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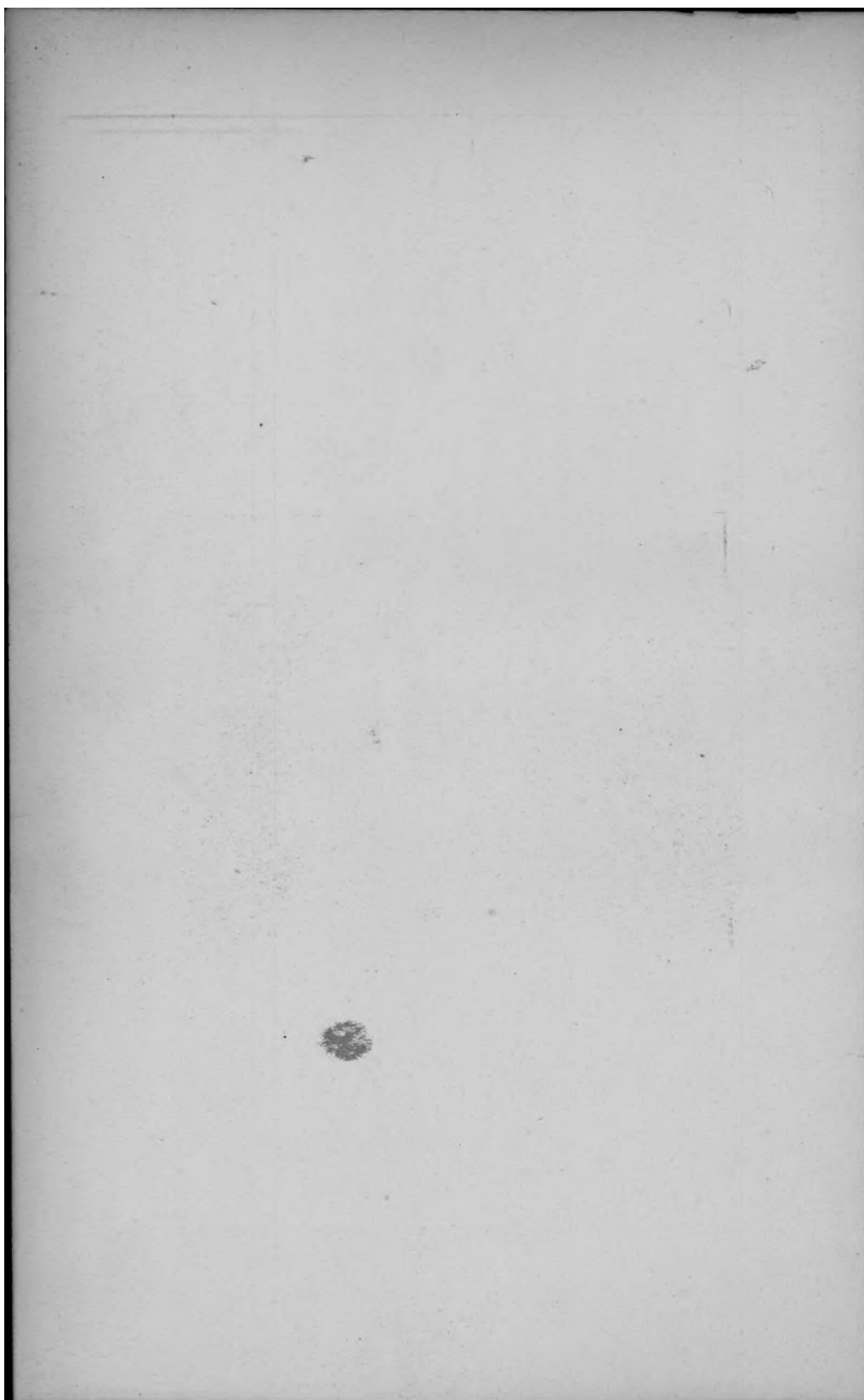
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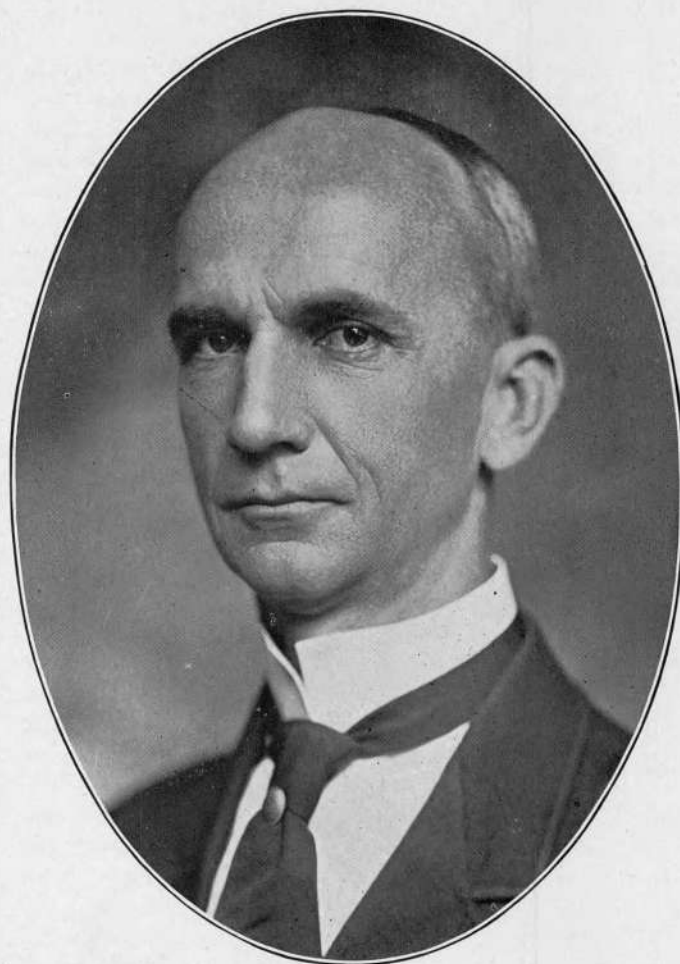
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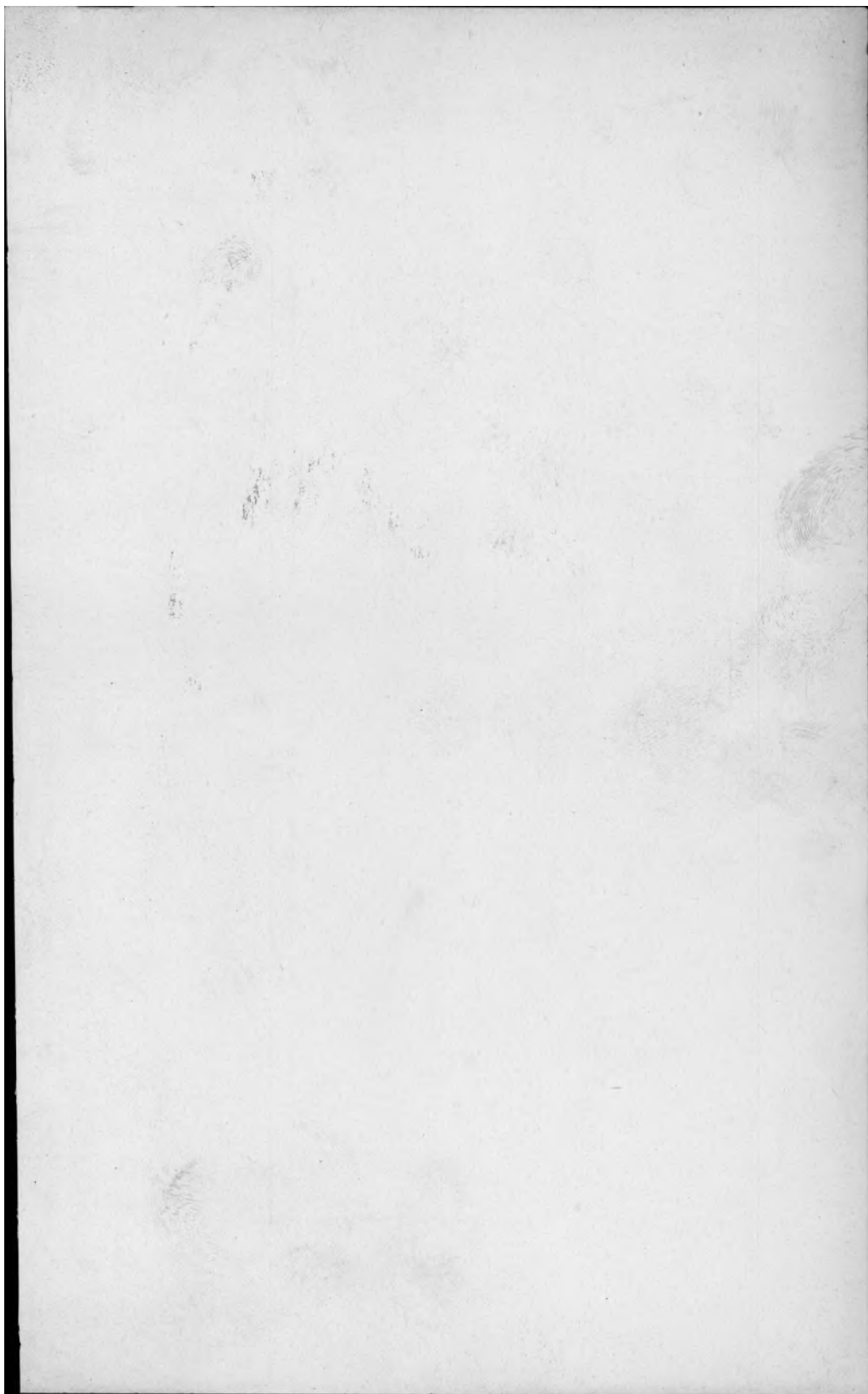


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LAWRENCE H. LEE.
GRAND HIGH PRIEST.



LAWRENCE H. LEE.
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The subject of this sketch was born August 2nd, 1867, at Clayton, Alabama. His parents were Alto V. and Lillie (Lawrence) Lee. He received his early educational training in the common schools at Clayton, and afterwards attended the University of Alabama, from which institution he received the degree of A. B. in June, 1887. In June, 1888, he received from the same institution the degree of LL. B. On October 29th, 1889, he was married to Miss Augusta Alston, of Clayton, Alabama.

He served as County Solicitor of his native county of Barbour for the years 1889-1890, was alderman of his native town from the years 1896-1897, and representative from his county to the legislature for the years 1898-1899.

He removed to Gadsden, Alabama, in September, 1901, and was City Attorney of Gadsden for the years 1902-1903. On November 29, 1905, he was appointed Reporter of the Supreme Court of Alabama, which position he now holds.

The following is his Masonic History:

Lawrence H. Lee was initiated and passed in May, 1889, and raised in June, 1889, in Royal White Hart Lodge No. 10, of Clayton, Alabama. From this lodge he dimitted on August 12, 1901, and on November 12, 1901, he affiliated with Gadsden Lodge No. 236, of Gadsden, Alabama, of which lodge he was elected Worshipful Master in the years 1902 and 1903. From this lodge he dimitted on June 11, 1912, and on August 20, 1912, he affiliated with Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, of Montgomery, Alabama.

In December, 1904, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama, was successively advanced, and in December, 1909, was elected Grand Master, to which responsible and honorable office he was re-elected in December, 1910.

He is a member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge and is also a member of the Board of Control of the Alabama Masonic Home, being Chairman of the Executive Committee of said board.

He was advanced June 18, 1889, presided June 18, 1889, received and accepted June 18, 1889, and exalted to the august degree of

Royal Arch on June 19, 1889, in Clayton Chapter No. 63, of Clayton, Alabama, of which chapter he presided as High Priest from 1892 to 1894. He was anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood on December 6, 1892. He dimitted from Clayton Chapter No. 63 and affiliated with Coosa Chapter No. 86, of Gadsden, Alabama, in 1903, being elected High Priest of that chapter the same year and serving from 1903 to 1905.

He was appointed Grand Master of the 3d Veil of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, in December, 1904; was elected Grand Captain of the Host in December, 1907, successively advanced, and was elected Grand High Priest in December, 1911.

He was received and greeted July 6, 1904, in Gadsden Council No. 56, Royal and Select Masters, from which council he dimitted and affiliated with Montgomery Council No. 3 of Montgomery, Alabama, on June 17, 1909, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of said Council the same year.

In the Grand Council he was elected Grand Steward in December, 1904, was successively advanced, and was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master in December, 1909.

He received the Illustrious Order of Red Cross on June 5th, 1904, and the Orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta on June 5th, 1904, in Etowah Commandery No. 15, Gadsden, Alabama. He dimitted from this Commandery on April 27th, 1908, and affiliated with Montgomery Commandery No. 3, Montgomery, Alabama, on February 11, 1909, of which Commandery he was elected Eminent Commander in the years 1911 and 1912.

He has also received the degrees of the A. & A., Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, from the 4th to the 32d, inclusive, and is a member of Zamora Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Birmingham, Alabama.

He has served the Fraternity and the State with conspicuous zeal and ability in every office to which he has been elected and is a man of fine attainments and brilliant intellect.

PROCEEDINGS
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of ALABAMA

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
CONVOCATION

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PROCEEDINGS
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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT

MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 1912, A. I. 2442

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama met in Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Monday, December 2, 1912, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....	Grand High Priest.
JOHN B. LYONS.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
ALBERT E. PACE.....	Grand King.
NORMAN GUNN.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART McQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Grand Captain of the Host.
JOHN H. McCORMICK.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
HENRY F. REESE.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
PHILIP McRAE.....	Grand Master 1st Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	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.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....	Past Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	Past Grand High Priest.

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.
Indiana.....	Seth Mabry.
Iowa.....	Stewart McQueen.
Kansas.....	Alex M. P. Dunn.
Kentucky.....	Louis J. Wright.
Maryland.....	Hezeriah G. Earnest.
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.
Missouri.....	William E. Bingham.
Nebraska.....	Richard H. Jones.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.
New Jersey.....	William P. Cobb.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.
North Carolina.....	* Siddons Stollenwerck.
North Dakota.....	John Philip Meivin.
Oklahoma.....	William F. Betts.

Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.
Pennsylvania.....	Woolsey Finnell.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.
Rhode Island.....	Jesse E. McCoy.
Scotland.....	Jacob U. Ray.
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.
Tennessee.....	William Wallace Screws.
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.
Utah.....	Philip McRae.
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.		{ F. W. Meeds.....	H. P.
1	Tuscaloosa.....	{ E. W. Hausman.....	K.
		{ Woolsey Finnell*.....	S.
5	Eunomia.....	{ James L. Kendall.....	H. P.
		{ A. M. P. Dunn.....	K.
10	Tuscumbia.....	Y. S. Harrington*.....	H. P.
12	Marion.....	Francis H. Bates.....	H. P.
21	Mobile.....	{ Isaac Litchbach.....	H. P.
		{ T. M. McMillan*.....	K.
		{ P. B. Dixon*.....	S.
22	Montgomery.....	{ W. W. Waldo.....	H. P.
		{ S. E. Washburn.....	K.
		{ L. D. Bradshaw.....	S.
23	Talladega.....	{ Wm. H. Sindlinger*.....	H. P.
		{ L. J. Wright*.....	K.
		{ Marion H. Sims*.....	S.
24	Eufaula.....	{ J. T. Mainor.....	H. P.
		{ George A. Beauchamp*.....	K.
		{ Seth Mabry*.....	S.
26	Union.....	{ George Pegram.....	H. P.
		{ John B. Christian*.....	K.
		{ Siddons Stollenwerck*.....	S.

28	St. Johns	{ W. H. Trimby* -----	H. P.
		{ T. P. Whitby* -----	K.
		{ Henry F. Reese* -----	S.
34	Hermon	{ F. P. Cade* -----	H. P.
38	Decatur	{ W. G. McKoin* -----	H. P.
40	Camden	{ J. C. Benson -----	H. P.
54	Tyrian	{ J. E. Windham -----	K.
		{ R. F. Powell -----	S.
56	Dadeville	{ Robert T. Ward -----	H. P.
		{ Joseph W. McClendon* -----	K.
		{ William C. Roeck* -----	S.
64	Central	{ W. F. Aldrich -----	H. P.
		{ E. S. Lyman -----	K.
71	Landmark	{ L. W. Kolb -----	H. P.
		{ D. W. Munn -----	K.
79	Hillabee	{ J. M. Pearson* -----	H. P.
80	Myles J. Greene	{ John B. Lyons* -----	H. P.
81	Jefferson	{ Jacob Bley -----	H. P.
86	Coosa	{ H. B. Myers* -----	H. P.
		{ H. L. Ison -----	K.
88	Springville	{ Basil M. Hill* -----	H. P.
99	Ben Bricken	{ Charles R. Bricken -----	H. P.
100	Roanoke	{ G. M. Saliba* -----	H. P.
101	Mineral City	{ Arthur Gledhill -----	H. P.
		{ Jacob U. Ray* -----	K.
		{ John B. Bethea* -----	S.
104	Sylacauga	{ E. W. Jenkins* -----	H. P.
105	Anniston	{ C. H. Tomlinson -----	H. P.
		{ H. G. Earnest* -----	K.
		{ B. R. Sawyer* -----	S.
106	Graham	{ Thomas J. Thomason -----	H. P.
		{ Cicero B. Cole* -----	K.
107	Ft. Payne	{ Nathan J. Callan* -----	K.
108	Pratt City	{ D. E. Cook* -----	H. P.
		{ J. C. Fason -----	K.
		{ A. H. Daniels* -----	S.
109	Blocton	{ H. H. Farrar -----	H. P.
		{ W. W. Perry* -----	K.
110	Bessemer	{ Samuel Stein* -----	H. P.
111	Piedmont	{ Charles S. Fagan -----	H. P.
		{ O. L. Stewart* -----	K.
112	Brewton	{ W. T. Neal* -----	H. P.
113	Dothan	{ O. M. Murphy -----	H. P.
		{ C. W. Newton -----	K.
		{ R. C. Williams* -----	S.

114	H. Clay Armstrong	{ George W. Coggin -----	H. P.
		{ Daniel C. McConnell -----	S.
115	Thomasville -----	E. A. Rentz* -----	H. P.
117	Beauchamp -----	Jesse E. McCoy -----	H. P.
118	Jasper -----	{ Norman Gunn -----	H. P.
		{ J. H. Craig* -----	K.
119	Jackson -----	{ M. W. Cravey* -----	H. P.
		{ W. W. Daffin* -----	K.
120	Ensley -----	{ J. M. Lower -----	H. P.
		{ J. Thomas* -----	K.
		{ J. S. Falkner* -----	S.
123	Covington -----	Richard H. Jones* -----	H. P.
125	Coleanor -----	{ J. P. Melvin -----	H. P.
		{ J. F. Jenkins* -----	K.
		{ W. M. Mills -----	S.
126	Tallassee -----	{ R. L. Harris -----	H. P.
		{ A. W. Herren -----	K.
		{ George W. Coker -----	S.
127	Evergreen -----	W. F. Betts* -----	H. P.
128	Heflin -----	Ulysses S. Vaughn* -----	H. P.
129	James E. Cobb -----	William P. Cobb* -----	H. P.
130	Palmyra -----	W. P. Thomason* -----	H. P.
131	Cordova -----	{ L. D. Gray* -----	H. P.
		{ F. M. Sides* -----	K.
132	Langdale -----	{ W. L. Waller -----	K.
		{ J. L. Hawkins -----	S.
134	Elba -----	Dallas P. Lee -----	H. P.
135	Floralda -----	{ J. A. Goodwin* -----	H. P.
		{ J. R. Shepherd* -----	S.
136	Auburn -----	{ J. T. Anderson* -----	H. P.
		{ W. V. Jones* -----	S.
137	Samson -----	{ Ira L. Johnson -----	H. P.
		{ O. M. Hargette* -----	K.
		{ W. C. Dannelley* -----	S.
138	Columbia -----	{ W. H. Christian -----	H. P.
		{ J. F. McTyer* -----	K.
		{ J. E. McNair* -----	S.
140	Hartselle -----	A. M. White* -----	H. P.
141	Castleberry -----	J. W. Thurmond -----	H. P.
142	Cherokee -----	{ Thomas Bradford -----	H. P.
		{ L. J. Cobb -----	S.
144	James Penn -----	A. P. Johnston* -----	H. P.
145	Millport -----	R. C. Noble* -----	H. P.

*Proxy.

(Number of Chapters represented, 60.)

OPENED.

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

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

REGRETS.

Letters expressing regrets at their inability to be present were read from Most Excellent Companion Henry Banks, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia, and Most Excellent Companion Nelson Williams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ohio.

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:

My Companions:

Another chapter has been added to the history we are writing of capitular masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama. And it has become my privilege and pleasure to call to order the 86th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, and to render unto you an account of my official acts.

Before doing so, however, I desire to extend to each companion present a zealous and cordial welcome, and to express the hope that this Convocation may prove a source of pleasure and profit to each of us, and recorded as one well spent in labor for the good of our royal craft. May it be characterized by that unanimity and companionship that has been the keynote of all our recent convocations.

Standing today in the gateway of the dawn of the eighty-sixth year of capitular masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, may we re-

alize that the blended brightness of the past achievements cannot be dimmed or hid, save by the shadow woven shroud of our own moral or intellectual darkness.

Let us then, remembering the lessons of wisdom, spread upon the page of its past, turn our faces to the future with that patient perseverance, cheerful hopefulness, persistent seeking of cherished purposes, that actuated our companions of old times, that we, too, may find release from the bonds that bind, and be permitted to view the second temple completed and adorned as befits our high calling.

I trust that the past year has been a fruitful one to each of us in good deeds, and that those things desired have come to each of you.

I know we are prone to think and say that we do not get in this world all that we are entitled to, and certainly not all that we desire.

Whether we do or not is difficult of decision. We cannot decide it. One thing we can be certain, however, and that is that without effort there can be no results. Effort is of self and must come from within us, therefore the results must come to us. Whatever is of self is of our will and within our power. The most that we can do then is to do what we can and all we can and do it the very best we know how. Then what should come to us will. It always does. And as it is not given to us to increase what we are able to carry wisely, and what it is right for us to have, it seems just a bit foolish and useless for us to argue whether we are getting our full share. The wisest philosophy is to do as best we may while we may. The results will then care for themselves.

From a material as well as an ethical standpoint we have made progress. The larger chapters have been doing excellent work, and the less favored ones have been revived and strengthened. Many have been added to the rolls, and much of dead timber has been cut down and cast out. On the whole a very gratifying increase in our numbers will be shown as the results of your efforts during the past year. Much zealous interest has been displayed in the principles and teachings of our august art, and its influence extended throughout the jurisdiction.

No new chapters have been added, but many dormant ones have been revived, and many otherwise inactive, have been given renewed

vigor and strength. To my mind a very satisfactory condition, viewed from any standpoint.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

It seems that every note of optimism must have its minor chords. The invisible hand of death has reached out from the "Great Unknown" and removed many of our companions from their accustomed places, and set them forward on the journey into the Great Beyond. Our sister jurisdictions have suffered, and this Grand body has not been exempt.

Companion Oscar C. Dibble, Grand Sentinel of this Grand Jurisdiction, died August 7th, 1912, at his home in this city, and was buried in Savannah, Ga., August 9th, with the honors of the craft.

During his active years he was a conductor on the Western Railway of Alabama, and made a most efficient and conscientious officer. During the last years of his life he was engaged in no regular calling, but lived quietly here attending to his duties as sentinel of the various bodies with which he was connected, and as Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter and of the Grand Council, and in doing those things he was able to do.

He was born in Savannah, Ga., February 22nd, 1844; married Miss Lena Land, of Columbus, Ga., Nov. 10th, 1872, and this marriage was blessed with three sons and one daughter, all of whom survive him. His wife died August 28th, 1909.

His masonic history was as follows: Initiated, Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, Montgomery, Alabama, June 12th, 1900, passed August 10th, 1900, raised Feb. 8th, 1901, exalted Montgomery Chapter No. 22, Feb. 28th, 1902, appointed Grand Sentinel Dec. 5th, 1911.

Was received and greeted in Montgomery Council No. 3, Dec. 4th, 1911, and appointed Grand Sentinel the same day. Was knighted in Montgomery Commandery No. 4, April 24th 1902, and was sentinel of that body at the time of his death.

Our companion was faithful and true, kind and considerate, and possessed a wide circle of friends who mourn his loss. He was held in high regard by all his fraternal companions and is greatly missed.

To those of his loved ones who survive him we extend our condolence and sympathy, with the assurance that their loss is, in a large measure, ours also.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

Many excellent and distinguished companions of our sister jurisdictions have been removed from the sphere of their activity to the Grand Chapter above. To each we extend our sincere fraternal sympathy, and with them stop in our labors to drop upon their bier a blossom of remembrance and regret. Those who have been called from labor to rest are as follows:

M.'. E.'. Companion George A. Dannelly, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died December 4, 1911.

M.'. E.'. Companion Gaylord J. Klock, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died March 28, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Sam H. Davidson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died September 10, 1912.

R.'. E.'. Companion John Gregor, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died March 21, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Edward B. Newnam, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died April 27, 1912.

R.'. E.'. Companion Andrew Sagendorf, Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died August 2, 1912.

E.'. Companion Eugene C. Adt, Grand Master Third Veil of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died February 24, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion William Henry Jewell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Died January 2, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion William J. A. DeLancey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died February 13, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Thomas J. Anderson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Died January 31, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Henry Bannister Grant, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died August 26, 1912.

R.'. E.'. Companion Charles E. Postley, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died April 7, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Clark E. Spencer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died May 5, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion George Forsyth, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died February 19, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion George Washington Prescott, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died March 21, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion William Gay Bronson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died September 3, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Enoch George DeLap, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Died December 23, 1921.

M.'. E.'. Companion John S. Cobb, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Died January 17, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion William J. McDonald, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died July 24, 1912.

R.'. E.'. Companion Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died September 5, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion David E. Morgan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. Died May 11, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Henry Despard de Blois, Past Grand High Priest and Permanent Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. Died June 6, 1911.

M.'. E.'. Companion Jacob L'Hommedieu Long, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died May 31, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Ezra Scull Bartlett, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Died July 17, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion David A. Douglas, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Died March 20, 1912.

M.'. E.'. Companion Alfred Stith Lee, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and Grand Representative of this Chapter. Died January 19, 1912.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF LANDMARK CHAPTER NO. 71.

On April 15, 1912, Landmark Chapter No. 71, having paid the Grand Secretary one year's Annual Dues, in accordance with resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter, I re-organized said Chapter and restored its charter.

DSPENSATIONS TO CONTINUE WORK.

On March 23, 1912, Jackson Chapter No. 119, the Charter of which had been forfeited by reason of failure for two successive years to render Annual Returns and pay Annual Dues, having rendered its returns and paid its dues, I issued dispensation permitting said Chap-

ter to continue work until this Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and recommend that its Charter be restored free of cost.

On October 30, 1912, I issued dispensation to Courtland Chapter No. 25 to continue work until this Convocation of the Grand Chapter, its charter having been forfeited by failure to hold a convocation for twelve successive months.

NEW CHARTER ISSUED.

On January 17, 1912, I issued a new Charter to H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114, in accordance with the order of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

According to the regulations of this Grand Chapter the Commissions of all Companions appointed to represent this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters expire with each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. To fill these vacancies I have appointed and commissioned the following Companions to represent this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters:

Arizona—Daniel Francis Mitchell, Prescott.
Arkansas—Fielding W. Harris, Mammoth Springs.
California—Thomas O. Heydenfeldt, Redwood City.
Canada—William Rea, Toronto.
Colorado—Tyler D. Heiskell, Ft. Morgan.
Connecticut—Eugene A. Hall, Meriden.
Delaware—J. Harmer Rile, Wilmington.
District of Columbia—Charles W. Hancock, Washington.
Florida—George H. White, Jacksonville.
Georgia—Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta.
Illinois—Samuel J. Lefevre, Gibson City.
Indiana—Alvin G. Tillotson, Michigan City.
Iowa—William Wilbraham, Cresco.
Kansas—Henry B. Sparks, Lawrence.
Kentucky—Laban T. Everett, Catlettsburg.
Louisiana—H. A. King, New Iberia.
Maine—Charles M. Sleeper, South Berwick.
Maryland—Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore.

Massachusetts—William B. Lawrence, Medford.
Minnesota—James Kelly, Duluth.
Mississippi—C. W. Bolton, Pontotoc.
Missouri—David M. Wilson, Milan.
Nebraska—Frederick J. Schaufelberger, Hastings.
Nevada—William McMillan, Reno.
New Brunswick—Allison B. Connell, Woodstock.
New Hampshire—Henry P. Glidden, Dover.
New Jersey—Joseph A. Behan, Ridgefield Park.
New South Wales—David Walter Custer, Sydney.
New York—R. Montrose Medberry, Ballston Spa.
New Zealand—James McGregor, Invercargill.
North Carolina—William B. McKoy, Wilmington.
North Dakota—Charles E. Best, Enderline.
Nova Scotia—Andrew J. Munro, Amherst.
Ohio—Schuyler B. Tuthill, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma—William H. Essex, McAlester.
Oregon—Jay Tuttle, Astoria.
Pennsylvania—Walter D. Clark, New Castle.
Quebec—Charles P. O'Connor, Montreal.
Rhode Island—John P. Sanborn, Newport.
Scotland—Charles Martin Hardie—Garthhill.
South Carolina—O. Frank Hart, Columbia.
South Dakota—Frank A. Brown, Aberdeen.
Tennessee—J. R. Spicer, Paris.
Texas—J. M. Strayhon, San Antonio.
Utah—Herman Hill, Salt Lake City.
Vermont—Carroll W. Black, Bellows Falls.
Victoria—Henry I. Scott, Melbourne.
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.

The following Companions have been commissioned, upon my recommendation, to represent other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Arizona—George W. Coggin, Fayette.
Arkansas—William W. Ransom, Birmingham.
California—Basil M. Hill, Springville.
Canada—Lew Lazarus, Birmingham.
Colorado—John B. Christian, Uniontown.
Connecticut—William Y. Titcomb, Anniston.
Delaware—Albert E. Pace, Dothan.
District of Columbia—Norman Gunn, Jasper.
Florida—Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.
Georgia—Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.
Idaho—Walter B. Merrill, Heflin.
Indiana—Seth Mabry, Eufaula.
Iowa—Stewart McQueen, Montgomery.
Kansas—Alex M. P. Dunn, Huntsville.
Kentucky—Louis J. Wright, Talladega.
Louisiana—Robert L. Douglass, Mobile.
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 H. 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 South Wales—Q. Salter, Monroeville.
New York—Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery.
New Zealand—John M. P. Otts, Birmingham.
North Carolina—Siddons Stollenwerck, Faunsdale.
North Dakota—John Philip Melvin, Piper.
Nova Scotia—Albert E. 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—Jesse E. McCoy, Atmore.

Scotland—Jacob U. Ray, Woodstock.
South Carolina—Francis H. Bates, Hamburg.
South Dakota—Jacob Bley, Demopolis.
Tennessee—William Wallace Screws, Montgomery.
Texas—John B. Lyons, Opelika.
Utah—Philip McRae, Montgomery.
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.

DISPENSATIONS TO MORTGAGE CHAPTER PROPERTY.

I granted dispensation to Ensley Chapter No. 120, to execute a mortgage on its interest in lots 20 and 24, block 23-D, in the City of Ensley, to secure its part of a loan, negotiated to build a temple for the purposes of the Lodge and Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

I issued dispensations to elect and install officers in the following instances, the chapters having failed, for one or another cause, to elect at the statutory time:

March 23, 1912, to Jackson Chapter, No. 119.
March 28, 1912, to Columbia Chapter, No. 138, to elect King and Scribe, the King having failed to be installed and the Scribe having moved out of this jurisdiction.
April 15, 1912, to Landmark Chapter, No. 71.
June 26, 1912, to Camden Chapter, No. 40.
June 22, 1912, to Blocton Chapter, No. 109.
June 22, 1912, to Thomasville Chapter No. 115.
July 3, 1912, to Union Chapter, No. 26.
Aug. 19, 1912, to Graham Chapter, No. 106.

DISPENSATIONS TO BALLOT OUT OF TIME AND CONFER DEGREES.

I have issued a good many dispensations to ballot out of statutory time and confer degrees. I do not endorse the practice, and would have declined in a good many instances, but it has grown into a custom, and the chapters expect it. In nearly every instance, these dispensations were issued on account of a revival going on, or to be set on foot in the chapter, and it seemed necessary to enable the chapter to get on its feet, and have a working quorum.

I was present and assisted on several of these occasions, and it is my deliberate judgment that it would be much more conducive to the good of the particular chapter if the petition were allowed to take their regular course and the chapter do the work on the various teams. However that may be, the following table shows how liberally I have acted against my better judgment.

Feb. 6, 1912, to Talladega Chapter, No. 23.
March 22, 1912, to Ben Bricken Chapter, No. 99.
March 23, 1912, to St. John's Chapter, No. 28.
March 28, 1912, to St. John's Chapter, No. 28.
April 2, 1912, to Central Chapter, No. 64.
April 10, 1912, to Tuscumbia Chapter, No. 10.
April 15, 1912, to Landmark Chapter, No. 71.
April 18, 1912, to Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1.
May 14, 1912, to Montgomery Chapter, No. 22.
May 23, 1912, to Bessemer Chapter, No. 110.
May 24, 1912, to James Penn Chapter, No. 144.
June 18, 1912, to Jackson Chapter, No. 119.
July 5, 1912, to Columbia Chapter, No. 138.
July 15, 1912, to St. John's Chapter, No. 28.
July 18, 1912, to Marion Chapter, No. 12.
Oct. 10, 1912, to Talladega Chapter No. 23.
Oct. 28, 1912, to James Penn Chapter, No. 144.
Oct. 30, 1912, to Montgomery Chapter, No. 22.
Nov. 1, 1912, to Tallassee Chapter No. 126.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I had expected to make quite a number of official visits during the year just past, but when I ascertained that the work incident to my connection with the Masonic Home, when added to the work of my vocation, was going to deprive me of this pleasure, I set about the task of selecting those chapters that needed assistance and encouragement, and endeavored to make arrangements to visit and assist them. I deemed it of more importance to the Order in the Grand Jurisdiction, than any pleasure or profit to myself and the chapters I might be able to reach in a merely social way. I had the pleasure of visiting and assisting in the chapter work, the following chapters, on the dates named:

Ben Bricken, No. 99, at Luverne, on May 15, 1912.

Landmark, No. 71, at Ozark, April 15, 1912.

Bessemer, No. 110, at Bessemer, May 23rd and 24th, 1912.

Jackson, No. 119, at Jackson, June 17th and 18th, 1912.

Columbia, No. 138, at Columbia, July 5, 1912.

Marion, No. 12, at Marion, July 18, 1912.

Montgomery, No. 22, at Montgomery, Oct. 30th, 1912.

In each instance I was accompanied by the Grand Secretary. M. E. George A. Beauchamp. We were cordially received and most courteously and fraternally greeted and entertained, the companions leaving nothing undone to render our visit most pleasant, and to demonstrate their zeal for the craft and their attachment to its precepts.

The occasion of our visit to Bessemer No. 110, was a "York Rite Reunion," and we had the pleasure of witnessing and assisting in the work of the Blue Lodge as well as the Chapter.

Tuscaloosa and Bessemer are the only two cities holding these reunions at a fixed time each year, and in this connection I desire to say that it would be well if other masonic centres would take up and carry out this plan. It serves not only to increase interest in and knowledge of the work, but engenders and fosters a closer fraternal spirit and understanding, at the same time broadening our masonic outlook.

DECISIONS.

1. A chapter cannot sell its furniture and jewels without the consent of the Grand Chapter, or under dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

2. A dimit cannot be granted at a meeting not a stated convocation, except by special dispensation.

3. Where a chartered chapter has been granted dispensation to continue work until the next Annual Convocation, and to elect officers pending that time, neither of the three principal officers so elected can dimit until the expiration of their term of office, if they have qualified and been installed.

4. A member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of the dues for which he stands suspended—usually two years. He does not owe dues pending suspension.

5. Waiver of jurisdiction can only be granted at a stated convocation. It cannot be granted by the signatures of any number of companions to a written waiver not acted on at a regular convocation.

6. The following question was presented to me, the facts being as follows: A ballot was spread upon a petition to receive the chapter degrees, and it was found clear and so declared. After chapter adjourned a companion made it known that he had intended and attempted to cast a black ball. Under these conditions, can the companion require a re-ballot upon the petition?

There is a conflict between Article 3, Section 10, of the By-Laws, (page 146, Chapter Manual 1909), and Rule 10, Rules for Subordinate Chapters (page 178, Chapter Manual 1909), and a conflict in the edicts on the subject under consideration. See Edict 4, page 156, Chapter Manual, 1909, Edicts 20, page 159, and decision of Past Grand High Priest Bingham, pages 23 and 24, Proceedings 1911.

I ruled as follows:

1st. A ballot in which one black ball appears may be retaken on the demand of any companion present, for the purpose of verification. If two black balls appear the ballot as to that petition is final.

2nd. Where a ballot is taken and found and declared to be clear, the petitioner must be declared elected, and no further bal-

lot may be demanded. But any companion, a member of that chapter, may object to the conferring of the degrees upon the petitioner, and the chapter cannot confer such degrees until the objection is withdrawn, or the objecting companion severs his connection with the chapter.

3rd. That Rule 10 for the government of Subordinate Chapters is in conflict with Article III, Section 10, of the By-Laws, and hence, in so far as it conflicts, is null and void. And I suggest an amendment of one or the other to bring about harmony.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Elyton Chapter No. 76, lost its charter at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in December, 1899. The surviving members are endeavoring to reorganize it, and applied to me for dispensation to reorganize under the same name and number. While they had the requisite number of signers, it appeared that one of them had been dropped in 1885, another in 1890, without explanation as to cause, and one had been suspended N. P. D. in 1891. It was, therefore, impossible for me to grant the dispensation. I, therefore, recommend that the two companions dropped, be restored to the roll in the Grand Chapter, unless good cause is shown why it should not be done, and that the member suspended N. P. D. be restored upon the payment of \$2.00; and that after this is accomplished upon proper application, the charter be restored on payment of proper fee. I attach the petition presented, which reads as follows:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama:

The undersigned beg leave to state that they are Royal Arch Masons, in good and regular standing, and unaffiliated, having last been members of Elyton Chapter No. 76, the charter of which was declared forfeited at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter in December, 1899, that having the prosperity of the Royal Craft at heart, they are willing and anxious to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Royal Arch Masonry; that for their benefit they are desirous of reorganizing Elyton Chapter No. 76 in the county of Jefferson.

That in consequence of this desire, they pray for a dispensation to authorize and empower them to assemble as a legal Chapter, to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter; that they nominate and recommend George M. Morrow, to be the High Priest; Henry M. Veitch, to be the King; John B. Downey, to be the Scribe of said Chapter.

The petitioners beg leave to state that the point at which said Chapter is proposed to be reorganized is located in a city or town containing one thousand inhabitants, and that they have a suitable place in which to assemble. If the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN B. DOWNEY,
J. W. SAVAGE,
GEO. W. HARRELL,
HORACE J. SALTER,
JOHN T. REED,
GEO. M. MORROW,
J. H. PARSON,
HENRY M. VEITCH,
M. C. WATKINS.

We have no system of visitation and inspection, with the result that every chapter, in matters of detail in the conferring of the degrees, is a law unto itself. Several instances have come under my observation of great abuse in the conferring of the P. M. and R. A. degrees. Some chapters would turn the P. M. degree into a burlesque, and I have known of instances where good men were so disgusted as to decline to receive the other degrees, or, if they went on, felt no further interest in capitular Masonry. Other chapters make an effort to introduce features in the Royal Arch degree that have no place there, but savor more of the ceremonials of another Order.

Of course I corrected these abuses where I found them, as best I could, and, in one or more instances, threatened to revoke the charter if the practice was persisted in. I suspect there are other

chapters indulging in similar "horseplay." This method of initiation should have the unqualified disapproval of the Grand Chapter, and I am of the opinion that the only way to permanently check it, is a system of visitation and inspection of the work. To this end, then, I recommend that a committee be raised to consider this question, and report same to the next Annual Convocation.

Some system of visitation and inspection is needed also for the information and instruction of chapters as to the routine business of the chapters, and especially the keeping of the record. This could be accomplished in the same way.

Past Grand High Priest Bingham in his very excellent address at the last Annual Convocation, called attention to the fact that no method is now provided by the constitution for the consolidation of chapters, and suggested that such legislation as was deemed necessary, he had upon that subject. I have been unable to find where any action was taken on that subject, and therefore recommend that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report a proper resolution covering the subject.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The Tri-ennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America met with the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, at Indianapolis, on September 11th and 12th, last. It was my good fortune to attend this meeting and I was just as fortunate in having as my traveling companion our Grand Secretary.

The meeting was splendidly attended, there being representations from practically all of the states, and chapters holding membership in the General Grand Chapter. The proceedings were conducted with that dignity and high order of intelligence that should characterize such occasions. They were, therefore, very instructive and enjoyable, and calculated to inspire that respect for and interest in its convocation that should actuate all the bodies constituting its component parts. I trust that Alabama will always be represented at the Tri-ennial Convocations as our failure to do so is more loss to us than we realize from a distance. If these occasions served no other purpose than to bring the companions of this great country into more cordial and fraternal knowledge and relationship, it would be well to continue them. But they do more—for they not

only bring about an interchange of ideas and a swapping of viewpoints, but they help us to a broader vision, and give us a hint as to the possibilities of the craft for good in a country of such seemingly variant interests and mixed citizenship.

And in time will make possible and permanent a great masonic conference for the promulgation of those doctrines and principles too little known and appreciated by the craft itself, but so essential to the continuation of the rights and principles enunciated in our national and state constitutions and guaranteed as the basis of our national republic. A complete review of its proceedings will doubtless appear in our proceedings of 1913.

I cannot leave this subject, however, without attempting to convey the sense of obligation your representatives feel to the companions of Indiana. Perhaps no affair of equal magnitude was ever managed with such skill; certainly no more cordial, free-hearted, open-handed hospitality can be imagined. From the time the delegates were met at their trains, until they said farewell, they had but to turn to find some companion of Indiana ready and anxious to anticipate and gratify their every wish. The week was crowded with pleasures, and yet the pleasures were so handled that there was no interference with the business of the sessions. Not only were the delegates most cordially cared for, but the ladies accompanying them were never for a moment forgotten, but were most royally entertained and delightfully required to spend their stay in feasting physically and intellectually, and in sight-seeing.

Our companions of Indiana are to be congratulated upon the personel of the craft, and upon the physical appointments of their meeting place. For all purposes they have, perhaps, the most complete and perfectly appointed Temple in this Republic of ours; and surely no more gifted, courteous companions reside anywhere.

To our minds the companions of Indiana are the complete synonyms of cordiality, big-heartedness, courtesy, and that pleasing, unostentatious hospitality that makes one glad of the privilege of being a guest.

It would be quite a personal pleasure to mention each of the companions personally, and to speak of the many delightful functions, but space forbids.

GRAND SENTINEL.

On October 1st, 1912, I appointed and commissioned Companion William H. Cooper, P. H. P. of Montgomery Chapter No. 22, Grand Sentinel, vice E. Companion Oscar C. Dibble, deceased.

CONCLUSION.

Now, my companions, you have an account of my acts and doings in the honorable and exalted position to which your suffrage has elevated me. What their effect will be upon the future of capitular masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, time alone can tell. But however potent for good or for ill my acts may eventually prove. I want you to understand that they were prompted by a sincere desire to measure up to the responsibilities you so cheerfully put upon me, and which I received with humility, and yet with a great and sincere gratitude to the craft. I hold my masonic honors higher and more sacred than any that have or may come to me in the other walks of life, and I hope that the future may vindicate the wisdom of your choice of me as an humble vessel to carry the precious freight of our high calling across the gulf that opens into the seas and oceans of the ages yet to come. Fidelity to duty and principles, and perseverance to attain these ends amid difficulties and adversities is one of the many important lessons we get from capitular masonry.

This life is not a mere period of probation for preparation to meet an unknown future. It is real and for a purpose here. We may not be able to know its ultimate ends, but we must realize that there is work—real, constructive work—for each of us to do.

Let us learn our lesson well, and pressing forward in the effort to live up to our character as Royal Arch Masons, may we attain, in deed and in truth, to the summit of our sublime and royal art, and so be hailed as "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed."

I thank you for the confidence imposed, and here express the hope that you may never regret having honored me by your confidence.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

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, John B. Christian and Francis H. Bates.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, R. . E. . Companion John Wilson Terry, submitted the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

JOHN WILSON TERRY, Grand Treasurer.

In Account With

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

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1911.		
Nov. 15.	To Balance	\$2,235.08
1912.		
Oct. 25.	Received from Grand Secretary	500.00
Nov. 1.	Received from Grand Secretary	100.00
Nov. 15.	Received from Grand Secretary	2,013.63
		\$4,848.71

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By Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund.....	\$ 700.00
Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund 1910-	
1911, overdrawn	16.31
Grand Secretary, Salary	900.00
Grand Treasurer, Salary	100.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Salary	150.00
Grand Sentinel, Salary	21.00
Porter for Grand Sentinel	4.00

Grand Chaplain, Salary	25.00	
Gay-Teague Hotel, Entertaining G. G. H. P.	22.90	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest	100.00	
Library, Binding and purchasing proceedings	59.50	
Donation to Masonic Home	500.00	
Lawrence H. Lee, Expenses attending Gen- eral Grand Chapter	90.00	
George A. Beauchamp, Expenses attending General Grand Chapter	90.00	
P. G. H. P. Jewel, William E. Bingham.....	25.00	
Book-cases for library	22.00	
Balance.....	\$2,023.00	\$4,848.71

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, 1912:

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1912.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report\$2,515.25

CERTIFICATES.

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

1912.

Feb. 20. James B. Ellis, Fulton No. 32.....No Charge
Feb. 27. W. B. Kline, Elyton No. 76\$ 2.00

1912.]

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DISPENSATIONS.

1912.

Mar. 6.	Landmark Chapter No. 71, To reorganize-----	\$	20.25
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RITUALS.

1912.

Nov. 15.	Rituals sold since last report -----	\$	15.00
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MANUALS.

1912.

Nov. 15.	Manuals sold since last report -----	\$	45.25
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CONTINGENT FUND.

1912.

Nov. 15.	Amount not used -----	\$	15.88
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RECAPITULATION.

1912.

Nov. 15.	Dues collected since last report-----	\$2,515.25	
Nov. 15.	Certificates issued since last report ---	2.00	
Nov. 15.	Dispensation issued since last report--	20.25	
Nov. 15.	Rituals sold since last report -----	15.00	
Nov. 15.	Manuals sold since last report -----	45.25	
Nov. 15.	Contingent Fund not used -----	15.88	\$2,613.63

1912.

Oct. 25.	Paid Grand Treasurer -----	500.00	
Nov. 1.	Paid Grand Treasurer -----	100.00	
Nov. 15.	Paid Grand Treasurer -----	2,013.63	\$2,613.63

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

In Account With

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

1911.

Dec. 6. To Contingent Fund ----- \$ 700.00

1912.

Nov. 15. By Printing and Stationery ----- \$437.35

Nov. 15. By Sundries ----- 23.85

Nov. 15. By Postage and Express ----- 137.05

Nov. 15. By Coal ----- 50.35

Nov. 15. By Dues to General Grand Chapter ---- 35.52

Nov. 15. By amount not used ----- 15.88 \$ 700.00

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL REPORTS 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 my last report I have disposed of Cipher Rituals as follows:

No. 146, James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129, in exchange for old ritual No. 96.

Nos. 147, 148 and 149, Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, in exchange for old rituals Nos. 40, 41 and 102.

