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of the
GRAND
CHAPTER
of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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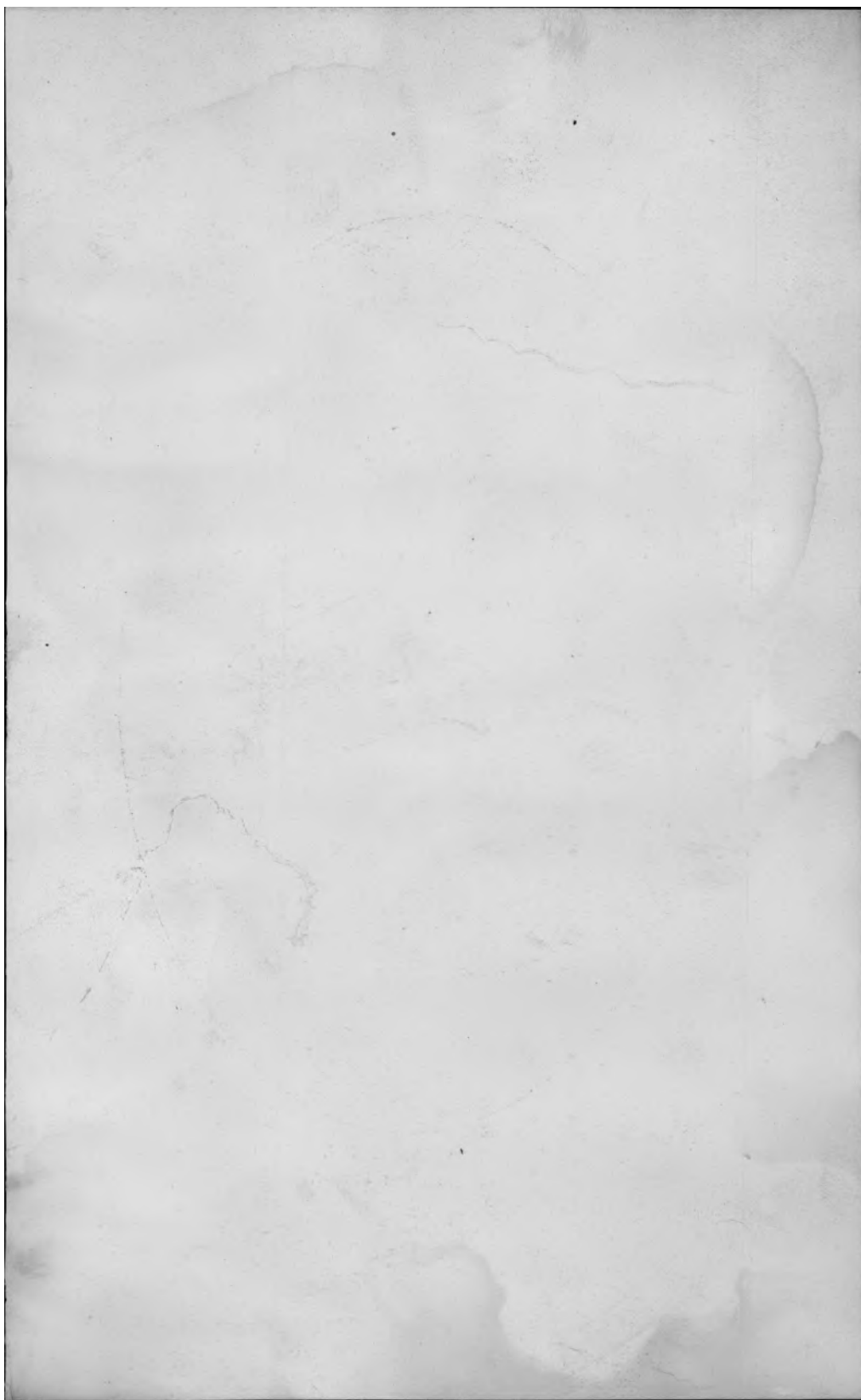
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NORMAN GUNN,
GRAND HIGH PRIEST.



NORMAN GUNN,
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The subject of this sketch was born June 28, 1868, on a farm in Clarke County, Mississippi. His parents were Rev. Henry Sabert and Margaret Dicy (Griffin) Gunn, who were of Scottish stock, having come from Scotland to Virginia in Colonial times; thence to North Carolina, where his grandfather, John Gunn was born, who moved to Mississippi about 1812.

In 1880, Norman Gunn, with his father, moved to Choctaw County, Alabama, where he grew up on a farm. His early educational advantages were very meagre, having attended the country public schools in the community during the summer months. He received the degree of B. S. at the Lexington Normal College, Lexington, Mississippi, 1892, and in June, 1896, he received the degree of LL. B., from the University of Alabama.

He was principal of the High School in Thomasville, Alabama, from 1892 to 1895; practiced law at Thomasville, Alabama, 1896-1907; then at Jasper, Alabama, from 1907 to the present time.

He was Mayor of Thomasville, Alabama, 1896-1899; Solicitor of Clarke County, Alabama, 1903-1907; State Senator of the 19th Senatorial District, 1907-1911. He removed to Jasper, Alabama, October 7, 1907.

The following is his Masonic History:

He was initiated April 5, passed May 3, and raised May 22, 1902, in Oliver Lodge No. 334, of Thomasville, Alabama. In June, 1905, he was elected Worshipful Master of this Lodge and served as such until June, 1908. On March 5, 1910, he dimitted from this Lodge and affiliated with York Lodge No. 211, of Jasper, Alabama, on May 23, 1910.

He was advanced May 22, 1902; presided May 22, 1902; received and accepted May 23, 1902, and exalted May 23, 1902, in Thomasville Chapter No. 115, of Thomasville, Alabama. He dimitted from this Chapter on May 1, 1909, and affiliated with Jasper Chapter No. 118, of Jasper, Alabama, on June 17, 1909. He was elected and served as High Priest of this Chapter from June, 1909, to June, 1913.

He received the Order of High Priesthood on December 7, 1909.

He received the Cryptic Degrees in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 6, 1910, by request of Sam Thompson Council No. 43, of Birmingham, Alabama. He dimitted from this Council on January 7, 1915, and affiliated with Norman Gunn Council No. 70, of Jasper, Alabama, on January 7, 1915.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Cyrene Commandery No. 10, of Birmingham, Alabama, on February 17, 1911, by request of Selma Commandery No. 5, of Selma, Alabama, from which Commandery he dimitted and affiliated with Cyrene Commandery No. 10, on January 19, 1912.

On January 31, 1906, he was made a Perfect Elu in Mobile Lodge of Perfection No. 3, of Mobile, Alabama; a Knight Rose Croix on April 6, 1906, in Mobile Rose Croix Chapter No. 3, of Mobile, Alabama; a Knight Kadosh on April 7, 1906, in Mobile Council of Kadosh No. 2, of Mobile, Alabama; a Master of the Royal Secret on April 8, 1906, in Mobile Consistory No. 2, of Mobile, Alabama.

He was made a member of Abba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Mobile, Alabama, on April 8, 1906.

In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama he was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates on December 5, 1905, and was successively advanced until he became Grand High Priest.

In the General Grand Council, which met in San Francisco, California, on August 30, 1915, he represented the Grand Council of the State of Alabama as the proxy of Companion Woolsey Finnell, the Grand Master.

He represented the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama at the Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States at San Francisco, California, on September 1, 1915.

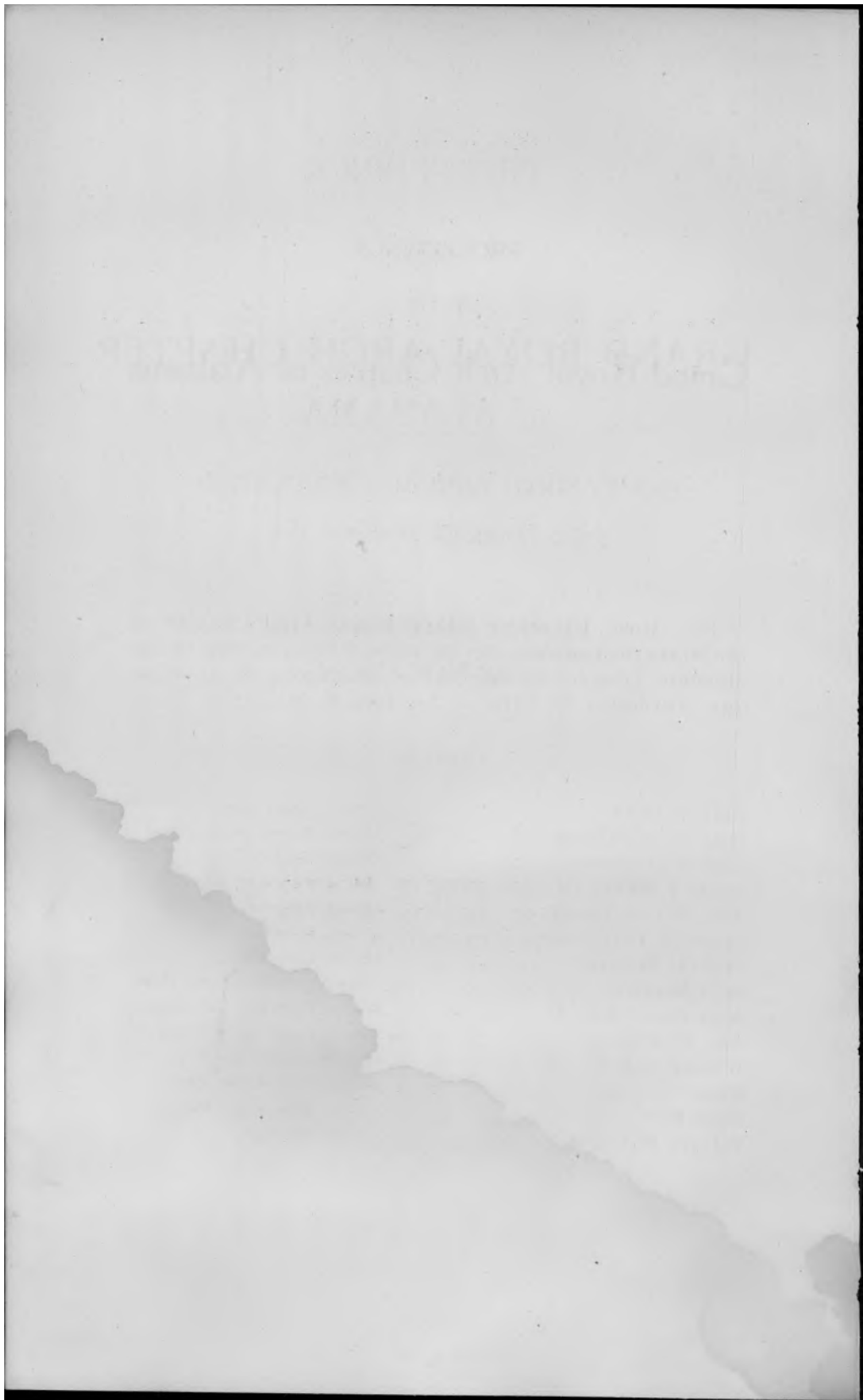
In his private and public life his friendships are warm and sincere and he has to a remarkable degree the devoted attachment of his friends and of those associated with him.

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EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL
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HELD, NOVEMBER 29 AND 30, 1915.

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, November 29, 1915, at 2 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

NORMAN GUNN.....	Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....	Grand King.
HENRY F. REESE.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART McQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN MOFFETT.....	as Grand Captain of the Host.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
GEO. W. HAYS.....	as Grand Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
JACOB BLEY.....	Grand Master 1st Veil
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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.
LAWRENCE H. LEE	Past Grand High Priest.
JOHN B. LYONS	Past Grand High Priest.
GEORGE A. JOINER	Past Grand Secretary.

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

Arkansas	William W. Ransom.
Canada	Lew Lazarus.
Colorado	John B. Christian.
Connecticut	William L. Lee.
District of Columbia	Norman Gunn.
Florida	Robert T. Ward.
Georgia	Robert S. Teague.
Illinois	John Wilson Terry.
Indiana	Seth Mabry.
Iowa	Stewart McQueen.
Kansas	John B. Bethea.
Kentucky	Louis J. Wright.
Maine	George Pegram.
Maryland	Hezeriah G. Earnest.
Massachusetts	George A. Joiner.
Minnesota	Walter Smith.
Mississippi	Leonidas W. Kolb.
New Hampshire	Joseph P. Van Derveer.
New Jersey	Robert C. Williams.
New South Wales	Q. Salter.
New York	Lawrence H. Lee.
New Zealand	James M. Pearson.
North Carolina	Siddons Stollenwerck.
North Dakota	John Philip Melvin.
Nova Scotia	Guy T. Smith.
Oregon	George A. Beauchamp.

Pennsylvania.....	Woolsey Finnell.
Rhode Island.....	Austin F. Kendall.
Scotland.....	Jacob U. Ray.
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.
Tennessee.....	George W. Hays.
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.
Utah.....	John Moffett.
Vermont.....	J. Leon Gunter.
Victoria.....	Gabriel M. Saliba.
Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.
Washington.....	Samuel Stein.
Western Australia.....	John H. McCormick.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.
Wisconsin.....	Julian F. Spearman.
Wyoming.....	Thomas Bradford.

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

1 Tuscaloosa.....	{ Walter Smith*.....	H. P.
	{ Jesse M. Rogers.....	K.
	{ Woolsey Finnell*.....	S.
5 Eunomia.....	A. F. Kendall.....	H. P.
10 Tuscumbia.....	{ Chas. E. Saywell.....	H. P.
	{ Young S. Harrington*.....	K.
12 Marion.....	Edward Swann.....	H. P.
19 Mt. Moriah.....	W. K. Hamlett*.....	H. P.
21 Mobile.....	{ C. A. L. Johnstone.....	H. P.
	{ J. H. McCormick*.....	K.
	{ J. W. Phillips*.....	S.
22 Montgomery.....	{ Felix Robinson.....	H. P.
	{ Hugh M. Marks.....	K.
	{ Gideon H. Ray.....	S.
23 Talladega.....	{ J. H. Rogers*.....	H. P.
	{ George A. Joiner*.....	K.
	{ Louis J. Wright*.....	S.
24 Eufaula.....	Seth Mabry.....	H. P.
26 Union.....	{ J. S. Kennedy*.....	H. P.
	{ Siddons Stollenwerck*.....	K.
	{ Jack Stollenwerck*.....	S.
28 St. Johns.....	{ John Moffett.....	H. P.
	{ Henry F. Reese*.....	K.
	{ George T. Rees*.....	S.

34	Hermon	Charles C. Clarke	S.
38	Decatur	J. Leon Gunter*	H. P.
56	Dadeville	{ Robert T. Ward	H. P.
		{ Geo. C. Douville*	K.
57	Collinsville	John T. Bartlett*	H. P.
64	Central	{ E. H. Wills*	H. P.
		{ Wm. F. Aldrich*	K.
71	Landmark	{ L. W. Kolb	H. P.
		{ D. W. Munn*	K.
		{ A. B. Metcalf*	S.
76	Elyton	{ B. R. E. Lee	H. P.
		{ H. J. Salter*	K.
		{ Daniel B. White*	S.
79	Hillabee	James M. Pearson*	H. P.
80	Myles J. Greene	John B. Lyons*	H. P.
81	Jefferson	{ Jacob Bley	H. P.
		{ W. H. Gregory*	K.
86	Coosa	Hartsford L. Ison*	H. P.
88	Springville	{ Oscar McCain	K.
		{ E. M. McClendon*	S.
99	Ben Bricken	{ Wm. H. Stoddard*	H. P.
		{ W. B. Martin*	K.
		{ J. W. Turner	S.
100	Roanoke	{ Gabriel M. Saliba	H. P.
		{ J. P. Radney*	K.
101	Mineral City	Robert E. Howard	S.
104	Sylacauga	French H. Craddock*	H. P.
105	Anniston	{ Hilliard O. Earnest*	H. P.
		{ John H. Snodgrass*	K.
106	Graham	{ J. E. Thomason*	H. P.
		{ Cicero B. Cole	S.
108	Pratt City	{ D. G. Richards*	H. P.
		{ J. C. Fason*	S.
109	Blocton	Geo. Archer*	H. P.
110	Bessemer	D. O. Worthy*	S.
111	Piedmont	{ O. L. Stewart*	H. P.
		{ O. W. Hamm*	K.
		{ S. J. Posey*	S.
112	Brewton	Wm. T. Neal*	H. P.
113	Dothan	Robert C. Williams	H. P.
115	Thomasville	{ J. A. Gilmore*	K.
		{ W. R. K. Mayton	S.
116	Clanton	{ H. T. Pipes*	H. P.
		{ J. P. Van Derveer*	K.
		{ E. M. Pinckard*	S.

118	Jasper	{ Lynn Long*-----	H. P.
		{ Norman Gunn*-----	K.
		{ J. H. Craig*-----	S.
119	Jackson	R. M. Harold*-----	H. P.
120	Ensley	J. Davies-----	K.
122	Monroe	Q. Salter-----	H. P.
125	Centreville	{ J. C. Hicks-----	H. P.
		{ J. P. Melvin*-----	K.
		{ B. F. Farrar*-----	S.
126	Tallasse	{ P. R. Dubberly-----	H. P.
		{ R. L. Harris*-----	K.
127	Evergreen	H. H. Floyd*-----	H. P.
130	Palymra	Oliver Day Street-----	H. P.
131	Cordova	M. G. Hubbard-----	H. P.
134	Elba	C. S. Allred*-----	H. P.
135	Floral	{ W. B. Miller-----	H. P.
		{ S. M. Seaton-----	K.
136	Auburn	{ James T. Anderson-----	H. P.
		{ W. P. Zuber-----	S.
137	Samson	James W. Brooks*-----	K.
138	Columbia	{ W. L. Lee-----	H. P.
		{ C. H. Tomlinson-----	K.
140	Hartselle	A. M. White*-----	H. P.
141	Castleberry	{ Elisha Downing, Jr.-----	H. P.
		{ J. W. Thurmond*-----	K.
		{ S. Castleberry-----	K.
142	Cherokee	{ Thomas Bradford*-----	H. P.
		{ Joe W. Baker*-----	K.
		{ J. W. Patty*-----	S.
143	Delta	A. R. Stephens*-----	H. P.
146	Woodlawn	{ Geo. W. Hays-----	H. P.
		{ Thomas J. Brown*-----	K.
		{ C. W. Jolly-----	S.

*Proxy.

Number of Chapters represented, 56.

OPENED.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer, as follows, by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain :

O! Almighty, Eternal and ever-loving Heavenly Father, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is Holy, grant to us, we beseech

Thee, the spirit to think and to do always such things as are right, that we who can not do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will.

Pour into our hearts the spirit of love for one another. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice. Grant that as we grow in age we may grow in grace. Purge from our souls the spirit of envy, covetousness and greed. Enable us so to live that we shall be separated from all dross; only the golden grain remaining, and we be fitted for the Heavenly Garner, there to dwell with Thee and angels and arch-angels, and all the Celestial Host, from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen. So mote it be.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

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

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

COMPANIONS:—Immutable time has brought us together in this our Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation. I extend to you fraternal greetings, welcome you to all its benefits, and pray a beneficent benediction upon you and upon your labors. May brotherly love permeate our hearts and may this Convocation display all the beauties of our noble institution, exemplify unity of spirit, ennoble and elevate our ideals and cement our purposes in our great and glorious work. I trust that since we last assembled a gracious Providence has smiled upon each of you and bestowed a wealth of blessings upon your business and your vocations and rewarded abundantly your efforts.

Let us not for a moment, on this occasion, forget the ancient landmarks of the Craft. We can best serve by observing and conforming to those basic principles of duty to God, to neighbor and to self which actuated those worthies of the past to trust in the Great I Am to liberate them from bondage and permit them to assist in rebuilding and maintaining those institutions so dear to them by sentiment and tradition, the material part of which had been wrested from their hands. Beneath the wreckage of temple and city and the torch

of vandals and the bloody hand of desecration our ancient companions remained steadfast and true, looking forward with unerring faith to a re-establishment of their heritage, ever bearing in remembrance those ancient virtues. Let us be true.

In this material age of commercial activity and the scramble for wealth and power, let us remember that our Masonic duties and obligations should be the guide and monitor to our lives and conduct. Let us be faithful, patient and not weary in well doing. Let us be Brethren and Companions. We meet in Annual Convocation to fraternize, to unify, to organize, that we may the better display the beauties of our Order, practice its virtues and disseminate good fellowship and well being, thereby making the world better.

We have many things for which to be thankful. During the past Masonic year, we have made substantial and gratifying gain. More interest is being manifested among the Companions, a closer fraternal spirit is felt among them and a decided improvement is noticed in many Chapters in putting on the degree work in approved form. The net gain in new members is very gratifying indeed. While, of necessity we have lost some, yet the results of your labors and your zeal for the institution have been greatly rewarded.

I congratulate you upon the reign of peace and brotherly love throughout our great country and the high moral stand for peace it has taken in the present crisis in the world's bitter conflict. A disregard of the principles of our Order—brotherly love, relief and truth,—has brought about the most destructive and intolerable condition in the history of man. When the principles of our Order are applied and lived up to, then "Swords will be beaten into plow shares, and spears into pruning hooks, then nation shall not lift up sword against nation any more, and the reign of the Prince of Peace shall be perfect and everlasting." May this come speedily and restore peace and brotherly love to all mankind.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

On July 10, 1915, the Grand High Priest of the Universe took the soul of our beloved Grand Royal Arch Captain, Philip McRae, over the rugged road of death, and through the vells and by the signet of truth and duty was received into the presence of the Grand Council above. A good craftsman has gone from among us; he was true and tried.

On November 1, 1915, I issued to all the Grand Officers and subordinate Chapters of our Grand Jurisdiction the following memorial letter:

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

Jasper, Alabama, November 1st, 1915.

To the Officers and Members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, and to all the Members of the Chapters In Its Jurisdiction, and to all the Grand Chapters in Fraternal Correspondence:

"We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof."

COMPANIONS:—Death has again invaded our ranks and taken from our midst

COMPANION PHILIP McRAE

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain. His death occurred on the train July 10th, 1915, at 12:30 o'clock A. M., near Greenville, Alabama.

"The death Change comes.

Death is another life. We bow our heads

At going out, we think, and enter straight

Another golden chamber of the King's,

Larger than this we leave, and lovelier.

And then in shadowy glimpses, disconnect,

The story, flower-like, closes thus its leaves.

The Will of God is all in all."

The funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian Church of Montgomery, Alabama, July 11th, 1915, and he was buried in the Pea River Church cemetery near Clio, Alabama, with Masonic honors.

"We found for him the prettiest daisied spot we could, and there with pikes and picknards made for him a grave."

Philip McRae was born near Clio, Barbour County, Alabama, November 13th, 1855, the son of John Nicholson McRae and Catherine McRae, who originally came from North Carolina. He was one of five children, and was survived by two sisters and one brother. His father was killed in the Civil War and he was reared by his mother on the farm.

In 1881 he moved to Montgomery, and went into the services of the L. & N. railroad company on November 20th, 1881, as a brakeman;

promoted to freight conductor November 5th, 1883, and remained in that capacity until January 31st, 1890, when he was promoted to passenger conductor February 1st, 1890, in which capacity he remained until September 14th, 1898, at which time he was transferred to Station Master at Montgomery and remained in that capacity until October 9th, 1905, when he returned to the services of passenger conductor and died in that capacity while in the discharge of his duties.

On July 9th, 1915, while in charge of the Louisville & Nashville New York-New Orleans Limited near Greenville, Alabama, bandits held up and robbed the train and while the train was being robbed he died of apoplexy.

He was married on March 17th, 1885, to Miss Maggie Johnson, of Louisville, Alabama. From this union four children were born: two died in infancy, the other two, Frank J., and Miss Edith Mae, together with the mother survive him.

He joined the Pea River Presbyterian Church, near Clio, Alabama, and united with the First Presbyterian Church at Montgomery in 1881, which church made him an Elder on June 30th, 1907, which position he held until he died.

His Masonic history is as follows:

He was initiated in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, of Montgomery, Alabama, on July 19th, 1901, passed August 13th, 1901, and raised October 4th, 1901. He was elected and served this Lodge as Worshipful Master during the year 1906.

He received the Capitular Degrees in Montgomery Chapter No. 22 as follows:

Mark Master February 11th, 1902; Past Master February 18th, 1902; Most Excellent Master February 18th, 1902; Royal Arch February 25th, 1902. He was elected and served this Chapter as High Priest during the years 1905 and 1907.

He received the Order of High Priesthood on December 4th, 1906.

He received the Cryptic Degrees in Montgomery Council No. 3 on October 13th, 1908, and was elected and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of that Council during the year 1911.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Montgomery Commandery No. 4 on April 24th, 1903, and was elected and served as Eminent Commander during the year 1908.

In the Grand Chapter of Alabama he was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee, 1911, and was successively advanced and at the time of his death was Grand Royal Arch Captain.

He was also a member of the Committee on Finance of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama, and of the Committee on Work of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

He was thoroughly proficient in the ritual of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and was one of the most impressive exemplifiers of Masonic work in the State. A good man and zealous Mason has been called from among us; one whom the entire Craft loved.

His former pastor, Dr. Henry M. Edmonds, upon hearing of his tragic death, paid him an unusual but deserved tribute. Among other things he said: "He had as many elements of nobility in him as any man I ever met. He had the directness and simplicity of children, the modesty of saints, the courage and loyalty of an ideal soldier. He lived in the atmosphere of the old prophets and psalmists and ancient hymns, but he had none of the hardness that is often breathed in with that air; the sermon on the mount was second nature to him. Simplicity and wisdom, strength and tenderness, humanity and heavenliness were mixed in him in wondrous fashion. A proper biographer would relate how he came to Montgomery, as a big, raw boy to begin his task, how he performed it, every jot and tittle, until the end; how he made friends; how he gave and remembered not that he gave; with what clear eyes he saw life and God, how simply and quietly and honestly he lived; how gradually he came into the lead of masonic bodies, how he loved the Brethren, and with what unctious and moving voice he rolled out the mighty sentences and sentiments of the Rituals. With what humility and delicacy he conducted himself with his church relationship and how finally he was exalted to the Eldership in the Presbyterian Communion."

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

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter, this first day of November, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

[Seal.]

NORMAN GUNN,
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST:

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

With our Companions in other Jurisdictions we mourn the loss of the following, and extend our sympathy and our sorrow:

M'. E'. Companion Joseph R. Johnson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died December 29, 1914.

M'. E'. Companion James Callan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died March 14, 1915.

R'. E'. Companion James H. Price, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Delaware. Died December 12, 1914.

M'. E'. Companion John Robert Wilkinson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia. Died April 7, 1915.

M'. E'. Companion George W. Ball, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Died July 18, 1915.

M'. E'. Companion Erasmus T. Carr, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Died May 12, 1915.

M'. E'. Companion Warren LaRue Thomas, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died November 23, 1914.

M'. E'. Companion John Merriken Carter, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. Died July 3, 1915.

M'. E'. Companion Harry Porter Deuel, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died November 23, 1914.

M'. E'. Companion John Jackson Mercer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died February 25, 1915.

M'. E'. Companion William Henry Munger, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died August 11, 1915.

M. E. Companion Albert Wallace Crites, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died August 23, 1915.

M. E. Companion Charles J. Phelps, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died August 24, 1915.

M. E. Companion John Bell Dinsmore, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died October 6, 1915.

M. E. Companion Joseph A. Miller, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. Died December 8, 1914.

M. E. Companion James Southgate, Past Grand High Priest and Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. Died October 28, 1914.

M. E. Companion DeWitt E. Allen, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. Died January 4, 1915.

R. E. Companion Robert S. Barnes, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. Died February 6, 1915.

M. E. Companion Anson Bartlett, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. Died April 17, 1915.

M. E. Companion Owen B. Hannan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died December 27, 1914.

M. E. Companion Orestes A. B. Senter, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died February 21, 1915.

M. E. Companion Zachary Taylor Walrond, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Died November 5, 1914.

R. E. Companion James E. Godfrey, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Died January 20, 1915.

M. E. Companion John Berry Garrett, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Died March 26, 1915.

M. E. Companion Junius Hobson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Died April 22, 1915.

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 : Charles Augustus Peter, Prescott.
Arkansas : Fielding W. Harris, Mammoth Springs.
California : Thomas O. Heydenfelt, Redwood City.
Canada : William Rea, Toronto.
Colorado : Tyler D. Heiskell, Fort Morgan.
Connecticut : Eugene E. Hall, Meriden.
Delaware : J. Harmer Rile, Wilmington.
District of Columbia : Charles F. Roberts, Washington.
Florida : Geo. H. White, Jacksonville.
Georgia : Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta.
Idaho : J. M. Aldrich, Moscow.
Illinois : Samuel J. Lefevre, Gibson City.
Indiana : Alvin G. Tillotson, Michigan City.
Iowa : William Wilbraham, Cresco.
Kansas : Harry B. Sparks, Lawrence.
Kentucky : Laban T. Everett, Catlettsburg.
Louisiana : H. A. King, New Iberia.
Maine : Chas. M. Sleeper, South Berwick.
Maryland : Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore.
Massachusetts : William B. Lawrence, Medford.
Minnesota : Charles D. Sprague, Minneapolis.
Mississippi : C. W. Bolton, Pontotoc.
Missouri : David M. Wilson, Milan.
Nebraska : Frederick J. Shaufelberger, Hastings.
Nevada : James F. Abel, Winnemucca.
New Brunswick : Allison B. Connell, Woodstock.
New Hampshire : Henry P. Glidden, Dover.
New Jersey : Joseph A. Behan, Ridgefield Park.
New South Wales : Aubrey Halloran, Sydney.
New York : Fay C. Parsons, Cortland.
New Zealand : Thomas Ross, Ravensbourne.
North Carolina : W. B. McKoy, Wilmington.
North Dakota : Charles E. Best, Enderlin.
Nova Scotia : Andrew J. Munro, Amherst.
Ohio : John W. Parsons, Springfield.
Oklahoma : William H. Essex, McAlester.
Oregon : John B. Kilmore, Astoria.
Pennsylvania : William A. Rhoads, Philadelphia.
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. Strayhorn, San Antonio.
Utah: Herman Hill, Salt Lake City.
Vermont: Carroll W. Black, Bellows Falls.
Victoria: Henry I. Scott, Melbourne.
Virginia: W. J. Phillips, Fredericksburg.
Washington: William G. Rowland, Tacoma.
Western Australia: John W. Smart, Geraldton.
West Virginia: James A. Bryan, Parkersburg.
Wisconsin: Frederick Pollworth, Milwaukee.
Wyoming: Hudson W. Darrah, Cody.

I have recommended the following Companions 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 L. Lee, Columbia.
Delaware: Albert E. Pace, Dothan.
District of Columbia: Norman Gunn, Jasper.
Florida: Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.
Georgia: Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.
*Idaho: William H. Cooper, Montgomery.
Illinois: John W. Terry, Montgomery.
Indiana: Seth Mabry, Eufaula.
Iowa: Stewart McQueen, Montgomery.
Kansas: John B. Bethea, Birmingham.
Kentucky: Louis J. Wright, Talladega.
Louisiana: Robert L. Douglass, Mobile.
Maine: George Pegram, Faunsdale.
Maryland: Hezeriah G. Earnest, Anniston.
Massachusetts: George A. Joiner, Talladega.

Minnesota : Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi : Leonidas W. Kolb, Ozark.
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 : Robert C. Williams, Dothan.
New South Wales : Q. Salter, Monroeville.
New York : Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery.
New Zealand : James M. Pearson, Alexander City.
North Carolina : Siddons Stollenwerck, Faunsdale.
North Dakota : John Philip Melvin, Tuscaloosa.
Nova Scotia : Guy T. Smith, Montgomery.
Ohio : John G. Smith, Birmingham.
Oklahoma : William F. Betts, Evergreen.
Oregon : George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.
Pennsylvania : Woolsey Finnell, Tuscaloosa.
Quebec : Joseph D. Matlock, Ensley.
Rhode Island : Austin F. Kendall, Huntsville.
Scotland : Jacob U. Ray, Woodstock.
South Carolina : Francis H. Bates, Hamburg.
South Dakota : Jacob Bley, Demopolis.
Tennessee : George W. Hays, Birmingham.
Texas : John B. Lyons, Opelika.
Utah : John Moffett, Selma.
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 : Julian F. Spearman, Anniston.
Wyoming, Thomas Bradford, Centre.

*These Companions have received their commissions except the one indicated by an asterisk.

DISPENSATION TO CONTINUE WORK.

On March 20, 1915, I issued a dispensation to Dadeville Chapter No. 56, permitting them to continue work until this Convocation of the Grand Chapter, their Charter having been destroyed by fire, and I recommend that a new Charter be granted said Chapter free of cost.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

I issued dispensations to elect and install officers in the following instances, the Chapters having failed to elect same at the constitutional time:

June 18, 1915, to Blocton Chapter No. 109.
July 1, 1915, to Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 19.
July 5, 1915, to James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129.
July 20, 1915, to Columbia Chapter No. 138.
September 3, 1915, to Collinsville Chapter No. 57.
November 3, 1915, to Auburn Chapter No. 136.

DISPENSATIONS TO BALLOT OUT OF TIME AND CONFER DEGREES.

For good and sufficient reasons, I issued dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees in the following instances:

January 4, 1915, to Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
January 7, 1915, to Union Chapter No. 26.
January 25, 1915, to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
February 10, 1915, to Hermon Chapter No. 34.
March 3, 1915, to Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10.
March 5, 1915, to Marion Chapter No. 12.
March 8, 1915, to Woodlawn Chapter No. 146.
March 12, 1915, to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
March 19, 1915, to Eufaula Chapter No. 24.
March 29, 1915, to Eunomia Chapter No. 5.
April 24, 1915, to Mobile Chapter No. 21.
May 4, 1915, to Union Chapter No. 26.
May 14, 1915, to Woodlawn Chapter No. 146.
May 24, 1915, to Anniston Chapter No. 105.

May 25, 1915, to Woodlawn Chapter No. 146.
June 2, 1915, to Centreville Chapter No. 125.
July 15, 1915, to Union Chapter No. 26.
August 20, to Cherokee Chapter No. 142.
August 27, 1915, to Woodlawn Chapter No. 146.
September 16, 1915, to Sylacauga Chapter No. 104.
October 7, 1915, to Eunomia Chapter No. 5.
October 23, 1915, to St. John's Chapter No. 28.
November 3, 1915, to Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
November 16, 1915, to Anniston Chapter No. 105.
November 24, 1915, to Sylacauga Chapter No. 104.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America met with the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at San Francisco, on September 1, 1915. In compliance with the policy of this Grand Chapter to send its Grand High Priest to this meeting, I availed myself of this unusual pleasure. I was the only representative from this Grand Chapter present.

Representatives from nearly all the States and Chapters composing the General Grand Chapter were present. Much business was transacted conducive to the upbuilding of the Craft and cementing and bringing closer together the constituent bodies and upholding and maintaining the dignity of our Order. It is an inspiring occasion when the best and greatest of our Order meet in fraternal intercourse and devise means to give the fraternity a broad and deep national possibility.

This trip was made on a special train out of Chicago, which was specially fitted up for carrying the officers and delegates to the General Grand Chapter. We were met and entertained at Denver by the Grand Chapter of Colorado in a most cordial and fraternal manner. While in that State, we were shown many courtesies, banquets, entertainments befitting the occasion and auto trips over that wonderful scenic country, the playground of America.

In Salt Lake City we were met and entertained in the most royal manner by the Grand Chapter of Utah. Everything possible was done to make our stay pleasant. There was not a moment while there that the Companions of the State were not showing us the pleasures

of that interesting city. I have never seen a more cordial fraternal spirit exemplified than the Masons of Utah on this occasion.

At Sacramento the Companions of that city met us and entertained us with auto drives, banquets, and showing us the sights of that wonderful city. Their cordiality was unbounded, and their attention to us bubbled over with genuine pleasure and hospitality.

When we reached San Francisco, we were met by proper committees from the Masonic bodies of this wonderful city and State. They have built a marvelous city upon the ruins and ashes of a few years ago. Their cordiality and attention to us while there made our visit one of pleasure as well as profit. The spirit of fraternalism was shown on every side and the new Masonic Temple there is the wonder and admiration of all who see it.

ALABAMA MASONIC HOME.

The good work being done by the Masonic Home is a source of gratification and pride to all the Masons in our Jurisdiction. It is an accomplishment worthy of our noble purposes and a heritage which we will proudly transmit to those who come after us.

On May 15th, 1915, I mailed out to the subordinate Chapters the following circular letter, asking for contributions for the benefit of this Home, which brought substantial results:

JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Jasper, Alabama, May 15, 1915.

To the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of the Subordinate Chapters of Alabama:

COMPANIONS:—Many of our Companions have wrought nobly without the hope of fee or reward, and by the signet of truth and duty have been received into the presence of the Grand Council above. They had our solemn assurance that their widows and orphans would receive our care; they were sustained by an unfaltering trust in this assurance, which robbed old age of its misgivings and passed them through the Eternal Veils in perfect confidence, making their visions of the future brighter and their faith in mankind stronger. Let us not be untrue to them.

The Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, located at Montgomery, belongs to the Craft. It is not an object of Charity, but of duty, a means by which we may more effectively discharge our duty both to the living and to the dead. Many are being cared for in this Home, many children are being reared and educated for usefulness under the very best of moral influences. We need and must have money to do this. The Home is a systematic and effective method by which we can discharge our obligations to our dependents.

At the Annual Convocation in June, I request that the High Priests of the subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction give every Royal Arch Mason an opportunity to contribute to this cause, and I urge the Companions to respond as liberally as they can. Let every Royal Arch Mason make a personal contribution, be it ever so small.

Send all contributions to Ben M. Jacobs, Chairman, Birmingham, Alabama.

NORMAN GUNN,
Grand High Priest.

[Seal.]

ATTEST:

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

At our last Annual Convocation the number of Districts for the purpose of visitation and inspection was increased to fifteen. I commend this change and believe that it has proven beneficial as it gives the Inspectors more time to devote to each Chapter, which has brought about good results. On December 23, 1914, I mailed to each of the Inspectors the following letter:

JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S OFFICE.

Jasper, Alabama, December 23, 1914.

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION:

One of the great needs of Capitular Masonry in Alabama is a more efficient and uniform work in the subordinate Chapters. When

they become proficient and put on the work well and there is a uniformity of work and paraphernalia, then Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction will be strengthened. For this purpose and to improve the general condition of the Craft, the Grand Chapter divided the Jurisdiction into fifteen Districts and authority the Grand High Priest to appoint an Inspector for each District.

I, therefore, had the honor of appointing you Inspector of the ----- District, composed of the following Chapters: * * * Your duties are to visit the several Chapters at least twice during the year at such time as may be mutually agreeable, and report to the Grand High Priest as to the work, the records, and the attendance, the paraphernalia and the general condition of each Chapter in your District.

From your well known punctuality, proficiency and your love for your Craft, it is useless for me to urge upon you the necessity of your duty well performed. A due observance of these duties will insure great results for the Craft and your faithful services rewarded.

Hoping that you will find this work most pleasant and profitable to yourself, I am,

Yours fraternally,

NORMAN GUNN,
Grand High Priest.

I regret that I was unable to make more official visits during my term of office. I had the pleasure of visiting and inspecting the following Chapters on the dates named:

Tuscumbia No. 10, at Tuscumbia, March 13th, 1915.

Cordova No. 131, at Cordova, March 22nd, 1915.

Eufaula No. 24, at Eufaula, April 1st, 1915.

Bessemer No. 110, at Bessemer, April 21st, 1915.

Central No. 64, at Montevallo, May 26th, 1915.

Woodlawn No. 146, at Woodlawn, June 4th, 1915.

Mineral City No. 101, at Birmingham, November 11th, 1915.

Decatur No. 38, at New Decatur, November 23rd, 1915.

Sylacauga No. 104, at Sylacauga, November 24th, 1915.

Hillabee No. 79, at Alexander City, November 25th, 1915.

On these occasions I was received and entertained with all the respect, honor and dignity befitting the representative of the Grand

Chapter, and the Companions demonstrated by their words and deeds, their love for and loyalty to the Craft.

