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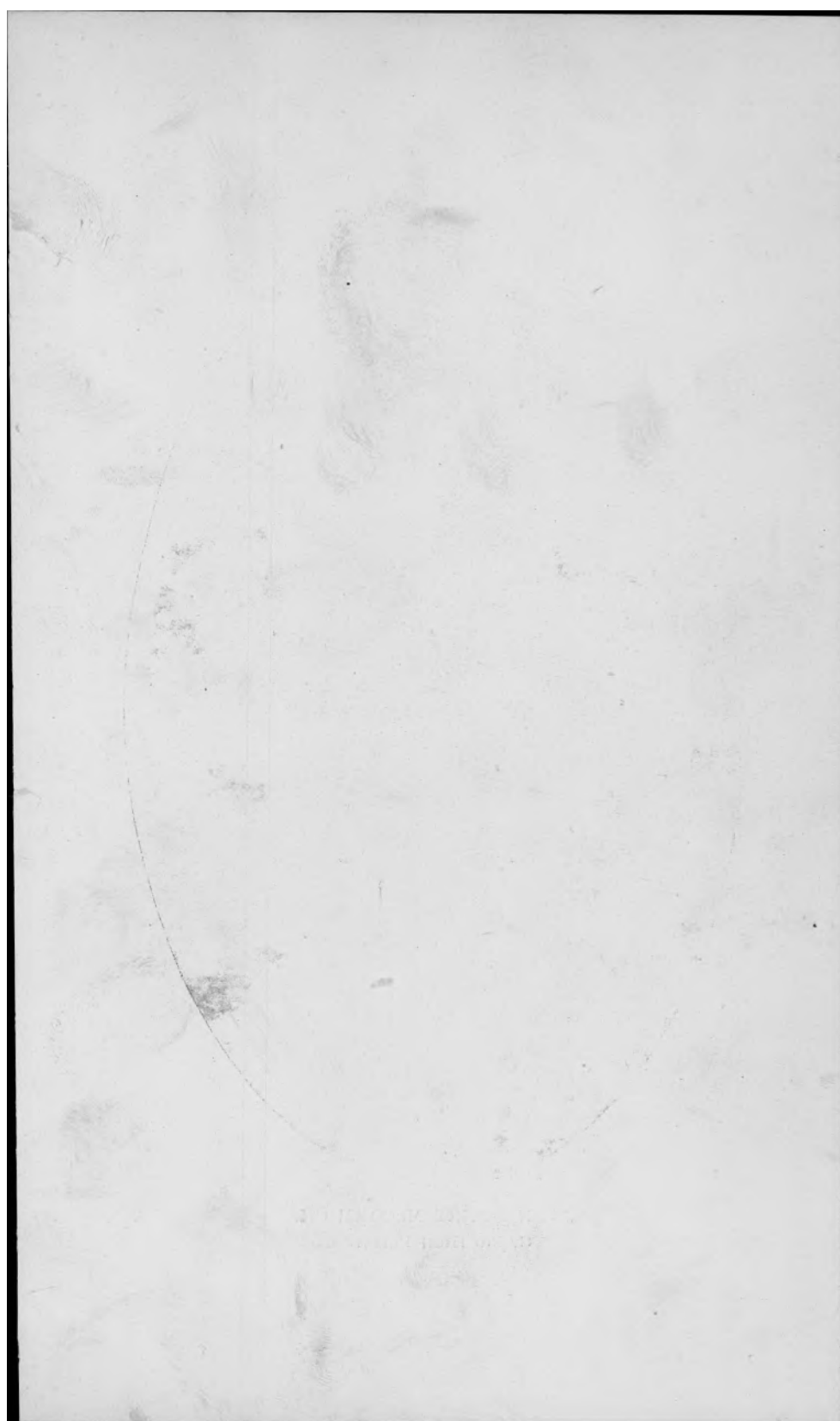
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JOHN HENRY McCORMICK,
GRAND HIGH PRIEST.



JOHN HENRY McCORMICK,
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The subject of this sketch was born in Washington, District of Columbia, on March 25, 1870.

He was educated in the public and high schools of Washington, District of Columbia, and graduated from the Medical Department National University in 1891.

He served as Assistant Surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital from 1891 to 1892. Was Professor of National Science at the Mt. Vernon and Washington Seminaries 1892 and 1893. Practiced medicine from 1891 to 1904. Was Professor in Medical Department National University 1893-1894. Secretary of the Anthropological Society 1894-1900. Associate Editor American Antiquarian 1896-1900. Assistant Secretary American Folk Lore Society 1896-1900. Co-laborator, Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institute 1900 and 1901. Secretary of the Eighth International Geographic Congress 1903-1904. Member of a number of Scientific and Geographic Societies of Europe. Author of several Medical and Scientific works. Medical adviser of the legal department of the B. & O. Railroad from 1896 to 1900. Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Medical Department of the University of Alabama, 1914 to the present time.

He was married September 18, 1890, to Miss Aimee Sioussat and has three children.

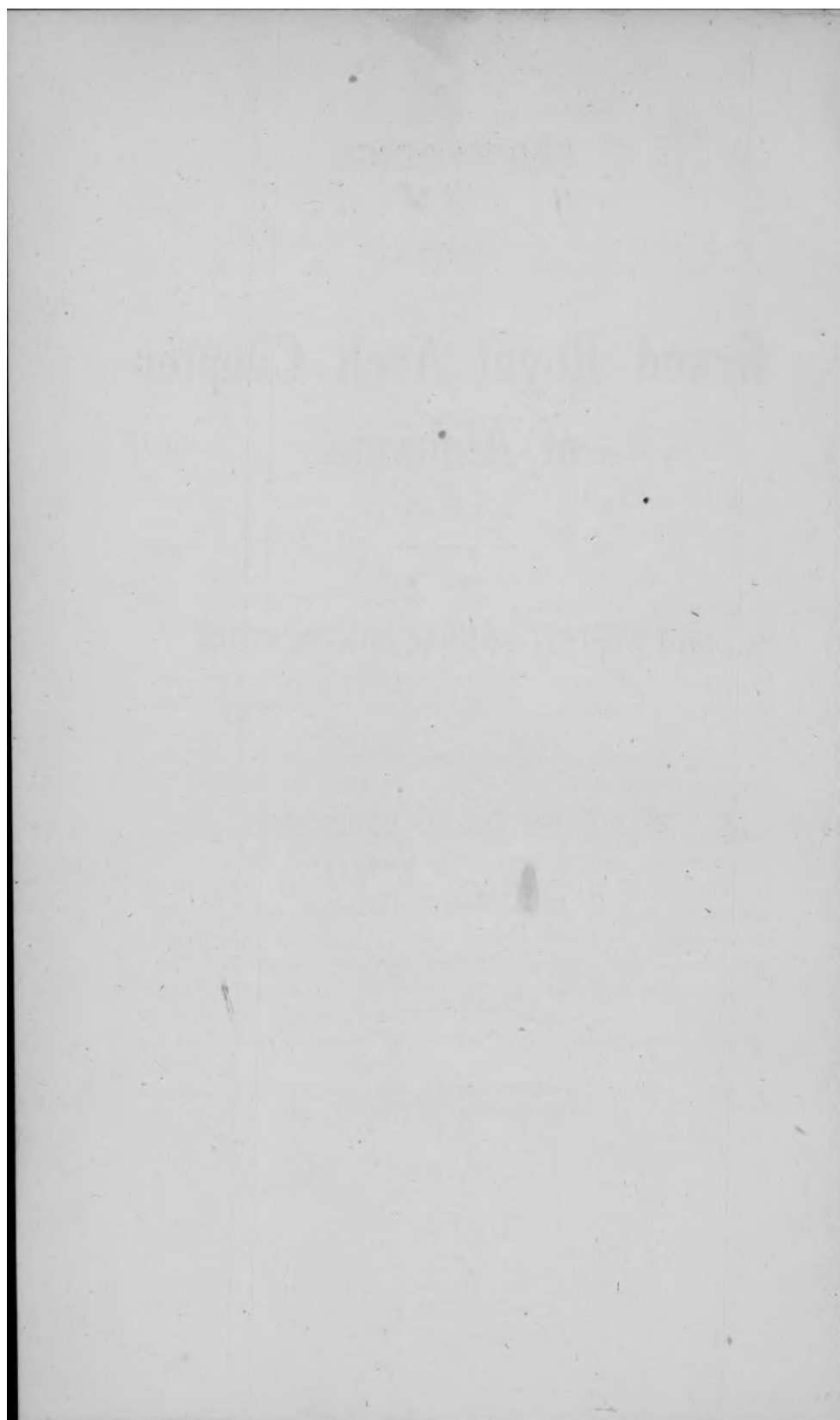
His Masonic history is as follows:

He was initiated June 8, 1893, passed June 22, 1893, and raised July 13, 1893, in Lynch Lodge No. 163, of Frederick, Maryland. He dimitted from this Lodge July 27, 1893, to become a Charter member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 194, of Gaithersburg, Maryland, which Lodge he served as Worshipful Master in the year 1899.

He received the Chapter degrees in Montgomery Chapter No. 33, of Rockville, Maryland, in the year 1899. He dimitted from said Chapter and affiliated with Mobile Chapter No. 21, of Mobile, Alabama, on February 10, 1905. He served this Chapter as High Priest during the year 1908.

He received the Order of High Priesthood December 1, 1908.

In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama he was appointed Grand Master of the Second Veil by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Robert W. Southerland, on December 1, 1908, was successively advanced, and on December 5, 1916, was elected Grand High Priest.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama
—
NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD DECEMBER 3 AND 4, 1917.
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The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama met in Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Monday, December 3, 1917, at one o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

HENRY F. REESE.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Grand King.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand Captain of the Host.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
JACOB BLEY.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
J. LEON GUNTER.....	Grand Master Third Veil.
CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE.....	Grand Master Second Veil.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	Grand Master First Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

CHARLES R. BRICKEN.....	Past Grand High Priest.
BASIL M. HILL.....	Past Grand High Priest.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....	Past Grand High Priest.

LEW LAZARUS.....	Past Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	Past Grand High Priest.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....	Past Grand High Priest.
NORMAN GUNN.....	Past Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	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.
California.....	Basil M. Hill.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus.
Colorado.....	
Connecticut.....	William L. Lee.
District of Columbia.....	Norman Gunn.
Florida.....	Robert T. Ward.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.
Illinois.....	John Wilson Terry.
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.
Missouri.....	William E. Bingham.
Nebraska.....	Richard Henry Jones.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.
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.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.

South Carolina.....	██████████
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.
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.

(Companions Woolsey Finnell and Austin F. Kendall, the Grand Representatives of Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, respectively, in service on the French front.)

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

1 Tuscaloosa.....	{ James M. Rogers.....H. P. William E. Bingham*.....K. Walter Smith*.....S.
10 Tuscumbia.....	{ W. W. White.....K. Young S. Harrington.....S.
21 Mobile.....	{ Charles A. L. Johnstone*.....H. P. John H. McCormick*.....K. Byron C. Pickens*.....S.
22 Montgomery.....	{ Gideon H. Ray.....H. P. Thomas A. Himes, Jr.....K. Hopson Owen.....S.
23 Talladega.....	T. J. Woods.....H. P.
24 Eufaula.....	H. B. Dowling*.....H. P.
26 Union.....	{ G. D. Stollenwerck, Jr.....H. P. Siddons Stollenwerck.....S.
28 St. John's.....	{ John Moffett.....H. P. John C. Rennie.....S.
34 Hermon.....	E. S. Pugh*.....H. P.
38 Decatur.....	W. W. Rahm.....H. P.
56 Dadeville.....	{ R. T. Ward.....H. P. William C. Roeck*.....K.
63 Clayton.....	{ J. W. Stork*.....H. P. C. J. Crawford*.....K. W. R. Belcher*.....S.

64	Central.....	{ E. H. Wills.....	H. P.
		{ William F. Aldrich*.....	K.
71	Landmark.....	{ L. W. Kolb.....	H. P.
		{ D. W. Munn*.....	K.
		{ A. B. Metcalf*.....	S.
76	Elyton.....	{ W. J. Whitaker*.....	K.
		{ O. D. Whitaker*.....	S.
79	Hillabee.....	J. M. Pearson*.....	H. P.
80	Myles J. Greene.....	James M. Frazer*.....	H. P.
81	Jefferson.....	{ Jacob Bley.....	H. P.
		{ W. M. Laird*.....	K.
86	Coosa.....	J. W. Penn*.....	S.
88	Springville.....	Basil M. Hill*.....	H. P.
99	Ben Bricken.....	George O. Dickey.....	H. P.
100	Roanoke.....	{ T. B. Wood.....	H. P.
		{ J. F. Hester.....	K.
101	Mineral City.....	{ R. E. Howard.....	H. P.
		{ John B. Bethea*.....	K.
104	Sylacauga.....	J. S. Robinson.....	S.
105	Anniston.....	{ H. G. Earnest*.....	H. P.
		{ W. S. Kilby*.....	K.
		{ B. B. Littlejohn.....	S.
107	Fort Payne.....	W. E. Draper.....	S.
108	Pratt City.....	Wm. C. McClure*.....	H. P.
109	Blocton.....	{ J. M. Turner*.....	H. P.
		{ C. C. Kindig.....	K.
		{ George W. Randall*.....	S.
110	Bessemer.....	{ Henry M. Sharpe.....	H. P.
		{ Samuel Stein*.....	K.
111	Piedmont.....	{ Jackson Gilmer.....	H. P.
		{ Oliver L. Stewart*.....	K.
		{ Oscar W. Howell*.....	S.
113	Dothan.....	{ R. J. Sellers*.....	H. P.
		{ John J. Crary*.....	K.
		{ Robert C. Williams*.....	S.
116	Clanton.....	G. C. Harris*.....	H. P.
118	Jasper.....	{ J. A. Goodwin.....	H. P.
		{ Lynn S. Long.....	K.
		{ Eugene Long.....	S.
119	Jackson.....	M. W. Cravey*.....	H. P.
120	Ensley.....	{ Thomas DeWalt Craig*.....	H. P.
		{ C. B. North*.....	K.
122	Monroeville.....	Q. Salter.....	H. P.
123	Covington.....	Richard H. Jones*.....	H. P.
125	Centreville.....	J. P. Melvin*.....	H. P.

126	Tallassee.....	{ A. W. Herren.....	H. P.
		{ A. M. Waldrop*.....	K.
		{ J. B. Ledbetter.....	S.
127	Evergreen.....	{ J. T. Amos*.....	H. P.
		{ H. H. Floyd*.....	K.
128	Heflin.....	W. G. Porter.....	H. P.
130	Palmyra.....	Oliver D. Street.....	H. P.
131	Cordova.....	B. F. Nuttall*.....	K.
134	Elba.....	C. S. Allred*.....	H. P.
136	Auburn.....	W. P. Zuber.....	S.
137	Samson.....	{ J. H. Holley.....	H. P.
		{ J. M. Sanders.....	K.
		{ James W. Brooks*.....	S.
138	Columbia.....	{ C. H. Tomlinson.....	H. P.
		{ J. M. Koonce*.....	K.
141	Castleberry.....	{ Jones W. Thurmond.....	H. P.
		{ R. H. Hayman*.....	K.
		{ E. N. Partin.....	S.
142	Cherokee.....	Thomas Bradford.....	H. P.
143	Delta.....	{ A. R. Stephens*.....	H. P.
		{ A. D. Gregg*.....	S.
144	James Penn.....	T. R. Ward.....	K.
145	Millport.....	{ J. H. Dobson*.....	H. P.
		{ Lewis C. Blakeney.....	S.
146	Woodlawn.....	{ Robert F. Lovelady*.....	H. P.
		{ C. H. White*.....	K.
		{ T. E. Holcombe.....	S.
147	Abbeville.....	J. E. Searcy.....	H. P.

* Proxy.

(Number of Chapters represented, 54.)

OPENED.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form, by the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, with prayer, as follows, by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain:

O, Omnipotent and Omniscient God, Creator and Preserver of the Universe, God "of the spirits of all flesh," Who hath made us in Thine Own image, and Whose children we are, grant us Thy mighty aid that we may prove ourselves worthy of our glorious heritage, while we render gladly and freely to Thee and to our fellow men all true and laudable service.

Give us, we pray, a right judgment in all things. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and to do such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may be enabled to live according to Thy will. Give unto us, Thy servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also, that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

Pour into our hearts the spirit of cheerfulness, that we may do Thy will with glad and willing minds; the spirit of consecration, that we may surrender ourselves, our souls and bodies, into Thy keeping, and devote our lives to Thy service; the spirit of courage, that we may go forward with unfaltering faith and trust to the duties which rest upon us as immortal beings; the spirit of courage, that we may be given to well doing, and continue in the same all the days of our life.

Above all, pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace of all virtues without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. And, finally, forgive us our trespasses, receive and comfort us who are wearied with the burden of our sins, and make haste to help us in this world that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come! Amen! *So mote it be.*

The Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest then ordered the Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host and the Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner to proceed to the office of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and inform him that the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was now open and awaits his pleasure.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion John Henry McCormick, accompanied by the Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host and the Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, was escorted into the Grand Chapter. His entrance was proclaimed by Most Excellent Companion Lew Lazarus, acting as Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was conducted to the East.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

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

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

COMPANIONS:—If we were to turn back the pages of history it would doubtless appear that at no time since the War Between the States has Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction passed through such a crisis as that which has befallen the Craft during the present Masonic year, the closing days of which ushers in this the Ninety-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama.

Not only the people of our country, but every institution has to some extent felt the effects of the mighty conflict that has shaken our beloved country from turret to foundation stone. The great war of Democracy against Autocracy has at last involved this fair land and every man, woman and child worthy of the name of an American citizen has enlisted in the struggle to bear aloft the banner of Democracy, which proclaims freedom to the oppressed of every land, for at last upon the hearts of the people as a nation are imprinted in indelible letters the great Masonic watchwords, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

Since the foundation of our government, indeed even more so in the struggle for liberty prior to and during the American Revolution, Masonry has played an important part. General Washington and practically all of his official family, both civil and military, as well as many of the rank and file of the army were Masons and they left their impress not only upon the liberal institutions of the country but upon the very form of the government that was to blaze the way for a true Democracy. Shall we, the successors of those noble members of our fraternity and the beneficiaries of that struggle for freedom be found wanting in fealty to our country, or remiss in our devotion to the tenets of our Order, which are found interwoven in the very fabric of our government and institutions? A glance over the roster of the army, a review of the men "somewhere in France," a survey of the list of those upholding the hands of our President in the mighty struggle that shall free the nations of the earth from the brutal

power and bondage of militarism, will find the members of your lodge and my lodge, of your chapter and my chapter, of the Masons of every degree and of every Rite of this and of every one of our sister jurisdictions in this country standing shoulder to shoulder, upholding the glory and honor of our country whose flag has never been furled in dishonor nor trailed in the dust of oppression, nor known the pangs of defeat. As the past is a faithful earnest of the future, so Masonry will continue to fulfill its mission as it has ever done, for it has ever battled against the oppressor everywhere, fought manfully for the truth and the right, for free speech and free thought, and defended the people against all usurpation and tyranny, civil, military, or ecclesiastical, in peace or in war, under whatsoever guise or pretext their rights may be invaded.

During the past year Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction has suffered inroads upon its membership by the entrance of many of the Companions into the service of the country, not only as volunteers but likewise through the selective draft, so that many Chapters have felt directly the effects of the war upon their activities in a material way. In most of the larger centers the Chapters have flourished beyond all expectation, but in many of the smaller communities they have been hard hit. Nevertheless, Capitular Masonry as a whole, in this State, has had a substantial growth, for all over the country, Masonry and Masonic Bodies have experienced a renewed activity and in some places, notwithstanding the unsettled state of the country, it has been little short of phenomenal. Everywhere the Masonic battle cry seems to be "Duty." "Our duty, everywhere, our duty always, evil and wrong never, a base act nowhere.

CEREMONY OF OPENING THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Your attention is invited to the change in the form of opening the Grand Chapter from that heretofore in vogue. After consultation with a number of the Officers and Companions, it was deemed advisable to make the opening of the Grand Chapter a little more impressive and a little more formal, in order that the Companions might have an opportunity of witnessing the method of receiving the Grand Officers or other distinguished visitors. To that end it was deemed proper to have the Grand Chapter opened by the R.'. E.'. Deputy

Grand High Priest and have the M. E. Grand High Priest received with proper ceremonies.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

The present convocation of the Grand Chapter was deemed a fitting time to express and emphasize our fraternal relation with the several Masonic Bodies of this jurisdiction in order that a closer bond of fellowship might be more firmly established. To that end an official invitation was extended to the most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council; the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar, and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the State of Alabama, of the A. A. S. R. for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., the latter of whom, by a happy coincidence is the present Sovereign Grand Commander of that Supreme Council as well as a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

It is planned at the proper time to officially receive each of these distinguished visitors in a manner befitting the exalted office each occupies. So far as can be ascertained this is the first time an attempt has been made to bring together the presiding officers of the several Grand Bodies of this jurisdiction as such for the purpose of according them an official recognition and welcome, and it is hoped this may lay the predicate for a closer affiliation than a mere formality. It is hoped by this means, the Masons of the State of whatever Rite or degree, will be brought in closer touch that all may labor together for the uplift of humanity through our noble Art.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

As the past year has witnessed a heavy draft upon our living membership called to duty in the service of their country, so too, have we suffered losses among those who have been called from their wanderings along the shadowy pathways of this earthly life to that higher initiation where the designs upon the trestle board are seen completed and where each initiate becomes indeed and in truth a Master.

On February 26, 1917, while sojourning for his health in Texas, our M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Francis Harwood Bates, passed through the veils of the Inner Sanctuary in quest of that Eternal Light, the radiant rays whereof are never dimmed.

March 31, 1917, I issued to the Grand Officers and the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, the following memorial letter:

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

Mobile, Alabama, March 31st, 1917.

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

COMPANIONS:—On February 26, 1917, in the city of San Antonio, Texas, whence he had journeyed for his health, the Great Principal Sojourner conducted M. E. E.

COMPANION FRANCIS HARWOOD BATES

Past Grand High Priest of Alabama, through the mystic veils, into the Grand Council above, where light eternal shines.

One of the most genial and genuine of men, his presence at our Grand Chapter meetings was always hailed with delight by all in attendance, for he was known and loved by all.

He was no loungeur or listless idler, who, after the highest honors had been conferred upon him, ceased to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter; but, so far as can be recalled, our Companion never missed a meeting, notwithstanding, in the last few years, his physical condition was far from good.

Francis Harwood Bates was born in Marion, Alabama, November 9, 1851.

He received his elementary education in the schools of Marion, and was graduated from the University of Mississippi in June, 1872.

Soon after his graduation he removed to Jackson County, Missouri, but returned to Alabama in the fall of 1875.

In December of that year he was married to Miss Addie L. Phillips, of Dallas County, Alabama, since which time he has been living at his present home, near Hamburg, Alabama, engaged in farming and raising blooded stock.

His Masonic record is as follows:

He was initiated December 15, 1891, passed January 14, 1892, and raised February 16, 1892, in Temple Lodge No. 425, in Marion, Alabama, and was elected Master of said Lodge in 1900.

He was exalted June 3, 1896, in Marion Chapter No. 12, in Marion, Alabama, and was High Priest thereof in 1902, 1903 and 1904.

He received the Order of High Priesthood on December 1, 1902.

He was received and greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Tuscaloosa Council No. 4, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on August 7, 1907.

He received the Order of Red Cross April 5, 1904, and the Orders of Temple and Malta April 29, 1904, in Selma Commandery No. 5, of Selma, Alabama.

He was appointed Grand Master of the 2nd Veil of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in 1898 and 1899, Grand Royal Arch Captain in 1900 and 1901, and was elected Grand Scribe in 1902 and 1903, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1904 and Grand High Priest in 1905.

He was a consistent and honored member of the Presbyterian Church, and his funeral was conducted by Central City Lodge No. 305, of Selma, Alabama, by request of Temple Lodge No. 425, of Marion, Alabama, of which Lodge Companion Bates was a member. Selma Fraternal Lodge No. 27, St. John's Chapter No. 28 and Selma Commandery No. 5 also attended the funeral in a body.

The services of the Presbyterian Church were conducted by the Reverend Joseph Dunglinson at the residence of Mr. George Phillips, in Selma, Alabama, and the remains were conveyed from there to the Live Oak Cemetery in Selma, Alabama, where it was interred with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

What a heritage for a man to leave to his family; an untarnished name, a spotless reputation and an illustrious example to his community of a good and true man.

His personal and Masonic life was as a light set upon a hill, a beacon to all who journeyed near, pointing the way through the bewildering paths of life, a sure and faithful guide.

Though the sands of the desert were scorching, the crossing of the river perilous, the enemies on the alert to do mischief, still he journeyed in the forefront with courage and fortitude, that all who journeyed in his train might safely reach their journey's end.

Unafraid, undismayed, undaunted, he was a leader worthy of all emulation.

His sandals, staff and script are laid aside, but may we who knew him and loved him be as faithful in their use as he who now rests from his journey—for in truth his works do follow him.

As a tribute to our departed 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 31st day of March, A. D., 1917, A. I. 2447.

Fraternally yours,

[Seal.]

JOHN H. McCORMICK,
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST:

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

In most of our sister jurisdictions, many excellent and distinguished Companions have also passed on, so that with our companions in other jurisdictions we mourn their loss and extend our sympathy for the following companions who have ceased from their labors:

M.'. E.'. Companion Caleb H. Stone, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died December 7, 1916.

M.'. E.'. Companion Robert Liddell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died February 3, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Charles Joseph Willett, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died April 6, 1917.

R.'. E.'. Companion Henry Ascroft, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of California. Died June 8, 1917.

E.'. Companion John Thomas Shurtleff, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of California. Died July 10, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Christopher C. Gird, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died October 12, 1916.

R.'. E.'. Companion James Harding George, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died January 18, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion James McCormick, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died June 24, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Wesley U. Pearne, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died July 5, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Bestor Gaston Brown, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas and General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter. Died July 10, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion James Carnell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Died June 17, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Robert L. McKinlay, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died January 23, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion James W. Hopper, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died May 8, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Eugene P. Robertson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died December 31, 1916.

M.'. E.'. Companion Theron Francis Giddings, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died January 15, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Horace Sheldon Maynard, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died September 22, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Ebenezer E. Corliss, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died July 21, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion John Silas Brooks, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Died March 17, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Charles W. Kaley, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died January 6, 1917.

R.'. E.'. Companion William McMillan, Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. Died July 21, 1917.

E.'. Companion Edwin Gladmon, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. Died December 9, 1916.

M.'. E.'. Companion William Marshall Black. Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. Died May 9, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion William E. Evans, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died March 4, 1917.

R.'. E.'. Companion Leo Edmond Bennett, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Died May 28, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Will H. Whyte, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. Died September 19, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Park Davis, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Died August 20, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Edward Smith Conrad, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Died August 21, 1916

M.'. E.'. Companion William James Hubbard, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Died April 20, 1917.

M.'. E.'. Companion Andrew Nilsson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington. Died October 25, 1916.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHAPTER.

I have issued dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter as follows:

On May 10, 1917, to Companions James Edward Searcy, Martin V. Capps, William N. Skelton, William Charles Vickers, Samuel M. Singletary, Joseph M. Saunders, James R. Vann, William P. Armstrong and Harry A. Ethridge, to form and organize a Chapter at Abbeville, Henry County, to be known as Abbeville Chapter No. 147. I appointed James Edward Searcy to be the High Priest of said Chapter, Martin V. Capps to be the King and William N. Skelton to be the Scribe.

In company with M.'. E.'. Companion George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary and E.'. Companion Seth Mabry, of Eufaula, Alabama, I instituted this Chapter June 12, 1917, at which time the degrees of the Chapter were conferred on a class of fifteen.