Nos. 150, 151 and 152, Central Chapter No. 64, in exchange for old rituals Nos. 24, 25 and 26.

Nos. 153 and 154, Jackson Chapter No. 119, in exchange for old rituals Nos. 31 and 32.

Nos. 155, 156 and 157, Landmark Chapter No. 71. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 158 and 159, Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10. Purchased and paid for.

No. 160, Anniston Chapter No. 105, in exchange for old ritual No. 53.

No. 161, James Penn Chapter No. 144. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 162 to 300, inclusive, are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT ON BINDING.

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

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

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

Alabama, 1908-1910	1 Volume
Alabama, 1853-1865, Reprint	1 Volume
California, 1910-1911	1 Volume
Colorado, 1909-1911	1 Volume
Connecticut, 1907-1910	1 Volume
England and Wales, Grand Lodge Mark Master Masons, September, 1905, to June, 1910.....	1 Volume
Florida, 1872-1885	1 Volume
Georgia, 1857-1871, 1906-1911	2 Volumes
Georgia, Reprint 1822-1848	1 Volume
Illinois 1858-1865	1 Volume
Iowa, 1909-1911	1 Volume
Maryland, 1907-1910	1 Volume

Michigan, 1859-1865, 1899-1911	2 Volumes
Missouri, 1909-1911	1 Volume
Montana, 1904-1910	1 Volume
Nevada, 1873-1879, 1904-1910	2 Volumes
North Carolina, 1860-1871	1 Volume
Pennsylvania, 1908-1910	1 Volume
Rhode Island, 1905-1911	1 Volume
South Carolina, 1906-1910	1 Volume
South Dakota, 1906-1909	1 Volume
Texas, 1909-1911	1 Volume
Vermont, 1907-1911	1 Volume
Virginia, 1856-1864	1 Volume
Washington, 1908-1910	1 Volume
West Virginia, 1908-1911	1 Volume
	29 Volumes

Fraternally submitted,
 GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
 Grand Secretary.

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.)

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. . Companion William Y. Titcomb responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

M. E. Companion John B. Christian offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama has been advised of the present illness of our greatly beloved Companion, George A. Joiner, which prevents him attending this Annual Convocation, therefore be it

Resolved, first. That we have learned with great sorrow of the sickness of Companion Joiner.

Second. That we extend to him our sincere sympathy and pray that he may soon be restored to his usual health, which we feel assured he will use in the future as in the past, for the good of his country, his fellow man and in the service of Almighty God.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG CHAPTER NO. 114.

M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp offered the following preamble and resolution, and, on motion, the preamble was adopted, and the resolution concurred in.

Whereas, H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114 of Fayette, Alabama, has recently suffered a severe loss in the destruction of its hall and all its contents by fire, and on which there was no insurance,

Therefore be it resolved, That the annual dues of said Chapter to this Grand Chapter for the year 1912, be, and are hereby remitted.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On account of the unavoidable absence of Companion George A. Joiner, a member of the Committee on By-Laws, Companion John B. Christian was appointed to serve on said Committee during this Annual Convocation.

On account of the unavoidable absence of Companions Robert L. Douglass and Q. Salter, members of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, Companions Clarence L. C. Atkeson and Oscar M. Murphy were appointed to serve on said Committee during this Annual Convocation.

On account of the unavoidable absence of Companions Walter B. Merrill and Francis M. Stillwell, members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, Companions George Pegram and Charles R. Bricken were appointed to serve on said Committee during this Annual Convocation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Montgomery Chapter No. 22, notified the Grand Chapter that Brother Philip B. Moss 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 Lowry H. Hall 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 upon him by said Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degree of Royal Arch upon this brother.

Jackson Chapter No. 119, notified the Grand Chapter that Brother Eustace M. McLeod had been duly elected to receive the Capitular degrees by said Chapter; that the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master had been conferred upon him, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degree of Royal Arch 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, Past Master and Most Excellent Master on Brother Philip B. Moss.

SPECIAL ORDER.

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

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 and the recommendations concurred in.

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

Your Committee finds in the annual address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest many matters for congratulation. The subordinate chapters are showing renewed energy and desire to advance in efficiency. There is progress all along the line.

We endorse most thoroughly the reference to rough treatment of candidates occasionally practiced in some of the local chapters. A resolution to carry out this suggestion is advisable.

There is such wide spread separation of territory and uncertainty as to time of conferring degrees and holding convocations that a system of inspection and visitation would be very difficult. A committee might well be appointed in accordance with the recommendation of the address to visit and inspect, and arrangement for the expenses of such committee be provided for out of the funds of the Grand Chapter.

We recommend that the decisions of the Grand High Priest be concurred in with the exception of decision six and we recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report such by-law as will cover the case.

The tone and spirit of the address should be commended in the highest degree. It is inspiring and uplifting and calculated to do much good.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

FRANCIS H. BATES,

Committee.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY EVENING, December 2, 1912.

The M. . E. . Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at seven thirty o'clock, the M. . E. . Grand High Priest, Lawrence H. Lee, 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 WORK.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to further exemplify the work and conferred the Royal Arch degree on Brothers Philip B. Moss, Lowry H. Hall and Eustace M. McLeod.

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 3, 1912.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Lawrence H. Lee, 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 CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1

E. Companion James T. Mainor 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 the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, beg leave to report that we find the reports of the following named Chapters to be correct:

Tuscaloosa No. 1.	St. John's No. 28.
Tuscumbia No. 10.	Hermon No. 34.
Montgomery No. 22.	Decatur No. 38.
Talladega No. 23.	Dadeville No. 56.
Eufaula No. 24.	Collinsville No. 57.
Courtland No. 25.	Central No. 64.
Jefferson No. 81.	Coosa No. 86.
Ben Bricken No. 99.	Mineral City No. 101.
Anniston No. 105.	Graham No. 106.
Pratt City No. 108.	Blocton No. 109.
Bessemer No. 110.	Piedmont No. 111.
Brewton No. 112.	Hillabee No. 79.

We find the returns of the following Chartered Chapters to be incorrect, and state the reasons therefor:

Eunomia No. 5 does not properly account for members dropped from 1910 and 1911 rolls and fails to show record of advancement of member reported dead, the last report on the deceased being that he was a Mark Master.

Marion No. 12 not signed by H. P.

Mobile No. 21 not signed nor sealed.

Landmark No. 71. No seal attached to report, and only the initials of the members are given instead of the full given names.

Springville No. 88. No seal attached.

Ben Bricken No. 99. Fails to show from what Chapter member affiliated.

Roanoke No. 100. Fails to show given names of members. No seal attached to report.

Sylacauga No. 104. Fails to show given names of members.

Fort Payne No. 107. Fails to properly account for names added and dropped from roll of 1911.

Dothan No. 113. Seal not attached to report.

Thomasville No. 115. Not signed by High Priest.

We note that the Grand Secretary has for three successive years requested the same correction from Eunomia Chapter No. 5 and has not received any reply to these requests. We respectfully recommend that the M. E. Grand High Priest take some action in this matter to secure a proper response from the delinquent Secretary.

We note that a great many of the returns of Chartered Chapters fail to state the given names of the members, merely giving the initials.

We respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary in his next call for reports from Subordinate Chapters call attention to the fact that the first or given names as well as surnames are required to be written in full in these reports.

Fraternally submitted,

BASIL M. HILL,

WILLIAM W. RANSOM,

GEORGE PEGRAM,

JAMES T. MAINOR,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2

M. E. Companion William E. Bingham, of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, 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 Chartered Chapters No. 2 have carefully examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following correct:

Union No. 26, Clanton No. 116, Jasper No. 118, Coleanor No. 125, Evergreen No. 127, Heflin No. 128, Auburn No. 136, Samson No. 137, Columbia No. 138, Castleberry No. 141 and Cherokee No. 142.

We find the returns of the following Chartered Chapters incorrect and reasons therefor stated:

Beauchamp No. 117. Failure to give full name of Companions, also failure to give amount of fee charged for degrees.

Jackson No. 119. Failure to give full name of Companions, also failure to give age at death of deceased Companions, and report badly scratched in correcting errors.

Ensley No. 120. Failure to give names alphabetically of Companions on whom degrees were conferred, as well as those who were reinstated.

Covington No. 123. Failure to give age and date of death of deceased Companions; also how and when one member was omitted and one member admitted.

Tallassee No. 126. Failure to give full names of Companions.

James E. Cobb No. 129. No seal.

Cordova No. 131. Failure to give the names of all the Companions in full.

Floralia No. 135. Failure to give names of Companions in full in the general list as well as in the column of "degrees conferred."

Hartselle No. 140. Failure to give names of Companions in full.

Delta No. 143. Failure to record amount of fee charged for degrees, also failure to record how and when one Companion was admitted.

Elba No. 134. No seal.

We have also examined the return of Millport Chapter No. 145 under dispensation and find same correct. We have also examined

the return of James Penn No. 144, under dispensation, and find same correct except that recapitulation shows one more Companion than is shown in list of members.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. BINGHAM,
CLARENCE L. C. ATKESON,
OSCAR M. MURPHY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

M. . E. . Companion John B. Christian, of the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following reports, and, on motion, they were severally adopted :

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

Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws of James Penn Chapter No. 144, would respectfully report that with the pencil interlineations and erasures as made by the committee we approve the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN H. MCCORMICK,
HENRY B. MYERS,
Committee.

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

Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was submitted the By-Laws of Millport Chapter No. 145, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and with the pencil interlineations and erasures as made by the committee approve the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JOHN H. MCCORMICK,
HENRY B. MYERS,
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 M. V. E. V. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances to which was referred the matter of Jackson Chapter No. 119, whose charter has been forfeited for failure to pay dues for two successive years, which dues have now been paid, recommend that said charter be restored without cost.

Your committee also recommends that the Charter of Courtland Chapter No. 25, which was forfeited for failure to hold a convocation for twelve successive months, and which was granted a certificate to continue work until this convocation of the Grand Chapter, be restored free of charge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN,

JULIAN F. SPEARMAN,

JESSE E. MCCOY,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

E. V. Companion Norman Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, beg leave to report that nothing has been presented to them for their consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN GUNN,

JACOB U. RAY,

WILLIAM P. COBB,

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 minute books of James Penn Chapter No. 144, and Millport Chapter No. 145, and find the same to be neatly and apparently correctly kept.

We recommend that charters be granted to each of these Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK,

SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

E. . Companion Louis J. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, 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 Finance to which 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 ----- \$2,235.08

Since that time he has receipted to the Grand

Secretary for ----- 2,613.63 \$4,848.71

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures :

Grand Sentinel	\$	25.00	
Contingent Fund		700.00	
Contingent Fund, 1910-1911, overdrawn		16.31	
Book-cases for library		22.00	
Grand Secretary, Salary		900.00	
Grand Treasurer, Salary		100.00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Salary ---		150.00	
Binding and purchasing proceedings		59.50	
P. G. H. P. Jewel, William E. Bingham		25.00	
Donation to Masonic Home Fund		500.00	
Grand Chaplain		25.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest		100.00	
Entertainment General Grand High Priest		22.90	
Lawrence H. Lee, Expenses attending General Grand Chapter		90.00	
George A. Beauchamp, Expenses attending Gen- eral Grand Chapter		90.00	\$2,825.71
Balance on hand and in bank			\$2,023.00
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer			
			\$1,196.25
Total cash on hand			\$3,219.25

We find the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1912.

Dues collected	\$2,515.25	
Certificates issued	2.00	
Dispensations issued	20.25	
Rituals sold	15.00	
Manuals sold	45.25	
Contingent Fund not used	15.88	\$2,613.63

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

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

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Amount appropriated 1911 Convocation of the Grand
Chapter ----- \$ 700.00

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By Printing and Stationery -----	\$ 437.35	
Sundries -----	23.85	
Postage and Express -----	137.05	
Coal -----	50.35	
Dues to General Grand Chapter -----	35.52	
Amount not used -----	15.88	\$ 700.00

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Contingent Fund -----	\$ 700.00	
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	
Library -----	75.00	
Grand Chaplain, Salary -----	25.00	
Donation to Masonic Home Fund -----	500.00	
P. G. H. P. Jewels -----	50.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest -----	100.00	\$2,625.00

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
SAMUEL STEIN,
FRANCIS H. BATES,
Committee.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

JOHN B. LYONS.....	Grand High Priest.
ALBERT E. PACE.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
NORMAN GUNN.....	Grand King.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. McCORMICK.....	Grand Captain of the Host.

The Grand High Priest-elect subsequently appointed the following:

HENRY F. REESE.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
PHILIP McRAE.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand Master 1st Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	Grand Sentinel.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

E. . Companion George Pegram, of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following reports, and, on motion, they 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 following resolution, "*Be It Resolved*, That Bladon Springs Chapter No. 124 be and is hereby authorized to remove its location from Bladon Springs to Gilbertown," beg leave to report favorably.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM L. LEE,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,

GEORGE PEGRAM,

Committee.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to which was referred the following resolution, "*Be It Resolved*, That no dispensation shall be granted for the establishment of a new chapter within ten miles of any other chapter, except it be in cities and towns with not less than one thousand inhabitants, and no chapter shall be removed from the place where it is located, except upon a majority petition of the members of such chapter, such petition to have been authorized at a regular convocation, and when so authorized the Secretary shall circulate the same among the Chapter members, and when a majority of the members of the chapter have signed such petition, it shall be presented to the subordinate chapter and certified by it to the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest, for it's or his action thereon," beg leave to report favorably.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM L. LEE,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,

GEORGE PEGRAM,

Committee.

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

E. . Companion Woolsey Finnell offered the following resolution to amend Section 1, Article II, 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 Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

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

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest.

Right Excellent Grand King.
Right Excellent Grand Scribe.
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer.
Right Excellent Grand Secretary.
Right Excellent Grand Chaplain.
Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host.
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner.
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil.
Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil.
Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil.
Excellent Grand Sentinel.

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

The officers thus elected shall be duly installed as soon thereafter as practicable, and when so installed shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are duly elected and installed."

TESTIMONIAL FOR RETIRING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

M. . E. . Companion William E. Bingham offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

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, Lawrence H. Lee.

INSPECTION OF CHAPTERS.

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

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to formulate some method or plan of visitation and inspection of the constituent chapters.

Whereupon the Grand High Priest appointed the following as members of said committee: Lawrence H. Lee, William E. Bingham and Robert S. Teague.

JEWELS FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

E. . Companion Henry F. Reese offered the following resolutions and, on motion, they were adopted :

Be it resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby empowered and directed to purchase a Past Grand High Priest's jewel for our present Grand High Priest, M. . E. . Companion John B. Lyons, to be officially presented to him by the Grand Chapter after his successor has been elected and installed.

Be it further resolved, That this Grand Chapter recommends the following of this custom in the future.

Be it further resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to amend its report so as to provide for this expenditure.

ELYTON GRAND CHAPTER NO. 76.

On motion of E. . Companion William W. Ransom the recommendations of the Grand High Priest in reference to Elyton Chapter No. 76 were concurred in.

. INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers, elected and appointed, were then installed by Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Most Excellent Companion Robert S. Teague acting as Grand Marshal.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

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

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM X. TITCOMB.....Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Montgomery.

CHARLES R. BRICKEN.....Luverne.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....Uniontown.

ON FINANCE.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT.....	Talladega.
FRANCIS H. BATES.....	Hamburg.
SAMUEL STEIN.....	Bessemer.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Montgomery.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....	Montgomery.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....	Montgomery.
WELLBORN J. RENFROE.....	Dothan.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Birmingham.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Birmingham.
JACOB BLEY.....	Demopolis.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	Birmingham.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Dadeville.

ON BY-LAWS.

GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Talladega.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....	Mobile.
HENRY B. MYERS.....	Gadsden.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

BASIL M. HILL.....	Springville.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Birmingham.
GEORGE PEGRAM.....	Faunsdale.
JAMES T. MAINOR.....	Euafula.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

ROBERT L. DOUGLASS.....	Mobile.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	Tuscaloosa.
EDWARD S. LYMAN.....	Montevallo.
Q. SALTER.....	Monroeville.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

WALTER SMITH.....	Tuscaloosa.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Birmingham.
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK.....	Faunsdale.

ON NECROLOGY.

STEWART McQUEEN.....Montgomery.
CHARLES R. BRICKEN.....Luverne.
CHARLES H. TOMLINSON.....Anniston.

ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....Piper.
JULIAN F. SPEARMAN.....Anniston.
JESSE E. MCCOY.....Atmore.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

NORMAN GUNN.....Jasper.
JACOB U. RAY.....Woodstock.
WILLIAM P. COBB.....Tuskegee.

MINUTES READ.

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

CLOSED.

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

Geo. A. Deaulon
Grand Secretary



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

The Forty-First Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, at 11:30 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, December 3d, 1912, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....M. E. President.
WOOLSEY FINNELL.....E. Vice-President.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....E. Chaplain.
PHILIP McRAE.....E. Treasurer.
BASIL M. HILL.....E. Recorder.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....as 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.
Francis H. Bates.....Past Grand High Priest.
John B. Christian.....Past Grand High Priest.
Lawrence H. Lee.....Past Grand High Priest.

Walter Smith	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
Alex M. P. Dunn	Eunomia Chapter No. 5.
John H. McCormick	Mobile Chapter No. 21.
Guy T. Smith	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Archibald L. R. Thompson	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
James T. Mainor	Eufaula Chapter No. 24.
Louis J. Wright	Talladega Chapter No. 23.
Siddons Stollenwerck	Union Chapter No. 26.
Robert T. Ward	Dadeville Chapter No. 56.
William F. Aldrich	Central Chapter No. 64.
Jacob Bley	Jefferson Chapter No. 81.
Hartsford L. Ison	Coosa Chapter No. 86.
Joseph Brower	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
John B. Bethea	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
William Walter Perry	Blocton Chapter No. 109.
J. Richard Weaver	Blocton Chapter No. 109.
John F. Jenkins	Coleanor Chapter No. 125.
John Philip Melvin	Coleanor Chapter No. 125.
James T. Anderson	Auburn Chapter No. 136.
Clarence L. C. Atkeson	Columbia Chapter No. 138.

And Visiting Companion B. Palmer Axson, Excellent Master of Ceremonies of the "Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Georgia."

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Recorder then presented and read the petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, from the following sixteen Companions, which were, on motion, referred to a Committee of three for investigation:

Frank W. Meeds	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
James L. Kendall	Eunomia Chapter No. 5.
Isaac Litchback	Mobile Chapter No. 21.
George Pegram	Union Chapter No. 26.
Edward S. Lyman	Central Chapter No. 64.
Leonidas W. Kolb	Landmark Chapter No. 71.
Arthur Gledhill	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
Charles H. Tomlinson	Anniston Chapter No. 105.

Henry H. Farrar	Blocton Chapter No. 109.
Oliver L. Stewart	Piedmont Chapter No. 111.
Charles S. Fagan	Piedmont Chapter No. 111.
Oscar M. Murphy	Dothan Chapter No. 113.
Joseph M. Lower	Ensley Chapter No. 120.
Dallas P. Lee	Elba Chapter No. 134.
William L. Lee	Columbia Chapter No. 138.
Walter H. Christian	Columbia Chapter No. 138.

The Committee, after investigation having reported, a ballot was had, and each and all of the above petitioners declared elected.

All of the sixteen candidates being present, they were separately admitted, anointed, solemnly consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in due and 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.
Philip McRae	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.
William H. Cooper	E. Sentinel.

MINUTES READ.

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

CLOSED.

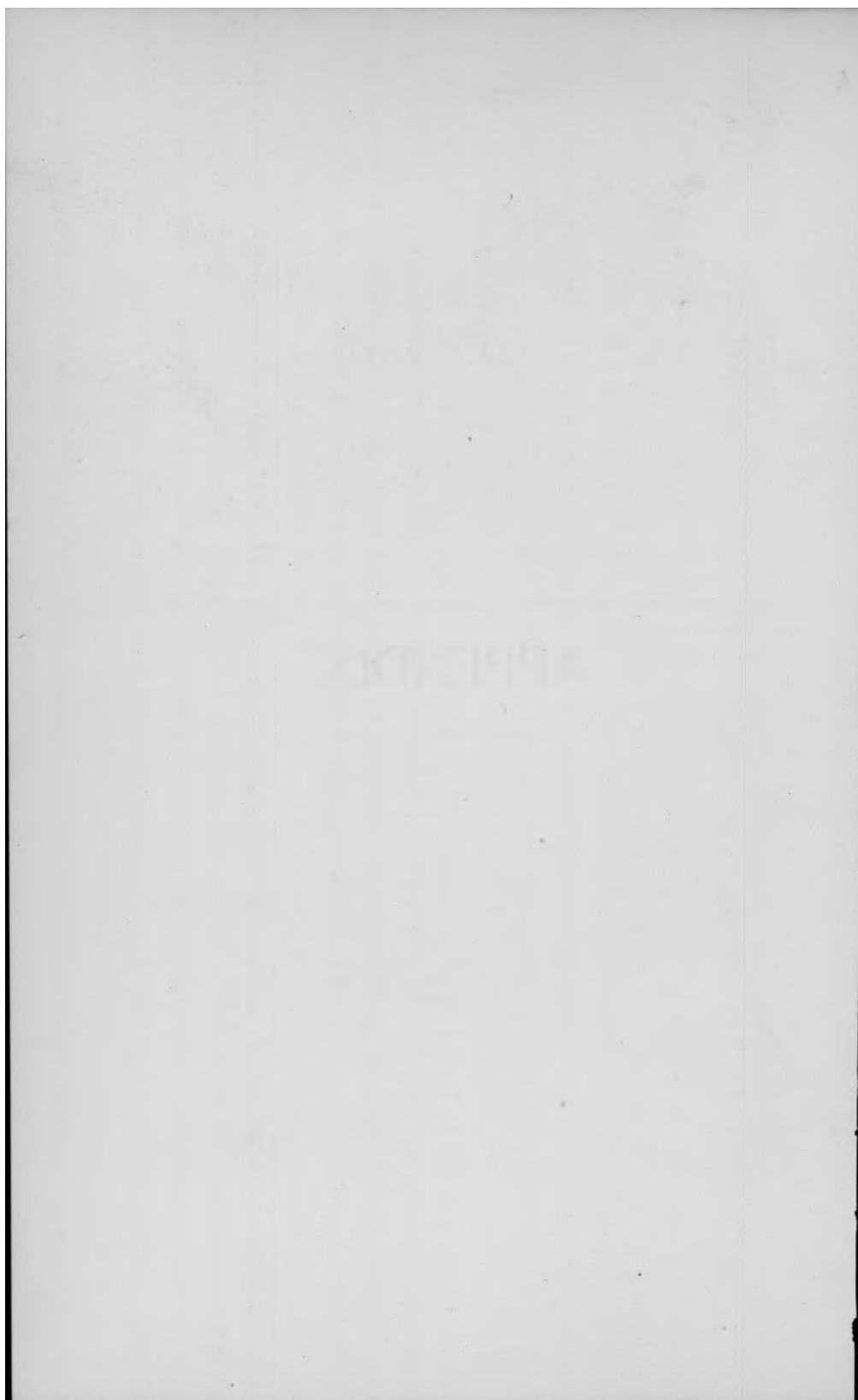
And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the Excellent Chaplain, the Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

BASIL M. HILL, Recorder.

APPENDIX



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

BY

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits
the following report:

The following proceedings have been reviewed.

Arizona	1911	New Hampshire	1911
Arkansas	1911	New Jersey	1911
California	1911	New Mexico	1911
Canada	1912	New York	1911
Colorado	1911	North Carolina	1911-1912
Connecticut	1911	North Dakota	1911
Delaware	1911	Nova Scotia	1911
District of Columbia	1911	New South Wales	1910
England and Wales, Grand Mark Lodge	1910	Ohio	1911
England, Grand Mark Lodge	1910	Oregon	1911
Georgia	1911	Pennsylvania	1911
Idaho	1911	Quebec	1911
Illinois	1911	Rhode Island	1911
Indiana	1911	Scotland	1911-1912
Iowa	1911	South Carolina	1911
Kansas	1912	South Dakota	1911
Kentucky	1911	Tennessee	1912
Maine	1911	Texas	1911
Maryland	1911	Vermont	1911
Massachusetts	1911	Victoria	1910-1911
Michigan	1911	Virginia	1911
Minnesota	1911	Washington	1911
Nebraska	1911	Western Australia	1910
Nevada	1911	West Virginia	1911
New Brunswick	1911	Wisconsin	1912
		Wyoming	1912

ARIZONA.

21ST ANNUAL—TUCSON—FEBRUARY, 1911.

Number of Chapters, 9; Members, 687—net gain, 15.

Comp. Henry Morgan Wood, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Credentials reported ten P. G. H. P.'s present, also Representatives of twenty-two Grand Chapters (Alabama not "in it").

A portrait of G. H. P. Comp. Wood adorns the initial page of this neat volume.

Without comment we extract a paragraph from the exordium of the Grand High Priest's address, save to say that we are in hearty sympathy with most of the paragraph, but take the first sentence "with a grain of salt."

Listen!

"It is surprising how intelligent thinking men can be content with the first three degrees of Masonry without aspiring to still further light for greater and clearer Truth. We now enjoy a liberty, charity and toleration of belief in strong contrast with past intolerance. Masonry, combatting superstition with reason, with the light of Truth putting bigotry and fanaticism to shame, is one of the strong forces urging us onward in the march of progress and knowledge, and will finally give us a world-wide political and religious liberty, but Truth, Companions, is within ourselves; it takes no rise from outward things."

Domestic affliction prevented official visitations which had been fully intended.

Grand Secretary Roskrue acquaints us with the fact that all the Annual Returns were sent up in good time save one which came later, and, as usual, the Returns were neat and correct.

Receipts, \$835.00; Expenditures, \$589.85. On hand, also, two interest-bearing bonds (5%) valued at \$2,131.00.

The Committee on Necrology made a brief report, which was adopted.

The following extract will interest some of our readers:

"To the M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Arizona:

Companions: Your Committee on Correspondence begs to report that it recommends the approval of the appointments made by the M. E. Grand High Priest of Grand Representatives to represent

this Grand Chapter near sister Grand Chapters. Nothing else requiring attention has been presented to your committee.

Again, for reasons of economy, no Report on Correspondence has been prepared for the printer. The Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions have been received and read with interest, and the committee is pleased to report that peace and prosperity prevails among the Companions of the Royal Craft."

Grand Chapters appropriated \$33.33 as its proportionate part of \$100.00 to be spent in erecting a memorial of P. G. H. P. George Sherod, deceased.

Comp. Andrew E. Douglas, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

ARKANSAS.

62ND ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER, 1911.

Comp. Mark P. Olney, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Frontispiece, portrait of Companion John M. Oathout, Grand High Priest elect.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 86; under dispensation, 2; membership, 4,173—net gain, 65.

We are pleased to state that our Representative was reported as present and that cordial welcome was extended to those present.

Through the address of the Grand High Priest it is learned that he had granted four dispensations to elect and install officers at other time than that prescribed by law, and five to ballot on candidates and confer degrees out of time.

He had also granted dispensations for forming two new chapters.

His eight decisions were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, and by Grand Chapter. We quote Nos. 4 and 8, as the only ones that seem to bring up any new questions.

No. 4 is as follows:

"Q: May a Chapter, about to surrender its Charter, grant dimits to its members?

A: In the absence of any law on the subject, I followed the Blue Lodge law, and made this ruling: 'A Chapter desiring to surrender its Charter may grant dimits to all its members in good standing except the three stationed officers, and these must procure their certificates from the Grand Secretary on surrender of the effects and Charter'."

Here is No. 8:

"8. Is it right for the Treasurer of a Chapter to use the Chapter funds for his own personal use, or should the amount be deposited in some bank, and if so, who is authorized to select the bank the Treasurer or the Chapter?

My opinion is that the Chapter would first have the right to say where the funds are to be deposited, and then if not exercised by it, the Treasurer has the right to say, he being responsible to the Chapter."

As to the first clause of the question, it goes without saying that the Treasurer must not apply any of the Chapter funds to his personal use. Our only comment on the G. H. P.'s opinion in the matter is, that if the Treasurer is deemed fit to hold the money bag, he surely may be trusted to select his bank of deposit.

The Grand Secretary says that full and complete report of the work of the year cannot be given as Secretaries were so dilatory in sending in returns and paying dues.

Comp. Secretaries, "get a move on you" and live up to your color. It is not necessary that the Grand Secretary, with his varied and important duties, should have this extra trouble put upon him—trouble that would be entirely avoided if Secretaries would be prompt in making their returns.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was \$3,103.74.

The Committee on Incorporation reported that, after full consideration of the matter, the Committee had decided to get the incorporation by a special act of the Legislature, and had prepared a bill to that effect. Both houses of the General Assembly had passed the bill and the Governor had approved it and—Grand Chapter was made happy. The Act of Incorporation is incorporated in these proceedings.

Said committee recommended that a motion be adopted approving the statute and accepting its terms.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances was "out of a job." Happily so.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented its report reviewing the Proceedings of 52 Foreign Grand Jurisdictions. The report was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Charters were granted to two Chapters U. D.

Also, for good and sufficient reasons, the Charters of two Chapters were arrested, and it was determined that four Chapters named, which had not paid dues for two years, should be visited by the G. H. P., or his proxy, and if said Chapters then fail to do their duty, their Charters are to be arrested.

On favorable report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The Committee on Memorials made appropriate report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a concise, bright and clear cut review of the Proceedings of 52 Grand Jurisdictions, presented by Comp. Eugene G. Schoonover, Chairman of the committee.

Alabama, 1910, receives a fraternal and courteous notice about one page in length. Comp. Schoonover's very kind and flattering comment on the writer's work is appreciated, notwithstanding we fall far short of deserving it.

Comp. Schoonover's determination to resign his position as Correspondent is noted with regret.

Comp. John M. Oathout, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

CALIFORNIA.

57TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—APRIL, 1911.

Comp. Jas. R. Tapscott, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this printed volume (\$100.00 steel engraving).

Number of active Chapters, 97; Number making returns, 97; Membership, 11,893, net gain, 422.

Exalted during the year, 753.

We note with pleasure that our envoy was one of the near 30 Grand Representatives present. (Comp. Heydenfeldt is a faithful recipient of the distinguished honor.)

Right here we must be permitted to express our regret that M.'. E.'. Companion Wm. A. Davies was not well enough to attend the Convention. (If allowed to say a word of gossip to Companion D., here goes: When Comp. Diehl, of Utah, came of age, there

were 5 Octo's in the Guild, but the death of our lamented Companion Matthews, of Texas, brought the number back to 4. You and the writer are of about the same age, both of us being near 86 years old. God grant that you may have many more birthdays and prove a cardinal blessing to the Royal Craft). Other Companions need not read the foregoing, unless they wish to. Is this remark a "back hander"?

The address of the Grand High Priest won the hearty approval of the Grand Chapter.

So many "Proceedings" are on our waiting list, that this excellent paper must have but brief notice.

Three dispensations had been granted for constituting new chapters. Three Chapters have been formed U. D., and five special dispensations had been issued, only one of which was for waiving time in conferring degrees.

Under the head of decisions, we note as follows: The first of the three rulings reported, expressly supported the doctrine of dependent membership.

The second was as follows:

"A subordinate Chapter addressed a communication to the Grand High Priest stating that the Chapter had on its Roll of Members several esteemed and faithful members whom the Chapter would like to honor by remitting their dues for life, and that the financial condition of these members was such that it was entirely proper that their dues should be remitted, and asking whether or not it would be proper for the Chapter to take such action.

After an examination of the Masonic regulations governing the subject, a decision was rendered to the following effect:

It has been heretofore held that:

'The funds of the Chapter can only be used to pay the ordinary expenses, dispensing charity and other strictly Masonic purposes. The Chapter occupies the position of 'Trustee' of its funds, and cannot appropriate the same to pay demands not a legal or proper charge against it.'

Under this authority the funds of a Chapter can be used for a charitable purpose, and it may be suggested that the Companions now under consideration are worthy objects of charity, and hence that it would be proper to remit their dues for life, but it will be remembered that in the very nature of things the Chapter cannot tell what will be 'charity' five years from now. For instance, the very members in question, who are now proper subjects of charity, may, by inheritance, gifts, or other means of accumulation, acquire property far in excess of the property owned by the Chapter itself, and under those circumstances it would not be contended that those Companions were proper subjects of charity. These things

cannot be foreseen, and cannot be properly anticipated. The Chapter knows the present financial condition of these Companions and it can properly remit their dues, because that is charity, but the very moment the Chapter undertakes to act on dues to accrue at some future time, when it cannot in the nature of things tell what the financial condition of these Companions will be, then the Chapter is acting beyond its proper jurisdiction, and overstepping its duties as a 'Trustee' of funds which have been collected from its members for certain specified and well-defined purposes."

With the very sensible observations of the Grand High Priest in the foregoing decision we heartily agree save as to the extent of a Chapter's or Lodge's right to dispose of its funds.

In this connection we do not look upon the Lodge or Chapter as a "Trustee," so far as its surplus funds are concerned but as Principal or owner. If all dues to the Grand Body are provided for, we repeat what we have heretofore said in regard to the matter, viz.: That it is nobody's business what it uses its surplus funds for, always provided that such use is not for immoral or improper purposes.

The third decision was as follows:

"September 24, 1910: In connection with a communication from a representative of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, it was held that, however worthy might be the object sought to be accomplished, a Grand High Priest of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons had no power or authority by virtue of his exalted office to undertake to influence national, state or municipal legislation pertaining to secular matters."

Excellent!

The Grand Secretary, in opening his annual report, well said:

"During the year 1899 we assumed the duties of the Grand Secretary's office. At that time our roster numbered 67 Chapters, with a membership of 5,561. The reports for the year ending January 31, 1911, show 97 Chapters, with 11,893 Royal Arch Masons on the roll, an increase during the interim of 113 per cent., with a net gain for past year of 422.

Before going further, we also wish to drop our sprig of acacia in memory of M. E. Comps, W. Frank Pierce and Wiley James Tinnin, Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter. It seems but yesterday that they were with us, vigorous and happy. True Masons both. Sincere and earnest workers in the field of Capitular Masonry. How true it is that in this world the work of human life is never ended. Men die before attaining some cherished purpose; the oldest have desires to complete, for which they wish a few more years or days, and to him who lives longest death is un-

welcome and, like an exacting creditor, demands payment of his debt too soon; yet, Companions, let us be consoled with the knowledge 'that though the workman dies the work goes on.' The lives of our beloved Companions are now beyond the reach of death or change. Hail and farewell."

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we learn that the assets of Grand Chapter consists of: Deposits in bank, \$20,808.05; stock in Masonic Temple Association of California, \$50,000.00—Total, \$70,808.05.

The Grand Lecturer, in his report, covering nearly seven (7) pages, gives a detailed account of his visitations to thirty-two chapters. Concluding he said:

"In conclusion and in a general sense, peace and prosperity prevail throughout the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, for which we trust we are ever grateful, and would supplicate a continuance of the Divine favor heretofore vouchsafed to us."

The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address pronounced it "a very exceptionally able one, and recommend thanks for the eminent services of that officer," also joins the G. H. P. in commendation of the Grand Secretary, and recommend thanks to the most efficient Grand Lecturer.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was concurred in, recommended approval of the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on New Chapters, whose report was concurred in, recommended charters for three Chapters U. D., also a dispensation to form a new Chapter, prayed for by fourteen Companions residing at Fruitdale.

On recommendation of the Committee on New Temple, Grand Chapter, which had subscribed and had paid \$50,000.00 to help build the Temple voted an additional amount for said object to the extent of \$10,000.00

Our California Companions and Brethren are no half-way workers; they essay the whole thing. All honor to them for their pluck and energy.

The Committee on Cryptic Masonry, having under consideration the plan of requiring applicants for the Chapter degrees, to sign petitions for the Cryptic degrees, made an able report adverse to the plan agreed to.

The Committee on Grievances was "out of a job."

The Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, at its 52nd Annual Convocation, decided to postpone its meeting until next year, on account of the illness of its president, Companion Wm. A. Davies.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is the thoroughly good work of our esteemed contemporary, M.'. E.'. Companion William Abraham Davies, who within the compass of 109 pages, skillfully summarized the proceedings of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions.

Alabama 1910 is very kindly and courteously treated. Of M.'. E.'. Comp. John B. Christian, he says:

"After naming the committees, the Grand High Priest proceeded to deliver the Annual Address, an able paper of eleven pages, devoted generally to the business interests of the Grand Chapter of Alabama."

Comp Davies styles Companion Beauchamp's report an "excellent one, and compliments M.'. E.'. Comp. Robert L. Douglass by quoting from the latter's report on Chartered Chapters.

He inadvertently gives the writer a title (M.'. E.'.) which does not belong to us. While not meriting the high praise Comp. Davies accorded us, we, nevertheless, are very grateful to him for his good opinion.

Here is his conclusion:

"We are in doubt whether we should label this piece of work a conclusion or an apology. We have, however, labored faithfully in its construction, but conditions have been against us. With miserable health, we have picked up our working tools many times, only to lay them down, leaving no mark of progress. But as the end must come, we submit the patch-work, with all its imperfections, to the merciful judgment of our Companions. The review such as it is, notes the proceedings of forty-three Grand Capitular Bodies of the Masonic world. We have been obliged to omit from the roll all foreign Bodies, with the single exception of our neighbor, Canada."

We deprecate any apology from Companion Davies. His work is *always* of the best quality.

Comp. Charles Willis Norton, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

CANADA.

54TH ANNUAL—TORONTO—FEBRUARY, 1912.

Comp. Fred W. Harcourt, M. E. Grand Z.

It is a pleasure to be able to state that our Envoy was one of the twenty-four Grand Representatives present.

Number of Chapters, 157; members, 15,748.—Increase, 1,027.

The address of the Grand Z. evinced faithful, intelligent discharge of the duties of his high office. He had fittingly remembered the fraternal dead—had granted six dispensations for New Chapters and had attended nine Chapters of Instruction.

We give, without comment, the Grand Z's opinion of the Most Excellent Master Degree. Here it is:

"When an officer first enters upon the performance of his duties, he is generally charged with enthusiasm, and has in mind the initiation of reforms and the eradication of abuses. He discusses his proposals with brethren of riper experience and more mature judgment. Some may disapprove, others may listen patiently while pointing out obstacles in the way; others again may mildly condemn with only half-hearted praise. The result will likely be that he becomes timid, doubts his own judgment, loses the courage of his convictions, seeks the point of least resistance, is content to rest upon his oars, adopts the policy of *laissez-faire*, and makes up his mind to adhere to the beaten path rather than risk unpopularity, and therefore simply drifts. Do not imagine that I am describing my own mental state in making these observations. However, let me say that, notwithstanding the adverse vote of Grand Chapter two years, the M. E. M. degree should, in my opinion, be omitted from the work. It is of American origin, and, except in Canada, never was countenanced in our English system. It conveys little, if any, Masonic lesson, nor has it any attraction for the Companions. As a rule, there are more members in the smoking room than in the lodge room when it is being worked."

The reports of the Grand Superintendent occupy 107 pages. These reports must be of great interest to the several Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer sent in his resignation, being impelled to do so by pressure of other business, which could not be neglected.

R.'. E.'. George J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his annual review, which was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

His cash statement shows a balance to credit of Grand Chapter in the sum of \$12,282.39.

In the Grand Treasurer's report the assets of Grand Chapter are found to be \$29,665.74.

The Committee on Benevolence reported grants of aid to the amount of \$1,440.00. The report was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Warrants, six Chapters U. D. received warrants, and thus became full-fledged Chartered Chapters.

The Committee on Conditions of Capitular Masonry made a very favorable report, and congratulated the Grand Chapter on the numerical and financial growth, as well as on the increased knowledge of the work, as shown by the reports of the Grand Superintendents (20 in number), also on the prosperity of the outlying Chapter in the Yukon territory.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of that cultured writer, R.'. E.'. Companion George J. Bennett, Correspondence Committee.

Under the legend taken from the "Proceedings"—"ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved"—he makes a few pertinent remarks by way of Introduction.

Comp. Bennett intimates, generally speaking, nobody reads our Reports. But let us content ourselves with the thought that, if we make a mistake in any one of our papers, or say something at which someone takes umbrage then rest assured that the aggrieved Brothers will come down on us like "The Assyrian." Ergo, somebody *does* read our Reports!

Alabama 1910, under the administration of M.'. E.'. John B. Christian, is courteously given nearly two pages of attention, our proceedings being briefly summarized.

Companion Bennett in course of his remarks says:

"As Masonry knows no creed we hereby enter a plea on behalf of those who minister to the followers of Mohammed, Islam, Zoroaster, Buddah, *et al*, and who, if the records of the lodges in India and elsewhere are to be credited, make enthusiastic and devoted Masons. Why should the Christian and Jew be set apart for special privileges in Alabama? We commend the idea to the venerable Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, Comp. William Y. Titcomb, to whom we again make our bow with hearty congratulations on his continued vigor and his usual excellent report. Noticing under Canada that dispensation was refused to postpone a Chapter function because certain officers thereof desired to be somewhere else, he expressed the devout hope that Reno was not the objective of those members.

For a long-distance effort, that shot just about grazed the bull's eye. No, it was not Reno, but another Mecca where similar pastimes are occasionally indulged in.

He resents our criticism of Alabama's law which suspends a dimitted brother who remains unaffiliated for more than six months and repudiates any mercenary intention in the enactment which excludes a good Mason who chooses to remain unaffiliated. The motive, he says, was more exalted and he calls it 'conservation of the mainstay of Masonry,' which to our analytic think-tank is just the difference between 'tweedledum and tweedledee.'

Most interesting reading is the good Companion's review throughout, and it is our hope that he may continue in this labor of love for many years with unimpaired health."

Comp. Bennett, having put the question to us direct as to extending exemption from fees and dues due to religious leaders in all creeds, we have only this to say, viz.: that personally, we have no objection under the Alabama practice, to an extension of the privilege indicated, to any religious ministers who acknowledge allegiance to Almighty God. At the same time we would favor limiting the "free pass" to admission into Symbolic Masonry.

Our grateful thanks go to Companion Bennett for his flattering commendation and very kind wishes as to our work and health continuing.

Had we space to spare it would be a pleasure to reproduce under Illinois his discussion with Companion Warvelle, of the Royal Arch System.

We must compliment Grand Scribe E. Comp. Bennett on the excellence of this volume of proceedings.

Comp. Fred W. Harcourt, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

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

COLORADO.

37TH ANNUAL—DENVER.—SEPTEMBER, 1911.

Comp. H. W. Woodward M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 43; membership, 4,410; net gain, 307. From the first page the intelligent face of Grand High Priest-elect, John Q. McDonald looks out serenely.

No gaps in the staff of Grand Officers present. With pleasure we note the presence of our Representative, Companion Tyler D. Heiskell.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of deceased P. G. H. P.'s—eleven in number. Among them we note the name of John S. Titcomb—a good man and Mason—to whom the writer was very distantly related.

The address of the Grand High Priest was strictly a business paper, 67 pages.

For reasons deemed good and sufficient, he had granted five Special Dispensations and three for new Chapters. He reported but one decision—hardly necessary to repeat it here—In substance it was as follows: When degrees are conferred, by courtesy of another Chapter, the fee belongs to the Chapter making the request.

Under the head of "Condition of the Craft," he said:

"Capitular Masonry in Colorado is thriving. The Grand Secretary's report will show a net increase in our membership of 307, and I hope and believe that the new material is of the best, and that those who have knocked at our doors during the past year have not considered the Chapter merely as a stepping stone to something else, but have seen it in true light, as the completion and rounding out of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Under "Recapitulation" we find that the cash balance in hand was the sum of \$7,658.21.

The Committee on Necrology made a brief, most appropriate report. Adopted.

M. E. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster submitted his annual Report on Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Grand Lecturer made a detailed report, which shows that he had been no idler.

On recommendation of Special Committee, also of Finance Committee, Grand Chapter appropriated \$500.00 for use of the Triennial Committee of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Colorado, in preparing for the entertainment of the Grand Encampment K. T., which will meet in Denver in 1913.

The Committee Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, approved the official acts of the Grand High Priest, including his Special dispensations to two Chapters, permitting them to give the final lecture on the R. A. Degree to more than one trio at the same time. The G. H. P. had precedent for his actions. The Committee offered an amendment to Sec. 88 of the By-laws, to the effect that Chapters cannot bunch teams (trios) to receive said final lecture without Special Dispensations therefor from the Grand High Priest.

By some inadvertence there is quite a mixup in one portion of the volume, the rosters of the Chapters being filled in with detached parts of the address of the G. H. P., due no doubt, to *diabolical* work in the printing office.

We fail to find, in the Index or in the body of proceedings, any reference to the Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priests.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We are much pleased to note that M. E. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster continues to wield the reportorial pen. His ceasing to do so would entail a distinct loss upon the Guild.

Alabama 1910 is courteously reviewed.

Comp. Foster disapproves to overriding the law, especially dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and in his notice of the reprimanding of a Chapter derelict in duty, thinks the reprimand should include the asking dispensations to confer degrees out of time.

Referring to the writer's Report he says:

"No other than William Y. Titcomb, the venerable Chairman of Correspondence, prepared and presented the report reviewing 54

volumes from 46 jurisdictions, in which Colorado, for 1909, receives attention in four pages. He quotes our boost of Grand Secretary Jacobson, and adds:

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

Right. We are glad to add our testimony to that statement.

Sorry we cannot agree with him on the question of the use of substitutes, as expressed in his review of Minnesota. Since, although, we do not advise their use—in fact, are opposed to them except in great emergencies—we have not been convinced by any of the able writers who have written on the subject that they are illegal."

We are sure Companion Beauchamp fully appreciates such a compliment coming from one whose ability as a reviewer is universally acknowledged by the Craft.

As to "substitutes" we respond by merely quoting our 3d demand made of the H. P.-elect, in the ceremony of installation. It is as follows:

"3. Do you solemnly promise that you will never suffer either more or less than *three brethren* to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?"

By the word "brethren" are meant three Master Masons, who have not yet become *Companions*. (Italics ours.)

Comp. Foster does not agree with us as to opening the dependent lodges without opening the Royal Arch Chapter. Well, we can "agree to disagree" on that point, and yet continue to keep *Company*—a thing which we no little desire to do.

He considers public installations "a method of proselyting and proselyting is universally condemned."

He is opposed to dispensations for conferring degrees out of time. Personally, we agree with him on this point.

He is a friend to the Masonic Home for Orphans.

Thinks there is always lots of food for thought in Companion Warvelle's writings.

We say "Amen" to Comp. Foster's condemnation of printed or written rituals.

We agree with our Colorado Companions on the matter of presentation of jewels to retiring officers, and would respectfully add, that if the cost of such jewels all over the land, together with the aggregate of mileage and *per diem* for past officers should be de-

voted to Masonic charities, the benefits thence resulting would be of no little consequence.

Under New Hampshire the reviewer says of the N. H. reviewer:

"Commenting very fully on the remarks of Comp. Titcomb of Alabama and this writer on the standing of certain bodies as entitled to the designation 'Masonic,' he says:

Notwithstanding what we have said, we are in sympathy with the main thought which was probably in the minds of both Companions Titcomb and Foster. We should carefully differentiate Freemasonry from any growth which does not properly belong to it. A catalogue of 'Bodies composed exclusively of Masons' would by no means force the conclusion that all such bodies were Masonic. Probably that was precisely the reason why that phrase was worded in that particular way. We hardly see how the publication of such a list could do harm. To forbid it would seem to strain the virtue a little."

Our Contemporary of New Hampshire is one of the most thoughtful and conservative writers in the Guild.

We would like to linger with Companion Foster, but must hasten on.

Comp. John Q. McDonald, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

CONNECTICUT.

113TH ANNUAL—NEW HAVEN—MAY, 1911.

Comp. Eugene A. Hall, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this well printed volume.

Number of Chapters on the roll, 40. all represented; number of members, 8,619; gain, 342.