In his annual address on the occasion of the Grand Chapter in 1912, the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, in speaking of York Rite re-unions said: "Tuscaloosa and Bessemer are the only two cities holding these re-unions 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."

I fully endorse this recommendation and I am glad to report that Birmingham has adopted this plan and held its first re-union November 10-12, 1915. I had the pleasure of attending this re-union and participating in the same. It was inspiring to see the Masons of that great district brought together in brotherly love to renew their zeal and exemplify the work.

DECISIONS.

First. Edict 40, on page 162 of the Manual of 1909, provides that opening in the Royal Arch Degree may be dispensed with if there is no business in that degree. The Ritual provides that, "The Chapter must always be opened on the Royal Arch Degree in due form; called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of opening on another degree; after which it is called from refreshment to labor in the Royal Arch Degree for closing."

Held that there is a conflict in the two provisions; that the Ritual was adopted by the Grand Chapter subsequent to the Edict and thereby abrogates it and the provisions of the Ritual prevail, and the Chapter must be opened and closed in the Royal Arch Degree.

Second.—Every subordinate Chapter situated within the corporate limits of a town or city has co-extensive territorial jurisdiction within such corporate limits.

Third. A petition for the degrees after having been regularly received by the Chapter becomes the property of the Chapter and cannot be withdrawn by the petitioner and can only be disposed of by the usual course of balloting.

Decision number three above was rendered by Right Excellent Companion Deputy Grand High Priest William W. Ransom, who was acting in my stead during my absence from the State.* I heartily concur in this decision.

THE MASONIC WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

On or about December 15th, 1914, I received a communication from Most Excellent Companion Bernard G. Witt, General Grand High Priest, asking that the Grand Chapter of Alabama contribute to the cause of *The Masonic War Relief Association of the United States of America*, an association organized in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the purpose of collecting and dispensing funds for the relief of the distressed in the war stricken countries abroad. I doubted my authority to commit the Grand Chapter to this cause except to give the subordinate Chapters and Companions an opportunity to contribute. I did not take any action in the matter whatever and respectfully submit this proposition to you without any recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would urge the Companions to use their influence to have all those who are exalted and found worthy to take the Cryptic degrees of Masonry. I do not even intimate an interference or merger in any sense, but the exemplification of Cryptic Masonry sheds so much light upon Capitular Masonry and helps us to appreciate the same, that I think Capitular Masonry would thereby be benefited.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

I had the honor of appointing Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee as my traveling companion, and we attended the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on February 22nd, 1915, at Alexandria, Virginia. The object of this association is well known to you. I commend the gigantic task undertaken by the Masons of the United States of erecting a suitable temple as a memorial to George Washington the Mason. While the task is great yet it should be made a labor of love to erect a suitable testimonial of our appreciation of that great and good man as a Mason and to have a suitable temple near the Capitol where the Masons of our country may meet and fraternize.

The Masons of Alexandria received and entertained us with that fraternal spirit which characterizes them and which showed their appreciation of the great and magnificent work in which we are engaged. The association had made substantial progress and the

success of the undertaking is now assured. I most heartily commend this Grand Chapter for the patriotic and fraternal efforts in this cause and assure you that its labors will soon be rewarded.

APPOINTMENTS.

On November 22, 1915, I appointed Excellent Companion John Moffett on Committee on Work to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Excellent Companion Philip McRae.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my Companions, I have given to you an account of my official actions which go to make up the records of this exalted position,—a position which has been so ably and well filled by those shining lights of the past in our Jurisdiction. If you place your approval upon my work and actions in the main, if you find that I have been faithful and true to the trust reposed in me, if I have contributed in any considerable degree to carrying on this noble work and helped to transmit it to coming ages untarnished, and if I have learned the lessons of truth and virtue and walked uprightly in the land mark path made by the shining feet of the good and faithful, then I am content.

To the officers and members of our institution, I am deeply indebted for their loyal help and untiring labors which have brought us success and which have made our work a labor of love. I especially acknowledge the able and loyal services of Right Excellent Companion William W. Ransom, Deputy Grand High Priest, who so ably acted in my stead and looked after the Craft which I was attending the General Grand Chapter.

I attribute the excellent showing of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction in a very large measure to the systematic labors of our Grand Secretary whose untiring energy and zeal for the institution has inspired us all to dare and to do in this work.

I thank you very deeply for the confidence reposed in me and express the hope that you will never have cause to regret the same.

Faternally submitted,

NORMAN GUNN,
Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Right Excellent 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: Lawrence H. Lee, John B. Christian, and John B. Lyons.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, Right Excellent 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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1914.		
Nov. 15.	To Balance-----	\$2,547.39
1915.		
Sept. 8.	Received from Grand Secretary-----	50.00
Sept. 27.	Received from Grand Secretary-----	1,000.00
Oct. 2.	Received from Grand Secretary-----	500.00
Nov. 15.	Received from Grand Secretary-----	2,151.00
		\$6,248.39

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By	Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund-----	\$ 700.00
	Grand Secretary, Salary-----	1,200.00
	Grand Secretary, Clerical Assistance-----	150.00
	Grand Treasurer, Salary-----	100.00
	Grand Sentinel, Salary-----	21.00
	Furnishing Help to Grand Sentinel-----	4.00
	Grand Chaplain, Salary-----	25.00
	Grand Secretary, Issuing Charter-----	10.00
	Grand High Priest, Contingent Fund-----	100.00
	Donation to Masonic Home-----	500.00
	Committee on Correspondence, Salary-----	150.00

Dispatch Printing Co., Printing Manuals.....	626.20	
Norman Gunn, Expenses Attending George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	87.50	
Lawrence H. Lee, Expenses Attending George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	87.50	
George A. Beauchamp, Expenses in Compiling Manual	28.50	
Past Grand High Priest Jewel.....	25.00	
Library :		
Books	\$19.80	
A. A. Wright, Books.....	5.00	
C. W. Edgerton, Proceedings.....	25.00	
Paragon Press, Binding.....	24.00	73.80
Inspections :		
Norman Gunn	\$ 40.00	
John H. McCormick.....	55.80	
Henry F. Reese.....	20.10	
Joseph D. Matlock.....	44.10	
Robert T. Ward.....	4.66	164.66
Balance	\$2,195.23	\$6,248.39

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN WILSON TERRY,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary, Most Excellent 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 report for the year ending November 15, 1915.

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1915.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report.....\$3,329.25
 (For detailed statement see Appendix.)

RECAPITULATION.

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

1915.

Jan. 18.	T. B. Beall, Langdale.....	No. 132	No charge
Jan. 18.	W. J. Calhoun, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Jan. 18.	J. L. Hawkins, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Jan. 18.	P. M. Lane, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Jan. 18.	L. B. Morris, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Jan. 18.	J. W. Morris, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Jan. 18.	W. R. Waller, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Jan. 18.	R. M. Williams, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Jan. 18.	W. D. Vinson, Langdale.....	132	No charge
Mar. 24.	James L. Brittain, Danville.....	78	No charge
Apr. 7.	S. G. Howell, Danville.....	78	\$1.50
Oct. 26.	John W. Jones, Langdale.....	132	4.00
Oct. 28.	J. C. Slaney, Daniel Pratt.....	96	4.00
			\$9.50

MANUALS.

1915.

Nov. 15. Manuals sold since last report.....\$ 362.25

RECAPITULATION.

1915.

Nov. 15.	Dues collected since last report.....	\$3,329.25
Nov. 15.	Certificates issued since last report....	9.50
Nov. 15.	Manuals sold since last report.....	362.25
		\$3,701.00

1915.

Sept. 8.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 50.00
Sept. 27.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	1,000.00

Oct. 2.	Paid Grand Treasurer-----	500.00	
Nov. 15.	Paid Grand Treasurer-----	2,151.00	\$3,701.00

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

In Account With

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

1914.

Dec. 1. Appropriation 1914-15-----\$ 700.00

1915.

Nov. 15.	Printing and Stationery-----	\$ 371.72	
Nov. 15.	Sundries -----	51.16	
Nov. 15.	Postage and Express-----	158.18	
Nov. 15.	Coal -----	78.50	
Nov. 15.	Dues to General Grand Chapter-----	41.49	
Nov. 15.	Telegrams -----	4.34	\$ 705.39

Amount Overdrawn -----	\$ 5.39
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Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL REPORT ON RITUALS.

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

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

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

No. 175, Union Chapter No. 26. By resolution of Grand Chapter to replace copy destroyed by fire. No charge.

No. 176, Norman Gunn, Grand High Priest. No charge.

Nos. 177 to 300 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 Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

The following Proceedings have been bound during the year and placed in the Grand Lodge Library:

Arkansas 1911-1913	1 volume
Connecticut 1853-1859, 1860-1865	2 volumes
Delaware 1908-1913	1 volume
England, Volume 4, 1904-1913	1 volume
Kansas 1911-1914	1 volume
Kentucky 1912-1914	1 volume
Maryland and District of Columbia 1848-1858	1 volume
Mississippi 1911-1914	1 volume
Nebraska 1908-1913	1 volume
New Hampshire 1910-1913	1 volume
New York 1858-1865	1 volume
Rhode Island 1855-1869	1 volume
Texas 1912-1914	1 volume
Wisconsin 1850-1859, 1910-1914	2 volumes
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	15 volumes

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, and, on motion, it was received and ordered printed with the proceedings. (See Appendix.)

REGRETS.

The following telegram was received from Right Excellent Companion Joseph D. Matlock, Grand Captain of the Host:

"Little Rock, Arkansas, November 28, 1915.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,
Montgomery, Alabama.

I hoped until yesterday that I could be with you and my dear Companions this week, and am heartsick that I can not. My work here prevents my doing so. Give my sincere love to the officers and Companions and my regrets at being absent from this meeting.

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK."

And the Grand Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of above telegram and wire Companion Matlock the regrets of this Grand Chapter at his enforced absence.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On account of the unavoidable absence of various committeemen, the following Companions were appointed to act on the committees named for this Annual Convocation:

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

J. Leon Gunter.

Robert E. Howard.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Hartsford L. Ison.

French H. Craddock.

Robert F. Lovelady.

COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Charles A. L. Johnstone.

Maynard G. Hubbard.

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

George Archer.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

William W. Whiteside.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION.

Right Excellent Companion John H. McCormick offered the following resolution and, on motion, it was adopted:

Be it resolved, That this Grand Chapter send Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee to the Annual Meetings of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association so long as he continues as Secretary of said Association and that the expenses incurred by him in attending same be paid. This in addition to the two representatives now provided for by this Grand Chapter.

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, Right Excellent Companion Henry F. Reese, responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

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SPECIAL ORDERS.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Work was made the first thing in the order of business this evening.

On motion, ten o'clock tomorrow morning was made a special order for the election of officers.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 4, ARTICLE I, OF THE
CONSTITUTION.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee called up, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider his proposition offered at the last Annual Convocation.

Be it resolved, By the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, that Section 4, Article I, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. This Grand Chapter shall hold its Annual Convocation in the City of Montgomery on Monday immediately preceding the first Wednesday in December of each year, and the Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability, the Deputy Grand High Priest shall have the power to convene the Grand Chapter whenever it may be necessary; and he is bound to do so whenever requested in writing by not less than six Chapters; *provided*, that twenty days notice of such Convocation be given each chartered Chapter, naming the date of such Convocation.

And the Grand Chapter adopted the amendment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S
ADDRESS.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following report and, on motion, it was adopted:

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that so much of the address as has reference to our fraternal dead in this and other Grand Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That so much of the address as refers to the appointment of Grand Representatives of this Grand Jurisdiction near other Grand Jurisdictions, and the recommendation of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near this Grand Jurisdiction be approved.

That the action of the Grand High Priest in continuing Dadeville Chapter No. 56 under dispensation, and his recommendation that their charter be restored without cost, be approved. (The charter having been destroyed by fire.)

That the action of the Grand High Priest in issuing dispensations to elect and install officers out of statutory time be approved.

That the action of the Grand High Priest in issuing dispensations to ballot out of statutory time and confer degrees be approved. But your Committee recommend that it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that in the future this prerogative be confined to extreme necessity.

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Chapter of Alabama that it was so ably represented at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and felicitate the Grand High Priest on the honors and pleasures attendant upon his trip; but your Committee express surprise that a gentleman of his gallant disposition and many personal attractions should have made his escape unmated from the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah.

Your Committee commend the action of the Grand High Priest in issuing the annual letter on behalf of the Alabama Masonic Home, and congratulate the subordinate Chapters upon their generous response. May the good work continue and grow.

We recommend that the decisions of the Grand High Priest be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the Masonic War Relief Association be submitted to the Finance Committee for report.

Your Committee commend most heartily the tone and spirit of the address of the Grand High Priest, and congratulate him upon the good work accomplished. It is a matter of gratification to note the progress of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout our domain.

Faternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JOHN B. LYONS,

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 o'clock this evening.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

MONDAY EVENING, November 29, 1915.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at seven o'clock, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Norman Gunn, 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. 2.

Excellent Companion Robert C. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, submitted the following report, and, on motion, the report was adopted and the recommendations were concurred in.

To the Most Excellent 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:

Eunomia No. 5.

Marion No. 12.

Mobile No. 21.

Talladega No. 23.

Union No. 26.

Hermon No. 34.

Tyrian No. 54.

Collinsville No. 57.

Landmark No. 71.

Coosa No. 86.

Mineral City No. 101.

Anniston No. 105.

Pratt City No. 108.

Dothan No. 113.

Thomasville No. 115.

Jasper No. 118.

Ensley No. 120.

Covington No. 123.

Centreville No. 125.	Elba No. 134.
Evergreen No. 127.	Columbia No. 138.
Palmyra No. 130.	Castleberry No. 141.
Woodlawn No. 146.	

We note the following discrepancies:

Myles J. Greene No. 80. Errors 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 still uncorrected.

Ben Bricken No. 99. Late in making returns for 1914 and 1915. Also errors for 1914 and 1915 not corrected.

Bessemer No. 110. No age given for two deceased Companions.

Auburn No. 136. No seal.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,
HARTSFORD L. ISON,
FRENCH H. CRADDOCK,
ROBERT F. LOVELADY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work made report on the Royal Arch degree.

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, November 30, 1915.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Norman Gunn, 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 MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand High Priest, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that each be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

WILLIAM W. WHITESIDE,

Committee.

PHYSICAL DEFECTS.

Right Excellent Companion Henry F. Reese introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be requested to report during this Convocation, whether or not it is practical, expedient or proper to modify the Edicts relating to physical infirmities making a person ineligible to the Capitular degrees.

Said committee subsequently reported thereon as follows:

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the resolutions relative to the physical defect rule, beg leave to report:

1st. We recommend the abolition or repeal of Constitutional Rule 7 (page 172, Manual 1915), and of Edicts Nos. 14 and 15 (page 176, Manual 1915).

2nd. We recommend the adoption of the following rule relative to physical defects:

No candidate can be permitted to receive the Chapter degrees who is so physically defective as to prevent him from conforming to the requirements of the several degrees; and the subordinate Chapter to whom the petition is addressed is to be the judge thereof.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
WILLIAM W. WHITESIDE,
Committee.

The report of the committee was adopted and the recommendations were concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Excellent Companion Louis J. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, 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 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 -----\$2,547.39
Since that time he has receipted to the Grand
Secretary for ----- 3,701.00 \$6,248.39

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel -----	\$	21.00	
Contingent Fund -----		700.00	
Book-cases for Library -----		19.80	
Grand Secretary, Salary -----		1,200.00	
Grand Secretary, Clerical Assistance -----		150.00	
Grand Treasurer, Salary -----		100.00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Salary ---		150.00	
Books for Library -----		30.00	
P. G. H. P. Jewel -----		25.00	
Donation to Masonic Home -----		500.00	
Grand Chaplain, Salary -----		25.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest -----		100.00	
Expenses Delegates to George Washington Ma- sonic National Memorial Association -----		175.00	
Grand Secretary, Furnishing Help to Grand Sen- tinel -----		4.00	
Grand Secretary, Issuing Charter -----		10.00	
Dispatch Printing Company, Printing Manual ---		626.20	
George A. Beauchamp, Expenses in Compiling Manual -----		28.50	
Paragon Press, Binding -----		24.00	
Inspection of Chapters -----		164.66	\$4,053.16
Balance on hand and in bank -----			\$2,195.23
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer -----			1,195.00
Total cash on hand -----			\$3,390.23

We find that the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1915.

Dues collected	\$3,329.25	
Certificates issued	9.50	
Manuals sold	362.25	\$3,701.00

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

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

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Amount appropriated 1914 Convocation of the Grand Chapter	\$ 700.00
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By Printing and Stationery	\$ 371.72	
Sundries	51.16	
Postage and Express	158.18	
Coal	78.50	
Dues to General Grand Chapter	41.49	
Telegrams	4.34	\$ 705.39

Leaving a balance due the Grand Secretary of \$ 5.39

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Contingent Fund	\$ 700.00
Grand Treasurer, payable quarterly	100.00
Grand Secretary, payable monthly	1,200.00
Grand Secretary, amount paid out in excess of Contingent Fund	5.39
Clerical assistance to Grand Secretary	150.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, payable quarterly	150.00
Grand Sentinel, to cover all expenses	25.00
Library	75.00
Donation to Masonic Home	500.00

Grand Chaplain, Salary-----	25.00	
P. G. H. P. Jewel-----	25.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest-----	100.00	
Expenses Lawrence H. Lee to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, February 1916 -----	87.50	
Expenses Delegates to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, February, 1916 -----	175.00	
Expenses Norman Gunn, Grand High Priest, in attending General Grand Chapter-----	150.00	\$3,467.89
Fraternally submitted,		
LOUIS J. WRIGHT,		
SAMUEL STEIN,		
FRANCIS H. BATES,		
Committee.		

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

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred that part of the address of the Grand High Priest, relative to a request from Companion Wm. B. Melish, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for a donation from this Grand Chapter to be used for the relief of the distressed in the war zone of Europe, beg to submit that such action on the part of this Grand Body would not be a wise course to pursue at this time.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

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

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

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg to report that nothing has been presented to them for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN,

JULIAN F. SPEARMAN,

GEORGE ARCHER,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

Excellent Companion George Pegram, of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, beg leave to report as follows:

(1) We have examined the reports of the following designated subordinate Chapters under your jurisdiction and find same substantially correct, i. e.:

Tuscaloosa No. 1.	Sylacauga No. 104.
Tuscumbia No. 10.	Blocton No. 109.
Montgomery No. 22.	Piedmont No. 11.
Eufaula No. 24.	H. Clay Armstrong No. 114.
St. John's No. 28.	Clanton No. 116.
Decatur No. 38.	Tallassee No. 126.
Dadeville No. 56.	James E. Cobb No. 129.
Central No. 64.	Cordova No. 131.
Elyton No. 76.	Floralda No. 135.
Springville No. 88.	Samson No. 137.

(2) We have also carefully examined the reports of the following designated Chapters and find them incorrect for the reasons, separately, herein set forth:

Graham Chapter No. 106. James H. Johnson and Shelley Sewall were members in 1914; they are dropped from report of 1915 but

no reason is given for the omission. Alexander Briggers was not a member in 1914; his name is on the roll of membership for 1915 without statements as to when or how he was admitted. There is no seal attached to the report.

Monroe Chapter No. 122. The report is not signed by the Secretary.

Hartselle Chapter No. 140. No seal attached to the report.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE PEGRAM,

SETH MABRY,

GEORGE W. HAYS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Excellent Companion Charles A. L. Johnstone, of the Committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Dispensations respectfully report that nothing has been presented to them for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

JOHN MOFFETT,

CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE,

Committee.

RELATIVE TO RITUAL.

Excellent Companion Robert C. Williams introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Work be and are hereby requested to report at this Convocation whether it is proper, expedient and practical to modify the Ritual, which requires that the Chapter shall be opened in the Royal Arch degree, and called from labor to refreshment in order to open in one of the other degrees.

The above was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to be reported on at next Annual Convocation.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Grand High Priest.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
HENRY F. REESE.....	Grand King.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand Captain of the Host.

The Grand High Priest-elect subsequently appointed the following:

WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JACOB BLEY.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
J. LEON GUNTER.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
ARCHIBALD L. R. THOMPSON.....	Grand Master 1st Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	Grand Sentinel.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

Excellent Companion John B. Bethea introduced the following resolution, and, on motion, it was adopted:

Be it resolved, By the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, that edicts, decisions and resolutions be, and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

In cities where two or more Chapters have concurrent jurisdiction, the Secretary of each Chapter shall be required to notify the other Chapters in said concurrent jurisdiction of each application for the

degrees of Capitular Masonry, and wait two weeks for a reply, before balloting on such application.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers, elected and appointed, with the exception of the Grand Scribe, who was unavoidably absent, were then installed by Most Excellent Companion George A. Beauchamp, Most Excellent Companion Robert S. Teague, acting as Grand Marshal.

On motion the Grand High Priest was authorized to install Right Excellent Companion Joseph Dixon Matlock, as Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter, in the hall of Mineral City Chapter No. 101.

JEWEL PRESENTED TO RETIRING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The retiring Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Norman Gunn, was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel by the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion William W. Ransom, making the presentation.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then announced the following Standing Committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

LAWRENCE H. LEE..... Montgomery.

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.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Ensley.
JACOB BLEY.....	Demopolis.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	Birmingham.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Dadeville.
WOOLSEY FINNELL.....	Tuscaloosa.
ERNEST E. MATTHEWS.....	Birmingham.
JOHN MOFFETT.....	Selma.

ON BY-LAWS.

GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Talladega.
HENRY B. MYERS.....	Gadsden.
CHARLES H. TOMLINSON.....	Columbia.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

BASIL M. HILL.....	Springville.
GEORGE PEGRAM.....	Faunsdale.
SETH MABRY.....	Eufaula.
GEORGE W. HAYS.....	Woodlawn.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS.....	Dothan.
FRENCH H. CRADDOCK.....	Sylacauga.
GEORGE W. COGGIN.....	Fayette.
BREWER R. E. LEE.....	Birmingham.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

WALTER SMITH.....	Tuscaloosa.
CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE.....	Mobile.
GABRIEL M. SALIBA.....	Roanoke.

ON NECROLOGY.

STEWART McQUEEN.....	Montgomery.
LEONIDAS W. KOLB.....	Ozark.
HORACE J. SALTER.....	Birmingham.

ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Tuscaloosa.
JULIAN F. SPEARMAN.....	Anniston.
GEORGE ARCHER.....	Hargrove.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

JACOB U. RAY.....	Woodstock.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	Tuscaloosa.
MAYNARD G. HUBBARD.....	Cordova.

INSPECTORS.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions as Inspectors for the ensuing Capitular year:

- For the First District, Charles A. L. Johnstone, Mobile.
- For the Second District, Henry F. Reese, Selma.
- For the Third District, Jacob Bley, Demopolis.
- For the Fourth District, John Philip Melvin, Tuscaloosa.
- For the Fifth District, Joseph Dixon Matlock, Ensley.
- For the Sixth District, Norman Gunn, Jasper.
- For the Seventh District, Frederick T. Saywell, New Decatur.
- For the Eighth District, Thomas Bradford, Centre.
- For the Ninth District, Louis J. Wright, Talladega.

For the Tenth District, Gabriel M. Saliba, Roanoke.
For the Eleventh District, Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.
For the Twelfth District, Louis Marion Mosley, Union Springs
For the Thirteenth District, John B. Lyons, Opelika.
For the Fourteenth District, Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.
For the Fifteenth District, William L. Lee, Columbia.

INSPECTIONS.

Right Excellent Companion Stewart McQueen introduced the following resolution and, on motion, it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Inspectors be required to make a written report to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest before each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, of the work done during the preceding Capitular year, and that same shall be referred to a Committee to be known as the Committee on Inspector's Reports, who shall carefully consider same and report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

TIME OF MEETING.

Right Excellent Companion Henry F. Reese offered the following resolution, and the same receiving the votes of more than two-thirds of the members present, it was declared adopted:

Whereas, Section 4, Article 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter has been amended, changing the time of meeting, from Monday preceding the first Tuesday in December of each year, to Monday preceding the first Wednesday in December of each year.

Therefore be it resolved, That the *hour* for the meeting be fixed at one o'clock in the afternoon.

MINUTES READ.

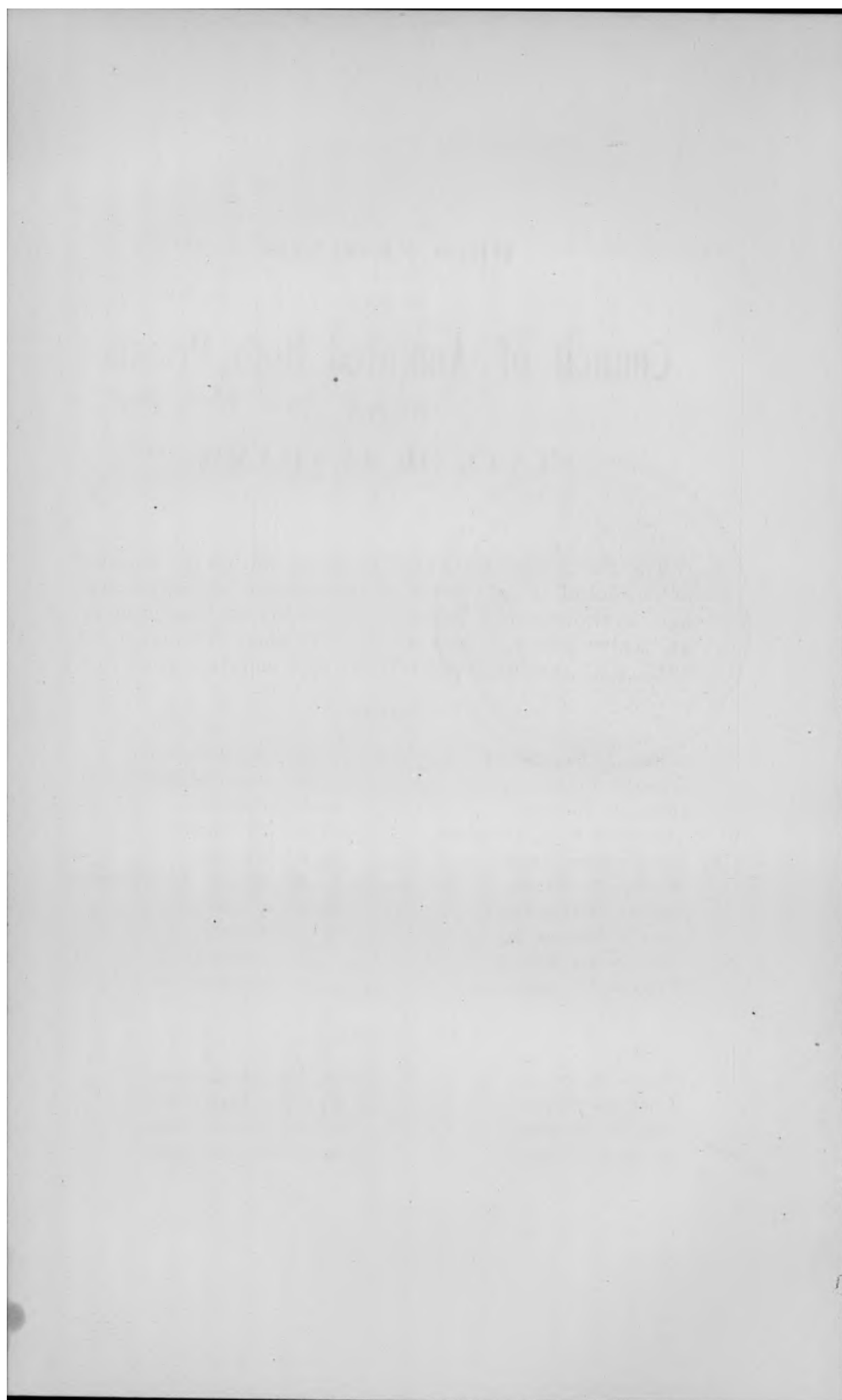
There being no further business to come before the Grand Chapter, the minutes were read and approved.

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. Deaulchamps
Grand Secretary





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

The Forty-fourth 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 twelve thirty o'clock P. M., Tuesday, November 30, 1915, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICER.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	M.'. E.'. President.
WOOLSEY FINNELL	E.'. Vice-President.
HENRY C. DAVIDSON.....	as E.'. Chaplain.
ARCHIBALD L. R. THOMPSON.....	as E.'. Treasurer.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	as E.'. Recorder.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	E.'. Master of Ceremonies.
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK.....	as E.'. Conductor.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	as E.'. Herald.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	E.'. Steward.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	E.'. Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Francis H. Bates	Past Grand High Priest.
Robert S. Teague.....	Past Grand High Priest.
John B. Christian.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Lawrence H. Lee.....	Past Grand High Priest.

Norman Gunn	Past Grand High Priest.
Walter Smith	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
Austin F. Kendall	Eunomia Chapter No. 5.
George T. Marsh	Eunomia Chapter No. 5.
John H. McCormick	Mobile Chapter No. 21.
Archibald L. R. Thompson	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Guy T. Smith	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Olin A. Johnston	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Louis J. Wright	Talladega Chapter No. 23.
William A. Arnold	Eufaula Chapter No. 24.
Seth Mabry	Eufaula Chapter No. 24.
George Pegram	Union Chapter No. 26.
John S. Kennedy	Union Chapter No. 26.
Henry F. Reese	St. John's Chapter No. 28.
Robert T. Ward	Dadeville Chapter No. 56.
Leonidas W. Kolb	Landmark Chapter No. 71.
Horace J. Salter	Elyton Chapter No. 76.
Jacob Bley	Jefferson Chapter No. 81.
Hartsford L. Ison	Coosa Chapter No. 86.
Gabriel M. Saliba	Roanoke Chapter No. 100.
Julian F. Spearman	Anniston Chapter No. 105.
John H. Snodgrass	Anniston Chapter No. 105.
David G. Richards	Pratt City Chapter No. 108.
Samuel Stein	Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
William R. K. Mayton	Thomasville Chapter No. 115.
Joseph P. Van Derveer	Clanton Chapter No. 116.
Oliver D. Street	Palmyra Chapter No. 130.
Charles S. Allred	Elba Chapter No. 134.
James T. Anderson	Auburn Chapter No. 136.
Charles H. Tomlinson	Columbia Chapter No. 138.
William L. Lee	Columbia Chapter No. 138.
Robert F. Lovelady	Woodlawn Chapter No. 146.
George W. Hays	Woodlawn Chapter No. 146.

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Recorder then presented and read the petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, from the following eleven Companions:

Charles E. Saywell.....	Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10.
Charles A. L. Johnstone.....	Mobile Chapter No. 21.
Felix Robinson.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
John Moffett.....	St. John's Chapter No. 28.
Coleman L. Peck.....	Decatur Chapter No. 38.
Brewer Robert E. Lee.....	Elyton Chapter No. 76.
John C. Fason.....	Pratt City Chapter No. 108.
George Archer.....	Blount Chapter No. 109.
Robert C. Williams.....	Dothan Chapter No. 113.
John Clinton Hicks.....	Centreville Chapter No. 125.
Maynard G. Hubbard.....	Cordova Chapter No. 131.

All of the eleven 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.
Louis J. Wright.....	E. Treasurer.
Basil M. Hill.....	E. Recorder.
William W. Ransom.....	E. Master of Ceremonies.
Joseph D. Matlock.....	E. Conductor.
John B. Bethea.....	E. Herald.
John Philip Melvin.....	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-fourth Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

JOHN WILSON TERRY,
Acting Recorder.

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA

FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL IN 1869 TO THE
PRESENT TIME, WITH DATE OF THEIR CONSECRATION.

Adams, David, Jr.	Jackson No. 119	December 1, 1903
Adams, Joseph A.	Columbus No. 93	December 6, 1876
Aldrich, William F.	Central No. 64	December 6, 1892
Allred, Charles S.	Elba No. 134	December 2, 1913
Anderson, James T.	Auburn No. 136	December 6, 1910
Anderson, Swen J.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1892
Avent, Joseph C.	Tyrian No. 54	December 7, 1870
Archer, George	Blocton No. 109	November 30, 1915
Armstrong, B. Dixon	Myles J. Greene No. 80	December 4, 1893
Armstrong, H. Clay	Notasulga No. 92	December 2, 1869
Arnold, William A.	Landmark No. 71	December 3, 1895
Atkeson, Clarence L. C.	Columbia No. 138	December 5, 1911
Bailey, James O.	Marion No. 12	December 5, 1899
Barclay, J. P.	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 4, 1893
Barr, John R.	Eufaula No. 24	December 6, 1892
Battle, Lee W.	Pine Level No. 75	December 7, 1870
Bates, Francis H.	Marion No. 12	December 1, 1902
Beasley, Stephen H.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1876
Beauchamp, George A.	Eufaula No. 24	December 5, 1899
Beck, James T.	Camden No. 40	December 6, 1892
Benson, James C.	Camden No. 40	December 5, 1905
Bethea, John B.	Mineral City No. 101	December 5, 1911
Bethea, Morrison E.	Auburn No. 136	December 7, 1909
Betts, William F.	Evergreen No. 127	December 5, 1905
Biddle, John	Mineral City No. 101	December 2, 1913
Biggs, William H.	Tyrian No. 54	December 6, 1869
Bingham, William E.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 1, 1902
Blacke, Simeon L. B.	Heflin No. 128	December 5, 1905
Blackledge, Edward	Gordon No. 73	December 4, 1878
Bley, Jacob	Jefferson No. 81	December 5, 1905

Bloch, Jacob D.	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1903
Bloch, Solomon D.	Camden No. 40	December 4, 1893
Brewer, Thomas P.	Mobile No. 21	April 30, 1875
Bricken, Charles R.	Thomas M. Bragg No. 99	December 6, 1892
Bridges, James M.	Landmark No. 71	December 10, 1869
Browder, John N.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1872
Brower, Joseph	Mineral City No. 101	December 1, 1903
Brown, Peleg	Alabama No. 66	December 2, 1869
Brundidge, James M.	Clinton No. 9	December 2, 1869
Burchell, Edwin	Mineral City No. 101	December 5, 1905
Caldwell, John M.	Anniston No. 105	December 6, 1892
Cargile, Thomas	Eufaula No. 24	December 2, 1869
Carmichael, Duncan C.	Dothan No. 113	December 5, 1911
Cartright, John	Alabama No. 66	December 10, 1869
Cassidy, Benjamin F.	Landmark No. 71	December 7, 1881
Chilton, William P.	Tuskegee No. 43	December 6, 1869
Christian, John B.	Union No. 26	December 5, 1899
Christian, Robert	Union No. 26	December 10, 1869
Christian, Walter H.	Columbia No. 138	December 3, 1912
Clark, Henry W.	Pine Level No. 75	December 6, 1869
Clark, William L.	Blocton No. 109	December 5, 1899
Clayton, Littleberry	Roslin No. 88	December 10, 1869
Clopton, David	Tuskegee No. 43	December 10, 1869
Cobb, James E.	Tuskegee No. 43	December 6, 1872
Cobb, Rufus W.	Shelby No. 97	December 6, 1876
Cobb, William P.	James E. Cobb No. 129	December 7, 1909
Cochran, William A.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 10, 1869
Coggin, George W.	H. Clay Armstrong No. 114	December 1, 1903
Cornish, Leonard	Jefferson No. 81	December 5, 1905
Comstock, Charles D.	Pratt City No. 108	December 5, 1905
Conaway, Magnus E.	Sylacauga No. 104	December 6, 1904
Cook, John T.	Camden No. 40	December 3, 1879
Cooper, William H.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1910
Copeland, Anderson G.	Danville No. 78	December 6, 1869
Cotnam, Thomas T.	Russell No. 65	December 7, 1871
Cotten, Samuel R.	Tyrian No. 54	December 6, 1892
Cunningham, Russell M.	Pratt City No. 108	December 4, 1893
Curtis, Christopher C.	Lower Peach Tree No. 69	December 10, 1869

Daniel, Zadock J.	Eufaula No. 24	December 6, 1872
Davidson, Henry C.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1914
Davidson, James	Montgomery No. 22	December 3, 1873
Dawson, Walter R.	Zerubbabel No. 56	December 4, 1893
DeCottes, John M.	Montgomery No. 22	December 7, 1909
Dedman, James M.	St. John's No. 28	December 10, 1869
Delashaw, Noble G.	Moulton No. 87	December 8, 1880
Dingley, William H.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1869
Dodson, Marvin N.	Tyrian No. 54	December 1, 1914
Doe, John W.	Fort Payne No. 107	December 4, 1893
Douglass, Robert L.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1904
Dowd, Benjamin	Columbus No. 93	December 10, 1869
Driskill, William A.	James Penn No. 30	December 6, 1876
Duke, William T.	Notasulga No. 92	December 1, 1902
Dunlop, Andrew H.	Pratt City No. 108	December 6, 1910
Dunn, Alex M. P.	Eunomia No. 5	December 1, 1908
Eastburn, Theodore L.	Mobile No. 21	December 3, 1873
Earnes, Henry A.	James Penn No. 30	December 7, 1871
Edwards, George W.	Pratt City No. 108	December 5, 1911
Edwards, Joseph H.	Cunningham No. 120	December 1, 1902
Elliott, Green S.	Cordova No. 131	December 2, 1913
Elliott, William	Cunningham No. 120	December 7, 1909
Evans, Augustus F.	Clinton No. 9	December 7, 1870
Evans, Josiah E.	Thomasville No. 115	December 1, 1914
Etheridge, Malachi	Farriorville No. 67	December 7, 1870
Fagan, Charles S.	Piedmont No. 111	December 3, 1912
Falck, John V.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1910
Falkner, Jefferson	Concord No. 37	December 9, 1874
Farrar, Henry H.	Blocton No. 109	December 3, 1912
Fason, John C.	Pratt City No. 108	November 30, 1915
Finnell, Woolsey	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 4, 1906
Ford, William S.	Notasulga No. 92	December 5, 1877
Foster, T. Boyd	Russell No. 65	December 6, 1869
Foster, William S.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1872
Fountain, Jeremiah	Bessemer No. 110	December 5, 1905
Frazer, James M.	Myles J. Greene No. 80	December 6, 1910

Gamble, Frank A.	Jasper No. 118	December 2, 1913
Garner, Albert Early	Dothan No. 113	December 1, 1903
Garner, James H.	Landmark No. 71	December 3, 1879
Garner, J. Thomas	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 3, 1907
Garrett, Charles C.	Dayton No. 27	December 6, 1871
Garrison, John W.	Bell No. 83	December 10, 1869
Gatchell, Edward S.	Saint John's No. 28	December 6, 1892
Gilmore, John N.	Gaston No. 85	December 6, 1892
Gledhill, Arthur	Mineral City No. 101	December 3, 1912
Goldthwaite, John R.	Tyrian No. 54	December 7, 1881
Gray, Alanson J.	Choctaw No. 44	December 9, 1874
Green, Henry	Dothan No. 113	December 7, 1909
Greene, James T.	Anniston No. 105	December 5, 1905
Greene, Myles J.	Loachapoka No. 80	December 6, 1869
Groves, Joseph A.	Fulton No. 32	December 6, 1892
Gunn, Norman	Jasper No. 118	December 7, 1909
Gunter, Joseph Leon	Decatur No. 38	December 7, 1909
Hagood, Middleton H.	Brewton No. 112	December 5, 1911
Haley, Abijah	Farriorville No. 67	December 9, 1874
Hammett, Ernest A.	Sylacauga No. 104	December 5, 1905
Hanks, J. Frank	Talladega No. 23	December 1, 1908
Harder, William W.	Jefferson No. 81	December 2, 1869
Harris, Apollos	Montgomery No. 22	December 9, 1874
Harris, Daniel	Mobile No. 21	December 9, 1874
Harris, John G.	Livingston No. 20	December 6, 1876
Harris, Robert L.	Tallassee No. 126	December 5, 1911
Hausman, Edward W.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 1, 1914
Hays, George W.	Woodlawn No. 146	December 1, 1914
Hazen, James K.	Daniel Pratt No. 96	December 8, 1875
Hastings, Edmund R.	Montgomery No. 22	December 3, 1879
Head, James M.	Covington No. 123	December 1, 1908
Hearin, Robert M.	Bladon Springs No. 124	December 1, 1903
Herren, Arnold W.	Tallassee No. 126	December 5, 1905
Hestle, Ernest L.	Thomasville No. 115	December 3, 1907
Hewitt, Goldsmith W.	Elyton No. 76	December 6, 1869
Hicks, John Clinton	Centreville No. 125	November 30, 1915
Hicks, Lamartine O.	Jackson No. 119	December 4, 1906
Hill, Basil M.	Springville No. 88	December 4, 1893