DISPENSATIONS TO RE-ORGANIZE CHAPTERS.

On February 5, 1917, I granted dispensation to Companions Charles A. Morrison, George A. Johnson, Benjamin F. Bennett, Bunyan Davie, James J. Winn, Edgar R. Quillien, Judge S. Williams, George W. Peach and Thomas D. Grubbs to re-organize Clayton Chapter No. 63, at Clayton, Barbour County, Alabama. I appointed Charles A. Morrison to be the High Priest of said Chapter, George A. Johnston to be the King and Benjamin F. Bennett to be the Scribe.

On September 18, 1917, the annual return having been rendered and dues paid, I reinstated Heflin Chapter No. 128, its Charter having been arrested by resolution of the Grand Chapter for failure to render annual return.

I recommend that the Charters of Clayton Chapter No. 63 and Heflin Chapter No. 128 be restored free of charge.

DISPENSATION TO CONTINUE WORK.

On March 28, 1917, I issued a dispensation to Covington Chapter No. 123 to continue work until this Annual Convocation, its Charter having been destroyed by fire, and I recommend that a duplicate Charter be granted them free of charge.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED TO ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS.

Dispensations were issued to the following Chapters, they having failed to elect at the statutory time:

June 5, 1917. Union Chapter No. 26, Uniontown, Ala.
June 18, 1917. Eunomia Chapter No. 5, Huntsville, Ala.
July 9, 1917. Tallassee Chapter No. 126, Tallassee, Ala.
August 15, 1917. Hillabee Chapter No. 79, Alexander City, Ala.
August 29, 1917. Springville Chapter No. 88, Springville, Ala.
September 5, 1917. H. C. Armstrong Chapter No. 114, Fayette, Ala.
September 7, 1917. James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129, Tuskegee, Ala.
September 18, 1917. Covington Chapter No. 123, Andalusia, Ala.
September 20, 1917. Elba Chapter No. 134, Elba, Ala.

DISPENSATIONS TO BALLOT OUT OF TIME AND CONFER DEGREES.

It will be recalled that at the time I was installed as Grand High Priest, I stated to the Grand Chapter, that on account of the severe criticisms visited on this Grand Chapter by sister jurisdictions for our laxness in issuing dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees, I had resolved to prevent further such criticism by not granting dispensations for this purpose except under extraordinary circumstances. Observation of a number of Chapters for several years had convinced me that not only were these criticisms merited, but that in most instances the Chapters had not been benefited by such dispensations. It is not always pleasant to break a precedent or cause disappointment to those seeking the Chapter degrees.

Too frequently this railroading of candidates causes the Chapter to serve merely as a stepping stone to the Shrine, consequently, little if any, impression is made upon the candidate and in but few instances does he become interested in the work of the Chapter itself. Moreover, there has grown up a practice of waiting until some Grand Officer or well-known ritualist could be induced to visit a

Chapter for the purpose of conferring the degrees and then putting through all the available material in the vicinity, a number being included at the last minute by the dispensation route. The officers do not receive the proper instructions, the material for subsequent work is exhausted and interest in the Chapter is lacking for months or even longer, becoming more or less dormant, only to have the process repeated when new material can be found. Hence, a large number of Chapters have officers who are not familiar with the work and cannot enter properly into the spirit of the work which is necessary to make a Chapter vigorous and efficient.

For the above and other reasons, I felt it my duty, in the interest of Capitular Masonry, to at least call attention to this practice which is contrary to the spirit of the Order and which has so often proved detrimental in this jurisdiction. I regret that I was compelled to refuse a number of requests and trust that the Companions will accept my action, not as arbitrary, but because I believed it to be for the best interests of the Craft.

This view of the matter is so forcibly and clearly stated by M. E. Past Grand High Priest L. H. Lee, in his address to the Grand Chapter in 1912, that I ask your indulgence in quoting it in full. He said:

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

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

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED TO BALLOT OUT OF TIME AND CONFER DEGREES.

Dispensations were issued to the following Chapters to ballot out of time and confer degrees:

February 13, 1917. Dothan Chapter No. 113, Dothan, Alabama. On account of a York Rite Reunion.

March 9, 1917. Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. On account of a York Rite Reunion.

May 23, 1917. Bessemer Chapter No. 110, Bessemer, Alabama. On account of a York Rite Reunion.

July 17, 1917. Clayton Chapter No. 63, Clayton, Alabama. On account of entering the Army.

August 7, 1917. Talladega Chapter No. 23, Talladega, Alabama. On account of entering the Army.

September 7, 1917. Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10, Tuscumbia, Alabama. On account of fraternal visit of degree team from Birmingham, Alabama.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

The following Chapters were refused dispensations to ballot on petitions out of time, the reasons assigned not deemed sufficient:

January 8, 1917. Union Chapter No. 26, Uniontown, Alabama.

January 28, 1917. St. John's Chapter No. 28, Selma, Alabama.

February 28, 1917. Springville Chapter No. 88, Springville, Alabama.

March 30, 1917. Eunomia Chapter No. 5, Huntsville, Alabama.

April 23, 1917. Talladega Chapter No. 23, Talladega, Alabama.

May 24, 1917. Mineral City Chapter No. 101, Birmingham, Alabama.

June 9, 1917. Samson Chapter No. 137, Samson, Alabama.

August 28, 1917. Woodlawn Chapter No. 146, Birmingham, Alabama.

September 8, 1917. Dadeville Chapter No. 56, Dadeville, Alabama.

October 2, 1917. Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, Sylacauga, Alabama.

October 8, 1917. James Penn Chapter No. 144, Jacksonville, Alabama.

I am pleased to say that in all of the above instances where a dispensation was refused, after explaining my reasons, the Companions agreed with me that the best interests of the Chapter were subserved by the petitions taking the regular course.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

Requests were made by several Chapters to have the degrees of the Chapter conferred as a courtesy by subordinate Chapters in sister

jurisdictions upon candidates who had been elected in their respective Chapters but were unable to receive the degrees on account of their removal to other States. The official request was made through the M. E. Grand High Priest of each jurisdiction where the sojourning brother was located and in every instance the request was promptly and cordially granted. Our fraternal thanks are hereby tendered for these courtesies.

The requests were as follows:

March 3, 1917. From Samson Chapter No. 137, for Brother Lloyd D. Watson, by Globe Chapter No. 7, Globe, Arizona.

July 14, 1917. From Talladega Chapter No. 23, Talladega, Alabama, for Brother Francis M. Crawford, by Larissa Chapter No. 22, Jacksonville, Texas.

Through the M. E. Grand High Priest of Ohio a request was received to confer degrees as follows:

October 31, 1917. From Seneca Chapter No. 212, of Tiffin, Ohio, for Brother Lawson F. Smeltz, by Montgomery Chapter No. 22, Montgomery, Alabama.

November 12, 1917. From Ada Chapter No. 138, Ada, Ohio, for Brother Gale Audrey Shrider, by Montgomery Chapter No. 22, Montgomery, Alabama.

November 12, 1917. From Franklin Chapter No. 24, Troy, Ohio, for Brothers Robert Russell Rohrer; Roger Sayers Benham and Russell Scheip, by Montgomery Chapter No. 22, Montgomery, Alabama.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

August 8, 1917. A request for Waiver of Jurisdiction was made by Mineral City Chapter No. 101 for Brother J. R. Crye to Charlotte Chapter No. 39, Charlotte, N. C., and the same was promptly granted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED.

On February 28, 1917, I recommended Companion Myron T. Sprague, of Mobile, Alabama, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta near this Grand Chapter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED.

On February 1, 1917, I appointed Companion J. Grant Wilkins, of Wilmington, Delaware, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama

near the Grand Chapter of Delaware, vice Companion J. Harmer Rile, deceased.

On February 5, 1917, I appointed Companion Weston Wentworth, of Nashua, New Hampshire, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, vice Companion Henry P. Glidden, deceased.

On February 26, 1917, I appointed Companion Albert R. Yates, of Gleichien, Alberta, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

On September 3, 1917, I appointed Companion John Bowers, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, vice Companion Charles Martin Hardie, deceased.

On September 26, 1917, I appointed Companion Joseph Kendrick to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, vice Companion John W. Smart, removed from the jurisdiction.

On November 14, 1917, I appointed Companion L. F. Danforth, of Lake City, Iowa, as representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

ALABAMA MASONIC HOME.

May 15, 1917, I issued the following circular letter to the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction:

JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA. GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S OFFICE.

Mobile, Alabama, May 15, 1917.

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

COMPANIONS:—"Life is a count of losses every year; to the Past go more dead faces every year," leaving to us who survive the care of those who are dependent upon the fraternity:

Capitular Masonry as a rule has few direct calls upon it for the relief of the poor and distressed. We should, therefore, feel it not only our duty, but our privilege to help, aid and assist, without the

hope of fee or reward, the widows and orphans of our deceased Companions, these unfortunate sojourners, on their pilgrimage across the desert of life. Without their natural guide, the way is long and toilsome, and the sands of life's desert provide neither food nor refreshing waters for the famished and thirsty traveler.

Then, too, the number of our Companions who have crossed the desert and are now passing through the veils need our support yet a little longer, for the time is not far distant when they also must present the Signet to the Grand Council above.

Shall we falter in our duty? We need but to recall our obligations to those who have sojourned with us. The pressing times have increased the number of dependents, and likewise the cost of their maintenance.

Therefore, following the precedent of my predecessors, as Grand High Priest, I call upon the subordinate Chapters to give the Companions an opportunity at their Annual Conovcation in June to contribute to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of this jurisdiction, or such other needy cause as circumstances may require.

Send all Masonic Home contributions to Companion Ben M. Jacobs, Chairman Board of Control, Birmingham, Alabama.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. McCORMICK,
Grand High Priest.

[Seal.]

ATTEST:

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

For a number of years my predecessors in this exalted office have stated that they had every intention when installed as Grand High Priest, of making a number of personal visits to the several Chapters of this jurisdiction, but circumstances over which they had no control prevented them from making many such visits. It seemed that there was so little of a constructive nature to do outside of the routine that falls to the lot of every Grand High Priest that the least I could do was to endeavor to revive interest in some of the Chapters which had become more or less apathetic. Heretofore, most of the visits made by the Grand Officers had been to Chapters

where such visits seemed to be needed the least, while the Chapters in the more remote districts were not visited except in rare instances. This statement is made not in any sense as a criticism, nor a design on my part to censure my predecessors, but rather as a justification for their failure to visit many Chapters since in many instances to visit even one small Chapter requires from two to three days time.

After visiting a number of Chapters and learning their difficulties, I was convinced that the promiscuous granting of dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees, was in part responsible for the condition of these Chapters. So, I determined, if possible, to visit every Chapter in the State, and it is my pleasure to announce that after passing through many vicissitudes and experiences, I have officially visited every Chapter in this jurisdiction during my term of office. There are now sixty-five Chapters in the State and so far as I can ascertain, I am the first Grand High Priest to have accomplished this feat. This is not said in a spirit of boasting nor of self adulation, but to call your attention to the results of these inspections, in the form of a recommendation based upon the intimate knowledge thereby obtained of the condition of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction. Another motive actuated me, based on a somewhat extended acquaintance with the Craft. I felt the necessity of calling the attention of the Companions at this time to a better understanding of the true Free Masonry. For the most part, outside of a knowledge of the ritual and the laws governing the Chapter, the great mass of Capitular Masons seem to have no true conception of its meaning or its purpose. I therefore requested each Chapter to dispense with work upon the occasion of my visit; after the formal official visit was concluded, which in every case was of short duration and very informal, the Blue Lodge Masons of the vicinity were invited to become the guests of the Chapter, and a general discussion of Free Masonry ensued. The interest generally manifested was a constant and convincing argument in favor of the course pursued. It is gratifying to note that so far as I could ascertain, there was not a single Chapter in which peace and harmony did not prevail, a truly wonderful record, which is further evidenced by the fact that I have not been called upon to make a single official decision during the year.

I was everywhere received with the courtesy due the exalted office of Grand High Priest, and I here wish to extend my thanks and

appreciation to the Companions for the cordial hospitality with which I was greeted. I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without expressing my deep gratitude to our well beloved and efficient Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, not only for his unflinching help at all times and in every place, but especially for the extra labor in arranging the several itineraries which enabled me to accomplish the feat of visiting every Chapter in the jurisdiction.

Space does not permit an extended comment on these several visitations. Here follows in chronological order the Chapters visited:

1. January 26, 1917.—Mobile Chapter No. 21, Mobile, Alabama. Mobile Chapter maintains its general average from year to year, but it is not as aggressive as it should be.

2. April 11, 1917.—Marion Chapter No. 12, Marion, Alabama. Marion Chapter has done but little since last year; the financial condition of the surrounding territory has not been good for several years.

3. April 12, 1917.—Union Chapter No. 26, Uniontown, Alabama. The High Priest and Scribe of this Chapter were in the Army Training Camp. A lack of material due to the same cause as the preceding Chapter.

4. April 13, 1917. Jefferson Chapter No. 81, Demopolis, Alabama. This Chapter is in a fairly good condition, maintaining an average for several years.

5. April 14, 1917.—St. John's Chapter No. 28, Selma, Alabama. One of the most flourishing Chapters in the State, with plenty of material and is constantly at work.

6. April 25, 1917.—Bladen Springs Chapter No. 124, Gilbertown, Alabama. This Chapter has had no meetings for about three years; the members appear to be apathetic. Unless more meetings are held the Chapter should be removed.

7. April 27, 1917.—Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 19, Eutaw, Alabama. This Chapter has been in an almost moribund condition for several years, due largely to the conditions in the Blue Lodge, but this having been remedied the outlook for the Chapter is better than for some time past.

8. April 28, 1917. Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. One of the live Chapters of the State, with plenty of material and constantly at work; follows the Reunion plan which adds very materially to its membership.

9. May 23, 1917.—Bessemer Chapter No. 110, Bessemer, Alabama. The same comment on this Chapter can be made as about the preceding Chapter.

10. May 23, 1917.—Elyton Chapter No. 76, Birmingham, Alabama. Very little has been done by this Chapter this year, having expended its energy the previous year, but gives promise of reviving interest.

11. May 24, 1917.—Mineral City Chapter No. 101, Birmingham, Alabama. This Chapter and Woodlawn Chapter are rivals for the premier Chapter in the State from a point of membership.

12. May 24, 1917.—Blocton Chapter No. 109, Blocton, Alabama. This Chapter has not had a meeting in several years, the High Priest not being in the jurisdiction; formerly a flourishing Chapter, but in an apathetic state for the past two or three years.

13. May 24, 1917.—Centreville Chapter No. 125, Centreville, Alabama. This Chapter is in the same condition as the preceding Chapter; being a farming community, the financial condition for the last two years having prevented the growth of the Chapter.

14. May 25, 1917.—Jasper Chapter No. 118, Jasper, Alabama. One of the most flourishing Chapters of the State with a true Masonic spirit.

15. May 25, 1917.—Cordova Chapter No. 131, Cordova, Alabama. The High Priest of this Chapter is away from the jurisdiction. The Chapter has been rather apathetic for several years; it is able to confer the degrees in good form but lack the material.

16. May 26, 1917.—Ensley Chapter No. 120, Ensley, Alabama. One of the progressive Chapters of the State in a flourishing condition.

17. May 30, 1917.—Hartselle Chapter No. 140, Hartselle, Alabama. This Chapter has been practically dead for some time past, but promises to revive.

18. May 30, 1917.—Decatur Chapter No. 30, Albany, Alabama. One of the flourishing Chapters of the State with plenty of material and constantly at work.

19. May 31, 1917.—Eunomia Chapter No. 5, Huntsville, Alabama. The High Priest and Scribe of this Chapter are out of the jurisdiction and has not been flourishing, but gives promise of reviving interest.

20. June 1, 1917.—Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10, Tuscumbia, Alabama. This Chapter does not flourish, notwithstanding it has a good territory; the interest is divided among several nearby towns, which causes a lack of coöperation.

21. June 2, 1917.—Pratt City Chapter No. 108, Pratt City, Alabama. This is a flourishing and progressive Chapter.

22. June 11, 1917.—Eufaula Chapter No. 24, Eufaula, Alabama. This Chapter is in a fairly good condition, but relies too much on the visits of our Grand Secretary.

23. June 12, 1917.—Abbeville Chapter No. 147, Abbeville, Alabama. This is a new Chapter constituted this date; has plenty of material, and a good opportunity if taken advantage of.

24. June 13, 1917.—Columbia Chapter No. 138, Columbia, Alabama. This Chapter is in an apathetic condition and needs some enthusiasm to put it on its feet.

25. June 13, 1917.—Dothan Chapter No. 113, Dothan, Alabama. This is a flourishing Chapter so far as members are concerned.

26. June 14, 1917.—Landmark Chapter No. 71, Ozark, Alabama. This Chapter has been apathetic for several years; on a subsequent visit it was learned that it had put on new life.

27. June 15, 1917.—Tyrian Chapter No. 54, Troy, Alabama. This is a flourishing and progressive Chapter.

28. June 15, 1917. Hermon Chapter No. 34, Union Springs, Alabama. The interest in the Chapter is at low ebb, but the Companions have determined to revive the interest.

29. June 16, 1917.—Montgomery Chapter No. 22, Montgomery, Alabama. This is a flourishing Chapter.

30. July 19, 1917.—Monroe Chapter No. 122, Monroeville, Alabama. This Chapter has been hit hard by the financial condition of the surrounding country.

31. July 24, 1917.—Jackson Chapter No. 119, Jackson, Alabama. This Chapter is in an almost moribund condition; unable to interest the Companions in the Chapter.

32. July 26, 1917.—Thomasville Chapter No. 115, Thomasville, Alabama. Very few members of this Chapter live in the town in which it is located, and those who do are very apathetic; it holds no promise for betterment and should surrender its Charter.

33. July 31, 1917.—Castleberry Chapter No. 141, Castleberry, Alabama. For a small Chapter it is doing very well so far as the ritual is concerned; it has very little material upon which to work.

34. July 31, 1917.—Evergreen Chapter No. 127, Evergreen, Alabama. This Chapter has been apathetic for several years but promises to revive interest.

35. August 13, 1917.—Tallassee Chapter No. 126, Tallassee, Alabama. The High Priest of this Chapter is out of the jurisdiction, and interest is lacking. Since my visit more than a score of members have been added to the Chapter.

36. August 13, 1917.—James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129, Tuskegee, Alabama. This Chapter has done but very little for several years; lack of interest is the cause of the Chapter deteriorating.

37. August 14, 1917.—Auburn Chapter No. 136, Auburn, Alabama. The death of the High Priest upon whom the Chapter had depended for many years caused the Chapter to become backward.

38. August 14, 1917.—Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80, Opelika, Alabama. This is a live and progressive Chapter.

39. August 15, 1917.—Dadeville Chapter No. 56, Dadeville, Alabama. This is a flourishing Chapter.

40. August 15, 1917.—Hillabee Chapter No. 79, Alexander City, Alabama. This Chapter has been practically dead, but the Companions have assured me that they will extend their best efforts to revive the interest in the Chapter.

41. August 16, 1917.—Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, Sylacauga, Alabama. A flourishing Chapter. The High Priest has gone to the front to serve in the Army.

42. August 16, 1917.—Talladega Chapter No. 23, Talladega, Alabama. This Chapter has done but little recently, but has promised to do better in the future.

43. August 17, 1917.—Delta Chapter No. 143, Delta, Alabama. This Chapter is situated in a region far from a railroad, but exhibits more of the Masonic spirit of any Chapter in the State. Its members are few, the material scanty, but they are holding fast to their Masonic teachings as they understand it.

44. August 17, 1917.—Roanoke Chapter No. 100, Roanoke, Alabama. This Chapter is now doing well.

45. August 27, 1917.—Clanton Chapter No. 116, Clanton, Alabama. This Chapter is doing well, but needs more interest on the part of its members.

46. August 27, 1917.—Central Chapter No. 64, Montevallo, Alabama. This Chapter has not been doing well for some time. They are endeavoring to revive an interest. Officers have been installed.

47. August 28, 1917.—Woodlawn Chapter No. 146, Birmingham, Alabama. This is one of the new Chapters in the State; it is in a

flourishing condition and promises to be the largest Chapter in the State, conferring degrees on large classes.

48. August 29, 1917.—Springville Chapter No. 88, Springville, Alabama. This Chapter has not been in good condition for several years; the High Priest has moved from the jurisdiction; their material is scanty and they lack a knowledge of the Ritual. Officers have been installed.

49. August 29, 1917.—Collinsville Chapter No. 57, Collinsville, Alabama. This Chapter has been recently revived.

50. August 30, 1917.—Fort Payne Chapter No. 107, Fort Payne, Alabama. This Chapter has been recently revived.

51. August 30, 1917.—Coosa Chapter No. 86, Gadsden, Alabama. This is a flourishing and progressive Chapter.

52. August 31, 1917.—Cherokee Chapter No. 142, Centre, Alabama. This Chapter is located far from a railroad; it was at one time a great Masonic center; however, most of the young men have moved away, leaving very little material for the Chapter.

53. August 31, 1917.—Piedmont Chapter No. 111, Piedmont, Alabama. This Chapter is doing fairly well and gives promise of becoming a strong Chapter in the future.

54. September 1, 1917.—James Penn Chapter No. 144, Jacksonville, Alabama. This Chapter is weak in members and has done nothing for some time, but since my visit they have had several petitions. Officers have been installed.

55. September 1, 1917.—Anniston Chapter No. 105, Anniston, Alabama. This is one of the very active Chapters in the State, and is increasing its membership rapidly.

56. September 3, 1917.—Palmyra Chapter No. 130, Guntersville, Alabama. This Chapter has not been flourishing, but is starting out with renewed interest.

57. September 5, 1917.—Millport Chapter No. 145, Millport, Alabama. This Chapter has not been in a good condition but is now reviving interest.

58. September 5, 1917.—H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114, Fayette, Alabama. This Chapter has always been in a bad shape. Officers were installed and started them to work with renewed interest.

59. September 17, 1917.—Ben Bricken Chapter No. 99, Luverne, Alabama. For a long time this Chapter had been apathetic but recently it has taken on new life and added a number of members.

60. September 18, 1917.—Covington Chapter No. 123, Andalusia, Alabama. This Chapter had lost its lodge room by fire, and a number of members having moved away caused the Chapter to deteriorate. Officers have been installed.

61. September 18, 1917.—Samson Chapter No. 137, Samson, Alabama. This Chapter has taken on a new lease of life.

62. September 19, 1917.—Florala Chapter No. 135, Florala, Alabama. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition.

63. September 20, 1917.—Elba Chapter No. 134, Elba, Alabama. This Chapter has been practically dead for some time but is endeavoring to revive interest.

64. September 21, 1917.—Clayton Chapter No. 63, Clayton, Alabama. This Chapter was reinstated and gives promise of retaining its interest.

65. October 10, 1917.—Heflin Chapter No. 128, Heflin, Alabama. This Chapter forfeited its Charter, due to absence of interest and dissension in the Blue Lodge; having been reinstated and causes of dissension having been removed it promises well, with a number of prospects for success.

INSPECTIONS.

Reports of the Inspectors are herewith submitted for your consideration.

In but few instances at the time of my visitation had the several Inspectors visited the Chapters in their charge. From the information at hand I am convinced that the inspection plan as an efficient piece of machinery is a failure and should be abolished. The Inspectors are all busy men who have for the most part given freely of their time in the past to Capitular Masonry, and it is a hardship to expect them to do the work as it should be done, involving as it does frequent absence from home and business. During this year a number of Inspectors have failed to qualify, several have died, and a number have moved away from their jurisdictions, or joined the army; others for business reasons and otherwise have been compelled to decline the appointment. There is also a widespread dissatisfaction with the present form of ritual, many among the rank and file requesting a change. Therefore, summing up the experience and the suggestions that have been received during the year, I would respectfully submit the following recommendations:

First. That the inspection system as at present constituted be abolished.

Second. That in lieu thereof, a Grand Lecturer be appointed at a salary of One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per annum, whose duty it shall be to visit the several subordinate Chapters when requested to do so by a Chapter or by direction of the Grand High Priest, to instruct said Chapter in the ritual and laws of the Order; and that he shall also give instructions in the history and symbolism of Free Masonry in so far as it relates to Capitular Masonry.

Third. That each subordinate Chapter requesting the services of the Grand Lecturer be required to pay the railroad fare and hotel expenses of the Grand Lecturer during the time of his visit to such Chapter.

The above plan will meet the requirements of the Chapters and at the same time will impose no greater financial burden on the Grand Chapter than the inspection system, if it is properly carried out, and will prove more efficient. There never was a time when it was more necessary to teach the spirit of the true Free Masonry than the present, and the above recommended method will furnish the means of bringing to our members this knowledge of Masonry which is so necessary to the well being of the fraternity in general and Capitular Masonry in particular.

The larger and more efficient Chapters will thus gladly come to the assistance of the weaker ones by assuming a large part of a financial burden that will not directly benefit themselves, but will make it possible for the latter to receive efficient help they could not otherwise obtain, for to paraphrase an old saying: "The Grand Chapter will help those Chapters who help themselves."

MASONIC WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

October 5, 1917, the Masonic War Relief Association, U. S. A., issued a circular letter, detailing the work of the Association from its inception to the first of October, 1917. After detailing the receipts and disbursements, the former amounting to over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) the opinion is expressed that "Money raised by Masonic Bodies should be devoted to the relief of Masons, their wives and children, their widows and orphans, until we are assured that we have taken care of all."

October 24, 1917, the same Association sent out a circular letter reporting that the Grand Lodge of Ohio had started an emergency fund, and in conclusion said: "We appeal to you to take steps to obtain a similar result in your jurisdiction during your administration." In view of the fact that the resources of this Grand Chapter are limited and the further fact that we have two cantonments in this State, one of which contains the Ohio troops and that the Masons of this jurisdiction have been heavily taxed to help the various projects for the welfare of the soldiers in these cantonments, it is felt that this Grand Chapter is doing all that it can consistently, under the circumstances. It is therefore recommended that no further action on this subject be taken at this time.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

In company with M. V. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary, I attended the Seventh Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Virginia, February 21 and 22, 1917, as a representative of this Grand Chapter. Perhaps at no other organization are so many representatives of the Grand Masonic Bodies of the United States assembled as at this annual meeting to commemorate the memory of the Father of Our Country by the erection of a memorial to George Washington, the Mason. Never was a more fitting time than the present to emphasize the necessity for this memorial to Washington as a Mason and to permanently record his services to the Craft, for not only are there indications that the fundamental Masonic principles for which he labored so much to promulgate are to become the animating force that will govern mankind as the result of this world wide struggle against militarism, oppression and autocratic ambition, but a more concrete reason exists. The enemies of Free Masonry are endeavoring to propagate the teaching that Washington was never a Mason, or when confronted with irrefutable proof that he not only was a Mason but took an active part in the Fraternity, they claim that he renounced Masonry and was buried in the Roman Catholic faith. Not only are many pamphlets issued containing these falsehoods, but even school books are placed in the hands of the impressionable child containing this malicious propaganda. The Masonic Fraternity rejoices in the fact that he who was the "First in

war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen" was also an active Mason and that the priceless Masonic relics attesting his Masonic activity are still in the possession of the Fraternity. In order to properly care for them against loss or damage and to be able to exhibit them to the world, this Association, comprising nearly all of the Grand Jurisdictions, has been formed to erect a suitable building as a memorial to Washington, the Mason. A great number of the jurisdictions have contributed liberally to this project; the Alabama Masons and this Grand Chapter are honored by having one of its past Grand High Priests as the Secretary of that organization, and while this Grand Chapter has for several years been a member of the Association, it has contributed nothing toward the building itself. I therefore, recommend that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in five annual installments be appropriated for this purpose.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, Companions, I have endeavored to put before you clearly the acts of my administration of this exalted office, and I have given you the impressions and opinions formed as the result of a somewhat strenuous term of service. While it has been arduous in some respects, at the same time it has been filled with many pleasant experiences, replete with the formation of many valued friendships and overflowing with many kindnesses on the part of the many Companions with whom I became acquainted during my visits to the several Chapters.