A Special Convocation was held at Meriden, March 15, 1911, for the purpose of tendering a reception to the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of the United States—M.'. E.'. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, whose presence was greatly appreciated.

As already intimated, the 113th Annual was held in the city of New Haven, May 19, 1911, M.'. E.'. Comp. Eugene A. Hall in the chair, supported by a full staff of Grand Officers, together with fourteen P. G. H. P.'s and thirty-two Grand Representatives, headed

by our ambassador, M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Eugene A. Hall.

Several distinguished visitors were introduced and received with the Grand Honors.

At the opening of his address, the Grand High Priest said:

"Nothing has happened during the year to disturb the peace and harmony which have prevailed so many years in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Under the heading, "Our Dead," he announced the death of the veteran Grand Tyler, John McCarthy, who had served as such officer since 1889, and highly eulogized that departed Companion.

The M. E. had granted twelve Special Dispensations—all strictly within his prerogative.

His report of the visitation of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter includes the statement that 34 out of 40 Chapters in the Jurisdiction were represented at the Special Convocation held in honor of said visit of the official head of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Among his few recommendations we note the following:

"I heartily recommend that a liberal appropriation be made, at this Convocation, to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, for the maintenance of our Masonic Home."

The Deputy Grand High Priest made due report of his performance of the duties assigned him, as likewise did the Grand King and the Grand Scribe.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was in the sum of \$2,764.63.

Grand Secretary James McCormick made an exceedingly brief report which was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Several amendments to the laws were acted upon, but were only of local interest.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the dispensations of the Grand High Priest, and so did the Grand Chapter.

On recommendation of the Committee on Delinquents, two Chapters were fined \$8.00 apiece for being delinquent at roll call. We do not like that fining business. It tends towards dragging Masonry down to the level of Commercialism.

No Memorial pages were set apart in honor of the fraternal dead.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence was presented by P. G. H. P., Comp. George A. Kies. Comp. Kies is fair, conservative and wide-awake. As a sample of his ability to "fend off," we extract the tilt he had with Comp. Fulkerson, of the District of Columbia. Here it is:

"Companion Roe Fulkerson submits his first Correspondence report, 57 pages. Conn., 1909, receives nearly a page of cordial notice mixed with much chaffing, two-thirds of the space being devoted to a mild poking of fun at your Correspondent. He mentions our State as that of 'wooden nutmegs and timber hams.' We quote:

Where M.' E.'. Comp. Kies really shines, though, is as a self-appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. P. G. H. P. Barlow had the work in charge, and at his death the Most Excellent could think of no one so well adapted to the work as he was himself, and so he shouldered the burden and went whistling merrily down through the various Jurisdictions, and we hope his journey will be repeated year after year, as he is a clever writer.'

The above proves that Companion Fulkerson is not a howling success as a mind reader, although it demonstrates that he possesses a most vivid imagination and therefore ought to make a most successful writer of fiction. However, a careful reading of his report shows that he is entirely impartial in the choice of targets for his literary horse-play. In nearly all of the Proceedings reviewed, he finds some one or something to serve as the butt for a joke. However, we have enjoyed reading his report, and when you sift out the burlesque, 'it is really good and interesting'."

Under Georgia, he is apparently of the opinion that a R. A. Chapter must be opened in order to hold any of the dependent degrees. If so we are glad to know it. How can the dependent degrees be opened and closed independently?

Ibid. Comp. Kies says:

"Under Michigan, anent affiliations with the General Grand Chapter, he tersely says:

We pay about three hundred dollars a year to the General Grand, but—for what?

We give it up."

The writer trains with the "give it up" rank.

Alabama 1910 receives a short, but kindly fraternal notice. The writer is indebted for reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

"Connecticut, 1910" appeared in our last Report. Sickness prevented earlier attention to it.

Comp. Gorge A. Morris, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

DELAWARE.

43RD ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY, 1911.

Comp. Stewart J. Horn, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 4; members, 1,058; gain, 46.

We note with pleasure that P. G. H. P., Comp. J. Harmer Rile, our ambassador, was present with twenty-six other Grand Representatives.

We observe, in the Grand High Priest's Address, that he had appointed Comp. Albert E. Pace as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, his commission being dated March 23, 1910.

The M. E. had made a number of official visits, but had not been called upon for any important decisions.

The year had been a pleasant one for the Chief Executive.

The Grand Treasurer's receipts exceeded his expenditures by \$217.51.

As per report of the Grand Secretary, all the Constituent Chapters had paid their dues to Grand Chapter, as well as rendered their returns.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no matter relating to Jurisprudence had been referred to the Committee. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations, also reported no business. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Work and the Committee on By-Laws both made like reports, which were received and adopted.

The Committee on Work said:

"The work of the Jurisdiction, as far as we know, is up to a high standard, and therefore presents no reason for any change or alteration."

The General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, being introduced made a pleasing address.

The Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received six accessions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Virginius V. Harrison, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, presented in his wonted, able and concise manner, a review of the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters (four of these for two years).

Alabama 1908 and Alabama 1909 are courteously treated within the space of a page and a half.

From Comp. Harrison's well-written conclusion we extract the following:

"Every year as we move through the various fields of review we find that there are less calls for judicial interference and interpretation of the law and usages, less calls for decisions apart from the law and less calls for judicial intervention to settle disputed points of law, all of which tends to lead us to the conclusion that as we grow in numerical strength we grow in a knowledge of the law.

We also find that which is most pleasing to us, that throughout the realm efforts are being made and consummated to make and establish homes and dwelling places for those of our aged and infirm who are incompetent to provide such places for themselves. The orphan, too, is being cared for, reared, educated, taken care of and watched over until the time arrives when they can go out into the world and fight life's battles for themselves. This all leads to the conclusion that we do not live entirely for ourselves, but that we are doing for others as we would have others do for us."

Comp. Albert H. Polk, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

44TH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON CITY—JANUARY, 1911.

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

Chapters, 12; members, 3,582; net loss, 5; This loss of members shows, by no means, signs of decay. True, there had been 63 withdrawals, 61 deaths, 71 suspensions N. P. D., 23 suspensions for unmasonic conduct, 2 expulsions, but the Chapters have not been idle, having exalted 165 candidates. Sometimes a numerical loss is in fact a moral gain.

This neat volume is handsomely embellished with portraits of Grand High Priest, Kenton N. Harper and three P. G. H. P's, who were deservedly revered as Masons.

A Special Convocation was held January 29, 1911, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Theodore G. De Moll.

The 44th Annual was held February 8, 1911, in the Masonic Temple, at 7 o'clock P. M.

All the Grand Officers present except the Grand Treasurer, and fifteen P. G. H. P's were also in attendance. We note with satisfaction that our Representative, Comp. Chas. W. Hancock, was at his post.

Two P. G. H. P's—one from Maryland and the other from Nebraska—were distinguished visitors at this Convocation.

A letter of regret in reply to invitation to attend this meeting was received from General Grand High Priest Nathan Kingsley, of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

In his address the Grand High Priest did not fail to commemorate the fraternal dead.

Under the head of Decisions, his judicious treatment of a case of invasion of Jurisdiction of a Rhode Island Chapter effected an adjustment of the matter satisfactorily to all concerned.

For reasons deemed good and sufficient he had granted three Special Dispensations, but had refused two.

He recommended that

"The Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to prepare or cause to be prepared biographical sketches of two P. G. H. P's to be published with portraits when available, with the Annual Proceedings, each beginning with the year 1911 and taking them in the order of seniority.

Here is what he says about the "Masonic and Eastern Star Home:"

"In my opinion the time is at hand when Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction should identify itself with the effort now being made to establish in the District of Columbia a home for indigent Masons and their dependents. This great benevolence has passed the experimental stage and has fully demonstrated the wisdom of its inception, and it only remains for the Masonic fraternity in all its branches to lend a helping hand to push to completion this practical application of one of the principal tenets of our Order.

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home is at present supported by a small per capita assessment on the members of the symbolic lodges and Eastern Star Chapters of the District and by the indefatigable labor of the ladies of the latter Order along every possible line of effort.

But one wing of the contemplated and necessary structure has been erected, as the policy of the directorate has been to incur absolutely no debt, and this wing is already completely filled with worthy inmates, while many others are vainly seeking admission.

It is estimated that approximately \$50,000 will be necessary to complete the building, and of this sum there has accrued a nucleus of about \$5,000, but the sources from which this fund receives accretions are so few and uncertain as to make effective measures for its enlargement imperative.

That the members of the fraternity generally are beginning to appreciate the fact that here is an obligation which must be met quickly, broadly and effectively is evidenced by the fact that in addition to the lodges and Eastern Star Chapters the Order of Christian Knighthood has within the last few weeks felt moved to make a liberal contribution in this direction.

Companions, when I say that in every Jurisdiction of which I have knowledge where these institutions exist the great Capitular branch of our system is interested in their maintenance, there can no longer be any question of our duty in the premises, and I sincerely hope that this Grand Chapter, now in a most healthy and prosperous condition, will respond to the call to duty and enact such legislation as will make Royal Arch Masonry in the District an active ally in this God-directed work."

R. E. Comp. A. W. Johnston made his financial report, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, February 8, 1911, was the sum of \$4,416.88.

Assets (Report of Trustees) the sum of \$3,372.00.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer had made about 84 visitations.

The Committee on Grievances had no case before it.

Comp. Roe Fulkerson presented his Annual Review which was ordered published with the Proceedings.

A well-prepared Memorial of P. G. H. P. Theodore G. De Moll, read by M. E. Comp. Frank L. Campbell, was unanimously adopted, all standing.

On recommendation of the Special Committee on the Address the dispensations and official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

His remarks on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home were heartily concurred in. Biographical sketches of G. H. P. Harper and P.

G. H. P. De Moll, Holmead and French appear in this volume. The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected ten eligible Companions to the Order.

The well-written extracts from M.'. E.' Comp. Harper's addresses during his visitations we reserve for a leisure moment in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by Comp. Roe Fulkerson, reviewing the proceedings of 54 Grand Jurisdictions, is a very readable paper; sensible, breezy, spicy. Comp. Fulkerson's flashes of wit and humor shimmer and sparkle like the diamonds on my lady's bodice as she sails through the mazes of the dance, after the manner of the Commodore's flagship at the head of the squadron.

Alabama 1910 is given about a half-page of courteous notice.

The writer makes his best bow in acknowledgment of complimentary reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

If we are not believed when we say that Comp. Fulkerson is quite facetious, witness the following:

"Companion Herbert Harris has the correspondence report, and it is a good one. He clips and comments in a most enjoyable manner, giving us a good report of over two closely printed pages. He in common, with so many others, is an admirer of Past Grand High Priest Thompson, and gives him due credit for all his hard work. He is sorry to lose Johnston. After looking over the reports of half a hundred Jurisdictions and seeing the comments of the scribes on Johnston's literary demise and noticing how many of them reproduce in toto his swan song, we are more and more impressed with the fact that most Masons would see no sting in death were they just able to sit on the fence and see the procession go by when the Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Shrine turn out to their funeral.

Again:

"Grand Secretary Parshall puts out a splendid correspondence report, naively saying that it is his first, and suggesting that the other scribes handle it with gloves off, as he wants to learn! Don't be so modest, Comp. Parshall. We have boxed with a man who never had gloves on before, and have worn a nose that sits on our face on the bias ever since. He is kind to us, giving us a nice report, but taking a sly dab at our recently adopted good standing card. We can't understand why the craft objects to us substituting

a nicely printed, convenient-sized card for a creased, illegible receipt for dues. It's merely a matter of printing. We would not expect this card to admit us to any Chapter save after the usual proper examination."

And again, in his conclusion:

"And now in conclusion, dearly beloved:

Anent the light vein we have chosen to assume in dealing with the various Grand Chapters and their officers: we are unable to get the viewpoint that grand officers should be approached with 'that veneration due from a creature to his creator.' This may be because we are unable to forget that when shorn of their regalia they are butchers, bakers and candlestick makers even as other men.

Anent the wail of the scribes—particularly the poorer ones—that these reports are never read: These are the days of painless dentistry, sugar-coated pills and musical comedy. We had rather be read and frivolous than readerless and profound.

We sing with the Kasida:

Cease, man, to mourn, to weep, to wail;
Enjoy the shining hour of sun;
We dance along Death's icy brink of course,
But is the dance less full of fun?

Thank you, that will be about all. We are reappointed and will be with you again next year."

Comp. Moses D. Mull, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY—LONDON—AUGUST, 1910.

The Convocation was presided over by E. Comp. Herbert W. Turner, Grand Superintendent for Surrey, as Grand Z.

The only business transacted at this meeting was the granting permission to form three new Chapters, and granting permission for five Chapters to remove their quarters all on recommendation of Committee of General Purposes, which committee also reported the amount of money in bank to credit of Grand Treasurer, to be \$9,672.50 at the end of the Quarter—June 30, 1910.

"Grand Chapter was then closed in Ancient and Solemn Form."

ENGLAND.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

In the record of the November, 1910, Quarterly, we find a short passage in the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which we take pleasure in extracting. It treats of one of two matters which remained to be reported on. Here is the paragraph referred to:

"With regard to the first, the case of the Prince of Wales Chapter in New Zealand, the only remark to be made upon the recommendation of the Committee, is that the *Royal Arch Regulation* 78 provides, in so many words, that 'no Chapter shall be erased until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.' But I take it, and I believe that there are precedents for holding, and at any rate it is in accordance with common sense to hold, that where a Chapter has unanimously agreed to transfer its allegiance, and has actually returned its Charter to this Grand Chapter, the obligation of the Regulation, if it has any application at all, is at an end, and it would be merely idle to call on the Principals to show cause; and I therefore move that an order be made as recommended by the Committee."

That such action should be taken by the Grand Chapter of England is a hopeful sign of friendly conduct toward the Colonial bodies, and is assuredly "in accordance with common sense."

At this Quarterly, nothing else transpired, especially interesting to outsiders.

Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill sat on the Throne as Pro-Grand Z.

At the August Quarterly and the December Quarterly—both in 1911—little occurred to engage our attention.

The Committee of General Purposes reported on several petitions of local character. All the business undertaken was conducted in peace and harmony, after which, Grand Chapter was closed in ample and solemn form.

The several reports of the Committees were adopted

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—FEBRUARY, 1911.

Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro. Grand Z.

There is little to claim our attention in the transactions of this meeting.

The Committee of General Purposes recommended that the prayers of four petitions for new Chapters be granted. The Committee also recommended that the removal of location of seven Chapters (named) be sanctioned.

At the May Quarterly these several petitions were acted on favorably.

The "Statements of Accounts" at this meeting occupy 29 pages of the pamphlet.

These accounts foot up \$9,922.08.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The volume before us contains a record of the transactions of the four Quarterlies, held between the fifth of September, 1910 and the eighth of June, 1911.

Most of the details of these meetings would be uninteresting to our readers.

One fact, however, is conspicuous in this proceedings; it is the prominence given to the subject of Charity—relief of the suffering. A large number of annuitants receive assistance regularly and periodically, and a list of beneficiaries is reported at every convocation. The Benevolent Fund is raised systematically and in the same way dispensed.

We regret to learn from this volume of the death of Pro. Grand Master, the Earl Amherst. Through the Proceedings of the English Grand Bodies we had learned to regard him as one of the most eminent British Freemasons.

Due respect was also paid to the memory of the distinguished Masonic historian, William James Hughan.

An intelligent idea of the benevolent work of the Mark Master Masons in this Grand Body may be drawn from the following statistics:

Fund of Benevolence (Balance sheet March 31, 1911), including Benevolent, Educational, Annuity, aggregates considerably more than \$273,000.00.—Festival Age, over \$27,000.00. Maintenance of educational institutions of a number of boys and girls, who take a high stand.

An interesting episode, in Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, was the presentation of a model of Noah's Ark, remarked upon thus:

"The Grand Master in the Chair:—Now, Brethren, there is one matter which is not on the Agenda paper. We have had presented to us a model which you see in the West of the Lodge, of Noah's Ark. It has been done according to Scriptural account given in Genesis, and various books and it is made to scale. It is a wonderful piece of mechanism; the top comes off, and it shows three tiers; the lower tier is where the larger animals were stored, the first floor where the small animals lived, and the upper story where Noah and his family and birds were until the dove went out of the Ark and brought back the olive branch. You will find the means of ingress and egress; the window out of which the bird was sent, and to which it came back again with the green leaf, and you will find a little model of buckets that went down through the three tiers to the water by means of which fresh water was obtained. The whole thing has been beautifully worked out, and has been presented by a Brother who will say a few words about it presently. I am sure Grand Lodge will value the model, and I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to our Brother for so kindly presenting it, and I am sure we shall all value it, and some day I hope we shall have a larger room where we can keep our beautiful things which are hidden away. One of these days I hope we shall have as good a Library and Museum as they have in the Craft. I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to our Brother for his kind present."

The gift was accepted with thanks.

Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Euston, Pro. Grand Master.

Bro. Charles F. Matier, R.'. W.'. Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

89TH ANNUAL—MACON—APRIL, 1911.

Comp. Wm. F. Bowe, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Chapters on the roll, 133; members, 6,893; gain, 182; Chapters represented, 110.

When Grand Chapter convened the Grand High Priest was supported by the entire staff of Grand Officers, and also by six Past Grand High Priests. Of Grand Representatives there were twenty-five in attendance.

Comp. Thos. H. Jeffries, our ambassador, never fails to be present.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner. The following extract will interest Alabama Companions:

"RECEPTION OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST W. E. BINGHAM.

Companion Jas. W. Taylor then announced and introduced Companion W. E. Bingham, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Alabama. He was received with the private Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand High Priest:

Most Excellent Companion:—The Grand Chapter of Georgia thanks you most heartily for this visitation; not only for the pleasure it gives us to entertain you, but for the assistance you render us in doing honor to the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. I feel that the gathering together of the Grand High Priests of our border States will be conducive to our good, not so much in cementing and welding together the interests of Capitular Masonry, for that is already accomplished, but the hope is indulged that our more intimate acquaintance will give knowledge to us of your measures of success and that through fraternal emulation our Subordinate Chapters be spurred to greater activity in adopting those regulations which have proven of essential benefit to your Jurisdiction.

I most cordially greet and invite you to the Grand East."

M. E. Companion Bingham responded appropriately in well chosen words.

M. E. Comp. Henry Banks, General Grand Master of the Second Vell of the General Grand Chapter, was appropriately received and welcomed.

Announcement was made of the presence of M. E. General Grand High Priest, Comp. Nathan Kingsley, and that distinguished official was fittingly received and welcomed to the Oriental Chair.

His response to the eloquent address of welcome is thus mentioned in the Proceedings:

"Companion Kingsley replied most feelingly to this welcome, and retendered the gavel to the Grand High Priest, and continued with an address, replete with erudite learning and extensive research, which was listened to with rapt attention, and the great satisfaction with which it was received was demonstrated by continued applause."

In his able address the Grand High Priest reported five decisions, of which we excerpt the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, as follows:

"2nd.—Q. Is it proper to display the Great Lights in the Royal Arch Degree?

Ans. The Great Lights of the Royal Arch Degree are the same as the Masters; the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree is within a duly opened Chapter, therefore there is no authority to do so so without the Lights or to arrange them differently than they should be in a duly opened Chapter."

With the permission of the accomplished Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, of Illinois, we would refer that matter to his judgment.

"3rd.—A. applies for degrees. Ballot held. High Priest declares him elected. B. calls attention that he thinks there is a black ball in the box. High Priest investigates and finds it true. Election held up.

At the next Convocation B. arises and says that party casting the black ball did so by mistake, thinking the petitioner was another person and that the objection is withdrawn.

Q. Was the petitioner elected or rejected? The question was conducive to headache, so I begged them not to come to me officially but to get out of it some way. They tried and evidently could not. One side claimed: When the ballot was declared it was irrevocable. Law and Order Brigade contended that a black ball was an objection and against their personal feeling they must sustain the objection. The other side claimed that one black ball required a second ballot, which was not taken.

L. and O. claimed that no one could know how many black balls there were.

The other side announced that B. had called attention that there was a black ball, and afterwards said the objection was withdrawn. L. and O. said the party casting a ballot could not disclose whether it was black or white; therefore B. could not withdraw the objection. By this time the issue was so involved that I would have been glad to go back by the route I came but as the question seemed to be like the house Jack built, and I could not escape it, I decided as follows:

The ballot was void and should be retaken, but in order to do no injustice to any Companion, every member of the Chapter should be notified of the intention to reballet at a certain Convocation. Thus the Chapter would be protected and no violence done the petitioner."

On general principles we should agree with the "L. and O." Companions.

If a member was conscious that he had intended to vote a black ball he had the recourse of objection before the degree was conferred. No one had the right to disclose the secret of the ballot. It seems to the writer that the whole proceeding was irregular.

"4th.—Q. Does the fact of a Companion being suspended from his Lodge for non-payment of dues constitute a Masonic offense, for which he should be tried in his Chapter, even if he is clean in his Chapter on that account? We have such a case reported from our Lodge and I would like to know what is proper action to take about it?

Ans.—Debt in itself is not a Masonic offense, therefore the Companion is not subject to trial, but suspension by Blue Lodge for any cause, suspends in Chapter."

We heartily endorse No. 5, which is as follows:

"Q. Can a Chapter pay the way of children through school regardless of Masonic parentage?

Ans. Yes. Such charity is most commendable."

Four dispensations had been issued for new Chapters, and about thirty Special Dispensations had been granted for various purposes—only a few of these, for waiving time in conferring degrees.

The exemplification of the work, by private Chapters was very pleasing and instructive.

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

The Special Committee on Returns reported an improvement on methods of sending up returns of Constituent Chapters, and the report was adopted. It makes H. P.'s responsible for the prompt sending up of said returns.

R.'. E.'. Comp. W. A. Wolihin is a faithful, painstaking Grand Secretary.

From the report of the Finance Committee it appears that the balance on hand April 10, 1911, was the sum of \$8,242.98.

Chapters delinquent in paying dues to Grand Chapters were animadverted upon. Fifty-seven were reported as delinquent in paying their dues.

The Grand Treasurer's regular report exhibited the same balance on hand, as did the report of the Committee on Finance, but a supplementary report of the Grand Treasurer shows that by receipts since his books were closed, the balance on hand is increased to \$10,209.32.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, said instruments were granted to eight new Chapters.

M.'. E.'. Comp. Jas. W. Taylor presented the following report from the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the list of dispensations granted by our Grand High Priest and find that they are all in accordance with our law, and supported with good and sufficient reasons, and we therefore recommend their approval.

We also recommend that all decisions as to our law be approved.

From an examination of case third reported, it is evident that the ballot was not inspected by the King and Scribe, nor was objection made at the time. The ballot not being inspected, was valid, and we think the decision of the Grand High Priest was sufficient to protect all parties at interest."

And the report of the committee was adopted:

The report of the Committee on Memorials was most appropriate.

The presentation of P. G. H. P.'s jewel was accompanied by eloquent address and response.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion A. Q. Moody, as his second effort in the field of Capitular Masonry. Needless to say, Comp. Moody fully sustains his high reputation as a Masonic writer. Forty-seven Grand Chapters pass under his inspection.

Alabama 1910 receives fraternal notice, Comp. Moody inadvertently makes our Grand Chaplain, Comp. Stewart McQueen, Grand Treasurer.

The writer highly appreciates kind words personal to himself. The reviewer's "conclusion" is short and sweet.

We are reminded of the saying attributed to William Shakespeare, viz.:

"Brevity is the soul of wit."

Here is said conclusion:

"The swelling buds, the hum of bees, the springing grass, and the song of birds, all tell us, in this Southland, that the Vernal Equinox is here.

While our hearts swell with gratitude, we extend warm greetings to our Companions of the wintry North, engaged alike with us in cementing the bonds of common Brotherhood and relieving the distress incident to humanity.

'Let each one unto his neighbor say
With a grasp of the hand, and a mist in the eye:
Adieu! Adois! Good Bye! Good Bye!"

Comp. John R. Wilkinson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

IDAHO.

3RD ANNUAL—COEUR D'ALENE—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Jotham A. Lippincott, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Portraits—M. E. Companions Frank D. Winn (1909-1910), Jotham A. Lippincott, (1910-1911).

Chartered Chapters, 14; members, 969; gain, 99.

The roll of Grand Representatives being called, nine diplomats answered to their names—Alabama's not "in it."

The address of the Grand High Priest was excellent in matter, and gave a faithful account of his stewardship.

His exordium was marked by dignity of experience, and by a true Masonic spirit.

He shall repeat for himself thus:

"To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Idaho: Companions—I deem it a great personal privilege as well as high honor to extend to you all, on this occasion a most fraternal welcome to this, the Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho.

May the pleasures of this meeting be proportionate with the hearty greetings accorded by our Brothers, Companions and Citizens of this beautiful little city nestling on the shores of the beautiful Coeur d'Alene.

May the profits to this Grand Body be proportionate with the great benefits derived from our previous Convocations.

Since our last meeting, one year ago, the inevitable changes which accompany every phase of life have marked the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in Idaho. The joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, struggles and achievements of that period live only in the records and the memories of the past.

Our previous Convocations have been of great profit to Capitular Masonry in Idaho. The bonds of Friendship and Brotherly Love have been strengthened, the ties of Companionship bind us more closely and the welfare of one another is our mutual interest.

We are assembled in Convocation to review the past and thereby be the better prepared to consider the interests of Royal Arch Masonry for the future in this Grand Jurisdiction.

I am pleased to report that peace and prosperity exist throughout this Jurisdiction and that during the past year, no clouds have dimmed the sunshine of our Masonic labors. With but very few exceptions, the constituent Chapters have been particularly prosperous; much work having been accomplished, and today, there is shown a marked improvement along all the lines of Capitular Masonry.

The wisdom and forethought of my illustrious predecessors and their co-workers from among the craftsmen, is particularly apparent to us at this time. From the moment that this Grand Chapter was constituted new life has animated the body of Royal Craft Masonry in Idaho, and we are now reaping the benefit of labor performed under the guidance of wise and competent Masters and Overseers.

Companions, we should be truly grateful for the blessings thus bestowed upon us—blessings that are more than two-fold and, as one by one the pages of memory recount these blessings, let us pause, and in silence return thanks to the Great 'I Am' for the manifestations of His watchful care and guidance.

While we pause and reflect, let us remember that while the past year has brought joy to us, it has brought sorrow to many of our Sister Jurisdictions; that while we rejoice in the preservation of our official family, our Sister Jurisdictions mourn the loss of many able and honorable members."

Under the head of Chartered Chapters the G. H. P. said:

"I note, from the reports of constituent Chapters the rapid progress of Royal Arch Masonry during the past year. The financial standing of all constituent Chapters is exceptionally good. The work of many of the Chapters shows a marked improvement, it being the good fortune of these Chapters to have exalted many who will become most worthy craftsmen.

I find nothing further under this subject to warrant any extended remarks upon my part."

Also under "Internal Relations," the following:

"The correspondence of your Grand High Priest with the Constituent Chapters has been much less than had been anticipated. Few inquiries concerning the law have been received, and none which require action on the part of your Grand High Priest that is worthy of note.

The fraternal spirit of true Masonry prevails throughout the Subordinate Chapters and their Membership. This speaks most forcibly for the high order of capability and intelligence evinced by your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the high character of the Capitular Membership of this Grand Jurisdiction."

He had granted four dispensations to elect and install officers, and one or two to change place of meeting.

He recommended a more liberal interpretation of certain sections of the Constitution and By-Laws than had hitherto been the custom as conducive to the interest of the Craft.

The Grand Treasurer reported a cash balance between receipts and disbursements of \$348.80. Total amount of cash on hand \$1,514.55.

Certain amendments to the By-Laws were referred to the Committee on Division and Reference. From said committee the amendments went to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, which last named committee recommended their adoption. One of these amendments was as follows:

"Any Royal Arch Mason in good and regular standing is eligible to the office of High Priest of his Chapter; *Provided, however*, That he must have ability to learn to confer the several degrees conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, including the Royal Arch Degree."

The amendment was adopted after striking out the word, "*Provided*," and the words following.

We incline to the opinion that it were better to conform to a rule something like the Grand Lodge regulations as to eligibility to the office of Wor. Master—say limiting eligibility to office of H. P. to those who are in line as officers of the Chapter.

The Appeals Committee was, happily, "out of a job."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the recommendations of the G. H. P.

The business of this young Grand Chapter is conducted with dignity and propriety. Its future is secure.

Comp. Geo. Doehne, M.' E.'. Grand High Priest.

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

ILLINOIS.

62D ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1911.

Comp. John C. Hallenbeck, M.' E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 198; membership, 33,217; gain, 2,040.

Portrait—Comp. Charles C. Davis, Grand High Priest-elect—a good face.

We note with pleasure that our Representative, Comp. Samuel J. Le Fevre, was at his post.

Before the reading of the G. H. P.'s address, the Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in manner most fitting; as also was a distinguished visitor, in the person M.' E.'. Comp. Austin L. McRae, Grand High Priest of Missouri.

The address of the Grand High Priest measured up to the highest point of excellence in such a document.

He had made a large number of visitations during the year; had granted nine dispensations to elect and install officers, and had issued five dispensations for new Chapters, but had refused a dispensation to hold a special election to fill a vacancy in the H. P.'s office caused by death, stating that the King must serve as H. P. until the next annual election.

The Grand High Priest reported ten decisions, a few of which we extract, as follows:

"DECISION No. 1.

Grand Crossing Chapter No. 219 R. A. M. of Chicago, states that J. F. Moore, member of Grand Crossing Lodge, now residing in Saltillo, Mexico, took the Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees in Mexico City. He has a dimit from those bodies and now wishes to place them in this city. Can we receive those dimits and act upon them?

Answer: You can accept the Chapter dimit. I have no authority to answer about the others."

(Would not such action be a recognition of the orthodoxy of those Mexican Bodies?)

In decision No. 6 the Grand High Priest declared that "The loss of either hand does not make a Master Mason ineligible for the Chapter degrees."—In the writer's opinion a Master Mason in good standing is entitled to all the light that could be imparted by his advancement.

No. 8 is as follows:

"A Past High Priest writes: Recently a Chapter of R. A. M. met in special convocation for the purpose of conferring the P. M., and M. E. M. degrees. There were but six Companions present. The Ex. H. P. announced the purpose of the convocation and said, as it only required three or more for the P. M. and two or more for the M. E. M. degrees the work would proceed, and they conferred the degrees. Was this constitutional and if not, what is the standing of the candidates?

Answer: Will refer you to section 20, article C, page 23 Grand Chapter By-Laws:

'A quorum of a Chapter to confer *degrees* is nine R. A. Masons, but for the transaction of business nine members of the Chapter must be present.'

The candidates, being innocent parties to such a transaction, must be considered in good standing in these degrees."

Among the recommendations of the Grand High Priest, mostly of local interest, we find the following, which seem to be only doing justice to the Grand Chapter:

"That no Chapter receive a greater sum for mileage and per diem than the amount paid to this Grand Chapter for dues. This recommendation is not made with the idea of hurting the weak Chapters, but to infuse new life into them.

Last year there were 26 Chapters that received from \$4.60 to \$31.20 more than they paid for Grand Chapter dues. Eleven of this number did not exalt any candidates. Thirteen showed no increase and six a decrease in membership. I am informed that one of the Chapters that draws one of the larger amounts the H. P. pays the dues of the Chapter one year and comes as a representative, the next year the Secretary does the same thing, which they can well afford to do."

Also the following:

"FORM OF PETITION FOR CHAPTER DEGREES:"

To the Ex. High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of-----
Chapter No.-----Royal Arch Masons:

The subscriber, a Master Mason in good standing, and a member of-----Lodge, No.-----A. F. & A. Masons, respectfully prays that the degrees in your Chapter may be conferred upon him, and that he may become a member thereof, if found worthy.

APPLICANT WILL ANSWER FOLLOWING IN OWN HANDWRITING:

My age is-----	How long have you resided in this jurisdiction?-----
My occupation is-----	* Have you at any time heretofore petitioned any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for degrees?
My residence is-----	Date -----
My place of business is-----	Signed -----
Recommended by Comps.-----	Write your name in full.

* Old petition has this question printed in the body of the petition—the candidate does not answer this in writing."

In his conclusion the Grand High Priest pays Comp. Warvelle the following well merited tribute:

"Our R. E. Grand Secretary deserves special praise for his wise advice and uniform courtesy at all times to me. He is undoubtedly the right man in the right place."

M. E. Comp. Hallenbeck is a warm advocate of Schools of Instruction.

One Chapter has been constituted and three instituted.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois puts its officers to work. The D. G. H. P., the G. K., G. S., and the other Grand Officers named, made their respective reports, and the Grand Lecturer reported in detail the work of the year.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance in hand as \$19,872.44.

Total assets of Grand Chapter are \$54,872.44.

Comp. Warvelle seems to be a first-class Grand Secretary.

From the painstaking report of the Committee on Obituary we take the following:

"ALABAMA."

"William Henry Dingley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Alabama since 1870, died at his home in Montgomery on Sept. 16, 1911, in his 87th year. He was born at Winslow, Me., Dec. 18, 1824, was graduated from Union College in 1844, and settled in Montgomery in 1851. He received the Symbolic degrees in Montgomery Lodge No. 11, in 1853, was its Master in 1865, 1868, and again in 1879, and its Secretary from 1895 to 1908. He was exalted in Montgomery Chapter, No. 22, in 1863, was its High Priest in 1866-7, and its Secretary from 1898 to 1908. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1869 and was one of the organizers of the Grand Council of that degree for Alabama. He received the Cryptic degrees in Montgomery Council No. 3 in 1863. He received the Chivalric orders in Montgomery Commandery No. 4 in 1863, and was its Recorder in 1864-73, 1875-85. He was made Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council in 1870, and held those offices until his death. He had also been Registrar of the Grand Lodge since 1894. He held the unique record of having attended every meeting of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council from the time he received the degrees."

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee the following amendment to the By-Laws was adopted:

"Amend Sub-section 'A' of Section 5, G. C. By-Laws, so that the same shall read as follows:

He shall each year subdivide the jurisdiction of Illinois into nine districts for visitation and assign to each district as may be most convenient to the following officers, to-wit: Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and one district to each of the Grand Masters of the Veils, and that they visit any of the Chapters in their respective districts when called upon for that purpose or when directed so to do by the Grand High Priest, the expense of such visitation to be paid by the Grand Chapter, and each Grand Officer shall report such visitation in writing to the M. E. Grand High Priest on or before October 10, preceding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter."

The same committee approved all the decisions of the Grand High Priest except one—No. 6, which related to the matter of conferring

the degrees on a Master Mason who had lost a hand. The committee took refuge behind a request that the subject be referred to the next Committee on Jurisprudence when raised, said new committee to report at next Annual.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is the admirable work of M. E. Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, Grand Secretary, and Committee on Correspondence.

Alabama, 1910, receives a brief, courteous notice. Thanks for applying the terms "usual vivacious and entertaining manner" to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence. A condensed review of 55 Jurisdictions makes up the body of this report, but the chief attraction is the "Postscript," covering about 22 pages and supplying the Masonic student with abundant food for thought. This treatise embraces a number of subjects in a manner not only "vivacious and entertaining," but also highly instructive. It evinces extensive learning, fine scholarship, and wide research. Wish we could incorporate the whole thing in our report, but dare not.

"The following will serve to show the relative positions of the big fellows with respect to numbers:

	Membership.
New York.....	35,265
Illinois.....	31,134
Pennsylvania.....	30,705
Ohio.....	30,248

These are the big four and the struggle for supremacy lies between them. It will be perceived that we lead Pennsylvania and Ohio only by a slender margin. Wherefore it behooves us to keep moving. While we did well last year, so also did the others. You will better appreciate this point by a comparison of activities as shown in the net gains of each jurisdiction. Here is a little object lesson:

	Gains.
Illinois.....	1,810
Ohio.....	1,471
New York.....	1,166
Pennsylvania.....	1,111

In the matter of activity it will be seen that Illinois stands first, and as this is the element that will eventually decide the contest

all that we require is to maintain the present ratio. Now just get your lead pencil and figure out how long it will take, at the above rate, to pass New York.

As before remarked, with one exception, all of the Jurisdictions show gains. The exception is Georgia, and in this State, apparently, there was a loss of eighty-nine. While New York is still the big brother of the family, Nevada remains the little fellow, with a membership of less than five hundred.

In the matter of exaltations Illinois leads the Capitular host, and while it is the net gain that finally must determine the question of premiership yet nothing is more indicative of healthy life and activity than the volume of work performed. Again, I append a little table showing a comparison of work:

	Exaltations.
Illinois	2,568
New York	2,325
Ohio	2,040
Pennsylvania	1,824

All of which makes a very satisfactory showing. For these latter figures, as well as those which follow, I am indebted to the tables of Comp. Geo. A. Kies, of Connecticut.

The total capitular membership in the United States, as shown by the reports of 1910, amounts to the grand total of 384,546, and of this number 27,408 were added during the year. During this period also, 5,059 severed their connection by dimit; 4,497 were cut off from the congregation of the faithful by suspension, and 5,270 ceased their labors through the intervention of death. But, to offset this, in addition to exaltations, 4,609 who had been unaffiliated resumed their membership, and 1,382 were purged of their sins and reinstated, so that, when the final account is taken we find a net increase of 16,785. All of this vast membership is distributed among 3,226 chapters.

I trust that the foregoing may furnish a little food for thought and that next year the review will show that we have made still greater advance."

Comp. Chas. C. Davis, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, R. E. Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

66TH ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER, 1911.

Comp. Wm. W. Goltra, Grand High Priest-elect, looks out from the first page of this neat volume.

Comp. Elias J. Jacoby, M. E. Grand High Priest.

We take pleasure in recording the fact that our Representative, Comp. Alvin G. Tillotson, was at his post. All the Grand Officers were present at the Annual, save R. E. Lawrence Van Buskirk,

Grand King, whose vacant chair was draped in mourning and beautifully decorated with flowers.

Fifteen G. H. P.'s answered roll-call.

Chartered Chapters, 113—111 represented at this Convocation—a very good record, we think. Membership, 15,017—net gain, 589.

In his well-penned address the Grand High Priest made feeling announcement of the death of Comp. Lawrence Van Buskirk, R. E. Grand King, who died November 21, 1910.

From this address we extract the following:

"While one in authority must recognize that institutions do not perform their functions of themselves, but require executive activity, yet he finds many instances wherein he governs best by governing least. His microscope reveals that most of the seeming ills are trivial and of a kind which time and a beneficent nature will cure.

With pleasure I report that throughout our Jurisdiction, with slight exceptions, the Order is healthy, the growth vigorous and the prospects encouraging. In my administration bitter drugs were eliminated. For the few troubles not worthy of special mention a cheerful, encouraging word and the laying on of a friendly hand were sufficient, and my service was a pleasure."

We also learn that one Chapter had been constituted; three dispensations granted for new Chapters; one Charter suspended; quite a number of special dispensations issued, among which were twenty-four permissions to ballot on petitions within the statutory time limit.

The Grand High Priest reported four decisions, three of which related to changes of membership from one Chapter to another. (Every time dimit is the subject of remark we are forcibly reminded that the Alabama way is the best—unconditional dimit, immediately severing the membership of the applicant from the body granting said dimit.) The fourth ruling was as follows:

"Decision. The line of jurisdiction between Chapters located in adjoining cities or cities nearly adjoining is at the half-way distance on a straight line between the Chapter rooms in such cities—that is, a line at said half-way point drawn at right angles to said straight lines is the line that defines the jurisdiction of such Chapters. Section 51 of the General Regulations reads: 'The jurisdiction of several Chapters extends to a line drawn at an equal distance between them unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Chapter.' I construe the words 'between them' to mean between the Chapters—that is, the Chapter rooms or regular places for the Convocations of such Chapters. The words 'between them' could not mean the adjoining municipal corporation lines nor the half-way point between municipal corporation lines which nearly adjoin."

Before concluding his address M.'. E.'. Comp. Jacoby mentioned the excellent arrangements for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter, at Indianapolis, September, 1912.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance, October 14, 1911, was the sum of \$5,967.72.

At the beginning of his excellent report, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary Calvin W. Prather gives utterance to some cheering words, as follows:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions:

It is very pleasing to the Grand Secretary to report the splendid condition of the Royal Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana. There are one hundred and sixteen (116) active Chapters, three of which are under dispensation. These have all made reports and paid their dues in full; the reports were promptly made and in good condition, indicating splendid management on the part of the subordinate Chapters. The reports clearly indicate that the High Priests, Secretaries and Officers of the Chapters were diligently striving to comply with all the requirements, that the work they were doing was of the highest character and that the Chapters had made no mistake in their selection of officers, because the duties assigned them were so well performed with that necessary skill that insures success."

A petition for a change in the rule of Territorial Jurisdiction was received from Muncie Chapter, many intimations of desire to join said Chapter having been made by parties who could not do so under the present law.

A petition was also received from Companions, representatives from a certain Lodge, for organization of a Chapter at East Chicago, the wish being expressed that it should be referred to Committee on Dispensations, an opportunity being given for presenting the claims of the petitioners for such organization.

On the map we find East Chicago to be in the northwest corner of Indiana, some eight or ten miles southeast of the City of Chicago, Ill. So, those Companions were not seeking to invade a neighboring Jurisdiction.

Impressive memorials of the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions, and of Past Grand High Priests Simeon P. Gillett and Lucias A. Foote, and Grand King Lawrence Van Buskirk were presented in Grand Chapter.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Western Australia.

The memorial—Fraternal Dead in Indiana—was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The action of the Grand High Priest in suspending the charter of a certain Chapter was confirmed and the charter of said Chapter was revoked.

On favorable report by Committee on Dispensations, a charter was granted to one Chapter U. D., and the incoming Grand High Priest was authorized to issue a charter to another such Chapter, after favorable report thereon by the Grand Inspector.

On recommendation of the same committee a charter was granted to another Chapter U. D., thus making three charters granted.

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

The Council of High Priests elected 32 eligible Companions to the "Holy Order of High Priesthood."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The "Annual Capitular Review," covering 60 Grand Chapters and Grand Mark Lodges, presented by M. E. Comp. Robert A. Woods, is thus modestly introduced, its modesty bespeaking its merit:

"The writer of this review of the Proceedings of sister Jurisdictions confesses great misgivings of the ultimate result. Unusually experienced hands throughout the general jurisdiction of the Royal Craft have made the path both difficult and dangerous for the neophyte. The cult of the "tripod" is rather mysterious and profound and difficult to attain in all its purity and effectiveness. A comfortable seat at the Round Table is secured oftentimes through much tribulation. Though this reviewer comes among the Guild with unsaddled feet, and fully aware that his Capitular bunion is likely at times to be sorely trodden upon, yet he indulges the large hope that his judges will be 'long-suffering, slow to anger, plenteous in mercy.'"

Welcome to the Round Table, Companion Woods.

Alabama, 1910, is given two and a half pages of courteous, fraternal notice. Referring to our practice of conferring degrees in Grand Chapter, Comp. Woods says:

"Why take up the time of the Grand Chapter with this observance?"

Well, Comp., Grand Chapter meets but once a year. Don't be in such a hurry to get through and go home. Again, he says:

"And is it a truly legitimate proceeding, anyhow?"

We'll not discuss the question of legitimacy at this moment; if Comp. Woods and the writer ever have the chance to sit on a log and smoke their pipes together, they will talk it over. Referring to our remark "that, God willing, we do not propose to get old," Comp. Woods kindly says:

"Indiana heartily wishes that the prayer of the petitioner may be granted, and that the perennial springs may never dry up."

For which we tender our grateful thanks. (Through the mercy of God we are now near our 86th milestone.)

Comp. Woods will be a valuable accession to the Guild.

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

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

IOWA

58TH ANNUAL—CEDAR RAPIDS—OCTOBER, 1911.

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

Number of Chapters, 127 (91 represented); membership, 11,618; net increase, 372.

This handsome volume presents, on its first page, the intelligent countenance of Grand High Priest John M. Thompson.

Several distinguished visitors were present, presented, and welcomed. Among them were Grand High Priest Jesse Converse of Wyoming; General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, and Companion Nathan Kingsley, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the R. A. M. of the U. S. "Companion Kingsley spoke at some length in a most interesting and instructive manner."

The Grand High Priest's address is a good paper, from which it is made evident that he has the courage of his convictions, refusing dispensations asked for without "good and sufficient reasons."

His official visits, as well as those made on invitation, were very pleasant and profitable.

Six decisions were reported. Their correctness is not, in the writer's opinion, questionable; but as they present no new points for consideration, we pass them.

He "touches up" delinquent Chapters and unappreciative Grand Representatives.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$12,279.87.

On four pages of the Proceedings, Grand Secretary Alf. Wingate presents a brief, though complete account of the transactions of the year.

We are pleased to note, in the report of the Committee on Credentials, that Comp. Wilbraham, our Representative, was at his post, in company with 27 other Representatives.

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

We learn from the report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, that during the year, over one hundred twenty-five teams had been exalted. Two more "teams" added would have made one team to every Chapter in the State.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund reported as follows:

"Your Board of Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund submit the following as the report of their doings during the year past, in accordance with the law of this Grand Chapter."

"We have had no new cases presented to us since the last convocation of this Grand Chapter which has seemed necessary for any action."

"There was appropriated at the last annual convocation, eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$855.00), but, after further investigation, your Trustees became convinced that in one case for which an appropriation was made sufficient relief was being extended from other Masonic sources, and your Trustees therefore have paid out for charitable purposes only the sum of \$755.00."

"Our Permanent Fund has, through the liberality of the Grand Chapter in appropriating, not only the five per cent of the gross receipts, as originally provided for, but, in recent years, appropriating and setting apart the interest received by the Grand Treasurer, has increased quite rapidly, and has now reached the sum of \$18,755.37, the interest on which sum amounts now to over \$1,000 per annum, and is used for the relief of our Worthy Companions and their widows. The Treasurer of the Board has submitted to the Trustees his report of receipts and disbursements in both the Permanent and Relief Funds, as well as a statement of the securities and cash on hand in the Permanent Fund, which has been examined by the Board of Trustees, and is herewith presented to the Grand Chapter, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Finance. Said report is as follows:"

Then follows their financial report, by which it is learned that the total securities amounted to \$18,755.37, and cash on hand in the two funds—Permanent, and Relief—was the sum of \$1,924.17.

M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Cleveland presented his Report on Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

M. E. Companion Nathan Kingsley, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, was made an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

The Board of Custodians made an elaborate report; it is a paper worthy of the careful consideration of the Iowa Companions.

The report of the Committee on Necrology and the Memorial on the death of P. G. H. P. Companion George R. Turner, were all that surviving relatives could ask.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, covering nine closely printed pages, merits the close study of the R. A. Masons of Iowa. It deals with conditions fairly and squarely—goes right at its task in a businesslike way.

Several distinguished visitors were received and welcomed in the customary manner.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances was able to congratulate the Grand Chapter on the prevalence of peace and harmony.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted:

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that we have examined the decisions, dispensations, and 'requests' reported by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in his address."

"We find the decisions to be in accord with the Capitular law of this Grand Jurisdiction, and recommend their approval."

"We find the action of the Grand High Priest in matters of special dispensations, both in their allowance and refusal, to be entirely within his prerogative, and recommend the approval of his action in each case."

"In the matter of 'requests,' the Grand High Priest's action was also in accord with Capitular law and custom. In the case where the elected petitioner has asked that the Capitular degrees be conferred upon him in a Chapter of another Grand Jurisdiction, and there has been a delay on the part of the Iowa Chapter in presenting the matter to our Grand High Priest, so that there is some doubt whether the period of six months allowed by our law for an elected petitioner to apply for the degrees has elapsed, we regard the request made by the applicant to have the degrees conferred in another Chapter to be a substantial compliance with the requirements of Section 136 of the Laws. The delay in this case seems not to have been the fault of the applicant, and, in the judgment of this committee, the Grand High Priest has ample authority to now prefer the request."