Hirsch, Ferdinand K.	Bessemer No. 110	December 5, 1911
Hooper, John W.	Roanoke No. 100	December 2, 1913
Horn, William R.	Gaston No. 85	December 10, 1869
Hubbard, Maynard G.	Cordova No. 131	November 30, 1915
Hudnall, Ephraim J.	Pratt City No. 108	December 1, 1903
Hudson, Ralph N.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1904
Hunter, James B.	Hermon No. 34	December 1, 1902
Ison, Hartsford L.	Coosa No. 86	December 1, 1908
Ivey, William	Hermon No. 34	December 3, 1879
Jackson, Walter C.	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1872
Jackson, William G.	Pine Level No. 75	December 6, 1869
Jenkins, John F.	F. M. Jackson No. 125	December 5, 1905
Jenkins, Luckie W.	Camden No. 40	December 10, 1869
Jernigan, Josiah	Tyrian No. 54	December 6, 1892
Johnson, Benjamin F.	Notasulga No. 92	December 6, 1876
Johnson, Joseph H.	Talladega No. 23	December 2, 1869
Johnson, William L.	Rockford No. 62	December 4, 1893
Johnston, George D.	Marion No. 12	December 7, 1871
Johnston, Ira L.	Samson No. 137	December 1, 1908
Johnston, Olin A.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1914
Johnstone, Chas. A. L.	Mobile No. 21	November 30, 1915
Joiner, James H.	Talladega No. 23	December 9, 1874
Jones, Benjamin F.	Blocton No. 109	December 3, 1895
Jones, Richard Henry	Covington No. 123	December 4, 1906
Keathley, Charles E.	Saint John's No. 28	December 3, 1907
Kendall, Austin F.	Eunomia No. 5	December 1, 1914
Kendall, James L.	Eunomia No. 5	December 3, 1912
Kennedy, John S.	Union No. 26	December 1, 1908
Kent, James	Saint John's No. 28	December 10, 1869
Kenyon, Thomas A.	Decatur No. 38	December 5, 1899
King, Porter	Marion No. 12	December 2, 1869
Klotz, Simon	Mineral City No. 101	December 6, 1892
*Knott, Richard F.	Mobile No. 21	May 4, 1856
Kolb, Leonidas W.	Landmark No. 71	December 3, 1912
Kring, Edward N.	Gainesville No. 13	December 9, 1874
Kuffner, Mick M.	F. M. Jackson No. 125	December 1, 1903
Lee, Alto V.	Clayton No. 63	December 3, 1873

Lee, Brewer Robert E.	Elyton No. 76	November 30, 1915
Lee, Dallas P.	Elba No. 134	December 3, 1912
Lee, Lawrence H.	Clayton No. 63	December 6, 1892
Lee, William L.	Columbia No. 138	December 3, 1912
Le Vert, Eugene V.	Marion No. 12	December 7, 1870
Liby, Glenn C.	Montgomery No. 22	December 7, 1909
Litchback, Isaac	Mobile No. 21	December 3, 1912
Lovelady, Robert F.	Pratt City No. 108	December 1, 1902
Lower, Joseph M.	Ensley No. 120	December 3, 1912
Luckie, James B.	Pine Level No. 75	December 2, 1869
Ludwig, Bernard F.	Eunomia No. 5	December 1, 1903
Lupton, Nathaniel T.	Phoenix No. 11	December 10, 1869
Lyman, Edward S.	Central No. 64	December 3, 1912
Lyons, John B.	Myles J. Greene No. 80	December 1, 1903
Mabry, Seth	Eufaula No. 24	December 5, 1905
Mainor, James T.	Eufaula No. 24	December 6, 1910
Mandy, Charles H.	Cunningham No. 120	December 1, 1902
Martin, John M.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 6, 1871
Marsh, George T.	Eunomia No. 5	December 3, 1907
Mason, William H.	Marion No. 12	December 5, 1905
Matlock, Joseph D.	Mineral City No. 101	December 1, 1908
Matthews, Emmett A.	Clanton No. 116	December 5, 1905
Matthews, Henry H.	Montgomery No. 22	December 5, 1899
Mayton, William R. K.	Thomasville No. 115	December 5, 1911
Meeds, Frank W.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 3, 1912
Melvin, John Philip	Coleanor No. 125	December 1, 1908
Mertins, Gustave F.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1903
Mewhinney, Nath'l L.	Mineral City No. 101	December 5, 1899
Miller, John M.	Jasper No. 118	December 1, 1903
Milner, John A.	Mineral City No. 101	December 3, 1873
Mitchell, Andrew C.	Bessemer No. 110	December 4, 1906
Milton, James	Eufaula No. 24	December 6, 1869
Moffett, John	St. John's No. 28	November 30, 1915
Moore, George F.	Montgomery No. 22	December 5, 1899
Moore, James Alex.	Central No. 64	December 4, 1906
Moore, Jack S.	Jasper No. 118	December 1, 1903
Murphey, David R.	Anniston No. 105	December 2, 1913
Murphey, Oscar M.	Dothan No. 113	December 3, 1912

McCollister, Alexander	Cross Plains No. 102	December 5, 1877
McCollum, William W.	Saint John's No. 28	December 8, 1875
McCormick, John H.	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1908
McCreless, John	Farriorville No. 67	December 10, 1869
McKinnon, John A.	Saint John's No. 28	December 6, 1892
McMath, William M.	Central No. 64	December 7, 1871
McQueen, Joseph P.	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 5, 1899
McRae, Philip	Montgomery No. 22	December 4, 1906
McSpadden, Samuel K.	Cherokee No. 68	December 10, 1869
Neal, William T.	Brewton No. 112	December 5, 1911
Neeley, William M.	Union No. 26	December 4, 1906
Norman, Felix G.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 6, 1876
†Norris, George D.	Eunomia No. 5	October 1, 1869
Oakley, Nathaniel J.	Columbia No. 138	December 2, 1913
Oakley, William E.	Decatur No. 38	December 3, 1895
O'Hara, William A.	Lawrenceville No. 73	December 10, 1869
Otts, John M. P., Jr.	Phoenix No. 121	December 1, 1903
Pace, Albert E.	Dothan No. 113	December 7, 1909
Page, Thomas S.	Pratt City No. 108	December 7, 1909
Pate, John F.	Choctaw Corner No. 70	December 10, 1869
Peck, Coleman L.	Decatur No. 38	November 30, 1915
Pegram, George	Union No. 26	December 3, 1912
Penick, William C.	Wetumpka No. 17	December 7, 1870
Penn, Richard L.	Hartselle No. 140	December 7, 1909
Perry, William Walter	Blocton No. 109	December 6, 1910
Pierce, William J.	Mineral City No. 101	December 3, 1895
Pillans, Palmer J.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1869
Pinnell, John W.	Dadeville No. 56	December 5, 1905
Pope, Benjamin F.	Coosa No. 86	December 6, 1892
Porteous, George	Ensley No. 120	December 5, 1911
Porter, George W.	Hillabee No. 79	December 4, 1893
Powell, Richard H.	Hermon No. 34	December 7, 1870
Prince, Frank M.	Dayton No. 27	December 6, 1869
Ramsey, Richard A.	Columbus No. 93	December 4, 1878
Randall, George W.	Blocton No. 109	December 5, 1905
Randolph, William C.	Covington No. 123	December 7, 1909

Ransom, William W.	Mineral City No. 101	December 1, 1902
Reaves, John	Bell No. 83	December 3, 1879
Reese, Henry F.	Saint John's No. 28	December 5, 1905
Reid, George P. L.	Marion No. 12	December 6, 1869
Renfroe, Wellborn J.	Dothan No. 113	December 7, 1909
Rentz, Eugene A.	Thomasville No. 115	December 1, 1908
Rhodes, William J.	Talladega No. 23	December 3, 1895
Richards, David G.	Pratt City No. 108	December 1, 1914
Robinson, Felix	Montgomery No. 22	November 30, 1915
Rodgers, Richard D.	Blocton No. 109	December 1, 1903
Roeck, William C.	Dadeville No. 56	December 1, 1914
Rowland, Thomas T.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 4, 1878
Sadler, William H.	Mobile No. 21	December 6, 1869
Saliba, Gabriel M.	Roanoke No. 100	December 6, 1910
Salter, George W.	Evergreen No. 127	December 2, 1913
Salter, Horace J.	Elyton No. 76	December 2, 1913
Salter, Llewellyn	Elyton No. 76	December 1, 1914
Salter, Q.	Monroe No. 122	December 5, 1911
Savage, John A.	Jackson No. 119	July 30, 1914
Sayre, Daniel	Montgomery No. 22	December 2, 1869
Saywell, Charles E.	Tuscumbia No. 10	November 30, 1915
Saywell, Frederick T.	Decatur No. 38	December 1, 1908
Scott, Angus M.	Columbus No. 93	December 9, 1874
Screws, Wm. Wallace	Montgomery No. 22	December 7, 1881
Seale, Robert L.	Gaston No. 85	December 3, 1873
Sears, John A.	Rockford No. 62	December 10, 1869
Shelnutt, John N.	Anniston No. 105	December 3, 1907
Shelton, Humphrey S.	Pickensville No. 36	December 10, 1869
Shepherd, James R.	Floralia No. 135	December 1, 1908
Simpson, Charles A.	Tyrian No. 54	December 1, 1914
Simpson, John M.	Somerville No. 89	December 7, 1870
Sims, Marion H.	Talladega No. 23	December 1, 1903
Sindlinger, William H.	Talladega No. 23	December 6, 1910
Sitton, Andrew J.	Cross Plains No. 102	December 8, 1875
Slaton, Charles C.	Heflin No. 128	December 6, 1904
Slaughter, Martin G.	Hillabee No. 79	December 6, 1869
Smaw, Isaiah B.	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 7, 1870
Smaw, William	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 4, 1893
Smith, Daniel	Alabama No. 66	December 4, 1878

Smith, G. Franklin	Choctaw No. 44	December 6, 1869
Smith, Guy T.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1908
Smith, George W.	Elyton No. 76	December 6, 1876
Smith, James M.	Zerubbabel No. 56	December 5, 1899
Smith, John Gilbert	Mineral City No. 101	December 4, 1893
Smith, Samuel P.	Daniel Pratt No. 96	December 6, 1876
Smith, Walter	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 1, 1903
Snodgrass, John H.	Anniston No. 105	December 1, 1914
Southerland, Robert W.	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1902
Spearman, Julian F.	Anniston No. 105	December 7, 1909
Sprague, Myron T.	Mobile No. 21	December 7, 1909
Stein, Samuel	Bessemer No. 110	December 1, 1903
Stewart, Oliver L.	Piedmont No. 111	December 3, 1912
Stiffler, Andrew J.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 6, 1892
Street, Oliver D.	Palmyra No. 130	December 4, 1906
Stollenwerck, Siddons	Union No. 26	December 7, 1909
Suttle, Isaac W.	Rockford No. 62	December 6, 1869
Tancre, William H.	Eunomia No. 5	December 4, 1878
Taylor George W.	Rock Mills No. 100	December 6, 1872
Taylor, Morris K.	George D. Norris No. 91	December 6, 1871
Teague, Robert S.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1902
Terrell, Foster B.	Dayton No. 27	December 7, 1870
Terry, John Wilson	Montgomery No. 22	December 6, 1904
Thomason, Thomas J.	Graham No. 106	December 4, 1893
Thompson, Arch'd L. R.	Montgomery No. 22	December 3, 1907
Thompson, Samuel	Elyton No. 76	December 6, 1869
Thornton, Newell M.	Gordon No. 73	December 6, 1876
Threadgill, Charles F.	Gaston No. 85	December 3, 1879
Thurmond, Jones W.	Castleberry No. 141	December 1, 1914
Tomlinson, Charles H.	Anniston No. 105	December 3, 1912
Townsend, Samuel J.	Pine Level No. 75	December 4, 1893
Townsend, Samuel T.	Union No. 26	December 1, 1914
Tunley, George I.	James Penn No. 30	December 8, 1875
Turley, Thomas F.	Decatur No. 38	December 3, 1895
Turrentine, Daniel C.	Coosa No. 86	December 7, 1870
Vance, J. Robert	Mineral City No. 101	December 5, 1911
Vance, Samuel F.	Mineral City No. 101	December 6, 1904
Van Derveer, Joseph P.	Clanton No. 116	December 6, 1904

Wadsworth, William D.	Montgomery No. 22	December 8, 1875
Walker, Edward G.	Central No. 64	December 6, 1869
Wallace, Thomas B.	Tallassee No. 126	December 1, 1903
Walton, Simeon	Gaston No. 85	December 10, 1863
Walton, Thomas Peyton	Talladega No. 23	December 1, 1914
Ward, Robert T.	Dadeville No. 56	December 5, 1911
Ward, Thomas R.	Phoenix No. 11	December 10, 1869
Washburn, Stuart E.	Montgomery No. 22	December 2, 1913
Weathers, Benjamin F.	Roanoke No. 100	December 1, 1908
Weaver, J. Richard	Blocton No. 109	December 5, 1899
Weaver, Levi P.	Brewton No. 112	December 1, 1908
Webb, Alfred P.	Beauchamp No. 117	December 6, 1910
Webb, Robert D.	Livingston No. 20	December 6, 1869
West, Ernest H.	James Penn No. 144	December 2, 1913
Westcott, Charles R.	Montgomery No. 22	December 1, 1903
Whitby, Thomas P.	Saint John's No. 28	December 1, 1902
White, Charles F.	Tyrian No. 54	December 1, 1903
White, DeWitt C.	Moulton No. 87	December 7, 1870
Whiteside, William W.	Anniston No. 105	December 1, 1908
Wiley, Henry C.	Tyrian No. 54	December 6, 1892
Wiley, J. McCaleb	Tyrian No. 54	December 2, 1869
Wilkerson, Charles A.	Marion No. 12	December 3, 1907
Williams, Robert C.	Dothan No. 113	November 30, 1915
Williams, Stephen C.	Oxford No. 98	December 8, 1880
Williams, Zaccheus H.	Smedley No. 77	December 7, 1870
Willoughby, John H.	Cherokee No. 68	December 7, 1870
Wilson, Isaiah A.	Hermon No. 34	December 7, 1871
Wimberly, Louis T.	Loachapoka No. 80	December 5, 1877
Wise, Leonard	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1914
Wood, William B.	Cyrus No. 6	December 5, 1877
Wright, Louis J.	Talladega No. 23	December 6, 1904

No meeting was held in the years 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1900 and 1901.

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APPENDIX

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS MAKING RETURNS.

With the Number of Members Returned, Amount of Dues Paid to the Grand Chapter, and the Number of Those Advanced, Presided, Received and Accepted, Exalted, Affiliated, Reinstated, Died, Dimitted, Suspended and Expelled Since Last Return.

Number	NAME OF CHAPTER	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid	Advanced	Presided	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
1	Tuscaloosa	131		26	26	26	26	3	3	3	2	6	--
5	Eunomia	49	\$ 36.75	13	13	13	12	2	2	1	--	2	--
10	Tuscumbia	40	30.00	6	6	6	6	--	--	1	2	--	--
12	Marion	71	47.25	11	11	11	11	1	--	--	--	--	--
19	Mt. Moriah†	20	17.25	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	3	--	--
21	Mobile*	128	182.25	14	18	18	17	4	--	3	2	3	--
22	Montgomery	195	146.25	30	30	30	30	2	1	6	6	6	--
23	Talladega	82	61.50	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	3	--	1
24	Eufaula	57	--	6	6	6	6	--	--	2	--	1	--
26	Union	58	37.50	9	10	10	10	--	1	1	2	--	--
28	St. John's	122	88.50	22	22	22	22	2	--	3	2	--	--
34	Hermion*	57	78.75	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	--	1	--
38	Decatur	124	89.25	9	9	9	13	3	2	1	1	3	--
54	Tyrian*	93	126.75	11	11	11	11	--	--	--	1	12	--
56	Dadeville	93	63.75	1	1	1	1	1	--	2	--	--	1
57	Collinsville†	20	15.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
64	Central†	42	28.50	6	6	6	5	--	--	1	--	--	--
71	Landmark*	37	58.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	--	--
76	Elyton	38	28.50	12	12	12	12	1	--	--	--	1	--
79	Hillabee†	61	46.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	3	--
80	Myles J. Greene†	59	36.75	11	11	11	11	--	--	--	--	--	--
81	Jefferson	58	42.75	2	2	1	3	1	--	2	2	--	--
86	Coosa†	87	68.25	2	2	2	2	--	3	1	3	8	--
88	Springville*	22	32.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
99	Ben Brickent†	46	32.25	3	3	3	3	--	--	2	--	--	--
100	Roanoke	79	--	7	7	7	7	1	2	1	--	13	--
101	Mineral City	447	335.25	24	23	23	24	6	3	6	9	29	--
104	Sylacauga†	88	51.75	14	14	14	14	--	3	--	--	2	--
105	Anniston*	119	157.50	8	8	9	9	--	5	--	3	--	--
106	Graham	39	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	16	--
108	Pratt City*	120	176.25	5	5	5	5	--	1	--	1	--	--
109	Blocton*	24	37.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--
110	Bessemer†	152	108.00	9	9	9	9	2	3	2	2	2	--
111	Piedmont	51	38.25	5	5	5	5	1	10	--	--	--	--
112	Brewton†	26	27.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
113	Dothan	99	--	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	7	--
114	H. C. Armstr'g†	54	42.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	--

Number	NAME OF CHAPTER	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid	Advanced	Presided	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled
115	Thomasville ---	26	-----	1	1	---	---	1	---	---	4	---	---
116	Clanton -----	69	-----	1	1	1	2	---	---	---	---	1	---
118	Jasper† -----	56	39.00	---	---	5	5	---	---	---	1	---	---
119	Jackson -----	52	35.25	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	3	---
120	Ensley† -----	131	99.00	7	7	7	7	1	4	---	---	13	---
122	Monroe* -----	21	28.50	2	2	---	---	---	5	---	---	1	---
123	Covington† -----	45	34.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
124	Blandon Spgs. ---	28	-----	---	---	---	1	---	2	---	---	9	---
125	Centreville* ---	33	54.00	3	3	3	3	1	---	---	3	6	---
126	Tallassee -----	40	-----	1	1	1	1	---	---	---	1	---	---
127	Evergreen† -----	39	24.75	6	6	6	6	---	1	1	---	---	---
128	Heflin -----	30	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
129	James E. Cobb†	35	26.25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
130	Palmyra -----	22	14.25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
131	Cordova -----	66	49.50	3	3	3	3	---	---	---	1	1	---
132	Langdale† -----	---	8.25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
134	Elba† -----	21	15.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	8	---
135	Floral* -----	43	69.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	8	---
136	Auburn† -----	25	15.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
137	Samson* -----	38	60.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	---
138	Columbia* -----	38	50.25	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	---
140	Hartselle† -----	21	16.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	---
141	Castleberry† ---	45	33.75	2	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	2	---
142	Cherokee† -----	28	18.00	5	5	5	5	---	1	---	---	2	---
143	Delta† -----	26	22.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	---
144	James Penn† ---	20	15.00	---	---	---	---	1	1	1	1	---	---
145	Millport† -----	37	27.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
146	Woodlawn -----	277	201.00	208	208	203	199	12	---	---	---	---	---
Total -----		4,400	\$3,329.25	511	515	512	515	49	57	57	62	188	2

*Dues paid for 1914 and 1915.

†Dues paid for 1914 only.

‡Dues paid for 1913 only.

The annual returns have not been received from three (3) Chapters, as follows:

Brewton, No. 112.

Millport, No. 145.

Heflin, No. 128.

We regret to say that we are therefore unable to give the correct membership of the three Chapters above named, and in making out this tabular statement we were compelled to estimate these Chapters to have the same membership they had last year.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 15, 1914..... 4,149

GAIN.

Exalted	515	
Affiliated	49	
Reinstated	57	621

LOSS.

Died	57	
Dimitted	62	
Suspended N. P. D.....	188	
Stricken from the Roll.....	61	
Expelled	2	370

Net Gain 251

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 15, 1915..... 4,400

Chartered Chapters, 1914..... 64

Charters forfeited, 1915..... 2

Chartered Chapters on the Roll, 1915..... 62

Number of Chapters Represented..... 56

Number of Chapters Making Returns..... 61

Number of Chapters Paying Dues..... 59

DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

BrewtonNo. 112

HeflinNo. 128

MillportNo. 145

DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Graham	-----	No. 106
Brewton	-----	No. 112
Covington	-----	No. 123
Heflin	-----	No. 128
Millport	-----	No. 145

CHARTERS FORFEITED.

Brewton No. 112. No dues paid for two successive years.

Heflin No. 128. No returns made and no dues paid for two successive years.

EXALTED.

Tuscaloosa No. 1: Clarence M. Ayres, J. Vassa Adams, George A. Blessed, Edmond R. Beckwith, Samuel F. Clabough, Grady Corbit, William J. Carpenter, Ralph L. Dill, Franklin A. Ferguson, William T. Holdridge, Joseph M. Hocklander, John J. Helms, William R. Hannah, Charles Lee Jones, Wallace C. McAdory, Curtis Lee Munderson, Alston Maxwell, Guy M. Powell, William Mat Quinn, George W. Read, Ernest A. Townsend, Daniel B. Trueblood, James Shelly Thomas, Lucius O. Wallis, Henry J. Ward, J. Hester Ward.

Eunomia No. 5: Joseph J. Bradley, Jr., Robert C. Brickell, Walter J. Byrne, William P. Dilworth, Robert N. Farris, John P. Fuller, David A. Grayson, Edward H. Grosser, Frederick W. Karthaus, Walter J. McCarty, J. O. F. Poyner, Charles B. Wilbur.

Tuscumbia No. 10: Frank M. Fitzgerald, John W. Haine, Charles H. Keenum, Junius H. Martin, George W. Williams, J. Love Wimberly.

Marion No. 12: Benjamin Norwood Anderson, Joseph De Garms, Robert R. Ellison, Selby Hardenburgh, William Leon Reasonover, C. Byron Robinson, Charles Frederick True, Martin Bradford True, John M. Tucker, George T. Waite, Robert W. Woolley.

- Mobile No. 21: William G. Austin, Patrick Byrne, Josiah H. Bancroft, James Wade Cox, Reuben Cousins, Robert B. Fothergill, Alex Hancock, John E. Justice, Aaron Lowenstein, Frank I. Lewis, Alfred G. Moses, Byron C. Pickens, John E. Rolston, John F. Rawls, Jr., Frank Simmons, E. Randall Skinner, Frank J. Schultz.
- Montgomery No. 22: Wesley E. Allen, William F. Bryant, Henry C. Broom, William S. Blackwell, Samuel Burge, Roger W. Condon, Henry C. Crenshaw, Clement T. Fitzpatrick, Robert R. Gleason, John F. Hattemer, John A. Johnson, Julius E. Lloyd, Stuart T. May, Waldo E. Marion, Farrah McCrummin, Frank J. McRae, Donald McDonald, Daniel H. McLean, John H. McCann, Edgar E. Price, David H. Reeves, George L. Ralston, Rufus S. Sayers, Horace H. Stewart, Walter L. Shepherd, Clayton T. Tullis, Minor J. Watts, Milton P. Wilcox, William H. Winkenhof, Evert Youngs.
- Eufaula No. 24: Hoyt Alston Brown, Edward F. Espy, Joseph W. Fenn, Joseph Ernest Flowers, Lawrence E. Gibson, Jasper Marvin Truett.
- Union No. 26: Roy Earl Blackburn, Leland Malcolm Ethridge, William Rison Hosmer, Grady Lee James, George E. Mackie, John Curley McDade, Lonie Earl O'Brien, Augustus E. Spidle, Gaston D. Stollenwerck, Jr., John Gwin White.
- St. John's No. 28: Victor B. M. Atkins, Eugene Callaway, Owen K. Cameron, Allen Moore Dennis, Charles K. Frost, Charles Floyd, John N. Furniss, Willard E. Fluker, John R. Gardner, Powhatan Wright James, Webster Curtis Manning, Hugh I. McQueen, John S. O'Gwynn, Thomas Franklin Pollard, Alonzo E. Regan, Edgar P. Russell, Robert J. Robinson, Craig Smith Robbins, Judge F. Purifoy, Edward H. Hobbs, Jr., David C. Smoke, David Marshall Scott, Jr.
- Hermon No. 34: David Columbus Turnipseed.
- Decatur No. 38: David C. Adams, E. William Braun, Samuel M. Bowen, John Emory Berkstresser, John J. Burke, Fred F. Dawson, James A. Foreman, Wilburn A. Green, Charles Albert Hitch, Walton Ashworth Hill, Henry L. Nebrig, William W. Rahm, John A. Snodgrass.

- Tyrian No. 54: William H. Brantley, Joe K. Brantley, Houston E. Crawford, Louis Sherr Douglass, Falcon O. Ingram, John W. Joiner, Valentine G. Lowery, William H. Minchener, Cecil A. McSwain, George W. Penton, Calvin E. White.
- Dadeville No. 56: Daniel W. McKinnon.
- Central No. 64: Harley T. Bell, Roy R. Brasher, Robert Carter, Winfred Clark Champlin, Thompson C. Perry.
- Elyton No. 76: Frank C. Basenburg, William O. Davis, Thomas E. Farr, Russell Frazier, Allen M. Holt, LeRoy A. Johnson, David J. Moxley, George T. Richardson, Young W. Roy, Melton C. Schoolar, Dewitt Tittle, William H. Williamson.
- Myles J. Greene No. 80: W. D. Burkhead, J. C. Cohen, N. F. Esty, J. A. Green, F. Hall, S. L. McIntosh, William W. Palmer, H. B. Peacock, W. C. Ross, W. G. Wolf, Velma A. Meadows.
- Jefferson No. 81: William T. Cocke, George H. Liversage, Benjamin H. McCoy.
- Coosa No. 86: Pleasant B. Ware, Caleb Sylvester Wilkinson.
- Ben Bricken No. 99: William M. Chapman, Leon H. Killough, Benjamin W. Head.
- Roanoke No. 100: Milder D. Boulware, Berry O. Driver, John Louis Dudley, Thomas H. Landers, William E. McIntosh, Joseph W. Rucker, Hiram K. Whatley.
- Mineral City No. 101: Robert Fraser Ashworth, Hugo Lafayette Black, Joseph Norwood Benners, Harry Leach Culver, George Heber Crain, Wallace Lyon Caldwell, Frank Levy Cox, William Hockings, Charles Monroe Henesley, Lawrence Henry Hobart, Andrew Davis Hagan, Sam Emerson Jones, Fred Emil Moore, Herman Karl Marunga, Ewing Hill McBee, William Wallace Ernest McEvers, Joseph Howell Neal, Thomas Francis Parker, Jr., William Henry Pattie, Abram Owen Rowlett, Frank Jeffries Ridout, James Marshall Simpson, Robert Jacob Tucker, Moses Montefiore Ullman.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Duncan S. Brown, Jesse T. Castleberry, Ashley Wood Eason, William Joseph Edwards, Rayman M. Gardner, Thomas L. Hagan, William Plumer Harrison,

- Leon M. Latimer, William M. Landham, Jefferson D. McCord, Joseph P. McClusky, Edward S. McFarland, David R. Scarborough, James D. Stapler.
- Anniston No. 105: William E. Aldridge, William G. Beane, James M. Edmonson, William Dawson Haynes, Willie E. Lewis, Boyd B. Littlejohn, Luther A. Nall, Leo W. Prewett, George W. Reid.
- Pratt City No. 108: A. S. Boyd, William H. Brooker, Henry C. Folmer, A. C. Helms, Carl Lewis.
- Bessemer No. 110: Robert Edwin Donald, William G. Emil, Robert Hood, John W. McJilton, Harry W. Massey, John W. Mims, Claude Schill May, Clarence Levi Roberts, William Angelo Sparks.
- Piedmont No. 111: Walter Buttram, Americus C. Housard, Wilson A. Howell, Henry H. Robertson, Samuel J. Steinburg.
- Dothan No. 113: William C. Kirkland, William E. Middlebrooks, Theodore B. Dobbins, Fred H. Martin.
- Clanton No. 116: Harvey F. Chandler, William J. Ruddick.
- Jasper No. 118: Frank Ogden, William T. Springfield, Clyde Matthews, William Sizemore, Boyd T. Cantrell.
- Ensley No. 120: Charles Madison Carey, Walter Ransom Day, William Gilbert Gaston, Walter Reese Harvey, Andrew Jackson Moffett, Lawrence Read, Bennett Taylor Waits.
- Bladon Springs No. 124: Luther W. Binns.
- Centreville No. 125: James Hood Brown, Joseph W. Lightsey, Harry L. Olinsky.
- Tallassee No. 126: R. Lowder.
- Evergreen No. 127: James E. Bailey, Edwin C. Barnes, Claiborn P. Deming, Jr., John B. Johnes, Robert E. Salter, Samuel L. Tisdale.
- Cordova No. 131: Rayford J. Hollingsworth, Willis T. Howard, Howard H. Thomas.
- Columbia No. 138: Harry L. Askew, Enoch J. Godfrey.
- Castleberry No. 141: Joseph O. Rainer, Sanford B. Strout.
- Cherokee No. 142: Frank Collier, Robert Savage, Briggs Tatum, Joseph Baker, William Eaves.
- Woodlawn No. 146: Walter L. Allen, Harvey Graves Adams, James Colvin Arthur, Heustis Barnett Abernathy, Joseph Benton Atkinson, Fred Boyington Ackis, Robert H. Ballen-

tine, Francis Thornton Byrd, Henry Hope Barnard, William Calvin Brewer, John Henry Burns, Archie Arthur Bolen, John Keeno Bailey, John Pendleton Broyles, Manley Tarlton Barnham, Jesse Lee Buckner, James Garnett Brooks, William Phylander Blair, Elijah Gary Burchfield, Charles Anderson Bales, Howard Albert Blue, Frank Lake Bowen, Harvey Tilden Brooks, Harvey Tilden Bunt, George Damrel Carns, Samuel Edward Carson, Zach Elam Cheatham, Richard Augustus Clayton, Oscar Lee Cagle, Milton George Cook, Robert Julius Thomas Collins, Charles Milton Campbell, Thomas Houston Davis, Ben Davis, Ben I. Dilger, Joseph Daniel Sinkler Davis, Robert Earl Daniel, George Pink Dupree, Thomas Kindrell Drake, Aubrey Winfield Daniel, Samuel Carl Enslen, Zachariah Amos Easterwood, Charles Howard Eley, William Willis Ellard, John Thomas Endsley, John Edgar Ellis, Bernie Levine Frost, James Henry Ferrell, William Charles Farrar, Boyd Wesley Finck, Earl Timmons Farley, Frank Gabrio Fear, Oscar Dawson Freeman, Owen Powers Fontaine, Byron Delbert Griffith, Charles McNery Galbreath, Carl Jerome Goff, Robert Walter Geddie, Joseph Albert Glazier, Daniel Adkinson Glidden, William Forest Gilliam, John William Griffith, Overton Totten Goodman, Walter Cartledge Glass, Tobias Melanchthon Goodman, Fred Dawson Gibbs, Augustus McDonald Holmes, Anton Hrabe, William David Hammett, Hugh Edgar Hagood, Ephraim James Hixon, John Dunston Howell, John William Heflin, Edgar Poe Hogan, Henry Lewis Heath, Edward John Harris, Robert Reginald Hall, William Oscar Hall, Frank Albert Hausman, John William Hanby, Frank Marion Heath, Charles Clifford Hewitt, Andrew Jackson Harper, Leander Clanton Jones, Morgan Thomas Jones, Luke Ellison Jones, Jesse Manniel Kirk, William Joseph Keown, Jesse Bartow Knight, John William Keith, Lauren Earle Krauss, Richard Tullus Kelly, Jesse Long, George K. Letson, Sam Grover Liveley, Charlie Sumter Logan, Noah Mitchell Leonard, John Wiley

Lewis, Henry Davis Leverett, Thomas Jackson Luckie, Will Lawhon, Zachariah Taylor Mozely, Homer Franklin Mashburn, Frank Foster Moffett, David Renwick Murray, William Taylor Madison, Herbert Hagood Morland, Charles Theodore Malloy, Fred Lee Martin, Charles Hicks Marsh, William Lee Pearce Mason, Goldie William Morgan, Alfred Hicks Morriss, Charles Millican, Henry Odus Morgan, William Ollie Molaier, Charles Wilson McCoy, Thomas Malcolm McPhail, Lycurgus Alexander McCutchen, Ewell Lee McCutchen, James Cample McGlathery, Grover Cleveland McWhorter, George Irving McDonald, Benjamin Franklin McKee, James Memory Nelson, Claude Orear, George Lester Olive, James Hernbree Oliver, John Colvin O'Dell, Judson Waldrop Ogletree, Harold Mustin Powell, Jesse Cole Persinger, William Harvey Pullen, Harry Passmore, William Ernest Prescott, James Lewis Phillips, Charles Hurt Passmore, Howard Troy Prather, Burk Parsons, Malcolm David Pendleton, John Thomas Robinson, John William Riddle, Joseph Turner Rhodes, Robert Barton Rogers, Delbert Harlow Reed, Harry Monroe Rives, Arthur Perry Roper, Harry Cannie Swanson, Samuel Toliver Slaton, Yancey Lee Senn, Katurah Caspus Sorrell, Wendell Holmes Stallings, Carson C. Suddeth, William Newton Sharp, Charles Edmond Silliman, Walter McCune Silliman, Martin Smith, Claiborn Henry Smith, Linwood Railey Shiflett, Frederick Stellar, Clare Bateman Smith, Hans Henry Schmidt, William Hazel Steen, Dennis Sims, John T. Simmons, William Walter Stine, Henry Grady Shaw, James Calbert Statham, William Asbury Screws, Barney Dunbar Sibley, Joseph Hafford Stephens, Robert Moring Silliman, Kirby Lee Stough, James Caplin Sims, Charles Lafayette Spain, Fleming James Spain, William Caswell Scott, John Walter Spake, Jesse Pearson Thornberry, James Green Tidwell, Cyrus Arnold Thaxton, Homer Monroe Talford, Claude Arbury Thornton, Cumillus Fue Turner, Raymond Anson Thomas, James Luther Thom-

as, Lawrence LeRoy Virgin, Samuel Walter Woodin, Elbert Marvin Williams, Luther George Hallam Williams, William Wallace Worrell, Clarence Eugene Whaley, William Jackson Waldrop, Samuel Henderson Wallace, Charles Herbert White, William Waverly Whitefield, Walter Thomas Watson, Addison Milton Weir, William Lafayette Weeks, John Jephtha Yancey.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Bernard Harwood, James Ivey Lanford, Charles E. Gay.
- Eunomia No. 5: Eugene R. Gill, Francis Tappey.
- Marion No. 12: George F. Robertson.
- Mobile No. 21: Frederick C. Hall, Clements G. Hewitt, Victor R. Pinkham, John S. Garrason.
- Montgomery No. 22: Thomas A. Himes, Jr., Silas Tyson.
- Decatur No. 38: Robert McLeod Chapman, Isaac J. Kuhn, John Walsh.
- Dadeville No. 56: Bluford B. Bridges.
- Elyton No. 76: Charles J. Lowman.
- Jefferson No. 81: Franklin B. Rutledge.
- Roanoke No. 100: E. P. Green.
- Mineral City No. 101: Daniel U. Burgin, Charles S. Brice, James Lawrence Beavers, Branch Bernard Burton, Alex Ince Jones, Joseph Sims.
- Bessemer No. 110: R. Lowder, Edward Pell.
- Piedmont No. 111: William E. Aldridge.
- Dothan No. 113: William H. Tew.
- Thomasville No. 115: Stanley S. French.
- Ensley No. 120: Selby T. Clotfelter.
- Centreville No. 125: James W. Watson.
- Columbia No. 138: David B. Dismukes, Charles H. Tomlinson.
- James Penn No. 144: S. H. Bennett.
- Woodlawn No. 146: Frank Cecil Alexander, Charles Ross Baker, James Alexander Cunningham, Lafayette Goodwin, Nathaniel Lyon Mewhinney, Walter Edwin Mitchell, William Edward Morris, James Thomas Moore, John Prime Russell, Andrew William Walrond, Henry Franklin Webb, William H. Wolff.

REINSTATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Samuel H. Card, William M. Faulk, John B. Taylor.
- Eunomia No. 5: William M. Gill, Frank Karthaus.
- Mt. Moriah No. 19: C. A. Nettles.
- Montgomery No. 22: Harry S. Kealhofer.
- Talladega No. 23: George A. Matterson.
- Union No. 26: John W. Barkley.
- St. John's No. 28: Frank J. Bowlin, Charles H. Hopson.
- Decatur No. 38: James F. Myers, William E. Oakley, Sr.
- Coosa No. 86: H. H. McDill, Carl Whorton, W. T. Christopher.
- Roanoke No. 100: H. E. Hester, D. D. Formley.
- Mineral City No. 101: Oliver Earl Barker, Dantel Arthur Greene, Horace Percy Wilkins.
- Sylacauga No. 104: George W. Herd, A. J. Notestine, Thomas A. Ogletree.
- Anniston No. 105: James B. Cleveland, Howell P. Lankford, J. Lawrence Peek, Albert B. Parker, Cecil H. Young.
- Pratt City No. 108: A. H. Daniel.
- Bessemer No. 110: John F. Kent, Gabe H. Harrell, Oscar E. Harmer.
- Piedmont No. 111: Henry M. Burrows, J. William Brock, Elwin J. Chestnutt, Grover G. Cohealy, William H. Kenebrew, William Price, Hamilton B. Rolls, William Siglin, Y. Berry Vanderford, Fain E. Webb.
- Dothan No. 113: Samuel B. Bennett.
- Ensley No. 120: James C. Jackson, Robert T. Richardson, John S. Ruble, Joseph Steed.
- Monroe No. 122: Wiley S. Gay, James A. Barnes, Willis H. Tucker, William H. Lane, Noah A. McNeil.
- Bladon Springs No. 124: Mack Pinkston, William B. Gilmer.
- Evergreen No. 127: William B. Ivey.
- Columbia No. 138: Hamilton G. Purcell.
- Cherokee No. 142: J. W. O'Bryant.
- James Penn No. 144: J. M. Tillia.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: John P. Ludebuhl, Robert J. Monette.
Tuscumbia No. 10: William J. Brinkley, Henry E. McBryde.
Mt. Moriah No. 19: J. Ivey Lanford, Bernard Harwood, Edward C. Meredith, Jr.
Mobile No. 21: Jesse O. Acree, Frank L. Ward.
Montgomery No. 22: F. Cecil Alexander, Harry C. Curtright, Harry S. Kealhofer, Peter T. Kontos, Adolph Moritz, Robert E. Steiner.
Talladega No. 23: Joseph B. Converse, John W. Coffman, Claud B. Sims.
Union No. 26: John B. Kirkpatrick, Lloyd R. Town.
St. Johns No. 28: James H. Gaston, Charles H. Hopson.
Decatur No. 38: John A. McFerron.
Tyrian No. 54: William H. Tew.
Landmark No. 71: Hood R. O. Simpson.
Hillabee No. 79: Atticus B. Carlton, John C. McMullen.
Jefferson No. 81: George Morris, Isaac Widenfeldt.
Coosa No. 86: Charles L. Marsh, William Olin Sibert, James F. Champion.
Ben Bricken No. 99: Samuel May, Silas Tyson.
Roanoke No. 100: Francis M. Adams, R. E. Coleman, Andrew J. Clarady, William A. Clarady, Louis Goldman, Charles M. Moon, F. C. Powers, John M. Simpson, John A. Walden, William Hiram Welch, Samuel Enloe, John L. Gregg, Carl B. Welch.
Mineral City No. 101: Nash Hillard Burt, Jr., Oliver Earl Barker, Frank Levy Cox, John Denson, William Cornelius Griggs, James Monroe Mason, Jr., Herman Karl Marunga, James Henry McCary, Edward Dodge Putnam.
Anniston No. 105: William E. Aldridge, Albert B. Parker, Charles H. Tomlinson.
Pratt City No. 108: E. B. Kilgore.
Blocton No. 109: Dan W. Crawford.
Bessemer No. 110: Selby Thomas Clotfelder, Thomas A. Himes, Jr.
Dothan No. 113: Thomas W. Hansel.
Thomasville No. 115: Jesse J. Bozeman, A. L. Blizzard, Elijah S. Pugh, Eugene A. Rentz.