I cannot close, however, without at least one word of a personal nature, for which I trust you will pardon me. It falls to the lot of but few to be honored as I have been by the brethren and Companions of this jurisdiction. It has been but a few short years since I came to this State an absolute stranger to the Craft, and now I am retiring from the highest office within your gift. To say that this preferment is appreciated but feebly expresses my gratitude for this mark of confidence, and I assure you that whatever of Masonic worth I may have been able to accomplish has been by reason of the hearty coöperation of the brethren and Companions throughout the State. As in the past, my services will always be at the call of Masonic

duty and it will be a pleasure to help aid and assist the Craft without the hope of fee or reward.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN HENRY MCCORMICK,

Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, 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, Norman Gunn and Lew Lazarus.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then announced that he was about to receive officially the heads of the several Grand Bodies in York Rite Masonry in Alabama.

The Grand Captain of the Host announced the presence of Most Worshipful Brother Walter Smith, Grand Master of Masons in Alabama. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest expressed his pleasure to receive the announcement and appointed a Committee consisting of all Past Grand High Priests present to wait upon and escort Most Worshipful Brother Smith into the Grand Chapter. The Committee discharged the duty to which it had been assigned and conducted Most Worshipful Brother Smith to the East, where he was most cordially received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest and invited to a seat on his right.

The Grand Captain of the Host announced the presence of Most Illustrious Companion Jacob Bley, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed a Committee consisting of all the Past Grand High Priests present to wait upon and conduct Most Illustrious Companion Bley into the Grand Chapter. The Committee attended promptly to its duty and presented Most Illustrious Companion Bley to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

who cordially welcomed him to the Grand Chapter and invited him to a seat on his right.

The Grand Captain of the Host announced the presence of Right Eminent Sir Julian F. Spearman, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama. The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee consisting of all Past Grand High Priests present to wait upon and conduct Right Eminent Sir Spearman into the Grand Chapter. The Committee promptly discharged the duty assigned to it, and conducted Right Eminent Sir Spearman to the East, where he was most cordially welcomed and invited to a seat on the right of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

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

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

DR.

1916.		
Nov. 15.	To Balance	\$2,206.21
1917.		
May 14.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	500.00
Sept. 1.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	500.00
Oct. 30.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	100.00
Nov. 15.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	2,582.00
		\$5,888.21

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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

Help Furnished Grand Sentinel.....	4.00	
Grand Chaplain, Salary.....	25.00	
Grand High Priest, Contingent Fund.....	100.00	
John H. McCormick, Expenses attending George Washington Masonic National Memo- rial Association	87.50	
Lawrence H. Lee, Expenses attending George Washington Masonic National Memorial As- sociation	87.50	
George A. Beauchamp, Expenses attending George Washington Masonic National Me- morial Association	87.50	
Committee on Correspondence, Salary.....	150.00	
Donation to Masonic Home.....	500.00	
C. L. Ruth & Son, Jewel for Past Grand High Priest	27.50	
Books for Library.....	23.50	
Inspections:		
Robert T. Ward.....	\$ 2.00	
Charles A. L. Johnstone.....	4.50	
Thomas Bradford	16.00	22.50
Balance.....	\$2,602.21	\$5,888.21

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, 1917.

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1917.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report.....\$ 3,361.75
 (For detailed statement see Appendix.)

CERTIFICATES.

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

1917.

Mar. 14.	John B. Bell, Daniel Sayre.....	No. 96....	\$ 1.50
Apr. 14.	Robert E. Boyd, Enterprise.....	133....	1.50
Apr. 14.	Edward H. Murdock, Enterprise.....	133....	1.50
Apr. 14.	Benjamin J. Austin, Enterprise.....	133....	1.50
Apr. 21.	Louis Myer, Beauchamp.....	117....	1.50
Apr. 27.	N. D. Denson, Concord.....	37....	1.50
Apr. 27.	Martin V. Capps, Gordon.....	73....	1.50
Apr. 27.	Samuel M. Singletary, Gordon.....	73....	1.50
Aug. 24.	Lawrence G. Mays (Mark Master), Brew-		
	ton	112..	No charge
Sept. 1.	O. P. Harden, Enterprise.....	133....	1.50
Oct. 12.	Walter F. Schad, Brewton.....	112....	1.50
Oct. 12.	Levi P. Weaver, Brewton.....	112....	1.50
			\$ 16.50

DISPENSATIONS.

1917.

Feb. 12.	To reorganize Clayton Chapter No. 63.....	\$ 36.00
May 10.	To organize Abbeville Chapter No. 147.....	90.00
		\$ 126.00

RITUALS.

1917.

Nov. 15.	Rituals sold since last report.....	\$ 37.50
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MANUALS.

1917.

Nov. 15.	Manuals sold since last report.....	\$ 140.25
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RECAPITULATION.

1917.			
Nov. 15.	Dues collected since last report.....	\$3,361.75	
Nov. 15.	Certificates issued since last report.....	16.50	
Nov. 15.	Dispensations issued since last report....	126.00	
Nov. 15.	Rituals sold since last report.....	37.50	
Nov. 15.	Manuals sold since last report.....	140.25	\$3,682.00
1917.			
May 14.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 500.00	
Sept. 1.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	500.00	
Oct. 31.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	100.00	
Nov. 15.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	2,582.00	\$3,682.00

No binding was done for the Grand Chapter this year, but the work will be resumed next year.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

In Account With

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

1916.			
Dec. 5.	Appropriation 1916-1917	\$ 700.00	
1917.			
Nov. 15.	Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 437.90	
Nov. 15.	Sundries	24.20	
Nov. 15.	Postage and Express.....	126.56	
Nov. 15.	Coal	82.50	
Nov. 15.	Telegrams	7.95	
Nov. 15.	General Grand Chapter Dues.....	48.93	\$ 728.04
Amount Overdrawn		\$ 28.04	

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. 184, Robert T. Ward, Committee on Work. No charge.

No. 185, Charles A. L. Johnstone, Inspector 15th District. No charge.

No. 186, Roanoke Chapter No. 100. Purchased and paid for.

No. 187, Clayton Chapter No. 63. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 188, 189, Fort Payne Chapter No. 107. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 190, 191, Myles J. Green Chapter No. 8. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 192, 193, Clayton Chapter No. 63. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 194, 195, 196, Abbeville Chapter No. 147. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 197, 198, Ben Bricken Chapter No. 99. Purchased and paid for.

No. 200, Ben Bricken Chapter No. 99, in exchange for old ritual No. 66.

Nos. 201 to 300 are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

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 it was received and ordered printed with the proceedings. (See Appendix.)

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:

ON FINANCE.

Robert S. Teague.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

Edward H. Wills.

William C. Roeck.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN ARMY AND NAVY SERVICE.

Most Excellent Companion Norman Gunn offered the following preamble and resolutions, and they were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Whereas, many Royal Arch Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction are now serving our country in the Army and Navy, and in the various branches connected therewith, and such service is in accordance with the principles of our institutions; and,

Whereas, such service is prompted by a patriotic love for our flag and our institutions, with great personal sacrifice; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Grand Chapter sends its fraternal greetings to the members in such service and pledges its obligations to them.

Be it further resolved, That the Grand Chapter recommends to the subordinate Chapters that the dues of all such members while in such service be remitted; *provided*, that subordinate Chapters shall pay the Grand Chapter dues for such members.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 3, ARTICLE III, OF THE BY-LAWS.

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, That Section 3 of Article III of the By-Laws of said Grand Chapter be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3. The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary, on or before the fifteenth day of November of each year, for each member of such

Chapter the sum of \$1.00, 25 cents of which shall be applied exclusively for the benefit of the Alabama Masonic Home; *provided* that each Chapter may exempt from dues any Minister of the Gospel or Rabbi actively engaged in the exercise of his ministerial function or calling, and when exempted by the subordinate Chapter, no dues for such Minister or Rabbi shall be due the Grand Chapter.

And the Grand Chapter adopted the amendment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work made report on the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees.

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, which was adopted:

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

Your committee to which was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest make the following report:

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to our fraternal dead in our own, as well as other jurisdictions, be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

That the action of the Grand High Priest in issuing dispensations to reinstate dormant Chapters and to elect and install officers out of statutory time, also to ballot and confer degrees out of statutory time, be concurred in.

That we commend the action of the Grand High Priest in issuing the annual letter to the subordinate Chapters asking for a contribution for our Masonic Home.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the Masonic War Relief Association be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the dispensation for new Chapter be referred to the Committee on dispensations.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the George

Washington Masonic National Memorial Association be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the recommendation for the abolition of the Inspection system and the appointment of a Grand Lecturer be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Your committee commend most heartily the successful efforts of the Grand High Priest in visiting every Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction, and recommend to his successor a continuance of the very good work.

To the Grand High Priest is due the thanks of the Grand Chapter for a year of uplift and forward movement in Capitular Masonry, and for his untiring efforts to impress upon the Craft the importance of putting into concrete action the tenets and principles that will mean so much for the future peace, prosperity and happiness of the race.

Beset with difficulties and surrounded by the dangers of an unprecedented character, Masonry must now give an account of itself, and demonstrate to the world that its mission is of moment for the healing of the nations. Right well has the Grand High Priest fulfilled his duties in bringing these important matters to the attention of the Craft. May the year prove as beneficial as it has been eventful, and may the Craft be imbued with the spirit exemplified by the Grand High Priest, that our mission may be realized in the settlement of the great questions that now confront the world.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

NORMAN GUNN,

LEW LAZARUS,

Committee.

REGRETS.

Letters expressing regrets at their inability to be present were read from Excellent Companions Louis J. Wright and George W. Hays.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 4, 1917.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John H. McCormick, 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 reports, which were severally adopted:

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that the present system of inspection of subordinate Chapters be abolished, and that a Grand Lecturer be appointed at a salary of \$1,200.00 per annum, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and concur fully in the advisability of abolishing the present system of inspection, and strongly favor the creation of the office of Grand Lecturer for the purposes specified in the recommendation, but as we are not advised of the feasibility of the scheme, from a financial standpoint at this time, we respectfully recommend that that feature of the recommendation be referred to the Finance Committee, and that they report upon the feasibility of the same at this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

NORMAN GUNN,

OLIVER D. STREET,

Committee.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the resolution introduced by Most Excellent Companion Norman Gunn, recommend that same be adopted with the following *eliminated*: "Provided that subordinate Chapters shall pay the Grand Chapter dues for such members."

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

NORMAN GUNN,

OLIVER D. STREET,

Committee.

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

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence offered the following resolution to amend Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution, and, on motion, the question was submitted to the Grand Chapter; and more than one-third of the members present voting in the affirmative, the resolution was ordered entered on the minutes and printed in the proceedings, to be submitted at the next Annual Convocation for approval or rejection, as required by Section 1, Article V, of the Constitution:

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to submit the following amendment to the Constitution, and suggest its adoption:

Be it resolved, That Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall be as follows: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Grand King, Right Excellent Grand Scribe, Right Excellent Grand Treasurer, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain, Excellent Grand Master of the

3rd Veil, Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Excellent Grand Master of 1st Veil, Excellent Grand Sentinel; and the officers thus elected shall be duly installed as soon thereafter as practicable, and when so installed shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

NORMAN GUNN,

OLIVER D. STREET,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Excellent Companion Samuel Stein, of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports, and 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	\$2,206.21	
Since that time he has recelpted to the Grand Secretary for.....	3,682.00	\$5,888.21

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel	\$ 25.00
Contingent Fund.....	700.00
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.....	23.50
P. G. H. P. Jewel.....	27.50

Donation to Masonic Home.....	\$	500.00	
Grand Chaplain, Salary.....		25.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest.....		100.00	
Expenses Delegates to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.....		262.50	
Inspections		22.50	\$3,286.00
Balance on hand and in bank.....			\$2,602.21
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer.....			1,002.00
Total Cash on hand.....			\$3,604.21

We find that the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1917.

Dues collected.....	\$3,361.75	
Certificates issued	16.50	
Rituals sold.....	37.50	
Manuals sold.....	140.25	
Dispensations issued since last report.....	126.00	\$3,682.00

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

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

Amount appropriated 1916 Convocation of the Grand Chap- ter	\$	700.00
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By Printing and Stationery.....	\$	437.90	
Sundries		24.20	
Postage and Express.....		126.56	
Coal		82.50	
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....		48.93	
Telegrams		7.95	\$ 728.04

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND
GRIEVANCES.

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

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

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances to which was referred the application of Covington Chapter No. 123 for a duplicate Charter, the original having been destroyed by fire, recommend that the same be granted them without charge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN,

JULIAN F. SPEARMAN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Excellent Companion Walter Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave to report that they have examined the minute books of Abbeville Chapter No. 147 and find the same to be neatly and apparently correctly kept.

We recommend that their dispensation be continued until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE,

GABRIEL M. SALIBA,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

Excellent Companion Edward H. Wills, of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1 have carefully examined the returns submitted to them and find the following correct:

Tuscaloosa No. 1.	Central No. 64.
Tuscumbia No. 10.	Elyton No. 76.
Marion No. 12.	Myles J. Greene No. 80.
Mobile No. 21.	Jefferson No. 81.
Montgomery No. 22.	Coosa No. 86.
Talladega No. 23.	Springville No. 88.
Eufaula No. 24.	Ben Bricken No. 99.
Union No. 26.	Roanoke No. 100.
St. John's No. 28.	Mineral City No. 101.
Hermon No. 34.	Sylacauga No. 104.
Decatur No. 38.	Anniston No. 105.
Tyrian No. 54.	Fort Payne No. 107.
Dadeville No. 56.	Pratt City No. 108.
Collinsville No. 57.	Blocton No. 109.
Clayton No. 63.	Bessemer No. 110.

We find the following omissions:

Mt. Moriah No. 19 fails to give date of death of Companion Alex. Hafner.

Land Mark No. 71 fails to show how and when L. E. Wells was admitted. Was not a member in 1916.

Fraternally submitted,

BASIL M. HILL,

WILLIAM C. ROECK,

EDWARD H. WILLS,

Committee.

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, which was adopted:

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 them, and find the following correct:

Piedmont No. 111.	Heflin No. 128.
Dothan No. 113.	Palmyra No. 130.
H. Clay Armstrong No. 114.	Cordova No. 131.
Thomasville No. 115.	Elba No. 134.
Jasper No. 118.	Floralia No. 135.
Jackson No. 119.	Samson No. 137.
Ensley No. 120.	Columbia No. 138.
Covington No. 123.	Castleberry No. 141.
Bladon Springs No. 124.	Cherokee No. 142.
Tallassee No. 126.	Delta No. 143.
Evergreen No. 127.	Woodlawn No. 146.
Abbeville No. 147.	

The following Chapters fail to put the seal on their reports:

James E. Cobb No. 129.

Auburn No. 136.

We find the following errors:

Clanton No. 116.—J. T. Daniel was not a member in 1916, but is put on the 1917 roll, with no showing as to how admitted.

James Penn No. 144.—J. W. Long and H. V. Weaver were members in 1916 but dropped in 1917, without statement as to why dropped.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,

T. DEWALT CRAIG,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

Excellent Companion Siddons Stollenwerck, of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK,

WILLIAM E. BINGHAM,

Committee.

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.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Right Excellent Companion Stewart McQueen offered the following resolution, and it was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to request the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction to send him, with their reports next year, as complete a list as possible of the names of all Companions who are enlisted in the service of our common country, now at war for the preservation of human rights, with the view of printing such names as a Roll of Honor in our Annual Proceedings.

ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN.

Right Excellent Companion Joseph Dixon Matlock offered the following resolution, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be appropriated to the illiteracy campaign in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that the same be sent to the State Superintendent of Education for this use.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Right Excellent Companion George A. Joiner, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

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

Your Committee on By-Laws beg to report that nothing has been presented to them for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. JOINER,

CHARLES H. TOMLINSON,

Committee.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Excellent Companions Robert C. Williams and Robert F. Lovelady acting as tellers, and which resulted as follows:

HENRY F. REESE.....	Grand High Priest.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand King.
WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART McQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Grand Captain of the Host.

The Grand High Priest-elect subsequently appointed the following:

JACOB BLEY.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
J. LEON GUNTER.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK.....	Grand Master 1st Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers, elected and appointed, were then installed by Most Excellent Companion George A. Beauchamp, Most Excellent Companion William E. Bingham acting as Grand Marshal.

JEWEL PRESENTED TO RETIRING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent Companion Henry F. Reese, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented the retiring Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion John H. McCormick, with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, as follows:

Most Excellent Companion and my dear friend: Since you have been among us you have taught us many things that we did not

know, you have truly shed Masonic light to those of us, your less informed Companions. Rarely has any one ever so remarkably impressed himself upon the Masonic life of Alabama, as you have, in the few years that it has been our good fortune to know and love you; you have established in the hearts of the Craft a place peculiarly your own; with a mind stored in the superlative degree with Masonic learning, lore and tradition, you combine a heart which ever throbs with love and sympathy for your Companions. My personal love and affection toward you enhance the great pleasure and distinguished honor now accorded me as Grand High Priest.

And now, in the name of and in behalf of The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, I bestow upon you this Jewel—the Past Grand High Priest's Jewel of the Grand Chapter you have so well served—as an evidence of its esteem and a testimonial of the love and affection your Companions bear you, and whose heartfelt desire is that you wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Craft through many years of usefulness and happiness, possessing always the confident assurance that the name “McCormick,” along with those of Brundidge, Armstrong, Beauchamp, Lee and others will pass into the Masonic history of this State, as its brightest lights.

Companion McCormick responded in feeling and eloquent terms, and assured the Grand Chapter that his efforts for the betterment of Capitular and other systems of Masonry would not cease on his retirement from office, and freely tendered his services in the future for the performance of any duty the Grand Chapter might impose on him.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Excellent Companion Samuel Stein, of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the resolution to appropriate one hundred dollars to the Illiteracy Campaign, beg

leave to recommend that the incoming Grand High Priest make an appeal for donations from the subordinate Chapters, setting forth the particulars for which the money is wanted.

Your Committee is sure a larger sum will be realized in this manner than the finances of the Grand Chapter will permit to be appropriated.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL STEIN,

ROBERT S. TEAGUE,

Committee.

WELFARE OF MASONS AT CAMPS McCLELLAND AND
SHERIDAN.

Right Excellent Companion Stewart McQueen offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be empowered to appoint two committees of three each, one in Montgomery and one in Anniston, to coöperate with Most Excellent Companion George F. Moore, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33rd degree, A. & A. S. R. Southern Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Committee of the Executives of the Fraternal, Benevolent and other Societies assembled in Washington, District of Columbia, on October 29, 1917, on the invitation of the Secretary of War, in all matters appertaining to the welfare of Masons at the respective camps in those places, and also with other Grand Chapters in this work.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following committees:

AT MONTGOMERY.

Lawrence H. Lee.

Robert S. Teague.

Fitz Gerald Salter.

AT ANNISTON.

Hezeriah G. Earnest.

Julian F. Spearman.

Henry F. Williamson.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest stated that he would personally co-operate with the Montgomery committee, and appointed Right Excellent Companion Joseph D. Matlock, of Ensley, Alabama, as his personal representative to co-operate with the Anniston committee.

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.

NORMAN GUNN.....Jasper.

OLIVER DAY STREET.....Guntersville.

ON FINANCE.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT.....Talladega.

SAMUEL STEIN.....Bessemer.

JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....Mobile.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....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.

ROBERT E. HOWARD.....Birmingham.

ON BY-LAWS.

GEORGE A. JOINER.....Talladega.

CHARLES H. TOMLINSON.....Columbia.

GEORGE O. DICKEY.....Luverne.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

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

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS.....	Dothan.
FRENCH H. CRADDOCK.....	Sylacauga.
THOMAS DEWALT CRAIG.....	Ensley.
WILLIAM S. KILBY.....	Anniston.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

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

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.
JERE C. DENNIS.....	Dadeville.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

JACOB U. RAY.....	Woodstock.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	Tuscaloosa.
SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK.....	Faunsdale.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

On motion of Right Excellent Companion Robert T. Ward, Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 and Roanoke Chapter No. 100 were transferred from the Seventh to the Ninth District, and Tallassee Chapter No. 126 was transferred from the Ninth to the Seventh District.

INSPECTORS.

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

First District, J. Leon Gunter, Albany.
Second District, Thomas Bradford, Centre.
Third District, Joseph Dixon Matlock, Ensley.
Fourth District, Norman Gunn, Jasper.
Fifth District, Hezeriah G. Earnest, Anniston.
Sixth District, John Philip Melvin, Tuscaloosa.
Seventh District, Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.
Eighth District, John Moffett, Selma.
Ninth District, James M. Frazer, Opelika.
Tenth District, William H. Cooper, Montgomery.
Eleventh District, Jacob Bley, Demopolis.
Twelfth District, Charles A. Simpson, Troy.
Thirteenth District, William L. Lee, Columbia.
Fourteenth District, Sims M. Seaton, Florala.
Fifteenth District, Charles A. L. Johnstone, Mobile.

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.

John A. Deane
Grand Secretary



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

The Forty-sixth 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, December 4, 1917, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	M'. E'. President.
JOHN H. McCORMICK.....	as E'. Vice-President.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.....	E'. Chaplain.
ROBERT C. WILLIAMS.....	as E'. Treasurer.
BASIL M. HILL.....	E'. Recorder.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	E'. Master of Ceremonies.
JOSEPH DIXON MATLOCK.....	E'. Conductor.
JOHN B. BETHEA.....	E'. Herald.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	E'. Steward.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	E'. Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Charles R. Bricken.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Robert S. Teague.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Lawrence H. Lee.....	Past Grand High Priest.
Norman Gunn.....	Past Grand High Priest.

Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
Charles A. L. Johnstone.....	Mobile Chapter No. 21.
Olin A. Johnston.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
John Wilson Terry.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Guy T. Smith.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Siddons Stollenwerck.....	Union Chapter No. 26.
John Moffett.....	St. John's Chapter No. 28.
Leonidas W. Kolb.....	Landmark Chapter No. 71.
Samuel Stein.....	Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
Oliver L. Stewart.....	Piedmont Chapter No. 111.
Oliver D. Street.....	Palmyra Chapter No. 130.
Charles S. Allred.....	Elba Chapter No. 134.
Charles H. Tomlinson.....	Columbia Chapter No. 138.
Robert F. Lovelady.....	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 ten Companions:

Jesse M. Rogers.....	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
William W. Rahm.....	Decatur Chapter No. 38.
Edward Houston Wills.....	Central Chapter No. 64.
Thomas B. Wood.....	Roanoke Chapter No. 100.
Charles C. Kindig.....	Blocton Chapter No. 109.
J. Morgan Turner.....	Blocton Chapter No. 109.
Joseph A. Goodwin.....	Jasper Chapter No. 118.
Charles D. Long.....	Jasper Chapter No. 118.
Henry M. Sharpe.....	Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
Thomas R. Ward.....	James Penn Chapter No. 144.

All of the 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.
Archibald L. R. Thompson.....	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-sixth Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

Attest:
BASIL M. HILL,
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, Sven 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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

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
Brooks, Andrew K.	Delta No. 143	December 4, 1916
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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

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
Davies, Jacob	Ensley No. 120	December 4, 1916
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
Earnes, Henry A.	James Penn No. 30	December 7, 1871
Earnest, Hezeriah G.	Anniston No. 105	December 4, 1916
Eastburn, Theodore L.	Mobile No. 21	December 3, 1873
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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

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
Goodwin, Joseph A.	Jasper No. 118	December 4, 1917
Graham, Kenneth W.	Mobile No. 21	December 4, 1916
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
Hafner, Alexander	Mt. Moriah No. 19	December 4, 1916
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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

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

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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
Kindig, Charles C.	Blocton No. 109	December 4, 1917
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
Long, Charles D.	Jasper No. 118	December 4, 1917
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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

Mandy, Charles H.	Cunningham No. 120	December 1, 1902
Marks, Hugh M.	Montgomery No. 22	December 4, 1916
Marsh, George T.	Eunomia No. 5	December 3, 1907
Martin, John M.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 6, 1871
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, Ernest E.	Mineral City No. 101	December 4, 1916
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
Moss, Elmer L.	Woodlawn No. 146	December 4, 1916
Murphy, David R.	Anniston No. 105	December 2, 1913
Murphy, 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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

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
Rahm, William W.	Decatur No. 38	December 4, 1917
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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

Richards, David G.	Pratt City No. 108	December 1, 1914
Robinson, Felix	Montgomery No. 22	November 30, 1915
Rodenbeck, Fred	Elyton No. 76	December 4, 1916
Rodgers, Richard D.	Blocton No. 109	December 1, 1903
Roeck, William C.	Dadeville No. 56	December 1, 1914
Rogers, Jesse M.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 4, 1917
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
Seaton, Sims M.	Floralda No. 135	December 4, 1916
Sharpe, Henry M.	Bessemer No. 110	December 4, 1917
Shelnutt, John N.	Anniston No. 105	December 3, 1907
Shelton, Humphrey S.	Pickensville No. 36	December 10, 1869
Shepherd, James R.	Floralda 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

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

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
Smith, William L.	Tuscumbia No. 10	December 4, 1916
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
Turner, J. Morgan	Blocton No. 109	December 4, 1917

LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

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
Waldo, William W.	Montgomery No. 22	December 4, 1916
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, 1869
Walton, Thomas Peyton	Talladega No. 23	December 1, 1914
Ward, Daniel W.	Tuscaloosa No. 1	December 4, 1916
Ward, Robert T.	Dadeville No. 56	December 5, 1911
Ward, Thomas R.	Phoenix No. 11	December 10, 1869
Ward, Thomas R.	James Penn No. 144	December 4, 1917
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
Wills, Edward Houston	Central No. 64	December 4, 1917
Wilson, Isaiah A.	Hermon No. 34	December 7, 1871

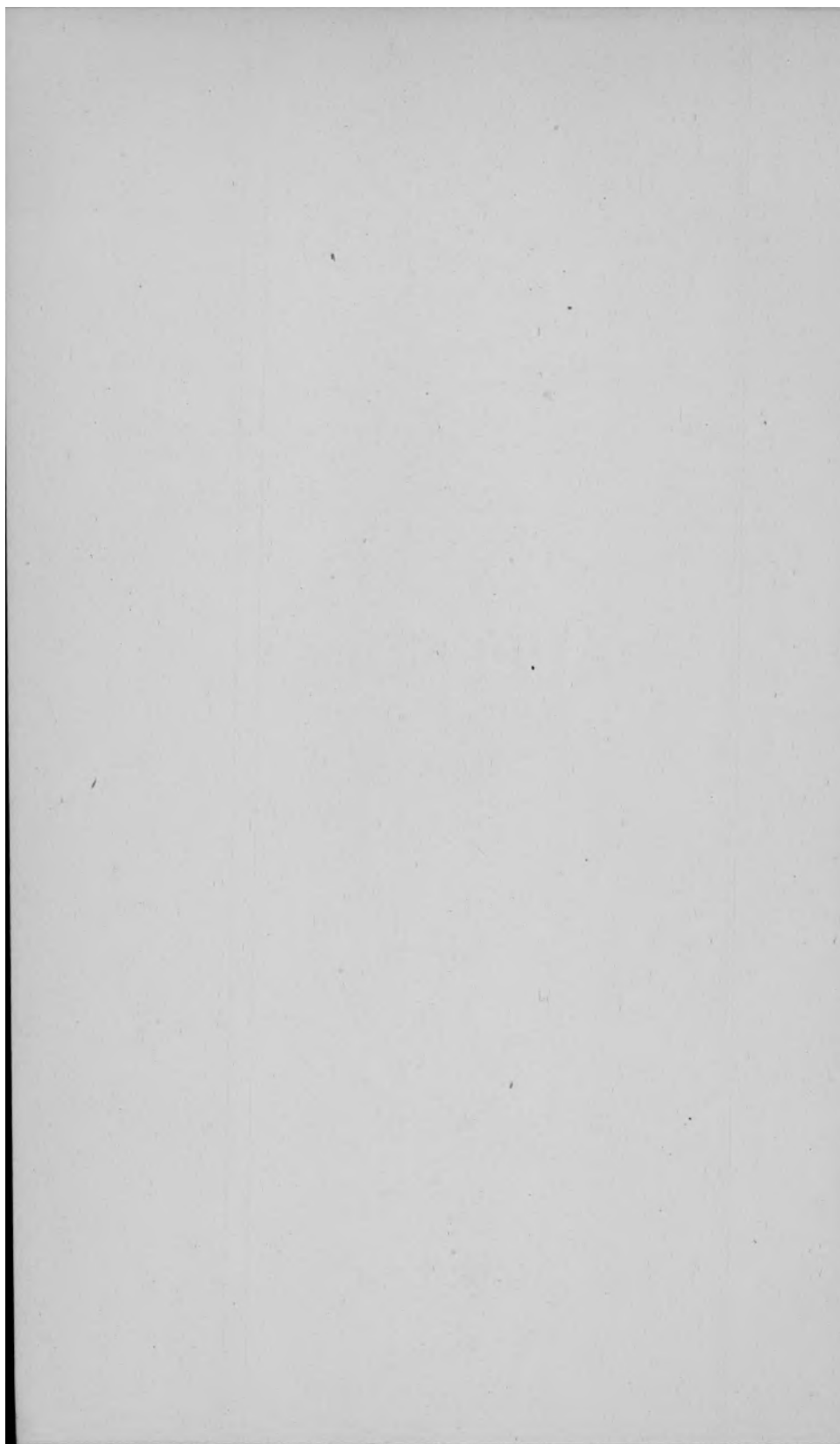
LIST OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA—*Continued.*

Wimberly, Louis T.	Loachapoka No. 80	December 5, 1877
Wise, Leonard	Mobile No. 21	December 1, 1914
Wood, Thomas B.	Roanoke No. 100	December 4, 1917
Wood, William B.	Cyrus No. 6	December 5, 1877
Wright, Louis J.	Talladega No. 23	December 6, 1904

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

*Consecrated by Order of High Priesthood of the State of California. Member of San Francisco Chapter No. 1, of San Francisco, California, when consecrated.