"In the matter of the amendments to the law, presented through the Committee on Chartered Chapters, we report adversely to their

adoption, for the reason that the present laws cover the points involved substantially in the same manner as they would be by the proposed law."

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is a very able paper prepared by P. G. H. P. Wm. F. Cleveland, Chairman of the Committee, who reviews the Proceedings of fifty-three Grand Chapters, in a report which covers 126 pages, and brings to notice everything of interest that has transpired during the past year in the several Jurisdictions reviewed.

Alabama, 1910, under the administration of M. E. Grand High Priest Comp. John B. Christian, is courteously reviewed, all salient points in our transactions being noticed.

Comp. Cleveland is a little severe on free granting of dispensations to confer degrees out of time. Personally we are strongly opposed to the granting of such dispensations.

Our apology for quoting what Comp. C. says about the writer must hang on this peg, viz: because it contains a tribute to our late Companion, H. Clay Armstrong. Some one may say: "A flimsy excuse." All right; but here is the quotation, notwithstanding that it is very much better than the writer deserves:

"The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of Comp. William Y. Titcomb, and is his eleventh consecutive review of Capitular conditions for his Grand Chapter. Of course, it is a good report, as all of his efforts are. He has read and reported on forty-six Grand Jurisdictions, several of them for two years. Four pages are given to a most courteous review of Iowa. His kind words for the writer are appreciated; we like to read Companion Titcomb's reports. He has decided opinions and knows how to express them without leaving a bad taste in the mouth. He gives quite a complete report on the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah, Ga., in 1909, especially as the printed Proceedings from that body have not yet been received. We had hoped to have met Companion Titcomb at Savannah in 1909. We have a very warm spot in our heart for our Alabama Companions as we enjoyed a personal acquaintance with Companion H. Clay Armstrong while he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, up to the time of his death. We still live in hopes of meeting Companion Titcomb in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1912. Will you meet us there, Companion Titcomb?"

Commendation by a man of such high standing in Masonic and general culture is not to be disregarded. Thanks for your good

words, Companion, as well as for your expressed wish that we may meet face to face at Indianapolis. God willing, and our pocket much better lined than it is, we will take the greatest pleasure in meeting you there, at the Triennial.

We extract from Comp. Cleveland's conclusion, the following:

"Without exception the Grand Chapters of this and foreign countries show a steady increase in membership. We believe that the Chapter degrees are more highly regarded today than in the past for their real and intrinsic worth, rather than as mere stepping stones to higher degrees, especially when studied in connection with Symbolic Masonry the Chapter degrees take on increased interest and importance as inseparably connected with Ancient Craft Masonry, and with the Royal and Select Master's degrees comprehend a complete and perfect whole."

"As we contemplate the marvelous growth of Masonry in recent years and realize the wholesome and benign influence that it exerts upon the better nature of its votaries, we are led to conceive a higher opinion of Freemasonry, our duty to it and to each other, and the longing comes to us to cherish and hold fast to those priceless treasures, so rare and so precious—true friendship and brotherly love—and the beautiful lines of the poet comes to us in all of their chaste beauty of thought and expression:

"Somewhere in the garden of Eden there grew,
Where its tendrils were watered by the heavenly dew,
A little green vine, of species so rare
That Adam and Eve knew not it was there,
Until the bold serpent had taught them the way
To discover such things when he led them astray.

'When the couple first discovered the vine,
And found that its fragrance was something divine,
They trained it to grow at the side of their hearth;
From thence it has spread to the ends of the earth;
In hot, sandy desert, in mountains of snow,
Where ever man plants it, 'twill flourish and grow.

'There is naught in the world so mild, yet so strong;
There is nothing so deep, so broad, or so long;
It holds in its tendrils superlative power,
Yet it bears on its branches a sweet little flower.
The threatenings of death it has often defied,
And for it a Savior has suffered and died.

'It binds up the wounds of the sick and the sad,
It helps to reform the vicious and bad;
It flows through the gates of the strong prison door,
Unbinding the victim that is chained to the floor.
The need is direct from God's garden above;
This vine is true friendship—it blossoms from love.'"

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

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

KANSAS.

47TH ANNUAL—TOPEKA—FEBRUARY, 1912.

Comp. Will C. Chaffee, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 90; membership, 9,116; net gain, 282.

"Grand Officers present.....	12
Past Grand High Priests present.....	11
Past High Priests present.....	56
Chapter Representatives	53
General Grand Chapter Officers.....	1
Grand Representatives present.....	29
District Deputy G. H. P.'s.....	10
Chapters represented	69
Chapters not represented.....	21"

(Alabama's envoy not reported present.)

The address of the Grand High Priest embraced consideration of every topic that required his attention. The following brief extract is worthy of thoughtful regard:

"It has always seemed to me beneath the dignity of this great Organization to place the official granting of special favors to its own family upon a commercial basis. I admit that the great trend of Masonry, like all other affairs of the world today, is to commercialism, and perhaps we, too, like the great rank and file of American citizenship, are rapidly becoming money mad, yet there is so much of the old Masonic faith in me that I believe Masonry will outlive it, and I believe more care will be exercised in the granting of dispensations if the commercial feature be eliminated."

He recommended that the fee system for dispensation, save as to new Chapters, be abolished. He thought the dispensation fee for new Chapters should be \$50.00.

He had invited Topeka Chapter to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree for the entertainment of Grand Chapter. The work was presented by said Chapter to the delight and edification of all present.

The Grand High Priest expressed his regret at having been unable to make many visitations—had spent some months in the hospital.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$2,642.80.

R. E. Comp. Albert K. Wilson is an admirable Grand Secretary.

On invitation of the G. H. P., Comp. the Rev. H. Percy Silver delivered an impressive address on Masonry.

A charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.

The Committee on Necrology paid a tender tribute to the memory of M. E. Thomas J. Anderson, who died January 31st, 1911. The committee well said:

"Alabama mourns the loss of Grand Treasurer Wm. H. Dingley. He had a long and honorable career as a Mason and a man, and is greatly mourned by a host of friends."

Good words and true.

M. E. Comp. Matthew M. Miller, Chairman of Correspondence, stated that his Annual Report was in print, and would appear in the Proceedings. On his recommendation, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

By unanimous vote the sympathy of Grand Chapter was sent to two M. E. Companions who were ill—Robert E. Nickles and Augustus O. Wellman.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee related to local matters only. The committee did not sit in judgment on decisions, because there were none to consider.

The Appointive Officers pictured in these pages, are a very respectable looking lot of fellows.

The Grand Council of High Priests selected 30 E. Companions to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again the fine work of Companion Matthew M. Miller, and it is, in no respect, inferior to his previous excellent productions.

We regret that "Alabama" failed to reach him in time.

While Comp. Miller's reasonings have weight, he is not destitute of spicy humor, witness the following under Connecticut:

"By the way, we wonder if the rest of the Companions have seen the latest syndicate monstrosity representing the party who cuts the brittle thread. We saw one last night, and it is a work of art. Father Time is represented with a scythe having a heavy weed or brush blade; the snath is built for one who is right-handed, but the perversity of the artist has made Father Time left-handed, while the old gentleman's bare legs are dangling in the air with every prospect of having them cut off--untimely. Any one who has ever handled a scythe never will have any fears for the syndicate representation, unless it be that the old gentleman will commit felo-de-se."

We are so much pleased with Comp. Miller's views on the Masonic Home that we give our readers his conclusion bodily. Here it is:

"The Psalmist said: 'God is my refuge, I will fear no evil'; 'I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread'; 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.'

We do not doubt in the least that God's providence has watched over and cared for his children and their seed during all the ages, because many have had startling experiences for which they were and are unable to account except for the goodness and mercy of God.

Nevertheless, mankind in these materialistic days seeking to be free from want pin a good deal of their confidence in that blessed text enunciated by that great Mason and greater philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, who said, 'God helps those who help themselves,' a bit of worldly wisdom appropriated by those Masons who, having faith in a heavenly mansion for themselves, provide an earthly one for those of their fraternity who in their old age have outlived all family ties and relationships and require the help and ministrations of those younger who have assumed the brotherly relationship.

The poet said: 'If I should curse the man I hate, dependent and dependence be his fate.'

He who has contributed to the benevolences of the Craft with willing heart, mind and hand goes to his Masonic Home in old age, or other disability, with a consciousness of right and proprietorship, which makes the sense of dependence impossible. And this is the glory of the organized and systematized work of the Masonic Home.

We are glad to note as a distinctive feature of the Grand Chapter reports during the past year the increased interest manifested by many Grand Chapters in bearing a larger share of the financial expenditure hitherto borne by the Grand Lodges in caring for the jurisdictional Masonic Home.

The Grand Chapter of Texas, October 3, 1911, dedicated a Home for Aged Masons at an outlay of \$51,563.31. Money was collected, Home built and paid for within one year. The Board of Directors, in concluding their report to Grand Chapter, said: 'That so far as they have been able to learn this is the only eleemosynary institution in the United States established and maintained under the patronage and direction of Royal Arch Masonry.'

All honor to the Royal Arch Craft of Texas. The example is worthy of imitation. Every Masonic Home should have a substantial endowment. Why not make a start in that direction?"

Our review of Kansas is very imperfect, but must take its chance with all its imperfections.

Comp. Harry E. Best, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

KENTUCKY.

94TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1911.

Comp Harry Bailey, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 89; members, 8,593; gain, 650.

Frontispiece—portrait of Comp. David W. Gray, Grand High Priest-elect.

In the well-penned exordium of his address the G. H. P., speaking of conditions, said:

"During the past year Capitular Masons have been so busy at work in seeing who can best work, thereby best agreeing, that there has been no jar to mar or move the splendid edifice of Capitular Masonry in this State. We have had a continuous year of good work, of progress and good fellowship and this has been evinced to me by the great number of dispensations granted, and numerous letters asking for minor decisions and information of the Craft as well as the reports of the inspectors.

No complaints have come to me which have caused any trouble, and nearly all the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction have put in a very active year in faithful and efficient work. This is as it should be and as becomes the Royal Craft. I congratulate you that we are in good fellowship at home and at peace with all abroad."

From the address it is learned that four defunct Chapters had been resuscitated.

Under a resolution adopted the previous year, the M. E. had held, in person, six Chapters of Instruction. Last year he was strongly opposed to the system, but, the present year, he is as strongly in favor of the system. He now believes "it is one of the best movements forward for the Grand Chapter in years past."

Under the heading, "Dispensations," he says:

"Dispensations are a nuisance. I don't believe they are productive of good to the local Chapter. I believe a petition should go into the Chapter and lie over a month and the degrees given then. However, I granted nearly all those asked for, as it is the law and immemorial custom in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as a joke in Grand Jurisdictions which do not permit them."

Fifty-nine of these "nuisances" were granted.

If these "dispensations are a nuisance," why not absolutely refuse to issue any? Such refusal would be a much stronger expression of disapproval than granting them under protest could be. Under these dispensations 200 candidates took the short cut from B. to J.

It is a pleasure to note that the G. H. P. made a large number of visitations. It does the Chapters good to receive these visits.

The M. E. reported but one decision, which, in the writer's opinion, was eminently correct. The ruling was elicited by, substantially, the following: A Companion of * * * Chapter paid his dues several months in advance, and obtained a receipt therefor, put it in his pocket, and went on his way rejoicing and signed a petition directed to another Chapter in the same city. He handed his petition with the receipt for dues attached to the Secretary of the second Chapter, and asked that steps be taken to allow him to become a member of said second Chapter. The Secretary demurred. Both parties agreed to defer the matter to the Grand High Priest, who decided that the Companion's dimit should have accompanied the petition to the second Chapter. Dimits should always go up with the petitions.

The Companions in Kentucky have covered themselves with glory in respect of their charitable work. Such is the condition of the Masonic Home that, in the opinion of the committee reporting on the same, no need of an appropriation therefor existed at present. And as to the "Old Mason's Home," the Trustees of that Institution will have in hand, this year, an income approximating \$12,000.00.

Kentucky is well to the front in deeds of benevolence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on "The Doings of Grand Chapters" is again presented by that most capable reviewer, Comp. W. W. Clarke.

We note that he is still "willing to use the scissors," for his report is largely made up of extracts—judicious ones, too.

We are in hearty accord with him when, under Nevada, after quoting the Grand High Priest's decision that a waiver of jurisdiction by a Chapter in one State in favor of a Chapter in another State, must pass through the hands of the respective Grand High Priests, before petition can be received and acted on, he says:

"The rule as laid down is, we are aware, in force in many Jurisdictions, but is, we think, an unnecessary interference with the rights of Chapters. It is but an instance of the centralization that characterizes much of Modern Masonic legislation."

Comp. Clarke is right on that matter. The effort to promote centralization of power is too evident to be disregarded. Don't min-

imize the rights of the Lodges and Chapters. We are not like Aesop's Frogs—we do not want a king. We fancy some correspondent will pounce upon us with the epithets, "Frenzied—daft—finnicky—fearful that Chapters and Lodges may be shorn of all their rights." No, we are cool as a cucumber, but deprecate efforts to strip the Sub-ordinate Bodies, to clothe abundantly the Grand Bodies.

Comp. David W. Gray, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

MAINE.

86TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1911.

Comp. Thos. H. Bodge, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 62; membership, 9,666; net gain, 205.

Present—All the Grand Officers except the G. M. of the 3d V.; the representatives of 53 Chartered Chapters; 20 permanent members, of whom 11 were P. G. H. P.'s, and 33 Grand Representatives. (Alabama's not included.)

In his address the Grand High Priest announced the death of the Senior Past Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction of Maine, M. E. Companion James M. Larrabee.

He had constituted one Chapter under charter; had granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter, and issued several dispensations for other purposes, none of them, he was glad to say, for waiving time in conferring degrees.

Under "Decisions," we find a negative answer to a question on behalf of a Comp. belonging to two Chapters in Massachusetts, which permits dual membership, but who had moved into Maine, the question being as follows: "Will making application accompanied by a dimit from one of the Massachusetts Chapters entitle him to become a member if elected to a Chapter in Maine?" The answer was, "So long as he holds membership in another Chapter, no matter where located, he cannot affiliate."

He, the G. H. P., had received two inquiries if it were permissible to install officers, in robes, in presence of invited guests who were not Royal Arch Masons. He gave the permission "because it is a custom that had held for many years." He wished "the matter referred to the proper committee, that there might be no misunderstanding as to the proper interpretation of the word 'public.'"

The M. E. reported no official visits.

The D. G. H. P., the G. K., the G. S., and the District Deputies reported the performance of the duties assigned them, respectively. One of the D. D.'s had found, in some Chapters of his district, that the Secretary and Treasurer had been keeping their accounts in a very loose manner, failing to make written reports of the waivers passing through their hands. Steps were taken to effect a remedy for this evil.

The Grand Treasurer had bank deposits in the sum of \$7,068.63.

The Grand Secretary's report consists of four and one-half lines of text, but states all that it is necessary for him to include in this report.

Certificates of charter were voted to two Chapters.

Comp. Herbert Harris, Correspondent, presented his report on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted and permission was given to add to it.

Comp. Harris also made an excellent report on "Memorials." Comp. Henry F. Webster reported well and feelingly on the life and character of Past Grand High Priest, James M. Larrabee. Both reports accepted.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers highly complimented the Officers of Grand Chapter on their efficiency and success.

The committee recommended the continuance of Schools of Instruction. Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the G. H. P.'s decision on "dual membership."

The Maine law does not admit that a Companion may hold membership in two or more different Chapters at one and the same time. Massachusetts seems to have taken her cue from our British cousins.

Again, the committee says:

"The M. E. Grand High Priest asks for the construction of the word 'public' as it appears in the standing regulation adopted May 6, 1884.

Your committee recommend that the word 'public' be so construed as to mean all occasions when there are present others than Royal Arch Masons.

Your committee have considered the conditions which caused 'confusion among the workmen' in the construction of Article V, Sec. 34, and we recommend that the same be repealed and that the following be adopted as the third paragraph of Art. V, Sec. 34, to-wit:

"Every candidate who shall receive the R. A. degree in any chapter in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of said chap-

ter, and the Secretary shall record his name upon the roll of membership; provided that this section shall not be so construed as to prohibit any chapter in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a chapter in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand Chapter holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing chapter, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the companion shall remain in the electing chapter and the fees shall belong thereto."

From the same committee came the following, which was accepted and adopted, while the recommended amendment to the Constitution was referred to Committee on Amendment to the Constitution:

"Resolved, That a companion suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension, at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the chapter, after the payment or remission of the amount in arrears."

In the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, twenty-seven eligible Companions were elected to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the ninth from Companion Herbert Harris, and it is in no sense below the high standard of his previous reports.

Alabama 1910, under the administration of M.'. E.'. G. H. P. John B. Christian, receives most courteous and fraternal attention.

Commenting on the writer's opinion that the Grand Master is the ranking officer of all the Freemasonry in the State, Comp. Harris says:

"In my judgment, this is a question that can receive no answer which will apply under all circumstances. In a communication of a Grand Lodge or of a subordinate lodge, of course the Grand Master is supreme; the Grand High Priest is subordinate to him, just as the President of the United States would be; but his Grand Mastership gives him no rank in a convocation of the Grand Chapter; even in a subordinate chapter he is only a private. The fact that a brother may be a Grand Master, and yet not be a Royal Arch Mason, would indicate that the office of Grand Master can give him no rank in a Royal Arch chapter."

In our remark we were not sufficiently explicit. The M.'. W.'. is Grand Master of all the Freemasons in the State. He is, and must

be regarded as head of the Craft, which embraces all Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery Freemasons, in the State.

We do not allude to his presence in Chapter or Commandery—Grand or Subordinate. We are not oblivious of the fact that if a Grand Master visits a Chapter or Commandery, he is, while within its precincts, only a "high private," just as would be the Governor of the State, or—for that matter—would the President of the United States. Outside the Convocations, R. A. M., or the Conclave, K. T.—say in a procession of Freemasons, the G. H. P. and the Grand Commander may walk or ride, as the case may be, but their position is not behind the Grand Master; and when at the proper juncture, a halt is made, and the Brethren form two lines, "inward face," the Grand Master is the first to advance between the two lines of Freemasons, they falling in from the rear in regular order. It will be observed that we are not thinking of priority, within the tyled Commandery or Chapter, but of rank or station in a general way. It is thus that we view the Grand Master as the chief personage in the Craft within his own State.

Comp. Harris quotes the resolutions of sympathy with our late Grand Treasurer, Companion William Henry Dingley, who was ill. Companion Dingley had served as Grand Treasurer most faithfully and efficiently about 40 years—but he is gone, universally lamented. Alas! not for him, but for us who are left behind. He is at rest.

Want of both time and space precludes an attempt to do justice to Comp. Harris' first-class report.

Comp. Wilmer J. Dorman, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

MARYLAND.

114TH ANNUAL—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1911.

Comp. Daniel J. Emich, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 25; Members, 3,522.

At the Annual Convocation all the Grand Officers were present except one of the Grand Trustees, who had ceased his earthly responsibilities, and we believe, is fully trusted beyond the grave, by the Great I Am.

Comp. Gustav A. Eitel, our Representative, was at his post, we note with pleasure.

Beginning his address, the Grand High Priest said:

"COMPANIONS:

The allegiance and devotion which your presence here tonight betokens, while commendable, are but proper; for we are here as the representatives of the Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, and we should consider it a great privilege to legislate for those most estimable Companions who have so highly honored us. As we meet in Annual Convocation, we have great cause for thankfulness to the great "I Am" for His many blessings. The Grand Chapter of Maryland closes its one hundred and fourteenth year in good financial condition; it is free from all discord and dissension within itself, and its relations with all sister Jurisdictions are of the most cordial and friendly character. Our Constituent Chapters are in the aggregate, healthy and prosperous, and the individual Companions are earnest and devoted in their efforts to advance the cause of Capitular Masonry."

The Grand High Priest had made a number of visitations which no doubt greatly encouraged the Chapters visited. He had granted five dispensations, none of them to waive time in conferring degrees.

The M. E. sent to all the Constituent Chapters a circular announcing the greatly lamented death of M. E. Henry Clay Larrabee, P. G. H. P.

The Grand Officers made their respective reports, which were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, with the address of the Grand High Priest.

Grand Secretary John H. Miller fills his position most acceptably to the Grand Chapter.

Chairman Chas. W. Zimmermann, of the Board of Inspectors, in the conclusion of his report said:

"Your Board desires to record the courtesy and fraternal good feeling with which their visits were received, and to report that steady improvement in the work, behavior and conditions of the Chapters visited has been made, and that in their opinion greater uniformity of work is now prevalent than has existed in recent years."

The Committee on Conference reported twenty-four Chapters as having made returns and paid their dues to the Grand Chapter.

As heretofore, it is optional with the Grand High Priest, whether the installation of Officers of the subordinate Chapters shall take place during the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter, or at other time.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, whose report was adopted, said in the course of its report:

"The several dispensations granted, and appointments made by the Grand High Priest, admit of no question as to his good judgment in the several instances, and your Committee recommend that they be ratified."

The Grand Chapter of Maryland does not forget its members who having worn themselves out in its service, have retired. Witness the following from this Committee's report:

"Your Committee approves the recommendation that Past High Priest Graham Dukehart, recently resigned from the office of Grand Lecturer, be granted an annual pension of one hundred and fifty dollars, payable semi-annually, dating from May 15th, 1911."

Comp. Edward T. Schultz submitted his Annual Report, which was ordered published with the Proceedings. He also submitted the following resolution, under Utah, which was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland extends fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, with congratulations upon its formation, and welcomes it into the family of American Grand Chapters."

This excellently executed volume is illustrated with portraits of the following distinguished Companions, viz: Grand High Priest, Comp. Daniel J. Emich; the late Past Grand High Priest Henry Clay Larrabee, and R. E. Companion Edward T. Schultz, whose face we look upon with great interest.

The volume is also enriched with "Raphael's Vision of Ezekiel," the original of which is in the Pitti Palace, Florence, Italy.

The Council of M. E. High Priests held a special Convocation November 21, 1910, "for the express purpose of Anointing, Consecrating and setting apart one Companion."

On November 23, 1911, the Annual Convocation (87th year) was held. This meeting elected 14 Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is a distinct pleasure to find Companion Edward T. Schultz still in the Reportorial Chair. Long may he continue to furnish his Companions with wise counsels and information.

Alabama, 1910, is reviewed in a judicious and fraternal manner. He is not in accord with our Grand High Priest when the latter rules that H. P.'s chair may be filled "from the floor."

Our Grand High Priest could not rule otherwise. (See Edicts, Decisions and Resolutions, p. 101, Sub-division 31, Code of Alabama.)

Nevertheless, candor compels us to admit that our Grand Lodge law in regard to eligibility for the Master's office (corresponding to the Maryland law) might properly, by parity of reasoning, be adopted in the Chapter, for one of the essentials making a Companion eligible to the office of High Priest.

Of the writer, Comp. Schultz says:

"He quotes in full the report of the 'Committee on Doings of Grand Officers,' endorsing the Grand High Priest's condemnation of putting the Seal of a Chapter on receipts for dues, but we regret to say he does not favor his readers with his own opinion on this, which we regard as a very important matter."

We cannot agree with Comp. Schultz in the following statement which he makes as to our praise of himself; on the contrary we reiterate what he quotes from us:

"Brother Titcomb's reference to your Committee is both kind and flattering, entirely too much so when he says:

"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."

As to the affixing the Chapter Seal to papers, the Seal should be affixed to all instruments issued by or with the authority of the Chapter, but *to no other documents*.

Comp. Schultz's conclusion will interest our readers:

"CONCLUSION."

"And now, again, by the blessing of Divine Providence, I have been permitted to prepare the Correspondence Reports to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, being the twenty-fifth to the first named body, and the thirty-fifth to the latter, making in all sixty reports, and being, perhaps, a larger number than ever written by any other Correspondent.

My report to the Grand Lodge is, I think, fuller than any heretofore presented, reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two English speaking Grand Lodges, some of them for two years, being all with which we are in Fraternal Correspondence, except Canada, Oregon and North Dakota, which did not reach me.

I have been equally fortunate in the receipt of Grand Chapter proceedings, there being but three missing—Indiana, Minnesota and West Virginia, the total number of volumes of both bodies received and examined aggregating 120 volumes.

Handicapped by total blindness, as most of my readers are aware, this for me would have been an impossibility but for the aid of my faithful assistant, Brother and Companion George H. Rogers, who has given me two or more hours four times a week, for the past nine months; and for many, many hours of his valuable time devoted to me by my most esteemed friend and Companion, John M. Carter, P. G. M. and P. G. H. P., more particularly on the Grand Chapter reports; also to Brother Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Grand Chaplain, who assisted me in proof reading the Grand Lodge reports, and to the Secretaries of both Grand Bodies for courtesies received from them. It gives me great pleasure to thus publicly acknowledge the assistance rendered me by all these Brethren.

The Angel of Death has dealt gently with the Reportorial Corps during the past year, but one of its members has been called to lay down the pen forever—Past Grand Master John Corson Smith, Correspondent of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, to whose memory I have paid my feeble tribute under review of that jurisdiction.

The little band of Octogenarians not only remains intact, but one has been added to its ranks, Brother Christopher Diehl, of Utah. Having passed his eightieth milestone he is entitled to a seat among the Octogenarians of the round table. I strongly suspect that there are several others who should be added to the Octogenarian band, but as I have no positive information as to their ages, I will not mention their names. Speak up for yourselves, Brethren.

I take great pleasure in again tendering my sincere acknowledgments to the Brethren and Companions of the Guild for their continued expressions of kind and pleasant words said of me and my reports. Some of these I have reproduced; that I have not done so in every case is, I assure them, from no lack of appreciation.

It is with a heart overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that after these many months of labor I find myself as fresh as when I commenced, and I think that after a few days rest I could be ready to commence the preparation of the next year's reports. Whether I will be permitted to do so is known only to Him to whom all things are known. If, however, this be my final conclusion, may it also be my benediction to my Brethren and Companions of the Corps, my good friends in and out of the Fraternity and to all good Masons wheresoever dispersed.

Fraternalty yours,
EDWARD T. SCHULTZ."

Comp. Charles B. Finley, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. John H. Miller, M. E., Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

113TH ANNUAL—BOSTON—DECEMBER, 1911.

Comp. Chas. Dana Burrage, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 81; Membership, 22,629—net gain, 576.

We note with pleasure that our Representative was reported as present at the Convocation under review.

From the Reports of the Auditing Committee, and of the Trustees, we conclude that the proverbial wolf is far distant from the door of this venerable and influential Grand Chapter. Witness the following:

"Balance in bank, \$12,559.07. Property on hand, \$33,521.42."

From an able report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we clip, as touching the claim of Masonic residence, the following:

"Where a man has a family of his own and provides a place for them to inhabit and occupies that place with them the whole or the greater part of the time he has established his home. There is his legal domicile, and, since a man can have but one, there is his residence. He cannot change it by any temporary removal, or the transfer of a portion of his household effects; while retaining his former place of abode, with the intention of returning to it. By the making of a home for himself and his family it is his residence, and fixes his domicile there until such time as his intention and his actions concur in departure to some other town or city with a view to permanent removal, and your committee is of the opinion that Brother Vroom had established a domicile in Hingham before the date of his making application to St. Paul's Chapter, and that his residence consequently was in that town. His residence for Masonic purposes in such case is the same as his legal residence. The assessment of a poll tax in Boston and the payment of a tax is, in Massachusetts, *prima facie* evidence of legal residence, but in this case only shows the willingness of the person assessed to be considered a resident of the place of assessment, and, in case of objection, must be controlled and its force may be set aside by the act of the individual in establishing his domicile, the place where he keeps and makes use of his household belongings, the place where his family dwells, and no person can have more than one domicile at the same time. In view of the fact that he never actually resided in Boston with his wife and child, it is clear that he was in error when he stated in his application that he was a resident of Boston."

In the short time left until the printer must have our Report, we shall content ourselves with extracting from the excellent

address of the Grand High Priest his few decisions. They are as follows:

"DECISIONS."

"To Wareham Royal Arch Chapter of Wareham:—

Ruled: That under the law it is necessary to install every officer on re-election.

To Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle, Malden, who were requested by Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter to give release of jurisdiction over a resident of Everett, a dispensation having previously issued to form a new Chapter at Everett:—

Ruled: That the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Chapter of the Tabernacle over Everett was suspended by the granting of a dispensation to form a new Chapter in Everett, such suspension of jurisdiction to become permanent when and if Charter issues.

To Companion N. J. Deering of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter of East Bridgewater asking construction of Article XVI of Grand Constitution:—

'No candidate whose application may be rejected in any Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall again be proposed in the same Chapter within six months after such rejection, nor in any other Chapter other than that in which he was rejected within five years without a recommendation from nine members of said Chapter, of whom High Priest, King and Scribe shall be three and the consent of the Chapter.'

Ruled: That a rejected candidate could not be again proposed in the same Chapter within six months after such rejection 'under any circumstances.'

To Excellent John H. Branigan, High Priest of St. Elmo Royal Arch Chapter of Whitinsville, requesting an opinion as to eligibility of a Mason who had lost his right hand at the wrist, using an artificial hand:—

Reply: That the Digest of Capitular Law adopted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, Dec. 9, 1902, reads as follows:—

'No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from receiving and imparting the ceremonies of the several degrees.'

Ruled: That under the above direct limitation of power no Chapter can lawfully confer the degrees upon a Mason who has lost his hand at the wrist, even though he may use an artificial hand."

The Grand High Priest made many visitations, evidently realizing the great importance of such visits.

He made several salutary recommendations.

The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests elected 18 E. Companions to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the work of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. J. Gilman Waite. Comp. Waite is, as a writer, discreet, thoughtful and conservative. We regret to learn from his Conclusion that he proposes to give up his task as Correspondent, having performed the same for the past 14 years.

Don't do so, Companion; we should greatly miss you in the Guild.

Comp. Waite courteously summarizes the Alabama proceedings, and, so handsomely compliments the writer that we are weak enough to let our Alabama Companions see his gracious remarks. Listen:

"Companion William Yates Titcomb prepared the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of forty-four Grand bodies, among which was Massachusetts 1907. He brings to his work with the ripeness of years a critical knowledge of Masonic law and a courtesy in the discussion of topics in his review, which make them always pleasant and delightful to read."

All unworthy of such high praise, we are still grateful to Comp. Waite for his kind commendation.

Under Connecticut, Comp. Waite says of Comp. Kies:

"Quoting what we said under Montana with reference to the installation of a re-elected Officer, he takes exception to the position we hold, saying, 'we fail to see the correctness of the proposition' that 'there is a point of time between the service of an installed Officer and one who has been re-elected when his first term of service ceases before the next begins.' Companion Kies then quotes from their own digest under the head of Installation as follows: 'As an officer holds his office until his successor is elected and installed, and as one can hardly be said to be his own successor, if re-elected, we are of the opinion that a reinstallation is unnecessary, unless one or more terms intervene between the present and the former election.'

Having definitely stated our holding as quoted above, we add that we still hold to the same opinion which is supported by the decision quoted at the time."

In the writer's opinion that "point of time," like the geometrical point, has neither "length, breadth nor thickness, but position only."

The present Alabama practice is like that of Connecticut.

In his review of Illinois, Comp. Waite incorporates Comp. Warvelle's learned and scholarly treatise on "The Ark of the Covenant."

We would like to tarry longer with our Massachusetts contemporary, but a great number of volumes awaiting attention admonish us to desist.

Comp. Charles Dana Burrage, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Gilman Waite (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

63D ANNUAL—MARQUETTE—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Arthur E. Stevens, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose pleasing features grace the initial page of this handsome volume.

The address of the Grand High Priest, no doubt, met the high expectations of his Companions. Under Necrology we find his Circular to the Chapters on the death of the following P. G. H. P.'s: Charles John Kruger, Frank N. Clark and Thomas H. Williams.

But one decision was reported by the Grand High Priest; it was to the following effect, viz: That Chapters U. D. must pay to the Grand Chapter exaltation fees, as do the Chartered Chapters.

His remarks, under the heading of "Recommendations," are so pertinent and sensible that we reproduce them bodily, as follows:

"I have frequently been asked during the year to pass upon the physical qualifications of brothers, who were seeking to advance in Masonry, and in each case have referred the Chapter inquiring to section 4 of article 10 of the Constitution, from which I quote: 'No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason who has not the requisite physical qualifications which will enable him to comply with all the ceremonies of the Order.'

I have given this matter considerable consideration and it is my belief that even if the rule of physical perfection is thought to be binding on Symbolic Lodges it has no force in Royal Arch Masonry. There are two alternatives or possible conditions only which can be considered.

Firstly, a brother maimed or imperfect within the meaning of this law who has in that condition been accepted and made a Master Mason by a lodge.

Secondly, a brother who is in the possession of all his parts has become a Master Mason and who afterwards is unfortunate enough to lose arm, or limb and to thus become disqualified under this law.

To the first we must say: 'Brother, you are mentally and morally the peer of any of us. But those who accepted you as a Brother Mason were ill advised and trespassed on their law in doing so. You may be charitable, temperate, zealous in the cause of Masonry, but you can have no part or fellowship with us. Our law forbids.'

To the second: 'Brother, you are a good and true Mason, you visit the sick and aid the widow and fatherless, yes, even to an extent greater than most of us. You have been unfortunate and for your misfortune we condemn you. Into our companionship you cannot come. We have charity, but none for you. We teach justice but not for an unfortunate brother.'

I ask you, Companions, is this Masonry?

What is this law of physical perfection and from whence did it derive its origin?

The Law of the old charges which declares that a candidate must be a perfect youth, "having no maim or defect in his body," was a practical rule adopted by operative Masons, not for any symbolic reason, I take it, but purely for utilitarian reasons.

The medieval guild of Catholic builders for whom the old charges were made was a body of superior workmen jealous of its position. It considered itself better than any local guild of ordinary masons as it was, for its members constructed works of stone which the average mason of this day could not undertake. It did not want any apprentice who, when he had learned his trade and arrived at manhood, was not the equal in skill and physical ability of his fellows. From their viewpoint physical perfection was as important or more so than moral perfection. This was practical and operative, not symbolical or mystical.

The working tools of the operative mason have become to us symbolic of spiritual truths and the physical perfection required of the ancient apprentice should become to us but a symbol of that moral and spiritual perfection which we demand in our candidates, with due allowance for the essential imperfection of human nature. But even this view need not be considered in Royal Arch Masonry. Those who apply to us for further light are of necessity Master Masons, and if they have proven themselves to be morally such as we are authorized to receive what right have we to debar them from Capitular Masonry?

The argument has often been made that a man should be able to prove himself a Mason in all the ways provided.

Presuming a brother maimed has become a Royal Arch Mason, and granting that he could not in all the ways provided prove himself one, does Capitular Masonry suffer? Is the brother forced from the companionship of his own Chapter, where he undoubtedly will find the most pleasure to be derived from his membership? Or will he not be incited by the fact of his physical disability to so perfect himself in Masonic knowledge that if necessary he can make himself known as a Royal Arch Mason to the satisfaction of the most critical examiners? Or if he cannot will not the loss be his and his alone?

Companions, can we think that we are bound to deprive our unfortunate brother of the privilege of such additional light in

Masonry as we are able to furnish, because in ancient times operative masons chose only those who were sound and capable of handling and setting stones? Or even, if in our conscience we believe that Master Mason Lodges are bound to take physical disability into consideration, are we also bound to believe that Chapters should do the same? I do not believe that you so think and I, therefore, recommend that article 10 of the Constitution be amended by striking out section 4, and that sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 be renumbered as 4, 5, 6 and 7 respectively."

The Grand Lodge having taken action looking to its absolute and exclusive control and management of the Masonic Home, the Grand High Priest, believing that such consummation would be for the betterment of the Institution, recommended such legislation on the part of the Grand Chapter, as would effect such end, and that no appropriation be voted for the support of the Home.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$9,298.01.

Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover makes a fine Officer in his responsible position.

The Grand Lecturer presented an extended Report of his labors for the year. He is of the opinion that the Ritual should be revised and re-written.

If we were called upon for a suggestion on the subject, we should suggest the *destruction* of the written Ritual, instead of its *revision*.

A letter of regret that he could not attend Grand Chapter, at this time, was received from General Grand High Priest, Nathan Kingsley.

R. V. E. Chas. A. Conover, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented his Report, which was "accepted and adopted." He trusted that every one, who received the Annual Report, would take the trouble to read the same.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decision of the Grand High Priest; also his special dispensations.

The Committee concurred with the G. H. P. that the Chapter should have the privilege of deciding on the physical as well as the mental and moral qualifications of candidates, just as the Lodges have, and the Committee so recommended. The requisite majority sustained the recommendation, and accordingly it was adopted.

In the writer's opinion this step taken by the Grand Chapter of Michigan is a wise one.

Comp. Conover evinces a wide awake, enterprising spirit, in exhibiting in these proceedings, a map of the Chapters and Commanderies in Michigan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The "Annual Review of Capitular Masonry," as prepared by Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover is a production of which his Companions may be justly proud. Fifty Grand Chapters are reviewed (two of them for 2 years). After a short, but very pertinent introduction he favors his readers with a very valuable paper on "The Royal Arch System," written by Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, of Illinois.

Alabama—1910 receives two pages of courteous notice. Referring to M. E. G. H. P. John B. Christian, the reviewer says:

"A portrait and sketch of the Grand High Priest prefaces the proceedings. Of him it is said:

'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.'

That's enough for anybody.

True to his name he opens his address with grateful thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe that they were again permitted to convene an annual convocation. Among his dispensations granted were two to mortgage property. Four pages of valuable space are taken up with a list of Grand Representatives to and from other jurisdictions. Are they worth the space they occupy?"

For his kindly remark concerning the writer's Report, he will please accept grateful acknowledgment.

Comp. Conover is not in accord with us in regard to the opening and closing of the dependent degrees. Well, if we were agreed on every point of opinion, the correspondence would be very monotonous.

The portraits of the three deceased P. G. H. P.'s make this attractive volume still more attractive.

Comp. Edwin E. Brown, M. E. Grand High Priest

Comp. Chas. A. Conover, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

50TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1911.

Comp. John T. Johnson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 72; U. D., 1; membership, 8,289; net gain, 203.

Eleven P. G. H. P.'s were present, but we regret the absence of our Representative, Comp. James Kelly.

In his address the Grand High Priest announced the death of P. G. H. P. Josiah Park, and the deaths of 25 distinguished Companions in other Jurisdictions "among them Comp. Frederic Speed, of Mississippi, one of the authors of the Chapter Signet, and a recognized authority on Capitular Masonry in this country," a well-merited tribute to our departed Companion.

He reported three decisions which are obviously correct. His monosyllabic answers to the questions asked, are, to say the least, refreshing. Under the head, "Condition of Craft," he says:

"So far as my personal observation goes, I think on the whole, the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction are in good shape and gradually though perhaps slowly, steadily improving.

This is perhaps in a measure somewhat due to the passing from the scene of activities, of the older members, many of whom had learned different works, in the different Jurisdictions from whence they came, and who are now being superseded by a younger element, who have learned or are now learning the last adopted work of the Rite."

The G. H. P. announced exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree by one of the Minneapolis Chapters on the evening of the First Day.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand cash, \$6,023.63, and City registered bonds, \$5,000.00, making total assets, \$11,023.63.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and its Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology was brief but entirely appropriate.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, one Chapter having failed to be represented for two years, having made no returns for the same period, was suspended from all Masonic functions, and was informed that failure on their part,

to pay up all arrearages, and show good cause, at next Annual, they would be dropped from the Roll.

On favorable report by the same Committee, one Chapter U. D. was granted a Charter.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had no more arduous task to perform than to smile, shake hands and felicitate each other on the absence of any Cases of Appeal.

A motion was made and carried, to the effect that it shall not be necessary to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in order to open one of the dependent degrees, and do work in the same.

The customary P. G. H. P.'s Jewel was presented to M. E. Comp. John T. Johnson, on his retiring from office.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected to the Order eighteen eligible Companions

The chief attraction of this volume is found in the Report on

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is enough to say that Comp. Irving Todd is the author of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, to ensure conviction of its excellence.

In his wonted clear and concise style Comp. Todd reviews the Proceedings of fifty-three Jurisdictions. Alabama, 1910, is given a notice covering about two pages of courteous attention. The writer is highly honored by being acceded more than a full page of Comp. Todd's valuable space.

We repeat the wish that our Minnesota Brethren may long have the benefit of Camp Irving Todd's wise and cultured service.

Comp. James G. Houghton, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. John Fishel, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

45TH ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1911.

Chartered Chapters active, 53; members, 4,494; net gain, 84.

Comp. Geo. S. Powell, M. E. Grand High Priest. Frontispiece—a fine engraving of Comp. Geo. S. Powell.

The Grand High Priest's address (a little over 9 pages in length) is an excellent document, long enough to cover all matters requiring attention and short enough to satisfy those who grumble at long addresses.

He reported but one decision, as follows:

"With one exception no questions requiring official decisions were submitted to me. The exception mentioned related to procedure in a case where a brother had been elected to receive the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry some years ago, and had moved from the city in which the chapter electing him was located. I construed our law to mean that the Chapter which elected the Companion held Jurisdiction over him, but before it could confer the degrees or request another Chapter to do so for it, a new ballot would have to be taken, as provided in our law found in the addenda for 1910."

He had issued four special dispensations—all of them within his prerogative.

His several visitations illustrate the value of these official visits to the Constituent Chapters. We note the following recommendation:

"I also recommend that paragraph 21, Chapter 105, of the law, in relation to members of extinct chapters, be repealed and the following substituted therefor; I can see no necessity for having charges preferred in a local chapter, against a companion who neglects to pay dues and take a demit, when the chapter of which he was formerly a member has ceased to exist:

"A companion who was a member in good standing of a chapter at the time it became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall for one year after the chapter ceases to exist, remain and be deemed in good standing, and shall have the same rights and privileges as members of a regular chapter. But should he fail to pay his dues to the Grand Secretary, and procure a demit within such year, he shall be notified by letter, sent to his last known address by the Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the next ensuing annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, to show cause to the Committee on Grievances, if any he may have, why he has not paid his dues and secured a demit.

"When any such member shall refuse or neglect to answer a notice to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues and securing a demit as above provided, his delinquency may be communicated to the Grand Chapter at any subsequent annual convocation thereof, which facts, together with the records showing his indebtedness, or his failure to secure a demit, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency. If the companion be present, he shall be entitled to make such plea as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire, and upon such evidence and any other evidence which is submitted and received, a

vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely."

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$7,148.48.

The Grand Secretary states that all the Chapters, save two, have made returns and paid their dues. That is a fine showing.

Of the Nebraska Masonic Home he says:

"Of the 588 shares of stock issued by the Nebraska Masonic Home, 70 are owned by the Grand Chapter, R .A. . M. of Nebraska. During the past year the Home has cared for forty-two residents, in addition to occasional visitors, and relatives of residents. No deaths have occurred at the Home since August 22nd, 1910. One year ago there were at the Home twelve women, fifteen men, and two boys, a total of twenty-nine. The present number, forty-two, shows an increase of eleven men and two women.

The Home has received from January 23d, 1911, to November 6th, 1911:"

Then follows a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements as follows: (We quote only the results: Receipts, \$27,108.08; disbursements, \$29,917.52.

Comp. (P. G. H. P.) Chas. J. Phelps submitted his Annual Report, and it was ordered to be printed with the Proceedings. On his recommendation recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home, reported that they "found," on a recent visit to that Institution, "everything in splendid condition." "The residents seemed to be comfortable and cheerful, and no one with whom we talked had anything but words of praise for the officers and the management."

The Committee recommended an appropriation of \$1,000.00 to the Home.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the decision of the Grand High Priest was adopted. Several amendments to the law were approved, and one disapproved.

The Committee dealt a fatal blow to life-membership, as heretofore granted, with exemption from future dues, but declared that accrued dues could be remitted in deserving cases.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made suitable report, particularizing the death of P. G. H. P. Comp. Henry L. Palmer.

The Convention of the Order of High Priests elected 24 Companions.

In his well-recognized, able manner, Past Grand High Priest Chas. J. Phelps presented his Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. Alabama-1910 is courteously given about a page of fraternal notice. Grand High Priest John B. Christian's address is judiciously summarized, and the writer is honored with kind, but flattering mention in his report.

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

Comp. Francis E. White, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

38TH ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Theo J. Steinmetz, M. E. Grand High Priest.

A portrait of M. E. Comp. Steinmetz graces the first page of this handsome volume.

Number of Chapters, 10; membership, 458 R. A. M.; Exalted, 22; net gain, 5.

When Grand Chapter was opened, the Grand High Priest and nine other Grand Officers answered roll-call, also nine Past Grand High Priests, and 21 Grand Representatives, but Alabama's was not of the number.

The Grand High Priest's address was short, but to the point. Under the heading, "In Memoriam," he announced the death of the veteran Grand Secretary, Chauncey N. Noteware. He said of the departed Companion:

"Companion Noteware was loved by all and he wore his honors with dignity and honored them by a true devotion to our great Fraternity. As a further token of respect to the memory of this beloved Mason, I recommend that our altar be veiled in mourning during the session of this Grand Convocation.

'How fast they fall—those we have known—
As leaves from autumn branches blown,
So quickly sear:
Yes, one by one they drop away
As withered leaves that fall and stray
And disappear.'"

We extend our sympathy to our Nevada Companions in their loss of this loved Companion.

The Grand High Priest reported two official visitations, and regretted that he had been unable to make more of them.

He had consecrated one Chapter, and had appointed Comp. Edward D. Vanderleith Grand Secretary, vice Chauncey N. Noteware, deceased.

We congratulate Comp. V. and his Grand Chapter as well.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, June 12, 1911, was \$642.99.

We further congratulate Comp. Vanderleith and Grand Chapter on the fact that all the Chapters had made complete and correct returns.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in true Masonic manner.

We find nothing in these Proceedings especially calling for notice.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood met as usual, but announced that candidates for the Order of High Priesthood would have to wait till next year to receive the Order.

The Council paid tribute to the memory of Companion Noteware.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. George Gillson. We present our readers with his Introduction and his Conclusion, as follows:

"To the M.'. E.'. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada:

When the Proceedings were ready for the printer, I wrote to Companion Henry W. Miles, M.'. E.'. Grand Priest, at Reno and asked him if he would kindly call upon Companion Bird and send me his Correspondence Report, so that it could be published with the Proceedings. To my surprise, he replied that Companion Bird had written up fifteen Grand Jurisdictions, that his copy had been destroyed and that he had no report for this year. The Grand High Priest said that he regretted this, and asked me if I would write one; hence the delay in getting out our Proceedings on time, and the following is the result of my hurried investigations."

His Conclusion is as follows:

"CONCLUSION.

After a hasty glance over the Proceedings of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions for 1910 (all that I could find in our Library), I am amazed at the growth and unanimity that prevails in our Order in all directions. With a membership of nearly four hundred thousand, well organized and constantly increasing, its power and influence for

the betterment of the human race is far reaching, and will leave its lasting and moral effect wherever it exists.

Our Grand Representatives have no duties to perform, except to answer Roll Call and receive the Grand Honors. I would suggest that they be required to report on the Grand Jurisdictions which they represent, limiting each report to two pages or less, and that these several reports be published in the Proceedings, and take the place of a Correspondence Report. This would give the Grand Representatives something to do and give us a diversity of opinions that might prove beneficial. *'In a multitude of counsel there is wisdom.'*"

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE GILLSON."

The quotation from Holy Scriptures reads in our Book, as follows: "In multitude of counsellors there is safety."

Alabama-1910 is given about a page of courteous mention.

The reviewer quotes Comp. McQueen's resolution paying respect to our lamented Grand Treasurer, Wm. H. Dingley, R.'. E.'. Companion Dingley was the faithful guardian of our Treasury for forty-one years.

