom these degrees were conferred are not non-affiliated, but are members of the Chapters electing them to receive same.

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 6, 1910.

The M. V. E. V. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock, the M. V. E. V. 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.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 4, ARTICLE III, OF
THE BY-LAWS.

E. V. Companion Albert E. Pace offered the following resolution to amend Section 4, Article III, of the By-Laws, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

E. V. Companion John H. McCormick, of the Committee on By-Laws, 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 By-Laws to whom was referred the by-laws of the following Chapters, Graham No. 106, Florala No. 135, Columbia No. 138, Castleberry No. 141, Cherokee No. 142, Delta No. 143, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same and report as follows:

Florala No. 135 and Columbia No. 138. 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 Chapters in question and that the same be made to conform to the Manual.

Graham No. 106, Delta No. 143. We approve these by-laws as submitted, being a copy of the by-laws as laid down by the Manual. We also approve the by-laws of Castleberry No. 141 and Cherokee No. 142.

We further recommend that hereafter all Chapters submitting by-laws for approval must submit them separately from the minutes as a number of those submitted are pasted in the minute book, causing confusion between Committees.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. JOINER,

JOHN H. McCORMICK,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

E. J. Companion Louis J. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports and on motion they were severally adopted:

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

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

The Grand Treasurer had on hand		
from last report -----	\$ 2,509 80	
Since that time he has receipted to		
Grand Secretary for -----	2,769 38	\$ 5,279 18

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel	\$	25	00	
Grand Secretary for Charters issued..		20	00	
Contingent Fund		650	00	
Book-cases for Library		23	75	
Grand Secretary, salary		900	00	
Grand Treasurer, salary.....		100	00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, salary --		150	00	
Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence..		25	00	
Binding and purchasing proceedings....		50	00	
Testimonial to P. G. H. P. Robert W. Southerland --		25	25	
Donation to Masonic Home Fund		500	00	
Grand Chaplain		25	00	
Companion Walter Smith, expenses in attending Triennial Convocation of General Grand Chapter at Savannah, Georgia, 1909		43	00	
Reprinting proceedings 1853-1865		570	00	\$ 3,107 00

Balance on hand and in bank

\$ 2,172 18

The Grand Secretary has collected and has on
hand since his last settlement with the Grand
Treasurer

\$ 1,156 00

Total cash on hand

\$3,328.18

We find the Grand Secretary has received the following
amounts for the year ending November 15, 1910:

Dues collected	\$	2,262	75	
Certificates issued		9	00	
Dispensations issued		301	50	
Rituals sold		57	50	
Manuals sold		82	75	
Contingent Fund not used.....		55	88	\$2,769 38

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

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.

Amount appropriated 1909 Convocation of the Grand Chapter -----	\$.	650 00
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By Printing -- -----	\$	275 21	
Sundries -- -----		55 61	
Postage and Express -----		193 81	
Coal -- -----		37 00	
Dues to General Grand Chapter--		31 89	
Telegrams -- -----		60	
Amount not used and turned back into treasury -----		55 88	\$ 650 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	
Mrs. Mary Patton Hudson -----		50 00	
Chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence -- -----		25 00	
Donation to Masonic Home Fund-----		500 00	
P. G. H. P. Jewel-----		25 00	\$ 2,525 00

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
JOHN B. LYONS,
SAMUEL STEIN,
Committee.

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

Referring to that part of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, recommending that an appropriation be made for a contingent fund for the use of the Grand High Priest, your Committee on Finance recommend that one hundred dollars be appropriated for such capitular purposes as may appear proper in his judgment and subject to his order.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
JOHN B. LYONS,
SAMUEL STEIN,
Committee.

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

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

Cherokee Chapter No. 142.	Columbia Chapter No. 138.
Castleberry Chapter No. 141.	Della Chapter No. 143.
Floral Chapter No. 135.	Graham Chapter No. 106.

and find the same neatly and correctly kept. We recommend that the dispensation of Graham Chapter No. 106 be continued and that charters be granted to each of the other above named Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER SMITH,
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK,
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK,
Committee.

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

M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, called up, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider his proposition offered at the last Annual Convocation, as follows:

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."

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

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

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

E. Companion Henry F. Reese 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 entered 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 second paragraph of Section 5, Article IV of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

The Grand High Priest-elect subsequently appointed the following:

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

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.'. E.'. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, are pleased to report as follows:

We find the returns from the following Chapters correct:

Mobile No. 21.	Bessemer No. 110.
Talladega No. 23.	Dothan No. 113.
Courtland No. 25.	Thomasville No. 115.
St. Johns No. 28.	Canton No. 116.
Decatur No. 38.	Jasper No. 118.
Camden No. 40.	Covington No. 123.
Dadeville No. 56.	Evergreen No. 127.
Central No. 64.	Heflin No. 128.
Myles J. Greene No. 80.	Palmyra No. 130.
Ben Bricken No. 99.	Enterprise No. 133.
Roanoke No. 100.	Auburn No. 136.
Sylacauga No. 104.	Hartselle No. 140.
	Castleberry No. 141.

The following Chapters are found incorrect only in the small matter of discrepancies in recapitulation:

Marion No. 12.	Brewton No. 112.
Coosa No. 86.	Langdale No. 132.
Graham No. 106.	Columbia No. 138.
Pratt City No. 108.	Delta No. 143.

We wish to congratulate the Secretaries on the great improvement in the matter of making reports to the Grand Chapter. For a number of years only initials and not first full names were given; now it is scarcely needful to have a Committee such as ours.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. LYONS,
WILLIAM W. RANSOM,
J. LEON GUNTER,
JAMES T. MAINOR,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

E. V. Companion Henry F. Reese, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following reports, which were severally adopted:

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John B. Christian, beg leave to report that it concurs in and approves of each of them.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY F. REESE,
WILLIAM W. WHITESIDE,
WALTER B. MERRILL,
Committee.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the resolution to amend Section 4, Article III of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that it does not approve the same.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY F. REESE,
WILLIAM W. WHITESIDE,
WALTER B. MERRILL,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

E. V. Companion John Philip Melvin, Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report and, on motion, it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances to which was referred the application of Pratt City Chapter No. 108, for a duplicate charter, the original having been destroyed by fire, recommend that the same be granted them without charge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN,
JULIAN F. SPEARMAN,
Committee.

E. . Companion John Philip Melvin, Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report:

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

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to which was referred the matter of Graham Chapter No. 106, working under a Dispensation, which has been arrested by the Grand High Priest, and who are charged with conferring the degrees for less than the constitutional fee, recommend that they be continued under Dispensation until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter and that the officers who are present be reprimanded in open Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN,
JULIAN F. SPEARMAN,
Committee.

On motion of E. . Companion William W. Ransom, the report was amended by striking out the words "and that the officers who are present be reprimanded in open Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest," and inserting in lieu thereof the

words, "and that the incoming Grand High Priest be requested to reprimand Graham Chapter No. 106, and admonish them never to repeat said offense."

And the report as amended was adopted.

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW ST. JOHNS CHAPTER NO. 28 TO
PURCHASE RITUALS.

E. . Companion Henry F. Reese offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to sell two additional rituals to St. Johns Chapter No. 28, in lieu of those destroyed.

TESTIMONIAL FOR RETIRING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

E. . Companion Joseph D. Matlock offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

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

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

REPORT 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 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:

California, 1908-1909, -----	1	Volume
Canada, 1909-1910, -----	1	"
District of Columbia, 1906-1910-----	1	"
Illinois, 1907-1909 -----	1	"
Kansas, 1907-1910, -----	1	"
Kentucky, 1907-1909, -----	1	"
Massachusetts, 1907-1909, -----	1	"
Mississippi, 1908-1910, -----	1	"
Nebraska, 1902-1907, -----	1	"
New Hampshire, 1906-1909, -----	1	"
New York, 1909-1910-----	1	"
North Carolina, 1907-1910, -----	1	"
North Dakota, 1900-1909, -----	1	"
Oregon, 1908-1910, -----	1	"
Virginia, 1907-1909, -----	1	"

 15 Volumes

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

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

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB----- Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

WILLIAM W. WHITESIDE----- Anniston.

WALTER B. MERRILL----- Heflin.

FRANCIS M. STILLWELL----- Selma.

ON FINANCE.

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

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP-----Montgomery.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE-----Montgomery.
JOHN B. LYONS-----Opelika.
WELLBORN J. RENFROE-----Dothan.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM-----Birmingham.
LAWRENCE H. LEE-----Montgomery.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK-----Birmingham.
JACOB BLEY-----Demopolis.
MORRISON E. BETHEA-----Auburn.

On motion of M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, the Committees on By-Laws, Chartered Chapters, Dispensations, Propositions and Grievances, and Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals were made Standing Committees, and the Grand High Priest re-appointed the present members of committees named to serve as members of the newly created Standing Committees.

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 Chap-

lain, The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Geo. A. Beauchamp
Grand Secretary



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

The Thirty-Ninth 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 6th, 1910, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICERS.

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

MEMBERS.

William Wallace Screws	Past Grand High Priest.
Charles R. Bricken	Past Grand High Priest.
Francis H. Bates	Past Grand High Priest.
Robert S. Teague	Past Grand High Priest.
John B. Christian	Past Grand High Priest.
Marion H. Sims	Talladega Chapter No. 23.
Louis J. Wright	Talladega Chapter No. 23.
Jacob Bley	Jefferson Chapter No. 81.
Thomas J. Thompson	Graham Chapter No. 106.
Eugene A. Rentz	Thomasville Chapter No. 115.
Joseph P. VanDerveer	Clanton Chapter No. 116.
Richard H. Jones	Covington Chapter No. 123.
William C. Randolph	Covington Chapter No. 123.
William P. Cobb	James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129.
Morrison E. Bethea	Auburn Chapter No. 136.

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 :

John V. Falck	Mobile Chapter No. 21.
William H. Cooper	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
William H. Sindlinger	Talladega Chapter No. 23.
James T. Mainor	Eufaula Chapter No. 24.
James M. Frazer	Myles J. Green Chapter No. 80.
Gabriel M. Saliba	Roanoke Chapter No. 100.
Andrew H. Dunlop	Pratt City No. 108.
William W. Perry	Blocton No. 109.
Alfred P. Webb	Beauchamp Chapter No. 117.
James T. Anderson	Auburn Chapter No. 136.

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

The ten 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.
Woolsey Finnell	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.

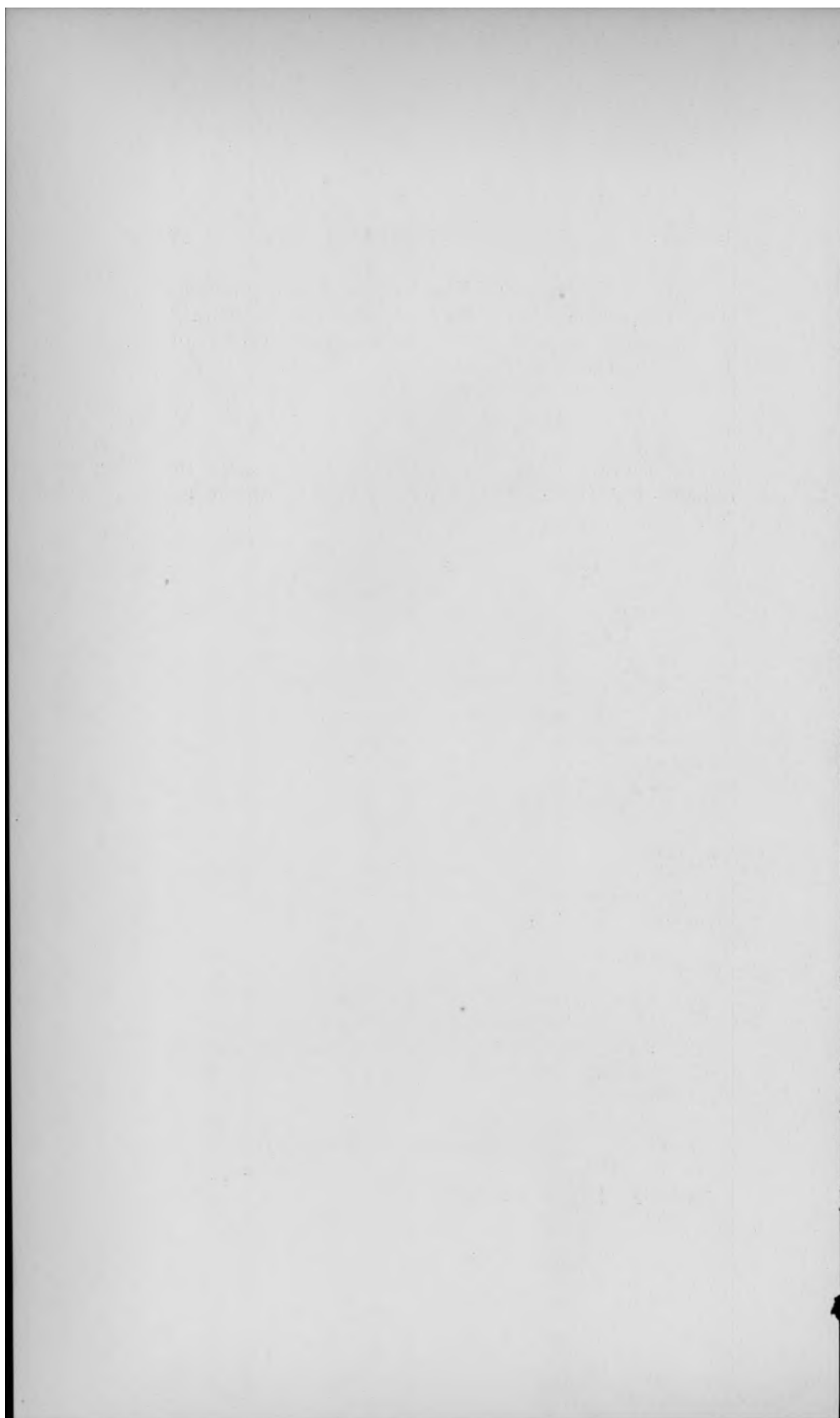
CLOSED.

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

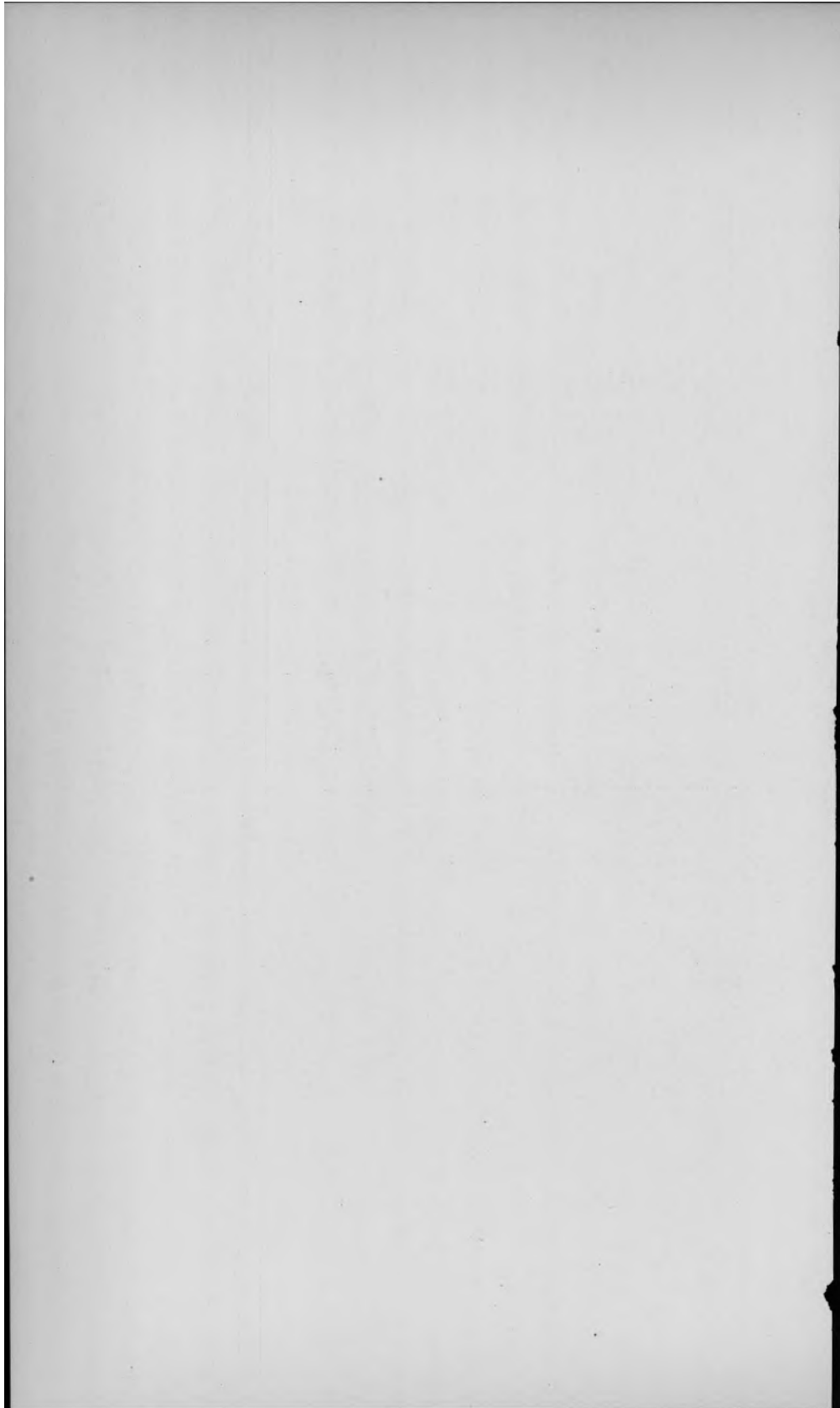
Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

BASIL M. HILL, Recorder.



APPENDIX



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

— BY —

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama: The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following report:

The Proceedings reviewed are as follows:

Arkansas -----	1909	New Mexico -----	1908
California -----	1909	New South Wales -----	1908
Canada -----	1910	New York -----	1910
Colorado -----	1909	North Carolina -----	1909
District of Columbia -----	1909	North Carolina -----	1910
District of Columbia -----	1910	North Dakota -----	1909
England -----	1909	Nova Scotia -----	1909
England & Wales (M. M.) -----	1909	Ohio -----	1909
Florida -----	1910	Oklahoma -----	1910
Idaho -----	1909	Oregon -----	1909
Illinois -----	1909	Pennsylvania -----	1909
Indiana -----	1909	Quebec -----	1909
Iowa -----	1909	Rhode Island -----	1909
Ireland -----	1909	Scotland -----	1908
Kentucky -----	1909	Scotland -----	1909
Maryland -----	1909	South Carolina -----	1909
Massachusetts -----	1908	South Dakota -----	1908
Michigan -----	1909	Tennessee -----	1909
Minnesota -----	1909	Tennessee -----	1910
Mississippi -----	1910	Texas -----	1909
Montana -----	1907-1908	Vermont -----	1909
Montana -----	1909	Washington -----	1909
Nebraska -----	1908	Western Australia -----	1909
Nebraska -----	1909	Wisconsin -----	1909
Nevada -----	1909	Wyoming -----	1909
New Hampshire -----	1909	General Grand Chapter -----	1909
New Jersey -----	1909		

Forty-six Jurisdictions—fifty-four volumes.

ARKANSAS.

60TH ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER, 1909.

A portrait of Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. J. L. Davis, looks out from the first page of this volume.

Number of Chapters on the roll, 83; 76 making returns, and 66 represented; members, 3,921—net gain, 193.

Owing to the death, March 2, 1909, of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Reese Bowen Hogins, the Convocation was presided over by the D. G. H. P., Comp. J. L. Davis, Acting Grand High Priest.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present, as also were the Representatives of twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions. Comp. F. W. Harris, our envoy, was not reported as on hand.

In his address the Acting Grand High Priest paid excellent tribute to the memories of the Grand High Priest, Companion Hogins, and Grand Sentinel James W. Null, who died August 3, 1909.

The presiding officer reported no decisions, all questions having been answered by reference to the Code.

Two dispensations had been granted for formation of new Chapters, and one dispensation for removal of Chapter quarters. (The last would seem to be "a special.")

Eight special dispensations had also been granted—seven of them, to waive time in conferring degrees.

The charter of one Chapter had been arrested for continued violation of the law, by receiving candidates for less than the lawful fees, and for donating the same back to candidates after exaltation.

Business engagements had prevented the G. H. P. from making official visitations, much to his regret.

He had a glorious time at the Triennial in Savannah, Ga.

The hard-worked Grand Secretary received unstinted praise from his chief.

The Grand Secretary reported the state of the Craft at large as "in a healthful and prosperous condition." He satisfactorily explained the reason why the 1908 Proceedings were so late in being distributed. Within a week after the session closed, they were in the hands of the printer, but under instruction of the Grand Chapter, the printing was withheld six weeks, awaiting the Report on Correspondence.

The balance cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Nov. 17, 1909, was the sum of \$2,888.97.

The Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was instructed to telegraph fraternal greetings to said Grand Chapter—which was done.

The Jurisprudence Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence have considered the action of the Grand High Priest in arresting the Charter of La-Crosse Chapter, No. 69, in connection with the resolution of Companion Baker to restore the Charter; and in the light of the facts presented to this Committee in addition to those presented to the Grand High Priest, we recommend that the Charter be restored, and that this resolution be adopted.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, *Chairman,*
And Entire Committee.

"*Resolved*, That hereafter, that any Chapter which violates Section Nos. 60 and 61 of the Digest of 1898 shall have its Charter arrested by the Grand High Priest, and that the High Priest, King and Scribe of such Chapter be summoned to appear before the Grand Chapter at its next Convocation, for discipline. And any Royal Arch Mason of this Grand Chapter, knowing of a violation of this law shall report the same to the Grand High Priest, and that the High Priests of Subordinate Chapters shall read this resolution, and Sections 60 and 61 to the Subordinate Chapters at the first meeting after its receipt."

Comp. E. G. Schoonover, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, which, although it does not appear in the records, was, of course, ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Memorials well discharged its duty. Report received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

It seems that the members of a certain Chapter had divided the Chapter funds among themselves and disbanded. A committee was appointed to make investigation, and report to next Annual Convocation.

Hereafter, in the list of Grand Officers, the Grand Marshal will rank next after the Grand Master, 1st V.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had no "job." Good!

CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. E. G. Schoonover, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, within the compass of sixty-two pages, judiciously epitomizes the Proceedings of 50 Grand bodies. Alabama-1908 is given a full page of courteous notice. The writer tenders his high appreciation of kind personal mention.

As an humble member of the Guild, we welcome Comp. Schoonover to the charmed circle about the Round Table.

Comp. J. L. Davis, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

CALIFORNIA.

55TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—APRIL, 1909.

Comp. Frederick W. G. Moebus, M. E. Grand High Priest. Chartered Chapters, 89—U. D., two; Members, 11,008—gain, 428.

A portrait of Grand High Priest, Comp. Moebus, greets the eye as this handsome volume is opened.

All the Grand Officers, except the D. G. H. P., were present at this Annual Convocation. It affords us pleasure to note that our ambassador, Comp. Thos. O. Heydenfeldt, was at his post with twenty-one other Grand Representatives.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were, also, in attendance. All but two of the Subordinate Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was all that the Companions could wish for, as coming from the Grand East.

His few decisions were as follows:

"July 20, 1908—That when a Brother has resided in this State for two years and has gained official residence, his petition for the Capitular Degrees may be received by any Chapter in this jurisdiction, notwithstanding his rejection by a Chapter in another jurisdiction and refusal of said Chapter to waive jurisdiction over him; directing, however, that in such a case prudence be exercised and all possible research made to guard against receiving unworthy material.

That in determining jurisdiction of Chapters, air-line distance must decide in all cases.

That no petition for degrees can be withdrawn after reference to a committee of investigation, except only as provided for in Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution.

That an objection made before a Brother has received any degree in a Chapter must stand, and if not withdrawn within sixty days acts as a rejection, and the Secretary of the Chapter must so notify the Grand Secretary.

That life membership in Chapters is entirely under control of the individual Chapter. The Constitution of the Grand Chapter makes no provision for same.

That a person in any way engaged in the liquor business is not a fit person to receive our degrees.

That when a suspended Companion pays all his arrearages he at once becomes again in good standing and entitled to all the privileges and subjected to all the responsibilities of membership.

That all actions of business done at a meeting of which the Sentinel's register does not show the constitutional number of Companions present is null and void."

Dispensations to form two new Chapters were granted. A few special dispensations issued, were strictly within his prerogative.

His several visitations were pleasant to himself and profitable to the Chapters visited.

In the course of his address, the Grand High Priest gave expression to the following uplifting and ennobling thoughts.

"As Royal Arch Masons we have a right to demand of each other, and the world has a right to expect us, to be sober, clean and true. The friend of man and the refuge and protector of children and women. Think not, Companions, that the standard is too high, the task impossible. It should be

our aim to verify it in our daily lives. Oh, would that God did bring this about—to have it said by any and every man, Yes, he is all right; he is a Mason. It should be the keystone of honor, purity, integrity, justice, truth. Not in the Chapter hall, but abroad in the fields, in the busy street, in the hall of justice, in the home. Could we but stop a few moments and think, stop the wheel from turning, turn off the current, unharness the horse, and to our chamber go, commune with the man within, take stock of ourselves and strike a balance. Be not appalled and heedless and heartsore, but come out into the open and make compact with your Maker and with yourself, that from now on, from this time forth, Royal Arch Masonry shall be a living thing. Let the rich red blood of righteousness course through the veins, arouse the slumbering, complacent, do-nothing, and from henceforth be in armor for right. Let it be known to be an Excellent Master is no idle boast. Let us master self; that done, all else will flow as pure and sweet music from the nightingale's throat, and our soul, like the lark at heaven's gate, will sing.

Among the pleasures of memory will be the (in spirit) living over again and receiving the Christmas and New Year's remembrances. Hallowed and cherished treasures of this Chapter year! They brought a feeling of thankfulness and joy, a pleasure to know one was thought of, and give inspiration to the soul and strength of the mind, led me gently to think of those sweets of comradeship, gave me an impression of appreciative Nature's giving expression to the better and holier instincts of life; lifting one out and above the humdrum of every-day toil and strife into a realm of pure thought and inspiration. My soul goes out in grateful thanks to the Companions who so nobly and so well gave free reign to the spiritual impulse, thereby bringing in union our nobler selves. Let us cultivate this side of our life and nature, setting aside a time now and again for the expression of the soul of things. So doing, we will spread the seed which shall blossom into fragrant flowers, and the passerby, catching the inspirations of the fragrance, will look up and see the sun shining in all its splendor.

I leave these suggestions with you, doubting not that you in your wisdom and deliberation will evolve that that will place of our branch of the Order on an equal plane, at least, with the other branches of Masonry."

Grand Secretary Wm. A. Davies, in his excellent report, states the total receipts for the year as \$11,078.18, and the total cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, April 8, 1909, as \$45,016.98.

Of the total amount contributed by sister Grand Jurisdictions, for relief of R. A. Masons of California, after the fire and earthquake, viz., \$23,800.15, \$6,898.25, or nearly twenty-nine per cent of the whole sum, had been returned to the donors.

The Grand Lecturer had made twenty-eight visitations. He stated that the reports of the Deputy Lecturers were "exceedingly encouraging and gratifying."

At a suitable juncture, exemplification of the work was rendered by the D. G. L.'s under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer, to the entire satisfaction of the Companions.

On favorable report by the Committee on New Chapters, charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Returns reported that all the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues to Grand Chapter. The report was concurred in.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the Decisions and Dispensations of the Grand High Priest, also his recommendation that the Grand Officers visit all the Chapters once a year. And the report of the committee was concurred in.

While approving decision 7, which held "that, when a Companion suspended N. P. D. paid all arrearages, he became at once possessed of all the rights and privileges of membership," the committee assumed that the word "arrearages" covered dues accruing during the period of suspension. In this view we, personally, do not concur. We do not believe that the Chapter should take *something* from the suspended Companion when it gives him *nothing* in return.

Resolutions of warmest thanks to the retiring Grand High Priest, for his greatly appreciated services, were unanimously adopted. Also, a private letter highly complimentary to him was, by permission, read and ordered published with the Proceedings.

A memorial on the death of M. E. Companion Jacob Har-
Neff was adopted by a rising vote and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood, elected fourteen Companions to membership in the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by the genial and well-equipped Chairman of the Committee, Past Grand High Priest, Companion Wm. A. Davies, whose reports are always of the best quality. Long may the Companions of California have the benefit of his wisdom and experience!

Alabama-1908 is generously given three and one-half pages of notice, in which, as in all his reports, never failing courtesy and consideration conspicuously prevail. He takes off the cream of a production, and leaves the "blue John."

He quotes from the exordium of M.'. E.'. Lew Lazarus' address, and says:

"We would call the foregoing a favorable report of his administration."

To the writer he is especially kind, bestowing on him praise far above his deserts.

Alluding to our respective ages (of himself and the writer), he says:

"We did not suppose we were traveling in such good company, Companion Titcomb; we will go down the hill together. I am a member of a quartette of Excellent Companions who celebrate the days by dining together on our respective birthdays, all having been born in 1827. Two of the number, Companion Day and myself, were earliest in the field, coming to the country in the months of January and February, so that we are now full-fledged 82d degree veterans. The other members will come later—in June and October. You see this plan, Bro. Titcomb, gives each member four birthdays a year. How do you like it?"

Our answer is, "Very much, indeed, Companion Davies, but we would like it still better if, instead of a 'quartette' it were a quintette, the writer being the fifth member of the coterie."

By the way, the average reader would infer from Companion Davies' review of Alabama, that the writer was the author

of the trenchant article on the "Shrine," whereas the credit of that "article" is due to Comp. Baines of W. Va.

Again, by the way, we note a chronological slip in our esteemed Companion's review of Alabama. In one place he says:

"The Forty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, Montgomery, November 30, 1908."

Verbum sat., etc.

In another place he says:

"The Grand Chapter of Alabama is a corporation of eighty-one years."

It is with reluctance we, for the time, bid our Companion good-bye, but a great pile of "Proceedings" is claiming our attention.

(Note—We wish our niece, Mrs. Annie Ward, of 1547 (we believe) Versailles Avenue, Alameda, Cal., knew Companion William A. Davies, of the same town. Please call on her, Companion.)

Comp. George Hays Monroe, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. A. Davies (P. G. H. P.) R. E. Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

52ND ANNUAL—TORONTO—FEBRUARY, 1910.

Comp. George Moore, M. E. Grand Z. Active Chapters, 149; Members, 14,106—net gain, 1,074.

We hasten to congratulate the Grand Scribe E. on the excellent execution of this handsome volume. We also felicitate our envoy, R. E. Comp. William Rea, on his presence*as one of the thirty Grand Representatives responding to roll-call. It is needless to add, that he and his associates were received and welcomed with the customary honors.

It is a little remarkable that the places of twenty-one of the Grand Officers were filled by *pro tems*.

A perusal of the address of the Grand Z. gives his readers the impression that he has been a faithful, vigilant head of the Royal Craft, firm and fearless in the discharge of what he conceived to be his duty.

In addition to attendance upon the several Chapters of Instruction, he had, on invitation, made 12 official visitations which were very satisfactory. He gave an interesting account of two visits, as an invited guest, across the border—one to McKinley Chapter (181), Cleveland, Ohio, the other to Keystone Chapter (163), Buffalo, N. Y.

On one of these visits (that to Buffalo) he accompanied the officers and about 100 members of Keystone Chapter, carrying with them "the Traveling Triangle," presented to them by the members of St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, to be handed over to McKinley Chapter, Cleveland, O.

The Grand Z. reported two decisions. The first was, that "an applicant, who is unable to give the requirements of the ceremony in a proper manner, is ineligible for advancement." To this decision he appended the following :

"This ruling has been regarded by Grand Chapter hitherto as being imperative in such cases, and in following precedent I considered that I was only voicing the expressed desire of this Grand Body. Personally, I am of the opinion a too rigid interpretation of what is classed under the head of 'Physical qualifications' should not be applied to the worthy Master Mason whose disability has happened after he joined the fraternity and whose desire to advance and complete his knowledge should not be hindered without other good and sufficient cause."

The foregoing "opinion," in the writer's estimation, does credit, not only to the heart of the Grand Z., but also to his head.

The other ruling condemns in unmistakable terms the innovation of introducing into degree work dramatic and spectacular settings.

He had issued eleven dispensations for new Chapters—there were two already U. D.—making 13 U. D.

He had granted several special dispensations, each supported by good reason therefor; but had refused all requests for permission to postpone Chapter functions in favor of some outside festivity.

We devoutly hope it will never develop that any Chapter anywhere sought such postponement in order that its members might go to Reno.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents, which take up ninety-six pages of this volume, must be of no end of value to the Companions wishing to inform themselves as to Capitular conditions in Canada.

(A satisfactory explanation of the absence of several officers and members of Grand Chapter appears in the fact that "a snow blockade" in the Western part of the Province prevented the attendance of some, while distance, business, or illness prevented that of others.)

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his Annual Report, which was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

Comp. Bennett's account of his Western tour is highly interesting. He writes with a facile pen.

The Companions in the Western portion of the Grand Jurisdiction must have been greatly encouraged by Comp. Bennett's presence among them.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$6,117.53. His statement of assets foots up as \$32,783.27.

On recommendation of the Executive Committee on Benevolence, grants were made to widows and orphans, and a few Companions, to the amount of \$980.00.

On favorable report of the Committee on Warrants, ten of the Chapters U. D., were granted warrants; the other three such Chapters were continued U. D.

The report on the condition of Capitular Masonry was of a most encouraging character. We read:

"Absolute and entire harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction. The relations of the Chapters are those of friendly emulation in all good works, without the faintest whisper of unpleasantness or jealousy."

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Z. expressed approval of his official acts and decisions. The committee did not "take any stock" in the Grand Z.'s personal opinion appended to his ruling on physical qualifications. The decision was conformable to the rulings and usage of his Grand Chapter for years and years. But we concur with him in the "opinion" he subjoined, viz., that a Master Mason in good standing is entitled to advancement in Masonic knowledge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is gratifying to find R.'. E.'. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett still at the Foreign Correspondence helm. There is no discount on Comp. Bennett's qualifications as a reviewer.

In his prologue Comp. Bennett confesses to a change in his impressions regarding the number of those who read Correspondence Reports. Well, of one thing we feel certain, viz., that, if a writer, in any part of his report, takes "a fall," somebody is sure to stand him up for a target to shoot at.

Alabama-1908 is accorded three pages of courteous and brotherly notice.

We trust, and believe, that M.'. E.'. Companion Lew Lazarus will not be unduly elated by the following:

"Grand Chapters may fail occasionally in forwarding their Proceedings promptly, and thus are missed in the reviewing, but Alabama is always to the fore, and thus is in the van annually. It is as welcome as it is regular, and in this year of grace, particularly as Canada's faithful representative, Companion Lew Lazarus, having steadily climbed 'the seats of the mighty,' finds himself enthroned as Grand High Priest, and we are correspondingly pleased. Glad, too, are we to gaze upon his portrait and to peruse a biography that indicates a well-spent and active life as a citizen and a Mason."

"Over the Eighty-second Annual Convocation, held in Montgomery on the 30th November, 1908, he presided with a dignity for which his qualifications eminently fitted him. Though a

born Kentuckian, he is loyal to his adopted State and proud of its resources and condition."

Then our Grand High Priest's remarks on conditions in Alabama are quoted.

Commenting on our law suspending a member who, of his own volition, remains dimitted from his Lodge more than six months, Comp. Bennett says:

"In other words the dimitted Mason is not a Mason. Good standing, according to the gospel of Alabama, means dollars paid into a Lodge. No matter what his *locus standi* and character for rectitude, a brother ceases to be a brother when he is not contributing to the coffers of a local organization in which is some member perhaps who for petty cause is persistently barring his entrance. Such is modern interpretation of fraternity as applied to Ancient Freemasonry."

We respectfully repel the intimation that mercenary motives actuated the enactment of said law. A higher motive impelled that action, viz.: conservation of the mainstay of Masonry.

Comp. Bennett concurs with us in advocating the opening and closing of the Chapter when the work of subordinate degrees only is to be done. We are glad to have his support. Grateful, indeed, are we for the following:

"Our good Companion, now well beyond his four score years, closes an interesting paper with the assurance that he will do better next time 'if the Great I Am vouchsafes health and strength.' That it may be so his host of admirers fervently pray."

Would that our space admitted the copying of Comp. Bennett's witty comments on the coronation of Companion Fay Hempstead of Arkansas, as "Poet Laureate of Freemasonry for the United States and Canada."

We frankly admit that it was rather presumptuous to "corral" "Canada" without notice.

Under Minnesota, Comp. Bennett says of Comp. Irving Todd:

"Quoting Comp. Titcomb of Alabama on his views as to the P. M. degree in the Capitular system, he asks:

"Would Companion 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?"

Referring to Comp. Todd's question, we fail to perceive its relevancy to what we considered the misfit—the incongruity of the P. M. degree in the Capitular system. We had said: "If the degree belongs anywhere, it belongs to symbolic Masonry." But we would not shed tears over its entire elimination.