†Consecrated by Order of High Priesthood of the State of Tennessee. Member of Eunomia Chapter No. 5, of Huntsville, Alabama, when consecrated.



APPENDIX

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

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NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS—Continued.

Number	NAME OF CHAPTER	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid	Advanced	Presided	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended
116	Clanton†	61	33.75						16			
118	Jasper*	101	125.25	21	21	20	20	5			1	3
119	Jackson	45									1	
120	Ensley	204	147.00	34	34	34	34	2	2		1	1
122	Monroe§ †	23	17.25									
123	Covington†	41	30.75									
124	Bladon Springs	16	12.00								1	11
125	Centreville§ †	29	21.75									
126	Tallassee*	58	72.00	19	19	19	19	1				
127	Evergreen†	34	28.50									4
128	Heffin*	12	18.00									
129	James E. Cobb	30										
130	Palmyra†	20	12.75									
131	Cordova	54	40.50	3	3	3	3		2	2	1	8
134	Elba	21										
135	Floral	63	42.75	18	18	18	18	1	7	1	1	7
136	Auburn*	30	39.75	6	5	5	4			2		3
137	Samson*	48	59.25	13	13	13	13	3	2	1	1	3
138	Columbia*	16	33.00	3	3						9	10
140	Hartselle§	20										
141	Castleberry	36	27.00	2	3	3	3					11
142	Cherokee†	23	19.50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		6
143	Delta	22	16.50						2			1
144	James Penn*	15	8.25	2						1		2
145	Millport‡	28	54.00							1	2	6
146	Woodlawn	604		105	104	104	105	4		3	2	4
147	Abbeville, U. D.	25		21	21	21	15	10				
	Total	5,292	\$3,361.75	668	653	651	649	85	89	46	80	240

* Dues paid for 1916 and 1917.

† Dues paid for 1916 only.

‡ Dues paid for 1915 and 1916.

§ Membership estimated. No return received.

Despite repeated and urgent appeals to the High Priests and Secretaries, the Annual Returns have not been received from five (5) Chapters, as follows:

Eunomia No. 5.

Monroe No. 122.

Hillabee No. 79.

Centreville No. 125.

Hartselle No. 140.

We regret to say that we are therefore unable to give the correct membership of the above named Chapters and in making out this tabular statement we are compelled to estimate same.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 15, 1916..... 4,893

GAIN.

Exalted	649	
Affiliated	85	
Reinstated	89	823

LOSS.

Died	46	
Dimitted	80	
Suspended N. P. D.....	239	
Suspended U. C.....	1	
Stricken from the Roll.....	39	
Errors	19	424
Net Gain.....		399

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 15, 1917..... 5,292

Chartered Chapters 1916.....	62	
Charters restored, 1917.....	2	64
Charter forfeited, 1917.....		1
Chartered Chapters 1917.....		63
Chapters under dispensation.....		1
Present number of Chapters.....		64
Number of Chapters represented.....		54
Number of Chapters making returns.....		60
Number of Chapters paying dues.....		53

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Eunomia	No. 5
Hillabee	No. 79
Monroe	No. 122
Centreville	No. 125
Hartselle	No. 140

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Eunomia	No. 5
Mt. Moriah	No. 19
Central	No. 64
Hillabee	No. 79
H. Clay Armstrong	No. 114
Monroe	No. 122
Centreville	No. 125
Elba	No. 134
Hartselle	No. 140
Cherokee	No. 142

CHARTERS RESTORED.

Clayton	No. 63
Heflin	No. 128

CHARTER FORFEITED.

Hartselle No. 140. No dues paid for two successive years.

CHAPTERS REINSTATED.

Clayton	No. 63
Heflin	No. 128

DISPENSATION ISSUED.

Abbeville	No. 147
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DISPENSATION CONTINUED.

Abbeville	No. 147
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EXALTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Charles Griffin Adams, Matthew Joy Appleyard, Robert Kirk Bell, Silas Hays Beasley, John Ray Blake, Arthur Wade Blackman, Walter Eugene Bonham, Nichols T. Davie, William Creagh Dozier, William Thomas Faull, William H. Forlines, Lonnie Woodfin Greve, Heller Bell Hampton, Joseph Franklin Harmon, James A. Higginbotham, Mims Torrey Jemison, George Doherty Johnston, Stanton Lander, Jesse Simeon Landers, Walter D. Lawley, Maxwell Moody, Washington Moody, Ward McFarland, Alexander Steele McLeroy, John Douglass McQueen, Gideon O. Parker, John Henry Shepherd, David Lumpkin Smith, Lester Jared Snow, William Isaac Standifer, Ralph Columbus Stewart, George Alford Swim, Condie William Taylor, Thomas Henry Benton Teeples, James Lawson Williams.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: Rome D. Burns, Thomas R. Drisdale, Jesse E. Driver, Albert Sidney Johnson, Dee F. Hargett, James F. Koonce, Eugene C. Lindsey, Frank Malone, James Bradley McWilliams, William P. Porter, Alfred Tyler Putteet, Yancey M. Quinn, George M. Sanderson.
- Marion No. 12: Richard Thomas Avon Burke, William Lavender Hogue, Robert S. King, William Henry May, Jr., Thomas Roy Nichols, Clarence Leigh Pegues, William Dickinson Rankin, Luther B. Sprott.
- Mobile No. 21: Tucker H. Frazer, Earl K. Matzenger, Nathaniel S. Johnson.
- Montgomery No. 22: M. Hardie Bell, Arthur M. Clanton, Charles S. Durham, Leon H. Hattemer, Robert G. Hill, Robert Furhman Hudson, Warren E. Stephens, Charles G. Trost, Henry Wilke, Otto O. Wood.
- Talladega No. 23: Francis M. Crawford, George A. Grille, Jr., Frank G. Mullins, James H. Samuels.
- Eufaula No. 24: Walter Scott Casper, Emmett Madison McAfee, James H. Tye.
- Union No. 26: Charles G. Bevens, Abb Nase Kendrix, John B. Mackey, James M. Nichols, Finnin E. Russell.

EXALTED—*Continued.*

- St. John's No. 28: James W. Buffington, Robert A. Blackburn, William J. Ballard, C. Gus Ballas, Frank W. Bassett, Ben W. Cabell, William B. Donaldson, J. Wylie Fancher, William C. Hester, Robert T. Jones, Lowrey S. Moore, Eli M. McDaniel, Percy Smith, Claude C. Thomas, Orah W. Thompson, Milton L. Woods, John D. Wilkins, Jr., Harvey C. Bates, Robert L. Irving.
- Decatur No. 38: Eddie D. Berry, James S. Coutsos, Alexander Lee Clendenon, John Henry Dorrough, Cread O. Flippen, Ben F. Martin, John J. McClellan, William Neil, Wilburn M. Royer, Rufus W. Stuckey, William B. Strong, Clifford Law Saunders, Fred J. Schlosser, Chester L. Sartor, Cecil Vantreese.
- Tyrian No. 54: James Monroe Andress, William Alexander Crowe, William Thomas Davis, Lloyd Jerome Hawley, Otis Paul, Samuel Tarver Ross, Lovie Dillard Murphree, Hugh Joseph Segars, James Maxwell Williams.
- Dadeville No. 56: Allen D. Eason, Marvin W. Gilbert, Andrew M. Jenkins, Albert A. Pinnell, J. Frederick Scott, John H. Weed.
- Collinsville No. 57: William M. Harris, H. Grady Tiller.
- Clayton No. 63: William R. Belcher, Simon H. Dowling, Daniel B. Faust, William L. Gamwell, Charles W. Lee, Albert A. Lewis, J. Thomas McRae, Jesse D. Sammons, J. Summer Snead.
- Elyton No. 76: George A. Anderson, Archibald S. Brown, Alton P. Brooks, Hiram S. Broderick, James J. Cowan, Nowell W. Crumbly, William I. Courington, George K. Ensey, Thomas W. Flowers, Philip G. Garner, Pleasant A. Hickman, Aaron W. Harrison, James D. Hanby, Walter F. Lee, Benjamin H. Mitchell, William S. Montgomery, John V. Osborn, Silas D. Reaves, Marzett W. Sanderson, James C. Taylor, Arthur E. Wilks, Robert R. Wilson.
- Myles J. Greene No. 80: Glenn Bradley, Roy R. Baker, James M. Carey, Mims D. Denson, Jr., Isham J. Dorsey, C. E. Ellison, F. S. Farris, Charles F. Finch, Render L. Hart, Alvan H. Metzger, Mack Ratchford, Forney Renfroe, Carl Sum-

EXALTED—*Continued.*

mers, George W. Simms, Charles S. Yarbrough, Grady Adams.

Jefferson No. 81: John H. Blanton, Alonzo L. Hasty.

Coosa No. 86: Rufus L. Cottingham, Willis T. Cantrell, Hiram B. Copeland, Gary Martin Freeman, Albert Hartline, Oliver L. F. Haggard, George Goldsmith Jordan, Claud L. Murphree, William T. McCord, Robert L. McDonald, Richard A. Polglaze, Lon W. Smith, Daniel F. Smith, Eugene B. Shaw, J. H. Sitz, James H. Schley, Jr., William Ross Thomason, Thomas A. Tow.

Springville No. 88: Charles W. Allison, W. Price Fowler, J. Conley Merchant, J. Ward Thomason.

Ben Bricken No. 99: Tully J. Andrews, William F. Arnold, J. Irving Brooks, Larkin S. Berry, William L. Coker, Earl D. Cook, W. Frank Cody, Thomas A. Capps, George O. Dickey, Frazier N. Douglas, Robert R. Folmar, Albert D. Funderburk, H. Guy Folmar, James M. Glenn, Felix T. Horn, W. Brunson Howard, George W. Jones, William A. Johnson, James H. Killough, Jesse H. Kelly, Edward F. Morgan, Thomas Ira Morgan, Manly L. Morgan, Irby R. Poliard, J. Wyatt Reynolds, George W. Slaughter, L. Edward Stephenson, George H. Traum, Abner L. Watts, James C. Warrick, W. Benjamin Ruff, Erskine B. Sikes, Thomas J. Thrower.

Roanoke No. 100: H. Maddox Brittain, James F. Dunn, Thomas Herbert Denny, Joseph M. Grafton, T. M. Hammonds, Webster D. Hunter, Roland R. Mushat, James M. Radbey, George J. Turner, Robert E. Tyler.

Mineral City No. 101: John Heflin Anderson, John Dozier Pope Arnold, John Clinton Abbett, Julius Burson Cooper, Henry Chairsell, Jr., Thomas Alfred Cheatham, Henry McCarty Duke, Harry Roland Forward, Louis George Haller, John Thomas Heard, Jr., Arthur Simmons Hatcher, John Davis Jones, Thomas Kent, Peter Campbell Kidd, Harry Peter Leshner, M. E. Oswald Newell, James Berry Robinson, Ed Derwood Robinson, Charles Lavy Robertson, Henry Wright

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- Taylor, Emil Oscar Thorsgaard, Joseph Calloway Taylor, John Leander West, James Wilson, Anderson Clay Green.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Ben P. Adcock, Joe Ballan, Arthur J. Baxley, Charles S. Bentley, William E. Ford, Walter J. Hanley, Joseph Hawkins, William C. Hyder, Daniel P. Jones, Daniel P. Kirk, Charles Looney, Wiley F. Ogletree, Thomas A. Ogletree, Jr., Edward R. Patridge, S. Franklin Penton, William F. Price, Harry Schler, Eugene L. Smith, Rufus E. Starnes, Jesse A. Thomas, Winfield M. Stanton, Theodore F. White, William T. Iles.
- Anniston No. 105: Joseph C. Broadnax, Frank G. Carrington, Turner D. Donaho, John O. Edwards, Jesse T. Edmunds, Otto Latch, James L. Motes, Estie H. Murphy, Walter L. Moss, Guy McClure, Charles B. North, Carter D. Poland, David R. Robertson, Neil E. Sellers, Thomas O. Smith, Gordon E. Smith, Robert A. Smitherman, Rene Trahan, Luther R. Thornburg, Thomas N. Williamson, Dutch C. Oakes.
- Fort Payne No. 107: David L. Campbell, Earl P. Killian.
- Pratt City No. 108: William H. Beddow, Robert E. Butler, William S. Blackwell, J. B. Findlay, Eugene P. Gossett, Luther M. Harris, Robert Lusk, James T. McLaughlin, Rufus Clayton McClain, Charles Clarence Nichols, Henry D. Perkins, Peter M. Stewart, Earnest B. Sanders, Clyde C. Scott, B. Cal Spain, James Brown Sloan, Ullman C. Turner, Thomas H. Tinney, James Walker.
- Blocton No. 109: Henry Franklin Crim, Byrd Griffin.
- Bessemer No. 110: Thomas A. Armstrong, John H. Brumbaugh, Luther Barnard, Nathaniel B. Burchfield, Martin Barr, Clarence H. Bumgardener, William Bloomer, William Caffee, Cal L. Dobbs, Daniel C. Atkins, William A. Caughlan, Frederick L. Emil, L. Herbert Ethridge, Morris Green, Clarence C. Hoeutt, W. Sam Jones, John R. LeVert, Tabor O. Lathem, William D. Maxwell, Charles A. Moody, Otis L. Pearson, A. J. Pennington, John D. Patten, John A. Roberts, J. Eugene Rockett, Lewis A. Savage, Norman J. Stewart, George W. Smith, E. Arthur Tubb, David K. Trotter, William S. Welch, Joseph W. Ward, William E.

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- Sheffield, John Perry Orum, William T. Murrell, J. Hezzie-Vines.
- Piedmont No. 111: Mat C. Bertram, Thomas D. Smith, James A. White.
- Dothan No. 113: Herman Blumberg, Meyer Blumberg, James T. Blatsios, Jesse M. Cooper, Wiley R. Deal, Ewell G. Griffin, Robert L. Gaines, Frank M. Gaines, Edward W. Hawkins, Leonard B. Jones, Asa W. Lisenby, Bruno A. Lenkeit, William F. Newton, Jr., James G. Owens, Andrew J. Peacock, Paul H. Slappy, Jesse W. Stamper, William T. Singletery, Harry J. Tippet, Frank T. Ussery, William F. Martin, Floyd J. Morris, Robert L. Morris, Samuel F. Wilkes, Robert E. Yarbrough, Percy O. Chaudron, Aaron B. Carroll, William R. Chapman, William A. Darden, Jephtha H. Daniels, Kness L. Forrester, Francis A. Flowers, Ira C. Ezell, William C. Howell, Roy J. Matheney.
- H. Clay Armstrong No. 114: Clem Ennis, Basil E. Kenney, J. Alexander Smith.
- Jasper No. 118: James Ora Argo, Walter R. Bobbett, Thomas Edward Batson, James Monroe Bennett, Charles L. Burson, James Jackson Curtis, Max Copeland, Thomas Fuller, Owen Gamble, James F. Holmes, Robert Long, Louis Palmer, David King Pegues, Thomas Russell, Walter A. Strey, Zach Shepherd, Sam A. Shapin, George Sims, Frank M. Tucker, Samuel Threadgill.
- Ensley No. 120: Marion M. Autrey, Jesse G. Beavers, Elmer G. Bretzner, William O. Burwell, Charles P. Byrd, Robert L. Estes, Hugh R. Freeman, Andrew L. Gaston, Charles Gay, John H. Gayhart, Bartel Gerlian, James J. Gunn, Samuel S. Heide, John David Ligon, Claud P. Minor, Richard W. Murphy, Duncan McCormack, Luke McNeil, William A. Nordan, Claude Padgett, Thomas J. Pinion, Benjamin F. Ponder, Alexander S. Porteous, George D. Randle, Wiley S. Russell, Elbert G. Smith, David H. Sparks, John M. Spearman, Charles N. Stokes, Fletcher E. Swann, Percy Howell Tyler, Jesse Hubert Walls, James F. Young, Irby Zeigler.

EXALTED—*Continued.*

- Tallassee No. 126: I. D. Anderson, R. E. Booth, E. A. Cox, T. M. Fuller, P. L. Gresham, T. T. Harris, W. R. Johnson, T. W. Johnson, J. B. Ledbetter, George W. Lambert, H. D. Matthews, Alonzo Mason, H. E. Ohme, Collin Phillips, Carl Preer, H. J. Sullivan, J. L. Wright, A. M. Waldrop, John Waldrop.
- Cordova No. 131: Rufus S. Hendon, Walter E. Mayfield, Chester A. Shaw.
- Floral No. 135: Joe W. Adams, Cabee Breckenridge Currie, John Henry Evans, Frank L. Garrett, James Thomas Hughes, Samuel A. Hutchinson, Howard E. Jones, Israel S. Lurie, Michael Lurie, John Monroe Parrish, Aaron Lien Rosenberg, Charles Arthur Robertson, Thomas Reese Sanderson, Thomas Vera Shoemaker, Philip K. Urquhart, Dennis Timothy Williamson, Dallas Watkins, Ferrin Young.
- Auburn No. 136: David Jasper Burleson, William Jesse Zobell, Frank Lincoln Thomas, Edgar Allen Vaughan.
- Samson No. 137: Alfred B. Black, Robert J. Campbell, Noah F. Darby, Reuben H. Dawkins, J. Gus Grace, Earnest D. Lorraine, Huckaby Miller, Angus A. McKinzie, Zolie T. Parker, Jesse M. Sanders, Robert C. Winter, Hugh L. Wise, Andrew J. Holley.
- Castleberry No. 141: Lawrence G. Mayo, Samuel F. Parker, James W. White, Jr.
- Cherokee No. 142: J. Vernon Stockley.
- Woodlawn No. 146: Thomas Pennie Abernathy, Francis DeBerrie Adames, Henry Hilliard Anderson, Charles Burdrant Burnhard, John Daniel Bell, Thomas Edwin Blevens, Frederick Lee Brower, Floyd Eustice Bond, Frederick Nichols Bostwick, Fadrick Butiker, William Allen Bare, William Carey Bentley, Albert Eugene Cross, Zober Franklin Couch, Jack Christian, Louis Harris Cullen, Harton Harrison Chaddock, Earl Cornelius Cull, Herbert Otto Chambers, Hermon Otha Crawford, Victor Marcus Cassimus, Charles William Cram, Clifford Lamar Dunn, George Cicero Dobbs, Edward Elmer Davis, Clarence Wilkinson Daniel, Aline Lee Dillon, Charles Tignor Elder, John Lee Fleck, Frederick Gus Flow-

EXALTED—*Continued.*

ers, James Gullledge, Robert Henry Gibson, Benjamin Frank Green, William David Hawkins, Andrew Howard Hadoway, John Hammontree, Oscar Theodore Hall, James Oscar Hanes, Ernest Luther Hallums, Henry Richard Holmes, Charles Berry Harris, Bernard Lile Higgenbotham, Clell Miller Howell, Paul Key Hamilton, Charles Edmond Harrison, John Washington Inzer, John Lee James, Lowe Jaxon, Francis Marion James, Joseph Mathew Koutzen, Howard Carson Kelley, Carl Francis Kelley, Buford Lawrence, Berry Dalton Lee, Jesse Lee, John Taylor Love, William Henry Lynn, Benjamin Laycock, Ernest Hammitt Mitchell, Henry Newton Maloney, Basil Spiro Markris, Claud Augusta McGee, John Felix McCain, Benjamin Franklin McCool, Marion Newton, Neely Barksdale Newsum, Charles Louis Neuer, Edward Lawson Plunkett, Thomas Jefferson Payne, Guy Morris Parker, George Columbus Pless, Douglass Atley Robinson, James Samuel Riley, Fulton Kelley Roberts, Steve Lawrence Ray, Tarrence Vincent Ryan, William Riddle, John Fletcher Sturdivant, William Allen Self, James Alexander Snowden, Marcellus Davidson Smith, John Robert Sanders, Louis Garner Sturdivant, Thomas B. Stubbs, Ebb Self, Rufus Elton Smith, Claude Lee Stanfield, Walter Carl Strickland, Robert Enoch Tyler, William Walter Tucker, Charles Copeland Thrupp, William Seay Terry, Cassimus Nunn Thomas, William Joseph Turr, Henry Walker Underwood, Beauregard Vintson, Andrew Sylvester Weir, Albert Ernest Whitehouse, Murry Peyton White, Litford William Walker, William Tiller Wallace, Charles Donnelly Wrye, Wilson Robert Work, Marion Clements Walton, DeWitt Clinton Yarbrough.

Abbeville No. 147: John C. Armstrong, Thomas J. Bland, Colie M. Brannon, William J. Capps, William W. Dawkins, Thomas J. Floyd, Oscar G. Hardwick, Jesse T. Hinson, Little T. Hutto, William P. Saunders, William W. Shirah, William J. Smith, Robert C. Stokes, Hugh Stokes, Charles H. Strickland.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Thomas P. Kirby, W. Homer Phillips.
Marion No. 12: E. Ford King.
Montgomery No. 22: Joseph B. Bell, Owen T. Kenan.
Talladega No. 23: Charles K. Weller.
St. John's No. 28: Thomas Q. Jones, Junius H. Martin, H. H. McDill, James M. Roden, Rivers F. Ross.
Decatur No. 38: Charles O. Foote, William H. Jarvis.
Clayton No. 63: Charles J. Crawford, James B. Lasseter, J. William Stork, Benjamin F. Bennett, Bunyan Davie, Thomas D. Grubbs, George A. Johnston, Charles A. Morrison, George W. Peach, Edgar R. Quillen, Judge S. Williams, James J. Winn.
Coosa No. 86: Charles Allcott.
Ben Bricken No. 99: Henry A. Donovan.
Roanoke No. 100: Charles H. Green, S. Douglas Lewis.
Mineral City No. 101: John Berry Ambrose, Thomas John Bowen, Atticus Benjamin Carlton, Fred Fite, George Kuffner, Robert John Monett, John Thaddeus Mullins, James Briggs Rorie, Robert Marion Vann, William Merida Whitworth.
Sylacauga No. 104: William D. Barnes, A. R. Looney.
Anniston No. 105: Newsome W. Cooper, Benjamin S. Dorman, I. E. DeHart, James A. Harden, Emel A. Howle, Peter A. Howle, Leon M. Lattimer, John H. Worrel.
Pratt City No. 108: W. O. Horton.
Bessemer No. 110: Marion G. Cole, William L. Hendon, Robert H. Pugh.
Piedmont No. 111: Bluford B. Bridges, George B. Sharpe.
Dothan No. 113: William R. Reid, Austin J. Sellers, George W. Williamson.
Jasper No. 118: James F. Alexander, Marion T. Hutto, Stanly M. Lee, George B. Stewart, William E. Wright.
Ensley No. 120: Jesse James Bozeman, Charles B. North.
Tallassee No. 126: Charles C. Slaton.
Floralda No. 135: Joseph Frederick Holloway.
Samson No. 137: Robert E. Byrd, Thomas W. Dollar, Edward H. Murdock.
Cherokee No. 142: Charles W. Seals.

AFFILIATED—*Continued.*

Woodlawn No. 146: James Burent Chamberlain, Thomas Ozley
Jones, John Wesley McKinney, Robert Isbell Walston.

Abbeville No. 147: William P. Armstrong, Martin V. Capps, Henry
A. Ethridge, James E. Searcy, Joseph M. Saunders, Samuel
M. Singleton, James R. Vann, William C. Vickers, William
M. Skelton, Thomas Holland.

REINSTATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Henry T. Burks, Charles H. Morgan.
Tuscumbia No. 10: Asher E. Bresler.
Montgomery No. 22: Zakin N. Azar, Austin L. Brooks, Charles F. Chandler, John M. DeCottes, Milton B. Kirkpatrick, Townes R. Leigh, Duncan May, Edward A. Rush, Orma F. Williams.
Eufaula No. 24: Joseph L. Jones.
Union No. 26: Reuben H. Bachman, Thomas E. O'Sullivan.
St. John's No. 28: W. Frank Aycock, E. S. Garrett.
Decatur No. 38: Harvey B. Crocker, Ivan E. Daly, Fred L. Procter, James W. Riser, Thomas J. Williamson, Jesse T. Wrenn.
Tyrian No. 54: John D. Clower, William J. Ellis.
Jefferson No. 81: George H. McKee.
Coosa No. 86: Louis L. Herzberg, Charles M. Roy, W. S. Minor, Maurice C. Shannon.
Roanoke No. 100: George Sostes.
Mineral City No. 101: Walter Hubert Moore, Robert D. Taylor.
Anniston No. 105: Luther McCoy, John T. Nelson, Milledge H. Rudisill.
Pratt City No. 108: Walter D. Hammitt, Reginald K. Smith.
Piedmont No. 111: William J. Brock, Ira J. Davis, Samuel J. Waites, James J. Woodall, William E. Williams.
Dothan No. 113: Harry C. Calvin, Isaac F. Cohen, Mercer S. Davie, George H. Malone, Alfred Montsalvatge, William H. Williams, Andrew J. Morris, Charles C. McArthur, John M. Reeves, William H. Grant, D. Emanuel Young, Thomas W. Holland, Byrd G. Farmer, Rea Steele.
Clanton No. 116: J. H. Cox, D. Dunovan, V. J. Gragg, C. E. Gullledge, Guy Higgins, E. G. Hyman, J. Stanley Hubbard, J. R. Harris, J. B. Hicks, I. N. Langston, J. M. Langston, J. Watts Moore, W. J. Mims, John A. Thomas, E. E. Upchurch, P. C. Wilson.
Ensley No. 120: Robert Meldrum, William Dents Robinson.
Cordova No. 131: James I. Odom, Jr., Harry H. Graves.
Floralba No. 135: James P. Doster, T. H. Edney, Frank L. Jones, T. C. Penton, A. J. Sellars, Mack Tyner, E. Porter Webb.
Samson No. 137: John H. Holley, Benjamin J. Lewis.
Cherokee No. 142: Robert T. Ingram.
Delta No. 143: Henry C. Willingham, W. T. Harwell.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Nathaniel Stephenson Curtis, Nichols T. Davie, Fred Fite.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: Henry M. Bailey, Junius H. Martin.
- Marion No. 12: Perry A. H. Blackburne, George F. Robertson, J. M. Roden.
- Mobile No. 21: John S. Garrason, Isaac Lichtbach, Marcus Lichtbach, Charles B. Sims.
- Montgomery No. 22: E. E. Craig, Philip B. Moss.
- Talladega No. 23: Francis M. Crawford, James C. Jones, Arthur L. Jones.
- Eufaula No. 24: Charles J. Crawford, James B. Laseter, George W. Peach, J. William Stork, Judge S. Williams.
- Union No. 26: Ruben H. Bachman, Joseph E. James, William T. Jackson, Jack W. Stollenwerck.
- St. John's No. 28: Powhatan W. James.
- Hermon No. 34: Benjamin P. Powell.
- Decatur No. 38: Robert M. Chapman, William J. Garnett, Robert I. Walston.
- Dadeville No. 56: Bluford B. Bridges.
- Elyton No. 76: Charles J. Lowman.
- Jefferson No. 81: George H. McKee.
- Coosa No. 86: H. H. McDill, Charles M. Roy, H. T. Smoot.
- Springville No. 88: Thomas A. Keith.
- Roanoke No. 100: Howard J. Patterson, George Sostes.
- Mineral City No. 101: Joseph Norwood Benners, Charles Augustus Calhoun, William Henry McNeill, Raimundo D. Ovies, Thomas Harper Spencer.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Earl Webster, Jesse T. Castleberry.
- Anniston No. 105: Peter A. Howle, Luther McCoy, Luther B. Nall, Charles B. North, Charles K. Weller.
- Pratt City No. 108: W. L. Hendon, Reginald K. Smith.
- Bessemer No. 110: John J. Reynolds, Robert W. Simpson.
- Dothan No. 113: Isaac F. Cohen, Thomas W. Holland, Alfred Monsalvatge, Fred R. Brantley.
- Jasper No. 118: Duncan S. Gray.
- Jackson No. 119: Frank Abbott.
- Ensley No. 120: W. D. Murray.

DIMITTED—*Continued.*

Bladon Springs No. 124: John T. Doggett.

Cordova No. 131: James M. Shaver.

Floralala No. 135: A. J. Sellers.

Samson No. 137: Jack G. Maulding.

Columbia No. 138: William P. Armstrong, William J. Bell, David B. Dismukes, Henry A. Ethridge, William N. Skelton, Joseph W. Sanders, J. Edward Searcy, William C. Vickers, James R. Vann.

Cherokee No. 142: William A. Cobb, A. Dayton Chancellor, Reuben A. DeJarnett, J. Roland Lowe, John W. O'Bryant, Samuel G. Carden.

Millport No. 145: W. H. Phillips, James T. Self.

Woodlawn No. 146: Robert M. Vann, William M. Whitworth.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

- Tuscaloosa No 1: William H. Fraker, James O. Gunnels, Edward W. Hausman, Angus Alexander Hamilton, Thomas S. McDiarmid, William F. Paul, William Wesley Powers, John B. Taylor.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: John W. Curry, George E. Geise, Taylor Henry, Robert C. Johnston, David O. Matthews, E. O. Miller, George E. Roulhac, Surrey P. Waddy, N. Pride Tompkins.
- Marion No. 12: Benjamin Norwood Anderson, Robert E. Baker, Nichols T. Butler, Giles D. Chapman, Alex E. Potts, Robert L. Potts.
- Mobile No. 21: Elmer E. George, James H. Hutchinson, Claude E. Hill, Alfred G. Moses, Elliott G. Rickarby, John Storts, Jr., John Shearer, Robert P. Torrance, William A. Thompson.
- Montgomery No. 22: James A. Bowdoin, W. Harry Dunn, Edward C. Fowler, Charles C. Franklin, Robert R. Gleason, John Francis Hattemer, Edward Everett Hunnicutt, Charles H. Kruger, Donald McDonald, Samuel H. Owen, Edgar E. Price, Rufus S. Sayres, James W. Smith, Horace H. Stewart, Jr., Griffin Tatum, Jr.
- Talladega No. 23: William J. Austin.
- Eufaula No. 24: William R. Affleck, Albert J. Clayton, Jasper Cronin.
- Union No. 26: Alexander C. Davidson, Thomas Drake, Joseph King, George W. Long, Enos Rogers, George E. West, Samuel T. Townsend.
- Hermon No. 34: J. Luther Bowman, Edgar J. Fenn, William O. Foster, Daniel J. Howard, Thomas J. Mangum, Mealer E. Pruett, Charles R. Russell.
- Decatur No. 38: Joseph C. Brumbelow, Travis L. Cartwright, William E. Oakley, Gus P. Sivley, Frank M. Stevenson.
- Tyrian No. 54: Arthur L. Crouch, Thomas Crowley, Lucas E. Fitts, Arthur B. Foster, George W. Day, Joseph H. Holladay, William J. Dennis, George W. Penton, William L. Hilliard, J. Frank Johnston, W. H. Murphree, W. H. Murphree, Jr., Thomas R. Searcy, Davis B. Wilkerson, Calvin E. White, William R. White, Oliver C. Wiley.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—*Continued.*

- Dadeville No. 56: Richard C. Shepard.
- Collinsville No. 57: Columbus C. Appleton, Oscar V. Case, James T. Gaines.
- Central No. 64: Thomas Clary, James C. Harrison, Frank J. Lee, Edward M. Stewart, George A. Todd, Harry E. Wheeler.
- Landmark No. 71: A. B. McLeod, J. W. Matheson, J. E. Laney, D. W. Thompson, E. P. Kidd, W. F. Monk, J. W. Reynolds.
- Elyton No. 76: William H. Gunn, David J. Moxley, J. Hoke Montgomery, Joseph H. Parson.
- Myles J. Greene No. 80: C. C. Bullard.
- Jefferson No. 81: John S. Bradberry.
- Coosa No. 86: James B. Carroll, James A. Avant, Howell G. Davis, George W. Echols, Joseph S. Moragne, Lillian B. Raney, Frank Sitz, Alex D. Simpson, W. A. Weaver.
- Roanoke No. 100: D. D. Fomby, Louis Goldman, Huey W. Hearn, Burl C. Jones, Claud C. Moffett, Smily S. Smith, J. M. Simpson, William E. Seymore, W. H. Welch.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Raymond R. Gardiner, George W. Herd, Golson C. Jones, J. Ben King, James L. Lucas, Jesse L. McKay, Harry K. Stockley, J. T. Morris.
- Pratt City No. 108: C. N. Carraway, A. H. Daniel, Ira C. Dalrymple, A. J. Fiquette, William C. Gentry, William M. Holt, A. C. Helms, William A. Mahan, William C. Perkins, Lovic E. Waddell, Carl Lewis.
- Blocton No. 109: Daniel G. McSpadden, John Richard Weaver.
- Bessemer No. 110: Herbert G. Batson, Thomas F. Harris, Gabe H. Harrell, Thomas E. Hurst, Joseph S. Kellum, Henry C. Moore, William H. Weaver, Lee L. Wheeler.
- Piedmont No. 111: Henry M. Burrow, Arthur P. Thompson.
- Dothan No. 113: John H. Jones.
- Jasper No. 118: Walter C. Inman, Henry S. Long, Morgan C. Scott.
- Ensley No. 120: William R. Stewart.
- Bladon Springs No. 124: Green B. Bush, Northern B. Bryant, Frank E. Christopher, I. Walter Fleming, W. B. Gilmer, John O'Brien, T. W. Singleton, Thomas H. Singer, William A. Turner, Mack Pinkerton, Powell D. Burns.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—*Continued.*

- Evergreen No. 127: John R. Brooks, Henry W. Dunn, Haiman Long, Ernest E. Newton.
- Cordova No. 131: Frank O. Auxford, Joseph H. Boteler, Richard A. Cain, George Griffin, Noah Garden, Luther O. Morris, J. N. Odom, Marvin W. Self.
- Floral No. 135: Z. Stephen Adams, Samuel M. Baggett, R. G. Hoover, J. G. Higgins, James T. Manning, A. T. McRae, Lee R. Turner.
- Auburn No. 136: C. M. Floyd, B. E. Harris, J. A. Pruett.
- Samson No. 137: James C. Johnson, Eugene Y. Malone, John H. White.
- Columbia No. 138: Joseph C. Armstrong, John C. Alford, Enoch J. Godfrey, George C. Gilford, Jefferson M. Koonce, Thomas P. McGriff, George T. Pinnell, Hamilton G. Purcell, Wurtum C. Metcalf, Karl L. Oakley.
- Castleberry No. 141: Robert E. Buffington, Neal W. Bush, Solomon Castleberry, Elisha Downing, Jr., Joseph L. Dyke, William M. Findlay, George W. Kirkland, Reuben S. Hart, Wesley B. Heaton, Andrew W. Saren.
- Cherokee No. 142: William A. Cobb, A. Dayton Chancellor, Reuben A. DeJarnett, J. Roland Lowe, John W. O'Bryant, Samuel G. Carden.
- Delta No. 143: L. H. Crumpler.
- James Penn No. 144: W. T. Allen, M. H. Owens.
- Millport No. 145: H. M. Bozeman, A. K. Callis, H. A. Kimbell, D. W. Propst, N. L. Full, D. W. Ward.
- Woodlawn No. 146: Thomas H. Davis, James H. Oliver, James L. Phillips, Harry M. Rives.

SUSPENDED U. C.

- Castleberry No. 141: Robert A. Baird.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1	Tuscaloosa—	Charles L. Jones.....	June 30, 1916
1	Tuscaloosa—	Champ W. Lewis.....	December 12, 1916
1	Tuscaloosa—	Andrew Feeller Prince.....	March 22, 1917
1	Tuscaloosa—	George A. Searcy.....	May 26, 1917
1	Tuscaloosa—	E. Hamilton Easterling.....	June 10, 1917
10	Tuscumbia—	John W. McWilliams.....	October 29, 1916
12	Marion—	Francis H. Bates.....	February 26, 1917
19	Mt. Moriah—	Alex Hafner.....	May —, 1917
22	Montgomery—	Daniel Homer McLean.....	October 22, 1916
22	Montgomery—	Charles L. Ruth.....	January 2, 1917
22	Montgomery—	John A. Sirmon.....	October 18, 1916
23	Talladega—	John D. Lanier.....	March 24, 1917
24	Eufaula—	Theodore Pruden.....	February 20, 1917
24	Eufaula—	Hugo Schloss.....	April 1, 1917
26	Union—	Solomon W. Roberts.....	October 15, 1916
38	Decatur—	George C. Allen.....	February 2, 1917
56	Dadeville—	Owen C. Johnston.....	March 26, 1917
71	Landmark—	Marvin Dowling.....	December 26, 1916
71	Landmark—	John H. Weed.....	January 14, 1917
71	Landmark—	Berry P. Garner.....	August 6, 1917
80	Mayles J. Greene—	L. P. Montgomery.....	March 27, 1917
80	Myles J. Greene—	Q. P. Siler.....	March 15, 1917
81	Jefferson—	Samuel P. Hand.....	August 13, 1917
81	Jefferson—	Lee Sanders.....	May 27, 1917

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
81	Jefferson—Turner	W. Whitfield.....	December 16, 1916
86	Coosa—John H.	Ellison.....	September 26, 1917
86	Coosa—Wiley J.	Joiner.....	August 22, 1917
88	Springville—William T.	Smith.....	August 7, 1917
100	Roanoke—Joseph Z.	Collier.....	June 17, 1917
101	Mineral City—Jefferson Davis	Chamblee.....	August 17, 1917
104	Sylacauga—Benjamin J.	McKinnan.....	December 25, 1916
104	Sylacauga—James A.	Peters.....	February 20, 1917
105	Anniston—William G.	Duke.....	December 7, 1916
107	Fort Payne—Jonathan	Culver.....	March —, 1917
108	Pratt City—Gus	Lee.....	September 18, 1917
108	Pratt City—Richard C.	Wynn.....	May 2, 1917
110	Bessemer—Thomas Y.	Hall.....	
131	Cordova—Scott	Maxwell.....	November 4, 1916
131	Cordova—John W.	McKenzie.....	January 29, 1917
135	Floral—William C.	Whitt.....	February 27, 1917
136	Auburn—James T.	Anderson.....	February 25, 1917
136	Auburn—Cary O.	Wright.....	September 24, 1917
137	Samson—John R.	Bullock.....	January 6, 1917
142	Cherokee—James M.	Pridgen.....	November 6, 1917
144	James Penn—Charles D.	Martin.....	February 23, 1917
145	Millport—William H.	Miller.....	
146	Woodlawn—John S.	Johnson.....	June 11, 1917
146	Woodlawn—Charles T.	Malloy.....	May 28, 1917
146	Woodlawn—William H.	Wolff.....	November 3, 1917

In Memoriam

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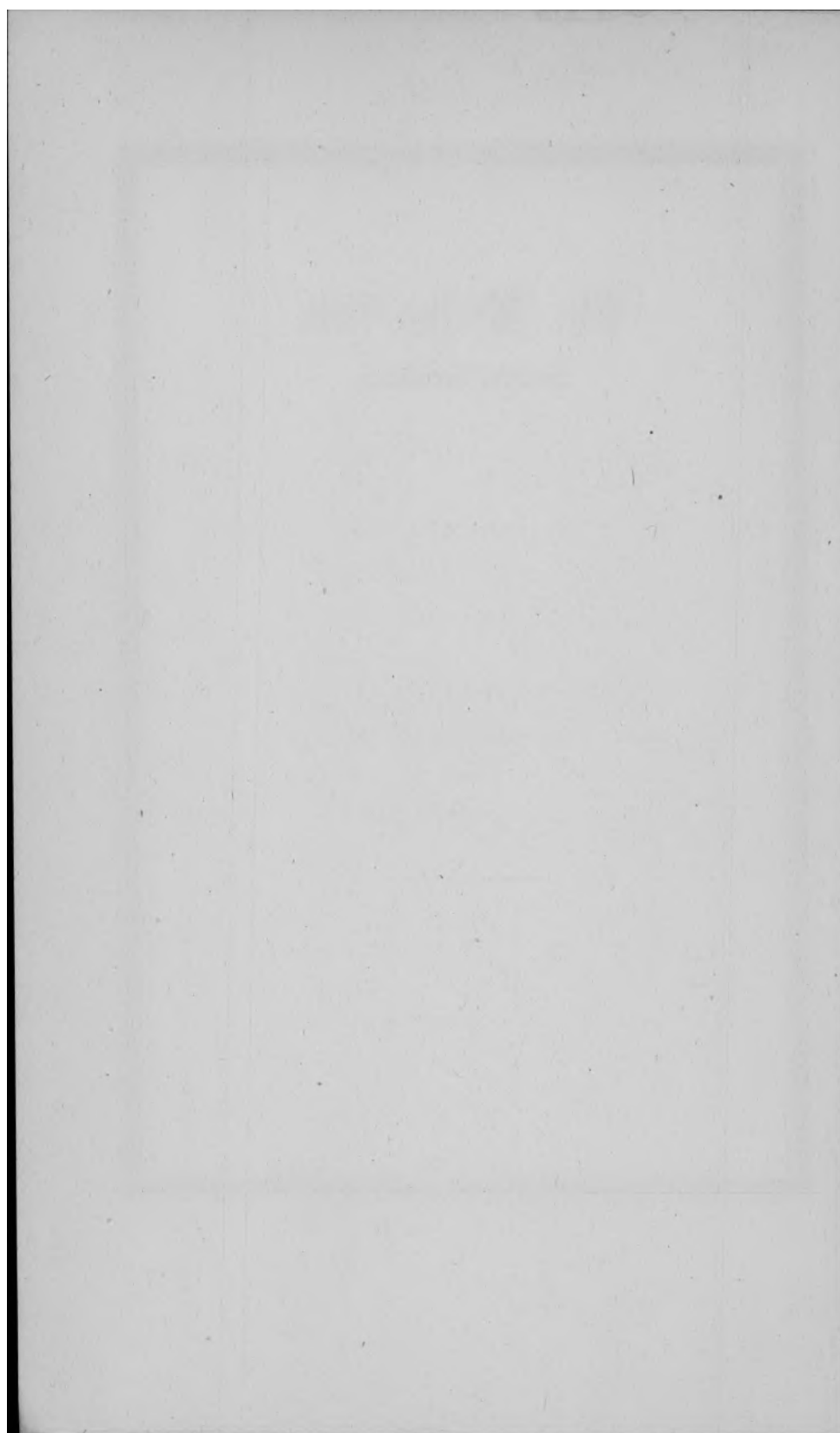
OF

OUR BELOVED DEAD

JURISDICTION OF ALABAMA

1917

"A little while delayed,
Later or sooner, to one seat we hasten:
We all fare thither: this the last long home."



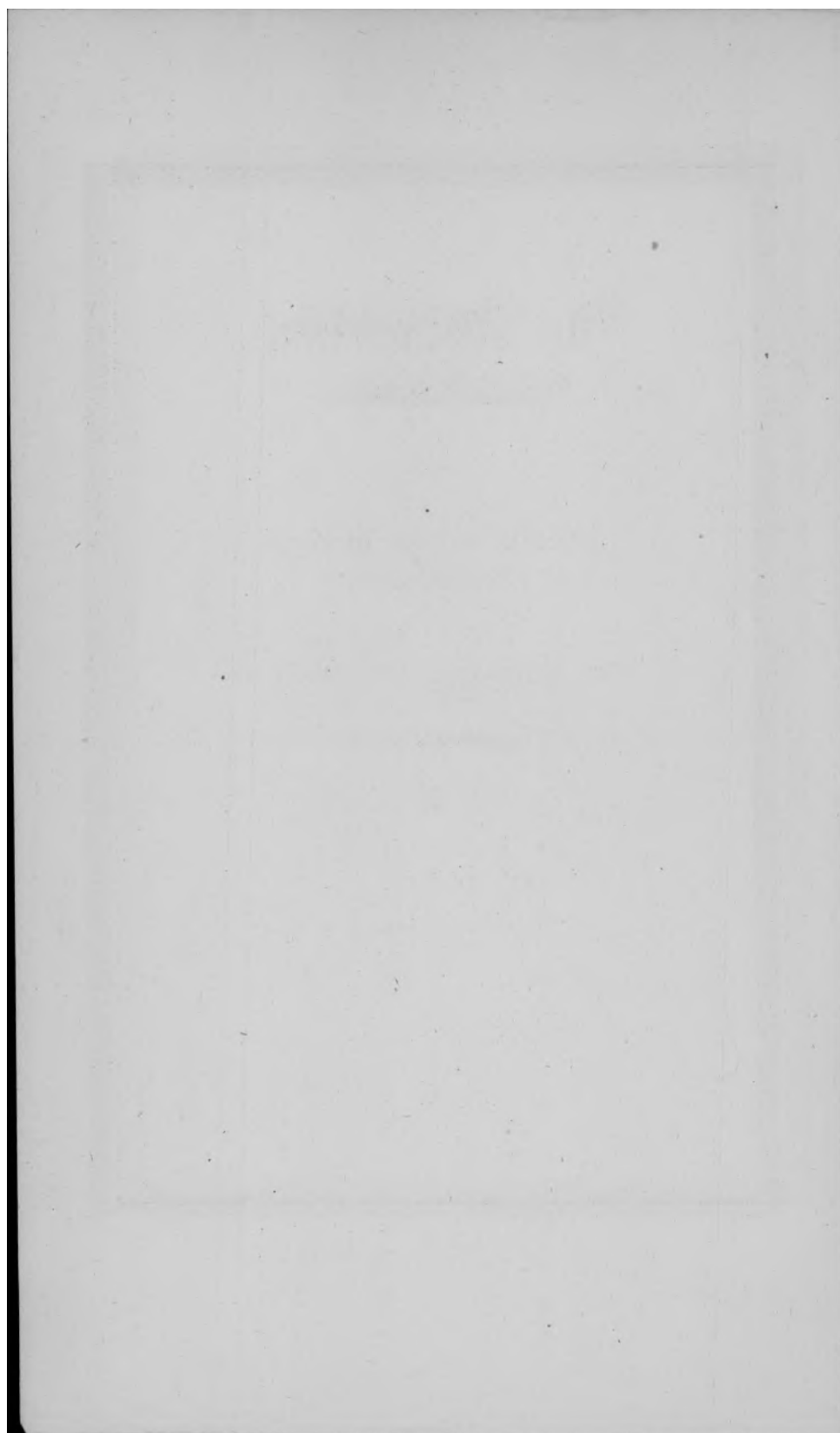
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FRANCIS H. BATES
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Born November 9, 1851

Died February 26, 1917

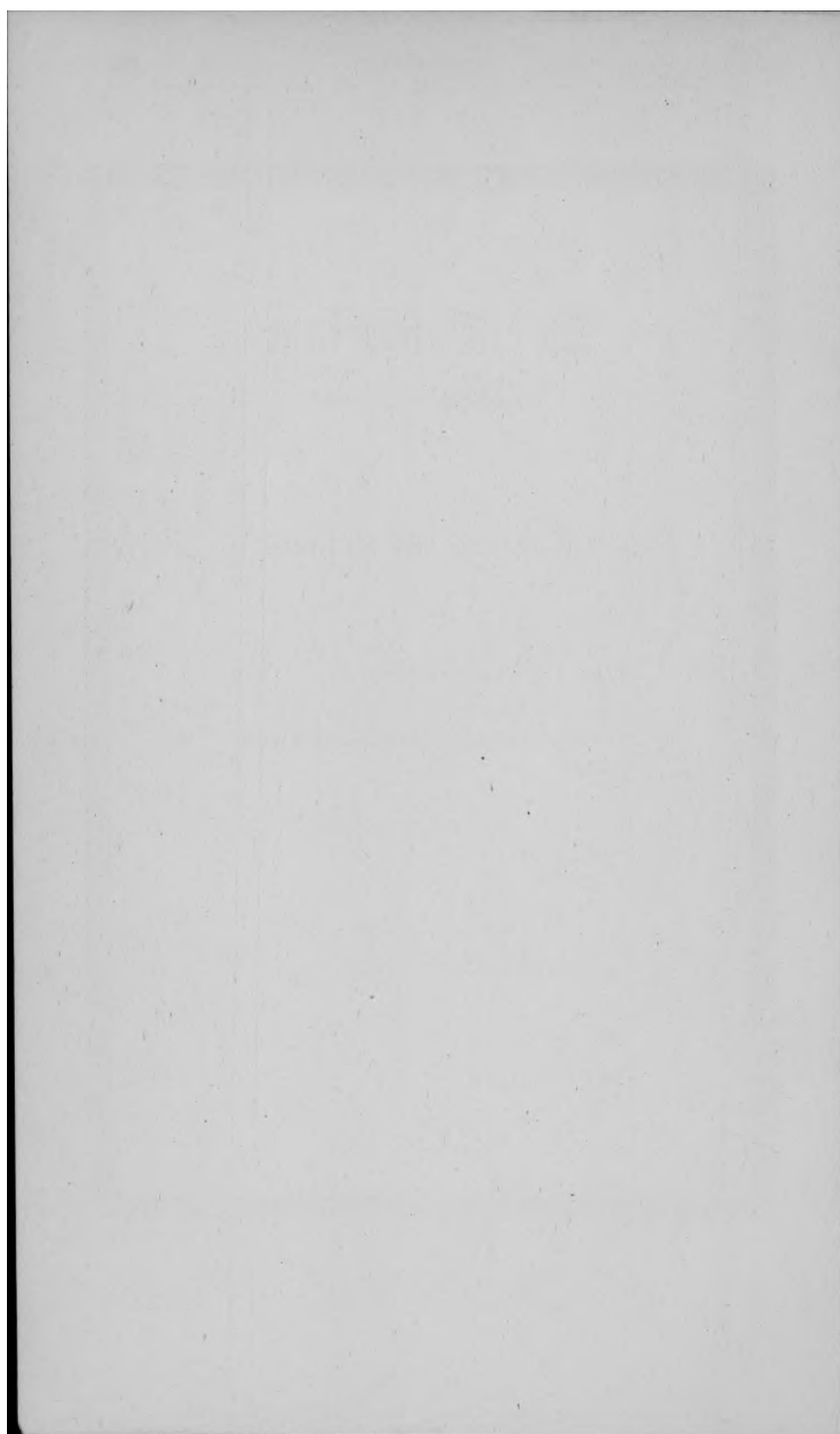
"Those brethren of old times, whose names revered
"Live in the memory of all noble hearts,
For love and admiration—ever young."



In Memoriam

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
1917

"Sleep after toil, port after stormy seas,
Ease after war, death after life."



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	Jesse M. Rogers	Sam'l H. Sprott	Tuscaloosa	2 Tuesday.
5	Eunomia	Huntsville	Madison	C. V. Morris	Wilson F. Trump	Huntsville	4 Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	Edward Swann	Edgar E. Howell	Tuscumbia	1 Monday.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Louis J. Arbo	Louis A. Lavender	Marion	1 Tuesday.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	Gideon H. Ray	Charles S. Shawhan	Eutaw	2 Friday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Thos. J. Woods	David W. Grosland	Mobile	2 and 4 Friday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Seth Mabry	James H. Rogers	Montgomery	1 and 3 Monday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	G. D. Stollenwerk, Jr.	James P. Hill	Talladega	2 Friday.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	John Moffett	John B. Mackey	Eufaula	1 and 3 Thursday.
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	James W. Dykes	F. L. Milhous	Uniontown	1 Thursday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	Wm. W. Rahm	James B. Hunter	Selma	4 Monday.
34	Hermion	Union Springs	Bullock	Chas. A. Simpson	Andrew B. Harvey	Union Springs	1 and 3 Tuesday.
38	Decatur	Albany	Morgan	Robert T. Ward	Marvin N. Dodson	Albany	4 Tuesday.
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	Solon E. Heard	Wm. C. Roek	Troy	2 and 4 Friday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Chas. A. Morrison	Wm. R. Roberts	Dadeville	2 Fri. and 4 Thurs
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Edward H. Willis	Jesse D. Sammons	Collinsville	1 Friday.
63	Clayton	Clayton	Barbour	Leonidas W. Kolb	W. H. Lyman	Clayton	3 Monday.
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	Fred Colvin	Bartow Garner	Montevallo	1 Tuesday.
71	Landmark	Ozark	Dale	John F. Jenkins	Gilmer A. Allison	Ozark	2 Tuesday.
76	Elyton	Birmingham	Jefferson	Jacob Bley	Velma A. Meadows	Birmingham	1 and 3 Monday.
79	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	J. Robt. Vance	Joseph I. Lee	Alexander City	1 Monday.
80	Mytes J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	Chas. W. Allison	Arthur L. Morton	Opelika	1 Tuesday.
81	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	George O. Dickey	Edw. M. McClendon	Demopolis	1 and 3 Monday.
86	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah		C. L. Kettler	Alabama City	2 and 4 Thursday
88	Springville	Springville	St. Clair			Springville	3 Tuesday.
99	Ben Bricken	Luverne	Grenshaw			Luverne	1 and 3 Friday.