Jasper No. 118: Porter King Tate.
Centreville No. 125: John F. Jenkins, Ben Kline, W. P. Smith.
Tallassee No. 126: R. Lowder.
Cordova No. 131: Howard H. Thomas.
Floralia No. 135: William R. Reid.
Columbia No. 138: Harry L. Askew.
James Penn No. 144: A. M. Whiteside.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: John T. Bradford, Thomas H. G. Cook, Virgil F. Crabtree, Theodore T. Kendrick, H. M. Starns, Samuel F. Stuckey.
- Eunomia No. 5: Edward E. Greenleaf, Tilden V. Mullinax.
- Mobile No. 21: Edmunds Bennett, Raphael L. DelBuono, Nicholas Kirby.
- Montgomery No. 22: Cadwalder H. Beale, Jesse B. Brown, Aubrey B. Nelson, Henry F. Vandiver, Ira H. Virgin, Charles E. White.
- Eufaula No. 24: Louis L. Hammond.
- Hermon No. 34: Hosea H. Sellers.
- Decatur No. 38: Samuel Austin, William H. Driskell, Fred L. Procter.
- Tyrian No. 54: William A. Cowart, Ira Champion, John D. Clower, Thomas J. Dillard, William J. Ellis, Pink Freeman, Thomas Hollis, Connelly P. McEachern, Thomas E. Murphree, Thomas R. Tatom, William L. Thompson, Hiram C. White.
- Elyton No. 76: William A. Davidson.
- Hillabee No. 79: James A. Goggans, Joseph Q. Mabry, James T. Hunter.
- Coosa No. 86: John O. Benton, Charles O. Duncan, W. Frank Denman, John L. Franklin, Maurice C. Shannon, Walker Hale, M. M. Turner, L. L. Herzberg.
- Roanoke No. 100: Francis M. Adams, R. E. Coleman, Andrew J. Clarady, William A. Clarady, Louis Goldman, Charles M. Moon, F. C. Powers, John A. Walden, William Hiram Welch, Samuel Enloe, John L. Gregg, Carl B. Welch, John M. Simpson.
- Mineral City No. 101: John Patton Abbott, Willis D. Colby, Bert Garrow Covell, Samuel Edwin Cowin, Frank Woodruff Crane, Dana Monroe Collier, Elmer Z. Crow, Andrew Jackson Davis, Ezekiel Stanley Gillespie, John Robert Hunter, William Scott Harper, Blair Hughes, Frederick Klippert Ives, Charles Daniel Klotzman, Robert E. Lee, John McQueen, Oscar Pettit, Robert Grant Pierce,

James Lemuel Pledger, George W. Parsley, Harry Cross Stradford, Edward Shelton, Felix I. Tarrant, Newton Owen Tyler, Samuel Fred Vance, Benjamin F. Weathers, James M. Wachter, Reese J. Williams, David Weir Wood.

Sylacauga No. 104: Bennett W. Alford, R. V. Reynolds.

Graham No. 106: James M. Beggs, James R. Casper, Thomas J. Daniel, Berry F. Durrett, Alexander Driggers, Walter W. Fowler, Freeman Grover, John T. Harrod, Benjamin D. Johnson, Ezra W. Johnson, William S. McCurley, James A. Prescott, Brittan G. Ramsey, Thomas N. Snow, Millard F. Ussery, Willis W. Wiggins.

Blocton No. 109: Robert E. Davis.

Bessemer No. 110: A. S. Ledbetter, Daniel G. Meadow.

Dothan No. 113: L. G. Biggers, Robert C. Granberry, George H. Malone, Charles D. Murphy, Robert H. Parker, Elias T. Saliba, William H. Williams.

H. Clay Armstrong No. 114: John B. Lokey, W. W. Stallworth.

Clanton No. 116: Henry T. Smith.

Jackson No. 119: Richard E. Carleton, Gross L. Chapman, James H. Wright.

Ensley No. 120: Henry Broda, Robert C. Boak, Walter C. Christie, John W. Downey, James F. Echols, John H. Jones, Thomas R. Moxley, William W. McTyeire, John Neal, Thomas Parker, Winston I. Phillips, Benton A. Tipper, Walker Ward.

Monroe No. 122: George H. Harper.

Covington No. 123: Oscar J. Smith.

Bladon Springs No. 124: Robert M. Dahlburg, Martin A. Mills, Oliver Mills, Mat L. Smith, William E. Young, William T. Creagh, W. H. Lindsey, D. M. Carnley, J. E. McLe-more.

Centreville No. 125: Ben F. Farrior, L. M. Livingston, W. A. Money, R. Nash, W. Henry Thomas, Frank Weaver.

Cordova No. 131: Harry H. Graves.

Elba No. 134: Augustus A. Allen, Josephus D. Blue, S. Horace Brock, Malcolm S. Carmichael, Daniel W. Clark, James W. Maddox, Thomas J. Plant, J. Samuel Windham.

- Floralia No. 135: William C. Brawner, William L. Douglas, Thomas H. Edney, A. Booth Gantt, Frank L. Jones, William W. Kinsaul, John F. Kendrick, John W. Prestwood.
- Samson No. 137: William A. Eilands, John H. Holley, Elam E. Holly, Benjamin J. Lewis, Benjamin R. Messer, John H. Simmons, William D. Truett, Ham T. Wilkinson, John D. Weeks.
- Columbia No. 138: George C. Gilford.
- Hartselle No. 140: John T. Gilliland.
- Castleberry No. 141: Hugh C. Blair, William F. Price.
- Cherokee No. 142: A. B. Carns, Joseph L. McConnell.
- Delta No. 143: Robert D. Evans, Amos J. Fuller, Hilliard L. Fuller, Exodius C. Fuller.

EXPELLED.

- Talladega No. 23: Clemons T. Radford.
- Dadeville No. 56: Thaddeus H. Watkins.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

<i>Chap.No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Walter A. Conaway.....	July 16, 1915
1.	Frank W. Meeds.....	January 4, 1915
1.	Farley Maxwell.....	April 9, 1915
5.	John D. Dilworth.....	August 23, 1915
10.	Fred W. Smith.....	February 9, 1915
19.	Sydney P. Steele.....	February 4, 1915
21.	Adam Glass.....	May 10, 1915
21.	William R. Heckert.....	October 30, 1914
21.	Earl W. Robinson.....	April 29, 1915
22.	Matt R. Brooks.....	December 15, 1914
22.	William N. Cox.....	May 4, 1915
22.	Charles B. Goins.....	September 1, 1915
22.	Samuel M. Hogan.....	May 6, 1915
22.	Philip McRae.....	July 8, 1915
22.	Jett T. West.....	November 6, 1914
23.	John R. Barrett.....	January 3, 1915
23.	Charles R. Cornelius.....	April 8, 1915
24.	J. Thomas Lewis.....	September 21, 1915
24.	Nicodemus Shelly.....	April 19, 1915
26.	Lewis Allen Morgan.....	March 24, 1915
28.	Frank Jones.....	August 22, 1915
28.	Robert C. Railey.....	September 25, 1915
28.	Robert C. Young.....	September 25, 1915
34.	John G. Carmichael.....	September 10, 1915
38.	Earl M. Mason.....	April 25, 1915
56.	Walter R. Dawson.....	May 15, 1915
56.	Joseph L. Fuller.....	March 8, 1915
64.	Kenneth M. Jones.....	
71.	Marion B. Grace.....	November 8, 1914

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<i>Chap.No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
71.	S. Lafayette Weed.....	September 9, 1915
71	R. D. Reynolds.....	January 12, 1915
81.	Henry J. Koch.....	August 29, 1915
81.	Henry A. Monier, Jr.....	May 22, 1915
86.	James Edgar Line.....	July 19, 1915
88.	Aaron W. Woodall.....	July 11, 1915
99.	James M. Horn.....	May 24, 1914
100.	William G. Floyd.....	June 26, 1915
101.	George Dunn.....	May 7, 1915
101.	Sam Houston Harris.....	September 10, 1915
101.	John Henry Moncrief.....	September 19, 1915
101.	Charles W. Odom.....	March 16, 1915
101	John Lake Parker.....	November 3, 1914
101.	John Henry Robinson.....	April 5, 1915
106.	Demsey T. Johnson.....	March 1, 1914
106.	John A. Stillwell.....	May 21, 1914
110.	John W. Piper.....	April 15, 1915
110.	Urias Schwabacher.....	July 14, 1915
113.	George Alto Garner.....	October 18, 1914
114.	Marvin Jones.....	August 3, 1912
119.	John Colin Moore.....	February 28, 1915
119.	Simeon T. Woodward.....	March 26, 1915
127.	William Ellis.....	January 28, 1915
134.	Henry R. Bradley.....	February 10, 1915
134.	Saul Pashtein.....	July 8, 1915
138.	William A. Ott.....	November 22, 1914
140.	Robert F. Orr.....	April 3, 1915
144.	H. F. Boozer.....	December 18, 1915

In Memoriam

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

OF

OUR BELOVED DEAD

JURISDICTION OF ALABAMA

1915

"The dead they die
We know not when, nor why.
We only know
That some must go,
Like winds which pass us by."



In Memoriam

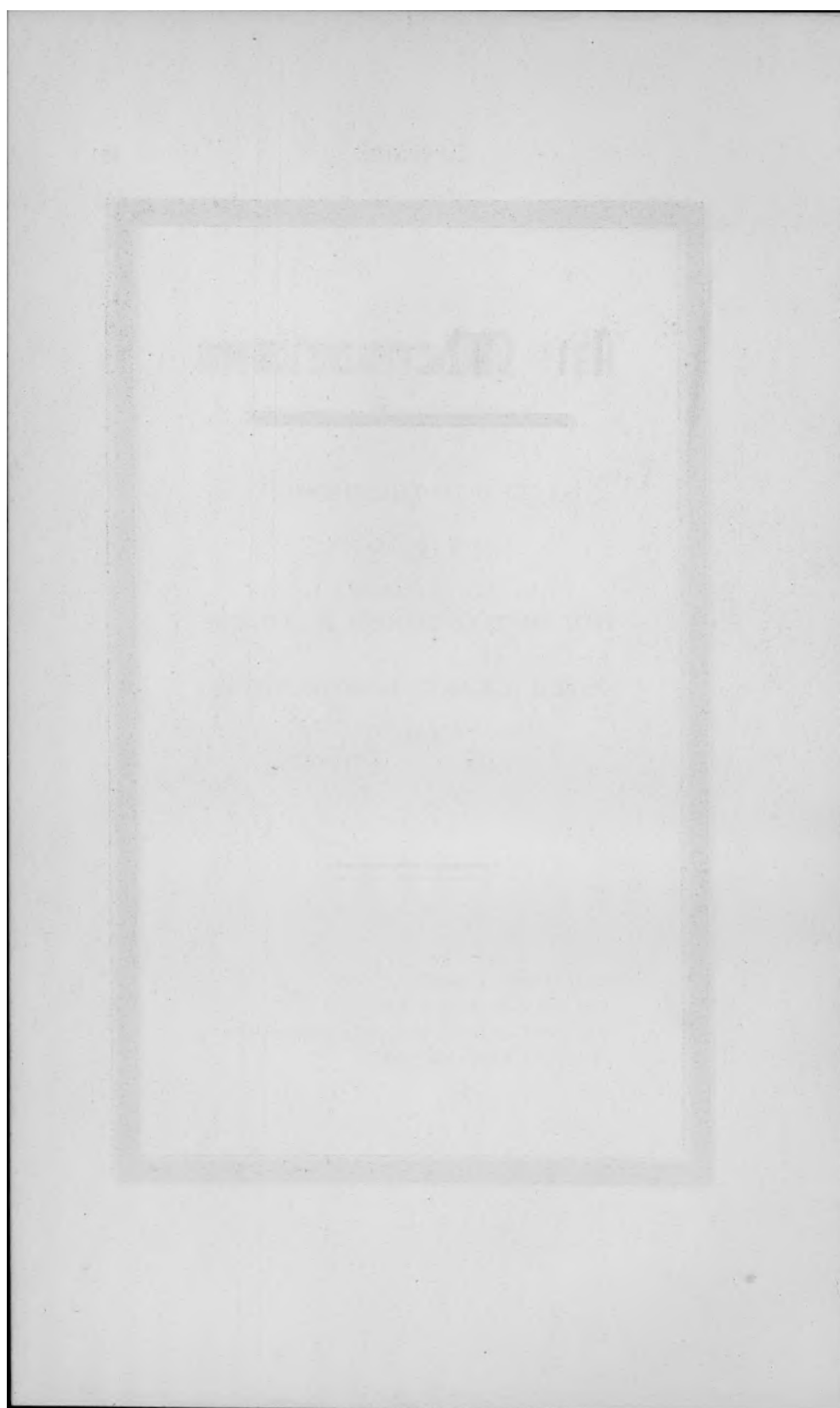
PHILIP McRAE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

Born November 13, 1855

Died July 10, 1915

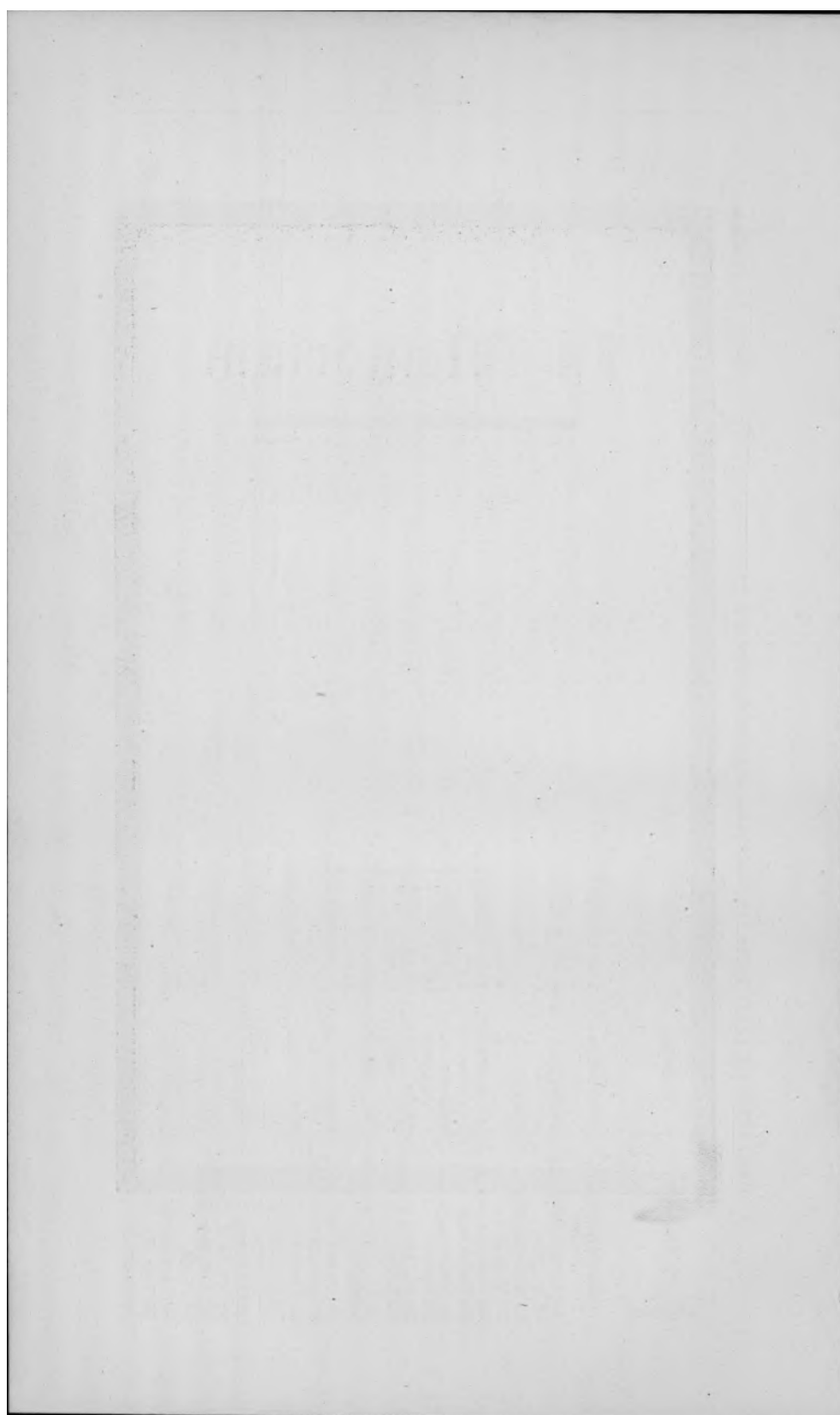
"He is gone, but his memory liveth;
He is dead, his example is here;
The sweetness and fragrance it giveth
Will linger for many a year."



In Memoriam

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
1915

"That it were possible
For one short hour to see
The souls we loved, that they might tell us
What and where they be."



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	Daniel W. Ward	Andrew F. Prince	Tuscaloosa	2 Friday.
5	Eunomia	Huntsville	Madison	A. F. Kendall	James L. Kendall	Huntsville	4 Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	Chas. E. Saywell	Charles H. King	Sheffield	1 Monday.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Edward Swann	Edgar E. Howell	Marion	1 Tuesday.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	Amand P. Smith	Louis A. Lavender	Eutaw	2 Friday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	C. A. L. Johnstone	Charles S. Shawhan	Mobile	2 and 4 Friday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Felix Robinson	David W. Crosland	Montgomery	1 and 3 Monday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Edw. D. Ray	James H. Rogers	Talladega	2 Friday.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Seth Mabry	James P. Hill	Eufaula	1 and 3 Thursday.
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	S. T. Townsend	Junie Harwood	Uniontown	1 Thursday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	John Moffett	Walter H. Trimby	Selma	4 Monday.
34	Heron	Union Springs	Bullock	Josiah T. Mangum	James B. Hunter	Union Springs	1 and 3 Tuesday.
38	Decatur	New Decatur	Morgan	Coleman L. Peck	Andrew B. Harvey	New Decatur	4 Tuesday.
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	L. J. Williams, Jr.	Robert F. Powell	Troy	2 and 4 Friday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Robert T. Ward	Wm. C. Roek	Dadeville	2 Fri. and 4 Thurs.
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Solon E. Heard	Wm. R. Roberts	Collinsville	1 Friday.
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	E. S. Lyman	W. H. Lyman	Montevallo	1 Tuesday.
71	Landmark	Ozark	Dale	Leonidas W. Kolb	Berry P. Garner	Ozark	2 Tuesday.
76	Elyton	Birmingham	Jefferson	B. R. E. Lee	Gilmer A. Allison	Birmingham	1 and 3 Monday.
79	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	Arnold S. Smith	Newton S. Walker	Alexander City	1 Monday.
80	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	H. K. Dickinson	Velma A. Meadows	Opelika	1 Tuesday.
81	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	Jacob Bley	Joseph I. Lee	Demopolis	1 and 3 Monday.
86	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	J. Robt. Vance	Arthur M. Morton	Alabama City	1 and 3 Tuesday.
88	Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Jas. L. Herring	Edw. M. McClendon	Springville	3 Tuesday.
89	Ben Bricken	Luverne	Crenshaw	Chas. R. Bricken	C. L. Kettler	Luverne	2 and 4 Tuesday.
100	Roanoke	Roanoke	Randolph	Gabriel M. Saliba	James A. Walls	Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.

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101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	O. S. Finch	Chas. J. Geobegan	Birmingham	2 and 4 Thursday.
104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	Jos. J. McDonald	J. S. Robinson	Sylacauga	2 and 4 Thursday.
105	Annilston	Annilston	Calhoun	Leon G. Earnest	John H. Snodgrass	Annilston	2 and 4 Friday.
106	Graham	Graham	Randolph	Thos. J. Thomason	John A. Smith	Graham	4 Saturday.
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	John R. Hurley	D. Eugene Cook	Pratt City	1 and 3 Tuesday.
109	Blount	Blount	Bibb	Chas. C. Kendig	George Archer	Hargrove	1 Monday.
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	Henry M. Sharpe	Clyde H. Brown	Bessemer	2 and 4 Tuesday.
111	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	Chas. S. Fagin	Oliver L. Stewart	Piedmont	Thurs. bf 2 Sunday.
113	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	Robt. C. Williams	D. C. Carmichael	Dothan	2 and 4 Tuesday.
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	George W. Coggin	Samuel H. Henry	Fayette	1 Monday.
115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	J. E. Evans	James F. DeLoach	Thomasville	Fri. bf. 1 Saturday.
116	Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	V. J. Gragg	Jno. W. Stanfield	Clanton	3 Saturday.
118	Jasper	Jasper	Walker	J. Alex Moore	Moses Newberger	Jasper	1 and 3 Tuesday.
119	Jackson	Jackson	Clarke	John A. Savage	Ralph M. Harold	Jackson	2 Thursday.
120	Ensley	Ensley	Jefferson	John Thomas	William T. Cochran	Ensley	2, 4 and 5 Monday.
122	Monroe	Monroe	Monroe	Q. Salter	J. B. Barnett	Monroeville	Tuesday after 2 Sunday.
123	Covington	Covington	Covington	Z. D. Studstill	Richard H. Jones	Andalusia	1 and 3 Wednesday.
124	Bladen Springs	Bladen Springs	Choctaw	T. R. Lenoir	Sam Alman	Gilbertown	Thurs. bf 3 Friday.
125	Centreville	Centreville	Bibb	Jno. C. Hicks	T. E. Schoolar	Centreville	4 Saturday.
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Elmore	P. R. Dubberly	J. T. Jarman	East Tallassee	2 Tuesday.
127	Evergreen	Evergreen	Conecuh	William F. Betts	Frank J. Dean	Evergreen	4 Friday.
129	James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Macon	John R. Curry	Oscar S. Lewis	Tuskegee	2 Monday.
130	Palmyra	Palmyra	Marshall	Oliver D. Street	S. R. Kennamer	Guntersville	Fri. on or bf FM&2wks af
131	Cordova	Cordova	Walker	M. G. Hubbard	Andrew D. Thorne	Cordova	2 and 4 Monday.
134	Elba	Elba	Coffee	Wm. W. Sanders	Chas. S. Allred	Elba	4 Friday.
135	Floral	Floral	Covington	Wm. B. Miller	J. W. Pendrey	Floral	2 and 4 Friday.

136	Auburn	Auburn	Lee	Jas. T. Anderson	James G. Beasley, Jr.	Auburn	3 Monday.
137	Samson	Samson	Geneva	Ira L. Johnston	James W. Brooks	Samson	2 & 4 Wednesday.
138	Columbia	Columbia	Houston	William L. Lee	C. L. C. Atkeson	Columbia	2 and 4 Tuesday.
140	Hartselle	Hartselle	Morgan	James L. Draper	Andrew A. Oden	Hartselle	2 and 4 Monday.
141	Castleberry	Castleberry	Conecuh	E. Downing, Jr.	Jesse F. Albreast	Castleberry	4 Saturday.
142	Cherokee	Centre	Cherokee	S. J. Cobb	Wm. A. Cobb	Centre	2 Thursday.
143	Delta	Delta	Clay	Andrew K. Brooks	Thos. K. Miller	Delta	Sat. bf. 1 & Th. bf. 3 Su.
144	James Penn.	Jacksonville	Calhoun	A. P. Johnston	E. G. Caldwell	Jacksonville	2 and 4 Monday.
145	Millport	Millport	Lamar	Charles F. Smith	J. A. McCartney	Birmingham	2 and 4 Friday.
146	Woodlawn	Birmingham	Jefferson				

LIST OF CHAPTERS BY DISTRICTS

FIRST DISTRICT.

- No. 21. Mobile, Mobile.
- No. 115. Thomasville, Thomasville.
- No. 119. Jackson, Jackson.
- No. 127. Evergreen, Evergreen.
- No. 141. Castleberry, Castleberry.

SECOND DISTRICT

- No. 22. Montgomery, Montgomery.
- No. 64. Central, Montevallo.
- No. 81. Jefferson, Demopolis.
- No. 122. Monroeville, Monroeville.

THIRD DISTRICT.

- No. 12. Marion, Marion.
- No. 26. Union, Uniontown.
- No. 28. St. John's, Selma.
- No. 124. Bladon Springs, Gilbertown.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

- No. 1. Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa.
- No. 19. Mt. Moriah, Eutaw.
- No. 109. Blocton, Blocton.
- No. 125. Centreville, Centreville.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

- No. 76. Elyton, Birmingham.
- No. 88. Springville, Springville
- No. 101. Mineral City, Birmingham.
- No. 108. Pratt City, Pratt City.
- No. 110. Bessemer, Bessemer.
- No. 120. Ensley, Ensley.
- No. 146. Woodlawn, Birmingham.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

- No. 114. H. Clay Armstrong, Fayette.
- No. 118. Jasper, Jasper.
- No. 131. Cordova, Cordova.
- No. 145. Millport, Millport.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 5. Eunomia, Huntsville.
- No. 10. Tuscumbia, Tuscumbia.
- No. 38. Decatur, New Decatur.
- No. 140. Hartselle, Hartselle.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

- No. 57. Collinsville, Collinsville.
- No. 86. Coosa, Gadsden.
- No. 130. Palmyra, Guntersville.
- No. 142. Cherokee, Centre.

NINTH DISTRICT.

- No. 23. Talladega, Talladega.
- No. 105. Anniston, Anniston.
- No. 111. Piedmont, Piedmont.
- No. 144. James Penn, Jacksonville.

TENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 100. Roanoke, Roanoke.
- No. 106. Graham, Graham.
- No. 143. Delta, Delta.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 56. Dadeville, Dadeville.
- No. 79. Hillabee, Alexander City.
- No. 104. Sylacauga, Sylacauga.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

- No. 24. Eufaula, Eufaula.
- No. 34. Hermon, Union Springs.
- No. 116. Clanton, Clanton.
- No. 126. Tallassee, Tallassee.
- No. 129. James E. Cobb, Tuskegee.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 80. Myles J. Greene, Opelika.
No. 136. Auburn, Auburn.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 54. Tyrian, Troy.
No. 71. Landmark, Ozark.
No. 99. Ben Bricken, Luverne.
No. 123. Covington, Andalusia.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 113. Dothan, Dothan.
No. 134. Elba, Elba.
No. 135. Florala, Florala.
No. 137. Samson, Samson.
No. 138. Columbia, Columbia.

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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						
1830	Thomas B. Creagh*	James Penn*	James H. Saxon*	Anderson Hutchison†*	Henry A. Snow*	John G. Alkin.*
1831						
1832						
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1837 g	John C. Hicks†*	George W. Esselman*	Isam Woodward*	Thomas B. Jones*	Major Cook*	Dorle S. Ball.†*
1838	John C. Hicks†*	James L. F. Cottrell†*	Armistead B. Dawson*	Felix G. Norman*	Major Cook*	Dorle S. Ball.†*
1839	John C. Hicks†*	Armistead B. Dawson*	William A. Ferrell†*	Robert H. Dalton†*	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1840	Armistead B. Dawson*	Edward Herndon*	David Moore*	John A. Whetstone†*	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1841	David Moore*	Edward Herndon*	Nathaniel W. Fletcher*	Felix G. Norman*	Luther S. Skinner†*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1842	David Moore*	Edward Herndon*	Felix G. Norman*	Gerard W. Creagh†*	William Garrett†*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1843	David Moore*	Gerard W. Creagh†*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett†*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1844	James Penn*	Gerard W. Creagh†*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett†*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1845	Felix G. Norman*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Stephen F. Hale*	William Hendrix*	Edward Herndon*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1846	Felix G. Norman*	William Hendrix*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Sidney Smith*	William Garrett†*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1847	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet	James M. Brundidge*	Moses F. Hoyt*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1848	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet	James M. Brundidge*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1849	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*

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1850	Rufus Greenet	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Sidney Smith*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1851	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1852	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1853	William A. Ferrell*	John R. Clark*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1854	William A. Ferrell*	Thomas C. Hartwell*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1855	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1856	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1857	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	John R. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1858	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Stephen D. Moore*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1859	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1860	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	James B. Harrison*	Noah B. Cloud*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1861	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1862	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Stephen C. Williams*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1863	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Stephen C. Williams*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1864	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Isaac W. Suttle*	William Kerr*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1865	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	William Kerr*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1866	George D. Norris*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	Palmer J. Pillans*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1867	Peleg Brown*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	James B. Luckie*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1868	Peleg Brown*	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1869	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1870	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1871	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1872	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1873	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1874	Myles J. Greene*	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1875	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	James Kent*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1876	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1877	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*

1878	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1879	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1880	James H. Joiner*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William D. Wadsworth*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1881	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William S. Foster*	John R. Goldthwaite*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1882	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William S. Foster*	William W. McCollum*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1883	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1884	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1885	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1886	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1887	Joseph H. Johnson*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1888	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H. Dingley*	Myles J. Greene.*
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	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1893	John A. McKinnon*	John G. Smith*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1894	John G. Smith*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1895	John G. Smith*	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1896	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1897	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1898	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1899	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1900	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	Basil M. Hill.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1901	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	Basil M. Hill.	Joseph P. McQueen*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1902	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill.	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates.	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.	Robert W. Southerland*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1906	Robert S. Teague.	Lew Lazarus.	Robert W. Southerland*	John B. Christian.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1907	Lew Lazarus	Robert 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

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1912	John B. Lyons.....	Albert E. Pace.....	Norman Gunn.....	William W. Ransom.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1913	Albert E. Pace.....	Norman Gunn.....	William W. Ransom.....	John H. McCormick.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1914	Norman Gunn.....	William W. Ransom.....	John H. McCormick.....	Henry F. Reese.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1915	William W. Ransom.....	John H. McCormick.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	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 there-
fore re-organized in June, 1827, and a new constitution adopted.

d December. At this time annual convocations were changed to July.

e July; in accordance with previous order, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

f No election, the Grand Chapter having "adjourned" on the evening of July 14th, until the next evening; but it did not convene again
the members having dispersed.

g There had been no convocation of the Grand Chapter for upwards of seven years, in consequence, perhaps, of the Morgan excitement.
In December, 1837, a few companions assembled in Tuscaloosa and reorganized by the adoption of a constitution, and the election of Grand
officers. The constitution of 1827 was adopted, and the annual convocations fixed for December.

* Those marked thus (*) are dead.

† Removed.

‡ Expelled by Mobile Chapter No. 21.

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

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Arizona.....	George W. Coggin.....	Fayette.
Arkansas.....	William W. Ransom.....	Birmingham.
California.....	Basil M. Hill.....	Springville.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus	Birmingham.
Colorado.....	John B. Christian.....	Uniontown.
Connecticut.....	William L. Lee.....	Columbia.
Delaware.....	Albert E. Pace.....	Dothan.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Norman Gunn.....	Jasper.
Florida.....	Robert T. Ward.....	Dadeville.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Montgomery.
Idaho		
Illinois.....	John Wilson Terry.....	Montgomery.
Indiana.....	Seth Mabry	Eufaula.
Iowa.....	Stewart McQueen	Montgomery.
Kansas.....	John B. Bethea.....	Birmingham.
Kentucky.....	Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega.
Louisiana.....	Robert L. Douglass.....	Mobile.
Maine.....	George Pegram.....	Faunsdale.
Maryland.....	Hezeriah G. Earnest.....	Anniston.
Massachusetts.....	George A. Joiner.....	Talladega.
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi.....	Leonidas W. Kolb.....	Ozark.
Missouri.....	William E. Bingham.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska.....	Richard Henry Jones	Andalusia.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	Luverne.
New Brunswick.....	John M. Miller.....	Cordova.
New Hampshire.....	Joseph P. Van Derveer.....	Clanton.
New Jersey.....	Robert C. Williams.....	Dothan.
New S. Wales.....	Q. Salter	Monroeville.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee	Montgomery.
New Zealand.....	James M. Pearson.....	Alexander City.
North Carolina.....	Siddons Stollenwerck	Faunsdale.
North Dakota.....	John Philip Melvin	Tuscaloosa.
Nova Scotia.....	Guy T. Smith.....	Montgomery.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
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.....	Austin F. Kendall.....	Huntsville.
Scotland	Jacob U. Ray	Woodstock.
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.....	Hamburg.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.....	Demopolis.
Tennessee.....	George W. Hays.....	Birmingham.
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.....	Opelika.
Utah.....	John Moffett.....	Selma.
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.....	Julian F. Spearman.....	Anniston.
Wyoming	Thomas Bradford	Centre.

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

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Arizona-----	Charles Augustus Peter-----	Prescott.
Arkansas-----	Fielding W. Harris-----	Mammoth Spgs.
California-----	Thos. O. Heydenfelt-----	Redwood City.
Canada-----	William Rea -----	Toronto.
Colorado-----	Tyler D. Heiskell-----	Fort Morgan.
Connecticut-----	Eugene A. Hall-----	Meriden.
Delaware-----	J. Harmer Rile-----	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia-----	Charles F. Roberts-----	Washington.
Florida-----	George H. White-----	Jacksonville.
Georgia-----	Thomas H. Jeffries-----	Atlanta.
Idaho -----	J. M. Aldrich-----	Moscow.
Illinois-----	Samuel J. Lefevre-----	Gibson City.
Indiana-----	Alvin G. Tillotson-----	Michigan City.
Iowa-----	William Wilbraham -----	Cresco.
Kansas-----	Harry 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-----	Charles D. Sprague-----	Minneapolis.
Mississippi-----	C. W. Bolton-----	Pontotoc.
Missouri-----	David M. Wilson-----	Milan.
Nebraska-----	Fred'k J. Shaufelberger-----	Hastings.
Nevada-----	James F. Abel-----	Winnemucca.
New Brunswick-----	Allison B. Connell-----	Woodstock.
New Hampshire-----	Henry P. Glidden-----	Dover.
New Jersey-----	Joseph A. Behan-----	Ridgefield Park.
New S. Wales-----	Aubrey Halloran-----	Sydney.
New York-----	Fay C. Parsons-----	Cortland.
New Zealand-----	Thomas Ross-----	Dunedin.
North Carolina-----	W. B. McKoy-----	Wilmington.
North Dakota-----	Charles E. Best -----	Enderlin.
Nova Scotia-----	Andrew J. Munro -----	Amherst.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Ohio-----	John W. Parsons-----	Springfield.
Oklahoma-----	William H. Essex-----	McAlester.
Oregon-----	John B. Kilmore-----	Astoria.
Pennsylvania-----	William A. Rhoads-----	Philadelphia.
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. Strayhorn-----	San Antonio.
Utah-----	Herman Hill-----	Salt Lake City.
Vermont-----	Carroll W. Black-----	Bellows Falls.
Victoria-----	Henry I. Scott-----	Melbourne.
Virginia-----	W. J. Phillips-----	Fredericksburg.
Washington-----	William G. Rowland-----	Tacoma.
Western Australia-----	John W. Smart-----	Geraldton.
West Virginia-----	James A. Bryan-----	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin-----	Frederick Pollworth-----	Milwaukee.
Wyoming-----	Hudson W. Darrah-----	Cody.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Alabama-----	George A. Beauchamp-----	Montgomery.
Arizona-----	George J. Roskruge-----	Tucson.
Arkansas-----	John C. Bone-----	Batesville.
California-----	Wm. A. Davies-----	San Francisco.
Canada-----	George J. Bennett-----	Toronto.
Colorado-----	Charles H. Jacobson-----	Denver.
Connecticut-----	James McCormick-----	Hartford.
Delaware-----	Stuart J. Horn-----	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia-----	Arvine W. Johnston-----	Washington.
England-----	Sir Edw. Letchworth-----	London, W. C.
Florida-----	Wilber P. Webster-----	Jacksonville.
Georgia-----	William A. Wolihin-----	Macon.
Idaho-----	Lewis W. Ensign-----	Boise.
Illinois-----	George W. Warvelle-----	Chicago.
Indiana-----	Calvin W. Prather-----	Indianapolis.
Iowa-----	William F. Cleveland-----	Harlan.
Ireland-----	Archibald St. George-----	Dublin.
Kansas-----	Albert K. Wilson-----	Topeka.
Kentucky-----	Howard R. French-----	Mt. Sterling.
Louisiana-----	Richard Lambert-----	New Orleans.
Maine-----	Stephen Berry-----	Portland.
Maryland-----	John H. Miller-----	Baltimore.
Massachusetts-----	J. Gilman Waite-----	Boston.
Michigan-----	Charles A. Conover-----	Coldwater.
Minnesota-----	John Fishel-----	St. Paul.
Mississippi-----	Frederic Gordon Speed-----	Vicksburg.
Missouri-----	Robert F. Stevenson-----	St. Louis.
Montana-----	Cornelius Hedges-----	Helena.
Nebraska-----	Francis E. White-----	Omaha.
Nevada-----	Edward D. Vanderleith-----	Carson City.
New Brunswick-----	J. Twining Hartt-----	St. John.
New Hampshire-----	Harry M. Cheney-----	Concord.
New Jersey-----	Peter McGill-----	Bound Brook.
New Mexico-----	Alpheus A. Keen-----	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales-----	Alfred J. Burbidge-----	Sydney.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New York.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	N. Y. City.
New Zealand.....	Herbert J. Williams.....	Wellington.
North Carolina.....	John B. Griggs.....	Elizabeth City.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	S. J. Waddell.....	Truro.
Ohio.....	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana.
Oklahoma.....	Leo Edmond Bennett.....	Muscogee.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	Stockton Bates.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte, Box. 3207..	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	Alfred A. A. Murray.....	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	T. M. Bartley.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Walter Daniels.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	G. L. Marquand.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg.
Washington.....	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla.
Western Australia ..	John C. Strickland	Perth.
West Virginia.....	J. M. McConihay.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Adrian J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne.
Gen. Gr. Chapter.....	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater, Mich.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

BY

LAWRENCE H. LEE.

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

COMPANIONS:—At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter held December, 1914, the request of the Grand Chapter of Alberta for recognition and the exchange of representatives was considered, and it was determined to defer action thereon until such time as the facts might be more fully obtained, and a just basis for determination arrived at.

Your Committee, to whom the request was referred, have carefully examined and considered such facts as appear from the report of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and from the protest of the Grand Chapter of Canada; also the fact that the province of Alberta has been granted political autonomy; that it is quite a distance from the Chapters in the province of Alberta to the usual meeting place of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and therefore consumes much time and expense in attendance upon the meeting of the same; also the fact that the number of Royal Arch Masons in the province of Alberta is possibly sufficient to maintain a Grand Chapter.

The language used by the Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and approved by that Grand Body, in their protest is not to be commended, and is such as goes far outside of the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry, and is to be regretted, but it appears to your Committee that the essential facts of the protest are borne out.

While your Committee hesitate to differ from the conclusions reached by a majority of the Grand Jurisdictions, and the General Grand Chapter—that the organization of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was in all respects regular and within Masonic law and usage—yet it has no hesitancy in declaring that it differs widely from the action based thereon in refusing recognition because of the fraternal relations existing between them and the Grand Domain of Canada.

If it be true that the Grand Chapter of Alberta was properly and legally organized, and that the Chapters entering into the same acted within their rights and according to Masonic law and usage, then they are entitled as a matter of right to recognition, and it should not be denied them because of any sentiment that we might entertain growing out of our fraternal relations with Canada—or at least such a fraternal sentiment should prompt us to accord justice also to the companions of Alberta.

Your Committee is of the opinion, and so report, that the action, in organizing the Grand Chapter of Alberta, was not legal and proper, nor in accordance with Masonic usage and law, and therefore that the Grand Chapter is not entitled to recognition and the exchange of representatives.