Comp. Gillson thus refers to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence:

"The Correspondence Report of 164 pages, by William Yates Titcomb, reviewing 46 Jurisdictions, is along the usual lines. I fear the length of the Report will deter many from giving it more than a casual glance."

Well, we have been trying to condense, but fear that in our efforts to curtail, we may be compelled to write, "Ichabod." Still, Companion, if you read our review you may find *something* worthy of your attention.

Comp. Henry W. Miles, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Edward D. Vanderleith, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

24TH ANNUAL—SAINT JOHN—AUGUST, 1911.

Number of Chapters, 8; membership 790; increase, 9.

Comp. W. Leonard Ellis, M. D., M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Thus opens the address of the Grand High Priest:

"It is my great privilege to welcome you to this, the Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick and to congratulate you upon the harmony and good

fellowship which exist throughout this jurisdiction. It is truly an inestimable privilege to be permitted in health and vigor to meet at this session of the Grand Chapter the faces old, and the faces new around our common altar, and to rejoice in the welfare and prosperity of our Order. The growth in membership and the general activity throughout the jurisdiction is encouraging and the returns and statements to be submitted to you by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer will show an increase in membership and funds."

The M. E. Comp. did not neglect the very important duty of making official visits to the Chapters. He made six visitations.

Our Representative was not reported as one of the 14 diplomats present. Where was he, Companion Hartt?

Grand Secretary J. Twining Hartt is a safe custodian of Grand Chapter affairs.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was \$6,344.06.

The Executive Committee, noting the fact that the Regalia in use was nearly worn out, recommended the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$200.00 for purchasing same.

The following was adopted:

"That the following be added as a subsection to Section 5 of the Constitution: 'The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe must be High Priests or Past High Priests, but this will not affect the rights or privileges of those who were members of Grand Chapter at the time of its formation.'"

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

The New Brunswick Jurisdiction furnishes no Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. W. Leonard Ellis, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Twining Hartt, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

92D ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1911.

Comp. Chas. G. Shedd, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 26, all making returns; number represented at this Convocation, 21; membership, 4,315; increase, 78.

The address of the Grand High Priest must have justified the high expectations of his Companions. Clearness and directness of phrase-

ology and zealous discharge of duty are to be plainly seen in this document.

Under the heading, "Necrology," he was true and faithful to his departed Companions.

His visitations were most pleasant to himself, and, no doubt, profitable to the Chapters visited. He said:

"All of my visitations this past year have been particularly pleasant and satisfactory. The Chapter work throughout the state seems to be in very good hands. I find more and more interest shown in the degrees each year and the prospects for our Order in the future seem bright."

The Reports of the D. G. H. P., the G. K. and the G. S. were all very satisfactory

The Grand Treasurer's balance was the sum of \$3,038.94.

Grand Secretary Cheney is a model officer.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers thus reported:

"The faithful services of the M. E. Grand High Priest and his associate officers in the various duties to which they have been called are deserving of our hearty approval and commendation.

We recommend that suitable pages be set apart to the memory of deceased members of this Grand Chapter in the printed proceedings.

We recommend that the official acts of the M. E. Grand High Priest be approved and his recommendations be adopted."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the request of the Grand Chapter of Scotland for an exchange of Representatives respectfully report,

That we cannot find that any formal action has ever been taken by this Grand Chapter recognizing the Grand Chapter of Scotland. But that for more than thirty years we have exchanged Proceedings and been upon friendly relations with them and we, therefore, recommend:

That the Grand High Priest be authorized, at his discretion, to exchange Representatives with that Grand Chapter."

Said Committee had "not been able to get such information as would enable us (them) to come to a conclusion regarding their status (Grand Chapter of Victoria) that would warrant us (them) in making any recommendation at this time."

Companions, the Grand Chapter of Victoria is all right.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion J. L. Seward, Chairman of the Committee, who has furnished an exceptionally fine review.

His review of Alabama's Proceedings covers a period of two years—1909-1910.

Comp. Seward very generously gives us a little over nine pages of his valuable space, presenting some observations which are so pertinent and timely that we, pardonably, it is believed, quote freely from the same. Inspired by a reference to our 16 dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions within the statutory period of time, he says:

"As is well known to the readers of our reports in previous volumes of our proceedings, we hold very conservative views upon this subject of balloting on petitions without waiting the customary time. We have always maintained that the fact of an applicant's connection with a Lodge is not invariably a sufficient guarantee of his fitness to be advanced. The jurisdiction of a Chapter is much more extensive than that of a Lodge. Applicants are more likely to be unknown to those who are present and voting. Recommendations of close personal friends accompanying a petition are not to be construed as positively certain vouchers for the character of the applicant. Moreover, the Companions of a Chapter should avoid the appearance of unseemly haste. The Chapter should not be regarded as a mere hindrance to be removed as speedily as possible to reach the asylum of some Commandery, where, indeed, the same haste is too frequently shown. We are not doubting the occasional propriety of being lenient in the application of regulations, but they should never be ignored so frequently as to lead the Companions of any Chapter to feel that they have only to ask special favors to receive them."

He says:

"The Grand Chapter of Alabama, under direction of its efficient Grand Secretary, has issued an excellent Manual, which we have been permitted to examine. We consider it one of the best that has been issued, and believe that it must result in great benefit to the Companions throughout that Jurisdiction, and may be used with profit by Royal Arch Masons in any State."

On the subject of dissemination of correct work, Comp. Seward indulges in the following wholesome observations:

"The Grand Chapter at this convocation did something worthy of the highest commendation. It created the office of Grand Lecturer,

to hold office for two years, at a salary of \$1.200 per annum, with a provision for all necessary traveling expenses. It should be his duty to remain at least three days with each subordinate Chapter, drilling the officers and perfecting them in all of the rituals, and to make a careful report of his doings to the Grand High Priest. This is a step in the right direction, which we hope may be followed by other Grand Chapters. Any Grand Chapter adopting such a plan ought to be very careful in the selection of a Grand Lecturer. Let it never be forgotten that mere ability to memorize rituals is far from a sufficient qualification. A Lecturer should always be a good scholar, especially a good grammarian. He should be quick to detect the inaccurate grammatical interpretations of the letters of his rituals. We have known Lecturers who were conceited with respect to their memory of rituals, who never knew nor appreciated the difference between a correct way and an ungrammatical way of interpreting the words of a sentence beginning with certain letters. For example, the phrase "if I were," which is the proper grammatical form of an expression of frequent occurrence, is given nine times out of ten as 'if I was,' which is wrong, for 'if' in such a connection should be followed by the subjunctive mood. This is only one of scores of instances where scholarship is necessary to hold the workmen to a correct use of language."

Of the address of Grand High Priest John B. Christian, Comp. Seward said:

"The address of the Grand High Priest was a business paper in the strictest sense of the word. His duties for the year were recited in an orderly, methodical style, so far as possible arranged in the form of tables very convenient for reference."

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"He paid a noble tribute to the memory of the worthy Judge James T. Greene, the chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who died at Anniston, April 10, 1910. He was evidently a man who had always been held in the highest esteem by the fraternity in Alabama. He read a long roll of the distinguished dead in other jurisdictions."

For the splendid compliments paid the writer, Comp. Seward will please accept grateful acknowledgment, notwithstanding that the writer feels that such praise is ill-deserved.

The pile of Proceedings awaiting attention admonishes us that we must end this paper without doing justice to Companion Seward's admirable Report composed almost entirely of original matter.

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

Comp. Harry M. Cheney, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

55TH ANNUAL—TRENTON—MAY, 1911.

Comp. Daniel L. Campbell, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 40; members, 6,407; net gain, 305.

On Friday, March 17, 1911, an Emergent Convocation was held in the city of Newark, N. J., for the purpose of giving a reception to the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. of America. The occasion was graced by eloquent addresses from M. E. Comp. Kingsley and others, and inspired the Companions with greater zeal for Capitular Masonry, and with increased respect and esteem for the Official Head of the Royal Craft in our land.

The goodly number of fifteen Past Grand High Priests honored the Grand Body, and themselves, as well, by their presence at the 55th Annual. Whether or not our Representative was present we fail to discover, but note that the Grand Representatives in attendance were received and welcomed in fitting manner.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that he had received many requests for dispensations, "none of which were frivolous or improper." Most of the dispensations granted were to install officers.

On his recommendation Comp. Joseph A. Behan had been commissioned as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, near that of New Jersey.

Under the head of Decisions he intimated that most of the few questions asked were answered by reference to the law, but he reported the following:

"November 17th, 1910, Goodwin Chapter, No. 36, presented the question whether they must first ballot on the application of a Royal Arch Mason who applied for affiliation and presented his dimit (but who was not vouched for as a Royal Arch Mason), and after his election to examine him.

It is difficult to understand how the Companions recommending the alleged Companion could do so without knowing that he was a Royal Arch Mason.

I notified Goodwin Chapter that they must be satisfied that the Companion applying was a Royal Arch Mason, and the person named in the dimit presented, before a ballot could be taken.

On February 18th, 1911, the M. E. High Priest of Orange Chapter, No. 29, having submitted to me for decision a question which was causing some little unpleasantness in his Chapter, I decided:

A Chapter, whose by-laws provide that 'a standing committee shall be appointed annually by the High Priest, whose duty it shall be to act as a finance committee and * * * audit all bills which may be referred to them by the Chapter,' is not conclusively bound by the action of such committee, but may refuse to concur in their report, and, by a majority vote, order a bill paid, some of the items of which the committee rejected.'"

He recommended that the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Trustees of Grand Chapter be placed under bonds, as they are in other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, after disbursement of \$3,113.80, was \$220.61.

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey has an invaluable officer in the person of Grand Secretary M. E. Bro. Leonard L. Grear.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented its Annual Review of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, and it was ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had an empty docket. Good!

The Committee on Constitution approved the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest; also his recommendation that the officers having charge of funds of Grand Chapter be put under bond.

Grand Chapter thanked Three-Times-Three Chapter of Trenton for use of its hall.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a very able paper presented by M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, Chairman of the Committee.

Comp. Haines' very sensible introduction is short, but to the point.

When reading his reviews, we are reminded of the excellent reports of Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Sr., of Montana. Nine-tenths of the reading matter is original. Comp. Haines scans the field and remarks upon such things as will be interesting and profitable to his companions.

We regret that "Alabama" failed to reach his table.

We trust to be pardoned for reproducing bodily his well-written conclusion. Here it is:

"Few portions of the preceding review have been presented to our Companions with more considerate thought or more serious concern than the few words with which we state the summing up of our observations. This is because we realize that the Craft of New Jersey are fully awakened to a sense of the dignity and importance of the Capitular Rites, and are, therefore, interested in the means employed and the results achieved by others pledged to the same service with themselves in promoting better appreciation of them, and have a right, therefore, to expect from their correspondent a reliable account of the result of his searching inquest.

With the weight of this responsibility upon us, we believe we may safely declare that 'Excelsior' has been the motto of our Fraternity, and progress in that which makes for extending its influence and usefulness is clearly discernible.

While it is true that the glowing expressions of some in high authority seem to reflect rather the wish for high ideals than their actual attainment, discriminating inquiry into the facts upon which they are based, not in every case conveying to our mind conclusive proof of the accuracy of their conclusions; yet there is a distinct line between the past and the present in most Jurisdictions, observable in the abandonment of ill-advised practices, in disregard of the true symbolism and significance of our ceremonies, and in their adoption, instead, of methods more in keeping with the real object and proper ministry of Freemasonry.

It is pleasing to know that the conservatism of our own Grand Chapter is not without its sincere admirers, and finds commendation from those whose opinions are of the highest value.

This, of itself, should inspire us with pride in our honored traditions, and with hope and determination to be guided by them in the future.

What we *know* of New Jersey we have reason to *believe* of other Jurisdictions—that despite the drawbacks to which we have occasionally referred, a larger proportion of the Craft than ever before are responding actively to the call of duty through the benign ministry of our Institution, whose blessed mission it is to re-tune the mystic lyre of life to the sublimer symphonies of love and to more firmly establish the unity of man."

Comp. Ralph R. Eichlin, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Leonard L. Grear (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

14TH ANNUAL—ALBUQUERQUE—OCTOBER, 1911.

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

Chartered Chapters, 14; Chapter U. D., 1; number of members, 950; net gain, 46.

At the opening of Grand Chapter all the Grand Officers were at their posts of duty. We note the following:

"The following resolution was presented by Companion James H. Wroth:

Resolved, That after the installation of officers elected to serve in Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Chapter for the year 1912, they will be required to carry out the following instructions and to have the results entered upon the minutes of their respective Chapters:

First, That all candidates for the Royal Arch shall pass a satisfactory examination in open Chapter on the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees before they can be exalted to that august degree. Said examination not to be less than sufficient to pass a satisfactory and creditable examination for visiting.

Second, That all newly exalted Royal Arch Masons shall be required to pass a creditable examination on that degree after exaltation and if found satisfactorily proficient shall on recommendation receive a Grand Chapter diploma without fee.

Referred to Committee on Grand High Priest's address and subsequently adopted."

The Grand High Priest's address was short, but pertinent. He had granted a dispensation for one new Chapter and recommended it for a charter.

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

"I was called upon to make but three decisions during the past year. The first I answered by referring them to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, where it was fully answered in Article III, Sec. 30, page 14. In the other two cases, one a question of Jurisdiction, and the other of installing by proxy, my decisions being herein appended, which are as follows:

Dear Sir and Companion: In the case of Jurisdiction I shall rule that the home and residence of Brother Thomas J. Kennedy is his homestead until the same is proved up, regardless of the fact that he is working elsewhere. As to Jurisdiction, it is governed the United States over in Blue Lodges by the dividing line between two Lodges as the crow flies and not by rail or wagon road. I find this has been the decision of 27 Grand Jurisdictions in Subordinate Lodges.

Dear Sir and Companion: I hold that installing by proxy is illegal and in violation of the by-laws of the Grand Chapter as adopted in 1898. See Sec. 44, page 16. I infer that this section is mandatory, as it uses the word SHALL. I hold that no person can be bound by the obligation taken by another. A proxy, as I understand it, is a notice usually in writing to a body or assembly from one who has certain rights therein, transferring them over his signature to another whom he desires to represent him at said meeting as if he had been there in person. In that event the one giving the proxy is bound by the action of his representative. In the case of an installation, if the officer elected or appointed, should select for himself a proxy and in writing over his signature empower him to act for him it might be held that Sec. 44, had been complied with in reference to the obligation. Your letter does not state that this was

done and in the absence of this information I hold that the installing of the officers by proxy is illegal.
Approved."

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$889.15.

Grand Secretary Alpheus A. Keen says that, with one exception, all the Chapters have made returns.

A special committee reported a warm tribute to Companion Cosgrove, one of the pioneers of Freemasonry in New Mexico.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, whose report was adopted, approved the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The question of discontinuing Reports of Foreign Correspondence, having been submitted to the Constituent Chapters for their approval or disapproval in regard thereto, the committee reported as follows:

"Regarding the question of discontinuing the report on Foreign Correspondence, we have received but six answers. Four, namely, Silver City, Las Vegas, Raton and Tucumcari voting to continue the publication, and two, namely, Rio Grande and Deming, voting to discontinue. As these six are not a majority of all the Chapters we direct the incoming Grand High Priest to command all Subordinate Chapters to vote and report upon this question within ninety days, returning the result directly to the Grand High Priest, who shall then take action according to the desire of the majority of all Chapters."

The committee also reported as follows:

"In the matter of organizing Cryptic Masonry in New Mexico under the auspices of this Grand Chapter, your committee find from correspondence that the same cannot be legally carried out, and Chapters desiring these degrees must take action independently.

As to the resolution referred to us requiring examination in the various degrees of Capitular Masonry, we recommend its adoption as presented."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of forty-six Grand Bodies, is, as we are glad to note, the excellent work of Comp. James H. Wroth, Chairman of the Committee. Comp. Wroth is a forceful writer, but never fails to be courteous; and what he thinks he says without fear or favor. We like him, notwithstanding the fact that we do not *always* agree with him. For the most part, we are in accord with Comp. Wroth.

We quote from his review of Alabama as follows:

"We note the following:

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 the members of the Chapters electing them to receive same.

Why the note? (Simply explanatory.)

We are unable to find any synopsis of chapters and members. Follow Comp. Keen's brilliant example."

Wipe your glasses, Companion, and turn to page 243, Ala. 1910, Proc. You will there find a full and complete statistical summary.

Again:

"Companion Titcomb again furnishes the Report on Correspondence. May he be spared for many more."

We are grateful to you, Comp., for your kind wishes.

Comp. Wroth agrees with us in regard to dues accruing during suspension n. p. d.

He does not agree with us as to necessity of opening the R. A., before working in the dependent degrees. He gives us a little "dig" for recognizing Wyoming before being asked to do so. He says we voice his sentiments in regard to the social feature.

Like Paddy at Donneybrook Fair, when Comp. Wroth sees a d. p. head bob up, he gives it a sounding whack.

While we do not concur with our N. M. Companion as to dependent membership, and General Grand Chapter, we will do him the justice to let him speak for himself on that subject, and quote from his well-written "Conclusion" as follows:

"In concluding this report it is needless to call attention to the two contentions made last year, (one of which was purely a personal one), that of dependent membership, which was considerably condemned, but without rational, or to my mind, legal grounds. I have at various places in the report referred to this and still hold to my original views—that the reasons for it are largely based upon a commercial attitude, and I find also that quite a number of Reviewers seem to be in doubt themselves as to the wisdom of permitting the condition to exist as it does at present.

As to the other contention, that of the dubious authority of the General Grand Chapter, there seems to be an unwillingness or inability of the Grand Chapters to surrender any of their present

authority. The placing of the General Grand Chapter in what, to my mind, is its proper light, would necessitate the granting of increased authority along lines now not specifically stated, or if stated, without any means of enforcement. It should be humiliating to one occupying a position in such an organization to realize that it is nothing but an ornament.

The arguments of some of the Reviewers that I base this upon the present arrangement of Symbolic Grand Lodges, and the implied statement that if such a plan was carried out, would ultimately mean a Central Grand Lodge, is far, very far, from my thoughts. I am unalterably opposed to *that*, nor do I believe that such will ever come about in Symbolic Masonry, but for any organization to take the ground that it must be legitimately chartered *by a central authority*, and then to take the ground that *same central authority* need be obeyed only so long as it does not conflict with the Constitution of the so-called subordinate, is, to my mind, permitting the children to run the school.

Personally, I see no earthly use, as at present organized, for the General Grand Chapter, because it is not what it should be, something to which all of us can look up to, respect and obey. This could be done were it not that the Chapter fabric is organized on the principle of state rights, and as we had to learn by painful experience how to spell "Nation" with a big "N," so we will have to learn how to spell Capitular Masonry with a big "C," and that can only be done by a strong central authority. Were it a fact that Royal Arch Masonry was still dependent and controlled by Symbolic Masonry the present arrangement might work, and the fact that we get along under this shadowy authority is no criterion of the necessity for a more vigorous campaign headed by an efficient general."

Comp. Solomon Spitz, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Alpheus A. Keen, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Supreme Grand Chapter, R. A. M.

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS—SYDNEY—1910.

Comp. A. P. Gribben, M. E. Grand Z.

The pamphlets before us embrace the record of the February, May, August and November Quarterlies; also the proceedings of the May and November Half-Yearly Communications of the Mark Master Masons Grand Lodge—all the year of 1910.

Having looked through these pages we find nothing to especially attract our attention, save that in the First Principal's Address at the May Quarterly, he said:

"My experience has led me to one conclusion, and it is this, that it is advisable in the interests of our Supreme Grand Chapter that the degree of Mark Master Mason should be worked in connection with our Chapters, and so come into line with what obtains in most parts of the Masonic world. I do not intend to bring before you at this time any detailed reasoning for suggesting this step, but will content myself with giving notice of motion for our next Convocation, on which occasion the proper and constitutional opportunity will be afforded to discuss the matter in its broadest aspects. Excellent Companions, the motion I will submit in due time is—

'That the time has arrived when it is desirable that the degree of Mark Master Mason be included in the Ritual under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that the Book of Constitution be so amended as to carry this resolution into effect.'

The beautiful lesson of the Mark Degree certainly adds much to the interest of Chapter work.

We note that the Alabama Proceedings had reached Sydney; also that Brother Beauchamp's Reprint of Proceedings from 1853 to 1865 had arrived.

The reports of the "Grand Inspectors of Workings" form for the N. S. W. Companions a very interesting portion of the proceedings.

Our Companions in N. S. W. are earnest workers in the Masonic field.

Comp. A. P. Gribben, M. E. Grand Z.

Comp. A. J. Burbidge, R. E. Grand Scribe E.

NEW YORK.

114TH ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY, 1911.

Comp. Jay Butler King, M. E. Grand High Priest. An engraving of the M. E. Grand High Priest graces the opening pages of this volume. Number of constituent Chapters, 206— of which 205 were represented at the Convocation under review. Members, 36,354; net gain, 1,089.

We note with pleasure that our envoy, R. E. R. Montrose Medberry, was one of the thirty-seven Grand Representatives present. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests also manifested their zeal by being in attendance.

In his address the Grand High Priest well said:

"The Order here represented has advanced step by step until it has reached an eminence below none in the realms of Freemasonry.

We look back upon the rough road it has traveled for one hundred and fourteen years and note with satisfaction its great and permanent advancement. From a small class of earnest and devoted workers, it has grown to a great army of teachers, distributed throughout the length and breadth of our great State, picketing the homes of every community, protecting them against evil, error and superstition, challenging the admiration and respect of all, and shedding the light of its influence and knowledge upon every soul."

Under the head of necrology, he paid touching tribute to the memory of the lately deceased P. G. H. P., Comp. Richard Huston Parker; also remembered the fraternal dead at home and abroad, of whose demise he had received official notice.

From the address we learn that R. V. E. Montrose Medberry had been duly accredited as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. The G. H. P. had issued twenty-five or thirty dispensations for reasons deemed good and sufficient.

The address, taken as a whole, was of the best quality as a document emanating from the Grand East.

Without comment we extract the following decisions reported by the Grand High Priest:

"1st. 'On page 60, Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, it is provided as follows: "The complaint must be presented in open Chapter at a stated convocation, and motion should be made and adopted," etc. Suppose each motion to be made and lost, what then becomes of the complaint and what is the duty of the High Priest?"

Answer: That matter is at an end, unless again presented to the Chapter for action.

"Your second question is as follows:

"2nd. 'Papers having been duly attested and signed affecting a full and complete legal settlement of all cases or causes arising between two companions, would such full and complete legal release prevent the bringing of charges by one of the parties against the other into the Chapter, such charges involving one of the causes fully settled by the legal release? In other words, should the Chapter recognize the legal settlement?"

Answer. The legal settlement would not be binding upon the Chapter except as it might influence its action.'

"3d. 'Trouble having arisen between two companions, and the High Priest desiring to settle the same, calls them into his presence, three other Royal Arch Masons being present, and after a free and full discussion, a settlement is effected. The two discordant companions request that an oath be administered to them, the substance of which was, that neither should bring charges against the other in any Lodge or Chapter. Granting that such oath was administered, would the High Priest of the Chapter be justified in receiving charges preferred by the one against the other, based upon the difficulties fully and freely settled by each in the presence of the High Priest and three other Royal Arch Masons?'

Answer. The adjustment outside of the Chapter would not be binding except as it might influence its action.

"I have been pressed for an official opinion, as to the propriety of using intoxicating liquors at Masonic Functions, and answered in the following language:

'No intoxicating liquors should be indulged in, at or during Chapter Meeting.

'At that time, the utmost decorum should be observed.

'When the Chapter is at refreshment, such as picnics or banquets, as mentioned in your questions, the companions may enjoy themselves in social intercourse, always avoiding excess in eating and drinking.

'A Mason qualified for the Royal Arch should be a teacher of moral discipline, and his judgment should guide him on all occasions to deport himself in such a manner as to be an example for others.'"

The R.'. E.'. D. G. H. P. made report of his discharge of the duties devolving upon him during the year.

From the report of R.'. E.'. Comp. James B. McEwan, Grand Treasurer, we learn that the funds of Grand Chapter consist of cash on deposit in bank, as follows: Total of General Fund, \$37,137.68. Permanent Fund, \$150,817.49.

From the able, comprehensive report of the Grand Secretary it is learned that all the Chartered Chapters had made returns. The largest Chapter has a membership of 1,060; the smallest has a membership of 24.

The Grand Lecturer had held a convention in each District and had made a number of visitations besides. No doubt, he well deserved the high encomiums bestowed on him by the Grand High Priest.

M.'. E.'. Comp. M. I. Greenwood made his annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. Report received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

January 30, 1911, the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests elected 37 eligible Companions to the Order. At a subsequent meeting, February 7, eighty more were elected to the Order.

Exemplifications of the Work took place on the evenings of February 7, 1911.

The R. E. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Pierre Cushing (as was justly anticipated), delivered "an entertaining, eloquent and instructive address on the subject, "Masonry in Relation to the State." Thanks, and request for publication in the Proceedings, followed the delivery of the address.

The short report of the Jurisprudence Committee is as follows:

"The only matter before your Committee are the decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest submitted in his report to the Grand Chapter.

We approve of his decisions, but with respect to the second and third questions concerning the settlement of differences between Companions. Your Committee is of the opinion and decides that the civil rights of its members are not to be adjudicated by a Chapter and that, although the decisions of the Grand High Priest of these two questions is technically correct, that the Chapter had jurisdiction in the one case and the High Priest was justified in receiving the charges in the other, yet upon the facts stated, consideration of the charges should have been limited to a determination whether the Companion by preferring the charges had or had not committed a Masonic offense."

That Committee is level-headed.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of placing \$300.00 in the hands of the Grand High Priest, for charitable purposes. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The following resolution was referred to the same Committee: "Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable communion service for the use of the Grand Chapter."

The Finance Committee approved both resolutions.

Companion Greenwood, how would such communion service suit our Jewish Companions? The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved: That a Committee of three be appointed by the Grand High Priest to consider and report to him what means may be properly employed to secure and maintain a more wide-spread knowledge of the value of Royal Arch Masonry among the Master Masons of the State of New York."

R.'. E.'. Comp. Pierre Cushing made a short but excellent report on "Memorials. Five hundred Royal Arch Masons in New York died during the year.

We have gathered from Comp. Cushing's Annual Address that the Freemason, to be such in every sense, must be true to himself, to his neighbors; to society; to his country; to his God. What more can be desired?

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by M.'. E.'. Comp. Marvin I. Greenwood, is his Ninth Annual, and is an excellent summary of the proceedings of Sister Grand Chapters, and is confined to the space of 83 pages of print.

Alabama 1910 is given a little more than one page of courteous notice.

Comp. Greenwood inadvertently terms the writer "M.'. E.'."; we were never higher than King. But he does us a great honor in the following expression:

"He has the faculty of saying what he wants to say in such easy terms that where he criticizes, it does not leave any bitter taste; a great many men cannot do that, but so much the worse for them."

Our esteemed Companion is slightly "off" when he says we take "delight" in telling how old we are. We do not delight therein, but are not ashamed to admit our age. We wish Companion Greenwood may surpass us in years, and be a much better man than the writer.

The Companion's "Conclusion" is optimistic. We extract therefrom the following sentiment which gracefully falls from the lips of a true Mason:

"Everywhere in the Masonic Vineyard peace and harmony prevail, prosperity attends the labor of the Royal Craft, and the future looks bright and glowing with the radiance of coming glory, in which we all will share, and to which we look forward with joyful anticipations."

Comp. Edward Finch Hill, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Christopher G. Fox, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

63D ANNUAL—WILSON—MAY, 1911.

Comp. Jas. W. Shuford, M. E. Grand High Priest.

It is a pleasure to note that our Representative was present at the Convocation under review.

Chapters, 39; members, 2,606; net gain, 192.

In the short address of the Grand High Priest, he stated that he had received no official reports from any of the subordinate Chapters, but was confident that interest was growing in Capitular Masonry, and that surely advancement was being made along material lines.

He had made no official visitations during the year. He had been so situated as to be unable to visit any of the Chapters.

He had granted eight dispensations—one to organize a new Chapter, and seven for various purposes, such as waiving time in balloting on petitions, electing officers, etc.

Under the head of Decisions we print the following:

"I have been called upon for only one decision; on April the 7th, I received a letter from Companion Linn, High Priest of Salisbury Chapter No. 20, stating that on the first Monday night in March, at their regular Convocation, three petitions for degrees were received. And on the first Monday night in April these petitions were balloted on. The By-Laws of the Chapter require all petitions to lie over for 30 days, and as only 28 days had elapsed between these meetings, it was claimed by some of the members that the ballot was illegal, and asked for a decision on the question.

I replied as follows:

Mr. T. C. Linn,
High Priest Salisbury Chapter No. 20.
Salisbury, N. C.

My Dear Sir and Companion:

Replying to your letter of April the 6th, asking for a decision on the question of whether or not you did right in balloting on petitions for degrees that had not laid over for 30 days, as provided by the By-Laws of your Chapter.

It appears that these petitions were received at the stated Convocation on the first Monday night in March, and that the ballot was taken on the first Monday night in April, the stated Convocation for the month. It seems to me that in this case, while the time of 30 days, as fixed in the By-Laws had not elapsed, yet the

spirit or intent was complied with, and that the ballot was properly taken.

Yours fraternally.

J. W. SHUFORD.
Grand High Priest'."

The Grand Treasurer had cash on hand, May 10, 1911, to the amount of \$2,160.28. He gives a comparative statement of the finances for eight years, ending 1910-11. It is interesting, as showing the growth of Capitular Masonry in North Carolina.

Grand Secretary James C. Munds presents a businesslike report.

Grand Secretary Comp. Munds had received from the Grand Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter R. A. M. of England, a letter expressive of the very high appreciation which His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, and said Grand Chapter, cherished for the messages of sympathy and condolence sent by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, on the death of King Edward VII.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the sum of \$300.00 was appropriated for educational purposes.

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

The Jurisprudence Committee, "believing that the spirit of the law should always be paramount to the letter," approved the single decision reported by the Grand High Priest.

The committee approved his dispensations, but was of the opinion that granting dispensations for waiving time in balloting on petitions should be rarely and discreetly exercised; it indeed should, as far as possible be discouraged.

In the report on Necrology, which was adopted, Death is eloquently personified.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected fourteen eligible companions, who, with one previously elected, were duly "anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The excellent Report on Correspondence, is again, as we are very glad to see, the good work of Comp. James Southgate, who reviews

the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Chapters in attractive manner. We seem to be listening while Companion Southgate talks. We like his style.

Alabama 1910 is accorded a page and a half of kindly and courteous notice, embracing a brief summary of our proceedings.

What Comp. Southgate says of the writer, is so far above the latter's deserving that we will save our blushes and withhold the laudation from our readers.

This year we are "great," on quoting "Conclusions," so here goes for Comp. Southgate:

"Each year it has seemed our last report was finished, but a Merciful Providence which 'shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may,' has preserved our life to this glad hour and we are still pursuing, though with halting step and aching limbs. We have wrought long, if not well, and for nearly a generation have been seated with others at the Annual 'round table' to discuss things pertaining to the welfare of the Capitular Rite, so dear to our hearts and well worthy our best efforts to assist in building this 'House of the Lord.'"

We have seen many of our Companions leave the table and their seats become vacant forever. We have grieved at their departure but they will not come back, nor will their voice be heard again. The pen has been laid aside, we trust, for a crown far away beyond the stars. We have sat at their feet, as Paul at the feet of Gamaliel, to learn the truths of Masonry and have her laws interpreted, but we shall hear them no more. One by one we must all take our places in the march to the grave, and will we be ready when called, is the great question to be settled. May we so live that we may receive the 'well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.' With sincere thanks for the kind words received from the Reporters, and with the hope that this report may bring pleasure and edification to our Companions.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES SOUTHGATE, P. G. H. P.,
Chairman."

Our esteemed contemporary winds up his review of Alabama with the following words:

"We have a trio in this Jurisdiction for whom we have sincerest regards viz.: Titcomb, Beauchamp and McQueen. Long may they live and prosper."

Comp. Southgate does the writer great honor by making him one of that "trio." We echo the prayer: "Long may Southgate live and prosper."

Comp. Hugh A. Murrill, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Comp. James C. Munds, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

64TH ANNUAL—RALEIGH—MAY, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 43; membership, 2,879; net gain, 256.

We are pleased to note that our representative was in attendance at this Convocation. Eight Past Grand High Priests were also present.

The Grand High Priest, as we find from his address, had granted ten special dispensations—only two of them to "railroad" candidates for the degrees.

Among the few decisions reported by the Grand High Priest are in substance, the following:

He decided that two Brothers holding their Lodge membership in Maine; spending their summers in Michigan; their winters in North Carolina, and claiming the last named place as their home, could not be accepted by the N. C. Chapter, under Art. 9, Section 9, Grand Chapter By-Laws.

The question was asked of the G. H. P., whether or not a Chapter could take through, at one meeting, more than one team of three, in the Royal Arch Degree. His answer follows:

"To this I replied by wire.

'Receive the candidates under the Living Arch and obligate them in sets of three. Then take them as a class through the rest of the work.'

I would like to have an expression of opinion from the Grand Chapter upon this question."

He decided that a Brother who had lost a foot after becoming a Master Mason was entitled to receive the Chapter degrees. A broad minded ruling. A Mason in good standing is entitled to all the light that can be imparted to him by advancement.

The G. H. P. recommended an appropriation of money sufficient to cover the expenses of at least five delegates to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. To the writer, it seems that the amount thus expended would do more good if given to the needy and suffering.

The Grand Treasurer had cash on hand in the sum of \$2,710.00.

Grand Secretary James C. Munds is a faithful, painstaking officer.

The Committee on Education reported expenditure of \$317.00 for education of a young lady and a young man.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Charters were granted to two Chapters U. D., and a duplicate Charter was issued to a Chapter which had lost its warrant.

Wilmington was selected for the next place of meeting. Time—First Tuesday in June, 1913.

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence made their report, which was received and adopted.

"To the Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

"We have considered the Dispensations and Decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest and approve the same. The by-laws of Lenoir and Minneapolis Chapters have been carefully considered and we recommend their approval."

The Special Committee on a resolution requiring proficiency in degrees taken before advancement in the Chapter, made a careful report on the matter and concluded as follows:

"We doubt the wisdom, at this time, of passing a rigid law requiring suitable proficiency in the preceding degree in the Chapter before a candidate can advance. We, therefore, recommend that no further action be taken in this matter at the present time."

The Special Committee on a delinquent Chapter made a report showing the short-comings of said Chapter, and wound up with the following:

"Your committee, therefore, begs to recommend that the Grand Secretary be requested to notify the Chapter that unless they make proper returns, and show a disposition to resume work within sixty days, their Charter will be arrested."

Adopted.

The Committee on Necrology made impressive report, which was adopted.

The following report of a Special Committee was adopted:

"Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Past Grand High Priest Willard present the following as a substitute for said resolution and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest in his descretion, upon investigation of the facts as to the accessibility of location and facility of travel between points involved, may transfer jurisdiction of territory from one subordinate Chapter to another more accessible to the section affected by his order; Provided, this shall not apply to territory nearer to the Chapter location encroached upon than one-fourth the distance between such two Chapters'."

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected eighteen eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the hand of the veteran correspondent, P. G. H. P. Comp. James Southgate, and it is "every bit and grain" as good as his previous excellent Reports.

At the head of the list of fifty-six Grand Chapters reviewed stands Alabama 1911, which is given two and one-half pages of courteous notice. Comp. Southgate begins by saying:

"The well prepared pamphlet is adorned on the initial page by a picture of the M. E. Grand High Priest, William E. Bingham. He seems to have passed the middle age of life and has a countenance that indicates firmness and decision."

(Comp. Bingham, make your best bow to Comp. Southgate.)

He says the address of the Grand High Priest was "Admirably written."

Of this writer, who had apologized for short-comings in his report, Comp. Southgate says:

"All we have to say is that if he writes such a report when he is sick, what could he do when he was well? Long live Companion Titcomb to write reports for the Grand Chapter."

Our grateful thanks, Companion, for your good opinion.

Companion Southgate's "Conclusion" does honor to his head and heart. Here it is:

"CONCLUSION."

"As did Ruth and Naomi glean the field of Boaz, so have we been 'agleaning' in the vast field of Capitular Masonry and now rest from our labors for a time, before we take up our work in an-

other Order. We have had a pleasant time on our journey over this field. We have seen many flowers by the way but there have also been rough places, and in passing through some parts we have seen the habiliments of mourning for friends who have passed out to the Great Beyond and left vacant seats which they will never fill again and the hand shake of love never be felt on this side of the River. We mourn their loss as comrades much beloved, and hope to meet them on the other side in a brighter and better sphere of existence. We have many left who greet us by the way and bid us God speed on our journey. We thank those who have spoken kindly of our previous efforts to entertain and enlighten, and we shall ever remember them so long as life remains. Before this report is read we will have reached our fore-score mile stone on the road, and we may never be heard again raising our voice in behalf of the Royal Arch Masonry, but be our remaining days few or many we will ever be ready to do our part in removing the rubbish preparatory to the rebuilding of the House of the Lord, and with this assurance we say good-bye till we meet again."

The Grand Convention of H. P.'s elected eighteen Companions.

Comp. John E. Cameron, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James C. Munds, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

22ND. ANNUAL—GRAND FORKS—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Walter L. Williamson, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 18; one Chapter U. D.; membership, 2,292; net increase, 139.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinces close attention to the duties of his office, breadth of thought, and intelligent comprehension of what things soever came up for consideration.

Among his recommendations he makes two suggestions of general interest. One relates to estimations of distance from a Chapter on straight lines (as the crow flies), regardless of accessibility, and to a longer but more easily traveled route. The other suggestion refers to the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree. As to the first suggestion—but let him speak for himself. He says:

"From the matter which was before me for my ruling, and referred to in another portion of my report, and with some talk among the Companions, I am satisfied that much good timber is not available, in consequence of this matter of jurisdiction, by straight

line, who would become Chapter Masons could they have opportunity of applying to a Chapter more easily reached, when the question of travel and time spent is taken into consideration. I would suggest that some resolution upon concurrent jurisdiction be undertaken, to meet this emergency and come more into the thought of ease of communication."

On the other matter referred to he says:

"Twice during the year I have been called upon to issue my dispensation for substituting in a team for the Royal Arch Degree. I am impressed with the fault of this custom, and would recommend that the matter of substituting be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to the end that such legislation be enacted as will prohibit these requests, and relieve the Grand High Priest of this duty, and consequently responsibility of interfering with the work of the Royal Arch Degree; for I believe this degree to be one of the most sublime and impressive degrees in all of the Masonic degrees and it certainly does detract from the sublimity to have a dummy in the team."

The writer has long contended that the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree is a mere sham, although the Grand Chapter of Alabama does not hold the same view.

The Grand High Priest had issued one dispensation for organizing a new Chapter.

His few rulings involve no new principle in Masonic law or usage.

From one of these decisions we infer that he believes Grand Chapter should not attempt to control the private Chapter's disposition of its surplus funds save to require that these funds shall not be disposed of for any immoral or unreasonable purpose.

Under the head, "Good of the Order," he had sent out to the Chapters a letter for the purpose of prohibiting "certain abuses that had gotten into the work of several of the Chapters of the State." He very properly denounced horse-play and fun within the Chapter.

He had been commissioned by the Grand Master to represent him as his deputy for the dedication of a new Masonic Temple at Dickinson.

He had made six visitations, although he had hoped to be able to visit many Chapters.

He mentions the "unveiling of the Frank J. Thompson Monument," April 20, 1911. A worthy tribute to the lamented, late Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$9,586.98.

This, the first report of R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary Walter L. Stockwell, gives assurance that the Companions of N. D. made a wise selection in choosing Comp. Stockwell for that responsible office.

The Committee on Thompson Monument made a detailed report of the erection of the monument and the impressive exercises at the unveiling formed an able tribute to a noble man. Half the cost, which was \$1,000.00, was paid by Grand Lodge, and one-fourth each was paid by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery respectively.

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

A favorable report by the Committee on Foreign Relations secured recognition to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the decisions of Grand High Priest were sustained. The other reports of said committee were mostly of local interest, but on the question of using substitutes the Committee shielded itself by citing the Standing Resolution Proc. 1894, and Approved Decisions, Grand Chapter Code.

At a suitable juncture, the Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed. (The record does not show whether or not, our envoy, Comp. Chas. E. Best, was one of those present.)

No review of other Grand Chapters. (A P. G. H. P.'s jewel was presented to M.'. E.'. Comp. Williamson.)

Comp. Anson Bartlett, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(With Jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.)

42ND. ANNUAL—HALIFAX—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Malcolm McF. Hall, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

A vacant chair marked the place of the deceased Permanent Grand Chaplain. Of Past Grand Officers there were seventeen present, including five P. G. H. P.'s, four P. G. K.'s and eight P. G. S.'s

We note with pleasure that Alabama's Representative was reported present.

Number of Chapters, 17; membership, 1,340; net gain, 67.

In his address the Grand High Priest under the heading "Fraternal Dead" announced the death of the Permanent Grand Chaplain, M.'. D.'. the Rev. Henry deBlois, who died June 6, 1911.

The report of the visitations made by the Grand High Priest covers four full pages. M.'. E.'. Comp Hall fully appreciated the importance of those visits which lend inspiration to the Chapters thus favored.

He esteemed himself singularly fortunate in having ended his second term of service without having to report a single decision..

He had issued four Special Dispensations—two of them to use substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, but had refused one in the following case:

"On the 29th of May I refused a dispensation to Prince of Wales, Chapter No. 10, to exalt six candidates at one time on the ground that I did not consider a dispensation necessary, for if the candidates were taken in groups of three through the veils and up to the discoveries the historical part could then be given to all the candidates. A dispensation does not give a Chapter the right to put through more than three candidates at one time and I am of the opinion that this has been done under the mantle of dispensation."

The only safe way, is to exalt three—no more—no less. We weaken the Royal Arch System, by departing from the established rule.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was of local interest alone.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$2,107.85.

The Grand Secretary says that the returns of all the Chapters have been made, and all the dues paid, but more than half of the returns came in after the time set by the Constitution. He appeals to the High Priests and Secretaries of Chapters to rectify this evil, for evil it is, since it entails upon the Grand Secretary the necessity of making inaccurate report of the year's work.

The Grand Representatives present were escorted to the East, and received with a hearty welcome.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Companions composed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz.: M.'. E.'. Wm. W. Black, M.'. E.'. Comp. S. J. Waddell, and M.'. E.'. Comp. Thos. Van B. Bingay.

All three of the members of the committee measure up fully to the requirements of their tasks.

Alabama 1910 fell to the lot of Comp. S. J. Waddell. Of our Grand High Priest, he says:

M.'. E.'. Comp. Christian's address shows him to have been an earnest and conscientious ruler of the craft, keeping well in touch with the doings of the subordinate Chapters and prompt to check any infringement of the Constitution. He issued dispensations for the formation of three new Chapters and for the reorganization of one which had become dormant, and so the good work goes on."

But he is at a loss to understand how so many Chapters failed to elect and install at the proper time.

He is pleased to say of the writer:

"The Foreign Correspondence report is as usual by Comp. William Yates Titcomb, and when we say that it equals his former productions there is nothing to be added by way of commendation. It covers the doings of forty-six Jurisdictions, several of them for two years."

He also says of us:

"He is good enough to commend the work of this committee and praise from such a source is not always good for the young."

Well, well, we have no idea that our poor compliments could turn the head of Companion Waddell.

No offense taken at the misspelling of our name. Thanks, for kind words.

The Alabama proceedings are judiciously summarized.

Comp. John Hay, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. S. J. Waddell, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

95TH ANNUAL—COLUMBUS—OCTOBER, 1911.

Comp. Frank Crumit, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this handsome volume. The opposite page shows the Grand Officers in group—a good looking set of men.

Active Chartered Chapters, 170; U. D., 2; present membership, 31,703; net gain, 1,455.

In his address the Grand High Priest eloquently said:

"Heard melodies are sweet; but those unheard are sweeter. Sometimes we dream. I think the symbolism and esotery of Capitular Masonry tend to influence men to dream noble dreams and true.

Lo, the visions come—Behold the thousands, from every walk and avenue of usefulness in this phase of life—the veteran gray with the frosts of many winters, patriarchs in Masonry, and the young craftsman with the down of youth faintly shadowing his face—all marching with brows lifted to the sunlight of God's promise; all with hearts attuned to the beauty and blessedness of that goodness which finds its final expression in true brotherhood."

The fraternal dead at home, and abroad were fittingly remembered.

Two Chapters had ben constituted and consecrated.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of two new Chapters. One petition for dispensation was, for reasons deemed sufficient, submitted to Grand Chapter for its consideration. Also one dispensation had been recalled, for good reasons.

No decisions were reported—All questions having been answered by referring inquiries to the applicable part of the Code.

Owing to business engagements the G. H. P. had been unable to make visitations to Chapters, much to his regret. Unless Companions have a reasonable expectation of ability to make these important official visits, it seems to us that they should not accept the office of Grand High Priest.

The M. E. made the following recommendation:

"The adoption of a resolution directing the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters to notify each Companion who has not adopted and had recorded a Mark, that he will be required to select and forward a copy of the Mark he desires to adopt within three months from the date of the adoption of this resolution, and upon failure to

do so, that the Secretary of his Chapter is hereby authorized and ordered to place the initials of said Companion within the circle, as and for his mark.

It then becomes the duty of the Secretary to immediately notify the Companion that his initials have been recorded in the Mark-book of his Chapter, as and for his Mark."

The Grand Treasurer's balance, October 3, 1911, was \$23,274.65.

Grand Secretary Hagenbuch reported total expenditure as \$19,268.65.

M. J. E. Comp. Sperra reported from a Special Committee on Revision of the Code, and his report was adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted, said:

"The reports of inspection of the various Chapters show that a large proportion of the Chapter Masons in this State have failed to comply with the instruction of this Grand Body that each member shall, if he has not already done so, adopt and file with the Secretary of his Chapter a copy of his Mark.

This failure is no doubt due in many instances to the neglect of the High Priest and Secretary to impress upon the minds of such delinquent members the duty of attending to the requirement of the Grand Chapter law upon the subject, and insist that each member shall perform such duty at once.

We think that renewed and persistent efforts should be made by the Chapter officers referred to to accomplish the result desired, that of having a Mark on record for every Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction.

We doubt the propriety or efficiency of the plan suggested in the recommendation of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, of having the Secretary record the initials of delinquent Companions as their Marks, in case such Companions fail, after a notice of three months, to select Marks for themselves.

The selection of a Mark, so far as its design is concerned, should be entirely voluntary, as a Companion cannot change his Mark after it has been recorded. We prefer to recommend increased diligence by the Chapter officers rather than the plan suggested.

2. As to the proposed amendment to the Code (Section 27), offered by Comp. Wm. A. Belt, viz.: To add to said section as it now stands the words, 'And in no case shall any candidate receive the Royal Arch Degree until he has adopted and filed with the Secretary of his Chapter a copy of the Mark he is obligated to adopt,' it is wise, and we recommend its adoption.

3. While upon this subject we further recommend that Section 25 of the Code be amended by adding at the end thereof the words: 'The petition and dimit shall be accompanied by a copy of the Mark of the applicant.'

4. And we further recommend that Section 30 of the Code be amended by adding at the end thereof the words: 'But no such dimit shall be issued to any Companion who has not previously selected a Mark and had the same recorded.'"

It is pleasant to record that the Committee on Accounts recommended appropriation of \$8,850.00 to the Masonic Home.

The Report on Necrology (9½ pages) was very full and complete.—Adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to two Chapters U. D.

The next Annual Convocation was set for the fourth Wednesday in September, 1912, in the city of Dayton, Ohio.

The Superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home presented a very complete report of affairs and conditions at said splendid institution.