All the same we have no hesitancy in answering the question, although it is foreign to what we had said about the P. M. degree, viz.: that we would not so recommend. What Comp. Bennett furnishes *anent* "passing the chair," and Comp. Todd's word "alleged," is worth repeating. Here it is:

"And we think he is not lacking in wisdom when he insinuated that word 'alleged.' While there is little doubt that Dermott in his encouragement of the Royal Arch insisted upon the chair qualification, the members of the original Grand Lodge who favored the degree before its recognition and certainly after, were loose in the matter of the chair. In July, 1767, the Charter of Compact of Grand Chapter was formulated and signed by Lord Blayney as "Grand Master of the Royal Arch of Jerusalem." This document includes the regulations governing the body, and the chair qualification is not specifically mentioned.

The code held good during the period until 1778, when the 'Laws of the Grand Chapter' superseded it, and the latter acknowledged the 'chair' qualification.

Again, referring to the rival body, historian Gould says:

"The growing practice by the 'Ancients' of conferring the 'Arch' upon brethren not legally qualified to receive it, brought about a constructive passing through the chair."

At the union of 1817 neither body pleaded for the retention of the 'relic,' and it was turned out ingloriously for all time.

From old minutes and other Mss. discovered and preserved, the entries reveal that the 'chair' was not always a pre-requisite, and its working as a preliminary was frequently 'shunted.' The modern ritual formula that in ancient times *nobody* could be exalted to the Supreme degree until he had passed the chair, has thus been laid open to the suspicion of being fabricated by modern exigency, a laboured justification for the existence and retention of a something that had outlived its usefulness."

This paper has been extended to such length, that it must be brought to an end.

We shall look with interest for Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle's reply to Comp. Bennett's criticisms on the historical accuracy of the former Comp.

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

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

COLORADO.

35TH ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1909.

Comp. Geo. D. Kennedy, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest. Chartered Chapters, 40; U. D., 1; Members, 3,951—gain, 135.

This volume is beautifully printed, and is graced with a portrait of Grand High Priest-elect John B. Hershey.

At the Convocation under review, all but four of the Grand Officers were at their posts. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, and twice that number of Grand Representatives, were in attendance. With satisfaction we note that our diplomat, Past Grand High Priest Companion Tyler B. Heiskell was one of the twenty-eight Representatives present.

In his address the Grand High Priest reported four dispensations granted for elections and installations. He had refused one, to ballot on the petition of an applicant in advance of the regular time, the reason given for asking this dispensation, being that petitioner was about to leave the Jurisdiction.

The M.'. E.'. expressed regret that circumstances beyond his control had kept him from making many official visits.

He reported two decisions, viz:

"1. It is not lawful for a Chapter to donate its funds for any other than Masonic or charitable purposes. The High Priest or Chapter shall determine what constitutes a Masonic or charitable purpose."

"2. A Mark Master made in any other than a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, is not entitled to recognition as such, in this jurisdiction."

He recommended that the By-Laws be amended so as to require all candidates, after receiving a degree, to learn the lecture of that degree and pass examination thereon, in open Chapter, before they are advanced to the next degree.

He also recommended that Section 82 of the By-Laws be so amended that an objection made at any time after reception of a petition, and before the candidate has received the Mark Master Degree, shall act as an unfavorable ballot.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, Sept. 23, 1909, was the sum of \$5,333.59.

The Grand Lecturer had made fourteen visitations.

Past Grand High Priest Ernest Le Neve Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his Annual Report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings. Comp. Foster also recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, and his recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the dispensations granted, and the refusal of one to permit balloting on a petition in advance of regular time. The committee also concurred in the decisions and recommendations made by the Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter approved all of these except the recommendations to repeal Section 82 and to substitute a By-Law requiring candidates to pass examination on their proficiency in preceding degree before advancing to the next degree.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances congratulated Grand Chapter on the successful and happy termination of a controversy between a Colorado Chapter and one in Utah.

The customary P. G. H. P.'s Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was, as we gladly note, presented by P. G. H. P., Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster, Chairman of the Committee. Companion Foster's report embraces reviews of fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions (two of these for two years), and is always fair and conservative.

He generously accords Alabama-1908 a little over three pages of fraternal notice. He quotes briefly, but approvingly, we infer, from M.' E.' Comp. Lew Lazarus' address—agrees with our Committee on Jurisprudence that a Master Mason residing in Alabama, but who is a member of a Lodge in another State, is not required, in order to petition an Alabama Chapter, to secure the consent of a Chapter in the Jurisdiction of the Lodge in the other State, of which Lodge he is a member.

Having quoted the writer on the subject of the Shrine, our esteemed Companion, referring to the writer's view of that festive organization, says:

"Under Maryland he notes that under the heading, 'Titles and Dates of Meeting of Bodies Composed Exclusively of Masons, yet the fact does not make the bank a Masonic institution' the list and says:

'Why not, then, include the Knights of the Golden Horse Shoe? True, the Shriners are Masons, but the Shrine is not a Masonic Body. All members of a banking house may be Masons, yet the fact does not make the bank a Masonic institution.'

We agree entirely with Companion Titcomb that true Masonic Bodies should not thus give the Shrine an apparently Masonic standing, as it is misleading not only to the outside world, but also to the younger members of the Fraternity, some of whom think that to be a Shriner is to attain the summit of Masonry. We also personally dislike in obituary and memorial notices to see the Shrine given prominence; why not just as well give dates of initiation into other societies, such as I. O. O. F., W. O. W., Foresters, etc.? We believe nothing but civil and Masonic history should be given in such documents, but we are only the small pea in the pod."

Under Rhode Island, replying to Companion Henry W. Rugg, he says, with judgment:

"He notices the adoption of our report on correspondence and says that as a usual thing all that is done is to receive and print. He takes some issue with us on the question of documentary evidence of being a Mason. There is, however, very little if any difference in our positions. We grant all that he says about supplementing an examination by additional tests being lawful and proper. Our contention was not that such things are unmasonic or improper when judiciously used, but that an ironclad rule adopted by a Grand Chapter, requiring certain documents from a visitor, might often work a hardship on a worthy member, who was temporarily passing through a Jurisdiction and did not know the requirements. How few there are of us who know, or have opportunity of knowing, the law in other Jurisdictions. If the requirement was a universal one, there would be more reason in it."

That we are in accord with Companion Foster in so many things, is highly gratifying to us.

Under South Dakota, he says:

"Colorado is very proud of its Grand Secretary, and believes his office is run as well as any in the United States, and his reports as perfect and complete in detail and correctness as any. We do not take a back seat and, like our Companions on the other side of the sandwich, of which Kansas is the inside slice, we need 'to be shown.'"

Our only comment on the foregoing is, that *our* Grand Secretary's work speaks for itself in clarion tones.

Comp. John B. Hershey, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

42D ANNUAL—WASHINGTON CITY—FEBRUARY, 1909.

Comp. E. St. Clair Thompson, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Number of Chapters, 12; Members, 3,518—net gain, 117.

After regarding the striking portrait of Grand High Priest Thompson, the first thing that engages our attention is a "house of mourning"—a special convocation to attend the funeral of the Grand King, R. E. Companion Nathaniel B. Fugitt, thus reminding us that the shafts of the grim archer

are inevitable. The portrait of Comp. Fugitt is found in the body of this book.

Another Special Convocation was held July 3, 1908, in compliance with an approved recommendation to take up the business of necessary preparation for the Grand body's removal into the new Temple.

The Annual Convocation was held in the new Temple, February 10, 1909. Twelve Past Grand High Priests were in attendance on this occasion; also thirty-five Grand Representatives, the list of the same being headed by our diplomat, Comp. Chas. W. Hancock. These Representatives having been called to their feet, the Grand High Priest welcomed them in a brief but especially pertinent address.

The Annual Address of the presiding officer was a model in respect of general excellence, and a practical, business-like presentation of matters which demanded his attention.

At first sight of that passage in the address which treated of the "High Priests' Association," we were tempted to dub such organization, GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CABINET. Still, such organization might be salutary, since truth is evolved from consultation, comparison and attrition of thoughts.

It was wise in the Grand High Priest to suggest such action as should result in Grand Lodge control of the new Temple.

By letter addressed to the Grand High Priest, a Companion had made a vigorous assault upon Section 82 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, *re* the right of visitation, the author of said letter averring that the right to visit was, in general, independent of objection on the part of any member.

The M. E. answered the Companion's contention in a dignified reply, courteously showing him his error of judgment.

He had granted but one dispensation, viz: to a Chapter in Washington, to receive the petition of a member of a Lodge in the District of Columbia, but residing in Pennsylvania, waiver of jurisdiction having been obtained from Pennsylvania.

His visitations were everywhere received with the utmost cordiality and courtesy.

Recognizing the prevalence, in a number of Grand Jurisdictions, of the requirement of documentary evidence of good standing on the part of visitors, he, for the satisfaction of Companions who might travel out of their own Grand Jurisdiction, recommended the adoption of the following combined form of receipt and certificate:

"Washington, D. C.,-----"

This is to certify that
Companion -----
who has signed his name in the margin, is a Royal Arch Ma-
son in good standing and a member of-----
Chapter, No -----R. A. M.
His dues have been paid to Dec. 31, 19-----.

Secretary.

This Card is void after Dec. 31, 19-----."

The Grand Secretary reported total receipts as \$3,706.50, and total expenditures as \$2,142.51.

Feb. 10, 1909, the Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was \$4,022.57—assets, \$3,700.00.

R. E. Comp. Arvine W. Johnston had been prevented from completing his Annual Report on Correspondence, by necessary work in connection with removal to the new Temple, but gave assurance of its early completion. On motion, the report was ordered to be printed with the Proceedings, when finished.

The Grievances Committee and the Committee on Jurisprudence reported no business. Both reports received and ordered spread on the Proceedings.

An excellent memorial on the death of Companion Nathaniel Brady Fugitt was read, and adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest congratulated that officer and the Grand Chapter on the marked prosperity of the Capitular Craft in the District of Columbia, and expressed highest appreciation of M. E. Companion Thompson's efforts for organization of the High

Priests' Association, affirming that its successful formation was mainly due to him.

His suggestion that the title of the new Temple should be vested solely in the Grand Lodge, met the Committee's hearty approval, manifested by its offering of the following :

"Be it resolved, That this Grand Chapter regards with favor the efforts now being made toward having the title, ownership, and control of the new Masonic Temple vested solely in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia."

The Committee said:

"We commend the effort of the Grand High Priest to find some official duties to engage the talents of the Grand Representatives, and trust that his most laudable enterprise may be crowned with success.

In the matter of the dispensation granted to LaFayette Chapter No. 5, to receive the petition of a brother of a foreign jurisdiction, after a waiver of jurisdiction had been obtained, your committee, while it recommends the approval of this particular dispensation, feels constrained to place on record its desire to discourage such procedures, and recommends that hereafter Grand High Priests adhere strictly to the provisions of the Constitution in regard to those eligible to membership in any Chapter in this Jurisdiction."

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that a combined form of receipt and certificate be adopted, and recommended adoption of the blank form submitted by him.

"In the judgment of the committee, the Grand High Priest effectually disposed of the matter of the 'right of visitation' in his reply to the Companion who raised the question."

In closing its report the Committee paid well merited tribute to the Grand High Priest. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Under the head of New Business, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the remarks of the M. E. Grand High Priest at the several grand visitations to the constituent Chapters, aside from his reference to the reports of the Grand Of-

ficers, be printed either in the Grand Chapter report for the year or in pamphlet form, to the end that every companion of the jurisdiction who desires it may obtain a copy."

On motion, it was ordered that the remarks of the Grand High Priest, at his several visits, be published with the Proceedings. Said "remarks" contained no mere "wind pudding," but were replete with solid sense.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests elected thirteen Companions members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion Arvine W. Johnston presents his "ninth and last report for the Committee on Correspondence."

That this is his "last," is a source of sincere regret to the writer, as well as to the entire Guild of Correspondents. His reviews have always been strong, breezy and piquant. He has never failed to perceive the difference between a "hawk and a henshaw" (vulgarly, handsaw).

He gives his reasons for quitting, as follows:

"Washington, D. C., March 17, 1909.

To the Grand Chapter:

The undersigned presents his ninth and last annual report for the Committee on Correspondence, with a feeling of profound thankfulness and satisfaction that he is at last able to say, even at this late day, 'it is finished.'

The past year has been the most strenuous the writer has ever known. The occupation of the new Masonic Temple brought to him many new duties and responsibilities which, added to those regularly belonging to his three offices, occupied all his working hours, and at the time of the Annual Convocation this report was not half finished. If in the following pages there is more of the reporter and less of the reviewer than there has been in his previous productions; if the report falls below the standard he has established in former years, permit him to plead in justification that it was prepared in the time symbolized by the third division of the twenty-four-inch gauge, and at the cost of refreshment and sleep.

The writer retires from the field of correspondence not only because of increasing official duties, but because he is tired of threshing old straw. The placid current of capitular

thought brings no new questions to the surface, and having discussed the old ones 'all the way 'round and all the way back,' he is weary of the 'damnable iteration' of ideas and opinions for which he can no longer find even new forms of expression. It is with great regret that he bids farewell to the scribes, whose kindly consideration he will always prize. He commends to their favor his successor, Companion Roe Fulkerson, whose bubbling humor and striking originality will enliven these pages if his reports fulfill the promise of his writings in the *American Tyler-Keystone*.

Faternally submitted,

A. W. JOHNSTON,
For the Committee."

His review of Alabama-1908, as ever courteous and discriminating, summarizes the able decisions of Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus; quotes his tribute to Grand Secretary Beauchamp, and has a kind word for the writer, greatly appreciated by the latter.

Though handicapped by other and exacting duties, he has produced an excellent report.

Our best wishes attend him on his retirement from the Round Table.

Comp. Francis J. Woodman, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

43D ANNUAL—WASHINGTON—FEBRUARY, 1910.

Comp. Francis J. Woodman, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.
Number of Chapters, 12; Membership, 3,587—gain, 69.

This volume is embellished with a portrait of Grand High Priest F. J. Woodman, and with one of the late Past Grand High Priests, Jose M. Yznaga.

On April 13, 1909, a Special Convocation was held to attend the funeral of P. G. H. P. Jose Maria Yznaga.

At the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, Feb. 9, 1910, all the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Chaplain, also fourteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-six

Grand Representatives, among whom, as we are pleased to note, was our ambassador, Comp. Chas. W. Hancock.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M.'. E.'. Comp. Woodman, evinces a vigilant and successful administration of Capitular affairs.

Under the head of Necrology, he thus spoke of the death of Past Grand High Priest J. M. Yznaga:

"On April 11, 1909, the warm heart of our beloved Companion, Past Grand High Priest Jose Maria Yznaga, was chilled by the cold hand of death. His cheerful voice and charming personality will no longer encourage us at our labors; his task is completed, and his working tools have been laid orderly to one side. His faith is lost in sight, his hope ended in fruition; and on the other side of the impenetrable veil he now rejoices in the reward of his devoted life, and stands in the beauty of a renewed youth within the portals of eternity."

He reported no decisions. He had granted but one dispensation, viz.: at the request of one of the Chapters in the District of Columbia, permitting the officers of a Virginia Chapter to confer the Royal Arch degree in the hall of the requesting Chapter.

After 'Necrology,' most of the address was of local interest. We note the Grand High Priest's warm commendation of the High Priests' Association as a very important educational organization.

The following is too good to be omitted:

"The Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., at a special communication held November 20, 1909, by a unanimous vote consented to assume the control and management of the affairs of the new Masonic Temple when ninety per cent or more of the stock of the same, held by the several bodies of the jurisdiction and individual members, had been transferred to it unconditionally. I am glad to report that every constituent Chapter holding stock in said Temple has voted, or is ready to vote, to transfer its stock unconditionally to the Grand Lodge for the purpose named. I recommend that this Grand Chapter show its loyalty to symbolic Masonry by transferring its entire stock of \$1,000 in like manner to the Grand Lodge. A new home owned by the craft and controlled by the Grand Lodge is in sight. Let us, my Companions, who, as Royal

Arch Masons, have come up to rebuild the House of the Lord without the hope of fee or reward, make good our professions tonight."

The M. E. Chief Executive had visited every Chapter during the year. That was not a hard task when, by investing in "two certificates and one yellow transfer" he could reach all the Chapters.

He recommended that the Chapters be required to "hew to the line" in opening and closing Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer, Feb. 9, 1910, safely guarded the balance on hand, \$4,304.56.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer reported six—sometimes eight—visitations to each of the twelve Chapters.

The Committee on Grievances, with a smile of satisfaction, reported itself "out of a job."

The Correspondence Committee (Comp. R. Fulkerson, Chairman) reported its Annual Review as ready in type, awaiting the pleasure of Grand Chapter. Ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

M. E. Companion George E. Carson read an impressive memorial of the late M. E. Companion Jose Maria Yznaga.

A gold ring with a Scottish Rite emblem and the Masonic emblems on it was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests elected twelve eligible Companions to membership in the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence, headed like the previous report of Comp. Johnston, with the title, "The Capitular World—Doings of the Various Grand Chapters," is from the facile pen of Companion Roe Fulkerson, Chairman of the Committee. Companion Fulkerson will, we trust, pardon us if we intimate that, in our opinion, his self-depreciation, in his opening lines, is excessive. But listen:

"To the Grand Chapter:

In presenting to you this 'helping' of capitular goulash, we do it without apology, but with the reminder that we broke into the Grand Chapter only about twenty minutes before this burden was laid on our shoulders. We took it up with the cheerful idiocy of inexperience, only to inherit the shoes of Comp. Arvine W. Johnston, which we are unable to fill. He was one of the premier reviewers of the English writing world, noted in some jurisdictions and notorious in others. We are too weak to keep up his quarrels and too stupid to maintain his fame. If in our inexperience we have ridden our war horse over the cucumber vines of any capitular horticulturist, kindly remember that the animal is not yet bridle-wise, and forgive us. Without further comment, we close with a quotation from the last report of Comp. Johnston, which has been the 'guide of our council and the meditation of our heart.' Under Massachusetts, he says:"

Then he quotes Comp. Johnston's remark, the gist of which is that nobody is responsible for the correspondent's utterances except the reviewer himself.

We have read Comp. Fulkerson's report with lively interest. While he is often quite facetious, and pounces upon weak spots "like a duck on a June bug; nevertheless, a perusal of his paper shows that he skillfully epitomizes the Proceedings reviewed.

Alabama 1909 heads the list of fifty-two volumes reviewed. Of Acting Grand High Priest John B. Christian the reviewer says:

"His report of his stewardship showed that the sad burden" (alluding to the death of the beloved and lamented G. H. P., Robert W. Southerland, on account of whose death, he extends earnest, fraternal sympathy to our Grand Chapter) "had fallen on worthy shoulders."

The rest of Comp. Fulkerson's notice of Alabama—but let the Companion speak for himself. Here is what he says:

"The correspondence report is again in the hands of that genial writer, Companion William Yates Titcomb, and we are oh! so sorry that we were not big enough to attract his notice. He is such a genial, chatty old gentleman that we wish we had gathered in the group of forty-nine Grand Chapters which congregated around his knee this year. An even fifty would not have made the crowd much larger, Companion

Titcomb, and we would have applauded every one of your stories; we would have opened our eyes in wonder at all the unusual things; we would have smiled at every one of your "bless you my children;" we would have snuggled up close and shivered if you had started one of those "one time there was a bear" stories and, in fact, we have tried to be a good child, we have kept our fingers, feet and nose clean and we don't see why we should be treated this way, but we are going to try and be brave. We may sniff a little, choke a little, and our delicate under lip may tremble a little, but we are going to keep right on being good with the hope you may let us, the little stranger, into the circle next time."

Well! Well! After thanking the Companion for kind expressions personal to the writer, will he pardon us if we say that the foregoing quotation reminds us of the title to one of Shakespeare's plays—"Much Ado About Nothing?"

Owing to previous illness of the writer, Grand Chapter gave him time last year to complete his report, or so much thereof as he could before it must go to the printer. A few Proceedings had to be left for this year's report, among those few the "District of Columbia" being included. However, it has afforded Comp. Fulkerson a peg whereon to hang quite a bunch of *double entendre* sayings. We take no offense thereat.

In the 1909 Proceedings, District of Columbia, no report by Comp. Fulkerson appears. True, Comp. A. W. Johnston very handsomely made his bow for him as correspondent to be. Then what should he kick about?

We are half inclined to think Comp. F. is poking fun at us in that extravagant passage about the members of the Guild gathering about our "knee." We do not feel patriarchal by any means.

But enough of this swell talk of ours.

Comp. Harrison of Delaware had in his conclusion said, "May the God of our Fathers *who has guided your past* direct your course for the future." Companion Fulkerson thus places a chip on his shoulder:

"We think this is placing an awful responsibility on God. We can never believe He was in any way responsible for some of the Reports on Foreign Correspondence we have looked over."

(Wonder if the proscribed list included our own reports)
But, mind you, Companion, it is no part of our purpose to knock said "chip" off.

Poor Florida! She gets less than five lines of notice from Companion Fulkerson.

Under Illinois, the reviewer pays a handsome, richly deserved tribute to Companion Geo. W. Warvelle, the gifted correspondent and Grand Lecturer.

Under Kansas, if you will forgive us, Companion F., we feel impelled to hint that the "Horace *who?*" question strikes us rather feebly.

The reviewer says that Comp. Delap of Mississippi, *frequently* mentions the fact that he does the reviewing for the Grand Commandery. Remember, Companion, that you are somewhat long on Comp. Johnston's "shoes."

Again, pardon the garrulity of an old man. Seriously, we extend the glad hand to Comp. Fulkerson, and indulge the confidence that he will prove a valuable accession to the Guild.

Comp. Kenton N. Harper, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

ENGLAND.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—NOVEMBER, 1908.

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

Nothing of especial interest to our Alabama Companions transpired at this Quarterly Convocation.

We note that the balances, reported by the Committee of General Purposes, as being in the Bank of England amounted to \$7,212.50. Also it is noted that a memorial from a certain Chapter, praying for a charter authorizing them to wear a centenary jewel, had been received. The memorial being in form, and the Chapter having passed an uninterrupted exist-

ence of 100 years, the Committee recommended that the prayer thereof be granted. And it was accordingly so done.

One new Chapter was granted a charter.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—MAY, 1909.

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

At this Convocation, three petitions for new Chapters, to be attached to Lodges named, were granted on favorable report of the Committee of General Purposes. Several petitions for change of quarters were also granted.

No business of interest to us foreigners was transacted.

The amount of contributions to Grand Chapter funds was \$9,272.28. The long list gives the name and number of each Chapter contributing, and each sum contributed.

From the "Statement of Receipts and Disbursements," we learn that, after all expenditures, the balance on hand was \$1,987.74.

At the quarterly, held in August, 1909, instead of at the May meeting, the three petitions for new Chapters were granted on recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes. (We inadvertently attributed said action to the May Convocation.)

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—NOVEMBER, 1909.

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

Very little business was transacted at this meeting.

The Committee of General Purposes reported the balances to the credit of Grand Chapter, as making a total of \$6,503.16. On recommendation of the committee, charters were granted to two new Chapters.

Grand Chapter was closed in Ample and Solemn form.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The volume before us contains records of the four Quarterly Communications held during the year beginning September 1, 1908, and ending June 1, 1909.

Bro., The Earl of Euston, M. W., Pro Grand Master.

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

While there is little in these pages to attract the attention of our readers, it is nevertheless interesting to note the growth and influence of M. M. Masonry in England, and the systematic charity the Mark Grand Lodge dispenses to the needy brothers and widows.

March 28, 1909, the number of Mark certificates registered to date, was 56,097. The number of Royal Arch Mariner certificates registered, was 9,701.

That the Mark Masters of England are alive to the demands of charity, is evident from the following: The reports of the Board of Benevolence show that, according to our count, they dispensed to the needy and suffering, during the year, the sum of nearly \$2,000.00, besides appropriating a considerable amount to a widow, and to a brother in want.

At the June Quarterly, the election and installation of Grand Officers took place with some pomp and ceremony.

This Grand body is financially in good shape, for the receipts for General Fund, during twelve months, exceeded disbursements, to the extent of some thirteen thousand dollars.

The receipts for Benevolent Fund, for year ending March 31st, 1908, were \$15,632.64. After all disbursements there remained a balance of \$8,018.56.

The great festival of 1908 netted the Fund of Benevolence a handsome sum.

Those Festivals are held every year, and bring much pleasure and a handsome addition to the Fund of Benevolence.

The Mark Master degree is so impressively beautiful that we rather like a distinctive organization based upon that degree alone, yet do not see a necessity for it.

FLORIDA.

64TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—MAY, 1910.

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

Comp. Pasco's portrait adorns the initial page of this neat volume. Number of Chapters, 31; Members, 1,938—net gain, 121.

When Grand Chapter was opened all the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Chaplain, Grand C. of H., and Grand R. A. C.; also eleven Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-eight Grand Representatives, the list of the last named being headed by our envoy, Comp. Geo. H. White.

The excellent address of the Grand High Priest is replete with valuable information respecting the history of Capitular Masonry in Florida.

That M. E. Companion Pasco is well versed in Capitular affairs, is made abundantly evident.

The whole tenor of his address breathes the true spirit of Masonry.

Two new Chapters had been duly constituted, and the M. E. had granted dispensations for organization of two Chapters.

He gave his Companions a detailed account of his attendance on the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah, Ga.

He had made a number of official visitations which, no doubt greatly quickened the Capitular spirit in his Jurisdiction.

Under the head of "Decisions" we find the following:

"A member of Island Chapter, number twenty-one, was suspended by his Lodge, December 16th, 1908. All that time he was in arrears to his Chapter for dues for 1906 and 1907 and

in 1907, at his request, the Chapter granted him further time to settle the unpaid dues. On the 23rd of December, 1908, he paid the dues for 1906 and 1907 but not for 1908. On April 14th, 1909, he requested the Chapter to refund the money thus paid.

1. Should a Chapter receive dues from a member suspended by a lodge of Master Masons for any year or any number of years prior to such suspension?

2. Should a Chapter refund the same at a later date, when he has been denied the privileges of a Royal Arch Mason?

3. In case of such suspension, if the Companion offers to pay dues for the year, in which the suspension occurred, before he is reinstated in his lodge, should the Chapter accept the same?

Answer. The Companion was justly indebted to Island Chapter, number twenty-one, for his dues and it was his duty to pay them. His suspension did not relieve him of this obligation nor did it relieve the Chapter from payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for him for all three years 1906, 1907, 1908.

He has only done his duty, in paying his dues for 1906 and 1907 and the Chapter should not return the amount paid. He still owes for 1908 and the Chapter is entitled to the same.

After the end of the Masonic year ending December 27th, 1908, his liability for dues ceased, but not until then."

He recommended the appointment of Lecturers of instruction, who should be examined by the Grand High Priest or Grand Council, said instructors to be subject to the call of any Chapters desiring instruction, the Grand Chapter fixing the rate of compensation, and the Chapters visited bearing the expense.

The Grand Treasurer had under lock and key a balance of \$5,115.10.

Grand Secretary Webster furnished the gratifying information that all, save two, of the Chapters had made correct returns and paid their dues to Grand Chapter.

On the afternoon of the First Day, and in the morning of the Second Day, the M. M. M., the P. M., and M. E. M. degrees were exemplified with actual candidates.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the dispensations and the decisions reported by the Grand High Priest.

As to his recommendations, the Committee made the following report:

"In the matter of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest regarding the constitutional provision requiring the appointment of the Committee on Work at the opening of the Grand Chapter, we suggest that inasmuch as the text of a new constitution has been agreed upon and which will eliminate this matter from the constitution leaving it to be provided for by regulation, that no further action in this matter be taken at this Grand Convocation.

In the matter of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest regarding the appointment of a Grand Lecturer and providing for schools of instruction in the several districts, while we appreciate the benefits to be derived from such a system, under present conditions, we are not prepared to recommend the adoption of these recommendations, as it would involve an expenditure of a considerable amount which our subordinate Chapters might not be able to afford."

The Committee recommended the adoption of the new Constitution, which is a good code of laws.

The Grand High Priest, and the Committee on Memorials, feelingly commemorated the lives of Companions who have crossed the dark divide—notably, P. G. H. P. John Hugh Stephens; G. R. A. C., Harry Tufts Wescott, and Companion Thos. Martin Puleston (P. G. M.)

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted no review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Comp. T. Picton Warlow, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

IDAHO.

1ST ANNUAL—WALLACE—JUNE, 1909.

Comp. Jas. A. Pinney, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 12—(two of them chartered at this Convocation); Members, 762.

To our new sister, of Idaho, we extend congratulations and our best wishes for sturdy growth and unfailing prosperity.

This neat little volume before us opens with a half-tone portrait of Grand High Priest, Comp. James A. Pinney, and embraces a record of the organization and constitution of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho, a copy of its constitution, together with the Proceedings of its First Annual Convocation.

Its First Annual was held in the city of Wallace, June 22, 1909, with Grand High Priest Jas. A. Pinney presiding in the Grand East, eight of the members of its official staff, and six *pro tems*, together with Past High Priests, and representatives of nine Chapters. All the P. H. P.'s present were permitted by votes, to participate in the voting in Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short (not quite three pages in length) but excellent in spirit, showing that, in his hands, Capitular Masonry, not only had not suffered, but had made good progress.

He sorrowfully announced the demise of two faithful and efficient Companions—R. E. Thomas G. Woodward and E. Companion Jesse E. Dubois.

Three brothers residing in Oregon desired to receive the Chapter degrees, but their residence in Oregon was 100 miles from the Oregon Chapter within whose jurisdiction those brothers resided, while it was but four miles to an Idaho Chapter. Consent was asked, and granted, to enable those three Master Masons to obtain the degrees in the Idaho Chapter.

Circumstances beyond the Grand High Priest's control prevented him from visiting the subordinate Chapters.

He reported two decisions—one, that an applicant for the Capitular degrees, although a member of a Masonic Lodge U. D., was eligible to receive those degrees.

The other was, that certain officers elected in a Chapter having been absent on installation day, could be installed at the next regular meeting, "the answer being the same as a dispensation."

One Chapter had lost its charter by fire. He had granted it a dispensation to conduct the business of the Chapter and

confer degrees until Grand Chapter authorized the issuance of a Duplicate Charter. He recommended that Grand Chapter grant said Chapter a Duplicate Charter free of cost. He also recommended the calling in of all charters issued by the General Grand Chapter to Chapters working at the time of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, and that new charters be issued to said Chapters without charge, and that the number and date of the original charter be inserted therein.

The Grand Treasurer's receipts were \$637.50—disbursements *nil*.

The Grand Secretary made a short, good report.

The Committee on Decisions and Reference made appropriate report.

On favorable report by the Committee on Chapters U. D., charters were granted to the two such Chapters.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, to report at next Annual.

Comp. Frank D. Winn, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Albert A. Jessup, R. E. Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

60TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1909.

Comp. Frederick E. Hoberg, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Active Chapters, 195; total membership, 29,344—gain, 1,445.

The manly features of Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. Henry H. Montgomery, appear on the initial page of this well printed volume.

Present at the Convocation under review—all the Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain, fifteen Past High Priests (Grand?), and, as we note with pleasure, our Representative, Comp. Saml. J. Lefevre.

In his eminently practical address, the Grand High Priest paid suitable tribute to the memory of two Past Grand High Priests—Loyal Levi Munn and John O'Neill, both lately de-

ceased. The wonted list of deaths, at home and abroad, was not omitted.

As chief executive, he had granted dispensations for organization of four new Chapters.

He had set times and places for three schools of instruction.

He reported six decisions, with which we find no fault. We especially commend No. 2 which affirms that loss of the left hand does not render a brother ineligible for the Chapter degrees. No. 6 was as follows:

First. A Chapter *may* lawfully hold a Special Convocation, in the Royal Arch degree, on the date of its stated Convocation, but earlier than the hour named in its by-laws for holding stated Convocations. If the business of the special Convocation is concluded before the hour arrives for holding the stated Convocation, the Chapter may be closed, in full form, or be called from labor to refreshment until the hour for holding the Stated Convocation. If the business of the special Convocation is not finished when the hour arrives for holding the stated Convocation, the High Priest should then declare the Chapter open in stated Convocation making an announcement similar to that made by the Master of the Symbolic Lodge in a like case, and proceed as at other stated Convocations.

Second. There is but *one* form for opening a Chapter, viz., that form found in the ritual; there is no short form for opening a Chapter for any purpose.

Third. The Secretary should make such a record of the Chapter proceedings, in the above case, as conforms to the facts.

Fourth. There is but *one* form for closing a Chapter, viz., that form found in the ritual; there is no short form for closing the Chapter in any case. In case above mentioned the Chapter should be closed as a stated convocation."

The M.'. E.'. G. H. P. recommended reduction of the membership of the Committee on Obituary and of the Committee on Correspondence, from three Comps., to one Comp., each, as one usually does all the work, and as the mileage and per diem expense of such committees would be greatly decreased.

He also recommended that, since cases of appeal are so rare, a Grievance Committee be not appointed until a case of appeal actually came up.

The reports of the Grand Officers from the several Districts were highly encouraging.

The Grand Lecturers reported the Schools of Instruction held during the year as very successful.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on hand, October 25, 1909, as \$18,327.32.

Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle is a model Grand Secretary, justly entitled to the encomiums bestowed upon him by the Grand High Priest.

The General Grand High Priest, Comp. Joseph E. Dyas, was introduced, and received with the Grand Honors.

The Committee on Obituaries made a very appropriate and elaborate report.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, resolutions of sympathy and respect were carried by a unanimous rising vote, in behalf of the venerable and distinguished Companion John M. Pearson, who was too feeble to attend Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers congratulated Grand Chapter and the Grand High Priest on the prosperity which had attended his administration of capitular affairs.

On recommendation of Comp. Warvelle, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, and interchange of Representatives invited.

From the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, it is learned that 18 Chapters reported no work during the year, but 132 Chapters show gain, 41 show loss, and 19 remain stationary.

Four Chapters U. D. received their charters.

The Jurisprudence Committee unanimously approved the first five of the six decisions of the Grand High Priest, but if the committee reported on the sixth, we have failed to find its report thereon.

If any Secretary, hereafter, fails to send in his return by the 10th day of September, the Representative of his Chapter will forfeit mileage and per diem.

That is the way—touch the pocket, and they will do things.

We are glad to note that, on the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, Grand Secretary Geo. W. Warvelle's salary was raised from \$1,800.00 to \$2,400.00.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected thirty-three eligible Companions to the Order.

"Observations on the Order of High Priesthood," composing a lecture prepared by the facile pen of Grand Secretary Geo. W. Warvelle, "On the Origin, Purposes and Symbolism of the Order of High Priesthood," form a valuable addition to Masonic literature, and appear in this volume. In 1908, on motion, Comp. Warvelle was requested to prepare this lecture and deliver the same at the Annual of 1909, but scant time was afforded therefor, and it was deemed best to have the lecture printed and incorporated in the "Proceedings," hence its appearance here, whereby outsiders can also reap the benefit of the production.

The paper is a learned and scholarly one.

Comp. Warvelle concisely reviews the Proceedings of forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions.

Alabama-1908 gets about two-thirds of a page of fraternal notice.

But, alas! as a hungry eagle swoops down upon a defenceless rabbit, so Comp. Warvelle descends upon the humble writer. Read:

The Correspondence Report, by Comp. Wm. Y. Titcomb, fraternally reviews our proceedings for 1907. I noticed the fact that Comp. Titcomb now and again copies a bit of spleen that some of the scribes are wont to pour on my head. This reference he attributes to "spiteful motives" (on whose part he does not say). In this, however, he is mistaken if he refers to me. Not only do I not question his motives in copying derogatory allusions to myself, but I fully concede his right so to do. And, if the Companions of Alabama like that sort of reading, then I hold it is his duty to display my faults and shortcomings in all their ghastly hideousness, that others, seeing my evil ways, may turn from their wickedness and live. I regret to learn that Bro. Titcomb has been ill and trust that when this passes before his vision he may be fully restored to health of body and peace of mind."

It was to be presumed that one possessed of Comp. Warvelle's powers of penetration would not doubt that the 'spiteful motives' were attributable to the other fellows, and not to himself. Of one thing he may rest assured, viz.: that the

writer entertains no spiteful or splenetic feelings toward him or any other Companion.

We thank our Illinois Companion for kind regrets that we have been ill, and for his good wishes as to our "health of body and peace of mind," assuring him that our "peace of mind" has not been disturbed by any utterances from Chicago or any other "sea-port town."

Comp. Henry H. Montgomery, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.
Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As is ever, with confidence, expected, the Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Companion George W. Warvelle, is a first-class production, both as to ability and as to scholarly character. Whenever Companion Warvelle wishes to commend anything or any person, he does it with all the polish of an intellectual Chesterfield. On the other hand, he wields the weapon of satire as incisively as did the Saladin slash with his keen-edged blade.