This conclusion is based upon the fact that the organization was perfected by Chapters who held their warrant and right as such from the Grand Chapter of Canada, and who owed allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and were without right to transfer their allegiance and property to another Grand Body without the consent of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Had the warrants of constitution been surrendered and the property delivered to the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, then the Committee would have no trouble in arriving at the conclusion that the Companions of Alberta could properly call a convention for the purpose of organizing the Grand Chapter of the province of Alberta, and that such a Grand Chapter, so organized, would be properly and legally constituted, and entitled to recognition regardless of the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

But while operating under and by virtue of warrants of constitution from the Grand Chapter of Canada, the Chapters could not legally organize a Grand Chapter without the consent of the Parent Body.

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

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence herewith submit for your consideration their observations upon Capitular affairs transpiring within the time covered hereby.

It is gratifying to note that a general spirit of optimism pervades the tone of all the Grand Jurisdictions, and that progress of a substantial nature has been made. Here and there, of course, are found discordant notes to mar the general harmony.

Canada and Alberta have differences that might be easily settled if gone at in the open spirit of the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry. Scotland and the General Grand Chapter seem not to be able to settle their territorial dispute concerning the Philippines, and yet Scotland has a way of coming around to the proper view point, when given time to ascertain that her hopes cannot be realized. England and the other constituent elements of the United Kingdom have their difficulties growing out of the terrible conflict being waged upon the continent; but if the world emerges from this baptism of fire with the conviction that war is no longer to be tolerated; that universal disarmament is the only safe way, and that the right of the individual to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is higher and of more importance than the divine right of Kings and Potentates, the price paid, and the price to be paid, will, perhaps not be too high.

We have reviewed the following Grand Jurisdictions, for the years named:

General Grand Chapter.....	1915	New Hampshire.....	1915
Arizona	1915	New Jersey	1915
Arkansas	1914	New Mexico	1914
California	1915	New South Wales.....	1915
Canada	1915	New York	1915
Colorado	1914-15	New Zealand	1915
Connecticut	1915	North Carolina.....	1915
Delaware	1915	North Dakota.....	1915
District of Columbia.....	1915	Nova Scotia.....	1914
England	1914-15	Ohio	1914
Florida	1915	Oklahoma	1915
Georgia	1915	Oregon	1915
Idaho	1914	Pennsylvania	1914
Illinois	1914	Quebec	1915
Indiana	1914-15	Rhode Island.....	1914
Iowa	1915	Scotland	1914-15
Kansas	1915	South Carolina.....	1915
Kentucky	1914	South Dakota.....	1915
Louisiana	1915	Tennessee	1915
Maine	1914	Texas	1914
Maryland	1914	Utah	1915
Massachusetts	1914	Vermont	1915
Michigan	1915	Victoria	1914-15
Minnesota	1914	Virginia	1914
Mississippi	1915	Washington	1915
Missouri	1915	West Virginia	1914
Nebraska	1914	Wisconsin	1915
Nevada	1915	Wyoming	1915
New Brunswick.....	1914		

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

On September 1 and 2, 1915, at the new and splendid Masonic Temple, at San Francisco, in the Grand Jurisdiction of California, the General Grand Chapter of the United States met in its Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation, M. E. Companion Bernard Gratz Witt, of Kentucky, the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, presiding.

A series of delightful and most enjoyable entertainments were provided for the visiting Companions and their ladies. They do things in a large way in California, and having the example of Indiana to live up to, they put on much steam and showed everybody a good time—or so the report goes from those who were there to enjoy it.

The allocution of the General Grand High Priest was a clear and forceful document, just what one would expect after knowing the man who wrote it.

Among the many things of interest, we note: Flood and war relief, and its handling in such a manner as to convince all with open minds that there is a field of usefulness for the General Grand, other than show and trappings.

Ritual: Necessary that a Committee be appointed to revise and rewrite it into harmony with the changes that have been made, and for the convenient use of the Craft.

High Priesthood: The General Grand has no jurisdiction over the Conventions of High Priests, and they are supreme in their powers.

Exaltation: The exaltation of a candidate is not complete nor perfected until he has received, in the usual way, the G. O. R. A. Word; under the rule that neither more nor less than three candidates can be exalted at one and the same time.

Scotland: For unwarranted invasion of American Territory—the Philippines—and refusal to withdraw, a severance of fraternal relations.

Texas: A Committee to visit this Grand Jurisdiction, remind it of its ancient oath of allegiance, its unwarranted severance of that allegiance, an effort to bring it back, and if that fails—what?

Washington Memorial Association: The General Grand High Priest is a strong advocate for and believer in this institution, and

says so in no uncertain terms. And to which the writer says, Amen.

Alberta: The position was taken that Alberta was right in doing as she did, and that in accordance with law and principle she should have recognition, but being as how fraternal relations were pleasant with Canada, and Canada was objecting, Alberta should not have her rights until such time as she and Canada had fought it out, and come to an understanding, or at least given time to do so. Rather absurd, in principle, if diplomatic in practice. But three years is some space.

At the election the officers in line were advanced regularly, except that M. E. Companion Thomas J. Shryock, of MARYLAND, was made General Grand Treasurer, and the last office, the only one bringing on a ballot, fell to M. E. Companion Leon T. Leach, of Indiana.

A list will doubtless appear elsewhere in these proceedings.

ARIZONA, 1915.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 10, 1915.

Twenty-six years ago Companion George J. Roskrugs, now Grand Secretary, called a Convention of Royal Arch Masons to meet in Tucson to organize the Grand Chapter for Arizona. The year after, in Phoenix, the Grand Chapter was organized. So the Companions of Arizona have reached—and passed—the first quarter of their century.

It is gratifying to note that Companion George J. Roskrugs, after having received the highest Capitular honors, still lives to serve and to bless; and that standing at his side, ever ready to give of their riches, counsel and advice, are Companions Morris Goldwater and Frederick G. Brecht, who were of the original band that now constitute the Grand Chapter of that Grand Jurisdiction.

In company with the Grand High Priest, if not so gracefully and graciously, we extend our felicitations to the Grand Chapter, and these worthy Companions, and express the hope that their days may yet be long, and continue useful and eventful—that another quarter of a century may find them at their accustomed post.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. George A. Bridge (whose portrait appears) looks to the writer to be a safe and sane conduit across the Capitular year. His annual address confirms the view.

The official family, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Master of Third Veil and Grand Sentinel (and they were supplied) were present, and opened in ample form the Grand Chapter. All the Chapters were present by their representatives—eight in number. The occasion was graced and added dignity given to an otherwise dignified assembly, by the presence of eight Past Grand High Priests, and the diplomats of nineteen Grand Jurisdictions.

The membership is 736, a net gain for the year of 30.

Heretofore, and at the present writing, all the business of the Grand Chapter has been transacted in one afternoon and night; but, falling in with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, more time will be given to it in the future. It is well.

The Convention of High Priests met, and after transacting the routine business of the body, elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order, six Companions who had attained the proper rank in their Chapters.

There is no Report of Correspondence.

M. E. James M. Swetnam, Grand High Priest.

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

ARKANSAS, 1914.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, NOVEMBER 19, 1914.

Because of the fact that this Grand Chapter meets in November and the proceedings cannot reach us until the close of the review for that year, it always appears as if the review was a year late.

However, there is always something of interest to be found when the well gotten up volume does arrive.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by M. E. Companion William R. Chestnut, Grand High Priest, with all of the officials in their proper stations, except the Deputy Grand High Priest, whose death is fittingly noted—his place being occupied by M. E. Companion Short.

The Credentials Committee reported the presence of fifteen Grand Officers, nine Past Grand High Priests, and sixty-seven Representatives from fifty-seven of the eighty-five Chapters on the rolls. Sixteen Grand Representatives were presented and received with ceremonious courtesy, Alabama's diplomat not being among them.

The address of the Grand High Priest was filled with local color and matters of local interest. The death of Deputy Grand High Priest, James Riley Mahan, was announced with fitting memorial; and among the fraternal dead in other Jurisdictions, was noted the death of our own Titcomb. Several decisions were reported, but none of special note, except that the Ark could not be loaned for use to illustrate or teach a certain Sunday School lesson. As details are said to be omitted, comment is reserved. Concurrent jurisdiction near state lines was recommended and approved. But Missouri said nay. It has worked well with us and nearby Jurisdictions. The recommendation that the Capitular degrees be conferred one at the time, and that advancement be denied unless proficiency is shown in the preceding degree, did not get by the Committee, and Grand Chapter concurred with the Committee.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 4,351, and net gain of 75 for the Capitular year.

While it is always a sad duty to prepare, and sad as well, to read memorials to our departed Companions, yet Companion Hempstead does all his work so well, we regret to have to wait another year for his report.

The writer has been on the job for so short a time that he does not know whether this Grand Jurisdiction has a Convention of High Priests; and if so when and where the order is conferred. Will Comp. Huffmaster come to our relief, and kindly call our attention to how we may be informed, and where to look?

The Correspondence Report is the work of Companion Gordon Huffmaster, and is able, but terse. (*Our Grand Secretary would be pleased to find his like in Alabama and put him on the job.*) He covers forty-nine Jurisdictions in forty pages of readable matter. Alabama comes in for a full page of courteous and fraternal treatment. Of our lamented Titcomb he says:

Companion William Yates Titcomb writes another of his sweet spirited Reports on Foreign Correspondence. He takes very kindly notice of Arkansas, and was kind enough to quote the tail we appended to our kite to make it fly.

But this good man is with us no more in the flesh. On December 23, 1913, he went to his reward. A truly great man has gone from among us, but has left behind for our edification and enlightenment the many bright and pure pages written by him for the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of his State.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was requested to wait yet a time with patience.

Here is where we get off. After beholding Adonis rise from his "Salstitial" bath and abode, and join his lovely Venus, our friend lingers along the Capitular forest until the "wild boar's white tusk" had tinged with the somber hues of autumn, the golden tints of summer, and then thanks the scribes for their kindly treatment, and the Companions at home for their forbearance. He deserves forbearance and kindly treatment for the moral courage displayed in being able to tear himself away from a sight of Venus (if all one hears and reads about her be true) to wander anywhere—and one cannot be surprised if he got his tints mixed.

M. E. Zuber N. Short, Grand High Priest.

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

CALIFORNIA, 1915.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL, APRIL 20, 1915.

The portrait of the Grand High Priest, Thomas O. Heydenfeldt, adorns the volume of the proceedings, and looks very much like the distinguished gentleman the writer remembers to have met so pleasantly at Indianapolis.

The Grand Chapter was convened in Annual Convocation in the new—and magnificent—Masonic Temple in San Francisco, with a complete roster of the Grand Officers present; also fourteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty Grand Representatives (who were welcomed by Alabama's diplomat) and the Representatives of ninety-seven Chapters—eight not being represented.

The roll call of the Earthquake and Fire Survivors has become, and we hope will continue to be, an annual event in Grand Chapter. Twenty-three responded to their names, and there was silence when three were called—these Companions having passed to their reward.

Quite a number of visitors, distinguished in other Masonic walks in California, were received and cordially welcomed. Their titles alone take up considerable space.

The address of the Grand High Priest dealt adequately and tersely with the affairs of his office. Of Capitular conditions in his Grand Jurisdiction, he says:

I am happy to say that there has been a true fraternal spirit and kindly effort on the part of the Companions of this Jurisdiction working in harmony for the advancement of our Rite.

The inevitable changes which accompany every phase of life have marked the progress of Capitular Masonry in California.

The joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, struggles and achievements of the past year live only in records and memories of the past.

Peace and prosperity exist throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and those of our Sister Jurisdictions. No clouds have dimmed the sunshine of our Masonic labors.

He notes with sorrow the passing, on February 8th, 1915, of Deputy Grand High Priest Edward Swift West.

Quite a number of visitations were made, three Chapters were constituted and two were given dispensations, all of which met the approval of the Grand Chapter.

He recommended the advisability of becoming a member of the Honor Roll of the Washington Memorial Association, but the Committee to which the recommendation went passed it over by saying:

It appears that this is purely a matter of sentiment and the appropriation one of policy. The Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation, leaving the matter to be disposed of by the Grand Chapter as to it may seem mete and proper.

If a mere sentiment it is worthy of the best thought of those who would preserve American history, and perpetuate American free institutions. Such sentiment and policy as the enemies of this history and these institutions would have us entertain and pursue until such time as American history is perverted and our free institutions crushed beneath the iron heel of the tiara-crowned autocrat of Rome.

The cash balance looks good, but a peep at the tentative programme laid for entertainment of the General Grand Chapter and Council indicates that when the next inventory is taken the balance will be not so good. However, no fear that this will not be O. K.

The venerable and highly esteemed Grand Secretary, William A. Davies, was made Grand Secretary Emeritus, and his salary fixed for life—and his son elected to succeed him in the active work. A very graceful and thoughtful thing to do in both instances.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon twenty-one eligibles, at the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention, held April 20th, 1915.

The Correspondence Report is from the venerable but still able and incisive pen of the greatly beloved and respected Companion, William A. Davies, and covers a review of forty-five Jurisdictions. Alabama comes in for a very courteous and full report. Several clippings from the "Address" of Grand High Priest Pace are made, but without comment.

For his very kind reference to the Report on Correspondence from Alabama he has the thanks of the writer.

M. E. William Henry Gaynor, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1915.

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 24, 1915.

A rather imposing looking volume on the outside, and filled with matter of more than local interest is the record of the proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction for the year 1915.

The portrait of the incoming M. E. First Grand Principal Z, William S. R. Murch, indicates a character strong enough to cope with the many problems that will confront this administration, if the address of the First Grand Principal Z, Daniel F. Macwatt is to be taken as an earnest of what is to follow in the coming year.

Thirty Grand Officers are required to fill all the stations and chairs in this Grand Jurisdiction, and we note the presence of all of them, except six protoms. This is a most excellent showing when we remember that Canada has furnished quite a number of soldiers to the army of the Empire in Europe, and that good craftsmen always respond to the call of duty.

The Credentials Committee reported 170 warranted Chapters, and one U. D., with 118 represented at the Grand Convocation. The Grand Representatives of twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions were received with Grand Honors, and given high seats in the assembly. Alabama was denied this privilege because of the absence of her Representative.

The address of the Grand First Principal Z indicates a busy and trying year. He opens thus:

I welcome you to the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation under such circumstances as we never experienced before and, I trust, never

shall again. Our Empire is being tried, and tried heavily, but we all feel confident that the victory will be with us. God grant it may soon come. It was Lincoln, I think, who on being assured that victory must be with the Union, because God was on their side, replied that he was more concerned to know if they, the Unionists, were on God's side. That was the all-important point of view he had, and so with us. If we are on God's side we shall win, if not we shall fail.

The war has necessarily affected our finances and our increase in membership; but need not have interfered with the harmony which usually exists in all parts of this Jurisdiction. This year, unfortunately, we have had a rebellion in the Province of Alberta; small, it is true, and practically at an end, as will be seen by the remarks I have to make thereon in a subsequent part of this address.

Despite these conditions there was a gratifying increase in new members—1,082—or, deducting for the Alberta secession, 524.

Two Past Grand First Principals, M. E. Companions William Gibson and John Leslie, and several Past and Present Grand Superintendents passed, during the year, through the veils to enter the presence of the Supreme Council. Eloquent tribute was paid to their worth while living, and fitting testimonials were laid to their memory.

The Alberta secession is dealt with at length, and on the face of the returns it looks as if the right is with the Grand Domain of Canada. Many reasons are advanced (too many to be here stated) why the action of the Alberta Companions was and is illegal, although it might just as forcibly have been put in more parliamentary language.

Since the meeting of the Grand Chapter a branch of the matter has gotten into the courts, and while the court did not comment on the legality of the separation—a matter not presented, so said the learned judge—the decision was that a minority membership in Alberta Chapter No. 106 were entitled to the warrants, property and effects of the Chapter, notwithstanding a majority of the Chapter had declared for the Alberta Grand Jurisdiction. Tantamount to a decision that the legal title to all the property of the Chapter was in the adherents of the Grand Chapter of Canada, for what is true as to one must be true as to all.

This same question seems to have weighed upon the Companions of Klondike Chapter, located at Dawson, Y. T., and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. They resented the attitude

of the First Grand Principal towards Alberta, and circularized him—forgetting to send him one. But others faithful, saw that he got one, and now Klondike regrets that her young enthusiasm found expression in words, and promises not again to get gay.

The reports of the Grand Scribe E and of the several Grand Superintendents contain much of interest, but space forbids an extended notice thereof. They indicate a healthy condition of the Rite in the Grand Jurisdiction.

As is usual and customary Companion George J. Bennett furnishes a most readable Report on Correspondence. Our dearly beloved Titcomb comes in for a touching mead of praise, and a genuine note of sorrow pervades the writer's words at his loss.

We regret to chronicle the fact that Companion Bennett has not been feeling well of late, and that he needs a rest. The Grand First Principal Z pays him this deserved tribute:

The state of health of the Grand Scribe E. is not what I would like to see it, but I trust the Almighty will soon restore him to health and strength, so as to enable us to have the benefit of his knowledge and ability in Capitular affairs for many years.

The year has been a strenuous one for him and for me. The correspondence has been exceedingly heavy, but through it all I have had the willing assistance of the Grand Scribe E., who has been of material help during a trying year.

Grand Chapter should insist on his taking a much-needed rest, and to this end some arrangement should be made for carrying on of the duties during his absence. The services of the Grand Scribe E. we have had for over sixteen years, and we are all agreed that there are few Jurisdictions which can boast so efficient an officer. His Reports on Foreign Correspondence have made his name familiar in the Capitular world. He is in a class by himself, so we should take care of him.

Here's hoping he has had his rest, and that he is as fit as a fiddle. He would be sorely missed in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the scribes everywhere would miss his kindly and courteous, but when need be, pointed treatment of all things Capitular.

M. E. William S. R. Murch, Grand First Principal Z.

R. E. George J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., Toronto, Canada.

COLORADO, 1914.

FORTIETH ANNUAL, SEPTEMBER 14, 1914.

Should our greatly respected Companion, the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, chance to read thus far in this report he will observe that the proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction for 1914 was not purposely omitted. They did not reach us in time for incorporation in the first report—but it is a pleasure delayed, for which we are grateful.

The Grand High Priest having been for the most part of the year in California, and being there at the time, the Grand Chapter was opened by the Deputy Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Anthony Riesenecker with the assistance of the other Grand Officers. There were present, also, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, the representatives of forty-five chartered Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions. The Companion who represents Alabama was not one of the number.

Visitations were made by the other Grand Officers as representatives of the Grand High Priest, he making three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, following the lead of the General Grand High Priest, rendered the following decision:

“After one or more degrees of the Chapter have been conferred upon a Brother, who has been duly elected to receive all the degrees, a mere objection does not operate to prevent his advancement, but he is entitled to receive the remaining degrees, unless upon due trial he is convicted of a Masonic offense, and is thereby deprived of such right.”

It did not find favor with the Jurisprudence Committee, and the Grand Chapter followed the Committee's lead.

The death, on June 24th, 1914, of the Grand Master of the Second Veil, E. Companion George Edward Simonton, was announced, with fitting words of memorial.

Other reports and doings of local interest completed a well gotten up report of the proceedings.

The membership for 1914 was 5,327, a net gain of 130.

The Correspondence Report is by that scholarly and charming gentleman and Companion, Ernest Le Neve Foster. Of our lamented predecessor he speaks thus:

The Report on Correspondence was the work of E. Comp. William Y. Titcomb, his last contribution to the round table, as on December 23, 1913, he was called from his labors, within a month of attaining 87 years of age. We sympathize with the Grand Chapter of Alabama in its loss, for we had learned to love and respect this Companion though we never had the pleasure of meeting him. His report covers sixty-one Jurisdictions, eight of them for two years. He made very kind reference to Colorado, 1912 being under review.

The Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, met on September 17th, and elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart twenty-one to this high calling.

M. E. Anthony Riesenecker, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles R. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1915.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL, SEPTEMBER 23, 1915.

The Grand Chapter met at Denver, and was opened in ample form with a full attendance of the official family, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, the Representatives of all but two of the chartered Chapters (forty-four), and thirty-four Grand Representatives, who were received and welcomed, the reply being made by Companion Ernest E. Fordham, Grand Representative for New Brunswick.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Anthony Riesenecker, was devoted strictly to matters coming under his official care. Because of affairs over which he had no control, the matter of visitation was parcelled out among the other Grand Officers. However, he found time to attend two Chapter receptions.

He made no rulings, passing up to the Jurisprudence Committee the only question propounded. One dispensation to institute a new Chapter was granted, and it was put in action by the Grand High Priest in person. The appeal of the War Relief Association received proper disposition, according to the views of the writer; it being determined not to take any action until the call came from the Grand Jurisdictions who were affected, and who were in position to know when relief was needed, who was entitled thereto, and who would be most benefited thereby.

The General Grand Chapter stopped on its way to the Triennial, and were taken in hand by a Committee and the Deputy Grand High Priest, who seem to have shown the distinguished guests a good Colorado time.

The statistical report indicates a present membership of 5,534, a net gain for the year of 207. It sometimes happens that Masonry grows and thrives, despite the fact that its nurse does not attend.

The Grand Council of High Priests met as usual in Annual Convention, and after the transaction of routine affairs, elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Priesthood, forty-one past or present High Priests.

Again Companion Foster presents a most entertaining Report on Correspondence. He was kind to Alabama, and this writer, for which he has our sincere thanks. He does not like the idea of Masonic "advertising" at public installations. Perhaps the writer was not fortunate in his choice of terms; at any rate, no commercial sense was intended. The thing we had in mind was that these ceremonies are instructive, impressive, and among the few occasions Masonry has of a public nature to call attention to the beauties that lie hidden from the profane view—possibly of profanes who would be advantageous to the Craft—certainly to whom the Craft would be beneficial. But we are not wedded to this idol. It occurs to us, however, that it might give the right Companion an opportunity to tell something of the philosophy, something of the morality, something of the patriotism, and something of the purposes of Masonry—so often misunderstood and maligned. And it is needed, just as other educational things are, needed along other right lines. But don't do it, Companion Foster, if it does not comport with your ideas of the dignity and exclusiveness of Masonry.

At infinite pains, and in a most comprehensive way, Companion Foster has winnowed out and put in good form the decisions of other Grand Jurisdictions, which have had the approval of that Grand Body. Reference is given to the year and state and page of the proceedings. Those hunting for Masonic precedents would do well to keep this in mind. A ready reference book for Jurisprudence Committees.

M. E. William A. Campbell, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1915.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL, MAY 11, 1915.

Again a youngish sort of a man, withal a trifle bald, is the retiring Grand High Priest—Horace W. Eddy—whose portrait shows a strong, fine face. His address is a short business-like document devoted to the affairs of his office, and his official acts and doings.

He notes with sorrow the passing of two Past Grand High Priests, M.' E.' Comps. Joseph R. Johnson and James Callen, and pays their memory beautiful tribute.

He succeeded in visiting all of the Chapters assigned to him, as did the other officers composing the Grand Council. He commissioned six Grand Representatives.

The "Physical Disqualification" rule still holds sway in Connecticut—just as it did in Alabama until the last Annual. The writer is of the opinion that it is time that Capitular Masonry was getting away from a rule that debars wooden legs, but permits wooden heads.

The customary exchange of visits from the Grand Officers of the Grand Jurisdictions of New York and Rhode Island is noted, and this time M.' E.' Comp. Shaw, Past Grand First Principal Z. of Canada, and the General Grand High Priest were also present, and were received and welcomed in Ample form.

Grand Chapter was composed of all the Official Family, two Trustees, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of thirty-nine of the forty subordinate Chapters, and thirty-two Grand Representatives, including Alabama's ambassador.

A part of the proceedings is devoted to an interesting historical address on Meriden Chapter, but the author is not given.

9,479 Companions owe allegiance to this Grand Chapter, a net increase for the year of 160.

An expenditure of \$50.00 for the Order of High Priesthood was authorized, but to save us we could not find any reference to a Convention in the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. George A. Kies and is up to his usual high standard. Alabama is treated quite well, being accorded more than a page of clever review—quite a spell for our Companion.

No, Comp. George, it never occurred to us that you would or even that you could put on airs. Rather that you would carry your head

up a little higher—a port upright and majestic—as the Great I Am intended that all true men should.

M. E. Harry S. Pearsons, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James McCormick, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1915.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, JANUARY 20, 1915.

Notwithstanding there are but four subordinate Chapters upon the rolls, Grand Chapter never lacks for a good attendance; as witnesseth, a full quota of Grand Officers, ten Grand High Priests (Past), two Past D. G. H. P's, the same number of Past G. K's, six Past Grand Scribes, three Past Grand Treasurers, one Past Grand Chaplain, eight Past High Priests, a full representation from all of the chartered Chapters, numerous R. A. Masons, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-one other Grand Jurisdictions; M. E. Comp. J. Harmer Rile, leading the list as the Ambassador for Alabama.

But the talkers are eloquent and need an audience. Also several distinguished visitors from the outside must be given the glad hand and have a good crowd to speak to—each had something good to say.

Go to it, Delaware! We are with you all the way.

The membership of the Grand Jurisdiction is, or was in January last, 1,169, a net gain for the previous year of 25, only one subordinate Chapter showing a loss.

The Grand High Priest's portrait shows a fine, strong face, but a bit more austere than when we had the pleasure of meeting him last at Alexandria. Possibly the year's responsibilities—then just assumed—have weighed upon him. He is a jolly, good fellow, nevertheless. His address touches many subjects of local interest, and contains internal evidence of much thought and consideration of the problems that confronted him. He visited all the Chapters in his Grand Domain, and, being cordially urged to do so, he also visited the Grand Domain of Pennsylvania, where he was so cordially received that he decided to—and did—remain for the "entire meeting."

He had two "nibbles" at organizing Chapters, but as the bait was not taken, nothing was landed.

He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest M.'. E.'. Jacob F. Myrick; Past Deputy Grand High Priest Enoch Moore, the Grand Secretary, R.'. E.'. Companion James H. Price, together with a list of the dead in subordinate Chapters in his Grand Jurisdiction. The dead in other Grand Jurisdictions are fittingly recorded.

He appointed R.'. E.'. Comp. Stuart J. Horn Grand Secretary, vice the deceased Grand Secretary, and Comp. Horn received the suffrage of his Companions at election time.

Finding it difficult to locate a constitution, and also having observed that the Companions were rather shy of a knowledge of the same, if it were located, he recommended its publication in the next proceedings. It is there just as he said it should be, and now will the Companions get wise to its very excellent provisions.

Grand Chapter concurred in all the recommendations.

The reports of the various Committees show very little submitted. Nothing in the way of grievances, or by-laws, or charters.

Four Companions, High Priests, were elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Priesthood, at the Convention of High Priests in connection with the meeting of the Grand Chapter.

"For the Committee" M.'. E.'. Companion V. V. Harrison submitted a well written and most interesting Report on Correspondence, although he welcomed the day when he could lay aside the Capitular pen, paste pot and scissors. We cannot echo his desire.

Alabama, 1913, has courteous and fraternal review. He speaks of the great loss suffered by Alabama, and the Guild, in the passing of the lamented Titcomb. He styles him, deservedly, as "The Prince of Correspondents."

M.'. E.'. Asa Bennett, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. Stuart J. Horn, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1915.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 10, 1915.

The writer always has pleasurable anticipations in opening the record of the proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction, and is never disappointed. This is as it should be, for the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction occupy an enviable position, being near the seat of the activities of government, and are looked to by all thoughtful Masons as watchmen on the tower. In touch with the world cur-

rents, they ought to be first to know and feel the effects upon the body politic of the world happenings, and so in position to give the signal "All's Well," or notice of approaching danger.

The face of the Grand High Priest and his history, as portrayed in the proceedings, correspond, and his report is in keeping with both. From it we gather the following details: four dispensations, but only one to ballot out of statutory time; a visit to all the subordinate Chapters, and in some instances more than one; attendance upon several meetings of the High Priests Association of the District, and other matters of local interest.

Under the title, "Conditions of the Order," he notes a falling off in the aggregate membership from that of the previous year, and attributes it to the zeal of certain Brethren in soliciting Master Masons to affiliate with an order which has no connection with Masonry. He adds:

It is said that much canvassing for members of that society has been made among the Master Masons of the Jurisdiction and with considerable success. It is but justice to our Companions of the Royal Craft to say that these zealous Brethren in behalf of the society referred to do not know or do not appreciate the injury inadvertently done to the young Master Mason in thus deflecting his interest in Ancient Craft Masonry.

He does not name the society to which he refers, but if the writer had three guesses, he would guess first "The Grotto," and so for the other two. Well, if it deflects interest from Ancient Craft Masonry, and we doubt not that such is its effects, it ought to be put down! Possibly the attention of the Grand Lodge of the District should be called to it, and a means devised to handle the situation.

Three Special Grand Convocations were held during the year. The first on February 25th, 1914, to constitute Mount Pleasant Chapter No. 13, charter having been granted at previous Grand Convocation; the second, April 11th, 1914, to attend the funeral of Past Grand High Priest Frank L. Campbell, Grand High Priest in 1895, and the third on November 29th, to attend the burial of Grand Scribe William H. Wunder, the victim of an automobile accident. Heavy black lines take the place of his name in the Grand Council, and his chair was draped in mourning. The passing of Past Grand High Priests Edwin S. Holmes, Grand High Priest in 1890, and Kenton N. Harper, Grand High Priest in 1910, is noted, with affectionate tribute.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, the representatives and Past High Priests of the thirteen subordinate Chapters, and thirty-six Grand Representatives—including Companion Charles F. Roberts, representing Alabama—were present to greet the Grand Officers and participate in the opening of the Grand Chapter.

As indicated in the address of the Grand High Priest, there is a net loss in membership of 20, present membership being 3,580.

The financial condition is good, notwithstanding the loss of members.

The Correspondence Report is from the fertile brain of Companion Roe Fulkerson, and we wager was written on a typewriter (machine).

Alabama receives much of commendation, and somewhat of criticism—the latter being directed mostly at the faults of the writer of this report. But it is so good-natured, yet pointed withal, that we just smile, agree among us that we will do better another time, and read on to the last line.

By the way the last lines are so good, that an effort is going to be made to pass the censorship of the Grand Secretary, and clip in full. Here goes :

But the Supreme Architect of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has made war in this country impossible.

Here we are in the golden age of fraternalism.

In every hamlet and village in our land has been set up the sacred altars of Freemasonry. From ice-bound Alaska to where the summer zephyrs sweep the glittering sands of Florida, around these holy altars men are learning the lesson of a common morality and a common undenominational God.

Here are inculcated charity, obedience to the law, the universal brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

Warring politicians here meet in peace and the warm handclasp of brotherly love supplants the clinched fist of strife.

Here Jew and Gentile kneel at the same altar and raise their eyes in adoration to one God.

Here the soft, white hand of Capital warmly clasps the horny palm of Labor and the business magnate is on a level with the humblest clerk.

Throughout all our body politic with its ills and strife pulsates the rich red blood of Masonry; joining us in one indissoluble army, battling for peace and for the uplift of mankind.

Masonry is the little heaven which ever has and ever will leaven the whole loaf of our American civilization.

When Famine, hollow cheeked, or devastating Flood descends upon our land leaving desolation and misery in their wake, these banded Brethren are first to heed the call for help.

Father of the fatherless, friend of the needy, helper of the helpless, they stand with open hand outstretched to greet the world in time of greatest need.

Built on a foundation of morality and truthfulness which is as old as the eternal hills themselves, the waves of war and strife may dash themselves against it in vain.

And an all-wise and all-kind God looks down on them from His great white throne above and smiles His most kindly smile.

(The Grand Secretary thinks a lot of Roe, and let it by.)

M. E. Lem Towers, Jr., Grand High Priest.

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

ENGLAND, 1914-1915.

The reports of five Quarterly Convocations come to us this time for review. Ordinarily there is very little of general interest to be found in these publications, as they consist largely in the doings of the Committee on General Purposes, the creation of Chapters and their attachment to certain Lodges, the removal of Chapters, and a financial statement of the funds and investments. Nothing to give the reviewer an insight into their customs, laws and usages.

Conditions have changed, and the affairs of the United Kingdom are of special interest to all Masons in view of the gigantic struggle in which England is engaged.

A large number of the Grand Officers were absent at the May, 1914, Quarterly, and the Acting First Grand Principal Z noted the fact of the many empty benches, and suggested that nothing likely to provoke discussion or disagreement be proposed; certainly nothing affecting the laws of the Craft while so many were absent in the service of the country. This was agreed to and all motions of that character withdrawn.

Aside from the announcement of the death of Col. Townley Caldwell, Third Grand Principal, and the appointment of his successor, Very Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, M. A. Dean of Bocking, Grand Superintendent of Buckinghamshire, the November Quarterly contains nothing of note. The fact that for the first time within the memory of the Committee on General Purposes there had been no application for the establishment of Chapters is also set forth, as indicative of conditions.

The February, 1915, Quarterly, contains nothing of special interest, except that there was a revival of interest in that five Chapters were established, three removed to other quarters and one stricken from the rolls.

The election and appointment of Grand Officers, and the promotion of officers and honorary officers to Past Grands was had at the May, 1915, Quarterly. We notice that six of the Grand Officers, by virtue of their regulations, hold because of the fact that they hold corresponding places in the Grand Lodge of England. These are First Grand Principal, Pro First Grand Principal, Second Grand Principal, Grand Scribe E., Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar—and these seem to go by right of heredity. Quite a number of promotions are recorded. The death of eleven Companions of the Grand Chapter are reported by the Committee on General Purposes, but without comment or eulogy.

One new Chapter was authorized, several given permission to change location. Otherwise the report is purely statistical.

Because of absence at the front in the service quite a number of Grand Officers were not present for installation.

The August, 1915, Quarterly is much the same in attendance and routine as the others. Nine deaths of Grand Officers, Past and Present, are noted without comment. Three Chapters were authorized, and two permitted to change location. Certain matters of precedence of Grand Officers were settled, and this seems to be of grave importance in this Grand Jurisdiction.

In the name of peace and harmony the following resolution was proposed and adopted:

That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of Royal Arch Masonry being disturbed it is necessary that all Companions of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth should not during the continuance of the war attend any meeting of Grand Chapter or of a Provincial or District Grand Chapter or of a Private Chapter or any other Masonic meeting in connection with Royal Arch Masonry and that such Companions be and they are hereby required by Grand Chapter to abstain from such attendance, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Scribe E. of every Chapter.

In each instance, after adjournment, the Companions were requested to remain while a part of the National Anthem was sung.

FLORIDA, 1915.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL, MAY 18, 1915.

As our Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction have no reviewer to come to their defense it seems rather bad to criticize, but this writer wishes Roe Fulkerson would get them to change their cover color, and get better printers on the job. Aside from this there is nothing of which to complain.

The Companions, or at least the Grand Secretary, are (and is) fond of Grand High Priest Caldwell, and demonstrates this at the outset by putting two pictures, (good, except poorly printed), of him in the proceedings. This gives a fellow a chance to have one at home and at the office.

All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, (and they opened with prayer nevertheless) fifteen Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of twenty-eight constituent Chapters, one U. D. and the diplomats of twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions made up the roster of Grand Chapter. Alabama's Representative, Comp. George H. White, lives at Jacksonville, where the Grand Chapter is holden, but was not present. Judgment is suspended until the facts are ascertained; in the meantime we know of a Companion who wants to represent Alabama, and who will attend.

The Grand High Priest reports an unusually busy and successful year, and is happy over it, as are we.

One Chapter was started under dispensation and chartered, while another, which had been granted dispensation, was continued, for want of sufficient progress. Cedar Key had some good material so Gainesville Chapter procured the necessary permission, and made a pilgrimage to that point and exalted a dozen or more Companions.

As it was just as easy to write a dispensation as to cite certain Chapters to the law the Grand High wrote several dispensations to install officers, that being an unnecessary prerequisite in Florida.

Four decisions were rendered, all of which seem common law and sense. The third was according to law, but called forth a resolution doing away with the physical disqualification rule.

Alberta came in for discussion, and the Grand High Priest thought it entitled to recognition, but Grand Chapter said wait awhile.

Two Past Grand High Priests passed beyond the veils during the year, M. E. Companions Henry W. Long and Enos Wasgate, each having lived to an advanced age, and led useful lives.

Other matters of purely local interest transpired.

Once upon a time, as the story books say, President McKinley visited Alabama, and after listening to what our Governor had to say about himself and the coming of the President to his State, the President remarked that it was most evident that the Governor was glad that he was Governor, and thought every one else ought to feel the same way about it all. This is apropos of nothing, unless it be that the Grand High Priest was pleased that he was Grand High Priest and so was much in love with his commonwealth, and thought other people ought to be. Well, we like it ourselves, and so do several of our friends—notably Banks, of Georgia—but unlike Banks we do not see so much of it.

Would it be improper for the writer to inquire why the emblem of the cross, some light and long, others heavy and short, on the memorial pages? Possibly just a fancy of the Grand Secretary.

The present membership is 2,425, a net gain of 170 for the year.

The Grand Convention Order of High Priesthood met, and after reporting upon the finances, electing officers and installing them proceeded to consider the applications of an even dozen eligibles, and having elected them, anointed, consecrated and set them apart to their high calling.

No Report on Correspondence, notwithstanding an able Committee has been appointed from time to time.

M. E. Will C. Andress, Grand High Priest.

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

GEORGIA, 1915.

NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL, APRIL 28, 1915.

Whenever a body of Masons get together over in Georgia, a good, whole-hearted Masonic time is had, and this Convocation seems not to have been an exception to the rule.

All the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand High Priests, one General Grand Officer, Representatives from 119 of the 152 Chartered Chapters, quite a lot of Past High Priests, and the Grand Representatives

of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions constituted the gathered when the opening was had, and staid through to the end. At least, so says the summary of the Grand Secretary. And in the meantime took out school to go to a barbecue tendered them by Al-Shihah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

On one occasion when the writer had gone to a Masonic all-day dinner on the ground and meeting, and was asked to make an address—which he was too modest to decline—he was introduced by a Brother—a minister—who spent half an hour telling the folks what Masonry was not. And now comes the Grand High Priest of Georgia, M. E. Frank O. Miller and tells in three pages what Masonry is. So the writer has both sides of the question, and agrees with both in the main. Among many other good things he says: "Masonry irresistibly leads its votaries to scan the far off Heavens, and bow the knee in humble adoration to Him who sits enthroned higher than the Heavens."

To those who like it thus, so shall it be! To such as we, Masonry seems rather to bring that far off Heaven all around and about us, and Him who sits enthroned higher than the heavens, to walk amidst the throngs of men, and enter into the abode of those who will receive him. An excellent habit they have in Georgia is to clothe great ideas in splendid wardrobe of words, and send them forth to gladden those who read, and delight those who hear, and the Grand High just could not get away from it.

The General Grand High Priest disappointed them in not being on hand. Companion Kingsley spoiled them, and they can't get over it.

We gather that the Grand High Priest issued a formidable looking array of dispensations, for various purposes, all of which the Committee on Jurisprudence declare were well within his prerogatives. (Respectfully referred to a Committee composed of Companions Fulkerson and Woods—if you don't call that "stacking the Committee.")

Also that he rendered thirteen decisions, all of which were approved, but the Committee cautioned the Companions that No. 2 was made before the new constitution was promulgated, and that now a Companion not physically sound or symmetrical is ineligible. Verily, that is making progress backward, and very unlike our neighbor in every respect.

Three Chapters were constituted, and a defunct Chapter resuscitated.

The Finance Committee made provision for nine to attend the General Grand Chapter—the Grand Council and six Past Grand High Priests as had continuously attended the Grand Chapter since their term of office as Grand High Priest. Not a bad proviso.

The Grand Lecturer gave a very interesting account of the year's work in the field. Conditions were as good as could have been expected, the times considered.

The statistical summary shows 152 Chapters of 8,471 members, a net gain of 777. What would the Lecturer have said if the year had really been a hard one?

The writer notes with keen regret the passing of Past Grand High Priest John R. Wilkinson. Georgia Companions have our sympathy.

Alabama was well represented, and always will be so long as Comp. Thomas H. Jeffries bears her commission.