The Grand Council of High Priests elected 86 eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the good work of M. E. Companion Orion P. Sperra, who reviews the proceedings of 54 Grand Chapters—nine of them for two years—in a very concise and skillful synopsis of the transactions recorded therein. Comp. Sperra has fully demonstrated his fitness for the position of correspondent.

Alabama 1910 is accorded a little more than two pages of courteous notice. Grand High Priest Comp. John B. Christian is complimented by the following reference to his address:

"The address of the Grand High Priest clearly shows the work of a painstaking officer and also that the duties incumbent on the office were quite numerous, although in nowise out of the ordinary."

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He found it necessary to issue an official circular in which he copies 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.)

He says: 'I ask that this section be read in full in open Chapter,' and he closes by saying:

'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.'

We like this vigorous way of doing things. So did the Committee on the High Priest's address."

Of the writer's Report on Foreign Correspondence he kindly says:

"The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by its chairman, Companion William Yates Titcomb. Forty-six jurisdictions are reviewed, requiring the digesting of fifty-four volumes of the printed proceedings. The result of his work is entertaining and the important facts successfully gleaned. Ohio is accorded its full measure of attention, practically six pages of the proceedings being accorded to us in a very nice review."

Companion Sperra's favorable opinion is highly appreciated.
Comp. Joseph Kirkup, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, R. E. Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

51ST ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Frank J. Miller, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 33, all making returns and paying dues; number of members returned, 3,238; net gain during the year, 227.

We note that our Representative was not reported as present. Where was Comp. Tuttle?

At the outset of his address the Grand High Priest commemorated the life and character of Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, John Milton Hodson, who died October 9, 1910.

The writer was conversant only with M. E. Companion Hodson's work as Masonic reviewer, but in that regard had conceived a very high opinion of the qualities of his Oregon contemporary. Companion Hodson was a man of sterling worth, fearless in expressing his opinions, yet considerate of the opinions of others. He shrank from no encounter with the foremost writers of the Guild, "still," he was never spolling for a fight. No one was more ready to concede the merits of others and to treat them with perfect fairness. He was also remarkably well informed on Masonic history and jurisprudence. He is greatly missed by those familiar with his writings.

The Grand High Priest had constituted two Chapters which had been granted charters; had granted two dispensations for formation of two new Chapters, and had issued several special dispensations, for reasons deemed by him good and sufficient.

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

"As an evidence of the fact that the Companions of Oregon are well grounded in Capitular Law, I have been called upon for but

few decisions, and none of these very momentous. The following are submitted for your consideration:

Question No. 1.—Can a Companion from a foreign jurisdiction, who has received the Mark Master, Past Master and Royal Arch degrees, but who has not received the Most Excellent Master's degree, visit a Chapter in this jurisdiction?

Answer.—Yes, but he must be first formally healed by being obligated as a Most Excellent Master.

Question No. 2.—Can a brother who received the Mark Master degree four years ago be given the remaining degrees now without being balloted on again?

Answer.—No, the brother must be balloted on again for advancement."

Balance on hand, June 1, 1911, the sum of \$4,557.31.

R.'. E.'. Comp. James E. Robinson is one of the best Grand Secretaries anywhere to be found.

We extract the following from his report:

"CONDITION OF THE ROYAL CRAFT."

"Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are most satisfactory.: In our own Jurisdiction nothing of a disturbing nature has been reported.

The Subordinate Chapters all seem to be in fine condition, both numerically and financially. Harmony prevails in our ranks and our acquisitions are of the best citizenship."

"FINANCIAL CONDITION."

"By reference to the report of Grand Treasurer, Companion D. P. Mason, you will observe that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter continues to be most satisfactory."

The foregoing speaks well for the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted, approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws, and to report to next Annual.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. C. J. Buchanan, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James E. Robinson, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

116TH YEAR—PHILADELPHIA—MARCH, 1911.

Comp. A. G. Criswell Smith, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 134; membership, 31,695; net gain, 990; Mark Lodges, 3; members, 453.

We have looked through the record of proceedings in the several Quarterly Convocations and have found nothing demanding particular attention in this review.

The Annual Grand "Communication" was opened on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th. All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Scribe and the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

No Grand Representative of Alabama present.

According to the Pennsylvania practice, after Grand Chapter had been opened in ample form, all Companions who had not received the Order of High Priesthood, retired, and the installation of the Grand Officers-elect took place, after which the excluded Companions returned, and the Grand High Priest delivered his address.

He paid tribute to the fraternal dead in his Jurisdiction—notably to the late Grand Secretary, Wm. A. Sinn, and R.'. E.'. Comp. the Rev. Grand Chaplain, William B. Wood.

We quote the following decisions of the M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest:

"A 'Mark' which has nothing but a color for its device, does not comply with law and cannot be accepted as a Mark Master's Mark by the Chapters."

"A Chapter cannot hold an extra meeting in the afternoon, confer a part of a degree, then close; and at stated meetings in the evening of the same day, finish up the degree."

"A Companion cannot be restored to membership in the Chapter unless he receives a two-thirds vote of the members present."

The M.'. E.'. head of the Royal Craft had granted three special dispensations, which he had the right to do, but had refused a fourth, to confer the Holy Royal Arch Mason Degree on three Brothers, two of whom could not attend successive meetings without considerable expense to themselves.

As the printer will soon be very clamorous for "copy," we must content ourselves with quoting only a little more from the address of the G. H. P. That little shall be his conclusion, as follows:

"In submitting this, my annual report, I comply with a long-established custom, and at the same time hope to give information that may prove interesting to the Companions of the Grand Chapter. The teachings of the Capitular degrees have challenged the admiration of all who have been so fortunate as to come into possession of them. We may well make them the rule of our faith and the guide of every act of life. If we strive so to do, we shall surely receive the commendation of an ever kind and gracious Heavenly Father. It has been my ardent desire during the year to emphasize the import-

ance of these truths and to aid the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction in the correct and impressive presentation of them. In the performance of my duties I take pleasure in acknowledging my obligations to the faithful service of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion Charles Cary, and the cheerful willingness to help on the part of his efficient Deputy, Companion Stockton Bates.

I have performed my duties as I understood them and as we enter upon the work of a new year I crave the indulgence and cheerful assistance of the Companions.

Wishing all a prosperous and Happy New Year, I fraternally submit this, my first annual report."

A brief notice must be taken of the well-prepared and well-printed report on

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence consisted of the following five Companions, viz.: Wm. B. Meredith, Past Grand High Priest; Stockton Bates, John M. Case, George Hale, and George Singer.

Alabama 1910 fell to the "tender mercies" of M. E. Comp. Meredith.

Of the full staff of Grand Officers present, the number of P. G. H. P.'s, a P. G. S., and the large number of Grand Representatives responding to roll call, Companion Meredith says: "Quite a healthy showing."

He commends the address of Grand High Priest, John B. Christian, and makes several excerpts therefrom.

(Comp. Meredith wishes it understood that whenever he quotes from Proceedings he most heartily endorses every word quoted.)

Of the Grand High Priests's conclusion he says:

"We heartily endorse every word of it."

The reviewer judiciously summarizes our proceedings, but is not in love with the granting of dispensations to elect and install officers out of time. Personally we agree with Comp. Meredith that it were better to have the old officers hold over until next election day. That plan would spur up the Chapters to hold the elections at the time prescribed by law.

After the criticisms that have been made on our practice of doing work in Grand Chapter, it is refreshing to find the following:

"The Committee on Work exemplified and conferred the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason upon candidates of several subordinate Chapters; this action of the Grand Chapter is certainly to be commended, will be productive of great good, and is another step to uniformity in the work."

And to that "fifth decision" of the G. H. P. of Pennsylvania Grand Chapter, we quote as follows:

"In the fifth decision he objects to the clause, 'has been passed to the Chair'; we accord him that right, and doubtless he is correct as far as Alabama is concerned, but not as to Pennsylvania; here 'Passing to the Chair' belongs exclusively to the Lodge. Section 1, Article XVII of our Constitution provides as follows:

'An applicant for the Capitular degrees, or for membership, shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master, either by *election* or *dispensation*,' etc. Our form of petition is as follows:

'The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that he is a Geometric Master Mason, a member of----- Lodge, No.-----, held at-----, that he has passed the Chair,' etc., hence our Grand High Priest could make no other decision."

If the foregoing does not strengthen our contention that the P. M. Degree has no rightful place in Capitular Masonry, then we don't know the "difference between a hawk and a henshaw."

Notwithstanding we do not merit the high praise Comp. Meredith bestows on us, nevertheless we are very grateful to our M.'. E.'. Companion for the following:

"We have read a great part of the report of Companion Titcomb. It is, without doubt, most interesting and instructive, and of more than ordinary interest to the Masonic student. Our fervent prayer is that he may be spared for many years to perform his labor of love, and we feel confident that every Grand Chapter in correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Alabama will join us in the above prayer. God bless you."

And you, too, Companion.

Our only apology for not reviewing the reports of the other members of the Committee on Correspondence is that time and space therefor are not in our possession.

Comp. A. G. Criswell Smith, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles Cary, M.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

34TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1911.

Comp. Edward A. Evans, M.'. E.'. Grand First Principal.

The portrait of the Grand Z-elect graces the initial page of this exceedingly well printed volume.

The topics and tone of the address of the Grand Z. impress us with the belief that M. E. Comp. Evans was a vigilant and faithful pilot of the Masonic craft of which he was in command.

After pertinently questioning whether or not all Chapter Secretaries were watchful enough to prevent as far as possible accumulations of arrears of dues, the Grand Z. made the comforting statement that:

"It is gratifying to be able to report that peace and harmony have prevailed during the past year throughout the jurisdiction, and that I have received no complaints and been called upon for no decisions or rulings."

The Grand Superintendents of Districts made their reports, which evinced faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

We note that the gold traveling triangle sent out by St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, on its journey around the world, had reached Caravan Chapter, Province of Quebec. The silver traveling trowel sent out from New York on its way round the world, having started much earlier, ought to get back home considerably in advance of the "triangle." We last heard of the "trowel" on the Pacific coast.

Grand Secretary, Comp. Will H. Whyte, in his report states the number of Chapters as 13; members, 1,298; net gain during the year, 50.

The Committee on Grand Superintendents' Reports says:

"In general it is very pleasing to note the advancement made in each district, which augurs well for Capitular Masonry in the Province."

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the amendments to the Constitution referred to it, and recommended them for action by Grand Chapter. Whereupon, on motion, both of said amendments were adopted.

The first proposed that Section 25 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following:

"A Chapter may, however, provide by its By-Laws that such suspended Companion can only be restored by a two-thirds open vote of the members present at a Regular Convocation."

The other proposed amendment was elimination of Sec. 3, Art. 18, and substituting the following:

"No petition for the degrees can be received by a Chapter unless the applicant has been a Master Mason for at least three calendar

months except by dispensation of the Grand Z. The degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master must be conferred previous to Exaltation."—Carried.

We note the following by the same committee—the Jurisprudence:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred a letter of date Feb. 24, 1911, addressed to W. L. Chipchase, Grand Supt. of Montreal District, and signed by Francis H. Pitt, a Companion of Mount Horeb Chapter, in which he complains of having been illegally suspended for non-payment of fees.

Also submitted a letter from the 1st Principal of the Chapter explaining its action in connection with this matter.

Your Committee, after carefully considering the papers placed before them are unanimously of opinion that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter does not give the right to any subordinate Chapter to suspend any Companion except for non-payment of dues, or un-Masonic conduct after proper trial, etc., and further, Sec. 4 of Art. 18, distinctly states that 'no Mason shall receive the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch for a sum less than twenty dollars, which sum must be paid before any of the degrees are conferred, etc.'

And, furthermore, it would appear that this Companion, F. H. Pitt, has been acknowledged as a member for six or seven years, during which time he has paid his dues and having complied with the requirements, asked for his dimit, which was refused on the ground that he had not paid his fees. It is evident that there must have been some understanding such as he speaks of with reference to performing the duties of Organist in lieu of paying fees, thereby constituting him a Serving Companion, otherwise the Chapter would have violated the Constitution by not having exacted the payment of fees prior to his having received his degrees, and being admitted into membership. Consequently your committee are of opinion that Comp. Pitt is entitled to the benefit of any doubt and should receive his dimit after having complied with the requirements of the Chapter with respect to the payment of dues, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That Comp. Francis H. Pitt, of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, be granted his dimit by said Chapter according to the terms of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and in response to his application therefor."

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is a distinct pleasure to find M.'. E.'. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers still writing the Correspondence Reports for his Grand Chapter. Companion Chambers is a thoughtful and conservative reviewer, giving the salient points in the volumes reviewed.

Alabama 1910 receives short, but courteous notice at his hands. The writer is grateful for kind remarks personal to himself.

We make no comment on Comp. Chambers' criticism of Comp. Haines of New Jersey. Neither Comp. H. nor Comp. C. needs our help.

Under Wyoming we find something with which we are personally in sympathy. It is the following:

"From his 'conclusion' we take the following, though we cannot share the regrets he expresses concerning the general estimate and utility of the General Grand Chapter. Perhaps, we are too fond of our State, provincial and Masonic independence in Canada, but we should certainly not like to have to stand the yoke of a General Grand Lodge or General Grand Chapter whether continental, Canadian or American. Companion Parshall says:

We regret to observe that instead of a centralized body, with power to enforce laws framed by the representatives of Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter is little more than a God-father to the Craft, having only advisory powers. It is with still greater regret that we learn that several Grand Jurisdictions are inclined to resent even the mild authority now exercised."

If we must express our personal opinion in regard to this matter, in plain English, it seems to us that all the expenses attendant on the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, outweigh any benefits resulting therefrom. True, our distinguished Companions meet and have a good time, and—"there you are."

Comp. T. A. Emmans, M. E. Grand Z.

Comp. Will H. Whyte, M. E. Grand Scribe.

Congratulations, Comp. Whyte, on the excellent piece of work you have sent out between these covers. Let the printers in on the "ground floor" with you.

RHODE ISLAND.

113TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH, 1911.

Comp. Wm. H. Scott, M. E. Grand High Priest. His portrait appears on the first page of this volume.

It is a pleasure to note that Alabama's Representative, Comp. John P. Sanborn, was present at the Convocation under review.

Number of Chapters, 10; members, 3,686.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short, yet very comprehensive.

Referring to the Fraternal Dead, he paid fitting tribute to the deceased Companions—George H. Kenyon, Henry W. Rugg, and Caleb L. B. Knight.

Under the heading "General Condition," we find a sentiment so happily illustrated that we would fain present it to our readers. The paragraph is as follows:

"But is the power of Masonry for good, keeping pace with the increase in numbers? We believe that it is; we know that the noble purpose of Freemasonry is the betterment and uplift of mankind, and we believe that the existence of the Fraternity is justified in what is being accomplished in this direction. There is a creditable degree of unselfishness being shown which springs from a love towards our brother neighbor, and which regards his welfare as much as our own. J. Fenimore Cooper has depicted in one of his Leather-Stocking stories the character of Deerslayer as one of the most unselfish of beings, endowed with the spirit of a Mason, though he was not one in name. Untrammelled by the conventionalities of society, brought up in fact in the spotless forests and under the pure arch of the heavens, communing with the truth as he saw it revealed in nature around him, he could not be otherwise than true. Truth was his creed. To do to others as he would have others do to him, was his golden rule. This was his daily life, and he would sacrifice his all, even life itself, rather than deceive another or take an undue advantage. Masonry teaches this lesson that 'Truth is a divine attribute and is the foundation of every virtue,' and we believe that this principle is influencing the daily lives of our members."

But one dispensation had been granted. This would seem remarkable; still, we must take the size of the Jurisdiction into consideration.

The Grand High Priest gives an account of an inter-Jurisdictional case, in which figured a civilian, made a Mason in Newport, R. I., and in employment for some time in the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. Army, Washington City, sought to gain admission into one of the Chapters in the Capital City under the Constitutional provision relating to enlisted men, or to commissioned officers in the army. It appears—but the G. H. P. will tell the story better than we can, so we resign in his favor, thus:

"In April, 1910, I received from the Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia a decision in the case of Bro. M. A. T----- sustaining the demurrer of Newport Chapter, No. 2, made through a previous Grand High Priest to the Grand High Priest of that Grand Jurisdiction, involving a question of jurisdiction. The facts as found by the Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia and his decision are concisely and thoroughly stated and interestingly put in his own words, as follows:

"That on May 26, 1909, Bro. T----- applied to Capitol Chapter for the degrees; that his petition recited that he had been a resident of this city (Washington) four years, and that his occupation was "Quartermaster"; that his petition was favorably acted upon in 1909; that before the Mark degree could be conferred upon him he resigned his government position and moved to Newport, R. I., his former place of abode, and shortly thereafter accepted a position on a private yacht owned by a citizen of Philadelphia; that thereupon, through the Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Newport Chapter, R. A. M., of Newport, R. I., was requested to confer the degrees upon Bro. T----- for Capitol Chapter; that in view of the fact that Bro. ----- had been made a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Newport, in the fall of 1908, a few months preceding his application for the Capitular degrees in the District, Newport Chapter demurred, and questioned the propriety of the action of Capitol Chapter as an infringement of jurisdiction, and through the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, courteously laid these latter facts before the Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction, and that upon further investigation it was developed that Bro. T-----, although neither an enlisted or commissioned man in the army, but merely a civilian employee thereof, was of opinion that by reason of certain periods of duty here he might properly claim a residence in this city.

The assumption by this petitioner of the right to claim residence in the District of Columbia can only be explained by the hypothesis that, erroneously conceiving himself to be in the army service, within the meaning of the term as it applies in this jurisdiction to enlisted or commissioned men, he fell into the common error of supposing that he thereby enjoyed a certain immunity from the provision of the Constitution relative to residence, whereas no such condition exists except in so far as it is competent for the Grand High Priest, in emergent cases, to authorize the abridgment of statutory periods, but under no circumstances can the rights of a sister jurisdiction to her own material be ignored.

In view of the above facts and the permanent removal of the Brother from this city, the Grand High Priest is unable to find any precedent in law and equity justifying a further continuance of the unsatisfactory conditions surrounding this case.

It being shown that within four months after receiving the Master Mason's degree in Rhode Island, and without a waiver of jurisdiction from the State, Bro. T----- applied to Capitol Chapter, of this jurisdiction, it is therefore

Held, That the petition was not one which a Chapter in this jurisdiction could lawfully receive, and that, in consequence thereof, the action taken by Capitol Chapter in receiving and subsequently acting upon said petition was illegal and therefore void and of no effect.

The prompt and friendly adjustment of these inter-jurisdictional questions of Masonic law and equity, shows the spirit of peace and harmony which characterizes the fraternal relations of our Grand Chapters."

The Grand Chapter, as well as the G. L. of the District of Columbia may always be relied on to do the right thing.

The D. G. H. P., G. K., and G. S. made, respectively, their reports of duties performed.

The Grand Secretary made the pleasing announcement that all dues from the constituent Chapters had been paid.

As per the Grand Treasurer's statement, the assets of Grand Chapter were the sum of \$8,948.31.

Impressive memorials of M. E. Companions George H. Kenyon, Henry W. Rugg, and Caleb S. B. Knight were read and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, and of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming. Both recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The customary P. G. H. P.'s Jewel and Apron were presented to the retiring G. H. P. a most felicitous presentation address being made by the M. E. General Grand High Priest, Nathan Kingsley, who was a distinguished visitor at this Convocation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was the excellent work of P. G. H. P., Comp. S. Penrose Williams.

In the course of his modest introduction he quotes Comp. Schultz of Maryland thus:

"The grim reaper has been busy among the Corps Reportorial. Since July no less than five have been cut down by his relentless scythe. These were Dr. Joseph Robbins of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; Rufus E. Anderson of the Grand Chapter of Missouri; William Moore Cunningham of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Ohio; William C. Swain of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, and Alexander Morrill Lambdin of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

The death of Companion Cunningham leaves four octogenarians still in the Guild—William Y. Titcomb of Alabama, William A. Davies of California, Thomas M. Matthews of Texas, and myself. We have all passed the eighty-second milestone, and it is quite certain that we will not be able to prepare many more reports, but our dear venerable brothers will unite with me in the hope and prayer to our Heavenly Father, that when He causes the pen to fall from our lifeless fingers, we may be found acceptable in His sight, through the merits and mediation of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and that it may be said of us, that in the hundreds of pages we have written, we were ever actuated alone by the interest and welfare of our beloved Fraternity."

When Comp. Christopher Diehl of Utah had, last year, passed his 80th milestone, we became five in number, but the death of our lamented Companion, Thos. M. Matthews of Texas, has forced us back to the old number, four. Whenever the Great I Am shall choose to call the rest of us, hence, may we be prepared to pass the "white veil" with exceeding joy.

Alabama 1910 is accorded a little over a page and one-half of courteous notice. Without comment, Comp. Williams says of us:

"In his review of Rhode Island, he gave as his opinion, that the Grand Master of Masons should always take precedence of the Grand High Priest. He says:

"The Grand Master outranks the Grand High Priest, the Grand Commander, the General Grand High Priest or the head of the Grand Encampment K. T. of the United States. 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."

Please tell us what *you* think of it, Comp. Williams.

Some Companions and Sir Knights (we speak not of Shriners) seem to look upon the Blue Lodge as if it stands at the bottom of the ladder. Companions, wipe out the Chapter and Commandery, still the Lodge of Master Masons remains, but, wipe out Symbolic Masonry and where are you in the so-called "higher degrees?"

Here is Comp. Williams' conclusion:

"In the preparation of a review of the Proceedings of the various Grand Chapters, your committee felt that the end in view was to present to the Companions of this jurisdiction a summary of the important doings or unusual events which have happened elsewhere. Instead of considering the work of each Grand Chapter separately, as has been done, it might perhaps, have been better to have collected the items under their various titles, thus forming a series of papers relating to the several subjects.

The meetings of many Grand Chapters furnish but little material for the reviewer, the business being simply of a routine nature or confined to matters of local character, while in others, much that is of general interest is found. We fear, therefore, that in this review we will be accused of neglect by some Grand Chapters, or that we have shown favoritism in giving an undue space to other jurisdictions, when in fact, those which receive such meagre notice are subjects of our heartiest congratulations, because of their peaceful and undisturbed career."

Comp. Geo. C. Knight, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. R. Greene, R. W. Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, FOR THE YEAR 1911-1912.

This volume is almost entirely made up of statistics.

Comp. R. King Stewart, 1st Grand Principal.

This was the regular meeting for the installation of Grand Officers, and the ceremony took place according to ancient usage. That matter having been disposed of Supreme Chapter was closed in ample form, and the Companions, with their guests, repaired to the banqueting hall to celebrate the Festival of the Vernal Equinox. After dinner a number of toasts were duly honored. The speeches, though somewhat lengthy, were highly entertaining.

The M.'. E.'. First Grand Principal, in his sacerdotal robes, looks out with quiet dignity from the initial page of this volume.

Comp. R. King Stewart, First Grand Principal.

Comp. Alfred A. A. Murray, M.'. E.'. Grand Scribe E.

[Note.—The Grand Chapter has under its jurisdiction 354 Chartered Chapters.]

SOUTH CAROLINA.

100TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—FEBRUARY, 1911.

Comp. Wm. E. Gantt, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

It is a pleasure to note that our Representative, Comp. O. Frank Hart, was present at the Convocation under review.

In his excellent address, the Grand High Priest paid warm tribute to the life and character of M.'. E.'. Comp. Jacob T. Barron, late Grand Secretary, now deceased. The writer had not the privilege of personal acquaintance with Companion Barron, but, through correspondence, had learned to most highly esteem and respect him. Companions of South Carolina, Jacob T. Barron's death was our loss, as well as yours.

For reasons which he deemed good and sufficient, the Grand High Priest had granted 26 dispensations, the objects of which were various—a few of them were for waiving time in conferring degrees.

He reported but one decision. We give his words as follows:

"During the year I have been asked for but one ruling, and, as the case is a rather remarkable one, I quote the conditions as detailed in the following letter:

Spartanburg, S. C., January 17, 1911.

Mr. William E. Gantt, G. H. P., Charleston, S. C.

DEAR SIR AND M. E. COMPANION: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your special dispensation authorizing us to install Royal Arch Captain and Master of Third Veil, after the constitutional time. By virtue of that dispensation, I installed the Royal Arch Captain last evening, at our stated Convocation. Subsequent to my writing you for this dispensation, in the providence of God, our beloved Companion, Walter B. Abbott, who had been appointed Master of the Third Veil, answered the last dread summons. I am asking your advice and ruling: I am quite clear in my opinion that if he had been installed we could not fill the vacancy thus caused by his death, except by *pro tem.* appointment at each Convocation; but although he was appointed, he had not been installed. Under the law, of course, his predecessor holds office until he is elected and installed, but there a new complication arises; his predecessor, as Master of the Third Veil, has been duly appointed and installed as Captain of the Host.

Can I now appoint some Companion as Master of the Third Veil and install him under your dispensation, or can I appoint only by a dispensation authorizing me to do so, and then install, or must I fill his office by a *pro tem.* appointment at each Convocation? It might be added that Walter B. Abbott's name appears on our 1910 return, now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, as Master Third Veil.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) S. T. SAYHAM,

H. P. Chicora, No. 33."

"To this I replied as follows, granting the dispensation asked for: Under par. 5, Sec. 111, of 'The Law of R. A. Masonry,' where the law of the latter is silent, Blue Lodge law applies.

Section 100, of our Grand Lodge Constitution, says, *inter alia*: 'In the case of the death of the Master and both Wardens, a dispensation may be granted for holding a new election. Vacancies, occasioned by the death of, or neglect to elect, the other officers, may also be filled by a new election under dispensation.'

Now, by implication, a vacancy—either before or after installation—can be filled by dispensation in the *appointive* officers as well as in the *elective*."

He recommended appropriation of \$1,000.00 to the Masonic Home Fund.

Grand Treasurer C. F. Jackson had a cash balance of \$5,772.83.

Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart is, no doubt, a worthy successor of the lamented Barron.

A communication from a S. C. Chapter looking to elimination of the injurious practice of railroading candidates through the various degrees, and to the requirement that candidates for advancement

show their proficiency in the preceding degrees, was referred to a Special Committee, to report at next Annual.

The Committee on Finance, whose report was adopted, recommended, among other things, that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated to the Masonic Home Fund for the establishment of a Home.

The committee also recommended that, "when an officer of this Grand Body shall have served a period of fifty consecutive years that he be granted a remuneration of \$50.00 per annum in addition to any sums fixed as salaries or fees by the Constitution.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval of the Grand High Priest's decision. Adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing on its docket.

The Committee on Necrology made a short, most appropriate report, especially referring to the greatly loved, deceased Grand Secretary, Jacob T. Barron.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations had nothing to report.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests elected eight Companions to the Order.

The celebration of the 100th anniversary of Freemasonry in South Carolina was a notable affair.

The addresses of Grand Master Johnson, Grand High Priest Michie, and others were eloquent and instructive.

M. E. Comp. Michie's tribute to Jacob Thomas Barron was a noble eulogy of a noble man.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart, the new chairman. We welcome Comp. Hart to a seat at the "Round Table." We think the late Companion Barrons' mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders.

R. E. Comp. Hart will be so good as to accept our compliments on the "make up" of this volume, which is embellished with portraits.

Comp. James L. Michie, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. O. Frank Hart, R. E. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

22D ANNUAL—CHAMBERLAIN—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Frank A. Brown, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Our Representative was present in the person of the Grand High Priest presiding. Eight P. G. H. P.'s were in attendance, as also were 18 Grand Representatives.

Number of Chapters, 35; members, 2,936; net gain, 149.

The address of the Grand High Priest acquaints us with the fact that early in the exercise of his high functions he had planned for a large number of official visits, and had made out his itinerary therefor, but, attacked by disease, he had undergone an operation, and had been ordered by the surgeons to seek a warmer climate out of the State to spend the winter; during his absence his duties had devolved upon the D. G. H. P., Comp. Jacob I. Nissen, whose report he embodied in the address, which is his own utterance up to the time of his departure in search of health, and in its conclusion he most highly commended the efficient Grand Lecturer, Comp. Benj. F. Ives, for the splendid work he was doing for the Royal Craft. The D. G. H. P. made excellent report.

The Grand Treasurer had in hand a balance in the sum of \$3,930.91.

The report of Grand Secretary Geo. A. Pettigrew evinces close and efficient attention to the duties of his office.

On the presentation of a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel to the G. H. P., about to retire from the chair, the short address and response were most appropriate and felicitous.

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

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had not a single case on its docket.

The Sixteenth Annual of the Grand Council of the High Priesthood was held on June 15th, 1911, and 15 (we think) eligible Companions were received into the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of P. G. H. P., Companion Louis G. Levoy, who, within the compass of fifty-five

pages, presented an excellent synopsis of the proceedings of 46 Grand Chapters—two for two years.

He gives Alabama 1910 courteous and fraternal notice. (Comp. Levoy, don't let that "error" dwell on your mind; in everyone's experience such inadvertencies *will* sometimes happen.)

Comp. Levoy's "Conclusion" follows:

"The proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Canada, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Nova Scotia and Wyoming have not been received, hence are not covered in this report, which we regret.

This branch of the Craft continues to show splendid progress on all lines, and we note with pleasure, that the cardinal principle of Masonic-Charity is being properly fostered.

While the conduct and maintenance of the several Homes are vested in the Grand Lodges—and properly so—we note that much financial assistance is furnished by the Grand Chapters and constituent Chapters in Jurisdictions that have Homes, in some cases funds have been created in Grand Chapter and when large enough, have been offered Grand Lodge to erect new buildings on Home grounds for aged Masons.

In other Jurisdictions and particularly the West and mid-West, funds are appropriated yearly and set aside to be invested in interest bearing securities, so as to be ready when the time comes or necessity demands the erection of Homes for the support of the Orphans, Widowed and Aged; when they will tender them to the Grand Lodges, as their share in the taking care of the dependent ones of our Fraternity.

Peace and harmony prevail within and throughout all Jurisdictions, and the 400,000 Royal Arch Masons therein contained should be happy and contented on this ideal state of affairs."

Comp. Jacob J. Nissen, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. A. Pettigrew, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

83D ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1912.

Comp. A. N. Sloan, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 85 (by our count); members, 5,085; net increase, 106.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that two Past Grand High Priests, viz: W. D. Good, and E. S. Miller, who were next-door neighbors in Johnson City, Tenn., died at nearly the same time—an interval of 10 days only occurring between their deaths. The Grand High Priest made fitting announcement of the two sad events.

In the list of dead of other Jurisdictions, he mentioned Companion Wm. H. Dingley as Past Grand High Priest. Companion Dingley was not an actual P. G. H. P. If the honorary degree of P. G. H. P. was ever conferred on him, the fact has escaped our notice. Comp. Wm. Henry Dingley was our loved and respected Grand Treasurer over 40 years.

In the address we find the following:

"OFFICIAL RULINGS."

"A petitioner was elected by a Chapter to receive the degrees, and the Mark Master's Degree was conferred upon him. A member of the Chapter objected to his advancement. Has he the right to object?"

Yes; he has the same right as set out in Edict No. 27 of the Grand Lodge.

Can a Chapter confer the degrees on a minister of the gospel free of charge?

No.

At a called Convocation of a Chapter six applicants, who had been previously elected to receive the degrees, were present. After a part of the ceremonial, including the O. B., had been given them, they were seated and witnessed the exemplification of the work on the other three. Is this permissible?

No. The exaltation to the Holy Royal Arch Degree surely does not end with the brief part of the degree conferred in this case. There is no reasoning that would sanction such action. Adhere strictly to the wording of your obligation; it admits of no misinterpretation.

Can a Chapter prefer charges against a member for an offense on which he had been tried and acquitted by his Blue Lodge?

Yes. A Chapter has the inherent right to bring its members to trial for any offense against the moral or Masonic law, regardless of the action of any other subordinate Masonic body."

Under the head of "Visitations" occurs the following:

"The continuous demands of a public position have rendered it impossible for me to make many visits to Subordinate Chapters, but wherever I went I was most cordially received, and only regret that I could not have availed myself of more of these pleasant and profitable occasions.

I had referred to me by former Grand High Priest Jesse T. Spaulding correspondence with Companion A. W. Morse, of Faulkton, S. D., in reference to 'substitution' in the Royal Arch Degree. This question is being agitated with a view of stopping such practice. It is claimed by our Western sister Jurisdiction that such practice is not 'justified by right or necessity.' This is a question that has been commented upon so long, and without material results, that I fear no concerted action will result. I have never believed that the practice of substitution was admissible, nor do I believe it is conducive to the best interests of the Craft. I hope that our South Dakota Companions may be successful in their efforts to stop the practice."

In respect of the second paragraph of the foregoing extract we simply ejaculate: "Give us your hand, Comp. Sloan."

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$6,758.48.

In his businesslike report, Grand Secretary, Comp. John B. Garrett said:

"To all Secretaries I respectfully suggest that they read to their Chapters their reports made to this Grand Chapter, enter the same on their minute book for future reference; read the names of all who owe the Chapter for more than one year, that the Chapter may take such action towards collecting such delinquencies as they may deem best for the interest of the Chapter and the welfare of the Order.

When delinquents fail and refuse to pay arrearages let charges be preferred as required by Edict 35 of the Grand Lodge.

Since the system of Lecturers and Inspectors has been abolished and no visitors are appointed let each Grand Officer visit the Chapters in his immediate locality giving such encouragement and instruction as is necessary and make report of such visit to the Grand High Priest before the Annual Grand Convocation.

Such zeal on the part of those who have been honored by this Grand Body will, I am sure, tend to increase interest in all the Chapters visited and greatly benefit Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Wholesome advice worthy of attention outside Tennessee.

Comp. McClister submitted his Annual Report on Correspondence, which was ordered printed with the proceedings. On his recommendation recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

By request of the Grand High Priest, the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by two Chapters, for the edification of the members of Grand Chapter.

At the opening of Grand Chapter, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest A. N. Sloan had been unavoidably absent from Nashville, and his address had been read by the Grand Secretary; and a letter of regret on the great disappointment thereat which he experienced in consequence, was read and ordered printed with the proceedings.

Touching memorials of the following P. G. H. P.'s, viz: William D. Good, Elbert Sevier Miller, and Alexander C. Robeson, were read and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Appeals had no docket of cases—much to its satisfaction.

The Building Committee for the new temple reported the cost of building and furniture as \$70,740.46. Balance due from Grand Chapter, \$5,524.39.

The Committee on Returns scored some of the Chapters for delinquency. The committee recommended strict enforcement of the law in such cases. The report was adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted, approved the rulings and dispensations of the Grand High Priest, and concurred with him in the opinion that in exaltations the use of substitutes should be discountenanced.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations, charters were granted to two Chapters U. D.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner. (Record does not show what particular Representatives were on hand, hence we do not know whether or not Comp. J. R. Spicer was present.)

The "Order of High Priests" held their 48th Annual, January 30, 1912, and elected 32 Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was again presented by P. G. H. P. Comp. J. H. McClister, and it fell, in no particular, below his previous excellent work.

Alabama 1910 was given about two pages of courteous remarks.

Referring to M. E. Comp. Christian's circular calling attention to Sec. 5, Art. IV, of our Constitution, which allows conferring the degrees gratuitously, Comp. McClister says:

"All of which sounds mighty good to us, but a clause in parenthesis follows which spoils the whole:
(This does not apply to ministers.)"

In his reference to the writer's Report on Foreign Correspondence, he says:

"We are very much gratified to find our opinion on many points approved by this veteran of the Guild."

Comp. McClister does us great honor. He also says of us:

"He does not believe it right to use substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree. We have always been of the same opinion, the deliverances of our Grand Chapter and the General Grand to the contrary notwithstanding. He is not *stuck* on the P. M. Degree in the Chapter, and everyone knows what we think about it. With reference to our query about receiving and acting on petitions out of statutory time, he says:

'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 fifty years ago), enforce the 'statute' and absolutely do away with such dispensations to waive time in degree work.'

Under Nebraska, referring to M. E. Charles J. Phelps, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, he says:

'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.'

Now, we most respectfully disagree. The number of a Masonic body is the only thing that indicates its age or relative rank, and for this reason ought to be strictly adhered to.

We leave this interesting report with regret."

As to numbering Chapters, which practice the Companion thinks should "be strictly adhered to," we would respectfully ask, What about giving old numbers to practically new Chapters, as is sometimes done?

We reciprocate our Companion's regret expressed at the close of his review of Alabama.

Comp. Junius Hobson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. John B. Garrett, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

62D ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER, 1911.

Comp. Joe Adams, M. E. Grand High Priest.

On the 3d day of October, 1911, Grand Chapter dedicated the Home for Aged Masons—that monument which will ever stand as a memorial of the zeal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. (And what is unique about it is, that the Grand Chapter bought and paid for the tract of land, the site of the Home, erected the buildings, and equipped them with up-to-date conveniences, without calling upon any other Masonic Body for help in the undertaking.) The addresses, on that occasion, were eloquent and instructive.

Before proceeding to notice the Annual Convocation, we note the following: Number of Chapters, 255; members, 16,815; net gain, 972.

When Grand Chapter met, December 4, 1911, all the Grand Officers were present except the G. P. S. We are glad to see that our Representative, Comp. Strayhorn, was in his place. Eleven P. G. H. P.'s were also in attendance.

In his well-prepared address, the Grand High Priest reported twelve of his decisions.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the following decisions, viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 12.

No. 6 reads thus:

"Sixth—A Chapter to which a dimitted Companion, who has not received the Council degrees presents his petition for affiliation. This decision requires that his petition for the Council degrees accompany his application for affiliation."

With this ruling the committee did not concur, because it is, in Texas, only necessary that the petition for the Council degrees accompany a petition for the Chapter degrees. The committee is right.

In Alabama, it is not necessary in *either* case. Texas has "broken ground" on that line, but we doubt such a practice becoming general.

Nos. 7 and 9 read as follows:

"Seventh—When no Companion holding a certificate to teach the work resides near a Chapter which desires to secure the services of some Companion competent to teach the work, and a Companion fully qualified in this respect resides near such Chapter, I held that such Chapter could employ the said Companion residing near it, though he did not have a certificate."

"Ninth—A brother who has been elected to receive the Royal Arch degree but has received only the Mark Master's and Past Master's degrees, has the right to wear the keystone."

The committee did not concur in said two decisions. We concur with the committee as to No. 7, but not as to No. 9. The committee gave no satisfactory reason for not approving No. 9, and admitted that the members of the committee were not unanimous on the matter, still it sent the decisions back to Grand Chapter with recommendations that it be not concurred in. Grand Chapter sustained the G. H. P.'s decision No. 9. The rest of the report of the committee was adopted.

All of the G. H. P.'s dispensations granted and those refused were approved except one of those granted which permitted a Chapter to receive and ballot on a petition at a Special Convocation, the applicant being a most worthy man, and being about to be absent from the Jurisdiction for a long time. An "error," said this committee.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$9,057.96.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented its report, which was ordered to be printed and appended to the Proceedings.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Laws reported completion of its work.

The Grand Orator's theme was "The Royal Arch." We extract his impressive conclusion as follows:

"Every one of your Chapters, my Companions, should be a temple of religion. Let here be inculcated disinterestedness, affection, toleration, devotedness, patriotism, truth, a generous sympathy for those that suffer and mourn, pity for the fallen, mercy for the erring, relief for those in want, Faith, Hope and Charity. In the Chapter we should meet as close friends, linked by the strongest ties, and should learn to know and love each other. We should, indeed, be comrades, *companions*. Oh, Masons of the Royal Arch, love each other, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sick, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Everywhere God will find and bless the kindly office, the pitying thought, the loving heart. We, ourselves, are a mystery encompassed with mysteries. 'The humblest object beneath our eye as completely defies our scrutiny as the economy of the most distant star. Every leaf and every blade of grass holds within itself secrets which no human penetration will ever fathom. No man can ever tell what is its principle of life. Wherever we place our hand, we lay it upon the locked bosom of mystery. Step where we will, we tread upon wonders. The sea sands, the clods of the field, the waterworn pebbles on the hills, the rude masses of rock, are traced over and over in every direction with a handwriting older and more significant and sublime than all the ancient ruins and all the overthrown and buried cities that past generations have left upon the earth, for it is the handwriting of Jehovah.'

No longer needing to repair to Jerusalem to worship, or to offer up sacrifices and shed blood to propitiate the Deity, man may make of the woods and mountains his churches and temples, and worship God with a profound gratitude and with works of charity and beneficence towards his fellowmen. Wherever the humble, contrite heart offers up its adoration, under the overarching trees, in the open, level meadow, on the hillside, in the glen, or in the city's crowded street, there is God's house and the new Jerusalem. Oh, Mason of the Royal Arch, you, of all men, should love God and keep His commandments. 'For in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word is God.'

On recommendation of the following committees, viz: Committee on Petitions; Committee No. 1 on Charters and Dispensations, and Committee No. 2 on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to nine such Chapters.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

"Whereas, A state of political and civil unrest has existed in the city of Guadalajara, State of Jalisco, Mexico, as the result of which a great number of Royal Arch Masons have moved away, either temporarily or otherwise, from said city; and,

Whereas, Because of the conditions as aforesaid, the Companions of Guadalajara Chapter have been unable to hold a convocation for more than three months; and,

Whereas, It appears that Guadalajara Chapter has made its regular returns and paid its annual dues to the Grand Chapter, in accordance with law; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter restore the charter to Guadalajara Chapter, and authorize the said Chapter to continue work under its present corps of officers and roll of members."

The Committee on Obituary made fitting report on the Fraternal Dead.

P. G. H. P., Comp. M. P. Olney of Arkansas, being present, he was suitably introduced and welcomed to a seat in the Grand East. His response to the invitation was pleasing and eloquent.

The Directors of the Home for Aged Masons made a report in detail of their faithful discharge of the work committed to them.

On October 31, 1911, the Home was dedicated. On the same day 16 widows were transferred from the Orphans' Home to the Home for Aged Masons, which the committee believed to be the only Masonic charitable institution in the United States, built and maintained by Royal Arch Masonry.

Many matters of purely local interest we have omitted in this review.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected a goodly number of eligible Companions.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence ("Fraternal Correspondence") is from the heart, brain and pen of M. E. John L. Terrell (his 16th), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, it being a review of the proceedings of 46 Grand Jurisdictions—an able and instructive paper.

The Eighty-fourth Annual of the Grand Chapter of Alabama is given most courteous and fraternal attention.

Thus starts off Comp. Terrell's report on Alabama 1910:

"Here beginneth the first chapter of the book of Alabama; first in the Capitular list and first written in this the year of our Lord 1911. Begun in the middle of the hot month of July, made warmer yet by an exceedingly hot campaign throughout the broad domain of the great State of Texas, and which will soon determine the great moral issue—whether or not, in this Commonwealth, made glorious by her history and the valor of her heroes, the open drinking saloon shall live or die, sink or swim, survive or perish.

The volume before us opens upon the features of the presiding Grand High Priest, John B. Christian, a good name and a good face. His biography tells us that he lives in his native State; that 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.

His election to the high office of G. H. P. by our sister Grand Chapter attests the truth of the above."

The foregoing tribute to our "dearly beloved" Comp. M. E. John B. Christian, is well deserved.

Comp. Terrell notes that a certain Chapter sought to increase its numbers by reducing the fees to "\$10.00 per." "Result—decapitation—not of the brethren." He says:

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"The \$10.00 Chapter above alluded to was permitted to work U. D. one year, reprimanded, and told to sin no more."

The writer humbly confesses that Comp. Terrell's very handsome compliment paid him, is, by no means, deserved; nevertheless he is grateful to Comp. T. for his good opinions. Further, he says:

"The Grand High Priest of Michigan having bragged on Conover as a Grand Secretary, Companion Titcomb gets on his mettle, puts on his Irish cap, and alleges without the fear of contradiction that 'Beauchamp's superior, in fitness for his office, is not to be found in the United States or the British Empire.' Even at this distance we are afraid to say much about the splendid ability of our John A."

Don't be afraid, Companion, for like "Bottom the Weaver" in the lion-skin, we will "roar you as gently as any sucking dove."

Space is wanting for extended notice of Comp. Terrell's excellent review. We close with a quotation from his report, under Canada. Here it is:

"The work is what holds the body together, and, therefore, it is highly desirable that it should be rendered in an intelligent manner and correct form."

We fully agree with the latter part of the above quoted sentence, but we cannot concur in the first portion thereof. If there were nothing to hold Capitular Masonry together except the work in conferring its degrees, it would have been dead and forgotten long before the present generation was born; nor should we grieve that the Chapters do not go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. Rather let us feel proud that the door to Royal Arch Masonry is well guarded.

The officers having been installed, they were 'proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.'

It appears to have been in the Constitution that a Chapter could pass a by-law that no Companion twelve months in arrears for dues should vote at an election of officers. We are pleased to note that the provision was stricken from the Constitution. So long as a Companion is in good standing in his Chapter he should have all the rights and privileges, in the matter of voice and vote, of any other member.

Companion Geo. J. Bennett again submits the Report on Foreign Correspondence. He is well versed, has a head of his own, and says things worth reading. He objects to *suspension* for non-payment of dues; thinks they should be 'struck from the roll.'

No matter what you call it, the result is the same. The Companion loses his membership, and when he pays his dues he regains it.

Companion Bennett is still much exercised over the fact that so many Grand Chapters require Lodge membership in order to retain Chapter membership, and he devotes considerable of his valuable space to discussing the *unmasonic* doctrine of dependent membership. The unpardonable sin is, that the doctrine was born in the United States; wherefore, of course, Canada cannot embrace the child. We quote from some of the opening remarks of Companion Bennett, not that we would liken him to the child that made the reply, but it comes handy to bring in the quotation just here:

'What did the Puritans come from England to this continent for?' asked a teacher of a class in American history.

'To worship in their own way, and make other people do the same,' was the reply."

Comp. C. L. Alderman, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. C. R. Phillips, R. E. Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

94TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Henry S. Root, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this well-printed volume.

We note the presence of 22 Grand Representatives, but fail to find among them the name of our envoy, Comp. Black.

In the statistical report of the Grand Secretary it is found that there are 30 R. A. Chapters in Vermont, and that all of them made returns. Membership, 4,147; net gain, 72.

The Grand Treasurers' balance on hand June 10, 1911, was the comfortable sum of \$13,163.98.

In his address the Grand High Priest reported no decisions. He had granted but few dispensations.

Under the head "Condition of the Craft," he said:

"Having attended the District Meetings in the eight different Districts, from my observation and what I have been able to learn, as doubtless will be voiced by reports from the Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand High Priests, I feel highly gratified and pleased with the present existing conditions and feel that the Craft are on a higher plane of efficiency than ever before. I earnestly hope the present high standard will be maintained and even more be accom-

plished in the future, and we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the fruits we are gathering from the seeds sown and labor expended by our Past Grand Lecturer."

He made the two recommendations following:

"I recommend that every Secretary of Subordinate Chapters be instructed and requested to immediately after the decease of a Companion, send the Grand High Priest a notice of such death and any newspaper clippings and data they may possess, that the Committee on Necrology may have the same to aid them in making a complete report."

"I also recommend that this Grand Body promulgate a statute, prohibiting the practice of using substitutes in the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. To me, it seems contrary to and in violation of our obligation. A Brother once exalted cannot be again exalted, and the use of substitutes should not be permitted except under the most extreme circumstances and only by permission of the Grand High Priest."

The first recommendation is all right. As to the second, we have this to say, viz: That though the Grand Chapter of Alabama does permit the use of substitutes, we personally are in hearty sympathy with the G. H. P. of Vermont on that matter.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations and the Committee on Grievances had no business before them on which to make report.