Reviewing Alabama-1908, he remarks that "the proceedings were generally routine." Then, like the "Assyrian," he comes down upon the writer thus:

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In the first place, we extend our sincere thanks for Companion Warvelle's solicitude concerning our "health of body and

peace of mind." As to our "health," we are, at present, fairly well, thank you; and may say that, save fear lest our thoughts, words or deeds are not always conformable to Divine law, our "peace of mind" is as undisturbed as the surface of the lake in a calm.

But, in respect of 'motives,' Companion, permit us to say, since the cap doesn't fit, don't wear it. One thing is certain, viz., that we entertain no 'spiteful' or malevolent feelings toward Companion Warvelle or any other member of the Guild. And we would remark further, that no one has greater respect for the ability of the Illinois reviewer than the writer.

Companion Warvelle's report consists of a very concise summary of the various Proceedings reviewed, and an interesting collection of essays (or articles) which evince much research and erudition. Among the topics discussed in these papers by Companion W. under the general head of "Observation and Reflection," are the following: "Mississippi vs. New Jersey," "Exaltations in Grand Chapters," "Booze," "Dispensations," "Cosmos of the Royal Arch Period," "The American Royal Arch System,"—an able vindication of the same.

INDIANA.

64TH ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER, 1909.

Comp. Robt. M. H. Britton, M. E. Grand High Priest. Chartered Chapters, 114 (112 represented); Members, 13,207—net increase, 503.

A portrait of G. H. P.-elect Charles M. Worden adorns this handsomely printed volume.

At the Convocation under review, there were present the full staff of Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, and thirty-three Grand Representatives, Alabama's minister, P. G. H. P., Comp. Alvin G. Tillotson being of that number.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, gave a most satisfactory account of his stewardship. He had constituted one

Chapter—had issued several special dispensations, but had refused a number of requests for dispensation to ballot on petitions, the same evening they were received, and had made several pleasant and profitable visitations.

His single decision reported, was as follows:

"That if petition lies over four weeks, and no member of the Committee on Character is present, the original Committee may be discharged, and another Committee appointed, who may report at once or ask further time."

He recommended making the recording of their marks mandatory on Mark Masters before advancement.

He paid well merited tribute to Grand Secretary Calvin W. Prather.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance, Oct. 6, 1909, was \$9,775.98—total securities in his hands the sum of \$10,000.00.

Grand Secretary Prather keeps Grand Chapter affairs in excellent shape.

From the report of the Grand Inspector we learn that all but one of the 114 Chapters had been visited by him.

He quoted the Tennessee resolution against cipher ritual, and strongly condemned the use of a book in the conferring of degrees in the Chapter.

Eloquent memorials of Past Grand High Priests, Simeon Stevens Johnson and Jacob W. Smith, the latter, Grand Treasurer at the time of his death, and of Rees J. Chesnutwood, aged 92, were read, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote, as also was a memorial of Companion Roger Parry.

The Committee on Necrology reported appropriately on the fraternal dead both at home and abroad.

The following committees, viz.: on Grievances and Appeals, on Dispensations, and, on Charters, reported no business before them for consideration. These reports were adopted.

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

On favorable report by the Committee on Jurisprudence, the report of the Special Committee to Codify the Laws, was adopted. On recommendation of the same committee, the spe-

cial dispensations decision, and recommendation of the Grand High Priest were severally adopted.

In course of its report on the Grand Inspector's report, the special committee, appointed to consider the same, supported that officer in his condemnation of the use of a book in the Chapter work, by recommending, "that officers be not permitted the use of the Ritual in exemplification of the esoteric work, and that violating this regulation they be reported, by the Grand Inspector, to the Grand High Priest for his action."

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion Robert M. H. Britton, Chairman of the Committee, in a concise review of the Proceedings of fifty-two Grand Chapters (three of them for 2 years).

Alabama-1908 is given a page of courteous notice. The Report, covering sixty-nine pages, is judicious and discriminating. Thanks for personal reference.

Comp. Charles W. Worden, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

IOWA.

56TH ANNUAL—DAVENPORT—OCTOBER, 1909.

Comp. Louis Block, M. E. Grand High Priest. Whole number of Chapters, 128; number represented, 92; total membership, 11,005—net gain, 436.

An excellent engraving of Grand High Priest, Louis Block adorns the first page of this handsome volume.

At this annual all the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Royal Arch Captain.

The General Grand High Priest, Joseph E. Dyas, was presented, received and welcomed in the usual manner. Likewise, the General Grand Principal Sojourner, Comp. Frederick W. Craig. Also the Grand Representatives of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, including our envoy, Comp. Wilbraham.

The Grand High Priest, in the eloquent exordium of his address, makes it manifest that he is gifted with the poetic temperament.

He paid glowing tribute to the departed Grand Officers—Companions Samuel R. J. Hoyt and Herbert C. Shadbolt—Grand Chaplain, and Grand Treasurer, respectively.

On the subject of the "New Code" the Grand High Priest stated that the advance sheets of the same prepared by the Grand Secretary, had been carefully edited and skillfully annotated by the Chairman of the Code Committee before being printed. Further, that a circular had been sent to each High Priest and each Secretary, requiring them to read the book from cover to cover, within thirty days after receipt of the same, and to send to himself, within said period, a certificate, signed and sealed, that such duty had been performed. Results had been very gratifying. He quoted the common motto, "It is not so much to know the law as to know where to find it." Another circular issued, informed the Chapters that no questions of law would be answered by himself or the Grand Secretary, unless the questions certified to him the fact that he had failed to find the law only after thorough search of the Code therefor. This is business, and is a real educator.

From the seven decisions of the Grand High Priest we select the following for appearance in this paper:

"2. Companions residing in another Grand Jurisdiction cannot affiliate with an Iowa Chapter while residing in such foreign Jurisdiction."

"3. There is no such thing known to Iowa, capitular Masonry, as a life membership."

"5. A Chapter has no right to donate any part of its funds to a public library. Masonic funds must be used for strictly Masonic purposes."

"7. The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is not recognized in Iowa capitular Masonry. When a rejected candidate re-

moves from the territorial jurisdiction of the Chapter which rejected him, that Chapter loses all jurisdiction over him."

To number 5, we respectfully demur.

Under the heading, "Nonpayment of Dues," it appears that "there remained due and uncollected in this Grand Jurisdiction the very substantial sum of \$8,000.00." He recommended that a certain section of the Code be so amended as to read as follows:

"SEC. 153. NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY.—When any Companion shall fail to pay his dues for any one year by July 1st of that year it shall be the duty of the Secretary to at once notify him, in writing, that unless payment thereof is made, or satisfactory cause for such delinquency be shown to the Chapter, within thirty days or at the first stated convocation thereafter, he will be suspended and his name will be transferred to the delinquent list of the Chapter. No further dues shall be charged against such member until he shall be restored to full membership in the manner hereinafter provided."

The Grand Treasurer had cash on hand to the amount of \$12,148.61.

The Grand Secretary's very complete report was received, and referred, together with the address of the Grand High Priest, and the report of the Grand Treasurer, to the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, and reports of Grand Officers.

"P. G. H. P. William F. Cleveland presented his Report on Correspondence which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings."

The Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, and Reports of Grand Officers, calls the G. H. P. an *artistic* "word painter" whose productions show not only an "artistic setting" but also the work of a "master mind." The committee also commended the faithfulness and efficiency of the Grand Secretary.

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

On recommendation of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, the charter of one Chapter was revoked. Said Chapter

had continued to fail and dwindle, though repeatedly admonished, exhorted and encouraged by Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had only one case before it—a complaint of invasion of jurisdiction. As the complaint was not filed and both parties were willing and anxious that the matter should be settled amicably, the committee recommended that the case be continued. The recommendation was adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

Like all his preceding reports, Past Grand High Priest, Wm. F. Cleveland's reviews of the Proceedings of "Brother" Grand Chapters, is a "diamond of the first water."

Alabama-1908 is accorded two pages of courteous, brotherly attention. Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus' address and the Proceedings of our 82d Annual are briefly summarized. Noticing the writer's report-1908, and referring to our years, Comp. Cleveland says: "Certainly age has not impaired his mental vigor nor his cogent reasonings." Have a care, Companion, lest you cause us to swell up to the bursting point, like a "toad-frog," from sheer conceit. All the same, we are grateful to Companion Cleveland for his kind expressions. (Comp. W. of Illinois will pardon us for confounding one animal—a toad, with another—a frog.)

We must content ourselves with a single excerpt from Comp. C.'s excellent report. Thus:

"Companion J. D. Baines submitted his fifth annual Report on Correspondence, covering 77 pages. After reviewing the several jurisdictions he devotes a number of pages to "Remarks," dwelling briefly upon the Mark Master's, Past Master's, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch Degrees, also to the Select and Royal degrees, which in this jurisdiction are conferred as Chapter degrees. In this respect they are almost

in a class by themselves, Texas having again established a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Of what benefit are the Royal and Select Master's degrees to a Companion when conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter, especially when visiting in other jurisdictions? Like some Consistory degrees that were peddled over Iowa years ago for any old fee they could get, without any recognized parentage among the Masonic fraternity. Of what benefit could they possibly be to the recipient? It ought to be a matter of pride to every Mason who appreciates his membership in the fraternity to have his membership in the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, or Consistory unquestioned before the world. With a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in each state, and it a constituent member of the General Grand Council of the United States, with every Grand Chapter in the United States a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter, presenting an unbroken front, the same as does the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, is a consummation devoutly to be wished. The influence and usefulness of our entire fraternity would become more widely extended and more substantial benefits would certainly accrue. The Masonic world would be delighted to see our good Companions of West Virginia get into full fellowship with all other Grand Chapters. Throw out the Council degrees and join the procession. What a cordial welcome awaits them."

Rather too much centralization for the writer.

Comp. Geo. W. Ball, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

IRELAND.

For the benefit of the curious, we give below the schedule of Grand Officers for 1909 and meetings of this Grand Chapter, and of its Committees, as set forth at the head of this pamphlet. They are as follows:

"His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.'. E.'. King.

Sir J. Creed Meredith, LL. D., M.'. E.'. Deputy King.

James Barr, M.'. E.'. High Priest.

William Ireland, J. P., M.'. E.'. Chief Scribe.

Thomas H. Keown, M.'. E.'. Captain of the Host.

Matthew Hedley, M.'. E.'. Supt of the Tabernacle.

John C. Todd, M.'. E.'. Royal Arch Captain.

John O. Duffy, L. D. L., M.'. E.'. Captain of the Scarlet Veil

William J. Threlfall, M.'. E.'. Captain of the Purple Veil.

Thomas J. Westrapp, M. A., M. E. Captain of the Blue Veil.

Rev. Thomas Pearson, B. D., M. E. Chaplain.

James Malcolm, D. D., M. E. Treasurer.

Henry E. Flavelle, M. E. Registrar.

H. A. Auchinlock, M. D., and John Parkinson—Joint Registrars, Grand Chapter of Instruction.

The stated Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the first Wednesday in February, May, July and November, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The Royal Arch Board of General Purposes meets at Freemason's Hall, Dublin, at four o'clock p. m., on the Friday preceding each Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. All communications to be laid before the Board should reach the Grand Registrar's office at least one week previous to each meeting.

The Grand Royal Arch Committee of Inspection meets on the third Monday in each month (except August) at four o'clock p. m. Names of candidates should be sent in at least one week previously.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction meets at Freemasons' Hall, at eight o'clock p. m., on the third Thursday in January, February, March, April, October and November."

This pamphlet is devoted almost entirely to statistics. During the year, one warrant had been restored, three warrants had been issued, and one surrendered.

Twenty-four Chapters had been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues.

"All communications, on the business of Grand Chapter, should be addressed to Companion H. E. Flavelle, Grand Registrar, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin."

KENTUCKY.

92D ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1909.

Comp. Laban T. Everett, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Number of Chapters, 95; Members, 7,311—gain, 491.

When Grand Chapter convened, the staff of Grand Officers present was complete.

Of Past Grand High Priests fourteen answered to their names.

In his business-like address, the Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest Thomas Todd—the oldest P. G. H. P. in the Grand Jurisdiction at the time of his death.

He had granted, to thirty Chapters, dispensations to receive and act on petitions out of time—had granted dispensation for forming one new Chapter—recommended revision of the Constitution, Regulations and Rules, as those in use were antiquated and unsatisfactory. Reported one decision.

In reply to the following communication:

"I am a member of King Solomon Chapter, No. 5, and several years ago they declared me a life member and the By-Laws at that time read that I was only to pay \$1.00 dues—in other words, the Grand Chapter dues. About a year and a half ago the Chapter altered their By-Laws to read: "the dues are to be \$1.50 for life members, but if paid any time within the month of June there would be a 33 1-3 per cent. off for discount, leaving the original amount of \$1.00. I claim that they made a contract with me so that I would not pay but \$1.00 a year dues, providing that I paid it within the year. I am not the only one, but there are several of us who would like to get that information. If I am not in condition to pay my \$1.00 during June, I have to stand the penalty of paying 50 cents extra because I cannot pay my dues."

The Grand High Priest intimated to the questioner that it was not his province to pass upon such matters, and advised him, if he felt aggrieved, to appeal to Grand Chapter.

The decision reported simply denied the right of a Kentucky Chapter to receive the petition of a person, whose home was in another Grand Jurisdiction, without the consent of his home Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was \$9,563.34.

The report of Grand Secretary H. B. Grant shows him to be an invaluable officer of Grand Chapter.

Companion W. W. Clarke presented his report on the Doings of Other Grand Chapters."

The Committee on Necrology made a most appropriate report.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D., a charter was granted to one such Chapter; an old charter was restored in one instance, and new charters were granted to two old Chapters.

The Committee on Inspection was of the opinion that if any Chapter refused to make a date for inspection, the suggestion of the Grand High Priest should be adopted, and such Chapter be obliged to pay a small fine (say) of \$5.00. The committee thought the inspection system should be abolished if better results were not obtained, in future, than appear at present.

The Committee on "Our Homes" reported the same as in excellent condition. The committee says that there are in the old Masons' Home 20 inmates—in the Widows' and Orphans' Home, 146 boys, 116 girls, and 20 widows.

By a unanimous rising vote Grand Chapter thanked Grand High Priest L. T. Everett for his excellent administration of Grand Chapter affairs during his term of office.

The Jurisprudence Committee said:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence concur with the Grand High Priest in the one decision referred to us."

The Committee further stated:

"In the matter of life membership as connected with the payment of dues and the increase thereof, your Committee finds nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter concerning the matter, but following the law as established in Grand Lodge Constitution, Sections 157 and 158: 'Fines apply only to lodges and can be imposed by the Grand Lodge only.'"

Regulation 238, adopted to-day, emphasizes this position.

The by-law referred to is a penalty in the nature of a fine and therefore illegal.

Your Committee fully concurs in the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that a committee be appointed, consisting of Companions Grant, Winslow and Beard, to revise and re-arrange the Constitution, Regulations and Rules of the Grand Chapter; to print and distribute their revision to the Chapters for their consideration and report to our next annual convocation."

We fail to find what Grand Representatives were present.

P. G. H. P.'s, three in number, as a committee, introduced Comp. B. G. Witt, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, U. S., who was received with the Grand Honors.

P. G. H. P., H. B. Grant paid tribute to the work and scholarly attainments of P. G. H. P., James W. Hopper, and moved "that, in his protracted illness, the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky be tendered to him by a rising vote." Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was again the skillful work of Comp. W. W. Clarke. It consists mainly of judicious extracts from the Proceedings reviewed.

Alabama is courteously treated. The writer tenders hearty thanks for kind words about his report.

Under Pennsylvania, commenting on Comp. Penman's review of Kentucky, Comp. Clarke says:

"After quoting an observation of ours on his comments on Grand High Priest's remarks justifying the granting of a multiplicity of dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions 'out of time,' he adds:

"We are not dealing with postulates—an unsafe basis to proceed upon. We claimed for the Chapter, so long as it remains a separate and independent body, due notice, and opportunity for full and thorough investigation of a candidate's merits to enter. But to aver that because a candidate is admitted to the Lodge he is, *ipso facto*, worthy to be admitted to the Chapter, is not good logic. A Companion or Companions of a Chapter may know of valid objections to a candidate of which the members of the Lodge may be ignorant. And then, he may have been worthy to become a Master Mason and subsequently ceased to be worthy to become a Royal Arch Mason. If that is the danger to be avoided—that he may fall from grace, and the Chapter lose his fees and dues—by all means push him along into the Chapter with all possible haste!"

"We shall insist on Companion Penman getting our statement as we made it. We did not say either in words or in substance that 'because a candidate is admitted to the Lodge (italics ours) he is *ipso facto*, worthy to be admitted to the

chapter; but we did say that 'any Mason who was *worthy* to be advanced to the Master's degree, was *worthy* of exaltation.' In other words, the worthiness that rendered him morally eligible to receive the Master's degree was a degree of worthiness that would render him morally eligible to receive the Royal Arch degree. Surely he notes the distinction between the two statements."

Comp. G. Allison Holland, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

MARYLAND.

112TH YEAR—ANNUAL CONVOCATION—BALTIMORE—Nov., 1909.

Comp. John W. Linthicum, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

This volume is embellished with frontispiece exhibiting a view of the beautiful capitular apartments in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, and with a portrait of Grand High Priest J. W. Linthicum.

A Special Convocation of Grand Chapter was held, November 18, 1909, for the dedication of the Capitular apartments in the new Masonic Temple, the ceremonies and other exercises being impressively conducted in accordance with the usages of the Craft.

The Annual Convocation was held, Thursday, November 18, 1909, in the new Masonic Temple. Present Grand High Priest J. W. Linthicum, with a full staff of Grand Officers; eleven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance, as, also, we note with pleasure, was our Representative, Comp. Gustav A. Eitel with 32 others of the corps ambassadorial.

In his address, under the head, 'Obituary,' the M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest in fitting terms announced the death of P. G. H. P. William Noah Young, who died May 31, 1909.

Under the heading of Decisions, the Grand High Priest ruled that the seal of a Chapter ought not to be attached to receipts for money. In the absence of any law governing the matter, he, without making any recommendation in that regard, wished the Grand Body would express its opinion

as to the propriety of setting the seal of a Chapter to such receipts.

The Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick complained that he had not received his jewel as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. The M. E. gave him to understand that the Grand Chapter of Maryland, does not decorate its Representatives near other Grand Chapters with jewels.

We note with pleasure the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that the salary of Companion Schultz be raised from \$100.00 to \$200.00, and further, that he be allowed \$50.00 for his amanuensis, "This to be effective for the year now ending," as well as for the future.

He highly commends the Grand Lecturer who had visited every Chapter in the State.

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

From the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted, we clip the following:

"The practice of affixing the seal of a Chapter to a Companion's receipt for payment of dues, to the end that the receipt may be used as a certificate of good standing in visiting away from home, is in our judgment reprehensible and should be at once prohibited.

"The use of a corporate seal has always been jealously guarded. It imports the absolute verity of the instrument to which it is attached, and is only used upon documents of importance, authority and dignity. Attached to a certificate of membership for traveling purposes it is usually accompanied by the photo or signature of the holder as a means of identification. Even then it should be fortified with the certificate and seal of the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction whenever used outside its limits.

"Attached to so unimportant a paper as a receipted bill for dues, the seal of the Chapter loses its character and value. As these receipts are renewed from year to year or oftener, and not carefully guarded by the owner, it would be easy to use them improperly by any one so inclined, and bogus applicants for relief might readily and effectively profit by them.

"If a visiting Companion is unable to prove himself worthy by the usual means known to the Craft, any number of receipted bills for dues ought not to aid him, whether impress-

ed with the genuine seal of the Chapter or with a simulated device employed by an impostor.

"It is to be regretted if such a practice obtains in other jurisdictions, but we recommend that it receive the 'seal' of condemnation in our own.

"We heartily commend the Grand High Priest's recommendation for a well deserved increase in the salary of the Correspondent and an advance to Companion Schultz's faithful amanuensis—both to be effective for the year just closed, as *in future*."

The Standing Resolution in regard to compensation of Correspondent Edward T. Schultz was amended to accord with the Committee's recommendation therefor. Good!

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance stood \$4,199.28.

The Report on Correspondence was received in printed form, and ordered published with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Grievances had nothing to do.

The "Council of M. E. High Priests of Maryland" received thirteen accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is a real pleasure to find R. E. Companion Edward T. Schultz still wielding (though by his amanuensis) the pen reportorial for the Grand Chapter of Maryland. As we have heretofore expressed the wish, so now we reiterate, may he long continue to favor the Craft with his wise counsels. He says that we are near the same age. True, though we are a little ahead of him in years, all the same, he is far-far ahead of us in Masonic ability and information.

His review of Alabama-1908 is most courteous. On comparing financial and numerical conditions in Maryland and Alabama, Comp. Schultz thinks that each holds about as many *honors* as the other.

He honors the writer by several brief quotations from the latter's report, and may rest assured that his good opinion is highly valued.

Under California he quotes Companion Davies' remarks to the writer about our respective ages, in which remarks, Comp.

Davies said "I belong to a quartette of Excellent Companions who celebrate the days by dining together on our respective birthdays, all having been born in 1827. (The writer was born January 28, 1827) * * * so that now we are full-fledged 82d degree veterans. * * * You see the plan, Bro. Titcomb, gives each member four birthdays a year. How do you like it?"

We have answered Comp. Davies that we like it very well, but should like it better if, instead of a quartette, it were a quintette, and we were No. 5.

Comp. Davies had transmitted, from the quartette aforementioned, to Comp. Schultz the familiar benediction, beginning "May the Lord bless and keep you."

Comp. Schultz received it with most becoming humility and said:

"With a meek heart and bowed head we heard these words read to us, and assure Companion Davies they are gratefully appreciated."

Under Kentucky, Comp. Schultz agrees with Comp. Clarke in regard to restoration after suspension N. P. D. We quote:

"Under Alabama, he says Brother Titcomb

Approves heartily an amendment to our Constitution making the payment of dues by a member suspended N. P. D. within two years operate, *ipso facto*, a restoration to good standing; and half-heartedly, that part which makes it necessary to petition and submit to a ballot in order to be restored if dues are not paid in that time. As a matter of fact, it is the last part that effected a change in the law, and we confess we do not like it. Hitherto, payment of dues in itself restored the member so suspended, regardless of the time that had elapsed since suspended.

We do not like the latter part of the regulation. We hold that "payment of dues in itself restores the member so suspended, regardless of the time that had elapsed since suspension," and such was the law in Maryland prior to 1872, when much to our regret the change was made."

On further reflection in regard to the last clause we frankly "throw up the sponge," and concede that Companions Schultz and Clarke are right in their view of the matter.

Comp. Wm. B. King, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. John H. Miller, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

110TH ANNUAL—BOSTON—DECEMBER, 1908.

Number of Chapters, 76; Members, 20,818—net gain, 731.

Comp. Baalis Sanford, M. E. Grand High Priest. Stated Quarterly Convocations were held March 8, 1908, June 9, 1908, September 8, 1908, and the annual, December 8, 1908.

At these several Quarterlies, routine business occupied the attention of the Companions, save that touching and eloquent memorials of eminent deceased Companions were read, and unanimously adopted—all standing during the reading thereof. The departed Companions were as follows: R. E. Henry P. Brown, Grand Scribe; Companions Charles Alfred Weish, R. E. Past D. G. H. P. (aetat 93.)

At the September Quarterly the following was adopted:

MASONIC HOME.

"The committee appointed to consider the following resolution:

Resolved: That this Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts hereby expresses its thorough and hearty sympathy and accord with the endeavors of the Grand Lodge of Masons to establish a Masonic Home and offers its services toward the accomplishment of this excellent measure, begs leave to report:

The Grand Chapter having already expressed its hearty approval of the project to establish a Masonic Home in Massachusetts, the question comes on the method by which the Grand Chapter may render service towards the accomplishment of that end.

Upon careful inquiry by this Committee, it would seem that the time is not yet ripe for this Grand Chapter to determine in what way it may best co-operate with the Grand Lodge in this project. We therefore recommend that further action by this Grand Chapter be postponed to some future date.

The Annual Convocation was opened December 8, 1908. The annual exemplification of the work was now conducted by the Grand Lecturers and their corps of assistants, to the entire satisfaction of Grand Chapter, winning applause for the excellence of the exemplification.

Fitting memorials of R.'. E.'. Olin C. Towle and R.'. E.'. George Wilby were presented and appropriately received, and adopted by unanimous rising vote.

From the fine address of the Grand High Priest we learn that he had issued nine dispensations to ballot on candidates in less time than allowed by law, seven to work more degrees than the constitution permits, and seven for holding exemplifications in an equal number of Districts. These last to the great benefit of the Chapters attending them. In this connection the Grand High Priest suggested, very wisely, we think, that the Ritual be rendered by *all the officers in all the degrees*. If such plan should be carried out in all the Masonic bodies, great good would result.

He referred to the terrible calamity that befell the city of Chelsea in April, 1908—800 homes and public buildings destroyed by fire; 1,500 families driven from their homes, and 10,000 people made homeless, and "all that was made sacred by family ties and endearing associations completely annihilated."

The Companions of Massachusetts had responded promptly, illustrating Masonic charity.

During the year, the Grand High Priest had made a number of pleasant and profitable visitations.

His decision, in a question of territorial jurisdiction, between two Chapters in Massachusetts, seems to have been eminently correct, according to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. Article XIV of the Grand Constitution reads as follows:

"A candidate for the degrees shall make application to the Chapter in the city or town where the applicant resides, if there be a Chapter therein, but if there be none, he shall apply to the Chapter holding jurisdiction nearest to the place of his residence."

It was gratifying to him to note increasing interest in the matter of recording marks.

In recent years the Grand Chapter has adopted the custom of requiring the Grand High Priest to provide some form of

entertainment at the June and September Convocations. Conformable to this requirement, he had made highly satisfactory provisions.

In some Grand Jurisdictions the social feature is not cultivated as much as it should be.

The "Convention of High Priests" elected nineteen eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, his eleventh, was presented by Past Grand High Priest, J. Gilman Waite, who, in a paper covering 288 pages, had reviewed the Proceedings of fifty-five Grand Chapters (seven of them for 2 years) with a thoroughness and intelligence surpassed by none of the Masonic writers.

The Alabama Proceedings of 1907 and those of 1908 were most courteously and generously treated, the two notices occupying a little over four printed pages.

The writer is encouraged by finding Companion Waite in agreement with himself in opinion as to the dependent degrees, and gives him hearty thanks for kindly comment.

Under Canada, we find the following elevated sentiment expressed by Companion Waite:

"The lessons of Royal Arch Masonry have a tendency to the uplifting of the minds of its devotees. It inspires them to work for the betterment of their fellow-men in lessening the effects caused by the perplexities of life which are met with in this strenuous age. Manifold benefits are derived from a steadfast living up to the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. The mission of the Royal Craft is the promulgation of fraternity, and may it ever continue to become a power of enlightenment for good in this, our beloved land!"

This Massachusetts report supplies the Masonic student with abundant food for thought.

We are glad to see that Companion Waite had reproduced the second, convincing paper on "The American Royal Arch System," prepared by Companion Geo. W. Warvelle of Illinois. It is a very able discussion of the subject.

Comp. Baalis Sanford, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Gilman Walte (P. G. H. P.) R. E. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

61ST ANNUAL—BAY CITY—MAY, 1909.

Comp. M. Earl Brackett, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this well executed volume.

Chartered Chapters, 144; U. D., 3; Members, 19,111—net gain, 698.

We must congratulate Comp. Conover upon the fine arrangement of his statistical tables as well as upon the excellence of the book as a whole, including portraits of Hugh McCurdy and other distinguished Past Grand Officers, deceased.

All the Grand Officers were present at the Convocation under review, also fifteen Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand High Priest, commencing his address incorporated therein his notices to the subordinate Chapters, announcing the death of four Past Grand High Priests—Hugh McCurdy. ("The Grand Old Man of Michigan Masonry"), James H. Cummins, John P. Fiske, and Samuel C. Randall—all of them noble exemplars of Masonic life and activity.

The Grand High Priest recommended that communications between the Grand Chapter of Michigan and other Grand Chapters be handled by the Grand Secretary, the latter to communicate with his chief before setting any new precedent.

The chief executive had made quite a number of official visitations, all of which were remembered with unalloyed pleasure.

We quote one of his few decisions, not as concerning a question of great moment, but as being a little outside the general run of requests for ruling. Here it is:

"The question was whether a candidate having received a degree and being about to retire before opening on a higher degree, should be required to go before the altar and give the

sign; the High Priest having previously declared the Chapter closed on that degree.

It was contended by some of the Companions that inasmuch as the High Priest had declared the Chapter closed on that degree, it was not proper to give the sign before retiring. By others, that the Chapter was not closed, but only in process of changing from one degree to a higher, and, therefore, the sign should be given by the candidate. We should be pleased to have your opinion.

Answer: In Chapter work no one is allowed to go to the altar and give signs, after any degree is declared closed, before raising to a higher degree. When raising from a lower to a higher degree and the lower degree is declared closed, a request should be made that any person not entitled to sit in the degree about to be opened, should retire. Such should at once retire without signs. Then the work of raising proceeds."

In the writer's opinion, the R. A. Chapter is not closed when its labors are dispensed with for the purpose of working in one of the dependent bodies. This fact leads us to reiterate that it is only after suspension of the Royal Arch, that work can be done in one of the dependent bodies. In those lower degrees the labors cannot be started *de novo*.

The Grand High Priest also ruled that re-election does not obviate the necessity of installation. He decided that, according to the Red Book, the election would be without force if the officers were not thus installed.

In considering the inadequate salary paid the Grand Secretary in Michigan, and comparing it with the salaries paid in several other Grand Jurisdictions, he says:

"I doubt very much if there is another Grand Jurisdiction which has as able a Secretary as ours."

We would not disparage, one iota, the qualifications of R. E. Charles A. Conover. He is an entirely worthy successor of his justly revered sire. But when the G. H. P. of Michigan put on his shoulder such a ponderous chip, we feel impelled to retort, that our Geo. A. Beauchamp's superior, in fitness for his office, is not to be found in the United States or the British Empire.

Turning to the financial condition of Grand Chapter we find the Grand Treasurer's balance cash to be \$7,561.08.

Grand Secretary Conover is surely a most faithful and vigilant officer.

He has done the Companions great service by his unceasing efforts on behalf of the Royal Craft. The arrangement of his statistical tables is first-class—especially his summary of expenditures. From one of his tables we learn that the total exaltations for the year were 1,154; that the largest Chapter in the State has 970 members, while the smallest has 9; also, that 2,813 members are exempt from dues.

The Grand Lecturer had made a large number of visitations to the great profit of the Craft.

A letter of sympathy on account of the death of M. E. Companion Hugh McCurdy was received by the Grand Secretary, from the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming.

Next meeting of Grand Chapter will be at the City of Lansing.

The Masonic Home has sixty inmates.

The excess of contributions to the California sufferers, sent back from San Francisco, was placed in a special fund to be known as "Relief Fund." Subsequently the whole of said fund was appropriated to M. E. Companion Benjamin Porter, "the oldest Grand High Priest in the Jurisdiction," said Companion being very feeble and practically destitute.

The report of the Committee on Obituary was very complete and most fitting.

The Jurisprudence Committee discharged its duties with hearts saddened by the death of Comp. Hugh McCurdy, so many years its chairman.

The Committee approved the decisions and special dispensations of the Grand High Priest, and so did the Grand Chapter.

Charters were granted to the three Chapters U. D.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood received fourteen accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the good work of R.'. E.'. Comp. Chas. A. Conover, who reviews the Proceedings of forty-six Grand Chapters in a most acceptable manner.

Alabama-1908 is accorded nearly one page of courteous notice, which concisely summarizes our transactions. For kind reference to the writer's report, Companion Conover will please accept grateful acknowledgment.

His introduction is penned in an excellent spirit. Listen:

To all Royal Arch Masons who are interested:

I have the pleasure to submit herewith my seventh annual review of the proceedings received from jurisdictions with whom we exchange.

I have endeavored to select such portions as might be of interest to the reader who desired to see what others were doing; what their best thoughts were and sometimes the particular manner in which the business was done; also to let you see how others looked upon us, what they thought of our way of doing business, wherein we might improve our methods, and by a mutual interchange of ideas arrive at the best solution of the problems which may confront us. I have made no extracts or comments without the thought that it might be interesting to some reader, and with these ideas in view I trust there will be no critics who can find nothing whatever "worth while."

Much as we would like to tarry with Companion Conover, we must hasten on.

Comp. Geo. H. Armstrong, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Chas. A. Conover, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

48TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1909.

Comp. Jerome E. Cooley, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this neat volume.

Number of Chapters, 70; Members, 7,753—net increase, 392.

Under the protection of the Great I Am, the ranks of Grand Officers, in this Grand Jurisdiction, remain unbroken. The Convocation was attended by 14 Past Grand High Priests.

That the address of the Grand High Priest was entirely satisfactory to the Companions present, we do not hesitate to assume.

The Minnesota Representative near the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, having failed for three years to attend said Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. Cooley had, at the request of the G. H. P. of Louisiana, discontinued said Representative's commission, and appointed another Companion in his place.

Three Chapters had been duly constituted and their officers installed. He had issued his dispensation for the formation of one new Chapter.

He had granted a number of special dispensations to elect and install officers.

The cornerstone of the Masonic Temple at St. Paul had been laid in accordance with our time-honored ceremonial, and to the edification of a multitude of spectators.

The recommendations of the G. H. P. were of local interest only.

From his small number of decisions reported we extract the following :

"QUESTION—Has a Chapter the right to ballot upon more than one petition at the same time? ANSWER—No.

QUESTION—Is it proper for a Royal Arch Mason to wear his apron as such while working the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees? ANSWER—Yes.

QUESTION—Is it proper to receive the petition of a Brother for the Chapter degrees who has not resided within the jurisdiction of his home lodge for a number of years but has

resided within the jurisdiction of the Chapter he wished to join for three years? ANSWER—Yes.

QUESTION—Is it proper to use a substitute to fill out a team? ANSWER—Yes.

Our answer would be, No.

QUESTION—Can we receive the petition of a Brother member of a lodge in Minnesota but now residing in Iowa. ANSWER—No, unless the nearest Iowa Chapter will waive jurisdiction.

QUESTION—The High Priest having left the jurisdiction after his election, but before installation, shall we hold election for High Priest? ANSWER—No, the King succeeds."

In his answers, the Grand High Priest does not waste words.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the total assets of Grand Chapter to be \$11,344.95.

The Grand Secretary (whom, by the way, the Finance Committee highly complimented on his efficiency) reported that all the subordinate Chapters had sent in their returns.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was very short, but quite appropriate.

On favorable report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, and exchange of Representatives was recommended.

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

On the evening of the Second Day the Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of Grand Chapter was celebrated under well arranged programme.

On favorable report by the Jurisprudence Committee, the Decisions and Special Dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved.

At a suitable juncture, the Representatives of thirty Grand Jurisdictions (Alabama included), being present, were called up and cordially welcomed in the usual manner.

The Grand Convention of the Anointed High Priests, of the State of Minnesota, elected twenty-two eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Within the compass of fifty-four pages, Comp. Irving Todd, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, has condensed a review of the Proceedings of forty-nine Grand Chapters, with his universally appreciated ability.

Alabama-1908 is given about a page and one-half of courteous mention. Companion Todd skillfully summarizes the doings of our Grand Chapter, and does this writer the honor of excerpting a couple of paragraphs from our report for that year.

We gratefully thank him for sympathetic words respecting our late illness.

Under Ohio, Comp. Todd pays an excellent tribute to the greatly lamented member of the Guild of Correspondents, M. E. Companion William M. Cunningham, who died August 16, 1909. Here is what Companion Todd says of that deceased Companion:

"This is the last report of Comp. Cunningham, whose death occurred Aug. 16th. He was Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, and Past Grand Master of the Council, and for years had written the reports for these three bodies. As a Masonic writer and compiler of text books he had few equals, and his knowledge of rituals was unsurpassed in this country. Ohio has the sympathy of the Craft generally in their irreparable loss."

We wish Companion Todd many years of activity in the service of the Royal Craft.

Comp. James Ridler, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

MISSISSIPPI.

62D ANNUAL—COLUMBUS—FEBRUARY, 1910.

Comp. Edwin J. Martin, Grand High Priest. Chapters on roll, 73; present membership, 4,036—net gain, 190.

Portrait of the Grand High Priest-elect graces the first page of this volume.

Present—all the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-one Grand Representatives, including our Ambassador Comp. Clarence S. Cullens.

In his address the Grand High Priest paid loving tribute to the memory of two P. G. H. P.'s of Mississippi—Companions John A. B. Jones and Charles T. Chamberlain; also remembered the illustrious dead of sister Jurisdictions.

M. E. Comp. Martin had granted dispensations for formations of two new Chapters.

Most properly he had refused dispensations to enable candidates to hurry through the degrees, in their eagerness to take a camel-ride over the burning sands.

After recounting the pleasure and profit derived from a School of Instruction held at Jackson, Aug. 4-5-6, 1909, he recommended that, at least, 3 schools be held at accessible points during the year current, under the direction of the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer.

Referring to the prosperous and beautiful City of Columbus, where Grand Chapter was holding its sessions, he mentioned the interesting fact that, in that city are located the Industrial Institute and College for Girls, and the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Boys—each having an attendance of nearly 1,000 pupils—two very important factors in fostering the moral and intellectual prosperity of the state.