The Convention, Order of High Priesthood, had a field day, and at its conclusion sixty-nine eligibles had been anointed, consecrated and set apart to their holy office. Verily a good day, if they remember their obligations and live up to their high calling.

Companion Charles L. Bass comes forward with his third Report on Correspondence. He no longer has our sympathy, but retains our admiration and has our thanks. Alabama has most cordial notice from him.

He comments favorably upon Grand High Priest Pace, both as to face and address. He doubts the wisdom of taking part in pending legislation by the Grand Chapter, referring to resolutions upon education. It was not pending, but we wanted it pending and wanted it passed. I am pleased to record that both wishes happened. Not politics, but just plain every-day interest in our boys and girls, as our friends who do not care for the public schools could tell you—if they would.

We accept with pleasure the fellowship extended, and feel sure that the benefit will be largely ours.

H. Warner Hill, Grand High Priest.

William A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1914.

SIXTH ANNUAL, JUNE 15, 1914.

If the Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, and Grand Master of the Second Veil had been present there would have been no break in the official family when the Grand Chapter convened in the Sixth Annual Convocation. But there were Companions present who promptly filled these places and Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Four Past Grand High Priests, quite a number of Past High's, the Representatives of fifteen chartered Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of sixteen Grand Jurisdictions were also present and participating.

Alabama seems not to be accredited with a Grand Representative near this Grand Jurisdiction. The attention of the Grand High Priest is respectfully called to this fact.

The portrait of Grand High Priest, M. E. John R. Nevers is presented—a fine face. From his report we extract the following of his acts and doings: two new Chapters constituted, four special dispensations issued, all to elect and install officers; dispensation issued to institute one Chapter; three Grand Representatives commissioned and four visitations made.

The finances are in good condition; the present membership is 1,259, a net gain for the year of 74.

The passing of Past Grand High Priest James A. Pinney is noted with appropriate tribute. Fraternal notice of the deaths in other Grand Jurisdictions is taken.

At the Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, nine Companions who had attained proper rank in their Chapters were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion L. W. Ensign, and is a concise and courteous review covering about thirty-eight pages. Alabama comes in for her share of the attention given to correspondence. Judging from the report Companion Ensign is no inexperienced hand at the work.

M. E. Henry Leimberger, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Lewis W. Ensign, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1914.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, OCTOBER 29-30, 1914.

The usual preliminary ceremonies attended the Ample opening of the Grand Chapter. All the Official Family were gathered there, and in their proper places, a large percentage of the 205 constituent Chapters were represented, several Past High Priests, but so far as the record shows, no Past Grand High Priests, were present. Alabama's Ambassador, Companion Samuel J. Le Fevre, led the forty-five diplomats to the foot of the dais, where they were cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Louis L. Emmerson.

His address was largely devoted to matters of local interest. Among many good things therein contained he says:

Our State is still growing; our resources are still developing; in this growth and development Freemasonry must have a part, and will continue to be, as I firmly believe, one of the great moral influences that shall lift our people to higher standards of intellectual life and intelligent citizenship.

These thoughts, to me, are emphasized by the war cloud that hovers over the greater part of the world. We may never attain to that sublime conception, the universal brotherhood; we may never see the perfect fulfillment of the angelic greeting of peace on earth and good will to man, but we know that our work lies wholly upon these lines and that, feeble though it may sometimes appear, it is yet one of the great and potent influences that is tending to bring men and nations closer together.

We gather from it that internal conditions are good, and matters outside are fraternally excellent; the formal constitution of four Chapters, and dispensation to institute one; special dispensation for various purposes, but none for railroading; the removal of Fox River chapter, and the rendering of several decisions—one that the Chapter could not participate in placing the keystone in a college building—which seems very sensible, in the absence of a previously prepared public ceremony.

Several matters of appeal and grievance came up and were fully stated and disposed of by Grand Chapter.

Bear this in mind! The Grand High Priest refused to issue dispensation to institute Chapters in four instances. A most unusual, but altogether praiseworthy, act—one that might be well followed by

Grand High Priest and Grand Master, alike. And the Craft benefited thereby.

Two Grand Officers passed the veils that intervened between them and the Supreme Council above,—Deputy Grand High Priest Abel M. Hallowell, and Grand Sentinel, Robert Kattner.

The Grand Chapter has donated to the Grand Lodge a Memorial Hospital, for which it appropriated the sum of \$51,600, and as this Grand Convocation was meeting the work had rapidly progressed, so that ere this the aged, infirm and diseased of the Grand Jurisdiction are being cared for in their own building. Quite a magnificent gift, and the Grand Lodge has undertaken to maintain it.

We find the list of the Grand High Priests in the back of the book and also find in the same volume a resolution placing all of them upon the Jurisprudence Committee, except those who have Committee assignments otherwise. Hope this Committee will not be like a jury that one sometimes hears of, composed of a lot of contrary men.

The Grand Chapter is in excellent financial shape, and has a membership of 39,260, a net gain for the year of 1,939.

The Convention of High Priests met and transacted much business, besides anointing, consecrating and setting apart forty-five High Priests to the Holy Order.

Without trepidation, and in his usually pleasant and forceful way, Companion Warvelle contributes his thirteenth annual Report on Correspondence. He complains of the dearth of matters of interest, and attributes it to the peace and harmony prevailing among the Craft everywhere, but in Canada. So he disposes of matters in short order, until he gets to the postscript. Then he violates Prof. Manly's rules on letter writing. However, all who get as far as Bro. Warvelle's postscripts are pleased that he has the temerity to violate such formal rules, as he sets a most attractive table to those who care to partake of philosophy, and a knowledge of the customs, usages and history of the Craft, with a dash of current events for dessert.

While the system may resemble certain ecclesiastical or hierarchical governments, let us hope that the teachings may never become so dogmatic or the practices so out of harmony with individual development.

Under the title "Gone Home" he says:

During the year the Correspondent's guild has suffered another loss by death. Wm. Y. Titcomb, who for many years past had written the annual review for Alabama, passed away at the ripe age of eighty-seven years, leaving a host of sorrowing friends and a blessed memory for those who knew and loved him.

It was not my privilege to have enjoyed a personal acquaintance with the deceased, but I ever held him in the highest esteem, and this, it seems, was also the case of those who knew him the best. Over his honored grave I chant these words from an old German funeral hymn:

Now of a lasting home possest,
He goes to seek a deeper rest.
Good night! the day was sultry here
In toil and fear.
Good night! the night is cool and clear.

M.'. E.'. Everett R. Turnbull, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. George W. Warvelle, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA, 1914.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL, OCTOBER 21, 1914.

The entire Official Family, seventeen Past Grand High Priests, Representatives of one hundred and fourteen of the one hundred and sixteen active chapters, and thirty-four Grand Representatives, including Companion Alvin G. Tollotson, representing the Grand Domain of Alabama, were present and participating when the Grand High Priest, M. E. Earl H. Payne, opened in ample form the Sixty-ninth Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

The Grand Secretary and Senior Past Grand High Priest Calvin W. Prather, is good to us this trip in presenting good and clear photographs of Grand High Priest Payne, and the incoming Grand M.'. E.'. Arthur J. Smith, either of whom, and both of whom, would adorn any gallery of distinguished Masons. Also the type and general arrangement of the proceedings take our eye.

The Grand High Priest devoted himself largely to internal affairs in his annual address. From it we learn that he issued several commissions to Grand Representatives, and advised that commissions be issued to Companions in his Grand Jurisdiction to represent other

Grand Jurisdictions; constituted (by deputy) one Chapter; issued dispensations in two instances to institute Chapters, and declined to issue one requested; issued four special dispensations to elect officers or remove location of Chapter and rendered two decisions. Both decisions seem to be good common sense, which is good law, whether in Masonry or civil affairs.

The financial affairs of the Grand Chapter seem to be in most excellent shape; yet the Committee on Claims declined to recommend a life membership in the Washington Memorial Association. We are mildly surprised that this Grand Jurisdiction would keep out of anything that promises so much of good as this Association. It is not like Indiana, unless—well, let it go at that.

Nevertheless the annual and traditional banquet was held—yum!! yum!!! My they were good, and as old Squire Anderson was wont to say, “and by the gidlings they are till yet.”

The increase in membership was gratifying, being a net gain of 1,085, and bringing the total membership to 17,469.

At the Council of High Priests forty High Priests were presented, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the office of High Priesthood.

Grand Lecturer John J. Glendening was re-elected President and Comp. Calvin W. Prather, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Wood. He reviews many Jurisdictions, some of them for two years. Alabama has much of commendation and about as much of criticism from him. He does not like railroading candidates, nor the method of conferring degrees for subordinate Chapters. Neither does the writer, but the Companions who represent the subordinate Chapters want to see the work done by the Committee on Work, and so there is no way to change the present programme. He objects to the rule permitting an objection to restrain a candidate, who has been elected, from receiving the degrees. The objection does not go, as this is the rule in all the Masonic bodies in this Jurisdiction. It serves a good purpose sometimes, and works hardships at others. But the general result is for good.

His remarks concerning our distinguished predecessor are greatly appreciated by all Masons in Alabama.

M. E. Arthur J. Smith, Grand High Priest.

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

INDIANA, 1915.

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL, OCTOBER 20, 1915.

The Grand Secretary was kind enough to hurry up matters a bit and we were lazy enough to be a wee bit behind, and so we have the pleasure of looking through two of Indiana's proceedings in one year.

It is enjoyable, but for our good name we hope to be able to review the current number each year in the future—as long as we keep the good will of the appointing powers.

Aside from the Grand Royal Arch Captain, (and that position was well filled) all of the Grand Officers were present and in ample array when the Seventieth Grand Annual came to be opened. Also sixteen Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of 115 of the 118 constituent Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions, were present.

As a preface we have the handsome face of the present Grand High Priest, Leon T. Leach, and also and as well, General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America—one of the things that Jacoby went after—and being right and the other fellows standing by him—got. Well, we wish there were other Jacobys scattered about over the Grand Jurisdictions. To know that you are right, and at the same time make the other fellows—or enough of them—see it your way is a combination devoutly to be wished for.

M. E. Companion Arthur J. Smith, the Grand High Priest, devoted himself to matters of local interest, aside from the fact that the boys from Indiana went to San Francisco, were seen, and conquered, as aforesaid. Here's how!

From his address we gather that two Chapters were constituted by proxy, one in person; one dispensation to organize a Chapter in Indianapolis, and several to move Chapters or elect officers out of time. He made sixteen visitations, and had a good time everywhere he went.

No decisions, and no recommendations.

The Grand Inspector, called in other places the Grand Lecturer, seems to have done much work, and to have done it to his own satisfaction as well as that of the Companions, as his salary was not reduced.

The financial condition was not equal to the previous year. Too much "I love you California." But satisfactory enough in any event.

Present membership 18,704, a net gain over the previous year of 1,235. Very fine.

There was no lack of interest in the Council of High Priests. The usual Convention was held, and more than fifty applicants were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods made his fifth journey around the Capitular world and found much of interest, and put it in interesting form for his readers—and they ought to be legion.

Although registering his "annual kicks" anent certain practices indulged in this Grand Jurisdiction, he is most kind and courteous to us—especially to the writer hereof. And he has our profound gratitude for his cordial and fraternal welcome, and our sincere admiration for his regard for our grand old predecessor.

He does not approve of the step taken by the Grand Chapter in seeking the passage of a constitutional amendment—State—permitting local taxation for public school purposes, and asks if we want our Fraternity honey-combed with the political methods of France and Italy.

Listen, M. E. Companion, to a little lecture; a want of attention to the very matters here complained of, and the permitting of the educational systems to be absorbed, or dominated by certain sectarian organizations, called Mother Church, has made it necessary for our Brethren of France and Italy to enter politics, and partisan politics at that, for the salvation of the nations and the freedom of the individual. Given free education under proper governmental supervision and such a thing as that is not possible, nor will it ever become necessary. Given the other conditions, and the time will come when all our free institutions will be endangered, even the venerable one of Masonry. Living, as you do, in Indiana, you ought to know, and do know, that there are politics and politics. Partisan politics are to be shunned by all good Masons, as Masons; but one of the highest duties taught us by our institutions—by our symbolism—is our duty to our country, and the future men and women who are to occupy after us.

We have not all the money we need in Alabama for educational purposes, and some of our friends are hoping and praying—and

working as well—that we may never have it for public school purposes. Shall Masons remain quiet and let matters drift into dangerous channels, or shall they forestall disaster? That question was up to us, and we acted, and the action of all the Grand Bodies was in the direction of preparedness—and if the Brethren want to criticize—we will regret it, and let it go at that. In the meantime we are at work for the amendment, which the Legislature was wise enough to submit.

M. E. Leon T. Leach, Grand High Priest.

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

IOWA, 1915.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL, OCTOBER 14-15, 1915.

The Masons of the United States are indebted to the devoted spirits of this Grand Jurisdiction for the splendid efforts put forth by them in the direction of a revival of Masonic study and research, and for the great aid thus rendered to those who desire information.

Anything of a Masonic nature coming from Iowa is, therefore, most welcome to this writer.

A review of the happenings at the Sixty-second Annual Convocation demonstrates that the good work is growing (as all good work will) and extending to all Masonic circles. It is well.

Grand High Priest, John W. Corey (whose portrait is given) not only stresses this idea in his splendid address, but during his entire term, in all his official communications, the keynote is the necessity of information and training that the Companions may be in position to intelligently perceive, and faithfully perform their duties to their fellows, their country and their God. The result, he declares, will be a refined and deeply sensitive body of workers, leading and aiding in the direction of right living and a wholesome individual development.

Following this lead, the Grand Chapter has divided the Grand Jurisdiction into three divisions, each in charge of a Grand Custodian, and these districts are subdivided and placed in charge of a Deputy Custodian. In addition, each Chapter is to be visited by a Grand Officer, as may be directed. A system to be studied, and the results closely watched, that others may profit thereby.

When the Grand Convocation was opened there were present all the Official Family, twelve Past Grand High Priests, the Representa-

tives of 108 Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama being ably represented by Past Grand High Priest William Wilbraham.

Since the advent of Past Grand High Priest William F. Cleveland, as Grand Secretary, things are running smoothly in that office. Order has come out of chaos and everything is ship-shape. That comes of having the proper man in this most important office.

The heads of the other Grand Bodies of Masons in Iowa were presented and cordially welcomed. General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, of the General Grand Council, William F. Cleveland, and Deputy General Grand High Priest, Frederick W. Craig, were also presented and received in a form befitting their high offices. We especially commend the practice of the other Grand Officers attending these functions, and being received as such, as it is conducive to a closer fraternal regard and union.

The death of Past Grand High Priest George W. Ball is noted with keen regret. Our sympathies.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 14,079, a net gain for the year of 858.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood, met in connection with the Grand Chapter, M. E. President William F. Cleveland presiding.

Out of the usual course of things, he delivered a most interesting address—a custom that might with profit be followed by others.

He is also to prepare a history of the Order—whether general or local not indicated—but we desire to be placed on the mailing list in any event.

After the transaction of routine business, the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon a class of twenty-one High, or Past High Priests.

The Report on Correspondence is also by M. E. Companion Cleveland, and as the saying is “it is hand-picked”—both the report and the Faber.

Alabama, 1914, is treated quite as well as any other Grand Jurisdiction—and the writer hereof better than he deserves, but for which he is duly and humbly grateful. In fact Companion Cleveland says of us, “Everything Masonic is regarded with favor in this Grand Jurisdiction.” Not a bad rumor to have current.

Of course, Companion Cleveland, “moon dates” are not much in vogue in this day and time, especially in Capitular Masonry, but the

writer is an old man and does not care to have the younger set forget that once upon a time "moon dates" were of prime importance, as meeting dates for Masonic bodies. Thanks.

M. E. Frank N. Fowler, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William F. Cleveland, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1915.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 15-16, 1915.

Out Kansas way the Companions do things a bit differently from most of the Grand Jurisdictions that have come under our observation. So when the time was ripe, and things were about ready, the Grand High Priest, Marion K. Brundage, "congregated" the Companions, and after the Grand Secretary had called the roll to see that a sufficient number of Companions were present as Representatives of a constitutional number of Chapters, the Grand Convocation was opened in ample form—and then the Credential Committee made report.

From this report, and otherwise, the reviewer learns that the complete Official Family were there, also ten Past Grand High Priests, quite a number of Past High Priests, the Representatives of sixty-six of the ninety-four subordinate Chapters, and the Ambassadors of thirty Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama's Ambassador being away on other business.

The portrait of the Grand High Priest presents a face thoughtful, energetic and of calm determination. His biography was well written, and by a close friend, judging from the very great affection and admiration therein displayed. His address was in keeping with the portrait and the biography. It is rather longer than ordinary in dealing with matters of philosophy and current events, but well worth the perusal.

He constituted one Chapter, but issued no dispensations to form new Chapters; neither did he issue dispensation to railroad candidates. The passing of M. E. Past Grand High Priest Fred Washbon is noted, and splendid tribute paid to his memory.

External relations are reported good, aside from a matter of complaint about jurisdiction concerning Oklahoma, and that found easy and amicable settlement.

Internal conditions were good, and the matters of complaint all had prompt and intelligent attention. This brings forward a new

heading in Grand High Priest's Addresses—"Politics." A zealous Companion, mindful of his duty as a citizen and a Mason, in addressing a circular letter to other Companions anent the church affiliations of certain candidates, and the dangers therefrom to the commonwealth, and free institutions, used his official title as King of a certain Chapter.

Prompt rebuke was administered, after a candid confession and justification from the offending officer. The writer agrees with the contents of the circular letter, but thinks, as did the Grand High Priest that the Companion should have signed the letter without attaching his office or position in the Chapter.

Somebody is asleep in Kansas. It is not the author of the circular letter, nor the Grand High Priest, as witness the following:

Masons have no direct part to play in the contest of arms now waging; but they may have, and should have, a powerful influence in shaping the final decision of public opinion on those principles of action affecting society and the welfare of all men and nations, to the end that selfishness, greed and hatred shall not stifle conscience or force conquer justice, but instead, that the law of righteousness and the command that we shall "do unto others as we would have others do unto us," shall prevail.

Perhaps it is the Companion who received the letter and reported it. However, each is entitled to the opinion entertained by himself.

The statistical summary discloses a membership of 10,114, a net gain for the year of 350, and the treasury is in fine fix.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood, convened at the same time, and after transacting the usual routine, elected, consecrated and set apart thirty-three Past and High Priests to the Holy Order.

In his customary fine style and manner Past Grand High Priest, Matthew M. Miller, presented the Report on Correspondence.

He pays loving tribute to the memory of Companion Titcomb, and extracts liberally from his last report. Alabama is courteously reviewed notwithstanding he says, "there is a remarkable dearth of information in the address of the Grand High Priest." We purposely omit the year reviewed lest some one gets "peevish."

His report is most readable, and contains much of interest to us Correspondents, if not to others, that would be extracted if space permitted.

M. E. John W. Neilson, Grand High Priest.

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

KENTUCKY, 1914.

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, OCTOBER 20-21, 1914.

The profile of the incoming Grand High Priest, M. E. W. R. Shackelford meets the gaze of the writer, as he opens this volume of proceedings. It presages a good year for the Craft in Kentucky.

As indicated above, nearly a century of Masonic life has been granted this Grand Jurisdiction, and unless something untoward happens, look out for a big time when the century mark is reached. The writer would certainly be pleased to be present and witness the celebration, although he might not be able to partake.

In the meantime, when the Grand High Priest, M. E. William Carson Black opened the Grand Chapter in ample form, he saw before him, and around him, all the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, one General Grand High Priest, quite a bunch of Past High Priests, the Representatives of 108 constituent Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of forty other Grand Jurisdictions.

Alabama was properly there in the person of her Ambassador.

The Grand High Priest delivered a very long, and to the Companions of Kentucky, doubtless, interesting address. He did not speak of the return of Pharaoh's chariot or the Aurora Borealis, but aside from this insignificant omission, he covered the ground pretty thoroughly.

Many quaint and peculiar expressions abound. What is this?

"This spirit of progress, planted in our very midst, is as a dove of the morning presages good tidings of peace and plenty, of arch building and adroitness as we count our Chapters 113 and our membership quite ten thousand."

The passing of Past Grand High Priests Henry Bostwick and John Walden Landrum is noted in fitting tribute, it being said of M. E. Companion Bostwick that he "literally felt his way to the meeting of the Grand Chapter."

Some decisions were rendered, but none of unusual note, except that it was determined that the daughter of a secretary of a Chapter might assist in mailing out summons, official circulars, and calendars, etc., without a violation of the secretary's oath of secrecy.

These decisions took the shape of correspondence between the Grand High Priest and the various Chapters, and concluding the

Grand High Priest says: "All papers on the above communications will be filed with the Committee on Jurisprudence for study and adjudication, if such there be." Which, the Committee, or study and adjudication?

He was long on social visits, believes in good ritualism, and the constant practice of it; the restoral of the prerogative of the Grand High Priest to issue dispensation to ballot out of time and confer degrees. He held many judicial district meetings and saw that the others were held under proper supervision. Altogether he seems to have had a very busy and eventful year.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 9,579, a net gain for the year of 291. The treasury is in good shape.

If a Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood met, the reviewer could not find a record of it in the proceedings, although he made a careful search for it.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Past Grand High Priest G. Allison Holland, and is a very interesting document. Alabama, 1913, is given fair and full treatment, although he is a little mixed as to the purpose of a resolution that failed of adoption. Its purpose was to cut down distances within which Chapters may be established. It is now ten miles outside of incorporated towns, and the effort was to make it five.

He notes with regret the passing of Companion Titcomb.

M. E. W. Rhodes Shackelford, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Howard R. French, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1915.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 2-3, 1915.

Nothing of moment, and very little of interest, except local, is set forth in the volume under review.

There were present all the Official Group, ten Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of thirty-one constituent Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama was not present.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Edward Everett, confined his annual report to matters pertaining to his office during the year. He issued two dispensations to form Chapters, and constituted one Chapter. No official visits were made. The creation of a Grand

Lecturer was recommended, but so far as shown no action was taken.

The finances are in good shape—so good, in fact, that it was ordered that \$1,000.00 be invested in good interest-bearing securities.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 3,733, a net gain for the year of 165.

The tragic death of Past Grand High Priest George J. Pinckard is announced. Death by fire in his own home. Our sympathies.

Part of two days were consumed by the Grand Convention, order of High Priesthood, one in the usual routine and the election of candidates, and the other in the election and installation of officers and in anointing, consecrating and setting apart to the Holy Order eight candidates previously elected.

Past Grand High Priest Herman C. Duncan presented the Report on Correspondence. It is terse, covering but twenty-seven pages, and reviewing fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions; sometimes as many as four to the page.

The reviewer regrets to note the fact that serious illness has prevented him from accomplishing as much as he would like. He acknowledges with gratitude the assistance rendered him by certain Companions.

As he was not reappointed, we fear that his health is not as good as we could wish. We regret to give him up, and know the knights of the quill will miss him. Companion J. S. Thibaut was appointed Chairman of the Committee, and has a warm welcome from this scribe.

Alabama is courteously reviewed in half a page. The observation is made that the Grand Jurisdiction is most happy that possesses a Grand High Priest who can, and will, teach symbolism of the Royal Arch. Agreed.

M. E. H. F. Grimm, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1914.

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL, MAY 5-6, 1914.

It's quite a way to Maine from Alabama, but it does seem to the reviewer that proceedings gotten out in May ought to reach his table during the current year. Nevertheless, the 1915 proceedings have not yet reached us.

This Annual Convocation was devoted to matters of internal interest, and aside from some constitutional amendments, no business out of the ordinary was transacted.

We note the presence of all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Master of the 3rd Veil; twenty-four permanent members, divided as follows; fourteen of the seventeen living Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, and seven Past Grand Scribes; one hundred and twelve representatives from fifty-six of the sixty-three constituent Chapters and twenty-seven Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama is represented by Past Grand High Priest Sleeper, who was not present.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Frank J. Cole, had a business address, from which we glean that the Craft is in good shape, morally, numerically and financially, without petty jealousies or local rivalries.

Three requests for dispensations to organize Chapters were refused on the grounds that it was too important a matter to be acted on without thorough investigation, and the whole matter was referred to the Grand Chapter. Rather unusual, but altogether commendable.

The local Chapters are parcelled out among the Grand Officers composing the Grand Council and District Deputy Grand High Priests. All were visited, as far as we could ascertain from the interesting reports.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 10,359, a net gain for the year of 206. Finances in fine shape.

Among the dead in other Jurisdictions, in the Memorial Report, we find fitting reference to the passing of Past Grand High Priest William Wallace Screws and E. Comp. W. Y. Titcomb, of Alabama.

A Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood, was held on May 6th, 1914, at which twenty-three candidates were elected, but only twenty-one appeared. They were duly anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy office. The usual routine followed.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of E.'. Comp. William D. Patterson, and his second attempt. It is good work.

Alabama, 1913, has courteous treatment from him. He notes with regret the passing of Comp. Titcomb.

M.'. E.'. Wallace N. Price, Grand High Priest.

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

MARYLAND, 1914.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL, NOVEMBER 19, 1914.

When the Grand High Priest, M.'. E.'. Companion Eugene Hammond, assembled the Companions of Maryland to open in ample form the One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, there were present all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Captain of Host, Representatives from twenty-one constituent Chapters, quite a number of Past High Priests and thirty-four Grand Representatives, including Alabama's able Ambassador, M.'. E.'. Gustav A. Eitel.

Companion George E. Corson, the present General Grand High Priest, and Companion John M. Carter, the R.'. E.'. General Grand Treasurer, were there, and were introduced and received with the honors due their rank.

The address of the Grand High Priest was confined strictly to the affairs of his office. Four official visits were made, but as Maryland has a very competent Grand Lecturer, it is not so necessary that visitations be made by the Grand Officers.

The Alberta, Canada, dispute came up for decision, and it was determined that Alberta wait until more regular action be taken before getting recognition.

The deaths of M.'. E.'. Companions, Past Grand High Priests, Columbus Clark Isaacs and Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, were announced, and fine tribute paid their worth and memory.

The statistical summary shows a present membership of 4,021, a net gain for the year of 164.

Two Grand Conventions, Order of High Priesthood were held, that of November 19th, to transact the routine business, and elect and anoint candidates. Fourteen High Priests were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

The other was special, held May 12th, to celebrate the ninetieth annual of the founding of the Order in Maryland.

A splendid address of historical interest was delivered by E. Comp. D. J. Emich. The Report on Correspondence is the work of Comp. Henry Branch, and he is entitled to all the nice things said about him. He reviews Alabama, 1913, (although he heads his review 1915) in a fraternal spirit.

With reference to Companion Schultz of Maryland and Companion Titcomb of Alabama, he says:

Maryland receives fitting notice, quoting what proved to be Comp. Schultz's valedictory, and then, "Our dear Companion is no longer the victim of physical blindness. He is gone to the regions of celestial light. Peace to his soul." On December 23, Comp Titcomb, with the signet of truth in his hand, made bold to ask admission to the sanctum sanctorum above, where he was greeted by his old Companion, and they are sitting down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and settling the question of the "Origin of Freemasonry" unobscured with the clouds of tradition, which may have indeed exaggerated, but it did not invent.

M. E. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John H. Miller, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1914.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL, DECEMBER 8-9, 1914.

Notwithstanding the fact that a famous tea party was pulled off in Boston Harbor, in which it is said that some of our Brethren participated, and that Bunker Hill is a sacred memory, our Companions of Massachusetts continue the English custom of holding three quarterly and one annual Convocation each year. The reviewer does not interpose an objection, but merely mentions the fact.

The first quarterly was held at Boston, March 10th, 1914, and aside from the installation of a Grand Lecturer, and the report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's address, delivered at the previous Annual Convocation, and defining the jurisdiction of certain subordinate Chapters, no other business was transacted.

The second quarterly was held at the same place June 9th, 1914. Several prominent visitors were present and after presentation, were cordially welcomed and received. It was determined that the annual meetings of the subordinate Chapters be held on or as near the stated meetings in September or October as possible. It appears that this matter had been left to the will of the Chapters, and the result was want of uniformity in elections and returns.

The third quarterly was held September 8th, 1914, at Boston.

At all of the quarterly Convocations and at the Annual Convocation held December 8th and 9th, 1914, all the Grand Officers were present, seven Past Grand High Priests, four Past Deputy Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Kings, six Past Grand Scribes, the Representatives of forty-eight constituent Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama's Ambassador, a Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Eugene A. Holton (who was elected to succeed himself) delivered an address on matters pertaining to his office, and covering only his official acts.

He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest Harry Hunt, Past Grand Scribe Albert L. Richardson, and Past Grand King Forest E. Baker.

A dispensation to organize a Chapter at Middleboro was granted. Quite a number of visits to Chapters are announced.

He recommended a life membership in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, which recommendation was concurred in.

Recognition and exchange of fraternal Representatives with the Grand Chapter of Alberta was denied on the proper grounds.

The portrait of the Grand Secretary, R. E. J. Gilman Waite, is on the inside first page. We judge him to be a distinguished and capable citizen and know him to be an efficient Grand Secretary.

We note with pleasure the presence and modesty of our good friend, and now Past General Grand High Priest, M. E. J. Albert Blake.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 24,754 Royal Arch Masons, a net gain of 592 for the year.

The Annual Convention, Order of High Priesthood, assembled March 10th, 1914, and after transacting the usual routine business,

elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office sixteen High Priests. The Excellent President Warren B. Ellis then favored the Convention with a short historical address. M. E. Companion Frederick T. Comee presented his third Report on Correspondence. His work continues to improve, and we trust that he may be permitted to present as many as he pleases. Alabama, 1913, has careful and courteous treatment, a most comprehensive review of the doings of the Grand Chapter.

He quotes the Grand High Priest's tribute to Companion Titcomb, and adds, "Could there be a better tribute?"

M. E. Eugene A. Holton, Grand High Priest.

R. E. J. Gilman Waite, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1915.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, MAY 18-19, 1915.

The portraits of M. E. Grand High Priest William W. Watts, and of M. E. General Grand High Priest Bernard C. Witt, help to set off an otherwise attractive volume of proceedings. Conover never fails to have distinguished visitors, and it was, also, a good time for the General Grand to visit the General Grand Secretary. The "Roll of Honor" was called and one more Past Grand High Priest added to it, M. E. Companion William Wente, whose death occurred February 25, 1915.

The roll call of the Grand Chapter disclosed the presence of all the Official Family, fifteen Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of 139 of the 155 chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest gave a full and faithful account of his stewardship. From this account we find charity disbursed, and the recommendation for establishing such a fund to be at the disposal of the proper authorities; an account of the distribution of the war relief fund; dispensations issued to form three Chapters; two in Detroit and one at Highland Park, and dispensation refused to Chapter to be located at Otsego; dispensations granted for other purposes, three to hurry up candidates; several visitations to Chapters, and permitting three removals. Several decisions were rendered, all of which seem to be good law.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer either rendered excellent service, or had the Grand High Priest think so, as he recom-

mended an increase in salary for each. The reviewer, from his standpoint, is sure that it was excellent service rendered. The Financial Committee and Grand Chapter concurred.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we find that there are 151 chartered Chapters and 4 under dispensation, all of which were granted charters. These Chapters have a present membership of 24,026, a net gain for the year of 762.

Under the heading, "The Fathers and the Sons" is grouped six pictures; in the centre is Benj. F. Watts, Grand High Priest, 1888, and beneath it is the then Grand High Priest William W. Watts; to the left is Alex McGregor, Grand Sentinel, 1883-1886, and under it is James F. McGregor, present Grand Sentinel; to the right is Jeff S. Conover, Grand Secretary, 1893-1902, and under it, Charles A. Conover, present Grand Secretary, a unique conception and happening.

The Past Grand High Priests, out Michigan way, have a habit of getting off to themselves and having a good time. This was their fifth annual meeting, and they celebrated at a banquet, having as the guest of honor, General Grand High Priest Bernard C. Witt.

The "Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests" met on May 18th, and after transacting the usual business of that body, proceeded to elect, anoint, consecrate and set apart to the Holy Office thirty-four High Priests.

The same commendable zeal is shown by the Grand Secretary in furnishing the Craft any sort of statistical summary that they may be in search of.

The Report on Correspondence is the "thirteenth" from the pen of our good friend with many titles, Charles A. Conover. To one with a face, a disposition and a mind like Conover there is nothing unlucky. In fact the report of the thirteenth is better than the others we have read, and they were good enough.

Alabama, 1914, has favorable consideration at his hands. We did several things that he approved of, notably, our resolution along educational lines, which he accuses the writer of introducing because of the fact that it contains six "whereases" and two resolutions." We plead not guilty, but adopted it as prepared and fathered it vigorously and hope to continue the good work.

Now, Charlie, the proceedings of 1914, which reached our table spoke of the Annual Communication, and we quoted it just as a matter of information to other Grand Secretaries.

At any rate, Michigan and her Grand Secretary are up to date, and have the unqualified approval of this reviewer. Thanks for your kind words about us down in Alabama.

M. E. Albert J. Young, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1914.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL, OCTOBER 13, 1914.

Nothing out of the ordinary routine happened at the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Body. The Credentials Committee reported the presence of all the Official Family, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, four Past Deputy Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, one Past Grand Scribe, the Representatives of 66 of the constituent Chapters and Grand Representatives of forty Grand Jurisdictions; also four custodians.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. William A. Hawkins confined his address to the affairs of his office, noting that in his trips over the State he found the best of peace and prosperity, making it, to him, one continual round of pleasure, long to be remembered. He records the passing of two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Isaac L. Hart, and Hugh Kirkwood, and leaves it to the Committee on Necrology to pay fitting tribute to them. He granted dispensation to organize one Chapter, which was continued U. D. He granted six dispensations, all to elect or install officers. Made eleven official visits, and appointed several Grand Representatives. He gave it as his opinion that the Captain of the Host was the officer to whom reports were to be made, and who should be saluted, after Chapter opened, but referred it to Grand Chapter for proper decision. No action by Grand Chapter is noted.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 9,213, a net gain for the year of 412.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood met, and elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart seventeen High Priests to the Holy Office. No other business, except election of officers, seems to have been transacted.

The Report on "Foreign Correspondence" is the work of R. E. Comp Irving Todd. Alabama, 1913, is fraternally reviewed. As

Comp. Titcomb was wont to say, it is concise, very concise, but good.

He pays tribute to the worth of our departed Companion Titcomb, as follows:

Comp. W. Y. Titcomb presented his final Report on Foreign Correspondence, a foot note announcing his death, December 23rd, at the ripe age of eighty-seven years. The guild has lost one of its ablest members, and the vacancy is deeply regretted by many who never enjoyed a personal acquaintance.

M. E. Benj. A. Phillips, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1915.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 18, 1915.

The Grand Chapter met at Vicksburg, in the Odd Fellows Hall. This was the home and scene of the labor of Comp. Frederic Speed, who left quite an impress upon Masonry in Mississippi. Here he was laid to rest after his years of labor were ended, and his resting place has become a Mecca for Masons. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Robert Somerville, fittingly alluded to all this in his introductory remarks.

For getting one's picture into the proceedings the General Grand High Priest has the call. He visited the Mississippi Grand Chapter, was cordially welcomed and made one of his happy addresses. Also got in the proceedings as above noted.

The passing of Past Grand King, Frank Burkitt, and present Grand King, Samuel I. Solomon, is noted. Fitting tribute to their memory and keen regret at their loss is recorded.

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows all of the Official Family except Grand King, the Representatives of seventy constituent Chapters, quite a number of Past Grand High Priests, not otherwise accounted for, and we presume some Grand Representatives, as we find a list of such in the statistical section of the proceedings.

The Grand High Priest found many things of local interest to discuss in his address. He made several visitations, granted quite a few dispensations to ballot out of time, considered the question of uniform accounting and a proper voucher system for all the

Masonic bodies, but the Committee got no farther than that. He recommended a private seal for the Grand High Priest, which was concurred in; also that the Grand Lecturer and Correspondence Reporter be sent to the Triennial, and that the Deputy Grand High Priest be accorded the privilege of making recommendations to Grand Chapter.

The statistical summary shows a present membership of 4,447, a net gain for the year of 88.

The Order of High Priesthood held a Convention, at which seventeen High Priests were anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Office.

Past Grand Master Oliver Lee McKay presented his sixth Report on Correspondence. We are pleased to note that he says: " * * * In this spirit we approach the Jurisdiction of our native heath." And then follows his review of Alabama, 1913. After reading his entire report, we are pleased to know that Alabama is his native heath.

He was fond of our lamented predecessor, Comp Titcomb, and always welcomed his reviews. He notes, with deepest regret, that he had read his last one from that gifted pen.

M. E. Clarence S. Cullens, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Frederic Gordon Speed, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1915.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL, APRIL 27-28, 1915.

As the reviewer opens the volume of proceedings the likeness of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Martin T. Balsey looks intently at him, an earnest, strong face. He has a high conception of the responsibilities of the office, and a proper determination to follow the excellent Masonic maxim to do the best he could those things that were placed upon him.

He announces the death of Past Grand Principal Sojourner, R. E. Comp. Herbert H. Getman, and of him says: "He stood upright in the perfect image of Masonic manhood, and wielded the implements of intellectual and moral combat for its advancement." Truly a good man gone.

He refused several requests for dispensations, and granted one. Several decisions were rendered, all of which find precedent in Alabama law and edicts. Quite a number of visitations were made, and the Companions, in each instance, did the honors in great shape.

Because of unseemly conduct on the part of some of the members of Caldwell Chapter, the charter was suspended. It had the effect of getting the Companions together, and the special Committee of Investigation recommended that the charter be restored.

The Grand Chapter took an altogether proper view of the Alberta situation, and denied recognition.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 14,703, a net gain over the previous report of 600.

The Credentials Committee noted the presence of the entire official group, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, not otherwise placed, the Representatives of about seven-eighths of the chartered Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, in the person of M. E. Companion David M. Wilson.

The Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests assembled on the evening of April 27th, with Alabama's Legate in the chair. The usual business was transacted, after which a ballot was had and thirty-nine duly qualified candidates passed scrutiny and were declared eligible. Another Companion who had previously passed scrutiny joined the class, and so forty were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

Past Grand High Priest John H. Miller presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. We are glad to note that it is fraternal and not foreign. Alabama, 1914, comes in for her just share in his little booklet. In his supplemental remarks he says: "He puts Missouri so deeply in debt for courteous treatment that we fear she'll never be able to bow low enough in acknowledgment." Then he straightway goes us one better after giving us cards and spades.

Nevertheless, Alabama and her reviewer are deeply grateful, and express the hope that it will last.

M. E. Olaf A. Lucas, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Robert F. Stevenson, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1914.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, DECEMBER 16-17, 1914.

Come to think about it, we did not realize that Nebraska was so old as this reviewer, but rather thought of it as much younger in the sisterhood of Grand Chapters. However, we have lots to learn, and not an overlarge capacity.

To a bald-headed man the hirsute adornment of M. E. Comp. James Tyler, the Grand High Priest, produces feelings of—well, things hoped for, but lost! An upstanding, handsome Companion, with the interest of the Craft at heart. From his annual address we learn that prosperity and success has prevailed during the Capitular year just past. He records the passing of the first Grand High Priest, M. E. Henry Porter Deuel; and of Past Grand High Priest, William W. Wright.

No decisions were rendered; a goodly number of visitations were made; several dispensations were issued, but none to railroad candidates; several Grand Representatives were commissioned, and the appointment of others recommended. Ophir Chapter, after several efforts at revival, gave up the ghost, and surrendered its charter, etc.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was considered, and it was determined to await further information before extending recognition.

The Nebraska Masonic Home came in for consideration, and found a warm and helping friend in the Grand Chapter.

The statistical summary shows a present membership of 4,939, a net gain for the year of 169.

The personnel of the Grand Chapter was as follows: All the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, a score or more of Past High Priests, the Representatives of forty of the fifty-four chartered Chapters, and Grand Representatives of twenty-eight other Grand Jurisdictions—Alabama being not represented.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood, held its forty-second Convention on December 16, 1914, and transacted the usual business. A ballot was had upon the application of twenty-three candidates, and they being found acceptable, were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

The Report on "Foreign Correspondence" is the good work of E. J. Comp. Charles J. Phelps, and is his twenty-third effort. Alabama, 1913, has fraternal consideration from him, although included with the other Grand Chapters under the head of Foreign. He notes with sorrow the passing of Companion Titcomb.