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Number.	Name.	Location.	County.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Sec'y's Address	Convocation.
100	Roanoke	Roanoke	Randolph	Thomas B. Wood	James A. Walls	Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.
101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	Robert E. Howard	Chas. J. Geohagan	Birmingham	2 and 4 Thursday.
104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	Fr. H. Craddock	Wm. M. Landham	Sylacauga	2 and 4 Thursday.
105	Anniston	Anniston	Calhoun	H. O. Earnest	H. G. Earnest	Anniston	2 and 4 Friday.
107	Fort Payne	Fort Payne	DeKalb	Nathan J. Callan	Chas. A. Wolfes	Fort Payne	2 Friday.
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	John R. Hurley	D. Eugene Cook	Pratt City	1 and 3 Tuesday.
109	Blount	Blount	Bibb	Wm. T. Morrison	George Archer	Hargrove	1 Monday.
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	Henry M. Sharpe	James W. Leggett	Bessemer	2 and 4 Tuesday.
111	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	Jackson Gilmer	Oliver L. Stewart	Piedmont	Thurs. bf 2 Sunday.
113	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	Theo B. Dobbins	E. C. Hall	Dothan	2 and 4 Friday.
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	Robert F. Peters	J. Newton Collins	Fayette	1 Monday.
115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	Stanley S. French	James F. DeLoach	Thomasville	Fri. bf. 1 Saturday.
116	Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	J. P. VanDerveer	Elijah B. Deason	Clanton	3 Saturday.
118	Jasper	Jasper	Walker	Jos. A. Goodwin	Moses Newburger	Jasper	1 and 3 Tuesday.
119	Jackson	Jackson	Clarke	L. O. Hicks	Love N. Pugh	Jackson	2 Thursday.
120	Ensley	Ensley	Jefferson	Samuel B. Fort	John S. Falkner	Ensley, Box 228	2, 4 and 5 Monday.
122	Monroe	Monroeville	Monroe	Julius A. Nance	Richard H. Jones	Monroeville	Friday bf. 3 Sunday.
123	Covington	Covington	Covington	T. R. Lenoir	Sam Alman	Andalusia	1 and 3 Wednesday.
124	Bladen Springs	Bladen Springs	Choctaw	Jno. C. Hicks	T. E. Schoolar	Gilbertown	Thurs. bf 3 Friday.
125	Centreville	Centreville	Bibb	A. W. Herren	J. T. Jarman	Centreville	1 Saturday.
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Elmore	William F. Betts	Frank J. Dean	East Tallassee	2 Tuesday.
127	Evergreen	Evergreen	Conecuh	Wm. G. Porter	Walter B. Merrill	Evergreen	4 Friday.
128	Heflin	Heflin	Cleburne	L. C. Lewis	H. A. Vaughan	Heflin	Thursday bf. 2 Sunday.
129	James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Macon	Oliver D. Street	S. R. Kennamer	Tuskegee	2 Monday.
130	Palmyra	Guntersville	Marshall	John M. Miller	Andrew D. Thorne	Guntersville	Fri. on or bf. F. M.
131	Cordova	Cordova	Walker			Cordova	2 and 4 Monday.

134	Elba	Elba	Coffee	John M. Garrett	Chas. S. Allred	Elba	4 Friday.
135	Florala	Florala	Covington	S. M. Seaton	D. G. Campbell	Paxton, Fla.	2 and 4 Friday.
136	Auburn	Auburn	Lee	A. H. Buchanan	W. V. Jones	Auburn	3 Monday.
137	Samson	Samson	Geneva	John H. Holley	James W. Brooks	Samson, R. 3	2 & 4 Wednesday.
138	Columbia	Columbia	Houston	C. H. Tomlinson	C. L. C. Atkeson	Columbia	2 and 4 Tuesday.
141	Castleberry	Castleberry	Conecuh	J. W. Thurmond	Jesse F. Albreast	Castleberry	4 Saturday.
142	Cherokee	Centre	Cherokee	Thos. Bradford	Joe W. Baker	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	Sam'l H. Bennett	E. G. Caldwell	Jacksonville	2 and 4 Monday.
145	Millport	Millport	Lamar	J. E. Dowdle	Robert F. Comer	Millport	2 and 4 Saturday.
146	Woodlawn	Birmingham	Jefferson	Chas. W. Jolly	Wm. W. Whitfield	Birmingham	2 and 4 Friday.
147	Abbeville	Abbeville	Henry	James E. Searcy	Wm. C. Vickers	Abbeville	1 and 3 Tuesday.

LIST OF CHAPTERS BY DISTRICTS

FIRST DISTRICT.

- No. 5. Eunomia, Huntsville.
- No. 10. Tuscumbia, Tuscumbia.
- No. 38. Decatur, Albany.

SECOND DISTRICT

- No. 57. Collinsville, Collinsville.
- No. 86. Coosa, Gadsden.
- No. 88. Springville, Springville
- No. 107. Fort Payne, Fort Payne.
- No. 130. Palmyra, Guntersville.
- No. 142. Cherokee, Centre.

THIRD DISTRICT.

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

FOURTH DISTRICT.

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

FIFTH DISTRICT.

- No. 23. Talladega, Talladega.
- No. 104. Sylacauga, Sylacauga.
- No. 105. Anniston, Anniston.
- No. 111. Piedmont, Piedmont.
- No. 128. Heflin, Heflin.
- No. 143. Delta, Delta.
- No. 144. James Penn, Jacksonville.

LIST OF CHAPTERS BY DISTRICTS—*Continued.*

SIXTH DISTRICT.

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

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 56. Dadeville, Dadeville.
- No. 79. Hillabee, Alexander City.
- No. 126. Tallassee, Tallassee.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

- No. 28. St. John's, Selma.
- No. 64. Central, Montevallo.
- No. 122. Monroe, Monroeville.

NINTH DISTRICT.

- No. 80. Myles J. Greene, Opelika.
- No. 100. Roanoke, Roanoke.
- No. 129. James E. Cobb, Tuskegee.
- No. 136. Auburn, Auburn.

TENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 22. Montgomery, Montgomery.
- No. 99. Ben Bricken, Luverne.
- No. 116. Clanton, Clanton.
- No. 127. Evergreen, Evergreen.
- No. 141. Castleberry, Castleberry.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 12. Marion, Marion.
- No. 26. Union, Uniontown.
- No. 81. Jefferson, Demopolis.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

- No. 24. Eufaula, Eufaula.
- No. 34. Hermon, Union Springs.
- No. 54. Tyrian, Troy.
- No. 63. Clayton, Clayton.

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THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 71. Landmark, Ozark.
- No. 113. Dothan, Dothan.
- No. 134. Elba, Elba.
- No. 138. Columbia, Columbia.
- No. 147. Abbeville, Abbeville.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 123. Covington, Andalusia.
- No. 135. Florala, Florala.
- No. 137. Samson, Samson.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

- No. 21. Mobile, Mobile.
- No. 115. Thomasville, Thomasville.
- No. 119. Jackson, Jackson.
- No. 124. Bladon Springs, Gilbertown.

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1823 a	Dugald McFarlane*	John Elliott*	Horatio G. Perry*	William B. Patton*	John H. Vincent*	John B. Hogan.*
1824 b	Israel Pickens*	John Elliott*	Anderson 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*	Horatio G. Perry*	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	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1833	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1834	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1835	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1836	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1837 g	John C. Hicks†*	George W. Esselman*	Isham Woodward*	Thomas B. Jones*	Major Cook*	Doric S. Ball.†*
1838	John C. Hicks†*	James L. F. Cottrell†*	Armistead B. Dawson*	Felix G. Norman*	Major Cook*	Doric S. Ball.†*
1839	John C. Hicks†*	Armistead B. Dawson*	William A. Ferrell*	Robert H. Dalton†*	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1840	Armistead B. Dawson*	Edward Herndon*	David Moore*	John A. Whetstone†*	Major Cook*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1841	David Moore*	Edward Herndon*	Nathaniel W. Fletcher*	Felix G. Norman*	Luther S. Skinner†*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1842	David Moore*	Edward Herndon*	Felix G. Norman*	Gerard W. Creagh*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1843	David Moore*	Gerard W. Creagh*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1844	James Penn*	Gerard W. Creagh*	Charles Whelan*	Eugene V. LeVert*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1845	Felix G. Norman*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Stephen F. Hale*	William Hendrix*	Edward Herndon*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1846	Felix G. Norman*	William Hendrix*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Sidney Smith*	William Garrett*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1847	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet†*	James M. Brundidge*	Moses F. Holt*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1848	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet†*	James M. Brundidge*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1849	William Hendrix*	Rufus Greenet†*	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Nimrod E. Benson*	Amand P. Pfister.*

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1850	Rufus Greene*	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Sidney Smith*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1851	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norrist*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1852	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norrist*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1853	William 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*	William Kerr*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1864	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Isaac W. Suttle*..	George J. Pillans*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1865	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	William Kerr*	Palmer J. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1866	George D. Norris*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	James B. Luckie*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1867	Peleg Brown*	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	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*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1871	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1872	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1873	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1874	Myles J. Greene*	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1875	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	James Kent*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1876	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1877	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*

1878	James H. Joiner*.....	Lucky W. Jenkins*.....	William S. Foster*.....	William D. Wadsworth*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1879	James H. Joiner*.....	Lucky W. Jenkins*.....	William S. Foster*.....	William D. Wadsworth*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1880	James H. Joiner*.....	Lucky W. Jenkins*.....	William S. Foster*.....	William D. Wadsworth*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1881	Lucky W. Jenkins*.....	William S. Foster*.....	William D. Wadsworth*.....	John R. Goldthwaite*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1882	Lucky W. Jenkins*.....	William S. Foster*.....	William D. Wadsworth*.....	William W. McCollum*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	Daniel Sayre*.....
1883	Lucky W. Jenkins*.....	William S. Foster*.....	William D. Wadsworth*.....	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*.....	Henry C. Wiley*.....	Andrew J. Nunnally*.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1894	John G. Smith*.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1895	John G. Smith*.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1896	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1897	Josiah Jernigan*.....	William J. Rhodes*.....	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1898	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1899	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	George F. Moore*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1900	George F. Moore*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1901	George F. Moore*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1902	Charles R. Bricken*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1903	Charles R. Bricken*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	Charles R. Bricken*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	H. Clay Armstrong*.....
1904	Basil M. Hill*.....	Francis H. Bates*.....	Robert S. Teague*.....	Joseph P. McQueen*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....
1905	Robert S. Teague*.....	Francis H. Bates*.....	Robert S. Teague*.....	Joseph P. McQueen*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....
1906	Robert S. Teague*.....	Francis H. Bates*.....	Robert S. Teague*.....	Joseph P. McQueen*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....
1907	Robert S. Teague*.....	Francis H. Bates*.....	Robert S. Teague*.....	Joseph P. McQueen*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....
1908	Robert W. Southerland*.....	Robert W. Southerland*.....	Robert W. Southerland*.....	John B. Christian*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....
1909	John B. Christian*.....	John B. Christian*.....	John B. Christian*.....	William E. Bingham*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....
1910	William E. Bingham*.....	William E. Bingham*.....	William E. Bingham*.....	Lawrence H. Lee*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	George A. Beauchamp*.....
1911	Lawrence H. Lee*.....	Lawrence H. Lee*.....	Lawrence H. Lee*.....	Albert E. Pace*.....	William H. Dingley*.....	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.
1916	John H. McCormick.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	John Philip Melvin.....	John Wilson Terry.....	George A. Beauchamp.
1917	Henry F. Reese.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	John Philip Melvin.....	William L. Lee.....	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.
Alberta.....	Myron T. Sprague.....	Mobile.
Arizona.....	George W. Coggin.....	Fayette.
Arkansas.....	William W. Ransom.....	Birmingham.
California.....	Basil M. Hill.....	Springville.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus.....	Birmingham.
Colorado.....	.....	.....
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.....	Montgomery.
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.

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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.....	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.....	Albany.
Victoria.....	Gabriel M. Saliba.....	Birmingham.
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.

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Alberta.....	Albert R. Yates.....	Gleichen.
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. Grant Wilkins.....	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.....	L. F. Danforth.....	Lake City.
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.....	Weston Wentworth.....	Nashua.
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.

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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.....	John Bowers.....	Edinburgh.
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.....	Joseph Hendrick.....	
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.
Alberta.....	Melvin M. Downey.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrige.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	John C. Bone.....	Batesville.
California.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto.
Colorado.....	Charles H. Jacobson.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Stuart J. Horn.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington.
England.....		
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Edgar A. McHan.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Lewis W. Ensign.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	George W. Warvelle.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	O. F. Graves.....	Harlan.
Ireland.....	Archibald St. George.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	G. Allison Holland.....	Lexington.
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frederick T. Comee.....	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.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES—*Continued.*

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales.....	Alfred J. Burbidge.....	Sydney.
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.....	James A. Scott.....	Muscogee.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	George B. Wells.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	.....	.....
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.....	D. K. Reed.....	Clarksburg.
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:*

It has been the pleasure of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to review, and present for your consideration, the doings of the Capitular World in the following Grand Jurisdictions:

Alberta	1917	Nevada	1916
Arkansas	1916	New Hampshire.....	1917
California	1917	New Jersey.....	1917
Canada	1917	New Mexico.....	1916
Colorado	1917	New South Wales.....	1916
Connecticut	1917	New York.....	1917
Delaware	1917	New Zealand.....	1917
District of Columbia.....	1917	North Dakota	1917
England	1916-17	Nova Scotia.....	1916
Florida	1917	Ohio	1916
Georgia	1917	Oklahoma	1917
Idaho	1916	Oregon	1917
Illinois	1916	Pennsylvania	1916
Indiana	1917	Quebec	1917
Iowa	1916	Rhode Island.....	1915
Kansas	1917	South Carolina.....	1917
Kentucky	1916	South Dakota.....	1917
Louisiana	1917	Tennessee	1917
Maine	1917	Texas	1916
Maryland	1916	Utah	1917
Massachusetts	1916	Vermont	1917
Michigan	1916	Victoria	1916
Minnesota	1916	Virginia	1916
Mississippi	1917	West Virginia	1916
Missouri	1917	Wisconsin	1917
Montana	1916	Wyoming	1917
Nebraska	1916		

Arizona, North Carolina and Washington are the only American jurisdictions missing, and only one quarterly report has been received from Scotland.

Our review begins with the youngest in the sisterhood of Grand Jurisdictions, to-wit:

ALBERTA, 1917.

THIRD ANNUAL—EDMONTON—MARCH 14, 1917.

Chapters, 17; membership, 1,737; net gain, 936.

An emergent convocation assembled at Calgary, October 27th, 1916, with several Grand Officers present, and the representatives of the seven subordinate Chapters constituting the Grand Chapter. The purpose of the Convocation was the issuing of Charters to several Chapters theretofore holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada. Three were chartered, and the Grand Z was authorized to issue charters to such others as might desire to come in during the interim between the Emergent Convocation and the next regular Grand Convocation, which he freely did, as is evidenced by the summary shown above.

At the Regular Convocation, held at Edmonton, there were present ten of the Grand Officers, three Acting Grands, three Past Grand Zs, thirteen Grand Representatives, and the representatives of seventeen subordinate Chapters composing the Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand Z, Most Excellent F. S. Watson, deals with the war, necrology, visitations, and Canada, together with dispensations granted and the exchange of Grand Representatives, E.'. Companion Myron T. Sprague, of Mobile, being Alberta's accredited diplomat in Alabama, and E.'. Companion Albert R. Yates, of Gleichen, Alabama's Ambassador to the Court of Alberta.

The dispensations issued covered a wide field, but none were granted to rush candidates.

Charters were granted, under the authority of the resolution passed at the Emergent Convocation, to seven Chapters formerly owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada, in addition to the three already mentioned.

Dispensation was granted to form one new Chapter, and so our young Grand Chapter grows apace. May it ever flourish and bear fruit meet for the table of the "Great I Am."

The Grand Z points out some discrepancies in the report by the Grand Chapter of Canada as to the agreement, made the basis of settlement between the Grand Bodies, but as matters are really settled between them, these things are of no special interest to the Craft of other jurisdictions.

Grand Z recommended that advancement in Chapter be denied, until the candidate shall have attained proficiency in the preceding degrees, and the recommendation was concurred in. This scribe believes in the theory, and will watch the outcome with interest.

The Grand Superintendents, two in number, rendered their reports and submitted some recommendations therewith, relative to the work. While it is interesting, the writer feels that it is not of such general interest as to authorize any extended reference.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

This report was submitted by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, and is confined almost exclusively to matters leading up to final recognition by other Grand Chapters.

From its form and context we may look for interesting reviews when Comp. Taylor essays that work.

M. E. Robert Patterson, M. A. L., Grand Z.

R. E. John E. Johnson, Grand Scribe E.

ARKANSAS, 1916.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER 23, 1916.

Chapters, 88; membership, 4,615; net gain, 237.

With the exception of the Grand Scribe, all the Grand Officers were present when the M. E. Grand High Priest, Durand Whipple, convoked the Sixty-seventh Annual of the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas, at Little Rock, on Thursday, November 23, 1916. Sixty-four of the eighty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented, there being seventy-seven representatives present. Ten Past Grand High Priests also graced the occasion by their presence.

Eighteen Grand Representatives answered to the call for the Ambassadors of foreign jurisdictions, and were received with due courtesy and honor. Alabama was not present, except, perhaps, in spirit. As forecasted in the first paragraph of the annual address of the Grand High Priest, the report "departed rather widely from the usual forms adopted for such documents." His first care on assuming office was to locate the weak Chapters, and diagnose the cause of the weakness.

From this diagnosis we gather that the symptoms were: 1st, The hard times; 2nd, weakness or failure of officers charged with the duties of the Chapter; 3rd, continuance of officers in office for too long a period; and 4th, electing as officers of the Chapter, Masons who were also officers in other Masonic bodies.

These symptoms are elemental and exist everywhere, sometimes. Another elemental cause of decay, not mentioned, is the issuing of dispensations to form Chapters at points where Masonic interest and activity does not warrant the belief that the Chapter can be supported, after the artificial stimulant of the enthusiasm of establishing a higher (?) Masonic body has died out. Grand Officers do not give this symptom enough thought before administering the dose of dispensation. The desire for credit in establishing new foci of Masonic infection often warps their better judgment.

It is much better to have fewer strong Chapters than a great number of weak, inefficient and inactive ones. Consolidate.

However, the Grand High Priest must have found an antidote, for his summary shows the restoral of five Charters to Chapters dormant for a number of years; seven Chapters making returns that had failed to do so; three Chapters paying up, and two sent to the scrap heap; one Chapter constituted, and two more ready to start.

In his New Year circular, meant to stir up interest in getting them in, he says: "It is wholly proper for members of the Royal Craft to invite Master Masons in good standing to receive the Royal Arch degree." This is true, but should be further limited to those Master Masons (of whom it is honestly believed) that will take an intelligent and active interest in the Chapter work.

From the report it is difficult to ascertain how many official visits were made, but classing all as official work, and such they were, the Grand High Priest was quite busy during the year. The efforts made resulted in much being accomplished for the Royal Craft; a never failing result of intelligent, coordinated effort on the part of Grand Officers.

Nine decisions were rendered. All seem based on sound Masonic common sense and justice.

The first is of some interest, as it involves a question of waiver and want of action by the Chapter to which the waiver was granted. B. Chapter elected a brother, but before the degrees could be conferred he moved into the jurisdiction of H. Chapter. H. Chapter

asked for and received a waiver from B. Chapter, but H. Chapter held no meetings after the waiver was granted, and the petitioner desired to return temporarily to B. Chapter for his degrees. It seems that no action was taken by H. Chapter, either upon the petition or the waiver. Held, that H. Chapter, by failing for three months to act on the waiver, forfeited any rights it had, and that B. Chapter might assume jurisdiction, and proceed to confer the degrees.

Decision No. 2 was that a Chapter Mason could not be held or deemed a willful non-affiliate if there was no Chapter in his town, and attendance upon the nearest Chapter necessitated his absence from home over night and attendant expenses. No. 8 is that an *honorary* member of a Chapter in another state can not become a member of another state, "dual membership being illegal." On this the Committee on Jurisprudence said, "Approved, but not as applying to complimentary or honorary membership." Altogether, then, the matter seems to stand thusly in Arkansas: Honorary membership is not in conflict with active membership, and while there can be no duality of active membership, there may be duality of honorary or complimentary membership, and so is good law. The others were of no special interest or significance.

Sixteen dispensations for various purposes were issued, but nearly all of them were for a harmless purpose.

M. E. Companion Antonio B. Grace, Past Grand High Priest, died upon December 2, 1915, and was the only one of the official family to pass away. Suitable testimonials were presented. The dead in other jurisdictions were fittingly recorded.

Twenty-six Grand Representatives were commissioned, and seven were recommended for commissions.

Pending the coming out of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter the Earl of Cassilis was commissioned as Arkansas' Grand Representative, but later this commission had to be recalled.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence. What's the trouble, Comp. Huffmaster? We miss you.

No report on Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. Allan Winham, Grand High Priest.

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

CANADA, 1917.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL—TORONTO—FEBRUARY 28, 1917.

Chapters, 167; membership, 18,982; net loss, 197.

The statistics above would indicate that a loss has been sustained, and unexplained, might leave the impression that the Royal Craft in Canada was not as active as formerly. The fact is that there was an increase of 1,588 in membership in the various Chapters, but because of the withdrawal of several Chapters to unite with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and the heavy death toll of the war, the membership shows a net loss.

An Emergent Grand Convocation was held September 12, 1916, to consider the Alberta situation, and a Masonic solution was arrived at satisfactory to all parties concerned. The action of those participating was confirmed at the regular Convocation held on February 28, 1917, and the result is to settle forever the unhappy situation formerly existing. So the usual peace and harmony attendance upon Capitular relations prevails throughout the Dominion, and the whole Capitular world rejoices at the changed situation.

The *modus operandi* was a matter of detail, and only valuable as a precedent upon which to settle any further disputes, should any unfortunately arise.

The large volume is devoted to this matter, the reports of the various Grand Superintendents, twenty-two in number, to the dead and to a list of those enlisted in the service of King and Country. A most creditable showing is made.

Thirty officers compose the Grand Body; there are twenty-three Grand Superintendents and a long list of Past Grand Officers, nearly all of whom were present, as well as 182 delegates representing the constituent Chapters.

The Grand First Principal Z. W. S. R. Murch, devotes much of his report to the settlement of the Alberta matter. He was not only just, but generous as well, recommending that all Charters and seals, after being marked cancelled, be returned to Chapters making request therefor, and that \$1,000.00 be given to the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Grand Chapter agreed to the first proposition, but demurred to the second until such time as the agreements entered into could be fully carried out. Those suspended were restored to full mem-

bership and given the right hand of fellowship as Companions entitled to the respect, confidence and love of all of the Craft.

The Grand Z's account of his visits to the Chapters in the Western Province is interesting reading. Aside from a few minor inconveniences attendant on traveling in these unsettled times, it was one round of profit and pleasure to all concerned.

He recommended an increase of dues from 25 cents to 35 cents, and this was concurred in by Grand Chapter.

Four Chapters were constituted, two were instituted and there were petitions for three others.

A review by Districts shows a healthy condition prevailing, and hope is held out that all the weak places will soon be made strong.

Grand Chapter noted with regret the departure of Companion, the Duke of Connaught, but welcomed as his successor as Governor General of Canada, Companion, the Duke of Devonshire, both of whom thought it not derogatory to sit beneath the sound of the gavel.

Grand Chapter passed a resolution by which the way is made plain to the Chapters in any province which desire to form a Grand Chapter in such province to do so without further friction. It is well.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is the work of R. E. Comp. Edward B. Brown. It is excellent and stamps him as a fitting successor to Bennett, than whom there was no superior. While we miss Bennett very much, we feel sure that should he never be able to resume his labors in this field of endeavor, the present Companion will maintain his high standard, and be a credit and an honor to his jurisdiction and to the round table.

Alabama 1915 is given full treatment.

M. E. A. S. Gorrell, Grand Z.

R. E. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

CALIFORNIA, 1917.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL—SACRAMENTO—APRIL 17, 1917.

Chapters, 122; membership, 13,816; net gain, 208.

In glancing over the statistical summary of the Grand Secretary it appears that there are 122 chartered Chapters, and following this item is the item: "Chapters working 108." Is it to be understood from this that there are 14 dormant chapters whose charters are still extant, or that 122 charters had been granted, and 14 had become dormant and the charters recalled?

Perhaps it is none of our business but we are curious to know just how this is.

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows the presence of all the Grand Officers, except Captain of the Host; six Past Grand High Priests; nineteen Grand Representatives; eleven survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18th, 1906; the representatives of ninety-three chartered Chapters and delegates from one U. D., "together with fifty-two Past High Priests not otherwise accounted for."

Fourteen Chapters were not represented, which was their loss.

M. E. Comp. Casimir Jackson Wood, Grand High Priest, did the honors in welcoming the Legates and other visitors, and then delivered his annual message. He announced the passing of M. E. Comp. William Abraham Davies, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Secretary, and spoke of him as a Beacon Light in the Capitular world, and his work as a Consecrated Temple. Such indeed he was and his work will live after him to bless those who have essayed to fill his place.

The round table will miss him greatly.

He announces the passing of Past Grand High Priests Samuel Hopkins Wagener and George Hayes Monroe; twenty-two Past High Priests and two hundred and twenty-five Companions.

Two new Chapters were constituted and one instituted.

Eight dispensations were granted, but only one of the hurry-up nature.

Two Grand Representatives were commissioned, and five recommended for commission. Nineteen grand visitations were made in company with Grand Lecturer Ascroft.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer are given a very high tribute of praise, which, doubtless, they deserve.

The recommendation to reduce the fees for the degrees to a minimum of \$10.00 met with defeat, as did a motion to reduce them to a minimum of \$20.00. Just so it should be.

The resolution to cut out the usual banquet, at the expense of the Grand Chapter, met with instant and overwhelming defeat. In fact, the discussion on something, probably the eats, was so intense that the presence of a Past Grand High Priest, then Governor of the Commonwealth, had to go unnoticed.

Other matters were of purely local interest.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests met on Tuesday, April 17th, 1917, at 8 o'clock, with E.'. President Henry Ascroft presiding, and quite a number of Companions present. Routine business was transacted, and the Holy Order conferred upon thirty-six Companions found eligible to receive it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is the first effort of E.'. Companion Charles Albert Adams, and is disappointing. Failure to add an explanation would be an injustice to the writer, as well as the report. It is disappointing: (1st) Because of the fact that this writer has always turned with eagerness to the work of his illustrious predecessor, M.'. E.'. Comp. Davies, with the knowledge that benefit and pleasure would surely follow; (2) because the report itself, while short, indicates that much profit and pleasure might have been given the correspondents, who, at least, read them, had the report undertaken a review of the doings of the Capitular world; and (3) because it confirms views entertained by the writer, that he did not care to have confirmed, and that is, that the labor is in a large measure wasted, and the cost greater than the general benefit that is derived.

However, in conjunction with the other Scribes, we welcome Comp. Adams to the round table, and hope that his Grand Chapter will continue to press him into service in the usual way.

M.'. E.'. Edward Byron Spencer, Grand High Priest.

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

COLORADO, 1917.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER 20, 1917.

Chapters, 47; membership, 6,086; net gain, 344.

The report of Credentials Committee shows the presence of all the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand, forty-two Grand Representatives, (included in the number being Alabama's Legate, Tyler D. Heiskell) and the representatives of forty-two of the forty-seven chartered Chapters, when the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion James R. Killian, opened the Grand Convocation.