The Grand High Priest recommended that donation of \$2,000.00 to the Masonic Home for a part of its Hospital Fund, be made; also that \$1,500.00 ordered to be donated last year, to the Home (but yet unpaid because the specific object had not been named) be appropriated to the same purpose.

Cash balance, Feb. 14, 1910, in the Treasury was \$8,801.51.

The Grand Lecturer reported seventy-one visitations, also expense account and collections made for the Home.

The able and indefatigable Grand Secretary, Comp. Speed, made a model report. He said the outlook was prosperous with all the Chapters save one.

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

Resolutions in accordance with the G. H. P.'s recommendations concerning the Masonic Home, were adopted.

The Special Committee, in charge of a memorial to the General Grand Chapter respecting certain desired changes in the Ritual, made its report which was received and placed on file. The Committee reported that said memorial had been received by the General Grand Chapter, and referred to a special committee, to be reported on at the next Triennial at Indianapolis.

The Committee on Capitular Law made report which was adopted. The Committee answered four questions substantially as follows:

"1st Question: If a member of a Chapter dimitts, and, in four or five years, applies for membership in the same Chapter, is it necessary to appoint a committee, let the application lie over thirty days, and ballot on the same before he again becomes a member of that Chapter, or can he be re-instated without such formality?"

Answer.—Rules and Regulations Royal Arch Masonry, page 24, Section 46, reads as follows:

"All petitions for degrees and membership must be made at stated convocations.

Must be recommended by two members of the Chapter. Must be signed by petitioner. Must state age, residence and occupation. Must state name, number and location of his Chapter, and be accompanied by his dimit. Must be referred to a committee of three for investigation. Must lay over until next convocation before ballot.

The mere fact that the party referred to held a dimit from the Chapter that he was applying to for membership, does not alter, or in any way change his relationship to the Chapter, but his petition must take the usual course. His membership ceased with the granting of his dimit.

"Question 2.—"The High Priest contends that there must be nine Royal Arch Masons present to open the Mark Master's lodge, while one Companion contends that eight Mark Masters are sufficient. Who is right?"

Answer.—Signet Royal Arch Masonry, page 65, reads as follows:

"After naming the twelve officers says, of whom at least nine must be present."

"However eight Mark Master Masons may open and work as a Lodge of Mark Masters in conferring Mark Master's Degree provided one or more of the three principal officers of the Chapter are present, but no business can be transacted in a R. A. Chapter unless nine members are present, but nine R. A. Masons present may do degree work one of whom must be either the High Priest, King or Scribe of the Chapter during the work."

"Question 3.—What is the status of a R. A. M. who was expelled by the Blue Lodge in 1875 and dropped from the roll of the Chapter by this action of the Lodge, but was reinstated by the Grand Lodge at Greenville?"

"Answer.—The action of the Grand Lodge at Greenville restored the Companion to all the rights and benefits of Masonry, hence he now occupies the position of a non-affiliated R. A. Mason."

"Question 4.—The local Chapter having disbanded about 1877 what action would be necessary to reinstate the Companion as a R. A. Mason?"

"Answer.—The Companion will have to procure a certificate from the Grand Secretary and with this certificate he can apply to any R. A. Chapter for membership."

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the thanks of Grand Chapter were tendered the Grand Lecturer for his zealous and successful interest in the Masonic Home.

The Special Committee on the Grand High Priest's reference to Foreign Correspondence, recommended that the Correspondence Reporter for 1910 be paid \$150.00. Adopted.

Grand Representatives present are to be given two minutes each to report what other Grand Jurisdictions are doing.

The "63d Annual Conclave" of Grand Chapters is to be held at Gulfport, Miss., February 23, 1911.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by M. E. Comp. O. L. McKay, is an excellent summary of the Proceedings received from the several Grand Jurisdictions, and covers about 130 pages of this volume. In his short introduction, he dons the mantle of the "learned, impetuous" and

spirited De Lap with becoming modesty; then proceeds to furnish a first-class review of the Proceedings which have engaged his attention.

He says:

"Peace and harmony abide throughout the Capitular World, and Royal Arch Masonry is prospering both numerically and in the zeal and devotion of its membership to the great principles it represents and endeavors to impress upon the hearts and conscience of its children, as it has never prospered before, for which, Companions, let us ascribe, 'Holiness to the Lord.'"

Alabama-1909 receives courteous notice. His review, as a whole, is one of the most readable of the year.

From his conclusion we excerpt the following:

"And now, Companions and Brethren of the Guild, the good wife and children have retired, the fire burns low, and the tick of the clock reminds us that the hour of midnight is near, so we will wish you an affectionate adieu, trusting that our Heavenly Father will take you and your loved ones in His holy keeping during the coming year, and to our Beloved Order, give increased prosperity, with Peace and Harmony as its abiding characteristics."

At the end of the Report, Comp. Speed furnishes some "agenda" roasting or parboiling Grand Secretaries and Correspondents in respect of failure to send, or failure to receive "Proceedings."

Well, we generally lay the blame at the door of Uncle Sam as he cannot hit us back.

Comp. Wiley H. Clifton, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frederic Speed (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

18TH ANNUAL—BUTTE—SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Comp. J. Benton Leggat, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 17; Members, 1,363—net gain, 71.

All the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand High Priest, were in attendance at the Convocation now being reviewed, also a quorum of the Chapter Representatives, and ten Past Grand High Priests.

Before Grand Chapter was opened, announcement was made by the Grand Secretary, that all the Chapters had made returns, and had paid Grand Chapter dues.

The Grand High Priest in his address said:

"Our Royal Hive has been unusually busy, and we have labored in the vineyard with gratifying results."

Under the head of Necrology, among others, he paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, who, during his latter years, was one of the foremost members of the Correspondence Guild—a genial and forceful writer, whose demise was greatly lamented—Peace to his soul!

Two dispensations to elect and install officers had been granted. No decisions were reported, all questions propounded having been amply covered by the law.

The M. E. had made twelve official visitations, which were, for the most part, highly satisfactory.

He made the following recommendations:

"1. That the full Chapter fee should accompany the petition, changing Sec. 4 of Art. 17 of the Constitution to read: 'No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than forty dollars (\$40) and in every case the fees as prescribed by the Chapter shall accompany the application.'"

"2. That the degree of proficiency for advancement of a candidate shall be not less than passing an examination in open Chapter, in the signs, grips and words of the preceding degrees.

"3. That only the due guard and penal signs be given in the opening and closing of a Chapter, omitting the H. O. sign, and sign of admiration.

"4. That the word 'August' be used instead of 'Sublime' in connection with the term 'Royal Arch Mason' in both the minutes and in the Monitorial work.

"5. That Chapters be required to notify the Grand High Priest of all work in contemplation.

"6. That the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters send copies of their By-Laws and Amendments to the Grand Secretary for approval and correction not later than December 1st, 1907."

He appointed Cornelius Hedges, Jr., to succeed his lamented father.

R. E. Companion Hedges, who having served so long with his father, was well equipped for the position, submitted an excellent report.

R. E. Comp. Frank B. Lewis, Grand King, reported his official acts.

Concerning financial matters in this Grand Jurisdiction, it will be sufficient to observe that the balance of the General Fund was \$2,136.62, and the balance of the Endowment Fund was \$303.18, and only a small amount was required for completion of the buildings for the Masonic Home.

The appointment of Cornelius Hedges, Jr., as Grand Secretary was approved, and his salary fixed at \$200.00 per annum.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the dispensations issued by the G. H. P., the D. G. H. P., and the G. K.

The Committee did not approve recommendations, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 5 and No. 6, but heartily approved No. 4. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The same Committee made later report on the use of substitutes, basing its opinion upon two paragraphs in the Digest of Decisions of the General Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

1st. "The use of substitutes is not a violation of the Ritual or of the installation charges delivered to a High Priest; but they should be used only to complete a class when necessary."

2d. "Substitutes can be used to complete a class of three in the Royal Arch degree, whenever the necessities of the case require it. Such substitute should be prepared as though he were a bona fide candidate."

The Committee reported in accordance with said ruling of the General Grand Chapter. And its report was adopted.

All the same, we believe the use of substitutes *is* a violation

of the installation pledge.

Comp. Frank B. Lewis, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

1908.

19TH ANNUAL—HELENA—SEPTEMBER, 1908.

Number of Chapters, 17; Members, 1,457—net gain, 94—an increase of 23 over the net gain in 1907.

(The Royal Arch Masons in Montana are more than twenty-eight per cent. of the Master Masons in that Jurisdiction.)

Again all Chapters had made returns and paid their dues.

Three of the Grand Officers were absent, but M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest Frank B. Lewis sat in the Grand East. The Past Grand High Priests on hand were just half of the number present in 1907.

The exordium of the address of the Grand High Priest would not have been inappropriate if it had emanated from the pulpit. It conveyed to the Companions a wholesome lesson.

His views on the use of substitutes are eminently correct. He shares with the writer the opinion that such use is a violation of the installation pledge.

The M.'. E.'. gives an interesting, but lengthy (13 pp.) account of his visitations, most acceptable, no doubt, to the Montana Companions.

His recommendations were of local interest, as also were his decisions for the most part. In Montana, the Jurisdiction of any other Grand Chapter over a Companion ceases when said Companion removes to Montana.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, "the salary of the Grand Secretary was made \$400.00 for the ensuing year, including the Correspondence work," and an appropriation of \$1,000.00 was made out of the General Fund, to the Masonic Home.

To its delight, the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no docket.

On recommendation of this Jurisprudence Committee, a standard form for petitions for the Chapter degrees, was adopted. The Committee approved decisions 2 and 3, but qualified its approval of decision No. 1, by saying:

"As to Decision No. 1, it is recognized as Masonic Law that all elective officers must be chosen by written ballots cast by each Companion voting separately, and we therefore think the election held by Hope Chapter was irregular. See Article XVI, Section I. Considering the circumstances under which the election was held, however, we approve of the decision as made by the M. E. Grand High Priest."

The entire report of the Committee was adopted.

At the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, eight eligible Companions were elected to the Order.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. Edward C. Day, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., R. E. Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

20TH ANNUAL—BUTTE—SEPTEMBER, 1909.

Comp. Edward C. Day, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 17; Members, 1,508—net gain, 51.

In Montana, something over 16 per cent of the Master Masons are Knights Templars, and over 27 per cent are Royal Arch Masons.

A profile of Grand High Priest Day, presented on the first page of this volume, shows a man of whom Kentucky might well be proud to have been the producer. At the opening of Grand Chapter all the Grand Officers were present, except the Grand Chaplain; and ten Past Grand High Priests manifested their interest in the proceedings by their presence.

The short address of the Grand High Priest was able and eloquent, replete with food for thought.

He had issued a few dispensations. He reported but one decision, viz: That a Master Mason who has had his right arm amputated about 5 inches below the elbow, is ineligible for the Chapter degrees. At the same time it was evident that he had doubts in regard to the wisdom of excluding Master Masons on such grounds, and thought Grand Chapter should carefully investigate the matter.

A majority of the Jurisprudence Committee approved the decision of the Grand High Priest, but concurred with M.'. E.'. Companion Day that the subject should be thoroughly investigated, and recommended that the question be referred to the incoming Committee on Jurisprudence, to report thereon at next Annual.

The minority of the Committee approved the decision, but opposed reference to the subject to a future Committee on Jurisprudence." Both reports being put to a vote, the minority report was adopted.

We do not doubt that the day is coming when, in speculative Masonry, moral and mental qualifications will far outweigh physical defects, in the estimation of the Craft. We do not suppose speculative Masonry was ever heard of when the perfect youth theory was applied. It was to be effective as to men who labored with their hands, so that they might become stalwart workmen.

Happily, at the Convocation under review, the Grievances Committee enjoyed a holiday.

The Grand Treasurer held in his strong box a balance of \$3,263.56.

The Finance Committee made an excellent recommendation: That \$1,000.00 be appropriated to the Masonic Home. Adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The "Report on Capitular Correspondence" is made by R.'. E.'. Companion, Cornelius Hedges, Jr.

He summarizes the various Proceedings which have been received, in a very creditable manner, notwithstanding his own depreciations of his work, it will "pass inspection." We excerpt from his "conclusion" as follows:

"We have completed our flight over the Correspondence field and realize fully what a difficult task we have had. The first half dozen reviews were written with some degree of care, but the others have been hurriedly prepared. Instead of a report we should rather prefer to designate it simply a few facts and items for home consumption and trust that some of our Montana Companions may glean a little information.

"It should be borne in mind that except in the first six reviews no attempt whatever has been made to read or review the Correspondence Reports, or Transactions of the Order of High Priesthood.

"A proper equipment for work of this character is experience and learning, to be acquired only after long years of application. The former writer of these reports for our Grand Chapter, was eminently qualified by education and temperament for such duties. He had done editorial work all his life, while we have simply been his assistant and devoted to the routine duties of the office. But why offer apologies? Your friends don't need them, and your enemies won't believe them."

Comp. M. A. Walker, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

42D ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1908.

Comp. Chas. W. Kaley, M. E. Grand High Priest. The initial page of this handsome volume is graced with a steel engraving of Grand High Priest Comp. Kaley. Number of Chapters, 56; Members, 4,100—net gain, 184.

At the opening of Grand Chapter all the officers were at their respective stations except the Grand Chaplain and the Senior Grand Steward, whose vacant places were marked with lines of mourning; 32 of the 56 Chapters were represented at this Convocation.

The address of the Grand High Priest concisely acquainted the Companions with his official acts. Having been absent from the State a portion of the year he had made but few visitations. He reported no decisions. It is gratifying to note that, of his special dispensations, none were to permit waiver of time in conferring degrees.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, in the absence of his chief, had ruled, first, that in disposing of objections it was not necessary to vote by secret ballot. *Viva voce* vote, vote by show of hands, or by standing till counted, being admissible. Second, that the proper mode of disposing of objections filed against the advancement of one who has received one or more of the degrees, would be by a motion to overrule the objection. Two-thirds of the members present, voting in the affirmative, the objection would be set aside, and the candidate may be advanced.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance on hand was the sum of \$5,989.14.

R. E. Comp. Francis E. White is a model Grand Secretary. In course of his report he puts the Companions in possession of very important facts in connection with the Masonic Home. No doubt, our Nebraska Companions will be equal to the occasion, and make the Home a grand success.

"The Home has paid out, for the ten months ending Oct. 31, 1908, including building and grounds, and all other expenses, total amount of \$22,487.89.

The Grand Secretary makes the satisfactory statement that "all the Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction have made their returns and paid the amount of their indebtedness to Grand Chapter."

The Grand Lecturer believed that the High Priests of the Chapters were familiar with the work in every detail, and were closely following the lead of the General Grand Chapter, but recommended that Chapters give more attention to instruction of candidates in the several lectures of the degrees.

We are pleased to note that the Committee on Credentials

reported our Representative as in attendance on this Grand Convocation.

On favorable report by the Jurisprudence Committee, the decisions of the Deputy Grand High Priest were approved.

All the members of Grand Chapter were called up to attend the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, and the report of the Special Committee on the death of P. G. H. P. Charles A. Holmes; and remained standing during the reading of said report.

Of the 39 Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska nearly one-third have crossed over the dark river.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood, at this its 37th Annual Grand Convention, received eighteen new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by P. G. H. P., Comp. Charles J. Phelps (his seventeenth), is fully up to the high standard of his previous reviews. His introduction is a very readable paper on the Order of High Priesthood.

Alabama-1907 is courteously treated in a notice, nearly two pages long. The writer is highly honored by good sized quotation from the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, for which courtesy we bow our thanks.

At this juncture (near the end of 1910), the Nebraska Proceedings of 1908 are (as it were) Ancient History, and our time for making our report is far spent; therefore, full as is Comp. Phelps' review, of suggestion, we must give it scant space. Comp. Phelps is one of the best writers at the Round Table.

Comp. Oscar R. Allen, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Francis E. White, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

43D ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1909.

Chartered Chapters, 56; Chapters U. D., none; Membership, 4,242—net gain, 142.

Comp. Oscar R. Allen, M. E. Grand High Priest, a steel engraving of whom graces the initial page of this neat volume.

At the opening of Grand Chapter all save two of the Grand Officers were present, and thirty-nine of the fifty-six Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered a short, but excellent address. His special dispensations were only such as permitted Chapters to elect officers out of time, and to install officers.

He made several visitations, and would have made many more but for imperative demands of a business character.

Of his two recommendations one was that Chapters be required to pay more attention to the time fixed by law for electing and installing officers; the other, an admonition to Chapters to avoid levity—horse-play—in conferring degrees.

His conclusion embraced the following wholesome and inspiring sentiments:

"From the lessons of Freemasonry has come inspiration to thousands of our members, making their lives and the world in which we live brighter and better. Freemasonry in all its branches and in the several degrees has but one aim and but one desire; and that is to teach brotherhood, to bring its members into one happy family, each of whom shall strive to live and follow the golden rule. The beautiful symbols and lectures of our royal art have always been of deep interest to me, and I have listened to explanations of them with great satisfaction and pleasure; and as I have drunk from this source of inspiration, I have been deeply impressed with the thought that the great principle of brotherhood, the love of man for his fellowmen, and the value of such love to humanity, cannot be estimated. No one can tell how far-reaching a good deed may be, or how many times the gentle word of brotherly admonition may have changed the life of someone from gloom and doubt to the bright sunshine of hope and reality. Through the past our Fraternity has touched the

hearts of men and brought them closer together; and into a world of business, with all its crushing weight of care, with all the feverishness of tireless ambition, and all the strain of undertakings fast following one another, this principle of brotherhood has come to smooth the roughness of the paths we tread, to temper our sense of justice with a touch of sympathy, and to bring our lives into fitting relations with the lives of others."

The Mason who carries in his heart such sentiments, is surely on the right road.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was the sum of \$6,364.43.

Grand Secretary R. E. Francis E. White in his first class report says that all the Chapters have made returns and paid their fees and dues. This is a fine showing.

The Grand Lecturer said in his report that at no time had he been called upon to make official visits or to render assistance in the work.

The Chapter officers must be good ritualists, or they do not wish to be moved out of the "rut."

The Grand High Priest appointed no Committees on Grievances, Charters and Dispensations, or Unfinished Business, as there was no business for said committees.

The Committee on Credentials reported eighteen Grand Representatives present. Alabama's was not included.

The Grand High Priest's recommendation in regard to requiring Chapters to elect and install officers at the proper time, and in regard to levity in conferring degrees, were both of them approved.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the decisions of the Grand High Priest were adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, and the Grand Chapter of Victoria was put on the waiting list.

A valuable relic was presented to the Grand Chapter, in the shape of a diploma issued by a "Royal Arch Lodge" held in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1796, to Joseph Sinclair, the Great

Grandfather of Mrs. Mae Owens' late husband. Mrs. Owens was warmly thanked for the valuable relic, and it was deposited in the Archives of Grand Chapter, with other valuable documents.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Charles J. Phelps, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, treats us to another of his excellent reports—the peer of any that have come to our table.

He gives Alabama-1908 nearly two pages of kindly notice, quoting from Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus' address and ascribing, to this writer, "rare ability"—an ascription which would bring to our cheeks a blush, were they not too leathery at this time of our life, because the praise seems to us so very much more than our poor efforts deserve. All the same, we are grateful for his good opinion.

Under Arkansas referring to physical qualifications of candidates for advancement—the party in question having one leg a little shorter than the other, even with a very thicksoled shoe, the Grand High Priest having ruled against the petitioner, Comp. Phelps says (and very correctly, we think):

"We think the better rule, and one that is followed in many Jurisdictions, is that where the brother can conform to the manner of his initiation, the perfect youth theory does not apply, indeed, not at all, except to a profane petitioner; that we owe to a brother Mason more, further, and greater light."

The writer has heretofore expressed a similar view.

Under Massachusetts, he says that Companion Waite especially approves Nebraska's position that physical perfection is required only in the profane, the qualities of head and heart being more important than the capabilities of hands and feet.

Under Minnesota, he seems to agree with Companion Irving Todd that the numbering of Chapters might be dispensed with. We incline to the same opinion.

Companion Phelps also notes the agreement of Grand High Priest Kaley with the Nebraska view in regard to the question of physical qualifications.

Companion Phelps says that possession of the degrees of the Order of High Priesthood has always been, in Nebraska, a prerequisite to installation into the High Priest's office, and that such was the intent of the founders of organized Royal Arch Masonry in the United States.

Is it clearly determined who were the founders of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States?

We ask the question at the risk of displaying our ignorance.

Comp. Phelps notes Comp. Wright's lengthy (?) Review of Alabama-1908—concise, with a vengeance.

Comp. Julius J. Wilson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Francis E. White (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

36TH ANNUAL—CARSON CITY—JUNE, 1909.

Chartered Chapters, 8; U. D., 1; R. A. Masons, 410—net gain, 37. Frontispiece—portrait of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. P. B. Ellis, who presided at this Convocation.

All the Grand Officers were at their stations. Six Past Grand High Priests responded to roll-call.

The address of the Grand High Priest was very short (about five pages) but long enough to inform the Companions as to his administration of Capitular affairs. He reported no decisions. He had made several visitations, and had been everywhere received with the greatest respect and consideration. He had traveled about 1,200 miles in going to one Chapter to aid in rehabilitating it, and returning therefrom. He did not fail to acknowledge the Grand Secretary's sage advice in the administration of the affairs of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Treasurer safely guarded balance in the treasury, June 7, 1909, amounting to \$1,301.29.

The Grand Secretary made the gratifying statement that the returns from all constituent Chapters had been received, and all dues had been paid.

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

The Committee on Returns also reported that all the constituent Chapters and the Chapter U. D. had made complete returns, and that the same were correct. Report adopted.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the following amendment to the Constitution was adopted by more than a two-thirds vote of the members present:

"Amend Section 2 of Article VIII, by inserting in line two of paragraph 2 after the word 'dollar'—'But the Grand Chapter, in its discretion, may direct that this contribution may not be enforced for any specified year,' so that the section will then read as follows:

Section 2.—The following contributions shall be paid as annual dues by each of the Chapters, whether chartered or under dispensation:

1—For each Mark Master's, Past Master's, Most Excellent Master's and Royal Arch Degree, conferred during the year, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents.

2—For each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual return the sum of one dollar. But the Grand Chapter in its discretion may direct that this contribution may not be enforced for any specified year; and the Grand Chapter may levy, in addition to the above, such other contributions as in its judgment may be required."

The usual resolutions in recognition of kindnesses done the Grand Chapter, were adopted.

Recognition was extended to Idaho and Wyoming.

The eighteen Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed with the Grand honors. Where was Companion Wm. McMillan, our Representative, Companion Bird? We fail to find trace of the "Convention of High Priests," though index gives the page.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. A. D. Bird, Chairman of the Committee, who reported

on forty-three Grand Jurisdictions. Comp. Bird's report is almost entirely composed of extracts. His own comments are almost—not quite as scarce as 'hen's teeth.' He ignores most of the reports on Correspondence, as well as Alabama's.

Comp. James C. Doughty, M.' E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. C. N. Noteware, R.' E.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

90TH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1909.

Comp. Chas. H. Sinclair, M.' E.'. Grand High Priest. A portrait of Past Grand High Priest, Wm. Franklin Knight, graces the first page of this splendidly executed volume.

A special Convocation had been held October 20, 1908, for exemplification of the work in all the degrees, the Grand Officers vacating their stations, and certain Chapters doing the work with actual candidates. As we have hitherto remarked, we like that way.

At the Annual Convocation we are reviewing, all the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Scribe and the Grand Master of the 2d Veil. Also, eight Past Grand High Priests were on hand, and twenty-five Grand Representatives, including our diplomat Companion Henry P. Glidden.

In his excellent address the Grand High Priest incorporated in the necrological portions thereof a communication from Comp. Glidden, Grand Representative of Alabama, in which Comp. Glidden presented an extended memorial of each of our two recently departed Past Grand High Priests—Josiah Jernigan and John Gideon Harris.

The Grand High Priest had granted one special dispensation to elect officers, and had made several official visitations which proved to be very satisfactory.

His recommendations related to the need of having a uniform, standard form of application for petitions, to amendment of the Rules and Regulations of Grand Chapter—to having the Finance Committee consider the matter of providing a regular income for Grand Chapter.

He thanked Grand Chapter for the honor conferred upon him, and expressed his indebtedness to his associates, particularly to the Grand Secretary for aid and advice always cheerfully given.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Captain of the Host, made their respective reports. The Grand Scribe was prevented from reporting by circumstances beyond his control.

The Committee on Chapters and Returns reported the number of Chapters on the roll as 20—number represented, 18—membership, 4,144—increase, 233.

The committee recommended that the Grand Secretary prepare a standard form of petition for use of Chapters.

The report, with its recommendation, was adopted.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Comp. the Rev. Josiah L. Seward, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, was ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Jurisprudence was "out of a job."

On recommendation of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved, and his recommendations adopted.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood had nine accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (180 pp.) submitted by Comp. Josiah L. Seward, Chairman, is a painstaking, thoughtful and scholarly production.

Comp. Seward very generously gives Alabama-1908 about five pages of courteous notice.

He, approvingly we infer, summarizes the address of Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus.

Having received from Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp, a copy of our new Chapter Manual, he pays Comp. Beauchamp a well deserved compliment by saying:

"We acknowledged with thanks, an early gift of a copy of the same. We find it to be a valuable and comprehensive work of its kind, which would be useful in any Jurisdiction, and containing some features not always found in such Manuals."

Companion Seward is very kind to the writer, intimating that, from our reports, we do not seem to him, to be a decrepit old man in the last stages of decay. Well, Companion, if the Almighty, Who has been very merciful to us, permits, we do not propose to get old. (At this writing we have entered upon our 84th year.)

We extract from his conclusion, the following:

"Our ultimate object, and every reviewer should have an object, has been to bring to the front, so far as we could do it, questions of vital importance. Masonry should be progressive. We do not care so much what has been done as what ought to be done. It by no means follows, with certain important exceptions, that a thing should always be done simply because our fathers in Masonry have done it. Such slavery to customs is no more sensible in Masonry than it would be in the Republic. Institutions and customs which are either bad or worthless should disappear. Their observance for a century, except in some cases (and those few cases refer to actual and positive landmarks), is no absolute reason for a continuance. Many radical reforms have been introduced into Masonic machinery and methods in our own lifetime. I might note especially the way and manner of conferring the degrees of Past Master and the Royal Arch. Much more work along those lines remains to be done.

"Let all the reviewers work strenuously to improve the quality and character of our noble institution."

Companion, "the quality and character of our noble institution" are all right; let us rather "strenuously strive to improve" the men who wear the badge of a Mason, than to encourage any attempts to modernize the institution.

Comp. Charles H. Sinclair, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

53D ANNUAL—TRENTON—MAY, 1909.

Comp. Jas. S. Ware, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 38; members, 5,778—net gain, 169.

All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Master of the 2d Veil.

The goodly number of nineteen Past Grand High Priests also on hand.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner. M. E. Comp. Jas. S. Ware is our minister "at court."

A distinguished delegation from the Grand Chapter of New York was accorded a hearty welcome.

The address of the Grand High Priest clearly and concisely recited to the Companions the details of his administration.

He reported no decisions. His attention had been called to what he deemed a misconception of the law governing petitions for new Chapters. Some Chapters were under the impression that petitioners for new Chapters must be in possession of their dimits when they send up their petitions. His opinion was, that such possession was not necessary at that stage of the proceeding, but that Companions, asking for dispensation to form new Chapter, must have their dimits, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary when their request is granted. Further, that, in case the request is not granted, such result shall work revival of membership in the Chapter from which they had dimitted.

He recommended the adoption of a law explicitly declaring such procedure.

The Committee on Constitutions, considering this matter, recommended the following, which was adopted:

Your Committee's interpretation of Section 12 of the Code of Statutes is, that petitioners for a new Chapter are not required to apply for their dimits until after the charter for the new Chapter has been granted; but that they must obtain

and deposit their dimits before the new Chapter is constituted."

The able and efficient Grand Lecturer, and his Assistant Grand Lecturers—all made encouraging reports, which were accepted.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was \$2,738.74.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the subordinate Chapters had made returns and paid their dues.

In a special report, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence expressed the opinion that recognition of the new Grand Chapters—Idaho and Wyoming—should be withheld until asked for by said Grand Bodies. It is needless to remind Companion Haines that gifts are more highly prized when bestowed without being begged for. Ordinarily, we believe in the waiting policy in respect of joining hands with applicants for recognition, but, as Lewis Cass sagely remarked, "circumstances alter cases," or, as a postulate, the case being altered, that alters the case.

The Committees following, viz: Warrants and Dispensations, Appeals and Grievances; Charity; Unfinished Business, reported nothing up for consideration, and the several reports were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was most appropriate, and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected eighteen High Priests to membership in the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the masterful production of Companion Henry S. Haines, Chairman of the Committee.

About nine-tenths of his report consists of original matter; the remainder of judicious extracts.

Alabama-1908 receives nearly three pages of fraternal and courteous notice.

In his review of our Grand Chapter, he (with reason we think) doubts the propriety of Grand Chapter's doing, in whole or in part, the work of the subordinate Chapter.

For very kind remark personal to himself, the writer is very grateful, as also, he is, for the honor done him by the reproduction, under Ohio, of his views concerning the prerogative of the Grand High Priest.

The writer would have his readers see the scholarly and well written "conclusion" by Companion Haines. Here it is:

"CONCLUSION."

"The result of our endeavors to present for your consideration an account of the chief occurrences and official utterances of the year, with a few pertinent corollaries, is now placed before you with the hope that its written form will be found sufficiently entertaining to insure pursual. An unusual press of private affairs occasioned a delay in taking up this work until the available time had nearly elapsed, and after much of the material from which it was to be derived had accumulated. This must explain its many shortcomings, as well as the appearance of forms of expression of which the writer will not be proud.

A retrospective view of the field just traversed gives no just cause for discouragement. Distinct progress has been made towards higher ideals of masonic duty and Masonic privilege, and greater caution is displayed in the disregard of the one and in the abuse of the other. Proofs of this are found in the increased assiduity very generally declared to exist in acquiring Masonic knowledge, and in seeking explanations of the traditions and the fundamental principles of Freemasonry; the greater and more successful efforts exhibited in word and act by eminent and gifted Craftsmen to illustrate the true genius of the Institution; the establishment of libraries of Masonic information, the use of which must incite to nobler aspirations and higher attainments; the more evident care evinced in matters of Lodge history and biography, and their more complete and available registration; the more frequent and prudent resistance to temptation to give authority for forming new Chapters in localities where doubt exists as to their permanency and continued usefulness; the better fulfillment of the Master's will in the exhibition of that spirit of benevolence which has its manifestation in the establishment of Homes and other eleemosynary institutions to shield the worthy unfortunate from the effects of penury and the chilling neglect of the world; and the growing tendency to discountenance time serving practices unwarranted by the spirit of our law and inimical to our best interests, concerning which the late lamented Reuben C. Lemmon, when General Grand High Priest, in a decision approved by a most intelligent and conscientious

committee, said: "No consideration of supposed convenience shall be permitted to dispense with those time honored usages whose observance gives dignity and value to our ceremonies."

In view of what has been accomplished, and of the present evidences of spiritual growth, let us, to whom special opportunities are given, and upon whom special responsibilities are imposed, unite our labors with augmented zeal in the praiseworthy effort to guide our Companions of the Royal Craft towards the paths that lead to lands illumined by the perfect day.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. HAINES,
For the Committee."

We congratulate the New Jersey Companions upon their possession of so gifted a Correspondent.

Comp. Samuel G. Rudderson, M. 'E'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Leonard L. Grear, R. 'E'. Grand Secretary. Striking portraits embellish this volume of Proceedings.

NEW MEXICO.

11TH ANNUAL—ALBUQUERQUE—OCT., 1908.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 12; Membership, 796—net gain, 91.

One Special Convocation, and one Emergent, had been held—the special to constitute a Chapter, and the Emergent, to install a Grand Officer.

Comp. J. G. Fitch, M. 'E'. Grand High Priest. All but two of the Grand Officers were present at the opening of the Annual Convocation.

The greater portion of the address of the Grand High Priest concerned his own jurisdiction alone. He expressed the wish that Chapters would ask more questions of the Grand High Priest. Many of his contemporaries would gladly be relieved from the burden entailed upon them by the great number of inquiries sent them from the subordinate Chapters. It is rather refreshing to find a presiding officer asking for more work.

For reason deemed sufficient, he had granted one dispensation to do hurry work in conferring degrees, but had refused one, the impelling force behind the request for dispensations seemed to be anxiety to wear the Fez. In this connection he pertinently says:

"The only justification for such dispensations is to be found in necessities of the petitioner or in the convenience of the Chapter itself. In granting such dispensations reference to a committee and the other requisites of our By-Laws should not be dispensed with, and they should only be granted for good and sufficient reasons. It is to be remembered, however, that the full lunar month for reference is not as imperative in the case of a petition for our Degrees as in the case of a petition for those of the Blue Lodge, since with us the petitioner is a Master Mason, which of itself ought to be prima facie evidence of his worthiness, and he is besides very often a member of the same Lodge as the Companions, so that his character is well known by them."

He reported no decisions rendered by himself.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand, General Fund, \$519.28; Charity Fund, \$1,434.16.

The Grand Secretary reported that, with one exception, all returns of Chapters had been promptly made, and all dues had been paid. Good!

R. V. E. Comp. A. A. Keen recommended that the \$69.56 returned from the unexpended California Relief Fund, be transferred to the Charity Fund. The Finance Committee endorsed the Grand Secretary's recommendation.

The several Committees, appointed, made their respective reports (the Grievances Committee having no case on its docket) The wonted P. G. H. P.'s jewel was presented to M. V. E. Companion Fitch on his retirement from the chair, and Grand Chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion James A. Wroth submitted the following communication, which is self explanatory:

"ALBUQUERQUE, July 29th, 1909.

Mr. A. A. Keen, Grand Secretary,
City.

My Dear Sir and Companion:—

I have about one-half of the correspondence reports finished, but continued sickness and death in my family have kept me from finishing the entire work. While I appreciate your kindness in delaying the report on my account, I think it would be better to leave the manuscript until next year when I will give two years in one, as I do not feel equal at present to any continued work.

Thanking you and the others for the courtesy shown me, I am,

Faternally yours,
JAMES H. WORTH,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence."

Comp. C. D. Boucher, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Alpheus A. Keen, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

This beautifully printed pamphlet contains records of the following Quarterly Convocations—at Sydney, February, 1908; May, 1908; August, 1908; November, 1908.

Comp. S. D. Townsend, M.'. E.'. Grand Z. Number of Chapters, 15; membership, not stated.

At the February Convocation "communications were read from M.'. E.'. Comp. Philip Cohen, Grand 1st Principal of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, and M.'. E.'. Comp. Sir Samuel J. Way, Grand 1st Principal of the Grand Chapter of South Australia, reciprocating fraternal New Year's greetings, and conveying hearty good wishes."

Grand First Principal Townsend made a brief, but excellent address. In course of his remarks, he expressed his gratification at the establishment and convocation of a new Chapter. Grand Committee's recommendation of the same having been adopted. On that occasion (February 7, 1908) he congratulated his associate Grand Officers upon their zeal in discharging their duties under trying circumstances—viz: temperature outside, 107° (Fah. probably); inside, much hotter. Our freezing time is melting time in N. S. W.

Our diplomat was on hand at the May Convocation. At the close of Grand Chapter on May 15th, "an official banquet was held" in honor of the visit of M.'. E.'. Philip Cohen, G. H. P. of Victoria. A delightful evening was spent, and the ties of fraternity, which bind together the Masons of Victoria and New South Wales, were tightened.

M.'. E.'. Comp. S. D. Townsend appears to have made a most acceptable Grand High Priest. He had now served three terms as such presiding officer, and was urged to accept nomination for a fourth term, but positively declined, intimating that no office should be held year after year by the same parties, except "the salaried offices."

In the "Statement of Assets and Liabilities," it appears that the assets overbalance the liabilities to the amount of \$1,327.52.

The Grand Committee made acknowledgment of the receipt of our reports and Proceedings.

Comp. A. P. Gribbin, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

Comp. A. J. Burbidge, E.'. Grand Scribe E.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

We have before us two pamphlets—one, the record of the Half-Yearly Communication, May 1908, the other, the Half-Yearly November, same year.

At the May meeting, the Grand Master was M.'. W.'. Bro. Edward MacFarland. At the November meeting, M.'. W.'. Bro. Edward Hungerford, was Grand Master.

At the May communication, the Grand Master recommended the conferring of Past Rank upon several worthy brethren, and the General Board approved the same.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, at this time, was \$1,516.14.

The Board presented nominations, at this meeting, for the various offices.

The recommendations of the General Board were confirmed at the November communication.

From the address of Grand Master Edward Hungerford we extract the following:

"Peaceful steady progress has been our lot; steady, in that our Lodges have prospered exceedingly, and increased their membership by the accession of Brethren culled with care from the Craft Lodges; peaceful, in that no cloud of internal discord has marred the serenity of our atmosphere, and that externally the Grand Chapter of Scotland has joined the other Grand Bodies of the world, in according us fraternal recognition. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, is, therefore, now in happy unison with the entire Masonic Community."