Pursuant to previous orders that the matter of increasing the income of Grand Chapter, so that receipts might exceed expenditures, be taken into consideration, on recommendation of the Finance Committee a "per capita tax of ten cents" was ordered "to be annually assessed upon each member of each Chapter in the Jurisdiction." (Thirty-seven ayes, three nays.)

The following report was made by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and adopted:

"Your committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand High Priest's address relating to dispensations, waivers of jurisdiction, official acts, and recommendations, would respectfully report. We have considered the dispensations granted and approve them all, with the exception of those under date of Jan. 28, 1911, to Champlain Chapter, No. 1, 'to hold regular convocation Feb. 10th instead of Feb. 8th,' and to Hiram Chapter, No. 29, 'to hold regular convocation Feb. 16th instead of Feb. 14th.' Your committee hold that the Grand High Priest exceeded his power in thus anticipating the failure of Chapters to hold their stated Convocations on the date provided by their By-Laws."

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"So much as relates to the use of substitutes in conferring the R. A. degree, your committee find that the use of substitutes when

necessary has been the usage of this Jurisdiction from time immemorial, and is further approved and permissible by the regulations of the Gen. Gr. Chapter to which we profess allegiance. We, therefore, recommend no change from this time-honored custom."

There may be some "time honored customs" wrong in Vermont.

The reports of the District Deputies were very full.

The Committee on Necrology presented a carefully prepared report of about 18 pages' length.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is the masterful work of that well-skilled writer, Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, who thus introduces his Report on "Proceedings" of two years' extent:

"The Report of your Committee on Correspondence, herewith submitted, is presented with the hope that a 'double number' may doubly impress the Royal Arch Masons of Vermont with the wealth and magnitude of the Capitular possessions they share with their Companions in every quarter of the globe. Deep appreciation is acknowledged by the committee of the kindly consideration by Grand Chapter, last year, in extending the time for the completion of the Report for 1910. Circumstances beyond control prevented this consummation without causing the Grand Secretary vexatious delay in the publication of the annual proceedings. Consequently he 'went to press' at the suggestion of the committee, without awaiting the report. It will be remembered that Paddy was told by his devoted brother, if he couldn't cross the Atlantic to his prospective home in America 'in one ship, to come in two.' Your committee reverse the instructions, so clearly given, and bring up work for inspection, 'two-in-one,' with cordial fraternal greetings to and for all who know 'the Masons' word.'"

About 100 volumes are reviewed.

Alabama for 1909 and 1910 is courteously and fraternally treated.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. John B. Christian is complimented; the writer also is referred to in kindest expressions.

Our thanks, Companion Perkins, on your "congratulations" in respect of our success in securing recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia. We shall be pardoned for taking what follows from Comp. Perkins' conclusion:

"Many of our brethren, like ourselves, have been accustomed to regard English-speaking Masons as leaders in the exercise of 'those truly Masonic ornaments, benevolence and charity,' and to think our brethren of continental Europe are more inclined to other, less praiseworthy pursuits under the guise of Freemasonry. The following, copied by Companion Bennett of Canada from an English Masonic

journal, 'The Freemason,' will probably be an 'eye-opener' to our Companions, as it appears to have been to him, and is to us:

Under the auspices of the Lodges Patria and Minerva, the Grand Lodge of Hungary tendered a cordial greeting to the medical brethren who were attending the International Congress of Medicine at Budapest. It was particularly appropriate that the present Grand Master of Hungary should be a physician, Dr. Bokas. The reception was held in the handsome ante-rooms of the lodges, and the visitors were introduced to the lodge room in due and ancient form by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. A beautiful voluntary was played on the organ, and at its conclusion the Grand Master and Grand Officers were introduced. The Grand Master delivered a discourse of welcome in the French language, and he was followed by the Master of Lodge Patria, who defined the principles of the Order as understood in Hungary.

After the Burgomaster of Budapest had added a few words of welcome, an address in German was given by Bro. Dr. Desiderius Raskay, on 'The History, Organization and Growth of Freemasonry in Hungary.' Bro. Dr. Louis Torok followed, in English. He stated that the Masons of Hungary established a children's hospital, gave instruction to the deaf and dumb, gave elementary instruction to the children of the poor, were influential in establishing the public library, and were active in the establishment of a school for the daughters of the middle classes. They, further, provided funds for holidays in the country for the children of the city poor, meals for the children of the poor attending the public schools, and caused a law to be passed by Parliament for the protection of children against cruelty and neglect; they also established a home for poor mothers with their infants, until able to work; and, lastly, they employed able lawyers to protect the rights of the poor in lawsuits.

It is questionable whether so large a number of benefactions and so wide a scope of philanthropy have ever been attempted by any other Grand Lodge in the world. The Grand Lodge of Hungary deserves the highest praise for the broad and noble philanthropy, and its practical recognition of the true Masonic spirit.

We can think of no better words, with which to conclude our report, than those used by Companion Bennett, in connection with the foregoing, in his 'Conclusion':

There. May we not reasonably put the question, What are we doing in the practice of the principles that we are teaching?

'Tis a little thing

To give a cup of water; yet its draught
Of cool refreshment, drained by fever'd lips,
May give a shock of pleasure to the frame
More exquisite than when nectarean juice
Renews the life of joy in happiest hours."

The "Convention of the Order of High Priesthood" elected and anointed nine eligible Companions to the Order.

The fine face of M.'. E.'. Companion Orlando W. Sherwin (G. H. P., 1896) is represented in the body of this volume.

Comp. Samuel T. Braley, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Henry H. Ross, R.'. E.'. Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

Comp. Geo. E. Emery, M. E. Eminent Grand Z.

This pamphlet records the transactions of the following Convocations, viz: October 19, 1910; January 18, 1911; April 19, 1911, and Special Convocation, April 17, 1911, for installation of the Grand Z. and investitures of the other Grand Officers.

The principal business of Grand Chapter seems to have been revision of the "Rules and Regulations of Grand Chapter."

It is a pleasure to note that Alabama's Representative was at his post.

We have looked through this pamphlet and find little of interest to foreigners.

The following may be regarded as a step in the right direction:

"MOTION *RE* FORM OF OPENING CHAPTERS."

"In accordance with notice of motion previously given, R. Em. Comp. R. D. Jones, P. G. J., moved:

'That this Grand Chapter considers the advisability of allowing all Companions to be present in Private Chapters at the opening of the Chapter.'

R. Em. Comp. Jones said that it was impossible to state how the practice of excluding Companions, who were not Principals, from the opening ceremony, originated. In 1817 the Royal Arch degree was a component part of what we now call the Installed Masters' degree, and an Installed Master had to take the chair in a Lodge before he could take the Royal Arch degree. In the Installed Masters' degree, as now worked, brethren below that rank were not admitted and naturally the practice of excluding Companions at the opening of a Chapter seemed to be a relic. Master Masons of six months' standing were now eligible to take the Royal Arch degree and there appeared to be no object in restricting the privilege to Principals only."

In his short address the Grand Z. said:

"There were now very few Grand Chapters in the sister States of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, Great Britain, Canada and the United States of America, who were not represented in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, which world-wide recognition of Companionship he felt to be of inestimable benefit to the progress of Royal Arch Freemasonry.

He also desired to express to members of Grand Chapter his appreciation of again being called upon to preside over them for the ensuing year. Owing to the recent alterations in the Rules and Regulations, a period of only nine months had elapsed since his last installation, but during that period he had been able to visit nearly all the Metropolitan Chapters and some of those meeting in the country. He found to his satisfaction that the work in every instance was uniformly carried out, and reflected credit on the Principals and Officers."

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"One of the principal achievements during the nine months had been the completion of the revised Rules and Regulations, which had been so ably carried out by the committee appointed during the preceding year. Its work had been very thorough, and merited the best thanks of every member of this Grand Chapter."

Comp. Geo. E. Emery, M. E. Em. Grand Z.

Comp. G. E. Marquand, V. E. Em. Grand Scribe E.

VIRGINIA.

104TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—OCTOBER, 1911.

Comp. Wm. Lee Mathews, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 63; U. D., 2; membership, 6,370, after deducting 182 for the Chapters U. D., and for two Chapters delinquent.

The Grand High Priest thus piously opens his address and commends the Home:

"COMPANIONS: As the blue curtain of the October skies, the purple banners of the sumac, the scarlet colors of the maple, the buff and russet tints of plant and tree proclaim the presence of another Autumn, so we, under the divine blessings of our Supreme High Priest, have met for more than a century in annual conference with the regularity of this law of recurring seasons, and it is with most cordial and hearty greetings that I welcome you to this, the one hundred and fourth annual convocation of our Grand Chapter.

Let us, therefore, enter upon the discharge of our duties in a spirit of thankfulness that our Official Line has been unbroken by death, and that the same harmony which has prevailed throughout our Grand Jurisdiction in the past may continue, and that our deliberations may be guided by Divine Wisdom and all our acts be in accord with the Divine Will.

MASONIC HOME.

If any object can appeal to our sympathy it is the sight of fatherless and homeless infants, and if there is left a drop of the milk of human kindness in the heart, it will be freely given to these innocent and defenseless objects of our care. The Masonic Home presents a safe and business channel for this noble charity, and I am gratified to learn from the Grand Secretary that the contribution of our Subordinate Chapters for this worthy cause equal, if not exceed, the amount contributed last year, which was the largest of any previous year."

"Most of the questions submitted to me were decided by reference to the Methodical Digest, but some of them are deemed of sufficient importance to be reported here. One question of importance submitted to me was that whether or not a Subordinate Chapter could

abolish all their by-laws and insert in lieu thereof resolutions fixing the time of meeting and amount of dues and fees to be paid, and by these means avoid submitting them to the Grand High Priest for his approval. I decided that whatever was required by the Methodical Digest to be put into by-laws by a Subordinate Chapter would have to receive the approval of the Grand High Priest, whether it was in the form of a resolution or a by-law.

M. Ex. F. H. Haile, D. D. G. H. P., of District No. 6, submitted the following questions for decision, to-wit:

1st. Are Past Masters who have been "seated" in a Provisional Lodge of Past Masters entitled to a seat in a Chapter?

I decided they were not unless they were members of some Subordinate Chapter, or had received the Mark Master's degree in some Subordinate Chapter.

2d. Can the Chapter confer the degree of Past Master on Wardens-elect in the Blue Lodge?

In answer I decided that it could not, as no Chapter had a right to confer any of the degrees conferred in the Chapter except in the manner prescribed by the Methodical Digest; that is, upon a petition, if properly filed, and acted upon by the Chapter. The Mark Master's degree being the first step toward the Royal Arch degree and has to be conferred by the Chapter in the regular order, before any other degree could be conferred.

3d. Can a Past Master who has been "seated" in a Provisional Lodge of Past Masters sit in a regular lodge of Past Masters?

Answer—No, not until he has received the Mark Master's degree, as conferred in the Subordinate Chapters.

Another interesting question was submitted by M. Ex. E. E. Dinwiddie, D. D. H. P. of District No. 14, requesting permission for Keystone Chapter, No. 58, to proceed and confer the several degrees on one Brother W. L. Salmon without another election. The circumstances were as follows: Brother Salmon was duly elected February 17, 1911, notified to present himself on a certain evening, but was not able to do so at that time, and the Chapter failed to set another definite time, and when the brother did present himself there was too much work on hand to admit of giving him the degrees at that time, and before the Chapter could reach a time it could confer the degrees the six months limit had been exceeded.

I held that it was unnecessary to grant the request in this case, even if, under any circumstances, such a permission would be legal, as the brother did present himself within the six months, and having so presented himself this section of the Methodical Digest had no application to this question."

Twenty-one Grand Representatives were received and cordially welcomed in the usual way—Alabama not represented.

The Grand Committee of the Whole held its meeting October 25th, 1911. The committee approved the report of the Grand Lecturer and commended him for his earnest and efficient work during the year. Accepted with thanks the invitation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana to attend the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at

Indianapolis. Approved the declaration that the Grand Chapter of Virginia become a member of the George Washington Memorial Association. Fixed the salary of the Grand Secretary at \$750.00, instead of \$600.00, as heretofore. Good!

The salary of the Grand Treasurer was fixed at \$200.00 per annum. Its entire action was approved by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests elected twenty Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence (110 pp.) is again the good work of Comp. Charles A. Nesbitt, who furnishes a judicious synopsis of the various proceedings which underwent his scrutiny.

Alabama 1910 is courteously reviewed in a little over two pages. M. E. John B. Christian, G. H. P., is complimented by generous extracts from his address. The writer extends thanks for personal mention.

Comp. Stanley M. Martin, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jas. B. Blanks, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

22D ANNUAL—SPOKANE—JUNE, 1911.

Comp. Fred J. Elsensohn, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 31 (?); membership, 3,426; net gain, 264.

The Grand High Priest, being an invalid, traveling abroad in search of health, the functions of his office devolved, almost the entire year, upon the D. G. H. P., Comp. Wesley C. Stone, who presided over the Convocation under review.

The Acting Grand High Priest had issued five dispensations granting permission to use one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

He refused permission to communicate the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees on a candidate in order to complete a team for the Royal Arch, but he granted dispensation to use one substitute for the purpose indicated. (If communicating the P. M. and M. E. M. is not to be tolerated, why should "sailing under false colors," viz: using substitutes in conferring the R. A. degree be permitted?)

The Grand High Priest reported three decisions. To the writer it seems that the enquirers should not have been under the necessity of asking information as to the matters referred to.

One answer caused No. 1 and No. 2, viz: An elected officer does not assume his office until he has been installed.

The answer to No. 3 was in substance, as follows: "When a member suspended from his Lodge N. P. D., and consequently dropped from the roll in his Chapter, regains his membership in the Lodge, such restoration to the privileges of Lodge membership should be sufficient to secure his reinstatement in the Chapter.

The Grand Secretary furnishes the gratifying statement that all the Constituent Chapters have made returns.

Grand Treasurer H. W. Tyler states the "total cash, and investment in Home Fund" as \$4,137.30.

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

The Committee on Obituary reported briefly, but appropriately.

Grand Secretary says that up to the time of going to press no copy of the Grand Orator's address, which Grand Chapter had requested for publication, had been received.

(With the thermometer in the nineties here in Alabama, we heave a sigh of relief.)

That was a gracious act, sending a committee with greetings to the absent Grand Chaplain, who was 88 years old, and had been a Master Mason 62 years.

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

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected 21 Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Grand Secretary Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, it comprising reviews of 48 Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included, all of which were accorded concise, but courteous notice. Here is Comp. Blalock's conclusion:

"Would we had the space to copy many of the beautiful sentiments expressed in the proceedings reviewed, but we have exceeded our accustomed limit already.

To the 'Guild,' we thank you each and every one for the kind notices and even the criticisms offered, but we must remind you that we

are young yet—just twenty-one—and hope to be able at some future time to give you a report which will suit you as well as ourselves better than the present one.”

Comp. Wesley C. Stone, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. M.

Comp. Rev. D. I. Freedman, M. E. Grand First Principal.

The Semi-Annual was held at Perth, March 29, 1910, the Grand First Principal presiding.

In his address the Grand Z. congratulated Grand Chapter on the peace and prosperity which the Royal Craft had enjoyed during the last half-year.

He animadverted upon the attitude of England and Scotland toward the Grand Chapter of W. A. To put it in homely phrase, England would not sneeze 'till Scotland took snuff. There is no good reason why these two Grand Bodies should withhold recognition from the Grand Chapter of Western Australia.

The Grand Z. had issued three dispensations—one to appoint an affiliated member as Scribe E.; two to change night of meeting.

He had made several visitations, with profit, no doubt, to the Chapters visited.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION—PERTH—OCTOBER, 1910.

The Grand Z., in his address, again alluded to the situation as to Scotland. In the course of his remarks, he said:

“Judging by the tone of certain correspondence we fully anticipated being able to tell you tonight that Scotland had granted us full recognition—in fact, we had made complete arrangements for a cable to be sent us. But though the position is now infinitely better than it was six months ago, it is not what we anticipated it to be. Towards the end of September Scotland wrote us: ‘A clear understanding with you is also desired as to what “Recognition” means. As far as fraternal intercourse is concerned there is no difficulty; but if it means that we are to surrender entirely our jurisdiction in Western Australia, there is a very grave difficulty.’

This letter was given careful consideration at the last meeting of Grand Committee, when it was unanimously resolved to claim ‘sov-

ereign rights for our Grand Chapter.' There are two points worthy of attention here. First, that Scotland sees no difficulty in granting us such recognition as means fraternal intercourse. This is a great gain to us. In truth, it means or should mean everything to us as regards England and those Grand Chapters which have been waiting for Scotland's lead. There ought certainly to be quite enough here to satisfy them that we are properly constituted, and deserve the fullest and friendliest recognition from all Grand Chapters which are themselves properly constituted.

We sincerely hope that Scotland will see that the only recognition which can be meant by us is that of 'sovereign rights'—a recognition, we may say, exactly in the same terms as that which the Grand Lodge of Scotland gave to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. Why go over the old disputes again! The Laws and the Landmarks that hold in the Blue Craft also hold in Chapter Freemasonry, and we earnestly trust that this fact will be recognized and acted upon, and that between us and the Grand Chapter we are all so proud to honour and acknowledge as our Mother Grand Chapter there will soon exist the most perfect of Masonic relationships."

A most appropriate obituary of R.'. E.'. Comp. Robert Wigglesworth, accompanied by a portrait of the deceased Companion, appears in this pamphlet.

From the report of Grand Scribe E. it is learned that a commission had been issued to Comp. J. H. McCormick as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The balance sheet shows, Oct. 12, 1910, a balance to credit of Grand Chapter in the sum of \$850.77.

Comp. D. I. Freedman, M.'. E.'. Grand Z.

Comp. J. C. Strickland, R.'. E.'. Grand Scribe E.

WEST VIRGINIA.

41ST ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—NOVEMBER, 1911.

Comp. Wyndham Stokes, M.'. E.'. Grand High Priest.

The portrait of M.'. E.'. Comp. Stokes indicates a man well qualified for his exalted position.

All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Tyler. Eleven P. G. H. P.'s were in attendance. We are pleased to note that our envoy was one of the 28 Grand Representatives at their posts.

In his address the Grand High Priest embraced many topics, among which we note a suggestion that the obligation of the Past Master's degree be divested of some of its requirements. Comp. Stokes shall speak for himself:

"This degree has caused a great deal of trouble in this State, owing to the fact that it is still an open question as to whether or not Past Masters who have received that degree in the Chapter can be present at a Provisional Lodge of Past Masters. The degrees are identically the same in both the Blue Lodge and the Chapter, and I have never seen any good reason assigned for excluding the Chapter Past Masters, except the trouble with the obligation.

In Virginia, Chapter Past Masters are allowed to sit in a Provisional Past Master's Lodge, and vice versa, without objection. Frequently it is necessary to use Chapter Past Masters in order to organize a Provisional Lodge, and not infrequently the degree can only be conferred by a Chapter Past Master.

I have had a discussion about this matter with Brother Gibson, a Past Grand Master, and he has agreed with me that the obligations of the degree in both Blue Lodge and Chapter should be so changed that it would be unnecessary to reobligate these men in either the Chapter or the Blue Lodge, and do away with the anomaly that now exists.

As the obligation of the Past Master's degree is not a landmark, I would suggest that the necessary change be made, and Chapter Past Masters admitted without objection to Provisional Lodges of Past Masters, and vice versa."

If we may be so bold, we venture to intimate that a Lodge of Past Masters should consist of actual Past Masters *alone*.

When a Companion, who has taken the Chapter P. M. degree only, sits in a Lodge of Past Masters, he is wearing false colors if he has not served as Master of a Lodge. As to the changing of the obligation, we would like to suggest, if it were feasible, a better plan, viz: to abolish the degree.

M. E. Companion Stokes likes the Texas system of requiring every petition for the Chapter degrees to include those of Royal and Select Master.

We do not think such system generally obtains, although it is, indeed, congruous.

The M. E. had granted three dispensations for formation of new Chapters. For what he deemed good and sufficient reasons, he had refused one.

His few decisions we quote, but if we had the right, should demur to the second. Here they are:

"DECISIONS."

"February 11. Replied to Companion Joseph Hall that a Chapter in this State could not confer the Chapter degrees upon a candidate and omit those of Royal and Select Master; that it was necessary that the Grand Council request the conferring of these degrees, and unless it was arranged to confer all of the degrees, no Chapter in this State could confer any.

August 28. I received a communication from Beckley Chapter, U. D., enquiring whether a Master Mason who had been shot in the knee since receiving the Master Mason's degree could be exalted. This matter gave me some trouble, but, acting under the advice of Brother Howard, I advised Beckley Chapter, U. D., that if this man could not kneel, he could not comply with the ritual; that the laws of the Grand Lodge applied to the Grand Chapter where the Grand Chapter had no law upon that subject, and that he could not, therefore, receive the degrees.

While attending a meeting of Bramwell Chapter, No. 15, I found that the Chapter was not regular in having its candidates record their Marks in the Book of Marks, and I accordingly advanced the rule, which I believe is in ancient Masonic usage, that all Mark Masters must record their Marks before being advanced to the degree of Past Master."

The Grand Treasurer had, Nov. 30, 1911, a balance of \$6,574.59.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 35; U. D., 3; membership, 5,304; net gain, 275.

In his short, but well executed report Grand Secretary D. K. Reed referred to a Grand Representative who had not missed a meeting of his Grand Chapter for 27 years. (The writer has regularly attended G. C. of Ala. since 1898, and has not, excepting three years, 1892-1895, missed a meeting of the Ala. Grand Lodge since 1865.)

The three Chapters U. D. were granted charters.

The Grand Lecturer made a short, but businesslike report.

Comp. Hiram R. Howard's Report on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

It is pleasant to note that the "docket" of the Committee on Grievances was a blank sheet.

The following report of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted:

"To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence would respectfully report that we have examined the decisions as rendered and reported by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and find them to be in accordance with the laws of this Grand Chapter. We therefore recommend the approval of same.

In the matter of Chapter Past Masters, sitting in Provisional Past Master's Lodges, we would recommend that the Ritual Committee be instructed to amend the Past Master's obligation by inserting, after the words 'Grand Chapter,' the words 'or Grand Lodge,' so that it will be as follows: 'I will maintain and support the laws, resolutions and edicts of the Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge under which the same is holden.'"

The Special Committee on R. A. Schools of Instruction recommended that two such schools be held during the year, at such times as the Grand Lecturer should deem best. Adopted.

On Comp. Howard's recommendation, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of the State of Utah.

The Order of High Priesthood received fifteen accessions to its membership.

It is a pleasure to find in this volume a portrait of our contemporary, Companion Hiram R. Howard, whom we were privileged to meet in Birmingham, Ala., about three years since.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the work of P. G. H. P., Comp. Hiram R. Howard, Chairman of the Committee. It is a concise and discriminating summary of the proceedings of 33 Grand Chapters.

Alabama 1910 is given one page of courteous, fraternal notice. The reviewer says of M. E. Companion John B. Christian's address, that "it is a plain account of his stewardship, which indicates that he has given close attention to his several duties, and that interest was taken by the Companions generally in the upbuilding of the Capitular rite."

So handsomely does Comp. Howard decorate the writer that our Alabama Companions must see it. So "here goes":

"E. Companion William Y. Titcomb submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviewed the proceedings of forty-nine jurisdictions, contained in fifty-four volumes. It is the equal in its spicy variety and discrimination of subjects touched upon, as his reviews of Grand Lodge proceedings (with which I am familiar) and that is high praise."

Comp. Harry Cushman, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. K. Reed, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

62D ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—FEBRUARY, 1912.

Comp. Elias L. Urquhart, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chapters, 84; members, 10,278; net gain, 338.

Portrait—the Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. Robert B. Lang.

From the well-constructed address of the Grand High Priest we make one or two extracts as specimens of his work. The following

paragraph treats of the change from Operative to Speculative Masonry:

"Operative Masonry fulfilled its purpose and design satisfactorily in the savage and semi-civilized ages of the world, when the wisdom of mankind had to be locked up in the breasts of secret societies to preserve it from being entirely lost, but speculative Masonry is adapted to man in his more advanced stage of civilization, and is capable of raising him to the highest point of intellectual, social and moral excellence."

The following, though not so graphic as the Bible story of the creation of Adam, possesses beauty in its amplification of the passage in Genesis:

"Take for example that 'human form divine,' moulded by the plastic hand of Deity, as it reposed all unconscious upon the virgin soil of Eden's sacred garden. Behold it—each feature perfect, each lineament distinct, the lofty brow, the chiselled nose, the parting lip, the well-turned cheek, and finely moulded chin, with trunk and limbs in harmonious proportion, and full of manly grace, but was that perfect model—that highest display of the handiwork of Omnipotence—a man? No. It was only a beautiful form without life.

The eye beamed not, the cheek glowed not, the lips were pallid and bloodless, until Jehovah bent over the lifeless form and breathed into those nostrils of clay the breath of life. Then man became a living soul, 'Man was no longer the moulded statue in the studio of Deity'—he stepped forth the living, breathing, conscious image of his Creator—the Almighty had given him life, intellect, moral perceptions, and crowned him with immortality."

Near the close of the G. H. P.'s exordium we find the following:

"It seems to me that religion too could well afford to receive and acknowledge Masonry as her handmaid, for many things in the Old Scriptures of dark and doubtful import receive elucidation and explanation at the hand of Masonry, and every well informed Royal Arch Mason knows that the world and the church are indebted to the Craft for the restoration and preservation of about one-half of the Old Testament Scriptures."

Reluctantly we confess to not being a "well informed Royal Arch Mason on the point that "the world and the Church are indebted to the Craft for the restoration and preservation of nearly half of the Old Testament Scriptures."

Indeed, we would rather confess that we don't know, and receive information, than remain in ignorance.

From the G. H. P.'s address it is learned that he had granted six special dispensations, three of them to hold special elections, and three to waive time in conferring degrees.

He had, by proxy, instituted one new Chapter.

He reported consummation of action taken at last Annual, making General Grand High Priest, Nathan Kingsley, an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

He recommended the usual appropriation for the expenses of Representatives to the Triennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Credentials Committee reported 19 P. G. H. P.'s, and one honorary P. G. H. P. present; also 39 Grand Representatives—Alabama not included.

The Grand Trustees reported a grand total of trust funds amounting to \$2,336.50.

Grand Secretary, Comp. Wm. W. Perry is a model officer.

In his excellent report, the Grand Lecturer said:

"In my visits to the several Chapters I find the larger number of them doing very good work, and in their work I find that healthy spirit of emulation that most of us have heard mentioned as to "Who can best work and best agree." But there are a few exceptions and in the case of at least two of them I feel like advising them to box up their books and paraphernalia and express them to the Grand Secretary, fully believing that the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction would be thereby promoted."

The report of the Committee on Obituary was very ably prepared. We would like to excerpt it, but have not the requisite space to spare. One or two extracts would not do it justice. Sufficient to say that it was adopted by a rising vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand as \$5,143.03. Report accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

Hearty fraternal greetings were received from the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

On recommendation of the General Committee a charter was granted to a Chapter U. D.

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased from \$600.00 to \$750.00 per annum; that was one step in the right direction. Comp. Perry is worth \$1,000.00 per annum.

By a rising vote the thanks of Grand Chapter were extended to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Urquhart, as a token of appreciation of his faithful services as G. H. P. The customary

jewel was presented to M. E. Comp. Urquhart immediately after the installation of his successor. We, at the last moment, state what we had earlier intended, viz: that while the Jurisprudence Committee approved the special dispensations of the Grand High Priest, it was of the opinion that the Constitutional provision in regard to the lapse of time required in conferring degrees, should not be waived.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (67 pp.) was presented by Comp. Samuel Wright, who accorded Alabama 1911 about two-thirds of one page, in which he referred to the death of R. E. Companion William Henry Dingley and devoted the rest of his report on Alabama to an amendment to our Constitution, which places Jewish Rabbis on the same footing with Christian Ministers as to fees for the degrees. Comp. Wright is excited about the capitalization of the title "Rabbis" in said amendment, and asks "why" it is so. At this moment relieve in said amendments, and asks "why" it is so. At this moment we cannot relieve the distress of our Wisconsin Companion, but will ask the author of said amendment when we see him at our approaching Convocation. Be composed, Companion, about three weeks, and we'll find out.

Comp. Wright does not even say that Alabama had a report on Foreign Correspondence.

Our contemporary writes a very readable report.

Comp. Robert B. Lang, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. W. Perry, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

4TH ANNUAL—LARAMIE—MARCH, 1912.

Chartered Chapters, 10; members, 830; net gain, 26; number exalted, 47.

Comp. James F. Hoop, M. E. Grand High Priest. The staff of Grand Officers was made complete by five *pro tem* appointments

Fifteen Grand Representatives responded to roll call. Alabama was not "in it."

In the address of the Grand High Priest, he pertinently remarked:

"It is said that death is as inevitable as the dawn of morning or as the shadows that thicken behind the western horizon; yet, while this is true, it always brings a throb of sorrow and anguish to every bleeding heart, and every day and hour we are reminded that some precious friend or Companion is dead. There is no wisdom in being afraid to die; but there is wisdom in learning and practicing how to live, ever being ready for the summons, and in realizing that we have done our duty to ourselves, our country, our neighbor, and our God."

He did not fail to record the death of Companions in Wyoming and in other Jurisdictions.

His two recommendations are of interest to the Companions of his own Jurisdiction alone.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was the sum of \$945.27.

Grand Secretary A. P. Parshall put his statistics in a very convenient table for reference.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers was very complimentary to the Grand High Priest, and approved his official "doings" with thanks for his faithful efforts in behalf of Capitular Masonry.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported that no business had come before it.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the G. H. P.'s decision on the Laffee case, and the committee's report was adopted.

Of course, the recommendation of the Committee on Necrology that suitable memorials to the fraternal dead be prepared, was adopted.

It is pleasant to note that no case of appeal had come before the Committee on Grievances for its consideration.

Comp. Parshall introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

"That Sec. 135 be amended to read:

Chapters and Committees on Charity shall require from applicants for assistance evidence of good standing before granting the same, and in the event such applicant shall prove to be an impostor or unworthy, such fact, with a full description of the impostor, shall be immediately reported to the Grand Secretary, whose duty it shall be to forthwith send notice of the same to all Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

It shall be illegal for any Chapter to use its funds for other than Masonic purposes."

Also the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

"Resolved, That the convention of the Order of High Priesthood, now organized and being held in the City of Laramie, State of Wyoming, be this day recognized and adopted by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wyoming as the Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, in and for the State of Wyoming."

Resolved, That the Proceedings of this convention be published and circulated with the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming."

The Order of High Priesthood was formally organized, with 12 members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, as we are pleased to see, fills the chair of correspondent so well that none could do better than he. His notice of Alabama is of the administration of Comp. Wm. E. Bingham, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Our transactions are briefly, but judiciously summarized.

On the decision which permitted the conferring of the Chapter degrees upon a Brother who had one foot, Comp. Parshall says:

"We see no reason (to the contrary) except that the law is in the way, why this could not be done to the advantage of many Chapters."

Our Wyoming contemporary is very kind to the writer in commenting on the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence. Our grateful acknowledgment is returned therefor.

Under Colorado, Comp. Parshall expressed a very high opinion of Comp. Le Neve Foster's ability as a reviewer, in which opinion we heartily concur. He says, however, of Comp F.: "He does not believe in the use of substitutes; we do—in emergencies."

Emergencies! We are reminded of a story we once heard, thus:

Teacher—"Now, class, give me, if you can, a definition of a lie."

One little "smart Alec" rose and, trying to show his knowledge of the Bible, said: "A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, but a present help in trouble."

Now, using substitutes is not a lie, but it is a violation of his solemn pledge given by a High Priest-elect at his installation. As we have said heretofore, Put that in your pipe, Companions, and smoke it.

Comp. Parshall does not favor the idea of remitting the dues of Ministers of the Gospel.

Under Massachusetts, having quoted a plea for "Old Glory" in Masonic halls, Comp. Parshall says:

"The sentiment contained appeals to us. It, however, appears a little foreign to anything we have heretofore seen in Capitular Masonry."

We should call this a mild disapproval. We, as Masons, do not need to be labelled as to our patriotism. Our devotion to our country is fully set forth in our "Charges" and in our Ritual. Display of a national flag in Lodge or Chapter is certainly "foreign" to Masonry.

Under Missouri he quotes Companion Miller's comment on the Alabama practice of conferring the degrees complimentary on Ministers of the Gospel, in which discussion Comp. Miller, while commending our motive in the matter, is of the opinion that it places the minister "in a humiliating position."

It should be remembered that, with us, the giving of free passes from B. to J. is discretionary with the Chapter.

Under New Hampshire, he says of Comp. Seward:

"Under Alabama, upon the subject of balloting upon petitions without waiting statutory time, he maintained 'that the fact of an applicant's connection with the Lodge is not invariably a sufficient guarantee of his fitness to be advanced.'"

Personally we are in hearty accord with Comp. Seward on that subject.

Under New York he quotes what Comp. M. I. Greenwood facetiously says of us, thus:

"Under Alabama and referring to its correspondent we find the following reference to M. E. Comp. W. Y. Titcomb:

"This Companion takes delight in telling how old he is, which is commendable where a person grows old so gracefully as he appears to do, but what can we young sprouts say to one of that age? We can simply take off our hat and make a bow, but we will all get there if we live; time will cure us of being too young.'"

We pardon Comp. G. for saying: We "take delight" in telling. Not "M. E.," simply Companion.

Comp. Parshall has easily won his Knightly spurs.

Comp. Robert H. Lawrence, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, R. E. Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Our Conclusion shall be just a word of explanation.

When our report had to go to the printer, although incomplete, it was so bulky that reducing its size became absolutely necessary; consequently the reviews of 1910 proceedings, except a few foreign ones, were reluctantly "cut out."

We close with best wishes for the Guild and the Royal Craft .

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB.

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.

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Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended
115	Thomasville -----	30	18.75					1				
116	Clanton† -----	61	39.00	9	6	9	9					
117	Beauchamp† -----	29	28.50									9
118	Jasper -----	38				6	6			1	1	
119	Jackson*** -----	43	95.25	14	14	14	12			2	8	4
120	Ensley† -----	117	75.75	19	19	19	19		3		2	4
122	Monroe -----	20										
123	Covington† -----	45	35.50							2	1	
124	Bladon Springs† -----	25	20.25					1	1		4	1
125	Coleanor† -----	24	19.50						1			3
126	Tallassee† -----	23	17.25									
127	Evergreen† -----	41	31.50							1		
128	Heflin* -----	32	48.75	3	5	3	3					4
129	James E. Cobb† -----	32	24.75							1		
130	Palmyra† -----	21	15.75							2	1	
131	Cordova -----	73	54.75	6	6	6	6		1	1	2	4
132	Langdale† -----	43	33.00									
133	Enterprise -----	40										
134	Elba** -----	22	46.00	8	8					1		
135	Floralat† -----	61	34.50	13	13	13	13	2				
136	Auburn -----	23	14.25	5	5	5	4				2	
137	Samson -----	43		9	7	7	7	1		2		3
138	Columbia -----	40		3	3	3	3		2		3	1
140	Hartselle† -----	26	18.00									
141	Castleberry -----	39	29.25	3	3	3						
142	Cherokee† -----	35	21.75	5	5	5	5	1				
143	Delta† -----	29	20.25				1	2		1		
144	James Penn, U. D. -----	24		7	7	7	7					
145	Millport, U. D. -----	32		23	23	23	23	9				
Totals -----		3,776	\$2,515.25	401	398	395	386	61	43	61	55	158

* Dues paid for 1911 and 1912.

** Dues paid for 1910 and 1911.

*** Dues paid for 1910, 1911 and 1912.

† Dues paid for 1911 only.

‡ Balance due on 1911 dues.

The annual returns have not been received from four (4) Chapters, as follows:

Mt. Moriah, No. 19.	Langdale, No. 132.
Monroe, No. 122.	Enterprise, No. 133.

We regret to say that we are therefore unable to give the correct membership of the four Chapters above named, and in making out this tabular statement we were compelled to estimate these Chapters to have the same membership that they had last year.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 15, 1911----- 3,552

GAIN.

Exalted -----	386	
Affiliated -----	61	
Reinstated -----	43	
Errors -----	8	498

LOSS.

Died -----	61	
Dimitted -----	55	
Suspended N. P. D. -----	158	274

Net Gain ----- 224

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP ----- 3,776

Chartered Chapters, 1911 -----	64	
Chapters Chartered, 1912 -----	2	
Charters restored, 1912 -----	2	68

Charters forfeited, 1912 ----- 1

Chartered Chapters on the Roll, 1912 -----	67
Number of Chapters represented -----	60
Number of Chapters making returns -----	64
Number of Chapters paying dues -----	57

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Mount Moriah -----	No. 19
Monroe -----	No. 122
Langdale -----	No. 132

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Mount Moriah.....	No. 19
Camden	No. 40
Springville	No. 88
Fort Payne.....	No. 107
Beauchamp	No. 117
Monroe	No. 122
Langdale	No. 132

CHARTERS FORFEITED.

Enterprise, No. 133. No returns made and no dues paid for two successive years.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

James Penn.....	No. 144
Millport	No. 145

CHARTERS RESTORED.

Landmark	No. 79
Jackson	No. 119

EXALTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Luther Davis, Jesse M. Rogers, Sam F. Stuckey, J. D. Steele, Jr., M. Luther Ward.
- Eunomia No. 5: Henry B. Chase, Robert C. Chase, A. F. Kendall, James L. Kendall.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: Lauren E. Benbaker, Archibald H. Carmichael, Sampson Call, Oscar B. Clarke, Charles E. Grissom, George W. Haynes, Young S. Harrington, David A. Matthews, John W. McWilliams, Rufus S. Porter, George E. Roulhac, Fred W. Smith, Charles E. Saywell, Wilson F. Trump, Harrington Weatherlow.
- Marion No. 12: W. R. Carothers, Joseph W. Arbuthnott, Robert C. Hanna, William T. Harris, W. Brock Holcroft, DeWitt K. Mason, J. Marvin Moore, Thomas Irby Pope, Moses Wilbourne.
- Mobile No. 21: Kenneth W. Graham, Porter W. McAdams, Charles Welch.
- Montgomery No. 22: James I. Arnfield, Fred C. Bush, Harry C. Curtright, Charles C. Fennell, Edward E. Hunnicutt, Dixon McLendon, J. Haygood Patterson, Joseph E. Patterson, Charles E. White, Sidney H. Yarbrough.
- Talladega No. 23: Francis P. Christopher, Dan L. Hardwick, George M. McCarry, Ira W. Rhodes, John M. Thombs, Homer D. Lanier.
- Union No. 26: Cullen C. Daniels, Joseph King, Jack W. Stollenwerck.
- St. Johns No. 28: Daniel B. Atkin, William H. Burton, Samuel W. Fowlks, Bernard Gruenstein, James W. Harwell, Samuel F. Hobbs, Noel B. Johnson, Frank Little, Law Lamar, Jr., John D. McLaurin, Henry F. Reese, Jr., Lewis W. Randall, Louis Raymond, Henry Norsman, Hogan Kegg Ware.
- Hermon No. 34: James Luther Bowman, Clarence Lee Turnipseed, Benjamin Watson Cade.
- Decatur No. 38: Charles H. Austin, Jr., Will C. Butcher, James C. Holesapple, Jr., George Washington Lawhorne, Samuel I. Nichols, Thomas M. Petty, Charles C. Robertson, Thomas R. Shuford, Harry P. Bracken.

- Tyrian No. 54: Tom Crowley, William H. Caraway, Bryant I. Douglass, George H. Day, Cooper C. Gibson, Charles B. Goldthwaite, Jr., J. P. Hickman, William H. Murphree, Jr., Alonzo B. Metcalf, Malcom James McLean, Charles A. Rush, Abraham Rosenberg, H. Sachs, John Wesley Stewart, Davis B. Wilkerson.
- Dadeville No. 56: Beverly B. Adams, Emanuel Miles, Hiram N. Sims.
- Central No. 64: Chiles W. Brand, Frank J. Lee, Willis Hart Lyman, George R. Moore, Thomas W. Palmer, Sr., Addison Kanick Parks, George Allen Todd.
- Landmark No. 71: B. L. Andrews, W. A. Brown, J. J. Barnes, J. J. Carroll, Marvin Dowling, Bartow Garner, R. W. Garner, R. O. S. Hood, J. W. Hilliard, D. W. Munn, M. A. Smith.
- Myles J. Greene No. 80: J. F. Adams, George E. Clower, John V. Denson, C. G. Mann, A. H. Mitchell, H. D. Norman, W. S. Warren, E. E. Stafford.
- Jefferson No. 81: Henry Z. Lipscomb, Walter G. Mitchell, J. Walter McKelvin, Lee Sander, Harold A. Shaffur, Henry A. Stern, Rotha B. Walker.
- Coosa No. 86: Thomas A. Alexander, John O. Benton, Charles O. Duncan, Charles S. Ellison, Frank M. House, J. Adler Collier, W. Frank Denmon, Archie McMahon, Arthur L. Morten, Joseph F. Ledbetter, Otis B. Hunter, Olin W. Sibert, Eugene L. Russell, James E. Line, Nelson A. Jolly.
- Ben Bricken No. 99: Jacob J. Dobbs, Robert F. Hawkins, Samuel A. Lightfoot, W. Bayzor Martin, J. William Turner.
- Roanoke No. 100: R. E. Coleman, S. L. Dobbs, R. B. Hester, J. W. Hooper, B. C. Jones, Jr., W. J. Layton, T. C. McCullom, E. M. Moore, E. P. Newman, S. Neoreson, J. P. Radney, George Sostes, S. M. Saliba, T. B. Wood, J. M. Yates.
- Mineral City No. 101: Lock Atwell, Edward Ratio Bowman, Jr., William Fanchion Corry, James G. Davis, Orlando Stevenson Finch, Elbert Paul Green, Wilson Willis Harris, Claude Bentley Hughes, William Scott Harper, Edgar Keith, P. J. Massey, Albert Edward Newman, Raimundo de Ories, Harry Robert Pill, William James Penhallegon, Major Paul Phillips, James Lemuel Pledger, David An-

- derson Rippy, James Elbert Rucks, Henry Sluth Stickle, Hugh Merry Seales, Henry Graham Sellers, Zachariah Clifton Talley, David Weir Wood.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Hugh L. Buterman, Walter A. Conway, Hugh Q. Hodges, Ervin S. Howell, J. J. Johnson, Frank M. King, John B. Key, William J. Limburgh, Samuel D. Motley, Ben F. McKenon, Joseph J. McDonald, M. L. Newberry, Thomas A. Ogletree, R. V. Reynolds, Willis C. Roberson, Norris V. Walker.
- Anniston No. 105: E. T. Barker, Louis F. Parish.
- Pratt City No. 108: John M. Brown, W. G. Bandy, R. C. Cochran, E. C. Corbin, William E. Chambers, Aaron Grimes, J. M. Garlington, J. P. Hall, Will C. Hurley, John A. Lewis, J. M. Newberry, James S. Norton, H. T. McGehee, Henry B. Powell, Thomas W. Powers, Briggs M. Rogers, Samuel C. Seay, Harry J. Schmitt, William M. Thomas, W. W. Whorton, William E. Yeager, Ramsey McWarren.
- Bessemer No. 110: Herbert Grady Batson, William L. Coston, Walter M. Crawford, Jesse C. Duffey, Lacy Edmundson, David Thomas Eastis, Thomas Edgar Hurst, Eugene Honeycutt, Orrville Lay, John Ensley Lowery, Max Mayer, Flavius Josephus Overton, Alex S. Paletz, Mark B. Purdy, George Stoves, George Ellis Shaw, Henry Milford Sharp, Charles R. Smith, William H. Sturdivant, Robert Snow Wildsmith, Samuel F. Nash.
- Piedmont No. 111: David C. McNutt, Cash B. Clarke, Samuel H. Carroll, John W. Vansant, Isaac Wheeler, Samuel Waits,
- Dothan No. 113: Isaac Frank Cohen, Harry Alston Loraine, Seaborn Lisenby, Arthur Y. Malone, James A. McAndrews, John Heard Saxon, Ages Bolton Scott, Elias Thomas Saliba, Frank A. Rogers.
- Clanton No. 116: James T. Daniel, Marion D. Foshee, J. Earl Gowan, Samuel E. Johnson, Herbert King, R. J. Mills, Wilson M. Olive, Henry T. Smith, Thomas D. Woods.
- Jasper No. 118: Guy V. O'Rear, Robert Andrew Argo, Orizabo Manasco, Morgan C. Scott, F. K. Gamble, Walter C. Inman.
- Jackson No. 119: Alfred Bounds, Marshall W. Cravey, J. M. Cobb, J. S. Chapman, R. E. Carlton, I. K. Hicks, R. M. Harold, J. W. Henson, D. S. Hilliard, William Roberson, D. F. Stanley, J. H. Wright.

- Ensley No. 120: George De Freese, John S. Johnson, Joseph M. Sessions, P. B. Harrell, Jr., Allen P. Freeman, William W. McTyiere, John A. Fink, John W. Miller, Robert Mel-drum, William Dent Robinson, Richard Moxley, Richard Atkinson, John G. Gingery, George T. Henderson, John Sanford Faulkner, Charles O. Oxman, Wilson J. Squires, Nathan H. Abernathy, Parnell Alexander Cochran.
- Heflin No. 128: William L. Brooks, Chauncey J. McCraven, S. Arthur Stricklen.
- Cordova No. 131: Joseph H. Boleter, Felix D. Carr, Ollie J. Conwell, W. Sam Childress, Walter L. Harper, George C. Lewis.
- Floral No. 135: John W. Andrews, James P. Doster, Ira M. Kimball, W. B. Miller, T. H. Edney, H. C. Brawner, Z. S. Adams, J. F. Kendrick, Frank L. Jones, Charles Rubenstein, L. R. Turner, J. W. Pendry, J. N. Vandiver.
- Auburn No. 136: James Goodwin Beasley, Henry Grady Ezell, Isaac Sadler McAdory, Richard Neighbors.
- Samson No. 137: Hardee E. Draughon, Asa Holloway, Malcolm H. Harper, James C. Johnson, Horace A. Knowles, William T. McVay, Wilbur N. Morris.
- Columbia No. 138: Enoch J. Godfrey, George S. Hales, John L. Jones.
- Cherokee No. 142: James M. Carpenter, E. Baker De Jarnette, R. A. De Jarnette, Joseph Ferguson, Robert B. Ingram.
- Delta No. 143: Edoxius Fuller.
- James Penn No. 144: Raymond G. Sewell, William H. Nunnely, Walter J. Clark, M. H. Owens, S. N. Milligan, John W. Long, Henry T. Boozer.
- Millport No. 145: Mark Atkins, Howard M. Bozeman, Lewis C. Blakney, Walter W. Blakney, Richard T. Cash, J. Henry Dobson, James Edwin Dowdle, Monroe J. Davis, Herbert Leon Guin, John Gilliam, James S. King, Joe Kennedy, Charles C. McAdams, H. Earl McAdams, William Kogor Hull, Richard Pearson Mayers, Rufus Claude Noble, Joe Archie Odom, Danie Winston Propst, W. Homer Phillips, Harlin Irby Prater, William J. Richards, Newton Lewey Trull.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: John Andrew Savage, Jr.
Talladega No. 23: William J. Austin, George R. Burton, John W. Coffman, Edward D. Ray, Roland G. Sperryman.
St. Johns No. 28: James B. Ellis.
Hermon No. 34: Josiah Thomas Mangum.
Tyrian No. 54: Walter S. Copeland.
Dadeville No. 56: Ernest O. Pearson.
Landmark No. 71: Yancey Carroll, Horace O. Dowling, Berry P. Garner, Leonidas W. Kolb, J. Frank Lewis, James R. Levy, Richard D. Reynolds, Thomas W. Chaffin, James W. Reynolds, J. E. Riley, Horatio M. Sessions, Jule L. Williams, S. L. Weed, John W. Matherson, Jr., A. B. Metcalf, J. H. Weed.
Myles J. Greene No. 80: H. H. McNeill.
Ben Bricken No. 99: Silas Tyson.
Mineral City No. 101: Oliver F. Brock, William Matchell English, Searcy Hereford Johnson, George H. Lowell, James L. Mattison, Jacob Usry Ray, Edward M. Sweetman, James Albert Tussey.
Sylacauga No. 104: J. T. Wilkins.
Anniston No. 105: A. Goldstein, Charles A. Quinn, John T. Rae.
Pratt City No. 108: W. T. Sloan, James T. Sudduth.
Piedmont No. 111: B. Ramil Hamilton.
Dothan No. 113: Alfred Monsalvogte.
Thomasville No. 115: A. L. Blizzard.
Bladon Springs No. 124: Sam Allman.
Floralia No. 135: W. A. McDougald, W. L. Douglass.
Samson No. 137: John W. Draughon.
Cherokee No. 142: Land M. Harris.
Delta No. 143: Robert D. Evans, L. H. Crumpler.
Millport No. 145: Alonza K. Collins, George William Davis, Henry Gunter Hodo, Henry A. Kimbrell, Henry Wilson Miller, William Homer Phillips, Ulysses Vincent Raley, James William Richards, James Thomas Self.

REINSTATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: John T. Bradford.
Eunomia No. 5: Joseph J. Bradley, W. P. Hooper, J. B. Van Valkenburg.
Tuscumbia No. 10: Wilbur F. Haygood.
Marion No. 12: Tiler D. Chapman.
Montgomery No. 22: Charles B. Jones, Francis M. Perry.
Talladega No. 23: W. E. Baker.
Camden No. 40: John Stuebe Hunter.
Coosa No. 86: Eugene R. Underwood.
Roanoke No. 100: J. L. Collier, Wm. J. Slay, James D. Sessions.
Mineral City No. 101: Samuel Edwin Cowin, Charles Wesley Ferguson, W. R. Hudson, Leander Newman, George W. Parsley, Newton Owen Tyler, Henry Bascom Young.
Sylacauga No. 104: Thomas C. Moore, George W. Herd, D. A. Parker, John J. Hightower, T. Stewart Benton.
Anniston No. 105: James B. Cleveland, H. P. Lankford, R. B. Ray.
Fort Payne No. 107: Claudius C. Russell.
Pratt City No. 108: A. A. Simmons, Reginald K. Smith.
Bessemer No. 110: Samuel Meigs.
Piedmont No. 111: George L. Brown, M. L. Brown.
Ensley No. 120: C. C. Nixon, Alex Reed, W. R. Knapp.
Bladon Springs No. 124: W. D. Copeland.
Coleanor No. 125: Richard Nash.
Cordova No. 131: L. M. Harris.
Columbia No. 138: George C. Gilford, William G. Peterson.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscumbia No. 10: Wilbur F. Haygood, Edward M. Sweetman.
Talladega No. 23: William M. English, Harry B. Williams.
Union No. 26: Louis J. Adler, James N. McLean,
Jefferson No. 81: William R. Christopher.
Coosa No. 86: Thomas G. Bush, Newton A. Hamman.
Mineral City No. 101: Calvin Farley Bryant, Martin Clark Foster,
W. R. Hudson, Sam Inman, Leander Newman, John
Luther Stephenson.
Sylacauga No. 104: Thomas C. Moore, Benton T. Stewart.
Anniston No. 105: Joseph H. Duke, Thomas L. Graham, Louis F.
Parish, Edward D. Ray, Hiram P. Salter, John T.
Wilkins.
Fort Payne No. 107: Claudius C. Russell.
Pratt City No. 108: John R. Hembree.
Blocton No. 109: J. U. Ray.
Piedmont No. 111: James P. Farr.
Brewton No. 112: Elisha Downing, Jr.
Dothan No. 113: Marcus B. Behrman, William T. Jones, Richard
T. McDavid.
Jasper No. 118: James T. Suddeth.
Jackson No. 119: Joseph F. Ford, Charles W. Davis, C. P. Loran,
J. T. Mangum, Cobb Nichols, W. A. Parker, J. A. Sav-
age, Jr., C. M. Stevens.
Ensley No. 120: George M. Simpson, W. T. Sloan.
Covington No. 123: John B. Tate.
Bladon Springs No. 124: J. F. Granade, G. W. Granade, W. S.
Rogers, A. E. Rogers.
Palmyra No. 130: William C. Winn.
Cordova No. 131: L. M. Harris, B. M. Long.
Auburn No. 136: Morrison E. Bethea, Roger S. McIntosh.
Columbia No. 138: William L. Crawford, Marcus T. McGriff, David
W. Wilder.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Pelham D. Brown, Samuel H. Card, William M. Faulk, William H. Fraker, James Festus Hardin, Charles N. Maxwell, Carl W. McMahon, W. T. Paul, James W. Strudwick, William F. Strudwick, Joseph Saks.
- Eunomia No. 5: Frank Karthouse.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: Thomas A. Caddell, James Coden, John W. Davis, John A. McWilliams, Goodloe Pride, William H. Wilson.
- Mobile No. 21: Thomas C. Byrne, Clarence L. Hutchison, Jesse C. Turrentine, Thomas A. Taylor.
- Montgomery No. 22: Benjamin S. Chapman, Ira S. Ingram, Peter T. Kontos.
- Talladega No. 23: Charles McConnell.
- Union No. 26: Samuel W. Barclay, Thomas E. O'Sullivan, Alfred E. Rosenbaum.
- St. Johns No. 28: Frank J. Bowlin, Herman F. Stearns.
- Hermon No. 34: J. E. Childers, T. F. McGowan, J. F. Stroud, J. H. Randle, H. Stinson, W. E. Walker, J. T. Robinson, R. C. Branscomb.
- Decatur No. 38: Carl C. Harris, John W. Knight, John F. Knowlin, Thomas H. Mullen, Thomas Turner.
- Dadeville No. 56: Henry T. Dent.
- Jefferson No. 81: J. Earl Tucker.
- Coosa No. 86: Judge D. Glasgow, William N. Thompson, Henry T. Smoot, Charles M. Roy, Andrew L. Carter, Brinkley Hall.
- Roanoke No. 100: George W. Allen, N. E. Baker, John S. Cahill, Guy L. Cotney, C. W. Eichelberger, W. O. Roberson, C. G. Rogers, W. T. Williams.
- Mineral City No. 101: John Bradley, William Thompson Berry, William Samuel Bell, David Cowan, Edward Everette Cavins, Frank Pugh Culver, Joseph Wallace Christie, Clinton Samuel Carnes, James Fitts Hawkins, G. H. Irving, Ernest Fountain Rowley, James Cobb Rinehart.

- William M. Smith, Frank Ford Snedecor, Robert Daniel Taylor, Charles William Toliver, Joseph Robert Vance.
- Anniston No. 105: A. H. Arnold, Noah Johnston, W. L. Jones, John Mees, William Earnest Parker, Paul F. Snider, Lochlin M. Winn.
- Fort Payne No. 107: Moses E. Butt, Roderick D. Busbee, Joel F. Baker, George H. Carr, Jonathan Culver, Milford W. Howard, Noah D. Mason, James M. McCleskey, William O. W. Payne, William A. Parker, James W. Smith, William M. Wade.
- Pratt City No. 108: Charles D. Comstock, Thomas L. Stovall.
- Blocton No. 109: Roscoe L. Avery, Joseph F. Curtis, D. W. Crawford, Hampton S. Smith, John A. Wood.
- Bessemer No. 110: George Davis, William Richard Eddins, John K. Harless, Charles H. Perry, James Austin.
- Dothan No. 113: Major B. Byrd, Samuel B. Bennett, Lemuel A. Carroll, Pitt M. Carlisle, Jesse J. Dennison, W. A. Fountain, R. Henry Folmar, Benjamin O. Hay, Thomas J. Holland, Arthur L. Kelly, A. Clyde Kelly, John W. Malone, Henry P. Nichols, James M. N. L. Peacock, Andrew J. Turner, Fred Phenix, Byrd G. Farmer.
- Beauchamp No. 117: Robert E. Adams, Henry J. Agee, Thomas J. Daily, Thomas J. Hadley, R. F. Lowery, Louis Mayer, John C. McCloud, George W. Owens, Julius F. Perry.
- Jackson No. 119: F. J. Bernhardt, Adolph Horneblade, Thomas Moody Phillips, Charles L. Schab.
- Ensley No. 120: A. L. Arnold, F. E. Porter, James Smythe, R. L. Gray.
- Bladon Springs No. 124: W. B. Gilmer.
- Coleanor No. 125: Bennie McRae Thompson, David Zachariah Wooley, James Philip Weaver.
- Heflin No. 128: Augustus E. Carruth, Joseph M. Evans, Tyree Idus Landers, William A. Stricklen.
- Cordova No. 131: W. I. Calvert, James A. Huggins, M. L. Jones, Henry A. Mullen.
- Samson No. 137: John H. Burtnette, Houston E. Thom, Robert L. Theus.
- Columbia No. 138: Lanning L. Oakley.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Marion No. 12: Frank J. Levert, Jan. 20, 1912, aged 76 years; Charles A. Wilkerson, Aug. 6, 1912, aged 58 years.

Mobile No. 21: John E. Michael, Feb. 2, 1912, aged 63 years; Garrett Van Antwerp, Dec. 10, 1911, aged 78 years.

Montgomery No. 22: Oscar C. Dibble, Aug. 7, 1912, aged 58 years; John C. McCall, May 21, 1912.

Eufaula No. 24: Julius J. Paulint, Feb. 27, 1912, aged 58 years.

Union No. 26: James J. Brown, Dec. 12, 1911, aged 66 years.

St. Johns No. 28: William W. McCollum, June 14, 1912, aged 72 years; Alphonso Sledge, Feb. 23, 1912, aged 68 years; Sloan Rowan, July 17, 1912, aged 45 years.

Hermion No. 34: James W. Martin, Aug. 2, 1911, aged 64 years.

Decatur No. 38: Sidney Johnson Brown, Feb. 24, 1912, aged 33 years; Walter Griffin Pride, May 18, 1912, aged 41 years.

Dadeville No. 56: John L. Nelson, Feb. 17, 1912, aged 68 years.

Collinsville No. 57: Marion Briscoe, April 14, 1912; Francis M. Roberts, April 16, 1912, aged 79 years; George W. Roberts, Sr., Aug. 27, 1912, aged 69 years; William J. Roberts, April 12, 1912, aged 85 years.

Myles J. Greene No. 80: William E. Palmer, aged 63 years; Warner W. Meadows, aged 48 years.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Jefferson No. 81: Joseph Mayer, July 22, 1912, aged 27 years; William Morris, July 29, 1912, aged 67 years.

Coosa No. 86: Walter E. Striplin.

Springville No. 88: Thomas B. Deavers.

Ben Bricken No. 99: Theophilus W. Dobbs, Jan. 15, 1912, aged 30 years.

Mineral City No. 101: James Henry Biles, Nov. 1, 1911, aged 38 years; J. J. Durfield, May 30, 1912, aged 61 years; Llewellyn W. Johns, Feb. 4, 1912, aged 69 years; Andrew Jackson Nunnally, Jan. 27, 1912, aged 70 years; Henry G. Robinson, Sept. 19, 1912, aged 59 years; LeRoy Shirk, Oct. 6, 1912, aged 46 years; Walter Sims, Feb. 2, 1912, aged 44 years; James Edward Worthington, March 1, 1912, aged 46 years.

Sylacauga No. 104: John A. Butts, Aug. 6, 1912; D. B. Oden, April 18, 1912.

Anniston No. 105: J. Malone Ledbetter, July 22, 1912, aged 66 years; Samuel J. McCurry, April 13, 1912, aged 56 years; Samson Sanders, April 28, 1912, aged 57 years.

Fort Payne No. 107: William T. Fuller, Sept. 8, 1912, aged 60 years; John L. White, Oct. 6, 1912, aged 65 years.

Bessemer No. 110: James R. Burrow, Jan. 31, 1912; John P. Miller, Jan. 28, 1912.

Piedmont No. 111: James B. Collins, July 10, 1912, aged 50 years.

Brewton No. 112: Edward A. Smith, July 31, 1912, aged 67 years.

Dothan No. 113: James H. Darnell, June 4, 1912, aged

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

41 years; George Leslie, Feb. 10, 1912, aged 56 years.

Jasper No. 118: Thomas B. Hazelton, April 6, 1912, aged 72 years.

Jackson No. 119: J. Grey Jeffreys, Feb. 2, 1912; Joseph J. Wyne, April 22, 1912.

Covington No. 123: Joseph H. Aplin, Adam L. Pierce.

Evergreen No. 127: S. Hunter Dean, Feb. 27, 1912, aged 35 years.

James E. Cobb No. 129: James Bozeman Letcher, July, 1912, aged 38 years.

Palmyra No. 130: S. M. Pearson, May 30, 1912, aged 74 years; T. J. Bruce, April 6, 1912, aged 71 years.

Cordova No. 131: Max Garden, Dec. 9, 1911, aged 54 years.

Elba No. 134: Paul Barreau Johnson, Nov. 1, 1911, aged 47 years.

Samson No. 137: Loranzie D. Gentry, May 6, 1912, aged 38 years; Gorrie McGregor, March, 1912, aged 35 years.

Delta No. 143: Thomas E. Alexander, July 29, 1912, aged 35 years.

In Memoriam

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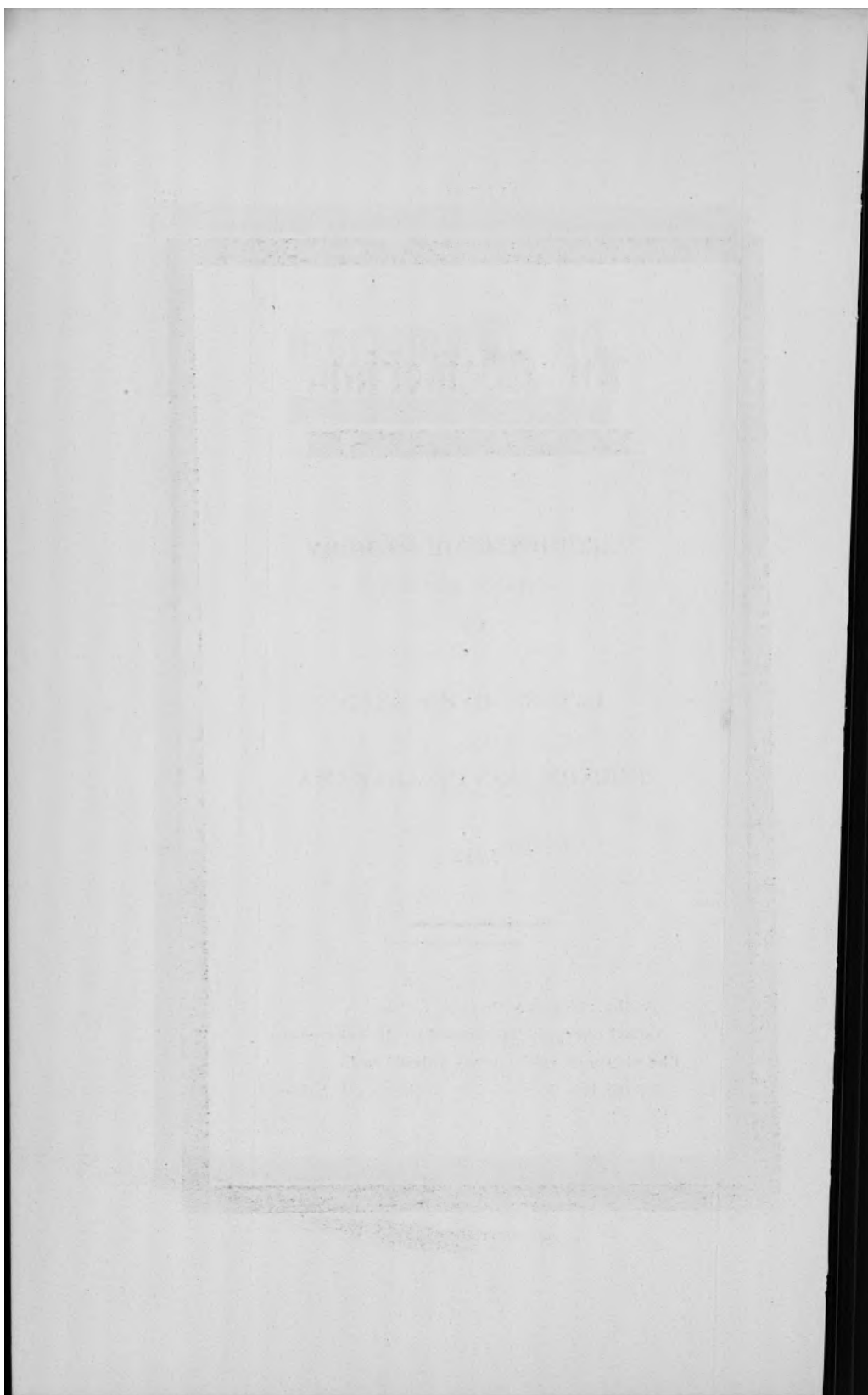
OF

OUR BELOVED DEAD

JURISDICTION OF ALABAMA

1912

"Over the river they beckon to me,
Loved ones who've crossed to the other side;
The gleam of their snowy robes I see,
But their voices are lost in the dashing tide."



In Memoriam

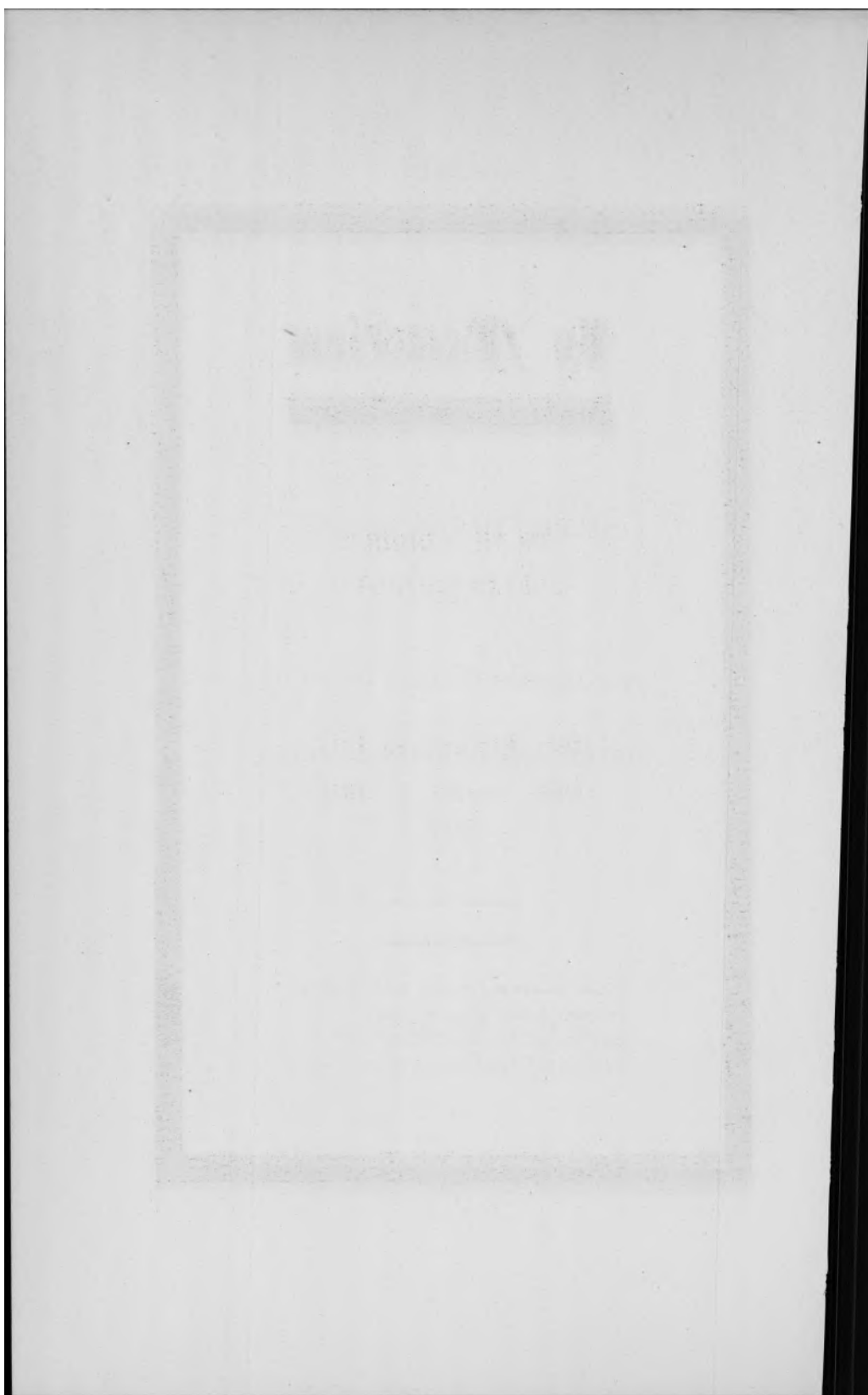
OSCAR C. DIBBLE

GRAND SENTINEL

Born February 22, 1844

Died August 7, 1912

"All nature with her million voices saith,
In me is nothing lost ; there is no death."

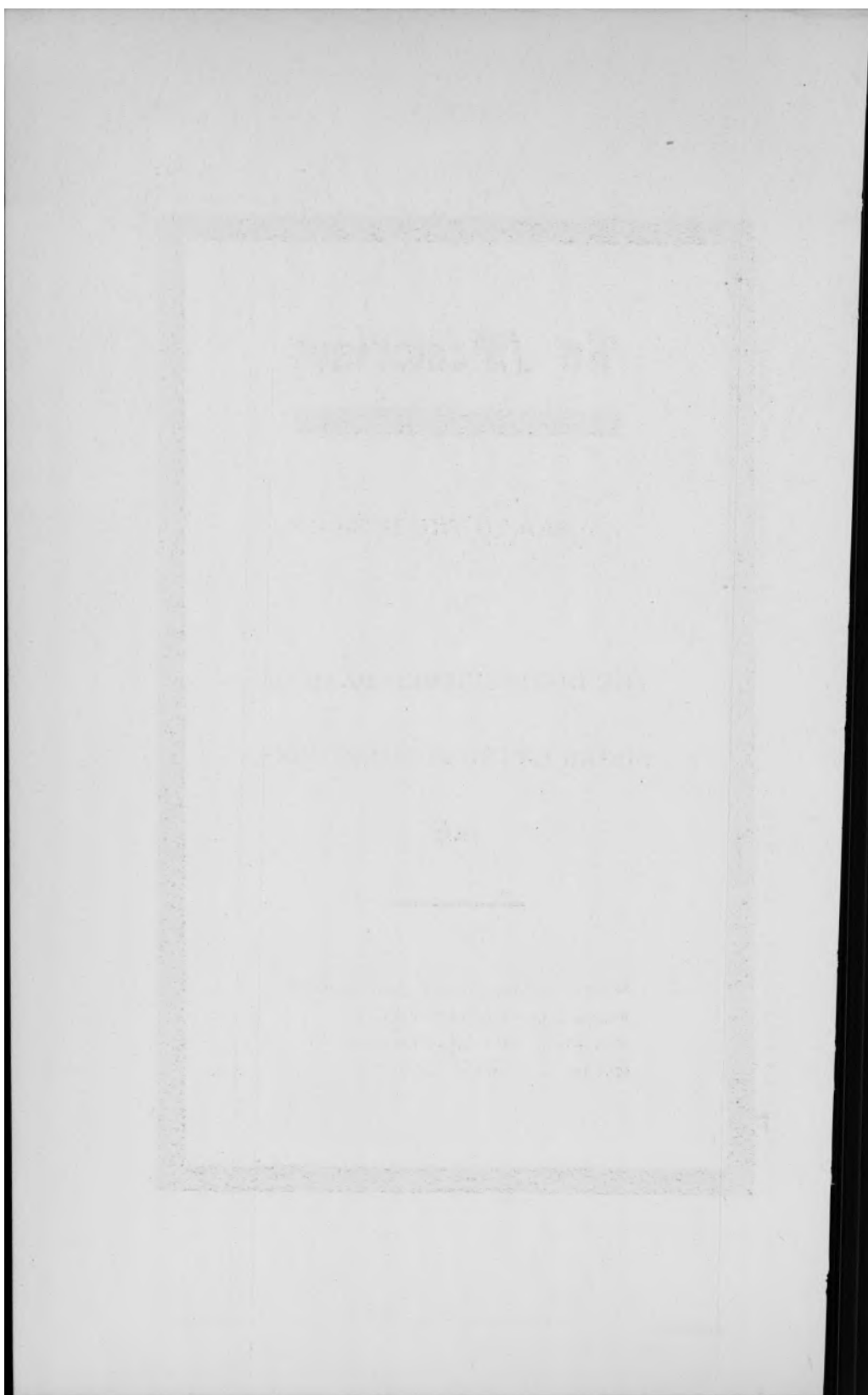


In Memoriam

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

1912

"Where the faded flower shall freshen,
Freshen, never more to fade;
May we all there meet and rest
Mid the holy and the blest."



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	Frank W. Meeds	Andrew F. Prince	Tuscaloosa	2 Friday.
5	Ennomia	Huntsville	Madison	James L. Kendall	Henry S. Bradford	Huntsville	4th Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	James E. Keenan	Charles H. King	Shelfield	First Monday.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Francis H. Bates	Edgar E. Howell	Marion	1 Tuesday.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	John Gray	James L. Lanford	Mobile	2nd Friday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Isaac Liehtbach	Charles S. Shawhan	Montgomery	2 and 4 Friday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Wm. W. Waldo	David W. Crosland	Talladega	2nd Tuesday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	D. P. McDermid	James H. Rogers	Talladega	2nd Friday.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	James T. Mainor	James 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	George Pegram	Junie Harwood	Uniontown	1st Thursday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	F. M. Stillwell	Walter H. Trimby	Selma	4th Monday.
34	Hernon	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	Wm. R. White	Charlie Cox	Troy	2nd & 4th Tuesday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Robert T. Ward	Wm. C. Roeck	Dadeville	2 Fri. and 4 Thurs.
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Solon E. Heard	Rial A. Burt	Colbran	1st Friday.
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	W. F. Aldrich	C. L. Meroney	Montevallo	1st Tuesday.
71	Landmark	Ozark	Dale	L. W. Kolb	B. P. Garner	Ozark	2nd Tuesday.
79	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	R. L. Nolen	Newton S. Walker	Alexander City	1 Monday.
80	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	James M. Frazer	W. M. Bass	Opelika	1st Tuesday.
81	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	Jacob Bley	J. I. Lee	Demopolis	1st and 3rd Monday.
86	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	Otto Agricola	Geo. E. Christopher	Gadsden	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
88	Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Jas. L. Herring	E. M. McClendon	Springville	1st Tuesday aft. 3 Sun.
99	Ben Bricken	Luverne	Crenshaw	Chas. R. Bricken	John T. Ivey	Luverne	2 and 4 Tuesday.

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100	Roanoke	Roanoke	Randolph	J. W. Hooper	T. M. Swann	Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.
101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	Arthur Gedhill	Chas. J. Geobegan	Birmingham	2nd and 4th Thursday.
104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	W. J. McLeod	E. A. Hammett	Sylacauga	W b 1 & Th b 3 Sunday.
105	Anniston	Anniston	Calhoun	Chas. H. Tomlinson	Benj. R. Sawyer	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	Nathan J. Callan	Fort Payne	2 Friday.
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	Geo. W. Edwards	D. Eugene Cook	Pratt City	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
109	Blotom	Blotom	Bibb	H. H. Farrar	George Archer	Hargrove	4th Monday.
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	F. K. Hirsch	Samuel Stein	Bessemer	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
111	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	Chas. S. Fagan	O. L. Stewart	Piedmont	Thurs. bf 2nd Sunday.
112	Brewton	Brewton	Escambia	Theo. F. May	L. P. Weaver	Brewton	3rd Tuesday.
113	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	Oscar M. Murphy	L. G. Biggers	Dothan	2 and 4 Friday.
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	George W. Coggin	J. Newton Collins	Fayette	1st Monday.
115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	Wm. R. K. Mayton	Jesse J. Bozeman	Thomasville	Fri. bf. 1st Sat.
116	Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	J. Watts Moore	E. B. Deason	Clanton	3rd Saturday.
117	Beauchamp	Atmore	Escambia	Jesse E. McCoy	J. C. Campbell	Atmore	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
118	Jasper	Jasper	Walker	Norman Gunn	Moses Newberger	Jasper	3 Thursday
119	Jackson	Jackson	Clarke	D. Adams, Jr.	R. M. Harold	Jackson	2nd Thursday.
120	Ensley	Ensley	Jefferson	Joseph M. Lawer	William T. Cochran	Ensley	2nd. 4th & 5th Monday.
122	Monroe	Monroeville	Monroe	Z. D. Studstill	Richard H. Jones	Andalusia	Tues. bef. 2nd Sun.
123	Covington	Andalusia	Covington	H. A. Powe	W. A. Turner	Bladon Spgs.	1st and 3rd Wed.
124	Bladon Springs	Bladon Springs	Choctaw	J. P. Melvin	B. F. Farrar	Piper	Fri. before 3rd Sun.
125	Coleman	Coleman	Bibb	R. L. Harris, Sr.	J. T. Jarman	East Tallassee	4 Saturday.
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Elmore	Henry A. Shields	Frank J. Dean	Evergreen	1st and 3rd Saturday.
127	Evergreen	Evergreen	Conecuh	J. D. Duke	John F. Campbell	Heflin	3rd Friday.
128	Heflin	Heflin	Cleburne	Thomas F. Taylor	William B. Riley	Tuskegee	Thurs. before 2nd Sun.
129	James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Macon				2nd Monday.

130	Palmyra	-----	Guntersville	-----	Marshall	-----	Oliver D. Street	S. H. Tyler	-----	Guntersville	-----	Fri. bef. F. M. & 2 wks. aft.
131	Cordova	-----	Cordova	-----	Walker	-----	J. M. Miller	Andrew D. Thorne	-----	Cordova	-----	2nd and 4th Monday.
132	Langdale	-----	Langdale	-----	Chambers	-----	W. L. Waller	G. C. Bailey	-----	Langdale	-----	1 and 3 Thursday.
134	Elba	-----	Elba	-----	Coffee	-----	Dallas P. Lee	Charles S. Allred	-----	Elba	-----	4th Friday.
135	Florala	-----	Florala	-----	Covington	---	John Blair	W. R. Reid	-----	Florala	-----	2 and 4 Friday.
136	Auburn	-----	Auburn	-----	Lee	-----	W. P. Zuber	L. A. Knapp	-----	Auburn	-----	3 Monday.
137	Samson	-----	Samson	-----	Geneva	-----	Ira L. Johnston	James W. Brooks	-----	Samson	-----	2 & 4 Wednesday.
138	Columbia	-----	Columbia	-----	Houston	-----	W. H. Christian	C. L. C. Atkeson	-----	Columbia	-----	2 and 4 Tuesday.
140	Hartselle	-----	Hartselle	-----	Morgan	-----	James L. Draper	A. A. Oden	-----	Hartselle	-----	3 Monday.
141	Castleberry	-----	Castleberry	---	Conecuh	-----	J. W. Thurmond	Jesse F. Allbreast	-----	Castleberry	---	4 Saturday.
142	Cherokee	-----	Centre	-----	Cherokee	-----	Thomas Bradford	Robert B. Ingram	-----	Centre	-----	2 Thursday.
143	Delta	-----	Delta	-----	Clay	-----	Andrew K. Brooks	Isaac J. Miller	-----	Delta	-----	1 Sat and 3 Thursday
144	James Penn	-----	Jacksonville	---	Calhoun	-----	T. R. Ward	E. G. Caldwell	-----	Jacksonville	---	2 and 4 Monday.
145	Millport	-----	Millport	-----	Lamar	-----	Jas. W. Richards	J. E. Dowdle	-----	Millport	-----	2nd & 4th Saturday.

REVISED AND CORRECTED LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1823 TO THE PRESENT TIME, WITH THE YEAR OF THEIR ELECTION.

Year	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1823 a	Dugald McFarlane**	John Elliott*	Horatio G. Perry*	William B. Patton*	John H. Vincent*	John B. Hogan*
1824 b	Israel Pickens*	John Elliott*	Anderson Hutchison†*	James H. Weakley*	John H. Vincent*	John B. Hogan*
1825	Israel Pickens*	John Elliott*	Anderson Hutchison†*	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				Anderson Hutchison†*		
1830	Thomas B. Creagh*	James Penn*	James H. Saxon*	Anderson Hutchison†*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Alkin*
1831						
1832						
1833						
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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 Willey*	Stephen F. Hale*	William Hendrix*	Edward Herndon*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1846	Felix G. Norman*	William Hendrix*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Sidney Smith*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1847	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet	James M. Brundidge*	Moses F. Holt*	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.*

1550	Rufus Greenet	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Sidney Smith*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1551	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1552	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1553	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	Thomas J. Clark*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
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1555	David Clopton*	Thomas C. Hartwell*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1556	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
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1559	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Stephen D. Moore*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1560	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Stephen D. Moore*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1561	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	James B. Harrison*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1562	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	James B. Harrison*	Noah B. Cloud*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1563	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1564	James B. Harrison*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Stephen C. Williams*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1565	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Isaac W. Suttle*	William Kerr*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1566	George D. Norris*	Peleg Brown*	William Kerr*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1567	Peleg Brown*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	Palmer J. Pillans*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1568	Peleg Brown*	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James B. Luckie*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1569	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1570	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1571	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1572	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1573	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1574	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1575	James E. Cobb*	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1576	James E. Cobb*	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1577	James E. Cobb*	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1578	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1579	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1580	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1581	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1582	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1583	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*

REVISED AND CORRECTED LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1833 TO THE PRESENT TIME, WITH THE YEAR OF THEIR ELECTION.

Year	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1884	William S. Foster*.....	William W. Screws*.....	William W. McCollum*.....	John G. Harris*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1885	William W. Screws*.....	William W. McCollum*.....	John G. Harris*.....	James T. Beck*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1886	Joseph H. Johnson*.....	William W. McCollum*.....	John G. Harris*.....	James T. Beck*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1887	John G. Harris*.....	John G. Harris*.....	James T. Beck*.....	John A. McKinnon*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1888	James T. Beck*.....	James T. Beck*.....	John A. McKinnon*.....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Myles J. Greene*.....
1889	John G. Harris*.....	James T. Beck*.....	John A. McKinnon*.....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Myles J. Greene*.....
1890	James T. Beck*.....	John A. McKinnon*.....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	Andrew J. Nunnally*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Myles J. Greene*.....
1891	James T. Beck*.....	John A. McKinnon*.....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	Andrew J. Nunnally*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Myles J. Greene*.....
1892	James A. McKinnon*.....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	Andrew J. Nunnally*.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1893	John A. McKinnon*.....	John G. Smith.....	Andrew J. Nunnally*.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1894	John G. Smith.....	Andrew J. Nunnally*.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1895	Josiah Jernigan*.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1896	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1897	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1898	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1899	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1900	George F. Moore.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Basil M. Hill.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1901	Charles R. Bricken.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Basil M. Hill.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1902	Charles R. Bricken.....	Basil M. Hill.....	Joseph P. McQueen*.....	Joseph P. McQueen*.....	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.....
1911	Lawrence H. Lee.....	John B. Lyons.....	Albert E. Pace.....	Norman Gunn.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.....
1912	John B. Lyons.....	Albert E. Pace.....	Norman Gunn.....	William W. Ransom.....	John Wilson Terry.....	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.

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THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
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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.....		
Indiana.....	Seth Mabry.....	Eufaula.
Iowa.....	Stewart McQueen.....	Montgomery.
Kansas.....	Alex M. P. Dunn.....	Huntsville.
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Louisiana.....	Robert L. Douglass.....	Mobile.
Maine.....		
Maryland.....	Hezeriah G. Earnest.....	Anniston.
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New Hampshire.....	Joseph P. Van Derveer.....	Clanton.
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New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.
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North Dakota.....	John Philip Melvin.....	Piper.
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Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Ohio.....	John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.
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Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	Birmingham.
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South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley	Demopolis.
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Utah.....	Philip McRae.....	Montgomery.
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Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Selma.
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Virginia.....		
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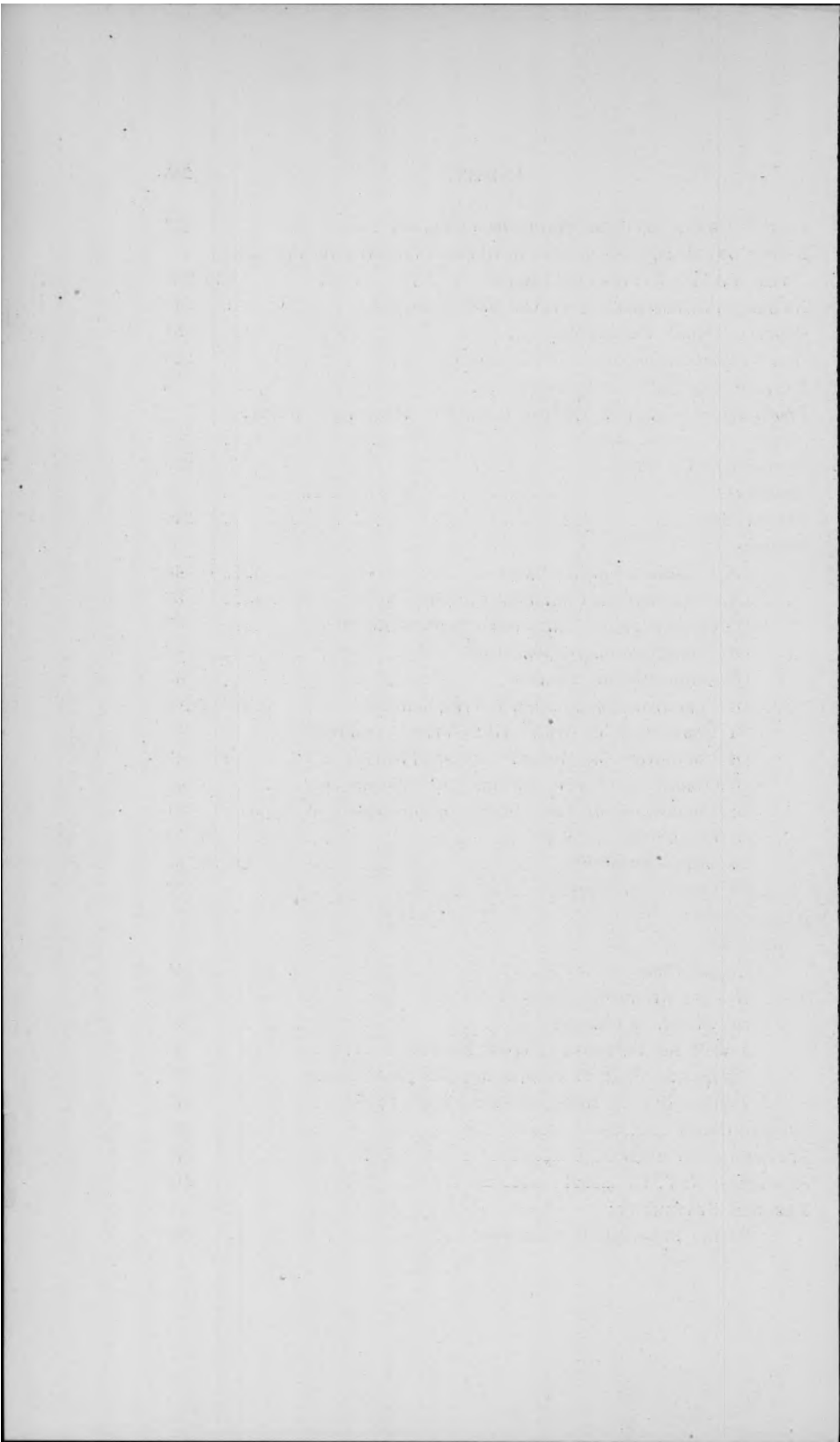
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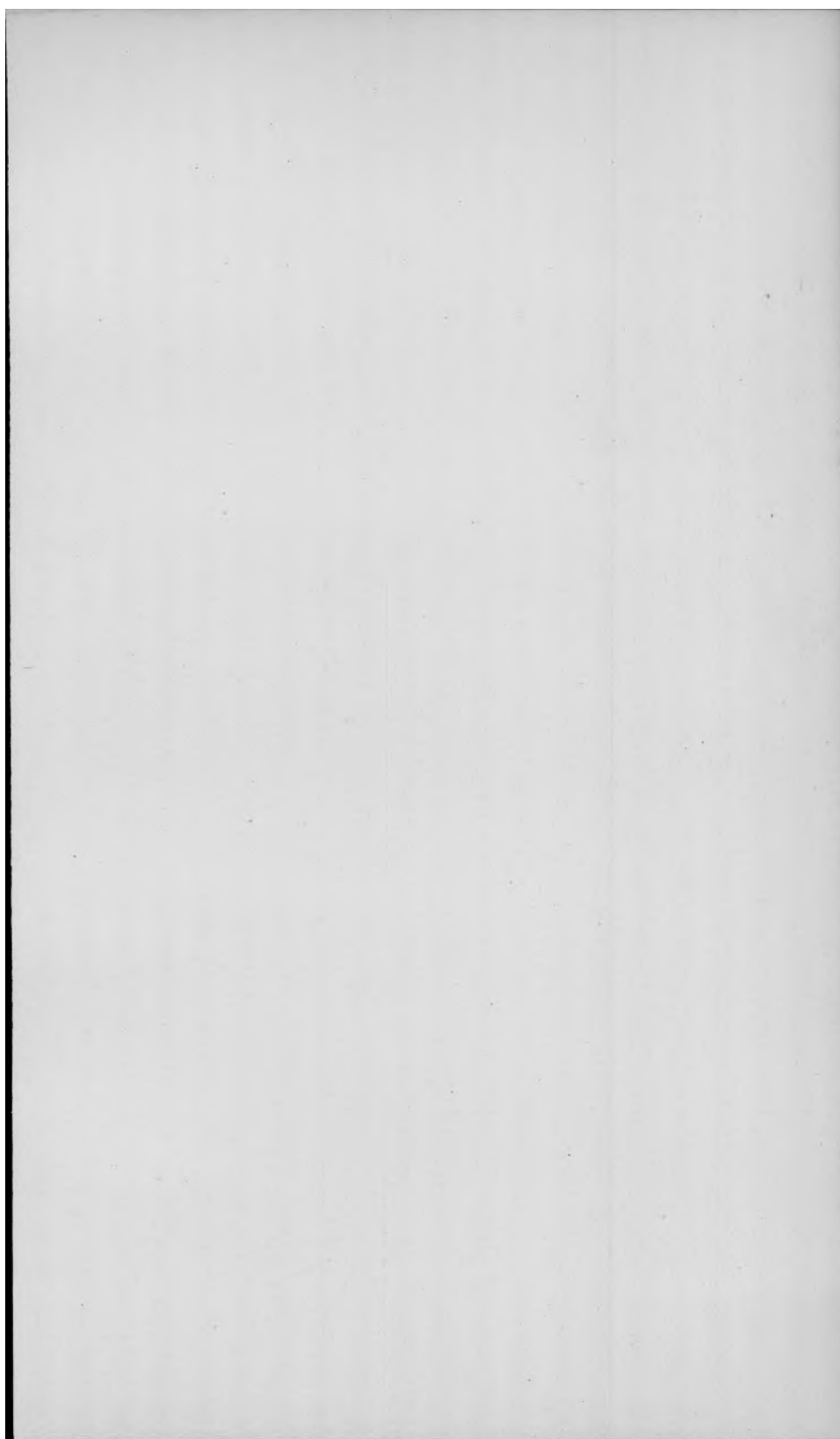
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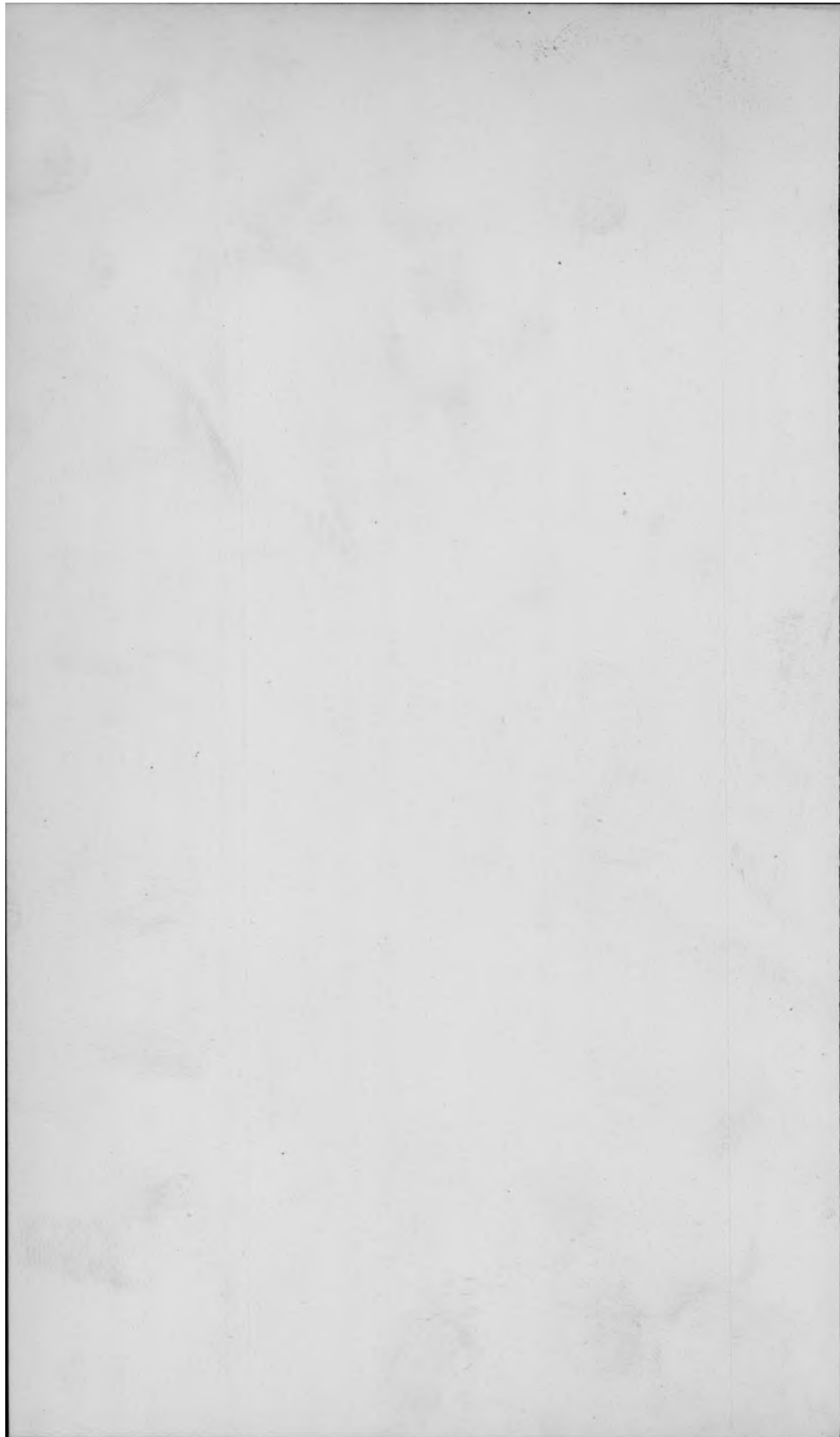
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Henry F. Reese.....	(28)	Selma	Grand Principal Sojourner.
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William L. Lee.....	(138)	Columbia	Grand Master 1st Veil.
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