The usual pretty and appropriate custom of calling the roll of the deceased Past Grand High Priests was had; and the Grand High Priest responded, with the date of the death of each.

The Grand Representatives were given cordial welcome, and made eloquent response through E. Comp. Todd, representing Arizona.

A letter from Past Grand High Priest Henry T. West furnished interesting reading, worthy of publication here, from an historical as well as philosophical viewpoint, but space prevents.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest was replete with fine thoughts and noble sentiments, well expressed and well worth quoting.

One incident recorded the celebration of the fifty-first continued election of Past Grand Master Lawrence Greenleaf as Master of one Lodge, the fiftieth continued election of Past Grand High Priest Lawrence Greenleaf as High Priest of one Chapter, and the twentieth continued year of service of the same person on the Board of Control of the Masonic Hall Association. The writers wife very often speaks of him as a "Masonic Evangelist," but what would she say to such a record as that?

Two Chapters were started under dispensation during the year, and each having proved worthy, were chartered in due form.

Past Grand High Priest Christopher C. Gird passed the veils October 12, 1916, and his passing was marked with fitting tribute.

Other matters are of purely local interest to the Companions of Colorado.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council Order of High Priesthood was convened Thursday, September 20, and after transacting necessary business, and electing thirty-four eligibles to receive the Holy Orders, conferred them upon thirty-one.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is the thirtieth able effort of our friend and Companion, M.'. E.'. Ernest LeNeve Foster. May he live to write as many more. Besides giving an exhaustive and impartial review of forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, he has compiled in convenient form the decisions of interest adopted by these jurisdictions during the year.

Alabama 1916 has courteous and cordial treatment.

M.'. E.'. William S. Pickerill, Grand High Priest.

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

CONNECTICUT, 1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL—HARTFORD—MAY 8, 1917.

Chapters, 40; membership, 10,173; net gain, 393.

It must be very pleasant in Connecticut at any time, but especially in May, for the Grand Chapter never convenes without a lot of distinguished visitors. This time they had the General Grand High Priest, several Grands from New York, as well as Past Grands; also the Grand High Priest of New Jersey and the Deputy Grand High from Massachusetts; all of whom were received with ample honors and much eloquence pro and con.

A deep black line occupies the place where the name of the Grand King should be, and on turning to the annual address of M.'. E.'. Comp. Burton L. Tuttle, we learn with regret that death had claimed the R.'. E.'. and Rev. Companion James H. George, Grand King.

Two commissions were issued to Grand Representatives, and five were recommended for commissions.

Three dispensations were issued for unimportant matters.

Two decisions were rendered, which met the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Matters pertaining to inspection of Chapters entered into the report, but no definite different plan seems to have been agreed upon.

The reports of the various Inspecting Officers show a very healthy condition to prevail in most of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Body was made up of all the Grand Officers, except the Grand King, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, the representatives of thirty-eight of the subordinate Chapters, and thirty-five Grand Representatives, including Alabama's Ambassador, M. E. Comp. Eugene A. Hall.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests was held May 8th, 1917, and after the transaction of the business of the Convention, twenty qualified Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. George A. Kies presents his ninth report, which is equally as good, if not better than the preceding ones, although he compares it with a Baptist parsonage erected according to no plan, with voluntary bits of labor by various parishioners. He denies that he is anywhere near attaining even fair ability to pursue the topical plan. This writer hopes he will remain of that same mind for some time to come.

Alabama 1916 comes in for full treatment, and pleasant comment.

M. E. Edward D. Avery, Grand High Priest.

M. E. George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1917.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY 17, 1917.

Chapters, 4; membership, 1,273; net gain, 51.

Grand Chapter was made up of all the Grand Officers, the representatives of the four subordinate Chapters, and the Past High Priests in attendance, seventeen Past Grand High Priests, seven Past Deputy Grand High Priests, sixteen Past Grand Kings, thirteen Past Grand Scribes, eight Past Grand Treasurers and five Past Grand Chaplains.

Promotion seems not altogether certain in this Grand Chapter, as in many others. Not a bad idea either.

The visitors were M. E. Comp. Henry DeWitt Hamilton, General Grand Master of 3rd Veil, and M. E. Comp. William Herbert Lowe, Deputy Grand High Priest of New Jersey. They were accorded all honor.

Grand High Priest John W. Macklene records the passing of seven Past Grand Officers during the year, and pays tribute to their memories.

His report deals altogether with local matters, except the usual reference to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. This Grand Chapter has always been a loyal supporter of this splendid cause.

Matters of routine were transacted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Convention of High Priests of the State of Delaware was convened in connection with Grand Chapter, and after the transaction of the usual business, anointed three Companions found qualified to receive the Holy Orders. A special Convention was held for the purpose of anointing one Companion and setting him apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Day writes the correspondence report in his usual happy manner. It is short, but concise, and reviews Alabama 1915, giving us due fraternal mention.

M. E. George S. Scott, Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1917.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON—FEBRUARY 14, 1917.

Chapters, 13; membership, 3,572; net gain, 20.

A Special Convocation of Grand Chapter was held March 24, 1916, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of Past Grand Treasurer, R. E. Martin R. Thorp, who died March 22, 1916. The Grand Chapter, accompanied by Hiram Lodge No. 10 and delegations from Hiram Chapter No. 10 and DeMolay Commandery No. 4, attended the funeral services.

All the Grand Officers were present, except the Grand Royal Arch Captain, when the M. E. Grand High Priest, William C. Fowler, convened the Grand Chapter. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and one Past Grand Scribe were also present to lend counsel and dignity to the occasion. The entire thirteen Chapters were well represented by their delegates and Past High Priests. R. E. Comp. Charles F. Roberts, Legate from Alabama, was present, among the thirty-three Legates from other Grand Jurisdictions.

The General Grand High Priest being a member and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Jurisdiction, was present and was received with the usual honors.

The Grand High Priest records, with words of sorrow, the demise of Past Grand High Priests Joseph S. McCoy, Francis J. Woodman and Jacobus S. Jones, and Past Grand Treasurer Martin R. Thorp. The "Grim Reaper" had been busy during the year among the subordinate Chapters.

No decisions were called for.

Dispensation was granted to waive part of constitutional period of residence in the case of one who had resided for more than eleven months. Dispensation was denied to meet earlier than the hour mentioned in the by-laws, it being the opinion of the Grand High Priest that he was without authority to set aside a by-law.

Five Grand Representatives were commissioned, and three recommended for commission near this Grand Jurisdiction.

At the request of the Companions of Capitol Chapter No. 11 the Grand Officers conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon certain candidates. The occasion was graced by the presence of the General Grand High Priest, actively participating in the work, and Grand

High Priests, Timberman, of Virginia, and Pettit, of Maryland, accompanied by a large delegation from each state.

Each Chapter was visited several times unofficially, and each once officially. In this Grand Jurisdiction this is entirely possible, but no less to be commended.

Interest in Capitular Masonry is on the increase in this Grand Jurisdiction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Roe Fulkerson, notwithstanding his "Modesty Bluff," in his concluding remarks, is still grinding the typewriter (machine) for this Grand Jurisdiction. As usual he is serious and sorrowful only at intervals. The writer unwittingly produced a sorrowful vein when he referred to 1234 Penn. Ave. But Fulkerson was equal to the occasion and wrote an obituary in keeping with the history of the deceased. The bet still stands payable anywhere, except in a prohibition town.

His review of the various jurisdictions is as entertaining and unique as usual. Alabama 1916 comes in for courteous and kindly notice.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

February 17, 1917, the Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests met, with Allen Bussius, Ex President, presiding, when only routine business was transacted. On March 10, 1917, a meeting was held, and the Holy Order conferred on seven elected or past High Priests.

M. E. William W. Jermane, Grand High Priest.

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

ENGLAND, 1916-17.

But one quarterly report reached our desk, and it was wholly statistical. From it we gather that notwithstanding the terrible strain on the man and money power brought about by the conflict between Autocracy and Democracy, in which England is bearing such a brave and heavy part, Capitular Masonry is pursuing the splendid tenor of her way, giving aid to the needy, sympathy to the sorrowing

and courage and fortitude to those who bear the burdens on the fighting front and at home.

All praise to "Old England" and her splendid Masonic manhood.

FLORIDA, 1917.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—MAY 15, 1917.

Chapters, 35; membership, 2,740; net gain, 182.

This Grand Convocation was composed of all the Grand Officers; thirteen Past Grand High Priests and representatives from thirty-one of the constituent Chapters. Twenty-eight Grand Representatives were present, but Alabama's Legate was not among them.

A page is devoted to a display of the National Colors.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we note, with regret, the passing of Past Grand High Priest Samuel Pasco. He was born in England, reared in Massachusetts, and came to Florida as a teacher. He was a Confederate soldier and afterwards a United States Senator from Florida.

The Grand High Priest raises an important question, and suggests that probably the Grand Chapter is failing to properly administer a trust it has. With a membership of less than 3,000, and a surplus of \$11,000.00 in the treasury, it does seem that there must have been too much hoarding and too little Masonic charity and benevolence. Masonic Bodies with large surplus are failing in their trust in more ways than one. Either they are taking too much from their members, or they are withholding from participating in worthy causes.

The address contains some "mighty fine" suggestions as to the use of this surplus.

But Grand Chapter took no action, except to purchase \$1,000.00 Liberty Bonds.

Other matters transpiring were of local interest only.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Holy Order was conferred upon thirteen qualified Companions, and other than this, only routine matters were taken up.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Ely P. Hubbell "for the Committee," submits the report on correspondence. We are not at all disappointed—rather well pleased, my Companion. Fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions pass under review—all well handled. We are pleased to note that this will continue to be an annual treat. Alabama (1916) passes muster and is given fraternal treatment.

M. E. Dabney B. Palmer, Grand High Priest.

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

GEORGIA, 1917.

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL—MACON—APRIL 25-26, 1917.

Chapters, 156; membership, 9,842; net gain, 535.

A review of our neighbor on the east is always fraught with pleasure and profit, for they have a way of saying nice things about each other, about other folks and about Masonry in general.

M. E. Comp. J. F. Bell, Grand High Priest, lives up to the traditions of the past, and mingles good business with fluent speech.

There is always so much of good generalization that might be clipped, that we are loath to select, and so advise those interested to procure a proceedings and read up, as the writer is always pleased to do.

Past Grand High Priest L. M. Heard was called before the Supreme Grand Council on January 21st, 1917, and his worth was fittingly memorialized.

The dead in other jurisdictions had suitable mention—including our own lamented Bates and Christian.

Six visitations were made by the Grand High Priest. More would have been accomplished but for physical infirmity, which, happily, has been considerably overcome.

His recommendations were as to matters pertaining to Georgia affairs, some of which met with approval, and some were non-concurred in.

Financially, numerically and in the true Capitular spirit Grand Chapter is in fine form.

Two dispensations to form new Chapters issued, and many of the old tangles were straightened out.

The combination of the office of Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer proved of great benefit financially and ritually, if we may use the term.

Dispensations were freely granted to elect officers, and on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Lecturer, to rush candidates—all of which were approved.

One Chapter was instituted.

An honor roll membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was provided for, and expenses allowed for a delegate, the honor falling to M. E. Comp. Bowe.

Five recommendations for commissions as Grand Representatives were made, and three commissions issued from the Court of Georgia.

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows the presence of fourteen Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Officers, forty-one Past High Priests and the representatives of one hundred and fifteen of the constituent Chapters.

Alabama stands high with Grand Chapter, as her Ambassador, M. E. Thomas H. Jeffries, will guide the destinies for the coming year.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With E. President Robert L. Colding presiding the Council of Anointed High Priests met, transacted the ordinary business, and elected, anointed and set apart thirty-one qualified Companions to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. Charles L. Bass favors us with one of his characteristically fine and pleasing reviews. Forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions are carefully and intelligently passed upon.

Alabama 1916, is given fraternal notice, and full review. He excerpts well, and our Grand High Priest is given several quotations.

M. E. Thomas H. Jeffries, Grand High Priest.

R. E. E. A. McHan, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1916.

EIGHTH ANNUAL—BOISE—MAY 15 AND 16, 1916.

Chapters, 19; membership, 1,442; net gain, 103.

Credentials Committee reports the presence of all the Grand Officers, two Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of sixteen of the chartered Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Horton F. Kimball, devoted himself to the business transacted during the year, except his report of his visit to General Grand Chapter, and his efforts on behalf of the "Masonic War Relief Association."

One Chapter was constituted, and several Chapters in an almost dormant condition were revived and started on an active career. Five dispensations were granted, but none of the hurry up variety. Five visitations of an official nature were made, and several others of an unofficial character.

The Committee on Entertainments provided a luncheon, automobile ride, a plunge party and a smoker, but because of the death of E. Grand Principal Sojourner Henry C. Olney, in Grand Chapter, and while in the act of acknowledging a small token of love and esteem from Grand Chapter, these plans had to be abandoned, and the session completed in sorrow. Among his last words were these: "I may drop off at any moment, but what's the difference? I have led a virtuous life as a Knight Templar for forty-five years, and tried to uphold the principles of our Order, and will do so for the remaining time left to me."

Visitations of subordinate Chapters by the four principal officers were ordered, expenses to be borne by the Chapters visited.

The Acting Grand Chaplain, Frank M. Johnson, Jr., presented the following ode, which was written for and dedicated to the Grand Chapter of Idaho:

THE ROYAL ARCH.

Companions of the Mystic Tie,
We're gathered here to meet
Once more within our Temple Hall;
Each faithful member greet
With outstretched hand and cheering word,
Which, on our onward march,
Mean so much in the lives of men
Who raise the Royal Arch.

Companions, as we meet again,
 Our Craft should always bid
 Us learn the lessons of the Stone
 That in the dirt was hid;
 Lest we, the Builders of the Land,
 In building should not heed
 Those little deeds that mean so much
 To one in time of need.

The lessons of the Chapter teach
 That cast aside, alone,
 The thing that crowned the builder's task
 Was just a little stone.
 Seek not, Companions, to aspire
 The heights, and push and shove
 The weaker ones, but rather use
 That little stone of Love.

Then will the Temple of our Soul
 Stand beautified and free
 From taint of lust; for, with our Love,
 We found the Royal Arch Key.
 Companions, heed the lesson taught,
 While on our onward march
 Stand by your God and Country, ye
 Who raise the Royal Arch.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R.'. E.'. Comp. L. W. Ensign, "for the committee," presents clippings from the proceedings of 1915. These clippings, as is natural, refer to the Grand Chapter of Idaho, and its doings for the year. He, also appropriates Comp. Foster's digest of decisions. The member of the committee who was expected to prepare the report failed to do so.

We hope Comp. Ensign will undertake it himself, for he clips so well we are satisfied that he would write better.

No mention is made of the Order of High Priesthood.

M.'. E.'. Thomas M. Fleming, Grand High Priest.

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

ILLINOIS, 1916.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER 26-27, 1916.

Chapters, 209; membership, 43,248; net gain, 1,776.

Illinois Grand Chapter, at the close of the Capitular year 2446 occupied the premier position in the Capitular World, and while the figures for this year are not yet available, no doubt it will continue to do so. They rank now Illinois, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania, with Ohio showing the largest net gain next to Illinois. Grand Chapter was composed of all the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, twenty-six District Inspectors, twenty-three Past High Priests, and the representatives of two hundred and two of the subordinate Chapters.

Thirty-four Grand Representatives answered to the call of the Grand Chapters in fraternal relation with Illinois, led by M.'. E.'. Comp. Samuel J. Jeffers, the incoming Grand High Priest.

After opening in ample form the Grand Captain of the Host, E.'. Grand Principal Sojourner and the Grand Masters of the Veils retired, and returned with "Old Glory," the Grand Chapter standing meanwhile, singing "America."

The Grand Master and Grand Commander were present and received with honors due their stations. Present, also, and properly presented and received, were Past General Grand High Priest Joseph E. Dyas and General Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Comp. Charles C. Davis. Grand High Priest Harry W. Harvey announced the death of Grand Captain of the Host, E.'. Comp. Chauncey F. Newkirk. The Grand Chapter, 1915, directed that the state be divided into districts, and this is reported as having been done—resulting in the creation of twenty-seven districts, with inspectors for each. Five schools of instruction were held during the year, all of which were largely attended. Five Companions found proficient were given commissions as Grand Lecturers. One Chapter was constituted and two were consolidated. Five Chapters were instituted and started to work U. D., each of which were chartered. The charter of one Chapter was annulled. Four Grand Representatives were commissioned, and four recommended for commissions.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland were ordered severed, and commission recalled.

Some of his decisions were a little out of the usual rut. He held that a Chapter could transact no business at a stated communication, which required a final vote, after the work of conferring degrees had begun. Also, a Master Mason of the U. S. Army or Navy, having no legal residence or fixed place of abode, cannot petition a Chapter in Illinois for the degrees. Also, a Scotch Mark Master must receive all the degrees from Mark Master to R. A., as the Mark Master is not a part of the Capitular system in Scotland, but is conferred by authority of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. But here is one to provoke discussion among the Sisters of the Eastern Star. Request was made of a Chapter for the use of its robes for the purpose of giving an entertainment to be called "Burlesque on Masonry." The Grand High Priest said: "That it is unlawful to perform any travesty on Masonic degrees, or to give an entertainment to be named 'Burlesque on Masonry.'" Yes, certainly, but if the Illinois Eastern Stars were as good Masons as those of Alabama, they would never think of "Burlesque on Masonry," much less hope to pull one off.

Liberal appropriations were made to the Masonic Hospital, and to other worthy charities.

No dispensations to hurry up candidates were issued, and, so far as appears, none were asked. Congratulations all around.

The reports of the District Lecturers indicate a fine condition prevailing in most of the subordinate Chapters.

Other matters of purely local interest were transacted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the State of Illinois was convened on October 26, Comp. George M. Moulton, president, and the other officers, being in their places.

Of the Order the E. President says: "It is a self-constituted body, acknowledging no superior, and having no subordinate organization. It has no special mission to perform." Has it not? We sometimes wonder if certain gentlemen of our acquaintance would ever have voluntarily laid aside the entirely useless habit of swearing, had they not united themselves with this Order. Also we wonder what Pennsylvania will say, if this remark should fall under their eyes.

Forty-four eligible Companions presented themselves, and were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. Four others were elected, but failed to present themselves.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As usual Comp. Warvelle presents a valuable report. His review of the jurisdictions is short, for, as he remarks, if you want much notice, do something authorizing it.

Alabama 1915 comes in for fraternal comment. He wants us to be consistent and turn out all who are, or who become, "physically defective." But, Comp. Warvelle, we got away from the physical defect rule, and put it up to the subordinate Chapters to pass upon the physical qualifications. Personally, the writer would abrogate the rule entirely, but it takes time to get away from old moorings. We are coming.

"The Postscript" is really the meat of the report. It is especially good this year. We clip what he has to say on the subject of

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS.

As before remarked, there are few, if any questions of real moment now before the Royal Craft. Perhaps the matter of physical requisites of candidates is the one now uppermost in the disputations of the jurists, and upon this question there seems to be a wide diversity of opinion. The two extremes are held by Pennsylvania and Illinois, with many varying shades between them. The Pennsylvania standard is shown in the following:

"There is no inherent right in any Master Mason to receive the degrees and membership in a Chapter. The Chapter is an entirely separate organization from the Lodge. It has its own laws and its own rules to govern it. The mere fact that a man is a Master Mason does not require that he *must* be admitted to a Chapter.

He must petition as when seeking to be made a Mason. Inquiry must be had, a report made, and he must pass the test of the ballot.

There are no degrees in physical perfection. The candidate is either physically perfect or he is not. The slightest maim, blemish, or defect destroys the perfection and renders him imperfect.

The history and symbolism of the Royal Arch degree demand physical perfection to the fullest extent. I therefore decide that the same physical perfection required of the candidate to be made a Mason is required for the Capitular degrees."

This decision, which was rendered in 1906, has been faithfully followed, in theory at least, by all succeeding Grand High Priests and represents the settled policy of the jurisdiction.

In most of the states where the old ideas of physical perfection still obtain, the general rule is that the candidate must be able "to

conform literally with all the requirements of the ritual," yet in many jurisdictions where this rule is nominally in force the question of "ability" is left with the Chapter for settlement.

There is, however, in all of the states, a growing sentiment for a complete abolition of the old rule of physical perfection. A number of states, following the lead of Illinois, are now admitting maimed candidates and the tendency is toward still greater relaxation in this respect. A survey of the decisions of the past year shows that the rule announced by Pennsylvania is being abrogated and the principle is now being advanced, that, as declared by the Grand High Priest of Arizona, "every Master Mason in good standing has a right to become a member of the Chapter if he so desires."

Comp. Clarke, of Kentucky, commenting on the Pennsylvania decision above quoted says: "We are of the opinion that the Grand High Priest would have some difficulty in establishing the proposition that 'physical perfection is a Landmark,' so far as it relates to Capitular Masonry. And we must respectfully question the statement that 'the history and symbolism of the Royal Arch degree demand physical perfection to the fullest extent,' or at all."

All of which seems to meet with much favor at the round table.

So say we.

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

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

INDIANA, 1917.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER 17-18, 1917.

Chapters, 122; membership, 20,627; net gain, 1,108.

Indiana made a nice gain in membership during the year, and if she keeps it up, will soon be in calling distance of the "Big Four."

All the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, the representatives of one hundred and seventeen of the chartered Chapters and thirty-five Grand Representatives were present and participating when Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. Alabama's Legate is always on the job, M. E. Comp. Alvin G. Tillotson.

M. E. Grand High Priest Calvin H. Ramsey was pleased to report a good year. Death had not invaded the ranks of the Grand Officers, and the reports from other jurisdictions showed a decrease. He mentions the passing of our Grand High Priests, Bates and Christian.

Three Grand Representatives were commissioned, and two were recommended for commissions.

Three Chapters were constituted, and two Chapters were started under dispensation.

One dozen dispensations to elect officers were granted, and one to ballot out of time and confer degrees. They were U. S. Army officers who had been ordered to the front, or we would be inclined to ask Comp. Wood how it happened. Five official visitations were made, and some of an unofficial nature; all of which were greatly enjoyed.

He permitted a Mason with a cork leg to be made a Royal Arch Mason. No precedent for it in Indiana, so he had recourse to General Chapter Law. It would seem that the "physical defect" question has passed Indiana by.

A resolution introduced by M. E. Comp. Jacoby, exempting from dues all those who had enlisted, and commending to the Chapters, the families of all such, was unanimously adopted.

Grand Chapter was in thorough accord with the President in putting on a vigorous war policy, so authorized a telegram to that effect, and had a courteous reply.

Sympathy was extended the Grand Secretary in his hour of deep concern. His beloved wife was critically ill. We sincerely join in this sentiment.

The annual dinner is a fixture, and the Companions greatly enjoyed this one, as well as the intellectual feast served to them by Comp. Orbison.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing to report, as nothing had been referred to it.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Council of High Priests of the State of Indiana was held October 17, 1917. Fifty-eight eligible Companions were introduced and consecrated to the Holy Order.

Routine business occupied the rest of the time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. Robert Archer Wood presents his seventh able report, or "Capitular epistle to the elect." He says: "There is a still small voice that presages fraternal settlement of the Scottish invasion of our Philippine territory." Let us hope so.

He reviews fifty-four jurisdictions in his usual fine way, Alabama 1916 receiving courteous mention.

Comp. Wood would not be entirely happy unless he can chide just a little. This time it is Grand Secretary, for having funds in his hands. We have been trying to lead Comp. Wood to believe that we have the very best Grand Secretary in the world, and so he concludes to take some of the wind from the reportorial sails. However, the wind sits in the same quarter. Grand Secretary is not to be chided. Rather chide delinquent Chapters for a failure to remit at the required time. Books close November 15 each year, and all moneys are supposed to be in by that date. But Chapters, or some of them, are careless, and will not remit until someone comes to Grand Chapter. The money belongs to the year closing, and ought to and does go into that year. Grand Secretary keeps it no longer than he can turn it over to Grand Treasurer.

If Comp. Wood desires to know why he should not speak of Masonry as an Order, we call his attention to the correspondence report of the Grand Council of Indiana 1916, Appendix pages 2 and 3, where he will find the matter copied from a scholarly man, then Grand Recorder for Alabama. But we really do not object, as it is the same magnificent institution, school, philosophy, or work, called by whatever name you will.

M. E. Elwood Barnard, Grand High Priest.

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

IOWA, 1916.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL—WATERLOO—OCTOBER 12, 1916.

Chapters, 128; membership, 14,079; net gain, 555.

It is usually with pleasure that the writer takes up Iowa for review, as our Companions are always up and doing. It is with sorrow that it is taken up now, for it is a reminder of the death of that splendid gentleman, scholarly man and distinguished Mason—William F. Cleveland—present Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest. While the writer knew him but slightly in a personal way, to know him was to admire him; and his Masonic life and work has always been an inspiration. We mourn with our Companions of Iowa, not only in the loss of the lamented Cleveland, but

also in the passing of Grand Secretary Emeritus Alfred Wingate and Past Grand High Priest Clinton S. Fletcher.

M. E. Grand High Priest Frank N. Fowler found all the Grand Officers present when he called Grand Chapter to order. R. E. Comp. O. F. Graves having been appointed Grand Secretary in the meanwhile. Also three custodians and five deputy custodians, (of the work and inspection is surmised), thirteen Past Grand High Priests, forty-four Grand Representatives, and representatives from one hundred and five of the subordinate Chapters.

M. E. Comp. William Wilbraham was on the job as the Legate for Alabama. He always is.

The Grand High Priest says: "Soon after the meeting of the Grand Chapter Grand Secretary Cleveland and myself * * * went over the apparent situation of the Chapters * * * and in taking up the work of the year, three plans were laid: First, to endeavor to bring the officers of the subordinate Chapters in closer relation with the Grand Officers * * *; second, to manifest a deeper interest in the lodge members and show them that the advancement to the Chapter degrees is a step forward * * * in Masonic study; and third, to the developing of the true intent of the schools of instruction, that they were for the advancement of the Chapters, loyalty to * * * our beautiful ritualistic work * * * doing away with all innovations and horse play." Good judgment and more of it, and carried out to an extent, usually greater than to be expected. The result was a good many official visits, and more attention to the schools of instruction, and a consequent better acquaintance with local officers and local conditions.

Twelve dispensations were granted, but none to railroad candidates. Two were refused. A number of requests to receive petitions and ballot out of time were received, but all took the same course. Against the law. Two Chapters were consolidated, and one received dispensation and was instituted.

Grand High Priest recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and the severance of fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Both recommendations met the approval of Grand Chapter.

Iowa and Alabama have the same custom as to Grand Representatives, all commissions expiring with each meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

The "New Grand Chapter of Belgium" tried here, as elsewhere, to get in its work of membership certificates, but so far as heard from, had failed. England denies knowledge of it, although it is said to be temporarily on English soil. Conover says it is N. G. and so it is.

The report of the Board of Custodians shows a year of earnest and consistent effort to improve the work and the manner of keeping the records, and a good result.

Grand Chapter placed a handsome memorial window in the Iowa Masonic Library.

An effort was made to make Past High Priests permanent members of Grand Chapter, but the Jurisprudence Committee said nay, and Grand Chapter agreed.

The writer desires to compliment the Grand Secretary on the excellence of his work, as evidenced by the manner in which he has handled the proceedings.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The same note of sadness meets one here, for Comp. Cleveland had for some years been E.'. President. Acting E.'. President George A. Riemcke pays him high and deserved tribute.

Theodore Sutton Parvin, first Grand High Priest of Iowa, established the Order in Iowa in 1856.