Whensoever Scotland does the right thing, it is a pleasure to accord her the mead of praise.

Most of the proceedings were routine in character.

The General Board mourned the death of its President, M. W. Bro. W. C. Marshall, who died Sept. 17, 1908. He had presided over the Board since May, 1903.

The M. M. Masons of N. S. W. are steadily growing in influence.

NEW YORK.

113TH ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY, A. I. 2440—A. D. 1910.

Comp. Chas. C. Hunt, M. E. Grand High Priest. A fine steel engraving on the first page of this well executed volume shows the good-looking profile of Grand High Priest C. C. Hunt.

At the opening of the Annual Convocation all the Grand Officers were present, as also were 200 of the 205 enrolled Chapters represented, they representing a constituency of 35,365 Royal Arch Masons. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were also in attendance, together with the Representatives of 34 Grand Chapters, though, to our regret, the envoy from the Grand Chapter of Alabama was not one of those present.

The introduction and the welcome of those Representatives were brief, but most fitting, while the response was peculiarly happy. North Dakota's minister was the respondent.

In his address, the Grand High Priest gave careful and intelligent consideration to every matter that claimed his attention. About twelve pages of the address are devoted to the Companions, at home and abroad, who have died since last Annual. Of ordinary and special dispensations, he had granted 17.

In New York, it will be remembered, the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests is an adjunct of the Grand Chapter. M. E. Companion Hunt had organized a Council of Anointed High Priests at his office in New York City, and conferred the Order of High Priesthood on a H. P. who had failed to present himself for the Order, at the last Grand Council.

January 29, 1910, he had opened the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests and, after having been duly elected, 87 eligible Companions had been consecrated, anointed, and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

We note the following decisions of the Grand High Priest:

"1. I ruled that the obligation in the Royal Arch Degree can be given to only one class of candidates at one and the same time; that it is illegal to attempt to give the obligation to a class or classes of candidates in the ante-room or ante-rooms at the same time that the obligation is being given to a class in the Chapter.

A practice has arisen in some Chapters that are crowded with work of exalting several classes simultaneously in different rooms, in order to save time. In my judgment, this practice is not only illegal, but detrimental to the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

2. I decided that under Section 53 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, a legal summons must be actually signed by the High Priest or Secretary; that a printed signature, or rubber stamp signature, is not sufficient.

In recent years Chapters have grown careless in this important particular, and in order to save work for the Secretary summonses have been issued that lack the essential and distinctive characteristics of a summons. It is a Masonic offense to disobey a summons, and I believe that the integrity

and distinctiveness of the summons should be preserved, even if we find it necessary to increase the remuneration of our Secretaries.

3. I ruled that, inasmuch as jurisdiction is vested in the Chapter and not in the individual, a waiver of jurisdiction can not be granted by a Chapter to an individual, preparatory to his application for the degrees to another Chapter.

This decision is based on Section 56 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and on a common principle of Masonic law. Section 62, however, seems to set up a different principle in the case of penal jurisdiction, acquired by the rejection of a petitioner. Section 62 says:

"Sec. 62. A petition for the degrees having been rejected, the petitioner cannot again make application until the expiration of six months from the time of rejection, *and not then to any other Chapter than that in which the rejection occurred, without its consent.*"

I instructed a Chapter that had refused to receive a petition from a brother who had been rejected by another Chapter, unless it was accompanied by a waiver of jurisdiction, basing its action on Sec. 62, that it might proceed as follows:

"The application may be presented to the Chapter and read by the Secretary, but not formally received. The High Priest may direct the Secretary to apply to the Chapter holding penal jurisdiction for 'permission to receive the petition and confer the degrees.' If the waiver is granted, the petition may be formally received and take the usual course. If the consent is refused, the application has not been received, and Sec. 62 has not been violated."

4. I ruled that where substitutes are used to complete a class of three candidates in the Royal Arch Degree, the substitutes must proceed through the entire ceremony, up to the lecture, so that the number three may be at all times intact. The lecture and charge may be given to more than three at one time."

The closing remarks of M.'. E.'. Companion Hunt are so well timed that we excerpt them, as follows:

"THE GREAT SECRET."

"Companions, we hear a great deal about the Secrets of Freemasonry, the secrets which distinguish us from the rest of mankind as a peculiar people. To my mind, the Supreme secret of Freemasonry may be expressed in a single word—Service; service to God and our fellow man. The secret of Service is imparted to the candidate in every degree of Masonry. It is the dominant note of the entire institution.

The lessons of Service are most beautifully and impressively taught in the Degree of Mark Master Mason and in the Royal Arch Degree. Companions, let us apply those lessons to our daily lives and to our conduct in the labor which awaits us in the Grand Chapter, in the consideration of the measures which affect the interests of the Royal Craft and the welfare of our Companions. Let us be true to the trust reposed in us by more than 35,000 Royal Arch Masons dispersed throughout this great State, who have sent us here as their representatives to legislate for the preservation and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry. Let us, in all our deliberations, remember our obligations to them and to the Supreme High Priest in Whom we place our trust, and to Whose glory all our efforts should be directed."

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported on his discharge of the duties assigned him.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on deposit in savings banks, \$77,318.59.

The able, veteran Grand Secretary Christopher G. Fox reports:

"The entire number of Chapters have made returns of their work and changes of membership for the year ending Dec. 27, 1909, conformably to the law relative thereto."

Comp. Fox states the number of exaltations for the year as 2,325.

Under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer, exemplification of the work took place on the evening of the First Day. It was eminently satisfactory.

The Grand Lecturer had held Conventions in 19 Districts, and had made several other visitations.

The Grand Chaplain, Comp The Rev. Pierre Cushing, delivered an entertaining, eloquent and instructive address on the subject, "The relation of Free Masonry to the Home." It was a scholarly, thoughtful paper.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted, approved all the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

On favorable report by the Standing Committee on Charity, \$300.00 were placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest for a charitable purpose.

The Grand High Priest's decisions were ordered to be printed and distributed to the subordinate Chapters.

A very complete report, by the Committee on Memorials, paid eloquent tribute to the worth of the Fraternal Dead including a notice of the greatly lamented M. E. Robert William Southerland of our own Jurisdiction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the heart, brain and pen of Companion Marvin I. Greenwood, Chairman of the Committee, who with tact and skill summarizes all the Proceedings which reached his table in time to be included in his Annual Report.

Alabama 1908 is given over a page of courteous notice. He intimates that the only one of M. E. Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus' decisions is that which declares that an Alabama Chapter can receive the petition of a Master Mason who resides in Alabama, but whose Lodge membership is in another State, on condition that the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the said Lodge is situated gives consent.

Comp. Greenwood can not see what claim said last named Chapter has upon the candidate, and notes the disagreement of our Jurisprudence Committee with the decision. He says of our Grand High Priest:

"He reports everything moving on smoothly, and the Craft apparently gaining ground on every hand, so that he reports the organization of five new Chapters and two dormant ones resurrected."

Although he gives the writer a title to which the latter possesses no claim, his compliment is so cleverly put that our Alabama readers must see it. He says:

"The Correspondence Report was again by that veteran, M. E. William Y. Titcomb, and while he apologizes for its shortcomings on account of his sickness during the year, if

he had not mentioned it, we should not have discovered that the report was not as good as usual, and that is good enough."

The highest rank in the Chapter that the writer ever attained, was that of King. And in the Grand Chapter, save for being the Correspondent, he is still a "high private."

Comp. Jay Butler Kline, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

NORTH CAROLINA.

61ST ANNUAL—WINSTON—MAY, 1909.

Comp. Jas. E. Braswell, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 30; Members, 2,244—net gain, 168.

M. E. Comp. Braswell's portrait adorns the first page of this well printed volume.

At the Convocation under review, there were present—all the Grand Officers except the Grand Scribe and the Grand Sentinel—ten Past Grand High Priests, and, headed by our ambassador, the Representatives of twenty-six sister Grand Jurisdictions.

(Sad to relate, North Carolina's Representative near our own Grand Chapter, M. E. Robert W. Southerland, crossed over the river of death last year, soon after his induction into the office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. He passed away in early manhood, with all of life's sweet influences before him—a true and tried Free Mason—a man of spotless character.)

Distinguished visitors, in the persons of the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and two other Companions from the same Jurisdiction, were fitly received and welcomed, and assigned seats in the Grand East.

In his excellent address the Grand High Priest gave a clear account of his administration.

He had issued four special dispensations, and had, by proxy, constituted one Chapter.

He reported only two decisions, both of which met the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee and that of the Grand Chapter, as also, did his dispensations.

He recommended a charter for one Chapter U. D.

The whole tenor of M. E. Comp. Braswell's address was in harmony with the ennobling principles of Free Masonry.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, 1908-09, was \$2,085.27.

The Grand Secretary submitted a painstaking report. In his report, the Grand Lecturer said:

"I note with pleasure the steady growth of the Order. I am also happy to report that the outlook for the new year, upon which we are now entering, is bright, and the signs are hopeful for the addition of other names to our list of Chapters, in the near future."

Our N. C. Companions have amended their By-Laws in respect of the appointment of committees on investigation of petitions for the degrees, by doing away with secrecy of appointment. Their law on the subject is now, practically, the same as ours.

It is safe to presume that no harm will arise from said change.

Through the Committee on Education, Grand Chapter is supporting a young lady at the State Normal College at Greensboro, and a young man at the A. & M. College at Raleigh. Good!

Comp., James Southgate presented his Annual Report on Correspondence, and it was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was not a long essay on the subject of mortality, but an impressive and appropriate reminder that we must all die sooner or later.

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

The next Annual will be held at Salisbury, 2d Tuesday in May, 1910.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected twelve Companions to membership in the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A very excellent Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. James Southgate (it is his 24th), Chairman of the Committee. Comp. Southgate reviewed all the volumes of Proceedings which reached him on time, and he did so in No. 1 manner.

Alabama-1908 received nearly three pages of courteous and brotherly notice.

He says of the address of Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus:

"The address of the Grand High Priest (15pp) is well written, and shows that he had the interest of the work at heart throughout the entire year."

He also says:

Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp "gives a very full and complete account of his stewardship, which is very good."

His kind reference to the writer is greatly appreciated.

He says of our late beloved Companion, John H. Barlow, of Connecticut (than whom no truer Mason or more upright man ever lived and labored; in all our wide borders):

"He agrees with us that the dealer in spirituous liquors should be kept out by the black ball. We go a little ahead of that, and think it best not to even canvass or receive the petition from the hands of one in that business."

"He goes for us in regard to the Order of High Priesthood and we surrender, because the Grand Chapter during our absence went into this business, and all we have to do is to assent and go in with them. We had the Orders conferred upon us quite a number of years ago but if we have been any better for it we have not found it out, but hope we will some day see the utility of it."

Comp. John B. Griggs, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James C. Munds, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

62D ANNUAL—SALISBURY—MAY, 1910.

Comp. John B. Griggs, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 39; Members, 2,414—net gain, 170.

A portrait of the Grand High Priest embellishes the first page of this volume with its handsome display cover.

On assembling in this Annual Convocation it was found from the report of the Committee on Credentials, that all the Grand Officers, save four, were present, besides seven Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of twenty-six Grand Chapters, one of whom was our foreign minister.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows him to have been faithful to the great trust committed to his care.

In his exordium he has this good word to say of the Royal Craft in North Carolina:

"There is inspiration in noting a steady growth and the laying of firmer foundations as we go along toward our common goal. With this ever rising tide of enthusiasm and zeal upon us I most heartily greet and welcome you to this, the 62nd Annual Convocation of our Royal Craft, and I congratulate you that Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has kept even pace with the progressive spirit of this progressive age."

He finds fault with the existing system of inspection in his Jurisdiction.

Among his eleven dispensations issued, several were permissions to waive time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees.

He recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

His recollection of the Triennial at Savannah is an ever-green spot in his memory.

His decision in regard to Chapters U. D. receiving petitions for affiliation, conforms to well understood Masonic law.

The M. E. believed that the system of Inspection in vogue, should be abolished, or that one competent man should

be employed at the expense of Grand Chapter. As things stand, the Inspecting Officer has had to pay his own bills.

He also suggested to subordinate Chapters that they should not keep "moss-backs" in office year after year, but occasionally infuse new blood into the management of affairs. These are not his words, but, all the same, they are the import thereof.

He also recommended that the salary of the hard-worked Grand Secretary be increased to \$600.00—not that said sum would fully compensate Comp. Munds for his work, but that it was all Grand Chapter could afford at present.

He appended to the address three circulars—No. 1, No. 2, No. 3—issued last year, on the subject of Visitation and Inspection, dividing the state into two districts—Eastern and Western—himself taking the Western and Comp. Munds the Eastern.

He therein advised the Chapters that the visiting officers would report on the inspection of work and on Chapter condition—not on the banquet with which the visitors and Companions might be regaled; therefore the expense of a banquet might be eliminated. (Don't "cut out" the banquet," M.' E.' Companion, for observation teaches that an appeal through the stomach is more effective than any other, to draw men out. Seriously we do not sufficiently cultivate the social feature in Free Masonry.)

May 10, 1910, the Grand Treasurer's cash stood \$2,021.20.

Grand Secretary Jas. C. Munds made a most satisfactory report. The Grand High Priest had assigned Comp. Munds 20 Chapters to visit. He had visited 17 of those Chapters, and had set dates for the three others, but they could not conveniently meet him on said dates; so those visits were cancelled.

At the 1909 Convocation a resolution was adopted awarding Veil Banners to the Chapters making the best marks, on inspection. The prize fell to High Point Chapter U. D., to whose High Priest, representing said Chapter, the Grand High Priest most felicitously made the presentation.

Grand Secretary Munds tells of the Grand Secretaries Guild, which is composed of the Grand Secretaries and Records of the various Masonic bodies of the United States. The meetings take place during the session of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter. The meeting at Savannah was very enjoyable and profitable. We have often thought that, if the Guild of Correspondents could thus get together, such meetings would tend to remove any asperities, if any existed, and promote good fellowship generally.

On recommendations of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to two Chapters U. D.—“High Point,” one of them of course—and charters were restored to two Chapters, also a new charter given to one Chapter, the original having been burned up.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was impressive.

The report of the Committee on Education does not exhibit large figures, but the work of the committee, like all educational work, was far reaching. The results of the successful training of a single individual are not easily overestimated.

Grand Chapter did not forget that great patron of Masonry—King Edward VII of England.

The Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Chapter approved the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests had nine accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The veteran reviewer, Companion James Southgate, again fills the reporter's chair, presenting his 27th Annual Report. It is fully up to the high plane of his previous reports.

He gives Alabama-1909 a page and one-third of courteous, brotherly notice.

He says the address of Acting Grand High Priest, Comp. Jno. B. Christian is “a well written document.” Of Comp. Beauchamp, he says:

"The Grand Secretary, as usual, gives a good report." He is also very polite to the writer, calling his report "efficient work."

We prize Companion Southgate's good opinion, and tender grateful acknowledgment for the same.

He reviews forty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Here is his "conclusion:"

"For more than a quarter of a century we have been looking over new fields of the Capitular Rite. We have seen the green grass, the waving grain, the seed time and the harvest, in some bountiful, in others not so good and in others poor. Various obstacles have been encountered, such as too much rain here, too much drought there—the workmen were sometimes neglectful or uninterested, but when the ground has been well tilled by an intelligent force the crops have been good and the yield abundant. Yet, oh! so many of these good and skillful workmen have laid aside their working tools and left the field to return no more. In their day, they wrought well, sowed good seed and are even now reaping the results of their labors. 'He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, should doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' Glorious indeed will be the meeting on some glad day, with all these workmen who have toiled for the good of Masonry and again sit around the table to go out no more forever. May we be one of the number."

Comp. J. W. Shuford, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James C. Munds, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

20TH ANNUAL—GREAT FORKS—JUNE, 1909.

Comp. Frank H. Sprague, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Chartered Chapters, 15; U. D., 2; Members, 1,932—net gain, 97.

At the Convocation here reviewed, all the Grand Officers were present, except the G. P. S. and the G. S. Ten Past Grand High Priests were in attendance, as also were twenty-five Grand Representatives (in the column of Grand Repre-

sentatives near the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, Alabama's space is blank.)

The address of the Grand High Priest was very short—four pages—but embraced all that properly commanded his attention.

Before proceeding to give account of his official acts, he paid deserved tribute to the memory of two Companions lately deceased—R. E. Alexander C. Mather, Grand Treasurer at the time of his death, August 17, 1908, and George L. McGregor, Grand Lecturer and Auditor of the Grand Chapter and of the Grand Lodge until he died, December 25, 1908.

The Grand High Priest reported no decisions, a fact significant of the prevalence of harmony in the Jurisdiction.

He had granted a dispensation for a new Chapter.

He had granted three special dispensations to elect and install officers at other than statutory time, but had promptly refused two requests for permission to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions for the degrees.

His request that a Chicago Chapter be permitted to confer the Capitular degrees upon a Brother elected to receive the same in a Fargo Chapter, but who had removed to Chicago, had been courteously granted by the Grand High Priest of Illinois.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, Sept. 9, 1909, was \$7,280.38

The Grand Secretary closes an excellent report with a digression concerning the Capitular colors. In this valedictory, Esau and Jacob, of Biblical fame, play a conspicuous part. This conclusion evinces considerable research.

The Committee on Obituary in its report, which included the names of departed Companions both at home and abroad, passed high encomiums on the characters of the two worthies referred to in the Grand High Priest's address.

On favorable report by the Committee on Chapters U. D., charters were granted to the two such Chapters referred to, at the beginning of this paper.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters found all the returns "first-class in every particular." The committee's report was adopted.

June 18, 1890, North Dakota had 7 Chapters and 355 members; June 24, 1909, 19 Chapters and 1,932 members.

No report on Foreign Correspondence. Portraits of a good looking lot grace this volume.

Comp. Alexander B. Taylor, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank J. Thompson, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

40TH ANNUAL—HALIFAX—JUNE, 1909.

Comp. Thos. Van B. Bingay, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Number of Chapters, 17; Members, 1,200—net gain, 71.

A portrait of M. E. Companion Bingay, on the first page of this volume, impresses one with the idea that the man is dignified, urbane and intellectual.

When Grand Chapter was open, it appeared that all the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions, were present.

From the Grand High Priest's address we learn that he had made ten official visits, and had completed the round of visitations by proxy.

He had issued seven special dispensations. Two of them do not appeal to us—one, to permit a Chapter "to hold an emergent Convocation and exalt six to seven triads (with necessary substitutes)"—the other, to permit a Chapter "to wear Royal Arch Regalia at a Masonic reception and ball."

One of the Grand High Priest's decisions was "that a dismissed Companion need not be an active member of a Blue Lodge at the time of his applying for membership in a Chapter." In Alabama the applicant for the Chapter degrees, or *for membership* must be a member, in good standing, of some subordinate Lodge under the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, or of some other recognized Grand Jurisdiction.

To his decision that a Chapter is authorized to receive and act on the petition of a candidate whose left hand is

maimed, but not to the extent of preventing compliance with the Chapter ritual, he adds the following sensible words:

"I am among those who feel that lack of physical perfection should not deprive a worthy Master Mason from advancing in Masonic knowledge, provided he can comply with the requirements of the ritual."

The writer undertakes to affirm that a Master Mason in good standing is justly entitled to all obtainable Masonic knowledge if he can grasp it.

In a circular, the Grand High Priest gave the subordinate Chapters some very wholesome advice. He also sent out an impressive communication on the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion James Dempster.

In the Grand Secretary's excellent report we note that in 1869 there were, in Nova Scotia, but three Chapters with 92 members in 1909 there were 17 Chapters with 1,200 members—more than five-fold gain in number of Chapters, and over ten-fold in the number of members in 40 years—a very respectable increase.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was the sum of \$1,523.30.

There is nothing in the transactions of Grand Chapter, of special interest to outsiders.

The Order of High Priesthood received nine eligible Companions into membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence consisted of three Past Grand High Priests, viz: Comps. William M. Black, S. J. Waddell, and Thos. Van B. Bingay.

Alabama fell to the lot of Companion Waddell, who gave us a courteous and brotherly notice a page and one-half long.

Of the address of the M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, Companion Lew Lazarus he says:

"The Grand High Priest in his address congratulated his Companions on the continuance of peace and harmony and

increased prosperity. Five new Chapters were organized, two that had been dormant were resuscitated and there was a large increase in membership. This Grand Chapter has, within the past few years, made greater advances numerically, financially and, we believe, in all that pertains to the good of the Royal Craft than any other that has come under our notice."

We quote his reference to the writer's report in order, *ostensibly*, to correct his way of writing our name, but really that our Alabama Companions may see what a fine complement Comp. Waddell can pay. Here it is: No. It is too far above our deserts.

Our name is not "William T. Litcomb," but Wm. Y. Titcomb." All the same, Comp. Waddell has our grateful thanks for his kind words.

The entire report of the Committee is one of which our N. S. Companions should be proud.

Comp. Malcolm McF. Hall, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. S. J. Waddell (P. G. H. P.), R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

93D ANNUAL—EAST LIVERPOOL—OCTOBER, 1909.

Comp. Edward H. Archer, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, whose portrait embellishes the first page of this elegantly executed volume.

Active Chartered Chapters, 166; Chapters U. D., 2; present membership, 28,777—net increase, 1,440.

All of the Chapters, except six, were represented. A large number of distinguished visitors were received and welcomed in the customary manner.

Our Representative, Comp. Geo. W. Fels, was one of the thirty-five Grand Representatives present, who was also hospitably treated.

The business-like address of the Grand High Priest evinces the fact that he was thoroughly equipped for the responsible

station which he filled, and that he was an eminently practical administrator of Capitular affairs. His circular on the death of M. E. Companion William Moore Cunningham, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, and one of the most learned and erudite of Masonic writers acquaints the Craft with the extent of their loss by the passing away of Companion Cunningham. William M. Cunningham's fame as a Masonic student was not confined to America; he was the highly esteemed friend of such great Masonic lights as Robert Freke Gould, William J. Hughan, and J. Chetwode Crawley. His place will be hard to fill.

The M. E. had granted a number of special dispensations—none of them to waive time in conferring degrees—but had refused several, which were unsupported by good reasons therefor.

M. E. Companion Archer evidently appreciated the importance of official visitations, for he made quite a number of visits to subordinate Chapters.

In accordance with a system of inspections adopted at the last annual, he had appointed and commissioned sixty-nine inspectors to visit the several Chapters and make searching examination of the conditions subsisting in each Chapter, and to report thereon. The Report blank, to be filled out, is very thorough. No decisions were reported.

Companion Archer proved himself a faithful and vigilant guardian of Capitular interests.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, October 5, 1909, was the comfortable sum of \$21,516.90.

The Grand Secretary had the satisfaction of being able to state that returns had been "received from all the Chapters in the state with their Grand dues and Masonic Home tax, in time for necessary corrections and the preparation of its report."

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee related to matters of local interest only.

The Committee on Necrology paid a warm tribute to the late Past Grand High Priest William Moore Cunningham,

also to M.' Ill. Edwin Morrell, Past M.' Ill. Master of the Grand Council, R. and S. M. of Ohio.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charity it was ordered that the Finance Committee "make a liberal appropriation for the Home."

The Committee on Grievances had on its docket two cases—one, that of a Chapter derelict in duty. If said Chapter continues derelict ninety days after a certain date, it will stand suspended till next annual.

The other case was that of complaint made by a resident, unaffiliated R. A. Mason against a certain Chapter, on account of alleged irregular and illegal practices. The Chapter was exonerated and the complaint dismissed.

Cases of appeal on complaint, in Grand Chapter, are so rare that appeals are quite a novelty. So may they continue to be!

Hereafter any Chapter having no seal must, when adopting a seal, have it prepared as follows, viz.: the outer circle embracing the name, number and location of the Chapter; the inner circle embracing a key-stone inscribed with the letters, H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. while the innermost circle includes a triangle enclosing a Triple Tau.

One Chapter U. D. was granted a charter, and one was continued U. D.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

The City of Toledo was selected as the place for next Annual Convocation, and first Wednesday in October, 1910, as the time for the same.

The balance on hand of the Endowment Fund of the Ohio Masonic Home is \$105,036.70.

The inmates of the Home are as follows :

Total number of men, 73; average age, 72 1-2 years.
Total number of women, 46; average age, 74 years.
Total number of boys, 31; average age 10 1-2 years.
Total number of girls, 24; average age 12 years.
Total number of inmates, 174—a gain of 14 over last year."

The Grand Chapter of Ohio has sixteen living Past Grand High Priests and thirty-eight deceased Past Grand High Priests. A portrait of M.'. E.'. Companion Wm. M. Cunningham also graces this volume.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Ohio elected seventy-three eligible petitioners members of the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As falls the giant oak in the forest, so falls a prince and leader in our Israel.

William M. Cunningham is no more. That pen which has ever traced words of wisdom, learning and good counsel has ceased forever to write for the guidance of the Craft.

Past Grand High Priest, Wm. M. Cunningham's place will be hard to fill.

The report before us is his last.

As the highest compliment we can pay to the memory of our highly esteemed Companion, we quote his somewhat extended discussion of the Order of High Priesthood, under Nebraska. We read :

"In an interesting paper of seventy-nine pages, M.'. E.'. Companion Charles J. Phelps submits his Seventeenth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence to the M.'. E.'. Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

Your Committee does not by any means concur in the views of our M.'. E.'. Companion that "Thomas Smith Webb" and his associates "were the true authors of the Order of High Priesthood," or that the Degree or those of the Chapter were of American origin.

In 1797 Webb says of the Degree in his Monitor, page 177: "*Observations on the Order of High Priest.*"—"This Order appertains to the office of High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter, and no one can be legally entitled to receive it until he has been elected to sustain that office in some regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons." Thus as emphatically speaking of it as of any other established grade. That it, with the capitular degrees, may have been rearranged by Webb and his confreres is now as immaterial as is its impossibility of proof.

M.'. E.'. Companion Hacker was therefore undoubtedly wrong in his conclusions. The writer received the Order of

High Priesthood in 1856, doubtless not much, if any, later, than received by Companion Hacker, whom the writer knew personally.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana was not organized until 1845 whilst the Grand Chapter of Ohio was organized in 1816, and in *that* year and in 1817 Deputy General Grand High Priest Thomas Smith Webb installed the officers of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. The officers in both instances were installed in public with much ceremony, but no mention whatever is made of the Order of High Priesthood, which has never in Ohio been made a prerequisite or an essential qualification of the High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Among the early Masonic friends of the writer were a number whose years and experience carried them back near a half century, hence with impressions received from them, and his own more than half a century's participation in Capitular affairs, he feels justified in his conclusion.

In his review of Connecticut he says, *in re* their method of work in Nebraska, that—

"Our Law of Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska expressly provides: 'It is not necessary to open a Chapter preliminary to opening a lodge of Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Masters.' Another provision requires the presence of nine members to open a Chapter, eight to open a Lodge of Mark Masters, and seven a Lodge of Past Masters, or Most Excellent Masters, and we can see no necessity for opening a Chapter when a special meeting is called to confer either of the first three degrees."

The principle is undoubtedly correct, and, with the exception of the necessary number in the three Lodges for a quorum—which has varied—the method is doubtless that of its earliest observance in the United States.

In his review of New Hampshire he says, in reply to Rev. Comp. Josiah L. Seward, chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, *in re* the possession of the Order of High Priesthood as a *prerequisite* to installation of a High Priest":

"He regards our law on the subject of the possession of the Order of High Priesthood as a prerequisite to installation or a High Priest, 'a hard and fast rule.' He regards such a requirement as 'hardly justifiable.' He doubtless does not know that such a rule was incorporated into the first constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and there it remained for more than fifty years."

In Webb's Monitor, Edition of 1808, it is stated that a meeting of the General Grand Chapter "was holden at the city of Middletown (Conn.), commencing on the 9th day of January, 1806" (page 191), and on page 194 it is stated that "The General Grand Chapter then resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the General Royal Arch Constitution," at which time it is stated that it was "ratified and con-

firmed," and then follows a copy of the "Constitution" as adopted in 1806. A careful examination of *that* paper fails to show a single instance in which the term "Order of High Priest" or Order of High Priesthood is used or referred to; neither is it referred to in the enumeration of the General Grand or State Grand Officers or those of a Subordinate Chapter.

The whole inference seems to be drawn from the statement, on page 208, in the Ceremonies Constituting a new Chapter, when the High Priest is being installed, *after* he has made the necessary *responses*, and *after* the prayer: "All the Companions except the High Priests and Past High Priests are requested to withdraw, whilst the new High Priest is solemnly bound to the performance of his duties; and after the performance of other necessary ceremonies not proper to be written, they are permitted to return."

There is no statement then or afterwards that that clause in an installation ceremony was a *requirement* for the reception of the Order of High Priesthood, or that it even referred to that Order—certainly not to *any* full ceremonial of High Priesthood. The General Grand Chapter itself, however, definitely settled any such inference or requirement in 1853, *over a half century* ago, by the promulgation of its decisions:

1. "That it is not competent for the General Grand Chapter to define the duties or powers of a Council of High Priests."

2. "It is not necessary to receive the Order of High Priesthood to discharge the duties and powers of a presiding officer of a Chapter." Proc., 1853. "*Reprint*," pp. 318-328.

As M. E. Companion Thomas Smith Webb, as Deputy General Grand High Priest, assisted in the organization of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Ohio in 1816, and subsequently *became a member* of Horeb Chapter No. 3, of Worthington, Ohio, and his business partner, M. E. Comp. John Snow, was one of the early Grand High Priests in Ohio and subsequently an officer in the General Grand Chapter, if there had been any such requirement it would certainly have been promulgated or some known effort made for its enforcement.

Of the early Grand High Priests, the writer knew personally its *eleventh*, M. E. Comp. James Gates, of Lancaster; its *fourteenth*, M. E. Comp. William J. Rees, of Lancaster; its *sixteenth*, M. E. Comp. William B. Thrall, of Circleville; its *eighteenth*, M. E. Comp. William B. Hubbard, of Columbus; its *twentieth*, M. E. Comp. Jacob Graff, of Cincinnati, and *each* Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Ohio elected since that administration.

Desiring that M. E. Comp. Phelps should have actual history instead of inferences upon which to predicate an opinion, but not in any controversial spirit whatever, your Committee has given more space to this discussion than intended.

thereby to our regret, preventing a more extended review of his interesting Report.'

Comp. William T. S. O'Hara, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.
Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

21ST ANNUAL—OKMULGEE—APRIL, 1910.

Comp. I. H. G. Hulme, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest. Chartered Chapters, 40; U. D., 4; Members, 3,472—gain, 289.

We are pleased to note that our Representative, Past Grand High Priest, Wm. Henry Essex was one of the envoys who were received and welcomed with the Grand honors. Ten permanent members were in attendance.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a well written, business paper which evinces careful supervision of the Royal Craft. Six dispensations had been granted for organization of new Chapters.

M.'. E.'. Companion Hulme said:

"The record of the year that is past, is a story of steady progress in our Chapters. Harmony exists throughout the Jurisdiction, and that activity which is so essential to life and usefulness, prevails generally."

We note that he had appointed Comp. William F. Betts of Evergreen, Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Two Chapters had been duly constituted.

Eight "ordinary dispensations" had been issued—four of these to ballot on petitions and confer degrees without regard to statutory time.

The Grand High Priest's several visitations show due appreciation of the importance of official visits.

He reported no decisions.

He recommended "that the By-Laws be amended so as to require all candidates after receiving a degree to learn the lecture of the degree and pass an examination in open Chapter before they can be advanced to the next degree."

Grand Secretary J. S. Murrow (P. G. H. P.) made an excellent report. Long may he be spared to the Craft.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$4,646.50.

Grand Treasurer H. S. Jarboe, about to move out of the State, resigned his office to the great regret of his Companions. Resolutions most commendatory of Comp. Jarboe, were unanimously adopted. The last resolution sounds like Comp. Murrow. Here it is:

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter commends our beloved Companion to the confidence of all Masons in Saint Louis and elsewhere, as a man worthy of their fellowship, and that his family is just as good as he is."

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the report of the Codifying Committee was received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings. A perusal of that lengthy report which provides for the Craft a revised and amended Digest shows it, in most respects, to be identical with Alabama law.

Article V, Section 3, makes Chapters U. D. when their dispensations are continued, liable for the per capita tax assessed upon Chartered Chapters.

At first blush, we are inclined to demur to said provision, possibly we are in error here, but at present, do not think so.

Under Section 8, same Article and Chapter, no fee is to be charged to applicants for affiliation. This provision commends itself to the writer.

Horse-play in conferring degrees is plainly denounced.

In Oklahoma, substitutes may be used in conferring the R. A. Degree.—Wrong, we think.

The right of objection is maintained. On its work, as a whole, we congratulate the committee.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D., charters were voted to four such Chapters.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the sum of \$500.00 was appropriated to the Widows' and Orphans' Home

Fund, instead of \$1,000.00 as recommended by the Grand High Priest.

Comp. R. Y. Morrison's annual report on Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

Companions A. K. Wilson (G. S.) and William Shavers of Kansas were received as distinguished visitors, and accorded the honors due to their high positions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report:

"We recommend that part of the address relating to ordinary dispensations be approved, as it was the prerogative of the Grand High Priest, and we believe for the benefit of the Order.

In reference to that part of the address relating to the changing of the By-Laws, requiring the proficiency of all candidates in each degree before advancement—that we find nothing in the By-Laws bearing upon the subject. While we are in full sympathy with the recommendations of the Grand High Priest, we believe, that the time is not far distant when such will be required, yet we do not believe that it would be for the best interest of the Royal Arch Masons at this time to enforce an edict of this kind, but we recommend that every High Priest should impress upon the candidates the great necessity of complying with his several obligations of dispensing light and knowledge to his less informed brethren.

Therefore, we recommend that portion of the charge delivered in the Most Excellent Master degree, wherein it says: "You cannot comply with this obligation without possessing a thorough knowledge of the lectures of each degree through which you have passed."

The next Convocation of Grand Chapter will be at Lawton, Oklahoma.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Comp. R. Y. Morrison, whom we welcome to the Round Table. Comp. Morrison thus makes his bow to the Guild and his Companions of the Royal Arch:

"Companions Upon entering the field as your foreign correspondent for the first time, or as Companion DeLap of Mississippi puts it, to commit my 'first offense,' I am weight-

ed down with two conspicuous thoughts. One is the magnitude of the task I have undertaken, and the other is awe with which I am inspired when I think of what I will have to measure up to in following in the footsteps of so great and good a man as our Grand Secretary J. S. Murrow, who, for fourteen consecutive years, has filled this position and in assuming the pen so long and worthily wielded by him, I bespeak for myself your charitable consideration of my shortcomings and to my brethren of the guild, to whom I make my first bow, I give you greeting and may our associations be pleasant and our paths, the paths of peace. For the present, at any rate, I will not knock the chip off Companion DeLap's shoulder nor get "sassy" with Companion Stevenson, but meekly take my seat and await developments and maybe after we are better acquainted—well we won't make any rash promises. So, my Companions of the Guild, here's to you."

Comp. Morrison carefully and judiciously epitomizes the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters reviewed in a report covering 56 pages of print.

Alabama-1909 receives courteous attention.

By some mischance Oklahoma-1909 escaped our notice until too late to include it in this report. In that volume Alabama-1907 was reviewed by Past Grand High Priest, Joseph Samuel Murrow, to whom the writer feels very grateful for kind expressions in regard to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

In changing our quarters, we were obliged to let the men handling our *impedimenta*, books and papers, create some confusion. We trust our Companions of Oklahoma will pardon this failure to review Oklahoma-1909, on assurance that there shall be no repetition of such failure.

Why Comp. Morrison retires so soon from the reporter's desk, we know not, but find that Companion Charles C. Kneisley has been appointed Correspondent.

Comp. Benj. B. Pollock, M. E., Grand High Priest.

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

OREGON.

49TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1909.

Comp. Albert H. Steiner, M. E. Grand High Priest. Chartered Chapters, 27; U. D. 2; Members, 2,774—gain, 184.

It is pleasant to note that our diplomat was present, as one of the 49 Grand Representatives answering roll-call. Eleven Past Grand High Priests also answered "Here."

The Grand High Priest, in his address, said :

"Nothing out of the ordinary has occurred during the past year, in our Grand Jurisdiction, affecting the interests of Royal Arch Masonry unfavorably."

He announced the death of two Past Grand High Priests of his Jurisdiction, viz.: M. E. Comps. John H. F. Irvine and R. F. Gibbons. He also remembered the other fraternal dead.

He had granted dispensations for organizing two new Chapters. He had also granted seven special dispensations—four of them for conferring degrees in less than statutory time.

He reported no decisions: true he had been asked a large number of questions, but those had been answered by referring the questions to existing laws.

Exacting business engagements had debarred him the pleasure of making many official visits.

His two recommendations were of local interest only.

M. E. Comp. John M. Hodson presented his annual Report on Correspondence, which was adopted and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$1,527.22.