M. J. E. J. Burt L. Spellman, Grand High Priest.

R. J. E. J. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1915.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL, JUNE 7-8, 1915.

Nevada, 1914, failed to reach the reviewer in time to find a place for that year. Matters of local interest, which are now a part of Nevada's Captiular history, need no review at our hands.

The forty-second Annual was held at Reno, and there were present, all the Official Group, eleven Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Representatives of eight of the ten constituent chartered Chapters, and the Ambassadors of twenty-seven other Grand Jurisdictions, Alaska being represented by R. J. E. J. Comp. William McMillan. The Grand High Priest gave them some sound advice, at the same time giving them a fraternally cordial welcome. The presence of R. J. E. J. Comp. William Parker Filmer, R. J. E. J. Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of California was announced and he was introduced and received with honors due his rank.

The M. J. E. J. Grand High Priest, Walter E. Pratt, seems to be quite a young man, judging from his portrait, as we find no biographical sketch. This is no crime, as has been before demonstrated, and as demonstrated in his work during the year. Listen to him:

The desire to help, aid and assist one another, is a divine passion, and if there be any who do not experience it, they are in sore distress, and know not the joy of garnering life's most precious grain. It is a true saying that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Nor does the fact that we gather here as a limited body of men, tend to narrow our dispositions, or chill our friendship for those outside of our institution, but the fact that we are engaged in such work, as we undertake, gives us a higher view of life, and enables us to see humanity in a broader field with just and generous consideration.

He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest, Joseph H. Miller, which event occurred December 8, 1914.

During the year he commissioned nine Grand Representatives, and recommended the appointment of fifteen Grand Representatives near the Grand Jurisdiction of Nevada. Alabama had a change of Ambassadors, being now represented by E.'. Comp. James F. Abel. If it be permissible to do so, we observe that Alabama will be more ably represented in the future. Other matters of purely local interest engaged his attention and received prompt and intelligent action.

This is a small Jurisdiction in numbers, having but ten Chapters and 492 members; but it is large in area, and hence, difficult and expensive to cover. The Grand High Priest reports no funds for the purpose of visitation. Is not this a matter to be remedied? It sometimes pays to spend money in a good cause.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was requested to await further information, and her application was withdrawn and filed for future consideration.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests met at Reno, June 8, and after transacting routine business, received and acted upon the petitions. Action being favorable these applicants were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

The Report on Correspondence is the seventh of R.'. E.'. Companion Edward D. Vanderleith, also Grand Secretary. Alabama, 1914, has careful and fraternal notice. Of Grand High Priest, Albert E. Pace, he says: "Intellectuality is the 'predominal' characteristic of his countenance, and yet the eyes speak with kindliness." Is it possible that the two are not often found in conjunction? We are personally interested. He also says, "The address is keen cut and well written." We are pleased that he takes the proper view of our educational resolution. And he wisely adds:

Masonry is vitally interested in our future citizenship, and her pledge "More Light" binds her to be interested in the welfare of our public schools and the pupils and teachers thereof. But Companions, scholarship is not all. Take an interest in seeing that the teachers of our schools cultivate character and heart as well as intellect. And you yourselves, Companions, be ye teachers of men, for all must teach, if not by our virtues, then by our vices.

Thanks, Companion, for your words of welcome. May we be as able and versatile when our seventh journey is completed, as you.

M. E. Sidney C. Foster, Grand High Priest.
R. E. Edward D. Vanderleith, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1914.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, AUGUST 26, 1914.

Almost all of the Grand Officers were pro tempore, only four of the regular officers being present. Eight Chapters of a total membership of 874 make up the Grand Chapter, but they seem to be a live bunch, with the interest of the Craft always in mind.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Herbert E. Goold, (re-elected) gave a short review of the year, and on the whole concluded that progress had been made. The Executive Committee was of the same mind.

A Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held, and the Order conferred upon four High Priests.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M. E. Herbert E. Goold, Grand High Priest.
R. E. J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1915.

NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL, MAY 18, 1915.

Of the twenty-six Chapters constituting this Grand Jurisdiction all made returns, and nineteen had Representatives present when the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Joseph E. Knight, in company with all his Grand Officers, except the Grand Royal Arch Captain, convened the Grand Chapter. There were also present nine Past Grand High Priests, a score of Past High Priests, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-five other Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama's Representative, E. Comp. Henry P. Glidden, was not present, and so missed a pleasant occasion.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Joseph E. Knight, opened the Grand Chapter in ample form, and after appointing several necessary Committees, read his annual address to the assembled Companions. He announced the death of Past Grand High Priest Charles Newell Towle, which occurred November 25, 1914, at Dover. His history follows, and shows a busy and useful life, Masonically and otherwise.

Dead in other Grand Jurisdictions are mentioned with appropriate remarks. He approved By-Laws for three Chapters; installed officers in two; rendered no decisions; granted one dispensation and two waivers of Jurisdiction; attended a quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and visited the Chapters assigned to him. The other Grand Officers filed reports showing that they had visited and inspected the Chapters assigned to them.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 4,552, a net gain for the year of 40.

Seven High Priests were elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy calling at the Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

By far the larger, and certainly the most interesting and instructive, part of the volume is devoted to the report of the Committee on "Foreign Correspondence." It is the handiwork of R.'. E.'. and Rev. Companion J. L. Seward. Alabama, 1914, was extended fraternal consideration. He comments freely upon the happenings, quoting largely from the address of the Grand High Priest, especially from the official notice of the death of the lamented Titcomb.

Anent our educational resolution, he says:

There is certainly a propriety in the adoption of such a resolution by a Masonic body. Freemasonry hoonrs the "seven liberal arts and sciences," as a symbol of the high regard which the institution has for the cultivation of the mind. In the spirit of that symbolism, it is altogether Masonic to memorialize a State legislature to advance the interests of education.

For his commendation of the first work of this reviewer he has our cordial thanks. The farther we go along the way, the more we realize the truth of this observation:

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.'. E.'. Lawrence H. Lee, who makes his first appearance in this field of labor as the successor of the late worthy and venerable William Yates Titcomb. It was not an easy matter to follow such an exemplar as Companion Titcomb, who had made himself most familiar with Masonic literature, facts and opinions, and who, for many years, had written, in a finely discriminating manner, the annual Correspondence Reports. His name and his style had become familiar.

M.'. E.'. Joseph E. Knight, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. Harry Morrison Cheney, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1915.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL, MAY 12, 1915.

The custom prevalent among the Grand Jurisdictions clustering about New Jersey of visiting each other while in Grand Convocation assembled, appeals strongly to this reviewer. It is bound to bring into closer relations the Companions of the Grand Jurisdictions thus brought into personal touch. The personal equation enters largely into all organizations, and Masonry needs the personal touch to fully approach the universal brotherhood.

The Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of New York; the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania; the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, were present and were introduced by the Grand Representative of their Grand Jurisdiction. The General Grand High Priest, M.'. E.'. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, was also present, and presided.

There were gathered to welcome these distinguished visitors, and to participate in the proceedings, all the Grand Officers (with two Grand Chaplains), six Assistant Lecturers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Scribe, the Representatives of thirty-four constituent Chapters, quite a number of Past High Priests and the Grand Representatives of thirty other Grand Jurisdictions. If the Grand High Priest of Alabama had been present he would not have been presented by Alabama's Ambassador, as he was not present.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M.'. E.'. Comp. Robert B. Meeker, was confined to matters of an official nature. Interstate relations and internal conditions are reported as excellent. The fame of the New Jersey work had gone abroad, and inquiries relative thereto were received and answered. Fourteen social visits were made, and visits of inspection to each Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction by the officers of the Grand Council were reported.

Several decisions were rendered, one permitting a Chapter to attend divine service as a body and in Capitular garb. Two dispensations were issued to organize Chapters. Alberta came up for consideration, and action was deferred pending further investigation. Action on the War Relief Fund was also deferred, the Grand High

Priest saying truly that the necessity would not be a temporary one, and that aid would be more necessary as the war progressed.

The statistical summary shows a present membership of 7,642, a net gain for the year of 301. The finances are in good condition.

The Committee on Charity and Appeals and Grievances reported no business brought to them for consideration. A happy state of affairs—no want and no bickerings.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held May 11th, 1915, and twenty-five High Priests were elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office. The Grand Recorder submitted a memorial to the memory of the dead Companions. It was chaste and beautiful in thought and expression. The Special Committee to formulate a set of Laws and Regulations not being ready to report, was continued.

M. E. Companion Henry S. Haines begins his review of Alabama, 1914, with the following:

No one who has labored for years in the reportorial field can take up the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama without an appreciative sense of the deep sorrow that fell upon the Companions of that Jurisdiction by the dread summons that deprived them of the wise counsel, the genial companionship and the safe guidance of William Yates Titcomb. His warmest panegyrists have not exceeded truth in their eulogies of him; our own estimate of his character having led us to place his portrait among those who have made special impressions upon us of excellence and merit.

A comprehensive review of the doings of the Grand Chapter follows. For kind words concerning this reviewer, he has our cordial thanks. We commend the following, taken from his conclusion, to the careful consideration and action of the Craft everywhere:

If we would, indeed, promote the great and glorious work in which we are voluntarily enlisted, we must strive to create a greater faith in virtue, a fuller confidence in one another, a diviner sentiment of justice and forbearance in our relations with our fellowmen; for without these there can be little assurance of personal or public morality.

If we could feel that from the vantage ground in which we have been placed we can be helpful in pointing the way to the accomplishment of this important end, we would count our labors well requited, and would renew them with ever-increasing hope.

M. E. Frederick J. Melvin, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Peter McGill, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1914.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL, OCTOBER 22, 1914.

Three special Convocations were held by Grand Chapter, one to install the Grand Treasurer-elect, one to constitute Navajo Chapter No. 18, and the third to constitute Farmington Chapter No. 17. Officers were also duly installed.

While at the opening of Grand Chapter there appears to be some pro tempore Grand Officers in the roster, when we get the report of the Credentials Committee, all the Official Family appear present.

Half of the fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present, one of the two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, and a Past Grand Treasurer. Quite a list of Past High Priests is given, but nothing to indicate how many were present. If all were there they easily dominated the Convocation. Of the eighteen chartered Chapters, on the roll, only eleven were represented, and those largely by proxy.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Nathan Jaffa, seems to have been earnest and zealous in his efforts for the Craft. He visited a goodly number of Chapters, issued seven dispensations, installed officers of Chapters and participated in conferring several degrees, the M. E. M. being his favorite. He found want of uniformity in the degree work and in the giving of the signs, and recommended more instructions during the coming year. No questions of Capitular law or usage were submitted to him.

A resolution was introduced and adopted to request the General Grand Chapter to request a mutual agreement among the several Grand Jurisdictions as to the collection and appropriation of fees for conferring degrees on request.

In Alabama we take pleasure in doing the work whenever requested, leaving it to the local Chapter electing the candidate and making the request to collect and appropriate the fee.

The portraits of Past Grand High Priests, William H. Seamon, John W. Pow, and Eugene Cosgrove, give added interest to the proceedings.

No record of a Convention of Anointed High Priests appears.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of R. E. Comp. James H. Wroth. It is good work. He notes the passing of our lamented

predecessor. He takes issue with Companion Titcomb's conclusion that General Grand Chapter should be dissolved rather than its authority extended and strengthened. He addresses the following to this reviewer:

To his successor my argument is addressed. Given the fact that charters are granted—save in two Jurisdictions—from the General Grand, is not that practically acknowledging the central authority?

As to the last line. No; most emphatically, but the conditions are widely different.

In Capitular matters there is a recognition of a "quasi" authority. There is none in Symbolic Masonry. The decisions of any Grand Master of a Grand Lodge are law for that Jurisdiction until set aside by the action of the Grand Lodge itself—as a legislative body—but in Capitular Masonry there still remains an appeal to the General Grand. Given the fact of that appeal, can we legitimately deny that some form of central authority exists? The very formation of Capitular Masonry admits—by primary existence—a governing body—loose in its enactments if you desire—but existing.

Well, in the first place, we are not prepared to admit the facts stated, certainly not so far as this Grand Jurisdiction is concerned, as to the granting of charters. Neither do we admit the right of appeal from the action of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. That body is supreme in Alabama. Possibly, on irreconcilable differences between it and some other Grand Jurisdiction, General Grand Chapter might be appealed to in an advisory capacity, but only in such a capacity.

The primary existence presupposing a governing body relates always to the body issuing charters,—the Grand Chapter of the Grand Jurisdiction,—although its original constituent Chapters held their charter from the General Grand.

The reviewer is a strong advocate of the General Grand as a means of bringing the Grand Jurisdictions into closer relations and adding the personal touch, but my dear Companion, you might as well advocate a universal church as a universal, all-powerful General Grand Chapter. As many Grand Jurisdictions, just so many different minds, laws, customs and usages clustering about the so-called landmarks of Capitular Masonry.

Alabama, 1913, has fraternal review.

M. E. Amos W. Pollard, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1915.

Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales is moving along nicely. New Chapters have been constituted with a gratifying increase in interest and membership. Following in the footsteps of the fathers, Quarterly Convocations and the Committee on General Purposes rule the day.

Troubles with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland constitute the most important features of the discussions and addresses. The right step has been taken in this matter by denial of regularity to those Companions exalted in the Chapters holding allegiance to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and a consequent denial of visitation and recognition. There is a light in the clouds, and the storm will blow over if the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland will accept as final the result of the referendum to the Scottish Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

As a rule a Scotchman is an admirable fellow and good Companion. National characteristics are perhaps stronger in him than in any other race, except the Hebrew. He wants all that is his, but nothing that he thinks belongs to the other fellow. Acquisition and possession are a little more than "nine points" in the law, and, like the man from Missouri, he must be shown why he should turn loose. Once shown (but it's a big contract) he lets go altogether.

Here's hoping New South Wales may be able to "show" the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

M. E. A. Chandler, Grand Z.

R. E. A. J. Burbidge, Grand Scribe E.

NEW YORK, 1915.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 21, 1915.

All the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, one Past Grand Scribe, the Representatives of two hundred and two of the two hundred and seven chartered Chapters, and Grand Representatives of thirty-eight other Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama's plenipotentiary, were present when Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

It was some time before Grand Chapter could get to business, as there were quite a number of distinguished guests from this and other Grand Jurisdictions to be received and greeted. First came Grand Commander R. E. Sir John B. Mullan, of the Grand Commandery K. T.— next came Illustrious William Homan, active 33rd, Deputy for New York; then the Grand High Priest and party of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey; then the Grand High Priest of Vermont, M. E. Don A. Stone; next the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest of Rhode Island; then a delegation from the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; then the Grand High Priest and Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; next the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada; next the General Grand Master of the Second Veil, M. E. Companion Henry DeWitt Hamilton; then the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. When it was all over the Grand High Priest, and his adjutives were probably about exhausted, but it all makes good reading, and this from the response of the Grand Master of Masons should have more than passing notice, as it touches a question that must ere long have the most earnest consideration of those who would meet the demands of men, and of the times:

We acknowledge easily and readily and reverently the Fatherhood of God. But the subject of the Brotherhood of Man, my brothers, requires closer attention than it has received. You will agree with me, it should not be simply a matter that falls trippingly from the tongue, because it is of vital importance. It ought to touch us, heart to heart. If it had been more widespread and more influential, more potent, we would not now witness the carnage that desolates other lands. The want of understanding, the lack of the contact of brother to brother, is at the bottom and responsible for it all.

The report of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Arthur Warren, was in print and ready for distribution, and was read in connection with what he was pleased to term his address. He mentions with affectionate sorrow the demise of Past Grand High Priest Derrick Brown, and Jesse L. Cooley, as well as that of Grand Master Arthur MacArthur, and Grand Commander Edward A. Kraussman. He pays homage and tribute to the veterans who yet gladden them with their presence and counsel. The responsibility he declares to be great, but the high duty rests upon capable shoulders and large hearts in Grand Chapter and throughout the subordinate Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction.

Concluding the address he leaves the admonition to hold fast to our ideals, as all labor is in vain unless we succeed in inspiring in men a desire to build for themselves a true and symmetrical manhood, and truly says:

The world as never before is calling for men of highest character to shape its course amid all the perplexities and problems that confront the people of every land. The wonderful achievements of the past convince us that there are still greater triumphs to be accomplished in every field of human endeavor. It will all avail but little unless that righteousness which exalteth a nation goes hand in hand with progress.

It is real righteousness—right living—and not man-made dogma that the world is calling for.

He transacted, among other things, the following official business; approved the appointment of Assistant Lecturers; appointed a Grand Master of Third Veil and installed him, the previous appointee being unable to accept; convened a Convention of Anointed High Priests to anoint and consecrate four High Priests-elect, in order to render them eligible to hold their office, and later convened several other Conventions for the same purpose. Disbursed charity where it was needed and where it was gratefully received. Made several fraternal visits to neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, and also attended officially the meetings of the several Grand Bodies in New York. Visited twenty-four Chapters and attended numerous Chapter receptions. Installed officers for several Chapters, and granted dispensation to organize a Chapter in the Highlands District of Buffalo. Granted a number of dispensations for purposes other than "railroading candidates," and altogether spent a busy year.

Two hundred and seven Chapters with a membership of 40,368, showing a net increase for the year of 1910, is enough to keep several men busy. Other reports show good work on the part of other Grand Officers. A Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held at Brooklyn January 23, 1915, at which time 39 High Priests were anointed and consecrated; another was held February 2, in connection with the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and 87 High Priests were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

The Grand Chaplain delivered a forceful address, his subject being "Masonry and War."

A portrait of R.'. E.'. Comp. Mordecai Myers, in the uniform of the Continental Army, together with an interesting history of his life, Masonically and otherwise, is given.

M.'. E.'. Companion M. I. Greenwood presented the Report on Correspondence, saying, "We follow about the same lines that have guided us heretofore, and trust it may prove of interest to you, as well as instructive." It is both.

Alabama, 1914, has fraternal review. He quotes the writer's tribute to the memory of his distinguished predecessor, Companion W. Y. Titcomb.

M.'. E.'. Alfred A. Adams, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1915.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 3, 1915.

The volume contains the portrait of M.'. E.'. Comp. Arthur C. Andrews, in full regimentals. To use a provencialism now almost obsolete, "He is on some dike!"

M.'. E.'. Comp. W. Smith, as Grand Z. opened the Grand Chapter, the Grand Z., M.'. E.'. Comp. J. J. Esson, being absent in the service of the Empire, and occupying a high position. As for the other Grand Officers, they seemed to have been in their proper places. Three Past Grand Z.'s, four Grand Superintendents and the Representatives of twenty-five chartered Chapters were present. Also present several Companions of the Scottish Constitution.

The Supreme Committee seems to bear the brunt of the business, their report containing all transactions of that character. Two new Chapters were instituted. The articles of agreement between New Zealand and Scotland are set forth. The reviewer does not see that any advantage resulted to New Zealand, except that Scotland would institute no more Chapters, and if one of its present Chapters became dormant and remained so for longer than five years, it could not be revived. However, it was a settlement, and may lead to further adjustments. Scotland should retire from the New Zealand territory altogether. Very soon after the agreement another cause of complaint arose over a seeming violation by Scotland.

The matter of Alberta and Canada came up, but action was deferred.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 1,589, a net gain of 98 for the year.

No Report on Correspondence.

M. E. Arthur C. Andrews, Grand First Principal.

R. E. H. J. Williams, Grand Scribe E.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1915.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, MAY 11-12, 1915.

The Companions of North Carolina take no stock in the saying that "nobody loves a fat man." The likeness of Grand High Priest Albert S. Guerard, as it appears in the proceedings, is that of a healthy specimen of the genus homo, of strong countenance and kindly eye.

The Committee on Credentials found and reported present, all the Official Group, except Grand Guard; eight Past Grand High Priests; the Representatives of thirty-one constituent Chapters (fifteen being not represented), and the Grand Representatives of nineteen other Grand Jurisdictions,—Alabama not being represented, as her Ambassador, E. Comp. W. B. McKoy, was not present.

The following from the address of the Grand High Priest tells the story of the year, and it is a good story:

We have dwelt together in unity; no discord has existed, and we have labored to produce work entitling us to wages. Our ranks have been increased and we have prospered. We have contributed to the orphans and the infirm, aided the sufferers of war, and assisted in the education of worthy pupils. We may feel happily assured that these pleasures and privileges have gladdened hearts, and so enter upon the business before us with the knowledge that God has been good to us.

He announces the deaths of Past Grand High Priests James Southgate and DeWitt Allen, and Past Grand King Robert S. Barnes, the first named being also, for many years, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. Suitable "In Memoriams" were issued.

Among the decisions we note one continuing the "physical disqualification" rule, and another that life membership is permitted, in

subordinate Chapters, but dues to Grand Chapter continue to accrue. One Chapter was constituted and granted dispensation to receive petitions of candidates—no hurry up, however.

The services of Grand Treasurer have been gratis, but a salary of \$50.00 was recommended, and adopted. Some of the Chapters, as in nearly all Jurisdictions, would turn the Sublime Royal Arch degree into a burlesque. The practice met prompt reproof. The report of the Grand Secretary shows forty-eight chartered Chapters with a membership of 3,724, a net gain for the year of nearly ten per cent, 318.

The report of the Educational Committee shows one girl and one boy being supported in college by the Grand Chapter, and each doing finely.

A resolution was adopted making elective all Grand Officers, except Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer and Grand Sentinel.

Action on the request of Alberta for recognition was deferred, pending further investigation.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood, held its meeting on May 11th, 1915, and transacted routine business, after which fourteen High Priests were elected and "each duly received, solemnly anointed, and consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood." The Grand High Priest appointed E.'. Comp. Leon Cash, Committee on Correspondence. He contents himself this time with an "In Memoriam" to his distinguished and lamented predecessor, M.'. E.'. Comp. James Southgate. If he maintains in his reports the high standard reached in his "In Memoriam" he will, indeed, be an ornament to the guild, and reflect great credit on his State. Here's our fraternal and personal hand in greeting and welcome.

M.'. E.'. George S. Norfleet, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1915.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL, JUNE 16-17, 1915.

Before getting to the proceedings proper the reviewer finds a splendid likeness of Grand High Priest John Henry Fraine, followed by a biography by his close friend, the Grand Secretary, R.'. E.'. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell. Both are capable, efficient fellows and Companions, and run well in Masonry, and politics as well. Here's hop-

ing Comp. Fraine will be Governor, if he wants to, and that Stockwell will hold his job, or get a better one. The reviewer is a Democrat at that.

All the Official Family were gathered to assist in opening Grand Chapter, except the Grand Scribe and Grand Principal Sojourner, and they were present all the other times.

From the report of the Committee on Credentials, (in the appendix) the reviewer learns also of the presence of ten Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of twenty-two constituent Chapters and one U. D. Grand Representatives were also present from thirty-five other Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama being best represented by E. Comp. Charles E. Best. We note the following concerning these Companions, "not members by virtue of that office." Certainly not.

The Grand High Priest gives a little bit of history by comparison, and—but here it is:

Starting as it did, twenty-five years ago, with seven constituent Chapters, and a total membership of 355, there are now 22 chartered Chapters, one Chapter U. D. and 2,802 Companions, exclusive of Wiliston Chapter, as members thereof. At that time the total assets of the Grand Chapter of this state amounted to \$276.27, while at the present time there is a balance of \$11,197.36.

This is, however, only the material side of the picture; mere members or assets never have and never will constitute Masonic strength. There must be, in order to achieve the result aimed at by the Genius of Masonry, a body of Companions filled with fervency, zeal, friendship, purity of heart and unity of purpose in seeking to better mankind, which alone justifies the existence of this Order, and should actuate all who seek to become members thereof.

I am fain to believe that in all things that go toward making Royal Arch Masonry a force for good, that the Companions in this state stand well up toward the top, even though in mere numerical strength they are outclassed by older and more populous jurisdictions.

The death of Past High Priest, M. E. Comp. Anson Bartlett, was fittingly announced.

One Chapter was instituted by dispensation, and several dispensations granted for purposes other than railroading. Because of the appointment of a Grand Lecturer and the fact that each Chapter was visited the previous year by his predecessor, the Grand High Priest thought it unwise to incur the expense of extensive visitation. He did visit five, however. On the subject of finances, he says:

I recommend that the Committee on Finance give special attention to the matter of the accumulated funds of this Grand Chapter. There is now over \$11,000 of accumulation, and it may be that the Committee will, on consideration, be able to suggest some method of using this money to greater advantage to the Craft and humanity than merely piling it up with accretions of interest and surplus from the annual receipts.

The Grand Lecturer reports a visit to every Chapter in the State, and the general conditions as excellent. The present membership is 2,816, a net gain of 111.

The Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood convened, and after hearing and passing upon the reports of the officers, elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart nine High Priests to the Holy Office.

Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie, having been designated to do so, sets out upon his first journey about the Capitular world. He travels well and makes a fine impression as he goes.

You see we found you this time and were not at all disappointed. Glad to shake your hand for your own sake, as well as because we both think very well of Stockwell. We like you also for your fervent congratulations on our educational resolutions. Confidentially, some of the Correspondents are always looking for the "nigger in the wood-pile," and think there is some politics in everything that happens. Can you suggest a remedy to wake them up? We are not speaking altogether of Woods, of Indiana.

Alabama, 1914, has complimentary and fraternal notice.

Come again.

M. E. Lawrence G. Moultrie, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1914.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, JUNE 9, 1914.

With jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and New Foundland, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia met in Annual Convocation in Halifax with all of the Grand Officers, six Past Grand High Priests, four Past Grand Kings, six Past Grand Scribes, the Representatives of thirteen of the seventeen Chapters, and the Grand Representatives of sixteen other Grand Jurisdictions, present and participating.

Alabama's Ambassador was very much in evidence, M. E. Grand High Priest Andrew J. Munroe.

The "Grim Reaper" had been busy in this Grand Jurisdiction during the year. Grand Chaplain and Past Grand High Priest W. B. Alley, and Past Grand High Priests John H. Ruhland and Thomas Trenaman have passed the veils of the earthly tabernacle and entered the presence of the Council on High. The passing of Companion Charles S. Pinsent, Grand Representative of New Foundland is also noted.

The Grand High Priest made thirteen visitations; granted six dispensations, and approved four Chapter By-Laws.

The Board of General Purposes reported the appointment of the standing committees, and their action as to financial matters; they recommended a resolution of interpretation of the power of Chapters to issue proxies to Representatives, giving it as their opinion that but one could be lawfully issued.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 1,515, a net gain for the year of 76.

The Committee on Grand High Priest's address handed out several nice compliments to the Grand High.

The next annual goes to Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The Order of High Priesthood held its Annual Convention at the same time, and after transacting the usual business, elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart nine High and Past High Priests to the Holy Office.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee, the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed by each, being indicated by the initials of the writer. Alabama, 1913, fell to the lot of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, M. E. S. J. Waddell, and has admirable treatment. Having already expressed himself concerning the work of our lamented predecessor, he contents himself with saying that although they had never met, he feels the loss as that of a personal friend.

Commenting on Past Grand High Priest Lyons' address, concerning the ritual, and addresses, he says:

A true saying, for no honest and earnest student of our beautiful ritual can rise from its study without being stronger and better from the contemplation of the sublime truths which it enshrines, yet how many have been cheered and strengthened by the vision of high

resolve and earnest endeavor that shines through those so-called polished platitudes in the addresses of the leaders of Masonic thought. A place for everything and everything in its place, Companion.

M. E. George D. MacDougall, Grand High Priest.

R. E. S. J. Waddell, Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1914.

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, OCTOBER 7-8, 1914.

In the "beautiful and commodious new Masonic Temple" at Youngstown, the Grand Chapter convened in Annual Convocation; but before doing so put on "some stunts." To quote:

The Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter assembled at the Hotel Ohio, at 9 o'clock a. m., and were escorted to the Masonic Temple by St. John's Commandery No. 20, Knights Templars, led by the Youngstown Military Band, the whole acting as escort to our honored guest, M. E. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

Wonder where General Grand Conover was when the escorting was going on, for we read that he was there, and made a speech later. Of course all the Grand Officers were present. Who will willingly miss it? Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were there to grace the occasion, and they could grace any occasion, as Ohio has honored men who would do honor to any position, or body. One hundred and seventy constituent Chapters were represented, six not represented.

General Grand High Priest Bernard G. Witt, was introduced by Past Grand High Priest, J. H. Bromwell, who received most of his Masonic degrees in the State from which the General Grand High hails—Kentucky. Numbers of good things have found their way from Kentucky into Ohio.

Grand High Priest William E. Evans added a word or two, and turned over the gavel to the General Grand, who assumed the honor with pleasure, seated the Companions until Conover, as General Grand Secretary, could give the assembly a few pointers, and then assayed to tell them some good things himself.

Mayor Hortenstein welcomed them all, and Companion Robert E. Lee thanked him for his kind words, and so the Convocation got down to business.

The address of the Grand High Priest was confined to matters of official action. He notes the death of Past Grand High Priest Frank Crumit, of his Grand Jurisdiction, and those of other Grand Officers in other Grand Jurisdictions. Three Chapters were constituted, one in person, one by the Grand King, and one by the reviewer's good friend, Past Grand High Priest William T. S. O'Hara. Dispensations to organize four Chapters were granted, and they were accordingly instituted, one application for dispensation to institute a Chapter was refused. Dispensations to elect and install officers, remove place of meeting, and for other purposes than "railroading" candidates were granted. Companion Robinson was reappointed to trusteeship of the Ohio Masonic Home. The names of those exalted by Chapters working under dispensation were authorized to be included in the charters granted, as charter members. Quite a number of visitations were made. Two Grand Representatives were recommended, and three commissioned. Practically all of the Chapters were inspected under the direction of the Grand High Priest.

From the report of Grand Secretary Hagenbuch, we gather that 37,184 Companions owe allegiance to this Grand Chapter, a net gain of 2,024 a banner year.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio not wishing to disturb the cordial and fraternal relations existing between it and the Grand Chapter of Canada, declined Alberta's request for recognition and exchange of Representatives.

Past Grand High Priest, and Correspondent of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, M.'. E.'. Comp. Robert A. Woods, came in on the second day, and was received and invited to the East. The question arises in the mind of this reviewer, if M.'. E.'. Comp. Woods did not arrive the evening before, in time for the banquet spread in honor of the General Grand High Priest. He lives in Indiana where they know something of banquets, and our recollection is that he was much interested therein. Here's hoping he was in time.

Anent the report of the banquet, the menu looks awfully good, even from this distance, and the toasts read well, although the Grand High Priest was doubtful whether he should let the "boys" enjoy themselves a little longer, or begin the speaking.

Permit the reviewer to express surprise that M.'. E.'. Comp. O'Hara could say, "I believe it is about the best move the Grand Chapter of Ohio ever made." We read of the Grand Chapter enjoying a per capita tax for the support of the Masonic Home, and doing other things much more worth while.

The Order of High Priesthood, presided over by that cultivated and delightful Companion M.'. E.'. Nelson Williams, met on October 7, at 2:30 p. m., and listened to a short, but polished address by the President, transacted routine business and severally elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office ninety-eight High Priests.

The Convention was attended by M.'. E.'. Companion Robert A. Woods of Indiana, (our former question is answered) and General Grand Secretary Conover; also Comp. Owsley, of Pennsylvania.

M.'. E.'. President Williams was requested to attend the Triennial at San Francisco, and expenses provided.

Past Grand High Priest Orion P. Sperra furnished his usual splendid review of other Grand Jurisdictions, having covered the proceedings of sixty-nine Jurisdictions, some, of course, for two years.

Alabama, 1913, has full and fraternal review. He says of Companion Titcomb's last report, "It is a distinctly able one, establishing to the last his fitness for the work."

M.'. E.'. Charles L. Harrod, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. Edwin Hagenbuch, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1915.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL, APRIL 20-21, 1915.

Grand Secretary Bennett institutes a departure from the usual custom and presents the portraits and biographical sketches of the then, as well as the incoming Grand High Priests. Both look well and read better.

Distinguished visitors were present in the person of General Grand High Priest Bernard G. Witt and General Grand Captain of the Host Bestor G. Brown. Both were cordially received, and as cordially and feelingly responded.

An unusual, but beautiful, ceremony followed in the presentation and reception of the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Jurisdic-

tion, styled Father Joseph Samuel Murrow. He spoke briefly of the early days and the struggle to maintain Grand Chapter.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called, and forty-two answered present. Alabama was the first to answer in the person of E. V. Comp. William H. Essex. All the Grand Officers were present, except Grand Master of First Veil, and the Representatives of sixty Chapters, when the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The reviewer judges that some of the Past Grand High Priests, and other permanent members were in attendance, but finds no record of that fact.

Grand High Priest Charles W. Tidwell, in his address, paid tribute to the dead in other Jurisdictions, and announced the passing of Past Grand High Priest Zachary Taylor Walrond, and Past Grand Sentinel Stephen Becker. He spoke of Belgium's afflictions; commended the action of Grand Chapter in voting \$1,000 to the Masonic Home; satisfactorily settled the dispute as to jurisdiction of several Companions claimed by Kansas, having the Chapter offending to make proper amends. He constituted one Chapter, and issued dispensation to institute one, leaving to his successor several applications which had not been completed so as to be acted upon. Granted miscellaneous dispensations for other purposes, some to hurry up candidates. Six Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions were commissioned, and three were recommended to be commissioned near the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma. Visitations were not numerous, but inspections were made in accordance with the system prevailing. Under the head of "Miscellaneous" he treats of many things of interest to the Grand Jurisdiction. "Autobiography cards" are discussed and the plan adopted. This idea has taken hold of some of the subordinate Chapters and is likely to spread throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. A fine idea, and one that ought to prevail everywhere. He thinks it a wise Masonic maxim not to solicit candidates, but thinks that after a man has been made a Master Mason, the beauties of the Royal Craft should be called to his attention.

The Grand Secretary is a busy man, but finds time to make a short summary of the doings and condition of each subordinate Chapter, thus bringing out clearly the needs of each. Other matters of local interest claimed his attention, and found expression in his report. Two hours were set apart for the "Quarter Centennial Celebration." Eight who were of the original organization were present

and participated, among whom we note Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Leo Edmond Bennett, and Alabama's Grand Representative, William H. Essex. Also Edmond Henry Doyle and Daniel Morris Hailey, all of whom had served as Grand High Priests. Passing over the banquet and coming to the second day, we find the names of sixteen Past Grand High Priests. R. E. Grand Secretary will please accept our apology, but our eyes are not good at fine print.

General Grand High Priest installed Grand Officers. They go forth to the year's work under the laying on of hands of the highest Capitular authority, and ought to be inspired to good work, true work, square work.

The Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, opened on Tuesday, April 20th, and after transacting the usual business, elected, and severally anointed, consecrated and set apart thirty High Priests to the Holy Office.

Because Grand Chapter would not stand for the effort to put into effect Comp. Bennett's wise suggestion as to Correspondence Reports, we are treated to an able one by that same Companion Bennett. This reviewer approves of the unwisdom of Grand Chapter, rather than the wisdom of Bennett in that by such unwisdom we get more of the wisdom of Bennett. Alabama, 1914, and fifty-four other Grand Jurisdictions are given fine and courteous review. Bennett does not care to labor in vain, and he says so in his opening remarks. Hear him, and give heed thereunto:

I can confidently say to the Companions of Oklahoma that there is merit, worth and value in the following pages, for my travels will be with the brightest minds in the Capitular world, and much of interest will be gleaned from their writings. This it is hoped to present in readable shape for your information, and if you read it there will result some better understanding of what other Companions are doing in the Royal quarries.

And I do beg of you, dear Companions of Oklahoma, that you read and study the matters hereinafter presented, whether you approve or not. If you, or any of you, send me a line—just a post card would do—saying you *have* read, that message will be an encouragement. So I invite your comments, criticisms or approbation, believing that the resulting correspondence will be mutually to our advantage as we reason together.

Thanks!

M. E. Edgar Cook, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Leo Edmond Bennett, Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1915.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, JUNE 14, 1915.

M. E. Companion Clyde Evans, Deputy Grand and Acting Grand High Priest is quite young, if his portrait is of him as he now is, for so distinguished a Masonic honor. A strong face and the reviewer anticipates an active year.

M. E. Companion L. Clay Marshall, Grand High Priest, was stricken just five days after his installation, and died the same day. Grand Scribe J. E. Godfrey died January 20, 1915. Thus the "Invisible Hand" reached forth twice to take out of our ken distinguished Masons of the Grand Chapter roster.

Hence, when Grand Chapter was opened there were several acting Grand Officers. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and one Past Grand Lecturer were present, as were the Grand Representatives of twenty-eight other Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama not included. Thirty-four constituent Chapters were represented, and one U. D. had Representatives present.

The acting Grand High Priest presented an intelligently concise report of the matters coming under his official notice. Conditions are reported as good. Three Grand Representatives were commissioned and ten recommended to be commissioned, but as New Mexico does not exchange, only nine received such commissions. One dispensation was granted to hurry up candidates, on good reason, and one refused. Every request to substitute two in the Royal Arch degree was refused. One Chapter was constituted and one granted dispensation to organize. Several decisions were rendered, but nothing new thereby offered. Several visitations were made.

Under the "Good of the Order" the Grand High Priest makes the following observations:

I feel that we are gradually drifting away from the Ancient Craft Masonry known by our forefathers to whom Masonry had a far greater meaning than it seems to have today. We seem to be drifting toward the level of other fraternities and do not seem to imbue our newly-made members with the fact that Masonry should stand for more than all other societies. But in the hurry of our business life we do not take the time to impress upon him the fact that we receive benefits from Masonry in just such measure as we give to it.

Past Grand High Priest Henry Banks, of Georgia, likes to tell this story: In slavery time down South a slave had to have the consent of his master before joining the church. So one day, Sam said to his master, "I'd like to jine de church. I wants to connect myself with de Presbyterians." Permission was given, and in about six months, Sam wanted another permit. The master wanted to know what the trouble was, and Sam said, "they are too cold and formal over there." So permission was again given, and Sam united with the Methodist Church. About a year passed, and Sam again desired a permit to join the church, saying that the Methodists inquired too closely into a "gemman's private business." Another permit was issued, and no more was heard from Sam on the church question. Finally the master became curious and asked Sam what church he was now a member of, and Sam replied, "Baptist." The master asked him how he liked it, and Sam said "fine." The master wanted to know what there was peculiar about the Baptist Church that pleased him so, and Sam replied, "Dey jist dips yer and draps yer."

Possibly that is our trouble,—we just dip them and drap them.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 4,052, a net gain for the year of 216. The financial condition was good, \$2,000 being carried to the permanent investment fund. The Committees did plenty of work, but nothing outside of local matters.

The Order of High Priesthood met in Grand Council, and transacted the usual business, also elected, and severally anointed, consecrated and set apart thirteen High Priests to the Holy Office.

Past Grand High Priest Henry B. Thielsen presents his fourth Report on Correspondence, reviewing fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama, 1914, has fair and fraternal treatment at his hands. For his cordial welcome to this reviewer he has our grateful thanks.

M. E. Clyde Evans, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1914.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL, DECEMBER 27, 1914.

"The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania" held its first "Quarterly Communication" March 5, 1914. All the Grand Officers, the Representatives of fifty-six Chapters, seven Past Grand High Priests, a number of District Deputy Grand High Priests, and twenty Grand Representatives were present. Committees reported matters of local interest; the Mark Master's degree was exemplified, and Grand Chapter "closed in peace at nine o'clock and fifty minutes, P. M."

The second "Quarterly Communication" was held June 4, 1914, with practically the same attendance as previously noted. The death of Grand Scribe Samuel Laughlin is reported and a beautiful "In Memoriam" given.

The M. E. M. degree was exemplified and after reports of Committees the Grand Chapter again closed in peace, but at a slightly earlier hour.

The third Quarterly was held September 3, 1914, with about the same attendance, and the addition of distinguished visiting Companions from the Grand Jurisdictions of New York, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware. The death of M. E. Grand King Winfield Scott Bell was announced, and a splendid "In Memoriam" submitted.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified; statistics were presented showing the financial and numerical condition of Grand Chapter, and the Committee on Appeals made report, on which action was deferred.