The Grand Secretary stated that all the Chapters had made returns. He also reported as in his possession \$7,000.00 worth of stock (paid up) of the Masonic Building Association of Portland, Oregon.

The Annual Address of Grand Lecturer O. P. Coshov had for its subject, "Capitular Masonry," and the Orator skill-

fully handled his theme, and was thanked therefor by unanimous vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters and numbers were issued to the two Chapters U. D.

Happily the Committee on Grievance was "out of a job."

The Jurisprudence Committee made three brief reports which would not interest outsiders.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected nine H. P.'s members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Again we take real pleasure in extending the hospitality of our (work) table to the able and versatile correspondent, M. E. John M. Hodson, who with unabated vigor and felicity of expression reviews the Proceedings of forty-five Grand Chapters. What time soever Comp. Hodson indulges in anything like facetiousness, his wit is not of the "near beer" variety, but may be typified by choice, old, nutty madeira. His short prologue is unique. Here it is:

"Companions: We take pleasure in presenting to you our findings for the current year. We will not vouch for the supreme excellence of the great wisdom thereof, but if you will devote a tithe of the time to the study of the principles taught in the extracts it contains, that we have to their selection, you will appreciate more fully the important place occupied by the Capitular degrees in the Great System of Religious Philosophy, known as Freemasonry. We begin as usual with:"

'Religious Philosophy Known as Freemasonry,' is good—very good.

He heads Alabama-1908 with these lines:

"He who believes right things is the one most likely to do right things; remember, Faith without works, performs no miracles."

If we are at fault in attributing these lines to Thomas A. Kempis, Comp. Hodson will take pleasure in correcting us—we have not time to look it up.

Bro. H.'s notice of Alabama is really fraternal. It is a distinct encouragement to find him agreeing with us on several points of opinion.

Here is Comp. Hodson's exposition of the symbolism of the Apron: (Quoting Mackey's explanation, that "A Royal Arch Apron should be lined and bound with scarlet, on the flap of which should be placed a triple-tau cross within a triangle, and all within a circle," the writer had said:

"There has been much speculation as to the original significance of this emblem. In England, according to Mackey, it constitutes the jewel of the Royal Arch, and is so highly esteemed as to be called 'the emblem of all emblems,' and the grand emblem of Royal Arch Masonry."

Comp. Hodson thus gives us the benefit of his views:

"It does not seem that this should be so great a puzzler to one who understands and appreciates the religious philosophy of the Ancient Fraternity. The Emblem of Innocence is a square White Apron with triangular flap or bib and when bound with red denotes the addition of fervency and zeal which the teachings of the Royal Arch adds to the Ancient Craft; the Tau-Cross is the most Ancient Symbol of Salvation; the triangle denotes the attributes of Deity, Omnipotence; Omniscience and Omnipresence, all enclosed within the circle which is the symbol of Eternity because it has neither beginning nor ending. As a whole the symbol teaches that the innocent by fervency and zeal in the service of Deity may attain Salvation for Eternity."

After thanking our Companion for his kind words in respect of our health, we must be permitted to congratulate him on his possession of an "auto," but especially upon his restoration to health. May he long continue to give his Companions out of his intellectual riches.

Comp. Edward E. Kiddle, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jas. F. Robinson, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

114TH YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1909.

Comp. Carl R. Sunstrom, M. E. Grand High Priest. This splendidly executed volume with its clear, beautiful type, and its handsome engravings, contains record of the March, June, September and December Quarterlies, and of the Grand Annual Dec. 27, 1909. Number of Chapters, 131; Members, 29,594—gain 1,417; number of Mark Lodges, 3; Members, 486; loss by death, 32.

The business of the several Quarterly Convocations was conducted in order and with despatch. There was nothing, however, of special interest to outsiders.

We note that, at the September Quarterly, the Grand High Priest reaffirmed the decision of his immediate predecessor, ruling that a Companion who could not do the work of the Chapter, could not be installed M. E. High Priest. A wise provision.

The election of Grand Officers took place at the December Quarterly.

The Annual Grand Convocation was opened on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th. All representatives who were not members of the Order of High Priesthood, having retired, the Grand High Priest-elect, M. E. Comp. Sundstrom, was duly installed, proclaimed and saluted. Then those Companions who had retired, having returned, the subordinate Grand Officers-elect were invested with the insignia of their respective offices.

The circular letter of instruction sent to the District Deputies by the Grand High Priest is very comprehensive. If those officers strictly obey said instructions, they will not eat much "bread of idleness," but, fully posting themselves on what that circular of 4 closely printed pages, embraces, they will be well equipped for discharge of their duties.

The five decisions of the Grand High Priest are as follows.

"DECISIONS."

"Neither the Treasurer nor the Secretary can hold an appointed office in a Chapter."

"A written objection to a petitioner is not valid. The objection must be made personally in open Chapter."

"None but the work as authorized by the Grand High Priest, and exemplified in the Grand Chapter, is permissible in this Jurisdiction."

"A Companion recommending a petitioner for membership must, by examination or proper avouchment, ascertain, if the petitioner has received all the Capitular Degrees, required by the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania."

"A Companion recommending a petitioner for degrees and membership must have Masonic information that the applicant is a Master Mason and *has been passed to the chair*. A recommendation, without such knowledge is a Masonic offense." (Italics ours.)

To the second decision we respectfully demur, holding to the right of private objection.

As to the fifth ruling, so far as the clause, 'has been passed to the chair,' makes a requirement therein, we, with all due respect, must regard it as an innovation, unless we are woefully ignorant of Capitular law. In practice, the old requirement of having passed the chair, has long since been eliminated from eligibility for the Chapter degrees, we think.

The Grand High Priest had issued several dispensations—all within his rights as chief executive.

He had made several official visitations, and a number of informal visits—the latter mostly to Philadelphia Chapters. He had constituted two new Chapters, which he thought very promising.

His condemnation of political methods in Masonry—electioneering for office, was most just and timely.

He commemorated the lives of three worthies who had passed into the beyond, viz., Stephen H. Appleton, Alexander H. Morgan, and Robert F. Martin.

The Grand High Priest said:

"A beautiful In Memoriam on P. G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, will be read at this Annual Grand Communication, by Companion Stockton Bates, and published in full in the Proceedings."

Comp. Bates read the In Memoriam, and his most excellent eulogy, more than justified the Grand High Priest's expression of admiration.

Missives were received from the Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapters of Maine, and North Carolina appointing their respective Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and said Representatives were received and acknowledged as such. Also the M. E. Comp. Sundstrom received a telegram of fraternal greetings from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the filial message was read to Grand Chapter.

In the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, as in the Grand Lodge of that state, the decisions, reported by the presiding officer, do not undergo the ordeal of reference to a Jurisprudence Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence consists of the following Companions, viz.: P. G. H. P., William B. Meredith, Asst. Grand Secretary Stockton Bates and Companions Robert E. Umbel, James W. Hughes and George Hale.

Alabama-1908 fell to the lot of Chairman W. B. Meredith, who accorded our Grand Chapter three and a half pages of courteous and fraternal consideration. Of the address of Grand High Priest Lew Lazarus, Comp. Meredith says:

"The address of the Grand High Priest is an admirable Masonic paper; while it necessarily refers to the doings of his own Grand Chapter, yet it contains many things which would be of great interest and good to all Grand Chapters."

And he quotes (with approval, we infer) therefrom a striking passage.

But for a sense of our shortcomings, we should be greatly puffed up by Comp. Meredith's complimentary reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence. All the same, Comp. Meredith has our warm thanks for his kind

wishes as to our continued good health and life work. (At this writing, we are, thank God, almost in sight of our 84th milestone.)

The "conclusion" is from the ready pen of Comp. Stockton Bates. With most of his effusions we are in sympathy. Let us, however, not forget that *symbolic* expressions are the natural—no, not natural, but *peculiar* language of Masonry.

But, Comp. Bates shall speak for himself. Here are his well written utterances closing these reports :

"A layman once asked what was the nature of the work in process and was told that it was 'A Review of the Published Proceedings of other Grand Chapters for publication in the proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto Belonging.' He looked somewhat dazed for a few moments and then exclaimed—'What a magnificent procession of sonorous, inspiring but unintelligible words!' These words, however, are but the plain words of a title. What, therefore, could be said of the imagery and symbolism with which so much of our Masonic writings are adorned (?).

From our reading of the Proceedings of the Several Jurisdictions.

Thanks are not rendered to God for His care over us, but supplications are "offered to the Grand High Priest of the Universe." Our Companions do not die, but "Pass the inner veil of the Tabernacle." Annual meetings are not held, but Masons "Congregate in annual grand convocations or communications." The organization is a "Fraternity," but each Jurisdiction "inter-communes with *sister* Grand Jurisdictions." Degrees are not conferred on a number of applicants, but on "classes," "teams," "schools," etc.

Is there not a danger of our speech becoming turgid and unmeaning?

A young college student once presented a thesis for criticism to a friendly professor. The student, fresh from his study of the dead languages, expressed his thoughts in high-sounding, many syllabled words of Greek and Latin origin. After listening awhile the professor said, "What did you mean when you wrote that sentence?" The student answered in good Anglo-Saxon that he meant so and so. "Well, why didn't you say so?" replied the professor. Thus sentence after sentence was read and the same question asked and answered; the professor replying with increasing insistence, "Well, *Why?* WHY? WHY? didn't you say so?" Finally, the lesson learned, the student recast his thesis in simpler but more effective language.

Does not this anecdote teach a lesson?"

Of course, simplicity of expression is most desirable—a prime quality in any writing or speaking.

In finishing this imperfect Review we beg to congratulate Comp Chas. Cary on the superior quality of this volume of Pennsylvania Proceedings.

Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles Cary, M. E. Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

32D ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1909.

Comp. H. C. Elliott, M. E. Grand Z. Number of Chapters, 11; Members, 1,219—net gain, 67. During the year, every Chapter except one, gained in membership.

In the opening of his short address, the Grand Z. said:

"The peace and harmony that has obtained in our province leaves little for me to report, other than the ordinary routine of business."

He paid due respect to the memories of Companions who had died during the year.

In the course of his remarks he made known the fact that, despite his good intentions to visit all the Chapters during his term of office, illness and death in his family prevented fulfillment of the promise he had made to himself. He did make several visitations, with pleasure to himself and, no doubt, profit to the Chapters visited.

He had issued only three dispensations during the year—one of the three, to waive time in balloting on a petition for the degrees.

No decisions were reported by him.

The encomiums he passed upon the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Lecturer were deserved, and must have been grateful to the feelings of those two Companions.

The Grand Treasurer's cash assets were—General Fund, \$1,568.00; Benevolent Fund, \$2,387.54.

The Grand Scribe E., on behalf of Companion Chambers, presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Lecturer made an extended report of his visits and intimated that the standard of Capitular Masonry in the Province was high. He said that "the officers of the four city Chapters performed their parts in an admirable manner, but," said he, "I found that the work itself consisted very largely of a disused Ritual, very little of the authorized one being observed."

It is hard for "an old dog to learn new tricks." Those Companions had been practicing the old ritual for years. It takes time for them to discard the old form of words, and conform to the new one.

The Committee on the address of the Grand High Priest tendered its congratulations to that "modest, earnest and capable executive," upon the success of his administration; approving his official acts, and endorsing his commendation of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Lecturer. The report of the committee was adopted.

The committee on the report of the Grand Scribe E. was pleased to note the large decrease of suspensions from last year.

It was unanimously voted that the wearing of the "Tri-Color Sash" should be restricted to the elective officers.

M. E. Companion H. C. Elliott, having been unanimously re-elected as Grand Principal Z., regretted exceedingly that urgent consideration had made it compulsory for him to decline re-election as Grand Z. for another year; so Grand H. was elected Grand Z.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the clever work of P. G. Z., Companion E. T. D. Chambers, who with keen discrimination summarizes the several volumes of Proceedings which came to hand.

He gives Alabama-1908 about one page of courteous notice, in which he quotes approvingly, we infer, from the address of Grand High Priest, Comp. Lew Lazarus, and has a very kind word for the writer, for which we are very grateful.

Here is what Companion Chambers says in the opening of his report:

"Peace, progress and prosperity" is the glad acclaim from every quarter of the Capitular world, whereat we exceedingly rejoice.

No contentious matter divides the Craft, there is no strife within, amongst the Companions, and no danger threatens from without.

All this is certainly cause for congratulation and thankfulness.

The membership of North American Royal Arch Chapters is now well over the 350,000 mark, and the exaltations exceed 25,000 annually."

Companion Chambers and Companion Hodson of Oregon are having quite a tussle over the liquor laws. He is for keeping out the whiskey men by Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter law, while C. is for letting the Lodges or Chapters exercise their undoubted right in the matter. Neither of the two champions is in need of our help; so we can just look on. But not like "Ranzy Sniffles," who instigated a fight and then watched it from a safe distance. Our advice is, "keep cool, Companion, and do not throw bricks at each other."

A portrait of Comp. Edward A. Evans, Grand Z.-elect,—graces this handsomely executed volume.

Comp. Edward A. Evans, M. E. Grand Z.

Comp. Will H. Whyte (P. G. Z.) R. E. Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

111TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH, 1909.

Comp. Wendell R. Davis, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 10; Members, 3,655—net gain, 189.

The initial page of this neat volume presents the thoughtful countenance of Grand High Priest W. R. Davis.

All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, were present, at this Annual Convocation, as also were twelve Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of 25 Grand Jurisdictions, not including Alabama.

From the address of the Grand High Priest it is learned that he had made a few visitations—had publicly installed the officers of one Chapter—had submitted no decisions, and had issued five special dispensations—all strictly within his prerogative.

The D. G. H. P., the G. K., and G. S. made their respective reports. That of the Grand Secretary was short but comprehensive.

The Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was \$6,395.92. His statement of the assets of Grand Chapter gives a total of \$8,095.92.

The report of the Committee on Obituary was most appropriate.

Resolutions of sympathy in the very serious illness of M. E. Companion John P. Sanborn were adopted, and flowers were sent to his sick room.

The routine business of Grand Chapter was promptly disposed of, and the Convocation closed.

The Rhode Island Convention of Anointed High Priests elected five eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again, as we are pleased to note, the work of that gifted and erudite scholar, Comp. the Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D. (P. G. H. P.). Alabama-1908 is most courteously reviewed.

Companion Rugg will please accept the writer's grateful acknowledgment of the very handsome compliment paid him by his Rhode Island contemporary. The bouquet is a richer—lovelier one than is deserved, we fear.

Companion Rugg is too broadminded to hold contracted views on the subject of physical qualifications. He is sound as a dollar thereon.

The reviewer notes that Companion Wm. A. Davies of California dissents from the opinion that the Grand High Priest takes precedence of the Grand Master. The writer heartily agrees with Companion Davies as to that matter. The Grand Master outranks the G. H. Priest, the Grand Commander, the General Grand High Priest, or the head of the Grand Encampment K. T. of the U. S. The Grand Master is head of the entire craft. While, on the one hand, exclusion from any of the so-called higher bodies, *does not* necessarily shut out from the Blue Lodge, on the other hand, expulsion from the Lodge *does* exclude from the other bodies, so far as the writer knows.

Comp. Wm. A. Eiten, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. R. Greene, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—EDINBURGH—DEC., 1908.

Comp. R. King Stewart, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

At this meeting the attention of Grand Chapter was, for the most part, given to routine matters.

We note that petition for a charter for a Chapter in New South Wales was acted on favorably. Scotland ought not create any Chapters in N. S. W. which has its own Grand Chapter.

Our Scottish Companions should realize that it is not in accordance with the "eternal fitness of things" for them to still claim supremacy in that far-off region where the Companions are amply able to sustain their own Grand Chapter.

The business of this Quarterly was conducted in an orderly and dignified manner.

From March to December, Grand Chapter held four meetings, and the Supreme Committee held four meetings.

SCOTLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—EDINBURGH—JUNE, 1909.

Comp. Chas. Martin Hardie, D. G. Z., *as* Grand Z. The proceedings of this Convocation were routine in character, and may be passed by as not interesting outsiders. We note that, among a number of others, the published Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama had been received with thanks of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

The Auditor's report showed an increase for the period 1909-10, in income, amounting to \$838.94, and, August 27, 1909, balance in bank was the sum of \$2,322.20.

The systematic benevolences of our Scottish Brethren and Companions show the great advantage of system over spasmodic effort.

The Provincial Report from one of the Provinces (Glasgow) illustrates this statement. The report embraces too many figures to admit of its insertion in our own review.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in Edinburgh, September 17, 1909.

Comp. R. M. Stewart, M. E. Grand Z.

The Grand Z. announced in feeling terms the death of Companion A. Orr Deas, Grand Treasurer.

At this Convocation charters were granted to two new Chapters.

The sum of \$100.00 was granted to the widow of a Companion.

The vacant office of Grand Treasurer was filled *ad interim*.

Routine business occupied the attention of the Supreme Grand Chapter, after which the same was closed in Ample Form.

Comp. R. K. Stewart, M. E. Grand Zerubbabel.

Comp. R. S. Brown, M. E. Grand Scribe Ezra.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

98TH ANNUAL—COLUMBIA—FEBRUARY, 1909.

All but two of the chartered Chapters represented.

Comp. Joseph Lindsay, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of chartered Chapters, 28; U. D., 2; present membership, 2,140—net gain, 237.

It is a pleasure to note that our ambassador, near the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, was present at the Convocation under review.

In his address the Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest John R. Bellinger. Companion Bellinger was one of the best equipped and most distinguished Masons in the State:

"As a citizen, he was always one of the most valued in the community where he resided. Aside from his profession he devoted much attention to educational matters and church work. He was a consistent member and an officer of the Episcopal Church.

As a man, in every sphere of life, he was modest, true and zealous in the discharge of every trust."

On the request of several Chapters, the M. E. Chief Executive had granted fifteen special dispensations, of which five were for waiving time in conferring degrees.

Under "State of the Royal Craft," he said that every Chapter in the State had exalted candidates except two.

He recommended—"First, that \$500.00 of the Grand Chapter funds be paid to the Trustees of the proposed Masonic Home. Second—That the usual amount be appropriated for defraying the expenses of the G. H. P. and his associates in visiting and building up weak and dormant Chapters. Third—That \$1,000.00, if so much be necessary, be added to the amount originally set aside to defray the expense of entertaining the General Grand Chapter.

The following compliment paid by the Grand High Priest to Grand Secretary Jacob T. Barron, was, we are sure, well merited. Listen:

"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE."

"Comp. Barron has followed his usual plan and selected such matter as will be useful and interesting. To use his own words he has emphasized those things which may incite our officers and Companions to nobler efforts and higher attainments. No doubt every Companion in this body loves and admires Comp. Barron as a man as well as Mason, but only those of us who have been associated with him in the Grand Chapter work have an idea of his devotion to Masonry, of the time, energy and ability given to promote its welfare, and when he has answered the last roll call we will find that his place can not be filled."

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$4,312.04.

R. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. C. Frank Jackson, had been elected as such officer for the fifty-first time, and a special committee was appointed, at the last Convocation, to present him with a testimonial of the love and appreciation of the Grand Chapter. The letter of presentation and the reply by Companion Jackson, are recorded in these Proceedings: they are beautiful in expression and warm in respect and affection.

In his remarks under the head of State of the Royal Craft, the Grand High Priest had expressed his concurrence with the G. H. P. of Tennessee that there should be some system of inspection of the subordinate chapters, and had also intimated his strong disapproval of levity and horse-play in the conferring of the Capitular degrees. Said portions of his address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which reported thereon as follows:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report:

That they have carefully considered that portion of the Grand High Priest's address, which was referred to them, namely, "The State of the Royal Craft," and find that the only part thereof which claims their attention is his suggestion relative to the appointment of district inspectors of the work.

Your committee do not feel competent to pass upon the question whether or not the plan proposed would do away with the "frolics" complained of, and respectfully recommend that no change made in our laws as now exist. But

in view of the fact that we have all seen a little too much levity in the conferring of certain portions of some of the degrees we recommend that the High Priests and officers of subordinate Chapters adhere strictly to the laws for conferring of degrees as laid down by the General Grand Chapter."

At the Fourteenth Grand Convention of High Priests, nine eligible Companions were elected to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the excellent work of the R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary, Comp. Jacob T. Barron, as we are glad to note.

Alabama-1907 (ancient history) receives a page and one-half of courteous mention. The address of Grand High Priest Robt. S. Teague "is short and business-like, simply containing an account of his official acts during the year."

Comp. Barron "touches up" the writer thus:

"He quotes from the comments made in our 1906 report, and labors to show 'apparent contradictions' in our remarks concerning necessary, or helpful, accessories, while conferring the Royal Arch Degree. We assure Companion Titcomb that if he will carefully go over these 'apparent contradictions' once again he will easily reconcile them."

Well, really, Companion, our "labors" in that connection were very light: we merely gave our first impressions on reading your paragraph, under Kansas, and comparing its closing sentence—"Give us music, handsome robes, and other accessories every time." with the last few lines of the passage, under Illinois, which read as follows :

"At this important moment of the work, a program of songs, dialogues, recitations or other features or feats of a farcical nature is a descent from the sublime to the ridiculous—an influence diverting the mind from the impressive and striking lessons of the degree, and unfair and unjust to the candidates. An unchecked continuance of this practice may lead to rivalry among these Chapters, not as to which 'best can work and best agree,' but which can present the best drawing card in the nature of a variety show."

If thereby we mis-interpreted the import of those utterances, we humbly apologize, and disavow any the least intention to misconstrue their meaning.

Under Canada, remarking that the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was recognized, Comp. Barron ejaculates, "Good for Canada." So say we, and, good for Companion Barron.

Comp. Barron is one of those who do not think it necessary to open the R. A. Chapter when there is only work to do in the dependent degrees. The writer thinks otherwise, as he has heretofore argued.

In South Carolina, if we understand Comp. Barron, it requires unanimous ballot to re-instate one who has been suspended from the Chapter N. P. D.

Under Mississippi, we find the following, in regard to invasion of jurisdiction of a Chapter.

"In South Carolina the invading Chapter would have to pay double the fee collected, to the other Chapter. Idem: (that is, under Mississippi.)"

He (the G. H. P. of Mississippi) says some of his

"Companions find the General Grand Ritual a veritable 'thorn in the flesh,' and state that it could not be committed to memory in a lifetime. He thinks such a criticism 'reflects upon the intelligence of the Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi.' We agree with him there. It does. Study the Ritual Companions of Mississippi; study the Ritual, it is not so difficult to read as you think. It is just like what the country girl said of waltzing: 'It is quite easy, *when you know how.*'"

Under New Jersey appears the following comment on Comp. Haines' view in regard to Chapters U. D.:

"He does not agree with our custom of allowing Chapters U. D. representation in our Grand Chapter. He thinks it 'so plainly irregular that no argument would be needed to prove it so.' Well, we are of quite the contrary opinion. The Grand High Priest is, to a certain extent, the Grand Chapter when that body is not in session. One of his unquestioned powers is the granting of a dispensation to form a new Chapter."

"That new Chapter is instituted with full authority to confer all four degrees. Frequently such Chapters do as much and as good work as a majority of the Charter Chapters do.

Then why should their representative be told by his companions of chartered Chapters 'we are holier than thou! Thou cans't not meet and commune with us; thou cans't not even enter our Grand Chapter!' In South Carolina, Chapters U. D. are not *entitled* to representation, we simply grant them this privilege as a courtesy."

Comp. Barron is solid for Dependent Membership. Good, again.

We have not space to spare for all that we have marked in this report, and must desist.

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

Comp. Jacob T. Barron, R. E. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

19TH ANNUAL—MITCHELL—JUNE, 1908.

Comp. A. C. Biernatzki, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 29; U. D., 2; Members, 2,370—net gain, 228.

We do not ask where our envoy was, this time, for we note with pleasure that Comp. Frank A. Brown was one of the twenty Grand Representatives on hand. Seven Past Grand High Priests were present, and twenty-nine Past High Priests, also, while a quorum of Chapters was represented.

Modesty marks the address of the Grand High Priest. The address also evinces faithful service and vigilance.

The M. E. submitted one decision upon the following case: A petition had been received by a certain Chapter and duly referred to an investigating committee. At the next stated meeting held, after the lapse of the constitutional period, the committee did not report, neither was it present. The High Priest removed the committee, and appointed a new committee which reported at once; then, at the same meeting, a ballot was had, and the candidate elected.

Upon this statement, the Grand High Priest decided that, "The ballot having been taken one month after the reception of the petition, the election of the candidate was regular."

It strikes us that such course sets a bad precedent. In general, such committee should not be permitted to report at the same Convocation in which it was appointed. Perhaps that was an exceptional case; still we think the committee should take the time between two stated meetings, to investigate the character of the petitioner.

The Grand High Priest reported three special dispensations granted—one of them to waive statutory time in conferring the degrees.

His visitations were few in number.

The Grand Lecturer's report was unique in respect of incorporating in it a route map, showing his entire itineracy. He appears to have been both faithful and diligent.

The Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was \$1,977.27.

The Grand Secretary stated that all but three of the subordinate Chapters had sent in their reports on time. One Chapter sent report on time, but had not paid its dues. He gives the number of exaltations as 264.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

M.'. E.'. Companion Louis G. Levoy's Report on Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The report of the Committee on Obituary was brief and appropriate. Concurred in.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decision and the special dispensations reported by the Grand High Priest. Concurred in.

Watertown was selected as the place for next Annual Convocation.

The Grand Council elected eight new members, who were duly anointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Louis G. Levoy, Chairman of the

Committee. It is an interesting document—crisp and instructive.

Alabama-1907 is accorded one page and one-fourth of courteous notice.

Companion Levoy inadvertently states that our Grand Chapter rejected a resolution making membership in the Chapter depend upon the holding of Lodge membership. If he will read carefully, p. 36, Proc., 1907, of this Grand Chapter, he will discover his mistake. This Grand Chapter has fallen into line with the advocates of Dependent Membership.

Comp. Johnston of the District of Columbia has adopted a new title for his Correspondence Report—"The Capitular World." Reviewing that jurisdiction and noting said change of title, Comp. Levoy says:

"We like the idea, it conveys more to the reader than the word, 'Correspondence,'" as we have it, etc.; but under Kentucky he says:

"What's in a name, anyway, a rose by any other name is just as sweet," etc.

Well, what said title should be, is not a "burning question."

Comp. Jno. E. Hipple, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. A. Pettigrew, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

80TH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1909.

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

Chartered Chapters, 76; U. D., 5; Members, 4,536—net gain, 338.

The full staff of Grand Officers attended the Convocation under review; also fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present, as also were twenty-three Grand Representatives, although our envoy, Companion Bailey, was not reported present.

The Grand High Priest's address was thoroughly business-like. He had issued his dispensation for forming four new Chapters—one other was already under dispensation—but, for good reason, had refused one of like nature. He had made a few visitations, and was of the opinion that such visits are very helpful to the Chapters visited.

His official rulings were two in number, as follows:

First ruling: "Two substitutes can be used in conferring the Royal Arch Degree."

Second ruling: "Companions who signed petition for dispensation to organize new Chapters cannot return to the former Chapters after said new Chapters are constituted, without dimitting from said new Chapter."

We concur in the second decision, but demur to the first. On his induction into office, the High Priest pledges himself to see to it that, in his Chapter, three brethren may be exalted—no more—no less, at one and the same time. To exalt one, or even two, at one time, is to enact a sham, and, in the writer's opinion, is a violation of the pledge taken at installation. To put it mildly, the employing of any substitute, is whipping his satanic majesty round the stump.

The Grand High Priest highly commended the inspectors for their zealous, untiring efforts to remedy defects in the subordinate Chapters, but felt that a change in the system was needed, whereby one competent Companion could give his whole time to the instruction of the Royal Craft, and he recommended that the matter receive serious and favorable consideration.

The Committee on Ways and Means submitted its report which was adopted. In said report the committee recommended that 75 cents per capita tax be levied for the year 1909, and the same fees for exaltations as those for 1908. This for the purpose of providing funds with which to pay salary and expenses of Grand Inspectors or Inspectors, the committee believing that this Convocation will create such office.

On favorable report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapters of Idaho and Western Australia.

The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submitted his Annual Report in pamphlet form, and it was distributed among the members of Grand Chapter.

Telegrams of sympathy were sent to P. G. H. P., Comp. W. D. Good, and Grand Principal Sojourner, Comp. Jesse Sewell—both absent on account of illness.

On recommendation of Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to five Chapters U. D.

On the Second Day, exemplification of the Work in the Royal Arch degree, was presented by one of the subordinate Chapters. We note the following in the record of said fact:

"Bro. Will Tate Rogers, with Bros. C. L. Dave and I. A. Williams as substitutes, were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree."

Had we been consulted, we would have suggested that the words, "Bros." and "were," be stricken out, and the words, *Companions*, and *was* substituted, the grammatical misfit notwithstanding. Once exalted—always exalted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence justified the belief of the Ways and Means Committee that the office of Grand Inspector would be created, by recommending approval of the Grand High Priest's recommendation thereof, if the Grand Council proved agreeable thereto, and that a Lecturer be put in the field.

Thirty-four eligible Companions were elected to the Order of High Priesthood.

As nearly as can be ascertained, there are now on the Roll, 471 Anointed High Priests.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by P. G. H. P., Comp. J. H. McClister. It is his sixth, and is fully up to the high standard he had previously set for himself.

By permission, he gives, as his introduction, a learned article on "The Divine Name," written by Rev. "Jacob E. Werren," who was professor of Hebrew at Cambridge for more than twenty years.

The writer of this report is not a Hebrew scholar, but has learned something from said article, yet will not do it injustice by extracting, injudiciously perhaps, therefrom.

Alabama-1907 is courteously and fraternally reviewed. Many thanks for kind and complimentary personal reference.

Comp. Andrew P. Trogden, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. A. Clendenning, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

81ST ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1910.

Comp. Andrew P. Trogden, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

A fine photogravure of Grand High Priest-elect Comp. Jesse T. Spaulding graces the first page of this volume.

Chartered Chapters, 80; U. D., 4; R. A. Masons, 4,776—net gain, 221.

At the Convocation under review, there were present—all the Grand Officers, a quorum of Chapter Representatives, eleven Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama not included. Where, Companion McClister, was Comp. John W. Bailey ?

From the address of the Grand High Priest it is learned that ill health debarred him from making more than a few visitations, and that in making those few, and otherwise he had been greatly aided by R.'. E.'. Companion Spaulding, D. G. H. P. In reporting his visit to the General Grand Chapter, at Savannah, Ga., after telling of the pleasant and harmonious session of the same, and the delightful festivities that were supplied, he indulged in the following remark, which finds a loud echo in the writer's opinion :

"The Past Master's degree was discussed long and loud, and I was disappointed that they did not abolish the abomination."

He had granted dispensations for organizing four new Chapters—had granted thirteen special dispensations, and for good reasons, had refused a few.

One of the Grand High Priest's three recommendations was, that Grand Chapter contribute to the Endowment Fund of the Home, if there should remain a surplus over necessary expenditures for the year.

In concluding, M. E. Companion Trogden made warm acknowledgment of the invaluable help rendered him, during his administration, by Grand Secretary William A. Clendening.

The "Committee on Permanent Quarters" reported progress. A similar committee of the Grand Lodge and this committee had held a joint meeting and agreed to purchase a piece of property for \$25,000.00, the said property to be deeded to the respective bodies, as follows: One-fifth undivided interest to the Grand Chapter, and four-fifths undivided interest to the Grand Lodge. The purchase had been completed and the purchase money had been paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Now it had developed that the city of Nashville proposed to condemn a portion of said property—about 28½ feet of the rear part of the property for boulevard purposes. An attorney has been employed to guard the interests of the Grand Bodies, and he is taking the matter into the courts for adjudication.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the official acts of the Grand High Priest, and so did the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Appeals had no case on its slate.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations, charters were granted to the four Chapters U. D.

Comp. J. H. McClister was appointed, with two other Companions, a Committee "to prepare proper lettering, for the

top and sides, of the Ark that will conform to the Key."

----- Chapter No. -- conferred the R. A. degree on two candidates, using one substitute.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, arrangements to be made for exchange of Representatives.

The Forty-sixth Annual Convention of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, elected thirty Companions members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE. *

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is fully up to the high standard Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister had set for himself in his previous reports: indeed, as the writer thinks, he has raised that standard. His review embraces the Proceedings of 53 Grand Chapters, and occupies 86 printed pages.

Alabama-1908 is given one page and two-thirds of a page of courteous mention.

Comp. McClister says of M. E. Comp. Lew Lazarus' address that it "shows much interest in his work," and he compliments Comp. Lazarus by quoting from his exordium.

Referring to the "nine dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time," Comp. McClister says:

"Query—Why have the statute to necessitate dispensation?" If the "Query" is addressed to us for our opinion, here it is right from our left hand (our left hand does all our work: our right was paralyzed 50 years ago); enforce the "statute," and absolutely do away with such dispensations to waive time in degree work.

Comp. McClister will please accept our grateful thanks for his kind wishes regarding our continuance in Correspondence work.

Quoting Comp. Foster of Colorado, who says of Comp. Duncan of Louisiana: "He denies the position, and we think,

correctly, that Grand Chapters are bound to use the General Grand Chapter Ritual, although we believe it is better for all to use the same," Comp. McClister adds:

"The last clause sounds good. And this gives us a chance to say something about that Ritual that so many object to. This writer was present when the General Grand Chapter adopted it, and was opposed to it, on account of its mutilation, by amendments of the original text of the committee, and having for years used a different Ritual, it seemed awkward and inconsistent, but after studying it carefully, and using it for eighteen years, we like it, as a whole. True, we would like to see a few *verbal* changes to make it conform to the language in the Craft Ritual, when referring to the same thing. And how much better would it be, if all used the same."

We join our Tennessee Companion in urging Comp. Kies of Connecticut to "join the Star."

Here is M. E. Comp. McClister's brief but good conclusion:

"And now the journey is ended. The quarries have been searched and many stones of 'singular form and beauty' have been found, and when tested by the square of truth and virtue, are found to be just such as is wanted for the building of the Temple, and they all bear the well known mark of prosperity.

The Companions who wrought them are worthy of the confidence of the Craft and shall in due time receive their reward.

We are not of the pessimistic class, who think the Order is growing too fast, but the character of each petitioner should be carefully scrutinized, that none but the worthy be admitted."

Comp. Jesse T. Spaulding, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. A. Clendening, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

60TH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER, 1909.

The first two pages of this volume are embellished with portraits of Companion John P. Bell and J. C. Kidd—one G. H. P. 1890-91, the other G. H. P. 1898-99.

Comp. Ed R. Bryan, M. E. Grand High Priest. Chapters on the Roll, 239; Present membership, 14,791; Net gain, 689.

All the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand High Priests, and thirty-four Grand Representatives, were present at this Convocation. The Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions in attendance, including Alabama's envoy, were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

A perusal of the Grand High Priest's address satisfies the reader that, in all his official acts, the M. E. chief executive was actuated by the highest motives. He reported twenty-nine decisions.

We quote Nos. 16, 17, 20 and 28.

"XVI. That the residence of a married Mason is where his family resides. The residence of a single Mason is where he usually sleeps."

The foregoing is one of the best definitions of Masonic residence that we have ever seen.

"XVII.

A Companion asks:

(1) "Can a Companion who has voluntarily remained dimitted from his Blue Lodge for past two years dimit from his Chapter?"

I answered no. Under the dependent membership law which became effective April 1st, 1908, the Companion had already ceased to be a member of the Chapter.

(2) "If he is not in good standing, how can he be restored to membership so that he can dimit?"

Answer: Let him affiliate with his Blue Lodge, and then petition his Chapter to be restored to membership."

"XX.

That under Article XX, R. and E., a one armed Master Mason is not eligible to receive the Chapter degrees"

In the writer's opinion a Master Mason, in good standing is entitled to all the Masonic knowledge that can be imparted to him.

"XXVIII.

A Companion asks this question: 'Is it lawful for our Chapter to donate its funds for the purpose of erecting a fence around a cemetery in which Masons are buried?'

To which I replied: 'I know of no law forbidding a Chapter to apply its funds to any use it may see fit, provided it is done by a majority vote of members present. Chapters are prohibited by law from donating fees for degrees to any person, but, outside of this, a Chapter may make such use of its funds as it deems best.'

Our views on the subject of the right to dispose of surplus funds, are too well known to call for repetition.

The Grand High Priest ordered the subordinate chapters to desist from further public criticism of the action of the Grand Master of Ohio in making President-elect Wm. H. Taft a Mason "at sight."

He made a strong appeal to the Chapters to give \$1.00 per capita to help build the Old Mason's Home. He had been requested by the G. H. P. of Wisconsin to permit a Texas Chapter, as an act of courtesy, to confer the Chapter degrees upon a Master Mason who had been elected to receive said degrees in Wisconsin. Under the rules he had to refuse, but recommended the repeal of said rule.

M. E. Companion Bryan urges the Companions to read the Report on Foreign Correspondence. He tells them that; if they read it one year, they will not have to be urged to read it the next year.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was the sum of \$9,008.93.

The Grand Secretary had received returns from all but eight of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction. Three Chapters had not paid their dues.

Of the whole number of Chapters—239—140 show a gain; 72 show a loss; 27 show neither gain nor loss.