The fourth Quarterly was held December 3, with a much larger attendance, 123 Chapters being represented, 381 members present. Report of the Trustees shows a par value of invested securities of \$39,500.00.

The Committee on Correspondence declined recognition of Alberta Grand Chapter on the ground that not all the Chapters of the Province of Alberta acknowledged allegiance to the so-called Grand Chapter; therefore, it was not a Supreme, Sovereign Masonic authority.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year followed. High Priest Adelbert K. Kingsbury was duly installed as High Priest

of Delta Chapter and the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon him.

The Annual Grand Communication followed on Monday, December 28, as near St. John's Day as possible, with Representatives from 45 Chapters and the usual quota of Grand Officers and permanent members.

M. E. Grand High Priest George B. Wells presented his annual address. No decisions of new questions, but much correspondence was had. He declined to strain the authority of the Grand High Priest, thinking the convenience of officers and candidates should weigh but lightly compared with the Constitution and usages. A wise conclusion. Quite a number of visitations were made, and a goodly number of conferences held, all resulting in good to the Order. A Chapter was constituted in due form, and dispensations issued for various purposes within the prerogative of the Grand High Priest. Among many recommendations was one urging the erection of a Grand Chapter Home or Tabernacle, the splendid edifice in which they were meeting already being too small for all the purposes to which it was put.

The M. E. Grand High Priest-elect, Porter M. Lowery, was duly installed, all Companions who had not received the Order of High Priesthood retiring. Afterwards they were permitted to return, and other Grand Officers were duly invested. His address and appointments follow. The reviewer cannot locate a record of the proceedings usually found relative to the Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of the Committee. Alabama, 1913, came under the discriminating review of Past Grand High Priest William B. Meredith. He approves of our action in declining to make elective the Grand Officers below Grand Captain of the Host. Also congratulates us on our attitude towards cheap Masonry. He laments the death of Companion Titcomb. The review as a whole is very entertaining and instructive.

M. E. Porter W. Lowery, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1915.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, MARCH 24, 1915.

All the Grand Officers, two Grand Superintendents, twenty-six permanent members, the Representatives of fourteen constituent Chapters and the Grand Representatives of twenty-three other Grand Jurisdictions, were present, and constituted Grand Chapter at its thirty-eighth Annual.

The Immediate Past Grand Principal assumed the chair, and after the requisite preliminaries, the Grand Chapter was opened and proceeded to business. The address of the Grand First Principal Z., M.'. E.'. Comp. Arthur B. Wood, followed. He feelingly announces the deaths of M.'. E.'. Comp. John Bothrell Tresidder, Past Grand First Principal, and also Past Grand Master and Past Supreme Grand Master, Knights Templar of Canada; R.'. E.'. Comp. Wilmer T. McLaurin, Past Grand Principal Sojourner, and Past Grand Superintendent, R.'. E.'. Comp. Archibald R. Fraser. The dead in other Grand Jurisdictions, and in subordinate Chapters, are noted.

"Our Country's Call" brings forth words of patriotism, tempered with fraternal moderation. The Red Cross Society and Belgian Relief Fund appealed to him especially, and steps were taken to do something to that end.

A most interesting church service, participated in by the Companions of the Montreal District, is reported, and the sermon is incorporated in the proceedings. Commissions were issued to four Grand Representatives. One dispensation was issued to receive applications and ballot at an emergent Convocation. The other dispensations covered the installation of second and third Principals, not properly qualified without such dispensation. On account of conditions prevailing no official visits were made. Three Chapters were constituted, and the District of Bedford meeting attended, which produced some pleasant personal reminiscences, and two honorary memberships. Grand Chapter of Alberta had an inning, and was required to await Canada's action. Grand Superintendents of Districts reported, and conditions seem very good, although somewhat disturbed by the call to arms, to which a great many Companions had responded.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 1,659, a net gain of 53; nine Chapters showing a good increase, four a decrease and

one stationary. A comfortable balance remained in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lecturer's report covered a visit to and inspection of each Chapter, together with a short statement as to conditions surrounding each.

The "Report of Foreign Correspondence" is from the pen of Past Grand Z. M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers. His introduction is a thoughtful and eloquent protest against war and its violence. Our duty as Royal Arch Masons, in such situations, is most forcefully put. Among other splendid things he says:

Loyalty in the shape of religious and patriotic duty,—loyalty to God and loyalty to man, are the great lessons taught us in Capitular Masonry. The practical application of these teachings by the different nations of the world to their relations with one another could not fail to put an end to war. Fidelity to one's plighted word, whether that of an individual or of a nation, and a due respect by the strong for the rights and possessions of the weaker ones are inseparable from those moral duties involved in a proper loyalty to God and man, and in the lessons of the Royal Arch degree.

Alabama, 1914, has very fraternal consideration at his hand. To him this reviewer is under many obligations for kind and courteous reference.

M. E. Arthur B. Wood, Grand Z.

M. E. Will H. Whyte, Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND, 1914.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL, MARCH 10, 1914.

A special Grand Convocation was held March 22, 1913, to constitute Narragansett Chapter No. 11. A banquet followed and several addresses on splendid topics were delivered.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests, one Deputy Grand High Priest, quite a number of Past High Priests, the Representatives of the constituent Chapters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-one other Grand Jurisdictions were present when the Grand High Priest, accompanied by his entire Official Household opened Grand Chapter; a total of 79, so says the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Arthur B. Tyler, immediately began the reading of his annual address. He announces the death of Past Grand High Priest Robert Stillman Franklin, and

that of three Past High Priests. Because of an accident to him he was unable to visit all the Chapters, but managed to get to five. Commissions were issued to four Grand Representatives, and dispensations granted to change dates of regular Convocations in three instances.

The reports of the other officials of the Grand Council follow, and from them all we gather that a healthy and progressive condition prevails in Rhode Island Capitular Masonry.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Approved Decisions made partial report, and was continued with instructions to complete the work and promulgate same.

Providence No. 1 seems to have carried the election unanimously, the elective Grand Officers all hailing from No. 1. Of course, the Companions of Rhode Island will do as they please about such matters, but such a state of affairs would not be to the best interest of Capitular Masonry in Alabama.

Another Special Convocation was held April 7, 1914, for the purpose of reconsidering the action of Grand Chapter taken upon the report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Approved Decisions. Forty-two members of Grand Chapter were present. The former action was rescinded, and an edict rendered June 23, 1904, and approved at Annual Convocation March 14, 1905, was repealed. The edict is as follows:

16. *Decision.* (Williams, Grand High Priest.) A ballot having been declared, the High Priest has no power to reopen it. He can only order a second ballot when a single rejection ballot appears and he has reason to suppose that a mistake has been made, but this must be done at once and before any member has left the room. But after the Chapter has been closed there is no power in High Priest, Grand High Priest, or in the Grand Chapter to order a reconsideration.—March 14, 1905.

"Rhode Island Convention of Anointed High Priests" met March 10, 1914, and elected and severally anointed and received into the Order, six High or Past High Priests.

M. E. Comp. S. Penrose Williams presented the Report on Correspondence. Alabama, 1913, has concise, but fraternal review. He quotes the opening paragraph of Grand High Priest's address, but without comment.

M. E. James H. Thurston, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William R. Greene, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND, 1914-15.

Quarterly Grand Convocations are held by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and very little to indicate the customs and usages of the Craft is revealed. The Quarterly of June 19, 1914, was marked by the presence and reception of the Second Grand Principal of New Zealand, M. E. Comp. Thomas Ross. His mission was one of peace, and his remarks were most diplomatic. While he was accorded fraternal welcome and assured of the happiest and most brotherly feeling, yet he was also informed that Supreme Grand Chapter could do nothing for him until District Grand Chapter of New Zealand had been consulted.

One charter was granted and By-Laws approved. The Supreme Committee, where most of the power and prerogatives vests, held a meeting on September 4, 1914, and passed certain accounts and dealt with a matter of disagreement between Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge over the wording of certain resolutions.

The Quarterly of September 18, 1914, was marked by a visit from the Grand Principal of New South Wales, and very little else of interest to other Jurisdictions.

The Quarterly of December 18, 1914, was pleased to welcome the Earl of Casselis, the Grand Z., who had been away in the service of the country. Terms of referendum to the District Grand Chapter of New South Wales were agreed upon.

The Quarterly of March 5, 1915, was devoid of interest, save for the election of officers and that seemed pro forma.

The Annual Convocation was held March 19, 1915, at which the officers formerly elected were installed and after closing, a banquet was served and several toasts given and responded to. The General Grand Chapter was given to understand that while the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland would not entertain a proposal to withdraw the R. A. Chapter at Manila, it had no intention to constitute other Chapters there presently.

Supreme Grand Chapter made preparation to co-operate with the American Masonic War Relief Association, and to receive funds therefrom.

The reports from the Provincial or District Grand Chapters and Grand Superintendents are of more interest, but cannot be properly reviewed here, as they seem to form no part of the Supreme Grand Chapter proceedings.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1915.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL, APRIL 13, 1915

When Grand High Priest George S. Mower called this Annual Convocation together, he was without a Grand Chaplain and Grand Sentinel, but they were soon supplied, which completed the Official Group. Five Past Grand High Priests, headed by Comp. J. L. Michie, were in attendance. Alabama was quite prominently represented in the person of R. V. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart, the efficient Grand Secretary. Twenty other Grand Jurisdictions were also properly present in the person of their Ambassadors. Twenty-nine constituent Chapters, and one U. D. had Representatives present.

The death of Past Grand High Priest Augustine Thomas Smith was announced in fitting memorial notice.

The Grand High Priest says: "Unity of purpose and a fine fraternal spirit is apparent throughout the Jurisdiction." He issued circulars relative to the War Relief Fund, which produced the desired result. One Chapter was constituted; four Grand Representatives recommended for Commissions, and five commissioned as Grand Representatives. Quite a number of dispensations were issued, a majority being to hurry up candidates. Grand High Priest rendered four decisions, holding in one, that where a candidate did not take the degrees for a year after election, he need not repetition, but that he must be rebalotted for. Quite a difference may occur in the reputation of a petitioner in that time, and the ruling is a wise precaution. He also ruled that suspension for a definite time by Blue Lodge was automatically a suspension in Chapter, and the reinstatement was automatic upon expiration of the time; also that he could not be again tried in Chapter on the same charge upon which he had been punished by suspension for a definite period.

The Committee on Jurisprudence perpetrated the following, relative thereto:

"Your Committee is of the opinion that the definite suspension in a Chapter, following definite suspension in a Symbolic Lodge, is automatic, and does not involve the idea of trial by the Chapter. Your Committee, therefore, cannot approve of this decision."

Does this mean that he can be tried by Chapter?

Life membership in the Washington Memorial Association was recommended, and it was adopted.

The finances are in good shape, and the report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 3,170, a net gain for the year of 169.

Next Grand Annual will be held in the city of Charleston.

With that fine Companion, M. E. James L. Michie, presiding, the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests met on April 13th, 1915. After the transaction of routine business, seventeen Past and Present High Priests were "regularly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in Royal Arch Masonry."

The Correspondence Report is the fine work of that discriminating artist and clever Companion, M. E. James L. Michie. He reviews 56 Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama holds his attention for two pages. Commenting upon our educational resolution, he says: "Something out of the usual rut, isn't it? What?" Perhaps, but ruts get bumpy, sometimes, and it is well to get out in time. We need the local taxation for school purposes, and need it badly. Is anyone more interested in this subject than Masons? This reviewer would certainly have been pleased to be present with a "Little Webster" while Michie was enjoying his briar-root. For kind words of welcome we express our thanks.

M. E. George Twigg Bryan, Grand High Priest.

R. E. O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1915.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL, JUNE 10, 1915.

A neatly gotten up volume, with a handsome half-tone of Grand High Priest H. W. Bartlett, greets us as we reach this far-away Grand Jurisdiction. Sioux Falls furnished the setting, and the dramatis personæ comprised the Official Group, twelve Past Grand High Priests, twenty-five Past High Priests, the Representatives of thirty constituent Chapters, and Ambassadors from thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including M. E. Comp. Frank A. Brown, representing Alabama.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we ascertain that the Grand Jurisdiction has been peculiarly favored, none of the Grand Chapter permanent members having died, and the conditions mate

rially and morally being excellent. He commissioned four Grand Representatives; issued five dispensations and refused two; rendered two decisions; issued dispensation to institute one Chapter, and made one visitation that appeared to be a fiasco, but turned out to be the revival of a dead Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported 36 chartered Chapters, one U. D.; present membership 3,570, a net gain for the year of 191, and other matters of purely local interest.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence filed quite a lengthy report on Alberta, concluding with sentiments of sympathy, but recommending that recognition be withheld. The report was concurred in.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held on June 10, 1915, and transacted the usual business. Two petitions for affiliation and seven for anointing were presented and favorably acted upon.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the good work of M. E. Comp. Louis G. Levoy. He reviews 52 Grand Jurisdictions, and gives photos of a good many of the reviewers. We have a hunch that the blank space reserved for Alabama looks quite as well as it would with the photo of ye scribe in it. Alabama, 1914, has full and fraternal treatment. He does not like the idea adopted by Chapters on accessibility and nearness of transportation facilities, foretelling, on account of strong city Chapters gaining at the expense of the weaker ones. Nothing doing along that line, rather the other way round.

Alabama does boost the "little red school house"; but not as much as she could if the constitution would permit, and we wanted its permission. The legislature gave it as far as it could, and it is now up to us to go all the way.

Thanks, Comp. Levoy, for your kind prophecy and kinder words of welcome.

M. E. Marcus Poznansky, Grand High Priest.

R. E. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1915.

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL, JANUARY 25, 1915.

M. E. Companion Samuel Worthington Williams, the Grand High Priest-elect, is presented in a thoughtful attitude, reading, a smile on his face, but the eyes hidden. He is bald-headed, but if that were a crime this scribe would have been incarcerated long ago. If we all live for another review, we will see how the promise in his appearance is fulfilled in the results attained.

The volume of proceedings says that all the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-nine Past High Priests, Representatives from seventy-nine of the eighty-seven Chapters, and thirty-six Grand Representatives of as many Grand Jurisdictions, were present, and participating. The reviewer has no reason to doubt it, as he counted them himself.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Charles M. Hunt, announces the death, in far away Seattle, but surrounded by friends, of Grand Sentinel Barnard A. Phillips, and speaks of him in most affectionate terms. He also announced the death of Past Grand Master James Daniel Richardson, distinguished head of another Masonic Rite also.

He commissioned three Grand Representatives, and recommended six for appointment; made quite a number of visitations to subordinate Chapters, and saw that the other Chapters were properly parcelled out to others for visitation; issued nine dispensations to elect and install officers, and to remove to new halls; instituted one new Chapter at Maryville, and rendered several decisions of minor importance. He recommended a life membership in the Washington Memorial Association, and other matters of a local nature. The reports of official visitors show a compliance with the request of the Grand High Priest.

The statistical summary shows a membership of 5,685, a net gain for the year of 251.

The reports of committees show plenty of work, but of a purely local nature. The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, was held January 26, 1915. Thirty-two eligibles were elected and severally anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. A copy of the

original constitution of the Order is given in connection with the report of the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is from the graceful pen of Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister, and covers eighty pages, reviewing 50 Jurisdictions, Alabama, 1913, having nearly two pages of courteous and fraternal treatment. He commends Grand Chapter for refusing to lower the price of the degrees, and wonders why we declined to make all Grand Officers elective. Our only answer is, based on present information, a majority of the Chapter Representatives failed to vote for it. Just why, is an uncommunicated motive.

M. E. Samuel W. Williams, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1914.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, NOVEMBER 30, 1914.

The volume opens upon the portrait of Grand High Priest-elect, M. E. Comp. W. A. Scott, closely followed by that of the R. E. Grand Secretary, Thomas M. Bartley. Efficiency looks from the face of each, and they ought to be, and doubtless have been, a strong pair.

The spirit of Texas Companions is to be emulated. Living in a broad domain, their ideas are large and their vision extensive. They do large things in a large way. So far as our observation goes they are the only Grand Chapter maintaining an independent home, their home for old Masons—and they are reaping a rich reward.

The Grand Chapter has 45 wards and the Grand Lodge 39. Making a total of 84 aged Masons cared for, at a cost of \$222.25 per capita. The report of the Board and of the Superintendent make interesting reading to one closely connected with a similar institution.

When the Grand Chapter was opened it was found that the Grand Chaplain, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Masters of the three Vells were absent. Their places were well supplied, and Grand Chapter opened in ample form. Thirteen Grand High Priests, 189 Past High Priests, 124 Representatives of chartered Chapters, fourteen Grand Visitors and the Grand Representatives of thirty

other Grand Jurisdictions, with the Grand Officers, constituted the Grand Body. Alabama was well represented by M. E. Comp. J. M. Strayhorn, Past Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. D. W. Glasscock, contains much that is worthy of reproduction. The following expresses so well our duty as Masons, and our profession, that we clip:

Masonry is ever awake to the situation of mankind. A display of the forces of evil, an apparent advance of destructive principles, does but encourage her votaries to renew with confidence the age-long conflict. In this hour when the laborious teachings and progress of the centuries are being swept aside by a tremendous tide, that is undermining the foundations of civilization and threatening to engulf the structure itself in a sea of barbarism; we do not stand dismayed, but dare to raise above the storm the torch of the Sublime Principles of our Order, that has ever burned the brighter as the winds of such tempests beat upon it; lighting the peoples of the earth to the pathway of peace and to the pursuit of higher and nobler ideals.

He notes the going on before of the Grand Scribe, R. E. J. E. Hooper, and of 229 Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The health of the Grand Treasurer had been so precarious that the duties of his office had devolved largely upon the Grand Secretary.

Seven Chapters were constituted, and three granted dispensation to organize. The work and worth of the Grand Visitors was stressed, and commended. Dispensations were granted for various purposes, but none to hurry up candidates.

A Scribe of one of the newly chartered Chapters being "gloriously intoxicated" when presented for installation, the Grand Visitor refused to install him and required the Chapter to elect another, of which the Grand High Priest heartily approved. So does this reviewer. A little backbone properly stiffened goes a long way as a good example to others.

The Aged Masons' Home, of which we have spoken, comes in for its mead of praise, and deservedly so.

Ill health of the Grand High Priest caused some of his duties to fall upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, and his report shows that he handled them most well and wisely.

The statistical summary shows a present membership of 20,302, a net gain of 1,142.

Grand Orator O. M. Longnecker delivered the annual oration, an eloquent and interesting document.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas have undertaken the erection and equipment of a hospital in connection with the Home for Aged Masons. And so the work of alleviating suffering and caring for the needy ones grows apace.

Thirty-nine candidates were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood at the meeting of the Grand Council of the Order.

The Correspondence Report is the second effort of E. Comp. Coolton E. Mead. Of course, he put it over the Companions and reviewers, as his reports are full of merit. Alabama, 1913, has fair and fraternal review. He pays splendid tribute to our distinguished predecessor, in which all Alabama Masons heartily concur.

M. E. W. A. Scott, Grand High Priest.

R. E. T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

UTAH, 1915.

FOURTH ANNUAL, MAY 5, 1915.

This young Grand Jurisdiction is moving forward along lines of right direction, and bids fair to accomplish great things in the midst of adverse circumstances. We are with you all the way.

Present and participating, all the Grand Officers, except two; two Past Grand High Priests, seventeen Past High Priests, the Representatives of all five subordinate Chapters, and Grand Representatives from thirteen Grand Jurisdictions. Nine Grand Representatives sent regrets, and fraternal greetings. Alabama's Ambassador was not among those present or sending regrets, nor can we find his name among those recorded as having passed through the veils.

The face of Grand High Priest B. G. Blackman, looks out squarely at you as you begin to turn the leaves, and you wonder just what he would do if you should happen to fall under his just indignation. None of this seeming sternness crept into his address, but a spirit of fellowship pervades it. He was not called upon to grant any dispensations, or render any decisions. All five of the subordinate Chapters received official visits from him. He commissioned two Grand Representatives, and recommended one for commission.

The statistical report shows membership of 694, a net increase of 29.

Before closing Grand Chapter made preparations to take care of any distinguished visitors who might come that way on account of the Triennial at San Francisco. They came and were properly cared for, as appears in various ways in reports of proceedings of General Grand Chapter and Council. Very little business was transacted by Committees and only that of a purely local nature.

The Third Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held May 5, 1915. Three High Priests were elected, and we presume properly anointed, consecrated and set apart, although no mention thereof is made. We traveled along pleasantly and profitably through the Report on Correspondence, presuming it to be the work of E. V. Comp. Arvis S. Chapman, until we reached the Grand Jurisdiction of North Dakota, and then we began to stumble over "S's" and "D's" at the end of each report, and became confused. It is all good work, however, and we are just wondering, why these initials? Alabama, 1914, has a thorough fraternal review, all matters of interest being noted. Our educational resolution had easy passage, by the Legislature, and we go to the people with it in November, 1916, for permanent place in the Constitution. We sympathize with the commonwealth of Utah in its antagonistic attitude towards Masonry. Better take heed to the history of Egypt.

R. V. E. V. Companion Philip McRae, Grand Representative of Utah, near the Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama, was called from active service, while in the actual discharge of his duties, to the presence of the Great I Am, on July 16th, 1915. Alabama thus lost one of her very splendid citizens, Alabama Masonry one of its most zealous and devoted adherents, and Utah a Grand Representative, the peer of any.

For the kind expressions concerning this reviewer, our grateful thanks.

M. V. E. V. Howard P. Kirtley, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Walter Daniels, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1915.

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, JUNE 11, 1915.

The volume opens with a good likeness of the Presiding Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Don A. Stone, presenting to the Capitular world a splendid face full of earnestness and intelligence. His address is in keeping with his appearance.

From it we extract the following doings of the year: Attended annual meeting of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, at which much of good for the Craft was accomplished, and planned for the future; rendered two decisions; granted three and refused two dispensations for various purposes; visited three subordinate Chapters and attended all of the District Convocations, where he came in personal contact with the Chapter officers; recommended nine to be commissioned as Grand Representatives, and commissioned one, receiving a commission himself, as Grand Representative of Oklahoma, which he naively assures us was not recommended by him; inquired into conditions of Chapters, as to dues, etc., and pronounced against the degrees gratis to clergymen; received and returned fraternal courtesies, and found, after search, that Grand Chapter had no constitution; recommended that the need be supplied, and had something to say anent the characters on the Ark, concluding thereto as follows: "But I believe we should not 'change the land-marks which the fathers have set up,' and therefore, think the characters on the fourth side should be made to conform to the ritual." And this, notwithstanding General Grand Chapter had decreed otherwise. Respectfully referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico.

Grand Chapter was composed of all the Grand Officers; seven Past Grand High Priests; one Past Grand King; four District Deputies; eight Past High Priests; the Grand Representatives of twenty-four other Grand Jurisdictions, and the Representatives of twenty-five of the thirty subordinate Chapters. Distinguished visitors from the Grand Jurisdiction of New York were presented and cordially received, the Grand High Priest of New York installing the Grand Officers-elect for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence found the want of a constitution no impediment to the onward progress of the craft, and determined

that the "General Regulations" were amply sufficient for all purposes—and lest any one doubted this fact, they are reproduced in the volume of proceedings. A reading of them leaves the impression that they constitute a constitution, called by another, and just as good a name.

From the statistical report we gather that Vermont has a membership of 4,486, a net gain for the year of 28. Other matters of purely local interest had the attention of Grand Chapter.

The Order of High Priesthood was duly held in Convention, and nine Companions were elected and severally anointed.

Past Grand High Priest Marsh O. Perkins presents the Report on Correspondence. He does it well, and finds in this reviewer a careful reader, being one of the veterans, and having the unqualified endorsement of our learned predecessor. Alabama, 1914, has full review and fraternal consideration. But he expresses the fear that action of Grand Chapter and the other Masonic Grand Bodies in Alabama, relative to our educational resolution, will produce undesired conditions in the future. Time will answer, and the result already achieved is entirely satisfactory to the individual Masons in the State, although not so very satisfactory to the enemies of Masonry and the public schools. For the assurance that this reviewer is fully entitled to, and will receive the recognition and good wishes of his conference, and has that of M.'. E.'. Comp. Perkins, we express our gratitude and thanks.

Also please tell us if the Companions of Arizona have ascertained who is Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter.

M.'. E.'. Harry J. Stannard, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA, 1914-15.

One of the Supreme Court Justices of Alabama, after reading the transcript in a murder case, that was printed in red ink, remarked that it might have some elements of barbaric beauty, in view of the subject treated, but that it was rather trying on the judicial eye. So says this reviewer, concerning the practice of the Companions of Victoria in printing in red the volume of proceedings. In view of the fact that there is no Foreign Correspondence in this Grand Jurisdic-

tion, the matter is referred to Comp. Roe Fulkerson, of the District of Columbia for adjustment along diplomatic lines.

Quite a number of Grand and Past Grand Officers make up the roster. A full quota of Grand Representatives are usually present, Past Grand H., M.'. E.'. Comp. H. I. Scott, doing the honors as G. Ch. for Alabama.

Victoria doubts the legality of the organization of Grand Chapter of Alberta, and hence declines recognition, at least for the present. The reports show a present membership of 916, a net gain in three years of 213. Two new Chapters had been consecrated and constituted. The members of the Committee on General Purposes are divided as follows: Metropolitan six, and country three, who, with certain of the Grand Officers constitute the whole Committee. M.'. E.'. Comp. Rev. Albert Thomas Holden was elected and duly invested as First Grand Principal Z.

The Grand Convocation closed in "ample, ancient and solemn form."

VIRGINIA, 1914.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ANNUAL, OCTOBER 27, 1914.

Because of an error of the binder this Correspondent had to stand on his head to read the first sixteen pages of the proceedings, and if things are somewhat "balled up" he must be excused on account of unusual and condigned punishment inflicted on the barefoot spot of his anatomy.

An excellent picture of Grand High Priest J. W. C. Bryant is given; also a good picture of his majesty's Grand Jewel. Both are handsome enough for all practical purposes.

All the Grand Officers, the Representatives of forty-two constituent Chapters, and one U. D., eighteen Grand Representatives, six Past Grand High Priests, three District Deputies, quite a number of Past High Priests, and several visitors in the order named, appear to have come under the scrutiny and report of the Credentials Committee, as being present when Grand Chapter convened.

The Grand High Priest announces with pleasure the continued growth and prosperity of the Order; the organization of one Chapter and the demise of another; the passing of the Vells to the presence

of the Supreme Grand Council of eighty Companions of the Grand Jurisdiction, and of "shining marks" of other Grand Jurisdictions; five visitations; two meetings of the Masonic Home Board, and the granting of several dispensations of minor importance.

Statistical reports show a membership of 7,341, a net gain for the year of 283.

The Grand Lecturer, our friend, M. E. William James Hubbard, filed a most interesting report, showing that he had spent a busy year, despite a serious illness of a month's duration. Here's hoping all's well now.

A Committee to rearrange the several districts was appointed, with M. E. Comp. Hubbard as Chairman. An assistant Grand Lecturer was provided, the honor going to M. E. James Edward Alexander, of Alexandria.

R. E. Comp. Reese, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, submitted a most cordial and fraternal message, by mail, which appears in the proceedings.

Past Grand High Priest A. B. Andrews, Jr., of the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina was presented and given a most fraternal welcome.

The Grand Committee of the Whole sat for consideration of all matters of local legislation, and after transacting such business, arose and reported to Grand Chapter.

Grand Council of Anointed High Priests was held Wednesday, October 28, 1914, and twenty-two High Priests were elected and severally anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. Other business of a routine nature was transacted.

E. Companion and Past Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston, presents, as a successor to R. E. Comp. Charles A. Nesbitt, the Report on Foreign Correspondence. This is not new to him, as he has for eighteen years acted in that capacity for the Grand Lodge. His work bears the marks of experience. Alabama finds no place in his excellent review. He gives us the following as a bit of history, and incidentally lays claims to antiquity for Virginia—but here it is:

Capitular Masonry, segregated but in no sense separated from Craft Masonry, occupies a unique position. "Masonry consists of E. A., F. C., and M. M., together with the Holy Royal Arch. These and these only are Masonry. Other organizations are outgrowths,

additions and embellishments; Masonic but not inherently Masonry. Until the close of the eighteenth century the Mark Master was a part of the Entered Apprentice degree, and the Royal Arch was given only to those who had earned it by serving at least one year as Master of a Lodge, just as a Past Master's Jewel is now given. Originally communicated, Hughan says that the first record of its being regularly conferred was about 1758 in Fredericksburg Lodge, in which Washington was made a Mason. The Most Excellent was evidently a part of the Royal Arch and the Past Master devised as a subterfuge to qualify others than actual Past Masters for the Royal Arch. The Select and Royal, the two middle degrees in Virginia Chapters, are modern inventions and highly creditable to the inventors.

Virginia is one of the few Grand Chapters not affiliated with the General Grand Chapter, and we have never yet met a Virginian Royal Arch Mason who wished conditions altered. It was established by consent of the Grand Lodge in 1808.

M. E. Isaac H. Adams, Jr., Grand High Priest.

R. E. James Braxton Blanks, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1915.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL, SEPTEMBER 30, 1915.

When the name of E. Comp. Frederick W. Colgrove, Grand Principal Sojourner, was reached in the call of the roll of the Grand Chapter Officers, the Grand Chapter arose and stood for a moment in silent meditation on the death of this distinguished Companion. His chair was draped in honor of his memory.

With this exception, all the Grand Officers answered present and assumed their respective stations. Also answering present were thirteen Grand High Priests, several more Past High Priests, and the Representatives of thirty-two of the thirty-seven chartered Chapters. Several distinguished visitors were received with Grand Honors. They were Grand High Priest Clyde Evans, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest James F. Robinson, of Oregon, and E. Comp. William Frederick Gallin, Jr., High Priest of Luzon Chapter, Manila.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Henry L. Kennan, whose photo appears, is an upstanding man, and full of business. He reports nine dispensations granted, seven to substitute in the R. A. degree, and refused one to hurry up candidates, quoting Grand Chapter by-law in support of his action. All have such a by-law, but, perhaps, a ma-

jority sanction its violation. Ye scribe did it when he held the reins, but is glad to note that the practice is becoming less frequent each year. He also rendered three decisions; one that an unaffiliated Mason could retain Chapter membership so long as he petitioned Lodge for affiliation at least once in twelve months. Two Chapters were constituted by proxies of the Grand High. He had a fine time on his visitations, but gives no hint of how many he made, merely expressing regret that he could not get around. He recommends similar action as that taken by the General Grand Chapter relative to non-intercourse with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Tekoa Chapter was expected to expire, and the obsequies were directed to be performed by the Grand High Priest, but when he began to prepare for embalming he found a live corpse, and the Chapter is now sitting up and taking nourishment without a spoon.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show a good financial condition, and a healthy condition otherwise; the membership being placed at 4,585, a net gain for the year of 226.

Grand Representatives from thirty-one Jurisdictions answered roll call and were warmly greeted, Alabama being present. A resolution adopted reads as follows: "No Past Grand Officer as such shall be represented by proxy." Who ever thought it was possible for a Past Grand Officer, as such, to be represented by proxy? That seems a personal privilege not capable of being delegated.

Alberta was declared clandestine and recognition consequently refused.

At the Annual Convention, Order of High Priesthood, twenty-five High Priests, including visiting High Priest from Manila, were elected and severally anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

The Report on Correspondence is the good work of Grand Secretary Yancey C. Blalock. He seems to be partial to decisions, using the scissors freely wherever he finds them tucked away in the proceedings. He is also a good clipper in other directions. His gleanings are all good, however, and that is better, perhaps, than this reviewer could do. So here's how! Alabama finds no place in the report, and Grand Secretary will be "peevish."

M. E. Charles Paine Kimball, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1914.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL, NOVEMBER 9-10, 1914.

The first thing we find is the portrait of incoming Grand High Priest W. T. Workman. His biography follows, and from it we find that he is West Virginia by birth, and still lives on a farm where he was born. He is a fine ritualist and also well versed in Masonic law—and we hope, love, also.

Next we ascertain that a special Convocation was held to install the Grand Royal Arch Captain, January, 1914. From thence, we pass to the regular order, and find that the entire Official Group, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives of thirty-three of the thirty-nine chartered Chapters, and one U. D., and thirty-one Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were present, and participated in opening Grand Chapter. Alabama was present in the person of E.'. Comp. James A. Bryan. The Grand Representatives were cordially welcomed, and E.'. Comp. William E. Krupp, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, responded. Utah seems to have two Grand Representatives, M.'. E.'. Wyndham Stokes and Thomas M. Turner.

By way of information, we want Companion Krupp, next time, to tell us how far beyond lies the plane of spiritual truths, or is it near enough, as he further states it, to enable the true devotee to lift the veil of symbolism that hides the truth? We are interested.

But this is an interruption suggested, perhaps, by the picture of the Grand High Priest, W. Y. Rittenhouse, which comes as an interruption of Companion Krupp's remarks. While we cannot say that it is a welcome interruption, nevertheless it is a pleasing page in the proceedings.

His address is clear and business-like, recounting the affairs of his office for the year. He notes the deaths in other Jurisdictions of distinguished Masons, and with deep regret and a sense of personal loss, recounts the passing of Past Grand High Priest John Craner Riheldaffer, of West Virginia. One Chapter was constituted and one instituted under dispensation, which was chartered by Grand Chapter. He issued two ordinary dispensations, and refused one. West Virginia and Maryland could not agree as to concurrent jurisdiction, because of a law in Maryland permitting such comity to Grand

Chapters who confer the R. A. degrees only. West Virginia confers the Council degrees in Chapter, as does Virginia. Only a few questions of law were presented, and they were answered according to the regulations of the Grand Chapter. The recommendation of the Grand Lecturer to discontinue the April School of Instruction was non-concurred in. A life membership in the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association was voted.

The statistical reports show a net gain for the year of 395, making a total membership of 6,338.

Past Grand High Priest J. M. McConihay was elected Grand Secretary, succeeding Past Grand High Priest D. K. Reed, and we notice also that he succeeds M. E. Comp. D. K. Reed as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Sixteen High Priests were elected, and severally anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Office, at the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests, held November 10, 1914.

The Grand Representatives have an association, and held a meeting to exchange greetings and elect officers.

The Past Grand High Priests enjoyed a luncheon, but no action was taken as to continuing the organization.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is the work of Past Grand Secretary D. K. Reed. Alabama, 1913, has full, fraternal consideration. He quotes from the Grand High Priest's address, but without comment. He and Companion Titcomb had much to talk about, and he devotes much of the space allotted to Alabama to matters between them.

M. E. W. T. Workman, Grand High Priest.

R. E. J. M. McConihay, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1915.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 16, 1915.

Grand High Priest-elect M. E. Walter A. Clark greets us as we open this volume of proceedings, a fine pair of eyes smiling out of other strong features.

Two Grand High Priests have joined the silent caravan of those who move upon the spirit plane, M. E. Edwin J. Farr, and James Thomas Pryor, Jr., also Past Grand Trustee Alvin B. Medberry. Suitable memorials were presented by their Companions sojourning

here. Fraternal dead in other Grand Jurisdictions received proper mention.

Messages from Past Grand High Priests sojourning in California, and from the Grand High Priest of New York were received.

Most Worshipful Bernard F. Keeler, the Grand Master of Masons of Wisconsin was present, and received as befitted his high station.

The Committee on Credentials reported the presence of all the Grand Officers, except Grand Master of 3rd Veil; seventeen Past Grand High Priests; the Representatives of eighty-six chartered Chapters, and two U. D.; the Grand Representatives of thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, and the members of several Standing Committees. Alabama's Grand Representative seems not to have been present.

The annual address of Grand High Priest Frank E. Noyes, is a business-like document, of some length, well written, and clearly outlining the official business of the year. He commissioned two Grand Representatives, and recommended seven for commissions, all of which issued. He appointed E. J. Comp. Hill as Grand Trustee, vice E. J. Comp. Medberry, deceased. Notwithstanding conditions over which he had no control, he succeeded in making seven visitations, assisting in the degree work in most instances. Two Chapters were instituted by dispensation. Of ordinary dispensations he issued three. The delinquent Chapters of the previous year had gotten busy and were doing well enough to justify a recommendation that another year be vouchsafed to them to complete the rejuvenation.

The Masonic War Relief Society, the Grand Chapter of Alberta, the George Washington National Memorial Association, the General Grand Chapter and the Order of High Priesthood came in for fraternal notice and comment. Several questions of law arose, all of which were answered by a reference to existing statutes or decisions.

The statistical report by the Grand Secretary shows a present membership of 11,678, a net gain for the year of 568.

The financial condition is fine. The Committees had much work to do but as all of it was purely local in interest, we do not record it.

The Wisconsin Council, Order of High Priesthood," held a Convention February 16, 1915, at which time eighteen High, or Past High, Priests were received and severally anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

The President was authorized to attend the Triennial at San Francisco, and expenses provided.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the work of Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright. He sets out by saying that his efforts are limited to the enumeration of such incidents occurring in the Capitular world as in his judgment might interest the Wisconsin Companions. Alabama comes not in at all, and Arizona gets this: "Nothing requiring special attention has been brought to our attention." And so he proceeds quietly on his way, clipping and commenting briefly, until he reached the District of Columbia. He there throws paste pot to the waste basket, and sharpening his scissors, proceeds to jab Roe several jabs with both blades. A little blood letting is said to have been the immediate cause of the death of the "Father of His Country," so be careful, you youngsters, or we may have to mourn the passing of two excellent gentlemen of the quill.

M. E. Walter A. Clark, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1915.

SEVENTH ANNUAL, MARCH 11, 1915.

M. E. Grand High Priest Otto Gramm, with the name and the face of a musician, looks pleasingly out of a frontispiece, as we open this proceedings.

The record of the doings of Grand Chapter is a short one, comprising altogether 28 pages. Grand Officers absent were R. E. Grand King, E. Grand Principal Sojourner, E. Grand Royal Arch Captain, and E. Grand Sentinel. Their places having been supplied, Grand Chapter was amply opened. Three Past Grand High Priests, the Representatives and Past High Priests of eleven of the twelve chartered Chapters, and sixteen Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions made up the roster of the report of the Committee on Credentials. Alabama was well represented by E. Comp. Hudson W. Darrah, of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest touches all points of interest for the year. The Canada-Alberta controversy was referred to Grand Chapter without recommendation. Two Chapters were constituted. The sum of \$210.00 was contributed to the War

Relief Fund. Ten visitations were made. No reference is made as to dispensations granted, and no decisions are noted.

The statistical summary shows present membership of 950, a net gain of 5. A loan of \$500.00 to the Grand Commandery was authorized. The Committees, other than Finance and Doings of Grand Officers report no business referred to them.

The "Holy Order of High Priesthood" had several Conventions during the year; one December 9, 1914, reporting five Companions anointed during the year; one March 7, 1915, for the purpose of anointing one High Priest, and one March 11, 1915, when an address was delivered by the M. E. President, and six High Priests were anointed. The total membership is given to date as thirty-seven.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Grand Secretary and Correspondent Adrian J. Parshall. He travels from Alabama to Wisconsin and across the seas, and regrets that a full journey could not be made for the want of proper guides to some Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama, 1914, has full and careful treatment from him. While criticising the generous use of dispensations to hurry up candidates, he makes this fraternal observation: "We recognize, however, that the procedure is a matter remaining with the Grand Jurisdiction to decide as to the desirability of such action." For his kind words for this reviewer he has our grateful thanks.

M. E. Charles H. Townsend, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Adrian J. Parshall, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

The pleasant sojourn with our sister Grand Jurisdictions has ended. The profit is ours, as are the pleasant memories. Nothing to mar the journey except the word "Foreign," in connection with the Correspondence Reports. That is really a custom, and, while it jars upon the sensibilities of one who wishes the spirit and teaching of Masonry to grip the whole of mankind and make us indeed and in truth brethren and Companions, yet we know it is not used in the jarring sense. Nevertheless, this reviewer would be pleased to see it "deleted," and the word "Fraternal" substituted.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,
Correspondent.

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