On recommendation of Committee No. 1 and No. 2 on Chapter U. D., charters were granted to six such chapters.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted, approved nearly all the decisions of the Grand High Priest, but disapproved a few, and furnished good reasons therefor.

The decisions not approved were Nos. 5, 11 (in its first paragraph) and No. 22.

The Committee amended No. 5, which reads as follows: "V. That a Chapter located in Texas cannot confer the Chap-

ter degrees on persons residing in Mexico unless requested to do so by the Chapter in Mexico having jurisdiction over the parties," by adding "and which are under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter." Correct.

"Decision No. 11, paragraph 1. This decision relates to a brother who had received the degrees of Mark and Past Master in a regular Chapter under the jurisdiction of Texas; and said Chapter is now demised; that the brother says he did not pay the fees required by our statutes to the said Chapter. The decision as to the course now to be pursued by a Chapter to which the brother petitioned, or desired to petition, for degrees, is that he should be required to petition for all the degrees, and as he did not pay the Chapter conferring the Mark and Past upon him, he should now pay for all the degrees. We do not concur in this. The brother having received, legally, the Mark and Past, could not petition for what he already was in possession of, and as his failure to pay was the fault of the Chapter receiving the petition, there is no law, in our opinion, requiring him to pay the Chapter to which he now petitions, for more than they are able to confer upon him. We infer the Chapter first acting paid to our Grand Chapter the fees for the degrees it conferred and our Grand Body does not desire to collect twice for the same thing."

In decision 22 the Grand High Priest ruled that in Section 2, Article 2, of the Constitution, which provides that: "Officers in the Subordinate Chapters shall be elected at the last stated convocation preceding the 24th June in each year, and shall be installed as soon thereafter as convenient," the word, "thereafter" referred to June 24th. The committee did not concur, but was of the opinion that the word, "thereafter" referred to the date of the election.

While the said provision of the constitution is susceptible of either interpretation, the word thereafter is, we believe, generally understood to refer to St. John's Day—24th June. Report of committee as already intimated was adopted.

The address of the Grand Orator on "Friendship and Sympathy" was ordered printed in the Proceedings. It made a strong appeal to the hearts of the Companions.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no case before it.

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

The several committees were heard from, and their recommendations concurred in.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected a goodly number of Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Again it is a distinct pleasure to note that Companion John L. Terrell wields the correspondent's pen to the delight of his Companions.

His review occupies seventy-five printed pages and embraces the Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Bodies.

Companion Terrell's writings are terse, vigorous, wide-awake, unfailing in courtesy—in one word, admirable. A spice of humor now and then, relieves the gravity of his serious utterances. All through his Report the interest is sustained.

Alabama, 1908, receives considerably more than a page of notice. Of our M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Terrell says:

"Companion Lazarus came forth with an excellent address indicating his zeal and earnestness."

He is very kind to the writer who is profoundly grateful to him for his commendatory words. By the way, we wish we were half as good as Companion Terrell makes us out to be. He honors us by briefly quoting from our Report.

Under Canada, Companion Terrell thus "gets back at" Companion Geo. J. Bennett:

"He very properly and correctly charges that this writer yet has much to learn. That's one reason we enjoy reading the Correspondence Report from Canada—we always learn something. For instance: 'It is doubtful if there is one single English-speaking jurisdiction outside the United States that charges a separate fee for each of the Blue Lodge degrees.'"

"DIDN'T KNOW EVERYTHING."

"'We can learn from all men, even from the humblest,' said H. K. Adair, the detective. 'Turn a deaf ear to no man. The lowliest tramp may have information of incredible interest to you.'"

"'I well remember,' continued the detective, smiling, 'a walk I once took down Market street. As I strode along, proud and happy, a rose in my buttonhole and a gold-headed cane in my hand, a drunken man had the impudence to stop me.

"'Ain't you Mr. Adair?" he said.

"'Yes," said I, "what of it?"

"'Mr. Adair, the detective?" he hiccupped.

"'Yes, yes. Who are you?" I asked, impatiently.

"'Mr. Adair," said the untidy wretch, as he laid his hand on my shoulder to keep from falling, "I'll tell you who I am, Mr. Adair. I'm—hic—the husband of your washerwoman."

"'Well, what of that?" said I.

"'My scorn brought a sneer to the man's lips, and he said:

"'You see, you don't know everything, Mr. Adair."

"'What don't I know?" I demanded.

"'Well, Mr. Adair, said he, "you don't know that—hic—I'm wearin' one of your new white shirts."—Philadelphia Record.

Under Colorado, we find the following:

"Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster, as has long been his wont, writes an interesting, pithy Report on Correspondence. He sees no necessity in opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons where only work is to be done in lower or Lodge degrees. Nor do we, though such is the custom in Texas. In fact, we have no ceremony for opening the other degrees, except simply *to call them to labor for work, upon suspending labor in a higher degree.*" (Italics ours.)

Well, well! To the writer it seems that the last sentence of the foregoing "gives away the whole thing." In order to suspend labor in the higher degree, said degree must be at labor. No need to amplify—Companion Terrell will at once see the point.

Under Illinois, he says:

"We might not go so far as Companion Warvelle, but the longer we live and the more we read, learn and think, the more we are impressed with the conviction that most of the Jurisdictions carry the 'perfect youth' theory entirely too far."

Well said, very well said.

Gladly would we linger with Comp. Terrell, including his instructive "Conclusion," but must content ourselves with

excerpting a bit of genuine poetry, under Oklahoma. A pale-face hunter, the intimate friend of the Chief of the Crow tribe of Indians, also one of the builders of Texas history, fell in love with the Chief's beautiful daughter, and afterwards married her. We would like to reproduce Companion Terrell's interesting story of those early scenes, but have not space for the same. Here is the poem:

"Oh, the prairie lea
Is the home for me,
There I'm Lord of all I see.
The Chase, the chase,
O'er the boundless space,
And the grassy course for me.

"I fly unseen
O'er fields of green,
Where hoof-crushed flowers scent the air,
And the pheasant springs
On startled wings
From a wild and lonely lair.

"And then at night,
What wild delight;
No fence to climb, no path to keep,
As home I fled
To my grassy bed,
My own Luna Leland to greet.

"My loved one is there,
As soft and fair
As the down on the snow owl's breast,
With heart as true
As the sky's deep blue,
In the clear and cloudless west.

"My beautiful bird
Was the Crow Chief's pride,
But father and chief she left to roam
Afar with me
O'er the prairie lea,
The queen of the hunter's home."

Comp. J. J. Gallaher, M.' E.'. Grand High Priest.
Comp. John A. Bryan, R.' E.'. Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

92D ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1909.

Comp. Olin W. Daley, M. E. Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters, 30—all making returns; Members, 4,065—net gain, 143.

Grand Treasurer's balance, June 11, 1909, the sum of \$13,834.45.

This volume, well printed, is embellished with a portrait of M. E. Olin W. Haley.

Five Past Grand High Priests, and two Past Grand Kings were in attendance. We fail to learn from the record whether or not our Representative, Comp. Carroll W. Black was present.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short and business-like. We extract his well written "conclusion," as follows:

"CONCLUSION."

"Companions, it has been said 'Happy the land that has no history.' If by history is meant an account of quarrels, disputes, and wars, then happy is the land that has none. This lack of history may be said to have marked the course of capitular masonry in Vermont during the year just passed. That your Grand High Priest cannot interest you with an animated account of troubles with our neighbors and quarrels among ourselves should not be charged against him. He could not create such a condition and the craft throughout the state would not. My report is devoid of matters of exciting interest. I cannot say that I regret it. But if by history is meant a rational development of a people along those lines that lead to the highest and best mental and moral condition, then I may say to you that we as capitular masons have been making, during the past year, a pleasing chapter in our history. Most of the bodies have been busy, so that the lack of excitement is not the quiet of somnolence or death, but that that comes from each one attending to his own affairs without infringing on the rights of any other."

"There is said to be in Italy a little valley, known as the Grotta del Cana, or Grotto of the Dog, where noxious gases have accumulated and rest; so that, attempting to pass through, animals that walk low upon the ground are over-

come and perish. But man that walks erect with head lifted toward heaven passes through unscathed. What ever emerges from that valley is of the stature of man. May we not hope that masonry, and especially capitular masonry, may more and more prove to be a veritable Grotto del Cana to all things low and debasing. As we pass through life's arches, may the weaknesses, vices, and unholy passions that cling to our nature be stricken down and left behind. As we rise to the higher level beyond the fourth veil we shall realize that only *men* of high purpose and motive, with "Holiness to the Lord" inscribed upon the forefront of their lives emerge safely from the deep valley. May it be the happy lot of each of us to come forth purified and exalted by that which has been slain."

"Companions, this Convocation awaits your pleasure."

He had granted one dispensation to organize a new Chapter, and had issued five special dispensations, all of them strictly legitimate.

The Committee on Necrology made a carefully prepared report upon the dead Companions in Vermont, and in other Grand Jurisdictions. And the several reports were accepted and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Lecturer and the District Deputies made their several reports, which tended to bring the Companions into touch with the Chapters all over the Grand Jurisdiction.

With pleasure recognition was extended to the new Grand Chapters—Idaho and Wyoming.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected ten eligible Companions members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A splendid report on Correspondence is guaranteed by the fact that it is the handiwork of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Marsh O. Perkins. He never fails to sustain the high standard of his former productions.

Alabama-1908 is given about one page of courteous notice. The address of Grand High Priest, Companion Lew Lazarus, is styled an "able and comprehensive" one; and (approvingly we infer) Companion Perkins quotes therefrom.

The writer gratefully appreciates kind personal reference as well as good wishes in respect of his health.

Under Canada, Comp. Perkins says that Comp. Bennett, referring to the fact that Washington, among the numerous jurisdictions of the continent, practically stands alone in charging visitors hailing from foreign jurisdictions for conferring a missing degree, is reminded of the following story:

"What!" exclaimed the judge, when the foreman of the jury announced that they could not come to an agreement, 'in the face of such point-blank evidence you cannot agree? You must agree. Gentlemen, go back to your room and remain there until court resumes three hours hence. I will see that twelve dinners are procured and sent to you.'

'I beg your pardon, Jedge,' remarked the foreman, 'might I be allowed to offer an amendment to that there proposition? Make it eleven dinners and one bundle of hay.'"

Companion Perkins concurs with the accomplished Canadian reviewer in his forcible warning against innovations.

Under Colorado, he quotes from the report of Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, and says of that thoughtful reviewer:

"He holds Texas to be the first Grand Chapter that has had 'the moral stamina to declare that its candidates must complete their education before leaving school,' referring to the caputular and cryptic relationship in that Grand Jurisdiction, and like ourselves is watching the progress of the Texan idea with the deepest interest. He is opposed to solicitation for Masonic degrees of any grade—we are likewise opposed, yet at the same time believe that much good is often accomplished by directing the attention of a brother to the attractive Masonic pathway ahead of him."

Under Illinois he says:

"Commenting on our remarks relative to the Illinois usage of crowns for candidates, Comp. Warvelle writes:"

"My own impression is that the usage is nonsensical, but it certainly is very old in this jurisdiction. It was sanctioned, if not taught, by Gould and Sheville, and, if I mistake not, was a feature of Hindu theology. As this latter is still the standard lecture in Vermont, as I am told, it only tends to confirm the oft repeated story that Sheville had more than one way of working the Royal Arch."

"We heartily concur in the following from his conclusion."

"There are those who see, or affect to see, impending disas-

ter, 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 widespread 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."

Under Minnesota, he says of Companion Irving Todd:

"His view outlined in the following is practically in harmony with Vermont law:"

"With us Masonic discipline is left to the blue lodge, consequently there are no trials in the chapter, neither is there burial of the dead. A companion cannot affiliate with a chapter under dispensation because it is a temporary body, with only the power to confer degrees.

Most assuredly we have a ceremony for opening and closing each of the four chapter degrees, like other Masonic bodies. When work is to be done in one of them that one is opened, and no other."

Our own view in regard to the M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. degrees, is that, since they are only dependent degrees, they should not—nay, cannot properly be opened independently. Their only authority is derived from the Royal Arch Chapter.

We would like to reproduce Companion Perkins' very sensible "conclusion," but can not longer tarry with this scholarly and judicious reviewer.

Comp. Edward H. Martin, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Henry H. Ross, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

25TH ANNUAL—SEATTLE—JUNE, 1909.

Comp. Robert L. McCroskey, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume. Number of Chapters, 30; Members, 2,915—net gain, 262.

The Committee on Credentials reported the full staff of Grand Officers present, and nine Past Grand High Priests answering to their names.

In his address the Grand High Priest feelingly referred to the death of E. V. Companion Charles B. Read, at the time of his death the oldest Grand Secretary, we believe, in the U. S., if not in the world.

Among his few dispensations issued, he had granted to each of seven Chapters permission, "for good and sufficient reasons therefor," (?), to use one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch degree.

We find no fault with his few decisions unless it be with the last one reported, which reads as follows:

"On March 15, 1909, I received a communication from Companion Ralph C. MacAllaster, of Seattle, to the effect that certain Companions in Fairbanks, Alaska, were desirous of petitioning for the erection of a Chapter at that point, and requesting the assistance of this Grand Chapter, or myself as Grand High Priest, in the formation of a Chapter at Fairbanks.

I advised Companion MacAllaster that it would be necessary for the Alaska Companions to apply to the General Grand Chapter for a dispensation rather than to the Grand Chapter of the State of Washington; that although the General Grand Chapter had waived jurisdiction as to individual Brothers and Companions residing in Alaska and desiring to join or affiliate with outside Chapters, it still retains jurisdiction as to the organization of Subordinate Chapters in that Territory."

Unless the Grand Chapter of Washington has obligated itself to the General Grand Chapter, not to form, or organize, any Chapter outside its own jurisdiction, it seems to the writer that, on request of Companions who reside in unoccupied territory, the Grand Chapter of Washington has the right to comply with said request.

The Grand Treasurer's recapitulation shows total cash on hand \$3,837.99, and Home Fund investment \$1,000.00.

The Grand Secretary states:

"The annual returns have been made, and the annual dues paid." This speaks well for the Royal Arch Masons of Washington, and it furnishes strong presumption that our Companions up on the Pacific Coast are prosperous and interested in their work.

Grand Secretary Blalock presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter hereby resumes the Grand Representative system which was abolished by the Grand Chapter in 1896."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported favorably thereon, and the resolution was adopted.

On recommendation of the same committee, the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and his recommendation that a Grand Lecturer be appointed, were adopted.

We congratulate Comp. Blalock that on favorable report from the Finance Committee his salary as Grand Secretary and Correspondent was raised to \$800.00 per annum.

The Order of High Priesthood received twenty new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Grand Secretary, Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, who reviewed forty-seven Grand Chapters.

The genial Correspondent's "conclusion" is as follows:

"Again we have been around 'the circle.' Would that our Companions could have had the pleasure of being with us on our journey, as it could not fail to do one good to read and study Capitular Masonry as found in the different jurisdictions. The customs may differ slightly, but the principles and teachings are the same, although some may find them dull and trying at times. Still, if rightly studied, there is always new 'light' to be found. We hope to meet our Companions of 'the Guild' personally at some time in the future, for we feel that we know them now by their reports and official Correspondence.

"With kind regards we remain," etc.

Comp. Abraham L. Miller, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

COMP. T. F. JOLLY, M. EM. FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL.

Minutes of Proceedings to September, 1909. Number of Chapters, 10; Members, 285 (our count).

A portrait of Grand 1st Principal-elect embellishes this neat pamphlet.

Owing to the absence, from the state, of the 1st Grand Principal, the Deputy Grand Principal presided at the Semi-Annual—Perth—March, 1909.

The presiding officer made a short, appropriate address. The report of the General Committee was also brief, containing nothing to claim our attention.

Under a resolution adopted at this Convocation, it was decided that "No Principal of a Chapter shall be installed who has not, at the date of his election, been a Royal Arch Mason for at least two years." Judicious, as it seems to us. Hold! the motion carried at the semi-annual failed to be confirmed at the annual.

The Annual was held at Perth, September 23, 1909. The Throne was occupied by Comp. T. F. Jolly, 1st Grand Principal.

In the course of his address M. Em. Comp. Jolly said:

"It is with satisfaction that I have to announce the greatly improved financial position of this Grand Chapter. When our indefatigable Grand Scribe E. took over the affairs of Grand Chapter we had a depleted treasury and several accounts to pay. These have long since been discharged and we have a good sum to our credit in the bank and no liabilities, and the officer who deserves the whole of the credit for this happy and satisfactory state of affairs is our genial and hard worked Companion Strickland. It is splendid evidence of what it is possible to accomplish."

The following titles for the Grand Officers were chosen, viz: The 1st Grand Principal, Past 1st Grand Principals, and Deputy Grand Principals, shall be styled "Most Eminent;" the 2d and 3d Grand Principals—Past and Present, as "Right

Eminent;" the Grand Scribes E. and N., and Grand Treasurer, as "Very Eminent," and all the other office bearers, as "Eminent."

A new Chapter had been consecrated and dedicated, making the eleventh Chapter in the Jurisdiction. All proceedings were conducted in order and with dignity.

September 23, 1909, the balance sheet showed no liabilities, total assets \$692.30.

Comp. The Rev. D. L. Freedman, M.'. Em. 1st Grand Principal.

Comp. J. C. Strickland, V.'. Em. Grand Scribe E.

WISCONSIN.

59TH ANNUAL--MILWAUKEE--FEBRUARY, 1909.

Number of Chapters, 81; Members, 9,009—net gain, 536.

Comp. David Harlowe, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

In his address the Grand High Priest indulged in some reflections which might be called iconoclastic, but which, at least, might unsettle the confidence of those who are easily moved, in the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree. He says:

"Inherent defects in the Royal Arch degree are plainly visible and its present form will always be open to criticism by Masonic students. Its form is devoid of all structural beauty as a vehicle of thought dramatically expressed; the text of the ritual is not only cumbersome and tedious to relate or hear, but representation and explanation are so intermingled that there is neither continuity of thought nor sequence of action.

The ritual should be revised and the degree reconstructed, with its form patterned after the Master Mason's degree. It should be sectionalized so as to distinguish and separate its ancient and modern features, paying especial attention to the culmination of ancient craft Masonry."

At his several visitations he was most courteously and hospitably received.

He had granted one dispensation to form and open a new Chapter, and recommended that Grand Chapter pay all costs.

of its instruction by the Grand Lecturer as well as the expense of its institution.

Three Chapters U. D. had been duly constituted.

A few special dispensations had been granted.

The two decisions reported do not present any new question; although it may be observed that there is some difference of opinion among Masons as to a question involved in the second decision, viz: that a Chapter cannot receive a petition of a Master Mason who resides outside the Grand Jurisdiction. The writer has doubts thereon, but is open to conviction.

M. E. Companion Harlowe is sound on dependent membership.

As a member of the Guild of Correspondents, the writer regrets his violent attack upon the Reportorial Corps. Referring to these same correspondents he says:

"They also contain much that is puerile, vulgar, and offensive."

This gratuitous assault upon the Guild is totally unjustifiable.

We do not hesitate to endorse the following:

"All of the Chapters of this State are therefore subordinate to this Grand Chapter and to no other Capitular body; they are governed solely by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter. The General Grand Chapter has no appellate jurisdiction over Grand Chapters, nor do the rules and regulations of that body apply to any Chapter subordinate to a Grand Chapter, but only to such Chapters as are under its immediate jurisdiction."

From the report of the Committee on Credentials we learn that our envoy, the eminent Companion Wm. C. Swain headed the list of Representatives, of thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, were present. (By the way, we tender to Companion Swain our congratulations upon his attainment to the position of General Grand High Priest—a place coveted by not a few.) We wish for him speedy restoration to his old-time vigor of body.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, Feb. 10, 1909, was \$4,855.31.

In the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, occurs the following praiseworthy recommendation:

"We further recommend, in view of the physical condition of Companion W. C. Swain, who has for many years performed the duties of Committee on Correspondence, that a special committee consisting of Past Grand High Priests Hubbell, Ainsworth, Schwahn, Jackson and Gibbs be appointed and authorized to take such action for his future welfare as they shall deem advisable to be for his best interest and the interest of this Grand Chapter."

The interesting and impressive report of the Committee on Obituaries was adopted by a rising vote.

The revised Constitution, Rules and Edicts having been read and considered, were adopted by unanimous vote.

The Trustees reported all dues paid, and the Grand Treasurer's balance \$4,855.31, augmented by payments during the session, so as to stand \$5,668.06.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers emphasized its approval of the Blue-Law recommendation as to what the Correspondence Committee shall write in its report. Adopted.

On favorable report of the General Committee, a charter was granted to a number of Companions to open a new Chapter at Ladysmith.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted, recommended approval of the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The committee reported back, without recommendation, the question of dependent membership as it was already settled in the revised constitution.

A touching memorial of Past Grand High Priest, Norman C. Daniel, who died March 30, 1908, was read, all standing during the reading of the same.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charity, the sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to the widow of a Companion.

Wisconsin Council, Order of High Priesthood, met and adopted a constitution, but deferred a meeting for work until next year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Past Grand High Priest, Samuel Wright, for the committee. In accordance with views expressed by the Grand High Priest, and sustained by Grand Chapter, the review was severely brief.

Portraits of the Grand High Priest Harlowe, and Past Grand High Priest Norman C. Daniel, embellish this neat volume.

Comp. H. C. Dittmar, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. W. W. Perry, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

We have before us a pamphlet containing proceedings of the convention which organized the Grand Chapter of the State of Wyoming, April 6, 1909, also those of the First Annual Convocation of said Grand Chapter held at Cheyenne, July 9, 1909.

All the preliminaries were conducted in regular order and in accordance with Masonic usage.

The First Annual was convened, at the time stated, with Comp. Adrian J. Parshall as Grand High Priest, presiding.

In his short address—about two pages in length—the Grand High Priest set before the Companions, in concise terms, the situation and the work to be accomplished, and declared the present to be a stated convocation, and in accordance with the adopted by-laws, authorized to transact the business of a stated convocation. Fully appreciating the high honor conferred upon him by his Companions, he announced his purpose to decline re-election, on account of imperative business engagements which would debar his attention to the duties of the office for some months.

After the presentation and adoption of sundry resolutions, the G. H. P. announced that the annual election of officers would now be held. Whereupon said election took place and

the officers elected, and those appointed were duly installed to serve until the Annual Convocation, April 7, 1910, said Convocation to be held at Green River.

The Appendix contains the Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Chapter, together with a roster of the Chapters, and statistics.

Number of chartered Chapters, 8; Chapters U. D., 2 (chartered at this Convocation); Members, 750.

This Grand Body starts off with bright prospects of a successful career.

Grand Chapter Proceedings will embrace a Foreign Correspondence Report next year.

A portrait of M.'. E.'. Comp. A. J. Parshall graces this volume.

Comp. Birney W. Sage, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Adrian J. Parshall (P. G. H. P.), R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

1ST ANNUAL—CHEYENNE—JULY, 1909.

The pamphlet before us contains "Proceedings of Convention of Organization, Rawlins, April 6, 1909, and the First Annual Convocation held at Cheyenne, July 9, 1909."

Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest. Chartered Chapters, 8; U. D., 2; Members, 747.

A portrait of Comp. Parshall, the first Grand High Priest, graces the initial page of this well printed volume.

In the Convention of April 6, 1909, seven Chapters, by their Representatives, participated, and effected an organization.

The Secretary read the following communication:

"GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Office of GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Paris, Illinois, March 20, 1909.

Mr. Samuel Corson,

P. H. P. Wyoming Chapter No. 1.

Dear Sir and Companion:

I hereby appoint you as my proxy to constitute the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, and install its officers.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) JOSEPH E. DYAS,

General Grand High Priest.

After some preliminary business, a constitution and a set of by-laws, reported by a committee, were considered and adopted. M.'. E.' Companion Parshall was chosen as first Grand High Priest, and the other officers elected, and standing committees appointed. No further business appearing, the minutes of the Convention and Convocation having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

The First Annual Convocation was held July 9, 1909, at Cheyenne. All the business transacted was conducted with dignity and in order. In his brief address, the Grand High Priest acquainted Grand Chapter with the fact that circumstances rendered it impracticable, during several months, for him to discharge the duties of his high office; therefore, he desired to be relieved of its responsibilities, and that his successor be elected.

After the adoption of several resolutions, an election of Grand Officers was held, the new officers being installed by P. G. H. P. Companion A. J. Parshall. Then, the standing committees having been appointed, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, to meet at Green River, April 7, 1910.—
Success to our Companions in Wyoming!

Comp. Birney H. Sage, M.'. E.' Grand High Priest.

Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, R.'. E.' Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

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

34TH TRIENNIAL—SAVANNAH—NOVEMBER, 1909.

The address of the General Grand High Priest was not long, but covered all the ground needful to be traversed. (We have it in pamphlet form, also Companion Fox's report.)

Under the head of Necrology, he recorded the demise of our two lamented Past Grand High Priests, Josiah Jernigan and John G. Harris.

His announcement of the death of Deputy Grand High Priest, William C. Swain was our first intimation of that sad event. Just when the highest honor in the General Grand Chapter was about to be his, the "insatiate archer" laid him low. The coveted prize was not to be his. But, after all, what matters that fact now to our departed Companion? Without doubt, earthly dignities and honors are disregarded by the "boatman of the Styx." The sceptre falls then from the kingly hand, and all distinctions that obtain among mortals, are wiped out. The only distinction that counts beyond the grave is that between good and bad, according to "Holy Writ." We cherish the hope that our departed Companion will be numbered with the blest.

The General Grand High Priest had issued four dispensations; they do not require notice in this paper.

He had authorized the organization of six new Chapters. Among these were the following, viz: Island Chapter, Havana, Cuba, and Fairbanks Chapter, Fairbanks, Alaska.

The General Grand High Priest includes in his address, his proclamations authorizing the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, and the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

He reported the satisfactory adjustment of one case of grievance.

He reported two decisions, the first was as follows:

"1. A member of a Chapter is in good standing unless under the sentence of expulsion or suspension, after due notice and trial. A Chapter cannot abridge any of his rights of membership except by trial and conviction; until then, he has the right to exercise all the rights of membership therein. Therefore, a by-law debarring a member of the Chapter, who is in arrears for dues, from the privilege of voting or holding office, is invalid."

The second decision was elicited by inquiry from a Chapter, in Wyoming, which had not joined in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, as to the status of said Chapter, which had preferred to continue under the obedience of the General Grand Chapter.

The decision was, in effect, that the Grand Chapter of Wyoming had jurisdiction over every Chapter in the State of Wyoming, and that the Chapter making the inquiry should acknowledge the authority of the new Grand Body over all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

The General Grand High Priest had greatly enjoyed his several visitations, which were, no doubt, encouraging to the Chapters and Grand Chapters visited. In recounting his experience as head of the General Grand Chapter, he said:

"I desire to recommend that some plan be formulated whereby the several Grand Chapters may receive an official visitation from officers, or other representatives of the General Grand Chapter, at least once during each Triennial period. I believe that such visitations, having the effect of bringing the several Grand Chapters into closer touch with the national body, would be beneficial to both."

The General Grand Treasurer states total of balance and receipts as \$25,541.97, and total of disbursements at \$15,835.98.

The report of General Grand Secretary, Christopher G. Fox, is very full and complete.

In his table of "Resources of Grand Chapters," it is shown that the available resources of the Grand Chapter of California exceed those of any other Grand Jurisdiction, California standing head, with \$70,016.98, while New York stands next to head with \$69,064.25—a close second.

A full recital of occurrences in connection with recognition of the Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming appears in the General Grand Secretary's report.

In his report Companion Fox refers to the appointment of a special committee of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, "to investigate and report to Grand Chapter, at its next annual Convocation, the exact nature of its connection with, and obligations, if any, to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America." Grand Secretary Conover was chairman of said committee, which, pursuant to its instruction to investigate, propounded to General Grand Secretary Fox a set of questions, among which was the following one:

"What would be the effect upon the membership in Michigan, should this Grand Chapter decide to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter?"

Here is the General Grand Secretary's reply to said interrogatory:

"In reply to your *second* question, I have only to say that I do not know what effect the withdrawal of the Grand Chapter of Michigan from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter would have upon its membership, except that such action, in which they could have no direct participation, and seriously affecting the relations of the Companions to both Bodies, especially as to their obligation to support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Chapter which, I presume, all have taken, would seemingly tend to impose on them, as their code of ethics, the spirit at least of the Spanish proverb, 'oaths are words and words are wind,' a most deplorable result."

It is presumable that said reply carried conviction with it.

Here is what the General Grand Secretary says on another subject:

"THE GRAND CHAPTER OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The relations heretofore existing between the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and England and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, regarding the refusal of the former to extend a fraternal recognition to the latter, as reported to the last Triennial Convocation, are, so far as is known, unchanged.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia is steadily increasing in numbers, and in influence among its contemporaries in the Provinces, and pursuing its appointed work with unabated vigor.

Quite a number of the Grand Chapters of this jurisdiction have, in the past three years, extended recognition to this Grand Body, and considerable time having passed since its organization, with little prospect of recognition by the Mother Grand Chapters, there is now, in view of its firm establishment, no good reason why all should not do so."

Yea, verily.

On the General Grand Secretary's books it is shown that the Grand Chapter of Alabama has paid General Grand Chapters dues for 1906, \$23.85, for 1907, \$26.89, and for 1908, \$29.48, making, for the three years, if our arithmetic is not at fault, in all \$80.22.

This paper is prepared without having the full proceedings of the last Triennial Convocation on our table; hence it is necessarily very imperfect.

Comp. Nathan Kingsley, M.'. E.'. General Grand High Priest.

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

Note. The next Triennial will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1912

CONCLUSION.

Owing to the large number of Proceedings left over last year, to be included in the present Report, a good sized batch of volumes now on hand, must be left for the next Report. This necessity we regret, but the time to send our work to the printer has come! besides, our paper has reached the danger line as to consumption of space, so we crave indulgence for the delay.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS MAKING RETURNS.

With the Number of Members Returned, Amount of Dues paid to the Grand Chapter, and the number of those Advanced, Presided, Received and Accepted, Exalted, Affiliated, Reinstated, Died, Dimitted and Suspended since last return.

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended
1	Tuscaloosa -----	81		6	6	6	6	1	1	1	2	3
5	Eunomia† -----	27	\$ 18 75	4	4	4	2	1			1	
10	Tuscumbia -----	22		1	1	1	1		1			
12	Marion† -----	26	17 25									
19	Mt. Moriah‡ -----	32	48 75									
21	Mobile* -----	98	141 75	7	8	9	11	1	2		3	4
22	Montgomery -----	95	71 25	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	3	11
23	Talladega -----	50	37 50	4	4	4	4	3			1	3
24	Eufaula* -----	37	51 75	6	6	6	6	1		1	1	
25	Courtland -----	14	10 50							2	1	
26	Union -----	53	35 25			2	3			1		1
28	Sts. John -----	64	45 75					2	1		1	1
34	Hermon -----	72										
38	Decatur -----	100	72 00	13	11	10	8	1	4	1	1	5
40	Camden† -----	50	33 75	7	6	6	6			1		
54	Tyrian* -----	75	105 00	4	3	1	1			2	1	
56	Dadeville -----	75	56 25	5	5	3		2		3		2
57	Collinsville† -----	27	28 50								10	
64	Central -----	22		2								
79	Hillabee -----	69		8	8	8	8			1	1	
80	Myles J. Greene† -----	40	24 00	5	2	2	2	1		1		
81	Jefferson -----	60	45 00	2	2	4	4				1	2
86	Coosa† -----	74	48 00	10	10	10	10				2	
88	Springville† -----	21	17 25							1	1	
99	Ben Bricken† -----	41	33 75							2	2	
100	Roanoke* -----	76	116 25	5	5	5	5	1			6	3
101	Mineral City -----	397	298 50	26	26	26	26	9	1	5	4	11
104	Sylacauga† -----	47	39 75	7	7	7	7	1		2	5	8
105	Anniston -----	92		17	18	20	19	2	1	2	5	3
106	Graham, U. D. -----	55		51	51	51	51	13			9	
107	Ft. Payne -----	31		1	1					1		
108	Pratt City† -----	45	29 25	7	7	7	7					1
109	Blocton -----	41	30 75					1	1			2
110	Bessemer† -----	95	65 25	6	6	6	8		3	1	2	
111	Piedmont* -----	33	50 25					1	1	1	2	
112	Brewton* -----	39	59 25	3								1
113	Dothan (Bal. 1909) -----	103	75	9	9	9	9	4	1	1	6	2

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended
114	H. C. Armstrong†	73	48 75	8	8	8	8					
115	Thomasville	29	19 50								1	2
116	Clanton*	46	67 50	8	8	9	9					7
117	Beauchamp	38										
118	Jasper	39	29 25	1					2	1	1	
119	Jackson†	41	30 75									
120	Cunningham	88	66 75	23	23	23	23	2	4	1	1	3
122	Monroe‡	24	45 00									
123	Covington†	54	41 25	5	6	4	3	1	1		3	6
124	Bladon Springs†	37	30 75					1			2	3
125	Coleanor†	20	16 50								1	1
126	Tallassee†	22	15 75									1
127	Evergreen†	43	37 50	2	2	2	3	2			12	
128	Heflin†	31	20 25	10	10	7	7	1		1		3
129	James E. Cobb†	33	24 75									
130	Palmyra	25									2	
131	Cordova	41	30 75	9	9	9	9					2
132	Langdale†	50	40 50	5	5	5	4		1		3	6
133	Enterprise	40		2	2	1	1			1	1	
134	Elba†	25	18 00									
135	Floral, U. D.	32		7	7	7	7	1				
136	Auburn*	19	18 75	5	5	5	5					
137	Samson	39	28 50	6	6	5	5	1		1	1	1
138	Columbia, U. D.	48		14	14	14	14	1		3		
139	Oakman	30		5	5	5	5					
140	Hartselle	12		3	3	3	3					
141	Castleberry, U. D.	32		26	23	23	23	10			1	
142	Cherokee, U. D.	26		10	9	9	9	17				
143	Delta, U. D.	27		18	18	18	18	9				
Totals		3443	\$2262 75	394	380	375	370	92	26	39	100	98

*Dues paid for 1909 and 1910.

†Dues paid for 1909 only.

‡Dues paid for 1908 and 1909.

The annual returns have not been received from four (4) Chapters, as follows:

Mount Moriah No. 19.

Monroe No. 122.

Jackson No. 119.

Elba No. 134.

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 these Chapters to have the same membership that they had last year.

EXALTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: John E. Floyd, Charles H. Fingal, W. J. Hubbard, James F. Hardin, William B. Saffold, Saul Smith.
- Eunomia No. 5: D. B. Lillard, Henry S. Bradford.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: Edward M. Sweetman.
- Mobile No. 21: William H. Bruner, Jonathan Bliss, John Butzer, Lauchlin G. Cameron, Charles E. Dupree, Silas D. Davis, James H. Hutchinson, Charles A. L. Johnston, Nick Kirby, William A. Thompson, Jesse C. Turrentine.
- Montgomery No. 22: Larkin D. Bradshaw, John L. Breedlove, William H. Cooper, Ira S. Ingram, Milton B. Kirkpatrick, Peter T. Kontos, William A. May, Aubrey B. Nelson, John A. R. Sirmon, George A. Thomas, Stewart E. Washburn.
- Talladega No. 23: James W. Carden, William M. English, D. B. Harris, H. A. Stewart.
- Eufaula No. 24: David J. Blackwell, Hugh A. Gay, Frederick W. Herman, James D. Holmes, John W. Marshall, J. Davis Wood.
- Union No. 26: William L. DeSears, Joseph L. Selden, William H. Tayloe.
- Decatur No. 38: Wallace B. Edmundson, Eugene E. Graves, Culver M. Hillis, Charles H. Johnson, John A. Kitchens, Samuel Spielburger, Newton W. Thompson, Samuel M. Thompson.
- Camden No. 40: Pascoe M. Baggett, George C. Boltz, Andrew J. Kempton, Melvin J. Miller, Louis Preice, Melvin B. Reynolds.
- Tyrian No. 54: William J. Ellis.
- Hillabee No. 79: William A. Branch, William Cousins, William R. Crew, John R. Gilbert, Jr., L. A. Grogan, Dow B. Nabors, J. A. Penton, G. R. Ware,

- Myles J. Greene No. 80: Walter S. Farley, Ralph A. Palmer.
Jefferson No. 81: Henry Bley, Lewis Folda, George J. Nichols,
J. Earl Tucker.
- Coosa No. 86: Felix R. Allison, William G. Bellinger, Andrew
L. Caster, Willis A. Weaver, Charles M. Roy, Brink-
ley Hall, William S. Minor, Robert S. Page, John
L. Franklin, Henry T. Smoot.
- Roanoke No. 100: Louis A. Bingham, George H. Cooper, Ben-
jamin F. Hudson, Claude C. Moffett, Charles G.
Rodgers.
- Mineral City No. 101: Arthur G. Akans, Bunyan G. Alverson,
George Akans, Oney H. Albertson, Frank S. Barnes,
Joseph E. Byrd, Winning A. Currie, Thomas W. Cur-
rie, McLin John Carter, Clayton E. Crossland, Rob-
ert W. Ewing, Joseph B. Greene, Charlton S. Har-
ris, Cecil C. Huckabee, Marion L. Huskey, William
B. Harper, Frederick K. Ives, Crawford T. John-
son, Will Love, Elmer Lee Moss, George M. Myers,
Robert G. Pierce, James B. Pettijohn, Carlos Reese,
Jr., George F. Wheelock, Horace P. Wilkins.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Solon G. Hughes, S. H. Hilyer, Hewitt
Johnson, Joseph D. McNair, J. M. Meharg, A. A.
Teel, Lyman M. Veasey.
- Anniston No. 105: William L. Abbott, A. A. Arnold, Charles
R. Bell, George W. Benton, A. A. Boozer, Harrison
M. Donahoo, William G. Duke, John C. Graham, Jr.,
Winslow C. Henson, L. S. Kidd, Thomas E. Kilby,
William E. Kelley, Emmett W. Ledbetter, Irvin P.
Lewis, Eli D. Meharg, Benjamin R. Sawyer, Lindsey
L. Scarborough, John T. Welkin, Cecil Young.
- Graham No. 106: Marion J. Anderson, Thomas E. Alexander,
James M. Beggs, Henry G. Cole, James R. Casper,
Benjamin F. Durrell, Edward C. Driver, George R.
Fuller, Amos B. Fuller, Walter W. Fowler, Oliver
N. Gregg, Ira H. Garrett, Joshua Green, Freeman
Groover, Richard C. Haynes, John T. Hard, Chris-
topher C. Harrington, John C. A. Henderson, Wil-

- liam D. Johnson, Willis M. Johnson, Benjamin D. Johnson, Ezra Johnson, James M. Jenkins, James L. Lowery, Alfred B. Laney, Alonzo Mitchell, William S. McCarley, Neal T. McLeod, Stephen S. Noles, Geo. W. Noles, James A. Prescott, John B. Ramsey, William M. Stillwell, John A. Smith, Melvin F. Smith, James T. Smith, John W. Smith, Thomas N. Snow, Willis C. Sewell, Shelby Sewell, John A. Shearer, Albert R. Stephens, Wat W. Wiggins, Joel H. Whitten, Hiram A. Whitman, Jas. W. Watwood, Jay E. Thomaston, Charles T. Thomaston, George W. Traylor, Millard F. Ussery, John B. Edson.
- Pratt City No. 108: William Mason, Thomas J. Posey, Oscar B. Phillips, George H. Perkins, Henry T. Mills, James T. Edmonds, W. F. Granger.
- Bessemer No. 110: Richard Shively, George R. Holt, Henry E. Bumby, John J. Tunny, Ferdinand K. Hirsh, Perry A. F. Morgan, Lonis E. Ling, Samuel P. West, George P. Hall.
- Dothan No. 113: Lorenzo G. Bigger, Jesse J. Dennison, Charles C. McArthur, John A. May, Charles L. Newton, Chester W. Newton, Gordon W. Smith, Hosea E. Wilson, William S. Wilson.
- H. Clay Armstrong No. 114: Alonzo K. Collins, George W. Davis, Joseph P. Grace, Henry G. Hodo, Henry W. Miller, Henry W. Phillips, James T. Self, James E. Smith.
- Clanton No. 116: James S. Bone, Mack C. Broadhead, John H. Cox, Joseph B. Hicks, Arthur Johnson, Napoleon S. Johnson, Benjamin F. Massey, Henry G. Reynolds, William J. Mims.
- Cunningham No. 120: Gus Nelson, William Porteous, Thomas R. Mosely, F. H. Ensley, Jacob Davies, John Thomas, William Overwork, W. D. Murrah, W. H. Bowen, G. W. Alexander, A. L. Sims, A. R. Clark, John S. Ruble, W. T. Palmer, W. T. Cochran, S. H. Beddow, R. B. Downing, G. M. Simpson, W. M. Gilman, W. E. Brooks, G. L. Scott, A. E. Field, W. H. Wynn.

- Covington No. 123: Rose V. Bass, William C. Hearn, Charles A. Smith.
- Evergreen No. 127: Darius A. Christa, William S. Oliver, Willis T. Wiggins.
- Heflin No. 128: James T. Black, James T. J. Brown, John F. Campbell, William A. Haley, Green L. Hill, Tyree I. Landers, Hugh D. Merrill, Frank P. Morgan.
- Cordova No. 131: Frank O. Auxford, Thomas N. Belcher, Hooper Collier, John D. Hollis, B. M. Long, Joseph H. Miller, Luther O. Morris, Henry R. Snow, William C. Worley.
- Langdale No. 132: Grover C. Bailey, James L. Hawkins, John W. Johnson, Nicholas Langley, F. F. Ambuhl.
- Enterprise No. 133: W. M. Jenkins.
- Floralda No. 135: William F. Clements, William W. Kinsaul, John H. Matthews, John L. Matthis, John W. Prestwood, William F. Stephenson, R. G. Hoover.
- Auburn No. 136: Andrew H. Buchanan, Charles M. Floyd, Benjamin E. Harris, John C. James, William B. Stokes.
- Samson No. 137: Jesse J. Angel, William C. Dannelly, Elam E. Holley, Eugene Y. Malone, William D. Truett.
- Columbia No. 138: A. H. Askew, A. J. Armstrong, W. P. Armstrong, J. E. Armstrong, John C. Blackshire, J. B. Hasty, W. A. Ott, George T. Pencil, W. N. Skelton, J. E. Searcy, J. M. Sanders, J. R. Vance, W. C. Vickers, R. L. Williams.
- Oakman No. 139: Henry A. Mullen, William J. Dunn, James I. Oden, Levi W. Earnest, Richard C. Bush.
- Hartselle No. 140: Philip A. Oden, Robert Sobotka.
- Castleberry No. 141: Jesse F. Allbreast, Edward L. Allbreast, Robert A. Baird, John Barnes, John M. Branch, Robert E. Buffington, Edward L. Conner, James D. Davis, George W. Ethridge, William M. Finley, Reuben S. Hart, Perry H. Hayman, Mack T. Johnston, Willie S. Jones, Jr., Coleman T. Kirkland, John I. Monk, Charlie D. Price, William F. Price.

Ambrose H. Riley, Andrew W. Saven, George M. Trawick, James W. White, Thomas B. McDonald.

Cherokee No. 142: Thomas Blair, John H. Bradford, William A. Cobb, Samuel G. Cardon, William H. Lumpkin, James Pottle, Hugh Reed, John K. Richardson, Joseph L. Savage.

Delta No. 143: William T. Haynes, William H. Foster, William N. Wright, William E. A. Currie, Newton L. Davis, George M. Fuller, Hilliard L. Fuller, Samuel D. Gaston, Burton Ferrell, William T. Harwell, James D. Knight, Isaac J. Miller, Thomas K. Miller, Allison Miller, James H. Peek, William B. Thrash, Joseph O. Thrash, Henry C. Willingham.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Cosby S. Read.
Eunomia No. 5: Oscar Goldsmith.
Mobile No. 21: Adelbert P. Baker.
Montgomery No. 22: Joseph O. Bennett.
Talladega No. 23: Franklin L. Aldredge, Charles McConnell,
W. O. Massey.
Eufaula No. 24: Judge S. Williams.
St. John's No. 28: Porter A. Bradley, A. F. Railey.
Decatur No. 38: Charles B. Tindall.
Dadeville No. 56: Allen J. Driver, Jr., Wiley O. Horton.
Myles J. Greene No. 80: John W. Fore.
Roanoke No. 100: Euloe Harvey.
Mineral City No. 101: James H. Biles, Miles A. Copeland,
John B. Donelson, William McT. Hurt, James A.
Lay, Vernon W. Long, Charles N. Pritchard, J.
Neely Rose, Elias J. Rowe.
Sylacauga No. 104: C. J. Stewart.
Anniston No. 105: Charles E. Kelley, William Y. Titcomb.
Graham No. 106: George W. Cole, Andrew R. Cline, William
T. McDaw, Andrew K. Brooks, Cicero B. Cole,
Thomas J. Thomason, L. Talley Lowe, John H.
Johnson, William R. Cole, Henry T. Crook, Thomas
J. Daniel, James H. Johnson, Joda E. Johnson, John
A. Stilwell, William W. Wiggins.
Pratt City No. 108: James E. Seay.
Blocton No. 109: D. Wilson Crawford.
Piedmont No. 111: C. Lawrence Smith.
Dothan No. 113: Robert L. Cox, R. Henry Folmer, Luther
Garner, William B. Jarvis.
Cunningham No. 120: C. P. Webb, R. T. Richardson.
Covington No. 123: L. Hamilton Brassell.
Bladon Springs No. 124: J. E. McLemore.
Evergreen No. 127: Thomas B. McDonald, John W. Thurmond.
Heflin No. 128: Angus J. McEachern.

Floralia No. 135: Samuel E. Whigham.

Samson No. 137: Robert L. Theus.

Columbia No. 138: W. O. Bridges.

Castleberry No. 141: Edward N. Amos, Jarvis B. Beard, Solomon Castleberry, Martin L. Conner, Joseph L. Dyke, Luman W. Kirkland, Lee A. Kirkland, George W. Kirkland, Enoch Partin, Jones W. Thurmond.

Cherokee No. 142: Thomas Bradford, John W. O'Bryant, Hugh H. White, James R. Lowe, Thomas B. Jones, A. D. Chancellor, Andrew J. Harris, James M. Pridgen, William R. Westbrook, William S. McElrath, Frank M. Savage, Lemuel J. Cobb, Luther W. Watts, William M. Watts, Melton C. Smith, Summers V. Bell, Joseph L. McConnell.

Delta No. 143: Andrew K. Brooks, Ira H. Garrett, James W. Watwood, George R. Fuller, Oliver N. Gregg, Amos Fuller, Albert R. Stephens, James Jenkins, Thomas E. Alexander.

REINSTATED.

Tuscaloosa No. 1: A. D. Killian.
Tuscumbia No. 10: Taylor H. Henry.
Mobile No. 21: Fred W. Pettibone, Frank L. Ward.
Montgomery No. 22: Dallas W. Crawford.
St. John's No. 28: Harry D. Broadway.
Decatur No. 38: John F. Knowlen, Robert G. McClure, John
A. McFerran, William E. Skeggs.
Mineral City No. 101: John Bradley.
Anniston No. 105: Thomas M. Curry.
Fort Payne No. 107: James E. Seay.
Blocton No. 109: W. L. Pledger.
Bessemer No. 110: Robert H. Carter, Thomas O. Smith,
Thomas F. Harris.
Piedmont No. 111: George D. Harris.
Dothan No. 113: Starlus Rigel.
Jasper No. 118: L. O. Harrold, Charles W. Stubblefield.
Cunningham No. 120: D. A. Echols, J. F. Echols, R. L. Gray,
E. T. Fields.
Covington No. 123: J. Thomas Clark.
Langdale No. 132: William L. Osborne.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: John B. Davenport, William H. Hubbard.
Eunomia No. 5: Max Landaner.
Mobile No. 21: David R. Burgess, Henry K. Hill, John D. Torrey.
Montgomery No. 22: Dallas W. Crawford, Victor H. Hanson, George H. Lowell.
Talladega No. 23: William Y. Titcomb.
Eufaula No. 24: Schuyler G. Boyd.
Courtland No. 25: Joseph McClellen.
St. John's No. 28: William F. Wallar.
Decatur No. 38: Hugh H. McConnell.
Tyrian No. 54: John W. W. Elder.
Collinsville No. 57: Thomas Bradford, Lemuel C. Cobb, T. B. Jones, James R. Lowe, John W. O'Bryant, Frank M. Savage, Milton C. Smith, L. W. Watts, William M. Watts, Hugh H. White.
Hillabee No. 79: Geo. W. McElhiney.
Jefferson No. 81: James P. Daughtry.
Coosa No. 86: Claud E. Conner, Andrew J. Harris.
Springville No. 88: Hamilton B. Rolls.
Roanoke No. 100: William E. Bosworth, James A. Cochran, John B. Tatom, James P. Williams, Z. Joseph Wright, Earnest A. Zobel.
Mineral City No. 101: Alonzo W. Clark, John E. Hennessy, Edward Mallon, Charles P. Webb.
Sylacauga No. 104: Joseph A. Greer, W. I. Phillips, H. C. Stewart, O. F. Luttrell, Richard Penton.
Anniston No. 105: Thomas M. Curry, John W. Fore, A. H. Hudson, William W. Bley, Joseph J. Willett.
Graham No. 106: Thomas E. Alexander, Andrew K. Brooks, George R. Fuller, Amos R. Fuller, Oliver N. Gregg, Ira H. Garrett, Albert H. Stephens, James W. Watwood, J. M. Jenkins.

- Bessemer No. 110: Edgar Rowe, James Ely.
Piedmont No. 111: R. H. Kennebrew.
Dothan No. 113: Jesse L. Carroll, Edwin M. Craig, Will
P. Hurt, E. L. Layfield, E. W. Rountree, Will D.
Martin.
Thomasville No. 115: John B. Kimball.
Jasper No. 118: J. L. Burch.
Cunningham No. 120: E. T. Padgett.
Covington No. 123: William H. Heath, William M. Knox,
James S. Suttin.
Bladon Springs No. 124: John Green, Oliver H. Watson.
Coleman No. 125: Jacob R. P. Kennemer.
Evergreen No. 127: Edward N. Amos, Jarvis B. Beard,
Thomas A. Buffington, Martin L. Conner, Solomon
Castleberry, John L. Dyke, Lee A. Kirkland, George
W. Kirkland, Luman W. Kirkland, Pink A. McKin-
ley, Enoch Partin, John W. Thurmond.
Palmyra No. 130: James L. Barnard, Joseph L. Matthews.
Langdale No. 132: Richard Headrick, Nicholas Langley,
Henry O. Wallace.
Enterprise No. 133: J. W. Goff.
Samson No. 137: Henry R. Schramm.
Castleberry No. 141: Thomas B. McDonald.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Sam L. Cox, Edgar B. Kay, Harry B. Upchurch.
- Mobile No. 21: William H. Armbrecht, James T. Bray, Max Hamburger, Jr., Jerry J. Newell.
- Montgomery No. 22: Alton C. Avinger, John P. Buchanan, Harry C. Carter, John M. DeCottes, James E. Dickinson, George W. Jones, Alfred A. Kohn, R. E. L. Majors, T. A. McAmis, George F. Moore, Ira H. Virgin.
- Talladega No. 23: James D. Lanier, E. R. Zeigler, J. T. Freeman.
- Union No. 26: Reuben H. Bachman.
- St. John's No. 28: John D. Riggs.
- Decatur No. 38: Clarence Buchanan, Edward W. Collier, Adroum J. DeWeese, Robert B. Evans, William E. Oakley, Sr.
- Dadeville No. 56: Reuben E. Craddock, Columbus L. Porter.
- Jefferson No. 81: William M. Laird, Eugene Parvin.
- Roanoke No. 100: Alonza J. Langley, Wm. J. Slay, Wm. A. Vinson.
- Mineral City No. 101: Felix E. Blackburn, Rodney C. Cadden, Sydney A. Cameron, Coffee E. Jackson, Lee S. Jarrell, Albert E. Milner, Wiley C. McGrady, Leander Newman, James T. Pittard, Reese J. Williams, Henry B. Young.
- Sylacauga No. 104: D. N. Abernathy, J. J. Hightower, J. M. Lamming, T. C. Moore, D. A. Parker, S. M. Peace, J. M. Speer, B. T. Stewart.
- Anniston No. 105: William L. Matthews, Albert E. Noble, Charles A. Wilkerson.
- Pratt City No. 108: R. M. Cunningham.
- Blocton No. 109: Isaac C. Deloney, R. D. Rodgers.
- Piedmont No. 111: Jabe C. Nabors, William T. Garner.

- Brewton No. 112: J. T. Finley.
- Dothan No. 113: James R. Holper, Dudley D. Stephens.
- Thomasville No. 115: John A. Gilmore, Charles C. Scott.
- Clanton No. 116: Henry G. Bridgewater, Thomas J. Marcus,
James W. Pardue, Charles A. Purn, Joseph A.
Skeggs, John A. Thomas, Winfred T. Wilson.
- Cunningham No. 120: D. F. Suggs, Robt. C. Boak, William
Barr.
- Covington No. 123: Oscar M. Gordon, Terry F. Prestwood,
John T. Sentell, William C. Smith, William D.
Stokes, J. Matt Williams.
- Bladen Springs No. 124: Joseph Brietling, Luther Duggers,
W. E. Young.
- Coleanor No. 125: William H. Slater.
- Tallassee No. 126: T. David Crockett.
- Heflin No. 128: Lovie E. Adams, Hiram M. Evans, James E.
Hefferman.
- Cordova No. 131: G. J. Grant, R. W. Jackson.
- Langdale No. 132: W. A. J. Bailey, J. H. Reid, A. Reeves,
J. E. Waters, Thomas J. Williams, William R. Wil-
liams.
- Samson No. 137: John W. Powell.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Sam T. Palmer, May 24, 1910, aged 83 years.
- Montgomery No. 22: John D. Goins, July 30, 1910, aged 58 years.
- Eufaula No. 24: John W. Tullis, Dec. 18, 1909, aged 69 years.
- Courtland No. 25: W. T. Simmons, aged 80 years;
E. Y. McGregor, Aug. 4, 1910, aged 60 years.
- Union No. 26: George W. Pollard, Oct. 2, 1910, aged 64 years.
- Decatur No. 38: Calvin Brown, July 28, 1910, aged 80 years.
- Camden No. 40: Raphael O. Semmes, Feb., 1910, aged 30 years.
- Tyrian No. 54: Hansford B. Cowart, Nov. 10, 1909, aged 57 years; Stephen A. Pilley, Nov. 15, 1909, aged 73 years.
- Dadeville No. 56: James H. Lowery, Dec. 29, 1909, aged 70 years; James M. Smith, Feb. 17, 1910, aged 77 years; William O. Shepard, Aug. 27, 1910, aged 37 years.
- Hillabee No. 79: Lorenzo D. Welch, Feb. 27, 1910, aged 42 years.
- Myles J. Greene No. 80: Charles W. Shearer, Jan. 26, 1910, aged 77 years.
- Coosa No. 86: Rudolphus O. Randall, Feb. 24, 1910, aged 70 years.
- Springville No. 88: Allen Reavis.
- Ben Bricken No. 99: Aaron B. Brooks, May 15, 1910, aged 51 years; Thomas A. Sikes, May 21, 1910, aged 78 years.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

Mineral City No. 101: John L. Baird, Jan. 12, 1910, aged 36 years; James N. Collins, Aug. 18, 1910, aged 42 years; William R. Dillard, Oct. 23, 1909, aged 44 years; Francis M. Roof, March 14, 1910, aged 47 years; Charles Wheelock, Sept. 24, 1910, aged 76 years.

Sylacauga No. 104: L. H. Crumpler, Feb. 14, 1910, aged 67 years; P. J. McAdory, Jan. 8, 1910, aged 76 years.

Anniston No. 105: James H. Brickhouse, Dec. 11, 1909, aged 72 years; James T. Greene, April 10, 1910, aged 63 years.

Ft. Payne No. 107: William Chitwood, May 26, 1910, aged 82 years.

Bessemer No. 110: Frederick W. Barkis, Oct. 24, 1909, aged 28 years.

Dothan No. 113: Michael Cody, Aug. 10, 1910, aged 88 years.

Jasper No. 118: Robert W. Long, Oct. 1, 1910, aged 46 years.

Cunningham No. 120: Robt. Keller, Nov. 1, 1909, aged 43 years.

Heflin No. 128: Marcus L. Snow, March 8, 1910, aged 86 years.

Enterprise No. 133: Glenn Parks, July, 1909, aged 50 years.

Samson No. 137: William J. Savage, July 21, 1910, aged 52 years.

Columbia No. 138: J. B. Hasty, April 23, 1910; W. H. Pencill, Jan. 15, 1910; Y. W. Smith, Feb. 16, 1910.

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Mount Moriah	No. 19
Jackson	No. 119
Monroe	No. 122
Elba	No. 134

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Mount Moriah	No. 19
Jackson	No. 119
Monroe	No. 122
Elba	No. 134

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Floralda	No. 135
Columbia	No. 138
Castleberry	No. 141
Cherokee	No. 142
Delta	No. 143

DISPENSATION CONTINUED.

Graham	No. 106
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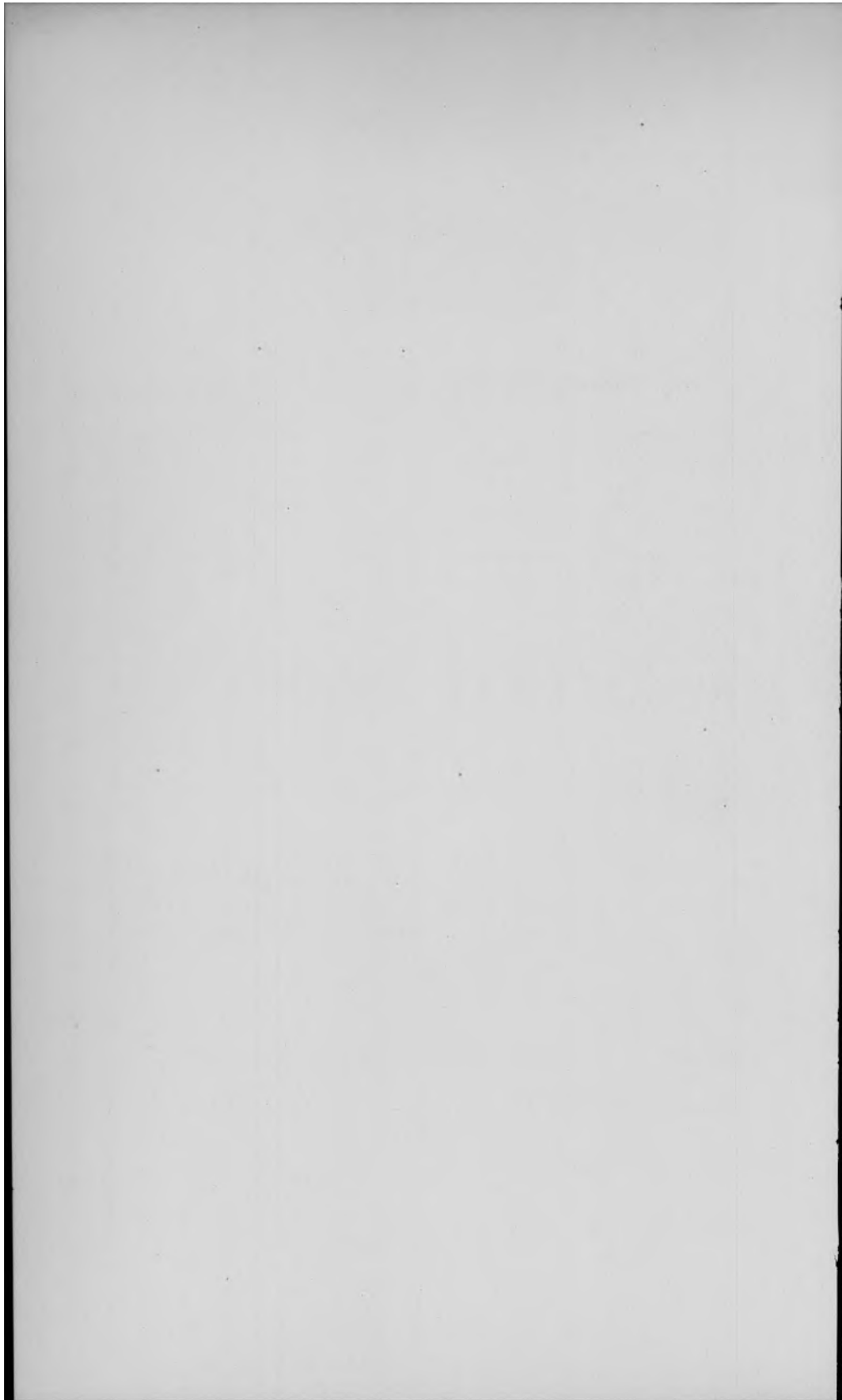
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Chapters chartered 1910.....	5
Chartered Chapters on the roll 1910.....	65
Chapters under dispensation.....	1
Present number of Chapters.....	66
Number of Chapters represented.....	57
Number of Chapters making returns.....	62
Number of Chapters paying dues.....	56
MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 15, 1909.....	3,189

GAIN.

Exalted	370	
Affiliated	92	
Reinstated	26	
Errors	3	491

LOSS.

Died	39	
Dimitted	100	
Suspended N. P. D.	98	237
Net gain	254	254
PRESENT MEMBERSHIP		3,443



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	Euromia	Huntsville	Madison	J. H. Ballentine	Henry S. Bradford	Huntsville	4th Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	James E. Keenan	Charles H. King	Sheffield	Mon. aft. 2nd Sat.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Francis H. Bates	George W. Thomas	Marion	1 Tuesday.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene				2nd Friday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	John V. Falck	Charles S. Shawhan	Mobile	2 and 4 Friday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Wm. H. Cooper	David W. Crosland	Montgomery	2nd Tuesday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Wm. H. Sidlinger	Robt. P. Henderson	Talladega	2nd Friday.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	James T. Mainor	Jas. P. Hill	Eufaula	1st and 3rd Thursday.
25	Courtland	Town Creek	Lawrence	John C. Gidden	Wesley C. Bracken	Town Creek	3rd Tuesday.
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	Sam'l T. Towns'd	Junie Harwood	Uniontown	1st Thursday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	Henry F. Reese	Walter H. Trimby	Selma	4th Monday.
34	Hermion	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	Charles F. White	Charlie Cox	Troy	2 and 4 Friday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Robert T. Ward	Wm. C. Roek	Dadeville	2 Fri. and 4 Thurs.
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Wm. J. Roberts	Walter C. Pyron	Collinsville	1st Friday.
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	E. S. Lyman	C. L. Meroney	Montevallo	1st Tuesday.
79	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	Lemuel B. Coffey	Newton S. Walker	Alexander City	1 Monday.
80	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	James M. Frazer	Wm. M. Bass	Opelika	1st Tuesday.
81	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	Jacob Bley	J. I. 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	Laverne	Crenshaw	Chas. R. Bricken	John T. Ivey	Laverne	2 and 4 Tuesday.
100	Roanoke	Roanoke	Randolph	Gabriel M. Saliba	A. C. Brannen	Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.
101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	Geo. J. Hunt	Chas. J. Geohagan	Birmingham	2nd and 4th Thursday.
104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	T. B. White	M. H. Jackson	Sylacauga	W b 1 & Th b 3 Sa.
105	Anniston	Anniston	Calhoun	M. H. Rudisill	Hezeriah G. Earnest	Anniston	2 and 4 Fridays.
106	Graham	Graham	Randolph	T. J. Thomason	Cicero B. Cole	Graham	1 Saturday.

107	Ft. Payne	Ft. Payne	DeKalb	John L. White	Wm. T. Fuller	Fort Payne	2 Friday.
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	And'w H. Dunlap	D. Eugene Cook	Pratt City	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
109	Blocton	Blocton	Bibb	W. Walter Perry	George Archer	Hargrove	2nd and 4th Monday.
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	T. K. Hirsh	Andrew C. Mitchell	Bessemer	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
111	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	Oliver L. Stewart	Samuel D. Savage	Piedmont	Thurs. bf 2nd Sunday.
112	Brewton	Brewton	Escambia	P. H. M. Tiffin	E. A. Smith	Brewton	2 Tuesday.
113	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	Chas. W. Hilliard	Pitt M. Carlisle	Dothan	2 and 4 Friday.
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	George W. Coggin	J. Newton Collins	Fayette	1st Monday.
115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	Eugene A. Kenz	Jesse J. Bozeman	Thomasville	Fri. bf 1st Sat.
116	Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	J. R. Mullins	E. A. Matthews	Clanton	3rd Saturday.
117	Beauchamp	Atmore	Escambia	J. C. Campbell	R. F. Lowery	Atmore	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
118	Jasper	Jasper	Walker	Norman Gunn	Thomas B. Hazelton	Jasper	3 Thursday.
119	Jackson	Jackson	Clarke	George Porteous	William T. Cochran	Enslay	2nd Thursday.
120	Cunningham	Enslay	Jefferson	Wm. C. Randolph	Richard H. Jones	Enslay	2nd and 4th Monday.
122	Monroe	Monroeville	Monroe	Wm. C. Randolph	Richard H. Jones	Andalusia	Tues. bef. 2nd Sun.
123	Covington	Andalusia	Covington	T. R. Lenoir	W. A. Turner	Andalusia	1st and 3rd Wed.
124	Bladon Springs	Bladon Springs	Choctaw	J. P. Melvin	William L. White	Bladon Spgs.	Fri. before 3rd Sun.
125	Coleman	Coleman	Bibb	A. W. Herren	J. T. Jarman	Piper	4 Saturday.
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Elmore	W. F. Betts	Frank J. Dean	East Tallassee	1st and 3rd Saturday.
127	Evergreen	Evergreen	Conecuh	Fred Osborn	John F. Campbell	Evergreen	4th Friday.
128	Heflin	Heflin	Cleburne	William P. Cobb	Grover C. Thompson	Heflin	Thurs. before 3rd Sun.
129	James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Macon	Oliver D. Street	S. H. Tyler	Tuskegee	2nd Monday.
130	Palmyra	Guntersville	Marshall	J. M. Miller	Andrew D. Thorne	Guntersville	F a fl m, ea 2 wks af
131	Cordova	Cordova	Walker	John W. Johnson	R. M. Williams	Cordova	2nd and 4th Monday.
132	Langdale	Langdale	Chambers	W. H. Edmonds	C. F. Edwards	Langdale	1 and 3 Tuesday.
133	Enterprise	Enterprise	Coffee	Jas. R. Shepherd	R. G. Hoover	Enterprise	2 Friday.
134	Elba	Elba	Coffee	Jas. T. Anderson	L. A. Knapp	Enterprise	4 Friday.
135	Florala	Florala	Covington	Ira L. Johnston	James W. Brooks	Florala	2 Friday.
136	Auburn	Auburn	Lee	William L. Lee	L. F. Oakley	Auburn	3 Monday.
137	Samson	Samson	Geneva	J. N. Odom	M. O. Travis	Samson	2 and 4 Wednesday.
138	Columbia	Columbia	Houston	R. L. Penn	A. Percy Howell	Columbia	2 and 4 Tuesday.
139	Oakman	Oakman	Walker	L. W. Kirkland	R. E. Bufington	Oakman	Fri. bf 1 and 3 Sun.
140	Hartselle	Hartselle	Morgan	Thomas Bradford	Joseph L. Savage	Hartselle	3 Monday.
141	Castleberry	Castleberry	Conecuh	Andrew K. Brooks	H. C. Willingham	Castleberry	2 and 4 Saturday.
142	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee			Centre	2 Thursday.
143	Delta	Delta	Clay			Delta	1 Sat. and 3 Thursday.

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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. Alkin*
1828 e	John Murphy*	John Elliott*	Harry I. Thornton*	Charles O. Foster*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Alkin*
1829 f						
1830	Thomas B. Creagh*	James Penn*	James H. Saxon*	Anderson Hutchinson†	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Alkin*
1831						
1832						
1833						
1834						
1835						
1836						
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*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	William Hendrix*	Edward Herndon*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1846	Felix G. Norman*	William Hendrix*	James M. Brundidge*	Sidney Smith*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1847	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet	James M. Brundidge*	Moses F. Hoyt*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1848	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet	James M. Brundidge*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1849	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1850	Rufus Greenet	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*	Thomas F. Flounoy†	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1855	William A. Ferrell*	Thomas C. Hartwell*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Malachias F. Flounoy†	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1856	David Clifton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1857	David Clifton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1858	David Clifton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	John R. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1859	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flounoy†	Hugh Parks Watson*	Stephen D. Moore*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1860	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flounoy†	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. Flounoy†	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*	James M. Dedman*	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 M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1873	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1874	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1875	James E. Cobb*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1876	James E. Cobb*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1877	James E. Cobb*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1878	James H. Joiner*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1879	James H. Joiner*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1880	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1881	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1882	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1883	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1884	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1885	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1886	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1887	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1888	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*
1889	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley..	Daniel Sayre.*

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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*	Henry C. Wiley*	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.	Charles R. Bricken.	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1901	George F. Moore.	Charles R. Bricken.	Charles R. Bricken.	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley..	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1902	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill.	Joseph P. McQueen*	Basil M. Hill.	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1903	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill.	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates.	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp
1904	Basil M. Hill	Francis H. Bates.	Robert S. Teague.	Lew 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
1910	William E. Bingham.	Lawrence H. Lee.	John B. Lyons.	Albert E. Pace.	William H. Dingley..	George A. Beauchamp

a May, 1823.

b January, 1824. Regular annual convocation, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

c June; there being no convocation in January, the Grand Chapter being declared irregular by the General Grand Chapter, it was therefore re-organized in June, 1827, and a new constitution adopted.

d December. At this time annual convocations were changed to July.

e July; in accordance with previous order, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

f No election, the Grand Chapter having "adjourned" on the evening of July 14th, until the next evening; but it did not convene again the members having dispersed.

g There had been no convocation of the Grand Chapter for upwards of seven years, in consequence, perhaps, of the Morgan excitement. In December, 1837, a few companions assembled in Tuscaloosa and reorganized by the adoption of a constitution, and the election of Grand officers. The constitution of 1827 was adopted, and the annual convocations fixed for December.

* Those marked thus (*) are dead.

† Removed.

‡ Expelled by Mobile Chapter No. 21.

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.....	Jasper.
Florida.....	Robert T. Ward.....	Dadeville.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Montgomery.
Idaho.....	Walter B. Merrill.....	Heflin.
Illinois.....	Morrison E. Bethea.....	Auburn.
Indiana.....	Seth Mabry.....	Eufaula.
Iowa.....	Stewart McQueen.....	Montgomery.
Kansas.....	Alex M. P. Dunn.....	Huntsville.
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. Renfroe.....	Dothan.
Missouri.....	William E. Bingham.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska.....	Richard Henry Jones.....	Andalusia.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	Luverne.
New Brunswick.....	John M. Miller.....	Cordova.
New Hampshire.....	Joseph P. Van Derveer.....	Clanton.
New Jersey.....	William P. Cobb.....	Tuskegee.
New S. Wales.....	Q. Salter.....	Monroeville.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.
New Zealand.....	John M. P. Otts, Jr.....	Birmingham.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
North Carolina.....	Siddons Stollenwerck	Faunsdale.
North Dakota.....	John Philip Melvin	Piper.
Nova Scotia.....	Albert Early Garner	Dothan.
Ohio.....	John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.
Oklahoma	William F. Betts.....	Evergreen.
Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Pennsylvania.....	Woolsey Finnell	Tuscaloosa.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	Birmingham.
Rhode Island.....		
Scotland	Jacob U. Ray	Woodstock.
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.....	Hamburg.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley	Demopolis.
Tennessee.....	William W. Screws.....	Montgomery.
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.....	Opelika.
Vermont.....	J. Leon Gunter	New Decatur.
Victoria.....	Gabriel M. Saliba.....	Roanoke.
Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Selma.
Washington	Samuel Stein	Bessemer.
Western Australia	John H. McCormick	Mobile.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.....	Birmingham.
Wisconsin.....	James C. Benson	Camden.
Wyoming	Thomas Bradford	Centre.

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	Toronto.
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.
Idaho	J. M. Aldrich	Moscow.
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.....	Charles M. Sleeper	South Berwick.
Maryland.....	Gustav A. Eitel.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	William P. Lawrence	Medford.
Minnesota.....	James Kelly	Duluth.
Mississippi.....	C. W. Bolton.....	Pontotoc.
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.....	Joseph A. Behan.....	Hackensack.
New S. Wales.....	David Walter Custer	Sydney.
New York.....	R. Montrose Medberry	Ballston Spa.
New Zealand.....	James McGregor.....	Invercargill.
North Carolina.....	W. B. McKoy.....	Wilmington.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
North Dakota.....	Charles E. Best	Enderlin.
Nova Scotia.....	Andrew J. Munro	Amherst.
Ohio.....	George W. Fels.....	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	William H. Essex.....	South McAlester.
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.....	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	Frank A. Brown.....	Aberdeen.
Tennessee.....	J. R. Spicer	Paris.
Texas.....	T. L. Stanfield.....	Terrell.
Vermont.....	Carroll W. Black.....	Bellows Falls.
Victoria.....	Henry I. Scott.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Alfred S. Lee.....	Richmond.
Washington	William A. Fairweather.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia ..	John W. Smart	Geraldton.
West Virginia.....	James A. Bryan.....	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin.....	Frederick Pollworth	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Hudson W. Darrah	Cody.

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Arizona.....	George J. Roskrige.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	John C. Bone.....	Batesville.
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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.
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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.....	Edward D. Vanderleith	Carson City.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Harrt	St. John.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
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	Walter L. Stockwell	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.
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Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
Scotland	Alfred A. A. Murray, Royal Arch Mason's Hall, 75 Queen St.	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	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.
Western Australia	John C. Strickland	Perth.
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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