Thirty-five petitioning Companions were found eligible, and were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard succeeds the lamented and talented Cleveland as correspondent. The writer sympathizes with him, and knows just what it means to take up such work where a veteran and scholar has laid it down for the higher calling.

However, Comp. Willard has made a distinct success of it. We congratulate him, and give him a cordial and fraternal welcome to the round table.

He reviews fifty-three jurisdictions, and one not knowing any better would judge that he had had years of experience.

Alabama 1915 is given courteous treatment and full review.

Here is a part of his platform:

We may be accused of using the scissors, but when a good thought is written by another, it is sometimes better to express it in the language of the writer than to state the substance. To bring to our Companions information and knowledge of art and literature as culled from the Capitular world has been our sincere desire, that it may be the means of giving more light in Masonry.

Also note this:

As men and Masons, let us ever work and strive to the end that this dreadful strife may cease, and help to bring about such a government that the people in the warring nations may enjoy peace, life, liberty, and the pursuits of happiness.

May the love of truth and the welfare of man prevail throughout the land of warfare. May the teaching of Masonry be the means of building constructively a solid foundation upon which a government may be obtained "for the people, of the people, and by the people."

Amen!

M. E. Charles A. Dewey, Grand High Priest.

R. E. O. F. Graves, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1917.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL—WICHITA—FEBRUARY 19-20, 1917.

Chapters, 94; membership, 11,221; net gain, 654.

The report of Credentials Committee shows twelve Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, fifty-seven Past High Priests, thirty-three Grand Representatives, one General Grand Chapter officer, and the representatives of seventy-one of the chartered Chapters present at Grand Chapter opening.

M. E. Grand High Priest John Powers presided, and delivered his annual address. He felicitates Grand Chapter on the wonderful progress made in half a century. He says: "Fortunately, however, neither sentiment nor aspiration forbid retrospection, nor deny its virtue. Indeed, if we may not profitably look backward, it is hardly possible to hopefully look forward." He then takes a look backward and sees Grand Chapter with only three Chapters and one hundred and forty-eight members. Now he beholds ninety-five Chapters and more than eleven thousand members. But he wisely says: "It would be vulgar, indeed, to base the estimate of our true potency

upon the result of a mere counting process. The real strength and promise of Masonry comes from the fidelity of its veteran characters, and are continued through the vital *manhood* of its *men*."

He reports the demise of Past Grand High Priest Augustus Odgen Wellman and of Past Grand Secretary William Mitchell Shaver.

He mentions with deep concern the burning of the Masonic Home, and the loss of five human lives, residents of the home.

One Chapter was granted dispensation and instituted. Grand Chapter duly chartered it, having found its work good, true and square.

Internal affairs were in good shape, notwithstanding two charters were arrested for failure to comply with the laws.

Eleven dispensations were issued, but for what purpose does not appear. Five official visits were made. One Chapter was constituted. Three Grand Representatives were commissioned.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized and a resolution was passed to exchange Grand Representatives. Grand Chapter pledged \$5,000.00 of its funds to the rebuilding of the Masonic Home, and urged the subordinate Chapters to give as liberally as possible.

The Committee on Jurisprudence refused to sanction "discretionary freedom" as to Chapters conferring degrees in towns other than its official location and temple. They put it upon ancient custom and the common law of Masonry. They should have added "In Kansas."

Grand High Priest draws a "salary" of \$200.00, and a contingent fund of \$100.00. This writer does not fancy a salary for the Grand High Priest. If you are going to call it a salary it should be in keeping with the dignity and honor of the office. If it is to cover necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of the office, call it "expenses" or "contingent fund."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The M. E. Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled February 19, 1917, and received thirty-nine petitions for the "Order." After transacting the routine business, these petitioners being found qualified, were severally elected. While no mention is made of the fact, the presumption is indulged that they were also presented and duly set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Matthew M. Miller presents the report upon Correspondence, and it is of much greater value than they pay for it in Kansas. But that is not matter for serious consideration, as it is a work of love and a labor that repays itself. He begins at Alabama and quits at New Mexico, but manages to get most of the Grand Jurisdictions in between, which relieved the writer of a contemplated disappointment when he first glanced from cover to cover.

Alabama 1915 comes in for fraternal notice. The writer is taken to task for his views of the Canada-Alberta controversy. That controversy is happily ended, and so let it remain.

But speaking generally, and discussing a "moot case," as the courts say, his two major premises are wrong. In the first place, a Grand Chapter may be formed and chartered legally of Companions who find themselves of such a mind, provided it is in a territorial jurisdiction not then occupied by a regular Grand Chapter, or within territory once within the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter, but which has been granted or has obtained political autonomy. Otherwise, before the advent of General Grand Chapter in the country, there could be no Grand Chapters.

Again, under the compact by which the Chapters in Alberta held their warrants, the Grand Chapter of Canada was the owner of the property and franchises of each Chapter, with the right of revocation and recall. The Canadian courts so held. The familiar principle being that as it takes two or more to make a contract, it takes the consent of all the contracting parties to modify or abrogate it, without legal penalty.

Another equally familiar principle is that when permission or consent is required of the parent body, that consent must be sought, or a good legal reason given for a failure to do so. Non constat, permission or consent might have been granted.

Secession was claimed and denied once upon a time, and since that memorable event has become the settled policy of our government and institutions.

The writer has always understood that Kansas protested most vehemently against the proposition that secession was lawful, and put considerable force behind her protest.

But why discuss the matter at all. The high contracting parties have reached an adjustment on a working basis, and R. A. Masonry survives the shock, and is marching onward in the Dominion and the provinces. Keep your eye on the Great Northwest Territory.

M. E. Charles A. Conkling, Grand High Priest.

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

KENTUCKY, 1916.

NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER 17-18, 1916.

Chapters, 113; membership, 9,831; net gain, 206.

The writer trusts that the above figures are correct, or at least approximately so, and another time would thank the Grand Secretary to give a statistical summary. It is in Kentucky, as in many other places, hard to get the returns with any degree of regularity. It seems especially so in this good old state. Take up a few Charters, and when they desire to reorganize, require them to suggest a man who will attend to his job.

The Grand Chapter was opened with all the Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand High Priests, forty-eight Past High Priests, the representatives from one hundred and five chartered Chapters, and thirty-seven Grand Representatives, present.

M. E. John W. Juett, Grand High Priest, announces the death of the Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, E. Comp. Henry S. Adams. He makes no further mention of the dead, but leaves this sad duty to the Committee on Necrology.

The Grand Secretary was installed by proxy, Past Grand High Priest Hazlerigg acting for the Grand High. The necessity for re-installation is not apparent to the writer.

We seem to have missed our guess that the tangle in the matter of inspection had been straightened out. Grand High Priest found himself at sea, and thinks the method of inspection by judicial districts a failure. The whole matter was referred to a special committee.

Jackson Chapter was permitted to visit Hazard and vicinity and confer the degrees on a number of Companions, but were warned

to notify all its members, and take its Charter and accoutrements along.

Dispensations were granted to move one Chapter; to form one Chapter U. D.; and to continue two Chapters, as their Charters had been destroyed. Request was made to permit one Chapter to charge half fees for one night only. This, of course, was refused, as were all requests for dispensations to hurry up candidates.

The "physical defect" rule is adhered to in Kentucky by the Grand High Priest, but the Jurisprudence Committee reminds him that it is a matter addressed to the subordinate Chapters and should not have been referred to him.

Fraternal relations were established with the Grand Chapters of Alberta and Utah, and a severance of them had with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. The report of the Educational Trustees is of interest generally, but especially here in Alabama where we have about sixteen children of our Home in high school; all of whom will soon be ready for vocational training in some good college.

The centennial year of 1917 was to be celebrated (Has already been celebrated, but the writer has not yet received the proceedings) and a committee was raised to make proper arrangements. Great pleasure in reading about it is anticipated, for when it comes to celebrating Kentucky gives place to none.

The "Texas Plan" was indefinitely postponed.

Other matters were of purely local interest.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Comp. Holland informs us that the proceedings of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood are not published with the proceedings of Grand Chapter; the fault not being with Grand Chapter, but with the Order, since Grand Council has never requested the printing of their proceedings.

The writer feels sure the Order is prospering, notwithstanding it does not tell the Capitular World about its doings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E. L. Comp. G. Allison Holland is on the job again, and gives us one of his readable, entertaining reviews of matters Capitular. Among

the jurisdictions reviewed Alabama 1915 has most cordial mention. Grand High Priest Gunn has many deserved compliments. The writer did not mean to poke fun at Grand High Priest Block, but could not resist noticing some of his quaintly peculiar expressions. His was a fine administration, as was that of M. E. Companion Juett, just reviewed.

M. E. George B. Winslow, Grand High Priest.

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

LOUISIANA, 1917.

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY 6, 1917.

Chapters, 44; membership, 4,257; net gain, 152.

As a matter of curiosity, and also interest in Louisiana, the writer would like to know the relationship, if any, between Past Grand High Priest Gus D. Levy and Grand High Priest Sol. Levy.

The Grand Chapter was composed of all the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, more than a score of Past High Priests, forty-two Grand Representatives (including the Ambassador from Alabama) and the representatives of thirty-nine of the subordinate Chapters.

Grand High Priest Levy makes the following pertinent observation concerning the trend of world events growing out of the terrible war situation:

Is it not rather possible that our Supreme Father is chastening His children and that in the near future, a new order of things will be established and that differences of nationality, creeds and religious faith will not divide men longer and geographical divisions furnish cause for hatred.

He reports the constitution of five Chapters, and one instituted U. D. He made only three official visits. Two Past Grand High Priests had answered the last call during the year. M. E. Companions Henry F. Rugan and George W. Booth, the latter being Grand Treasurer at the time of his death.

M. W. Frank Jones, Grand Master in the State of Texas, was presented and received with honors.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association received the sum of one hundred dollars, provided it incurred no further obligation.

John Cowles will take it, say thank you, and nothing else.

Other matters were of a purely local nature.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Styled "Most Excellent Council of the Order of High Priesthood," the Council assembled on February 6th, 1917, with all the officers and a goodly number of members present.

Five petitions were received, and the petitioners being found qualified, were duly presented, anointed and set apart to Holy Order. Routine business occupied the time otherwise.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. Herman C. Duncan had recovered his health, and again resumed the tripod. The writer desires to congratulate the M. E. Companion, and felicitate the Grand Chapter and all ye scribes.

His report is concise, but most readable and gets at the things worth recording. Among the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed, Alabama comes in for cordial and, under the circumstances, extended review. He thinks it wise to permit subordinate Chapters to pass upon the physical as well as moral fitness of its petitioners. The writer agrees fully, and thinks the subordinate Chapter alone possesses the right.

He concludes his report with the recommendation that Alberta be recognized.

M. E. John S. Thibaut, Grand High Priest.

R. E. John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1916.

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY 2, 1916.

Chapters, 67; membership, 10,717; net gain, 181.

None of the regular vellsmen were present, but their stations being properly filled, Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form. Fourteen of the sixteen living Past Grand High Priests were present. Also representa-

tives from fifty-eight of the chartered Chapters. Also, eleven of the nineteen permanent members, and thirty-nine Grand Representatives.

General Grand High Priest George E. Corson and General Grand Master of the 3rd Veil Henry DeWitt Hamilton, were present, and received with due honors. The General Grand made them a speech in which he recounted some of his early, and interesting, history.

Although named Sleeper, Alabama's Legate seems always on his job.

Grand High Price deals altogether with the routine of matters passing through his office.

He reports the death of the Senior Past Grand High Priest, M. E. John W. Ballou.

No decisions were asked for and the condition of the Craft is one of harmony and good-will. That ought to be, and usually is, the rule, and the contrary the exception, and yet it is always or nearly always, noted. The writer did it.

One Chapter was granted a Charter, and one instituted U. D.

Only one school of instruction was held, and seven visitations made. The other Grand Officers and Inspectors completed the visitation and inspection, and made reports to the Grand High Priest, which he, in turn, submitted to Grand Chapter.

Other matters of routine were transacted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With E. President Albert M. Pendley in the chair, the Council of Anointed High Priests met, and transacted such routine business as came up. Twenty-two Companions petitioned for the Order, and having presented proper credentials, twenty-one of them were received, anointed and set apart to the Holy Office.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The proceedings says: "Companion Patterson also presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted with permission to complete it." But to our everlasting regret Comp. Patterson did not take advantage of the permission, for the report ends abruptly with California. But, as Maine 1917 is before us for review,

we hazard a guess that he has improved and that we will get to read a full report. Here's hoping.

Alabama 1915 is pleasantly and fraternally noticed.

M. E. James A. Richan, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1917.

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY 1, 1917.

Chapters, 65; membership, 10,966; net gain, 249.

"Yours faithfully," Stephen Berry, looks out from the frontispiece. Indeed, it is a face of "Yours faithfully." Charmed to meet you, Companion.

All the Grand Officers, representatives from sixty-three of the sixty-five Chapters, thirteen of the sixteen living Grand High Priests, eight of the twenty other permanent members of Grand Chapter and thirty-six of the Grand Representatives made up Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. James A. Richan, announces the death of Past Grand High Priest Henry S. Webster and Leander M. Kenniston, Grand Representative of New Jersey. Fitting memorials were prepared and incorporated in the permanent records of Grand Chapter.

Some Chapters had not been as punctilious as they should be on occasions of official visits. Grand High Priest mentions this matter, but assures us that no one can say that he has not been well entertained by the Companions. He merely desires the Chapters, all of them, to adopt a custom of observing the proper courtesy in receiving Grand Officers.

Four Grand Representatives were commissioned, and four were recommended for commissions.

Two Chapters were constituted, but no applications for dispensation to institute Chapter was received. Two schools of instruction were held.

Grand High Priest and his Council, and the District Deputy Grand High Priests inspected nearly all of the subordinate Chapters. Conditions were declared satisfactory. The reports accompany the address of the Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter of Alberta received recognition.

The six-year limit contained in the commissions of Grand Representatives was removed, and the appointment is at the pleasure of the Grand High Priest making it. "Yours faithfully," Stephen Berry was created "Grand Secretary Emeritus" at an increase of salary.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Council met Wednesday, May 2, with E. V. President Albert M. Pendley, presiding.

Usual routine business was transacted. Thirty-six candidates presented proper credentials and were duly elected. Thirty-five presented themselves, and were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Because of his long, faithful and efficient service, E. V. President Albert M. Pendley, was presented with a handsome jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The larger part of the volume under review is the report on Correspondence. And it is most worth while. It is the good work of E. V. Comp. Thomas H. Bodge, Past Grand High Priest. When we read it we thought it the work of a veteran, and on reaching the conclusion, and finding a new Richmond, we recalled his cheering words (to the correspondents) that he had the habit of reading all the correspondence reports that came his way, and are, therefore, not surprised to find him so admirably equipped to do the work. He will prove quite an addition to the guild.

Alabama 1916 comes in for careful and courteous treatment. "Nearness of transportation facilities and accessibility," as is the law in Alabama, brings the question to his mind, if the matter of jurisdiction is left to the applicant to determine. No, it is not to be determined by the applicant, but by physical facts, such as natural barriers, and road conditions. For instance, the writer knows of one case, a town fifteen miles distant from one Chapter and twenty-two miles distant from another. A Masonic Lodge is located there and a good many of its members desire to take the Chapter degrees. To go to the Chapter nearest their residence for the degrees would require the better part of two days and all of one night, while they could

go to the next nearest one, get their degrees and come back ready for business next day. The roads to the nearest town, it being in another county, are practically impassible for autos, while the roads to the next nearest are very good. There are many such conditions in Alabama, and Grand Chapter was endeavoring to make it convenient for those thus situated to get the Chapter degrees.

The General Grand Chapter law as to opening the R. A. degree before working any of the other degrees was adopted. It had always been so stated in our Chapter ritual, and for obvious reasons. Chapters who fail for two consecutive years to make returns or pay dues are forfeited. That's the reason why one Charter was forfeited, and others who were delinquent for the current year only were simply reported. If any one of them should be guilty next time, its Charter, also, would become forfeited.

M. E. Frederick O. Eaton, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL—BALTIMORE—NOV. 23, 1916.

Chapters, 24; membership, 4,268; net gain, 135.

In Maryland they get some of the business out of the way before the Grand High Priest delivers his annual message.

The Committee on Conference, which seems in a sense, the Credentials Committee, reported that all the Chapters had made returns and paid dues. Twenty of them had representatives present.

General Grand High Priest Corson was present, and being accompanied by a committee composed of five Past Grand High Priests, was received with full honors. Grand Secretary says he delivered an eloquent address, but does not print it.

Grand Treasurer rendered his report, as did the Committee on Accounts, the Committee on Dispensations and the Committee on Grievances. These last two had nothing to report.

A resolution was adopted recognizing Alberta, and an exchange of Grand Representatives was authorized.

All the Grand Officers, except Grand Master 1st Veil and Grand Sentinel, were present.

Eight Past Grand High Priests, including Alabama's distinguished Grand Representative, M. E. Comp. Gustav A. Eitel, were present. Also thirty-seven Past High Priests, not Grand or Past Grand Officers. The writer looked in vain for the presence of his friend, Past Grand High Priest Thomas Shryock.

Grand High Priest Edwin J. Griffin, Sr., was strictly business in his address.

Under the head, "Obituary," he notes with sorrow the passing of Past Grand High Priest J. James Fable, and sixty-four Companions, members of subordinate Chapters.

Two dispensations to elect officers were given, and one for public installation of officers was refused. Down Alabama way installations may be either public or private, at the wish of the individual Chapter.

One decision was called for, and was rendered as it should have been.

Eight commissions were issued, and nine Companions recommended for commission.

Every Chapter, save one, was paid an official visit.

Grand Lecturer Seipp reports most of the reported irregularities corrected, but complains that the schools of instruction are poorly attended. He also complains of a lack of organization and cooperation among the officers, as well as among the members.

The Grand Officers were installed by General Grand High Priest Corson, who presented the retiring Grand High Priest with a jewel.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Ninety-second Annual Convocation of the Council of M. E. High Priests of Maryland convened November 23, 1916, M. E. President James F. Allen, presiding. Five Companions had passed on to assume their high calling in another sphere. Visiting Companions from Virginia and the District of Columbia were presented and given a cordial welcome.

Fifteen High Priests-elect were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The box of fraternal assistance was passed and netted the sum of \$25.00.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E.'. Companion Rev. Henry Branch again reviews in a most pleasant manner all the Grand Chapters fortunate enough to get their volume of proceedings before him.

Alabama 1915 has courteous treatment. He cavils at, as he says, the oft-repeated comment on the physical defect rule. But, Companion, this one asserted a new doctrine in Alabama. Heretofore the rule was inflexible. Now, each Chapter is the judge of the physical qualifications of its applicants. They may now take in wooden legs as well as wooden heads.

M.'. E.'. Emmett L. Pettit, Grand High Priest.

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

MASSACHUSETTS, 1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL—BOSTON—DEC. 12, 1916.

Chapters, 85; membership, 25,618; net gain, 512.

As noted on former reviews, the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts holds four quarterly convocations, the last, or December Convocation being the Annual. The year 1916 the Quarterly Convocations were held March 7, June 13, September 12, and December 12. The first quarter was devoted to reports from the Committee on By-Laws and Charters, memorials to deceased Companions, the reception of distinguished visitors, and the doings of Grand Officers at last Annual. M.'. E.'. Comp. Fred E. Leonard, Grand High Priest of Rhode Island, was about as regular in attendance as any of the home folks. Our friend, W. L. Odell, Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Massachusetts, was also quite a regular attendant. This is entirely proper. If this custom was more frequently indulged in elsewhere there might be a closer union of the two rites, to the benefit of Cryptic Masonry.

The General Grand High Priest managed to get over once only. Another good feature was present at this Quarterly. Some one qualified to do so, gave instructive lectures, sometimes Masonic and sometimes on current topics.

The attendance of the Grand Officers, permanent members, Chapter representatives and visitors upon each Quarterly must be very gratifying to those interested in the work.

The first day of the Annual meeting was devoted to the exemplification of the degrees.

The Grand Secretary gives us the exact time consumed in exemplifying each degree, as follows: Mark Master, one hour and thirty-five minutes; Past Master twenty-six minutes; Most E.'. Master one hour and eighteen minutes; Royal Arch, two hours and fifteen minutes. The Grand Secretary pays the workers a very high compliment upon the perfection attained by them. He says that the few errors made were not noticed by the Companions present.

The Grand Officers are as in Alabama Grand Chapter, except that Massachusetts has eleven District Deputy Grand High Priests, who seem to rank next to the Grand Secretary, three Grand Chaplains and two Grand Lecturers. The permanent members present were eight P. G. High Priests, four P. D. G. High Priests, five P. Grand Kings, and six P. Grand Scribes. Seventy-eight Chapters had representatives present, Alabama, along with thirty-two other Grand Chapters, were represented by their Ambassadors. The writer is gratified to note the continued zeal and activity of his friend, M.'. E.'. J. Albert Blake. He was there, and from the committee assignments he had, must have done considerable work.

Grand High Priest Arthur D. Prince devoted his address to the business of the year, passing through his office. He desired as few requests for courtesy as was consistent with the good of the Craft. The High Priests cooperated and the result was to his liking. One dispensation to ballot out of time and confer degrees was granted. Twenty-four official and fraternal visits are recorded.

Grand High Priest notes with interest and strong commendation the increase of social activities among the Chapters.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Annual Assembly of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests was held March 7, 1916, E.'. President Warren B. Ellis, presiding.

The death of the Treasurer, R.'. E.'. Richard A. Atwood was announced, M.'. E.'. Comp. Comee being appointed to fill the vacancy thus caused.

Eleven qualified Companions presented themselves, were elected, and they were "anointed High Priests after the Order of Melchisedec in due and ancient form."

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Frederick T. Comee announces his fifth report, and gives positive assurance that friendly criticism will not only be kindly received but is desired by Grand Chapter, that "we may see ourselves as others see us." This writer has been unable to find anything that deserves aught but friendly criticism, if it may be criticised at all.

Alabama 1915 has fraternal review.

If the writer was premature in giving M. E. Comp. Blake too high a General Grand title, it was from partiality, for in the opinion of this scribe it will be a good day for General Grand when he does get to the top.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was recommended as regular and proper and fraternal recognition was extended.

The decision as to a receipted bill for dues not being a proper voucher to entitle a visitor to an examination for admission to a Chapter, should have read a receipted bill for dues only, etc. So far as this scribe is concerned, the decision is O. K. The reasons for it, as stated by Comp. Comee, are conclusive of the matter.

We are going to look up the Massachusetts plan of determining subordinate Chapter jurisdiction, and see how it would fit in Alabama. We have a fairly good one, but it is not always satisfactory.

M. E. Arthur D. Prince, Grand High Priest.

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

MICHIGAN, 1917.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL—JACKSON—MAY 15-16, 1917.

Chapters, 156; membership, 25,691; net gain, 858.

It is a pleasure to enter the domain presided over by Grand Secretary Conover, for the perspiring, and often perplexed correspondence writer can find there anything he is looking for in almost any way he desires to find it.

Being among the scribes Charles appreciates the fact that the work is often rendered laborious by the want of statistical stables and proper arrangement, and he sees to it that it is there any way you like it.

As soon as Grand Chapter was opened, the Roll of Honor was called. Two names are added to the list this year. Past Grand High Priests Eugene P. Robertson and Theron F. Giddens, and as these names were reached Grand Chapter rose to pay tribute to their memory.

Grand Secretary reported as present all the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of one hundred and forty-six of the subordinate Chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E., Robert H. Hunt is couched in most pleasing language, and evidences a mind and disposition in keeping with a fine face. His address is devoted largely to local affairs. This occurs in his introduction, and expresses the situation, as this writer sees it:

The time is rapidly approaching when the Masonic bodies of this country will be called upon, as never before in their history, to prove that our tenets are real, that our teachings are builded upon a rock from which they cannot be shaken. Our charity must be as broad as the world is large, as deep as the well of human suffering and as insistent as the ebb and flow of the tide. In every walk of life there will be need—need to help and succor the sick and wounded. We know not how many fathers, mothers, widows and orphans may require our helping hands. Under all these trying conditions I have an abiding faith that the members of our Royal Craft will rise to their duties and privileges and that the world at large will be better served because the spirit of Freemasonry is abroad and leading in this noble work.

One Chapter was instituted during the year, and received its Charter at the hands of Grand Chapter. Thirty-five official visits were made, especial attention being paid to the Chapters in the "Upper Peninsular" of the State.

Two dispensations were granted to ballot out of time and confer degrees. They are termed "war measures," and met the approval of Jurisprudence Committee. Several decisions were rendered, which all received the approval of Jurisprudence Committee. In fact the committee was quite complimentary.

The Grand Secretary, "Charlie" Conover and the Grand Lecturer, "Judge" Maynard get an unusual mead of praise. All deserved, no doubt.

The recommendation that Grand Chapter erect a memorial tablet in Jackson Chapter Hall, commemorating the founding there of Grand Chapter in 1848 met with approval of Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was accorded recognition, Scotland was discussed, but action was postponed, awaiting the development going on that might heal matters. Why not?

Grand Chapter tendered its loyalty and devotion to their country and their president and signified their readiness themselves and belongings to the service of their country. One thousand dollars was donated to Red Cross. This last is all right, and so is the first, if it be thought necessary to so declare in Grand Chapter. But do Masons need to declare their loyalty and devotion to the cause of democracy and the rights of man? The writer understands those things to be the foundation stone, on which the whole edifice is builded.

It may be necessary for other organizations, and some churches, to declare their loyalty, but surely not for the Masons of America. However, maybe, the President did not know it, as he should. General Oliver L. Spaulding, next to the oldest Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter having made the trip from Washington, D. C., to be present, was accorded extraordinary honors. He is the only person now living who had been accorded the honor of having presided over, all the Grand Bodies in Michigan. Eighty-four years of age but still hale and hearty, as evidenced by his splendid work at the seventh annual dinner of the Past Grand High Priests.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests met May 15, E. President Arthur H. McCloud, presiding.

Thirty-two Companions were found to be eligible and were set apart and severally anointed to the office of High Priesthood. Routine business occupied the attention of the Companions for the balance of the session.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Here we leave the Grand Secretary Conover to take up the Grand reviewer, sometimes, called O'Conner. The report on Grand Jurisdictions is not only fine, but a good many other fine things that Conover finds, find their way into the review. Next to Comp. Warvelle, Conover's finds are the most interesting this writer comes across in trips among the reviewers. Clipping from them would add much to this report, but we are not Grand Secretary, and cannot command space like he does. Alabama 1916, has full notice. He laughs at the writer for calling Past Grand High Priest Young, portly. Get true to life likenesses if you do not wish the poor scribes to be misled.

M. E. Elmer S. Atherton, Grand High Priest.

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

MINNESOTA, 1916.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER 10, 1916.

Chapters, 75; membership, 9,894; net gain, 378.

Judging from the likeness presented Grand High Priest James R. Morton must be an old timer. It is a fine piece of work, of a splendid face. His address was directly addressed to matters coming within the business of his office.

He announces the passing of Past Grand High Priests William A. Hawkins and J. P. Durfee, Past Grand King Dwight M. Baldwin, and the sudden death of the Grand Treasurer, Ralph D. Webb. The Committee on Necrology gave eloquent testimony as to their worth, and fitting memorials to their memory.

Six commissions were issued to Grand Representatives, and eleven were recommended for commissions. He regrets his inability to visit all the Chapters but did quite well for he records fifty-seven official calls.

One Chapter was constituted.

Special dispensations were issued for various purposes, but none to rush candidates.

The writer was pleased to note from Conover's review of Minnesota that Past General Grand High Priest Nathan Kingsley's condi-

tion was improved. The writer sincerely hopes his health is entirely restored. Conferring degrees as a courtesy, in accordance with General Grand Chapter recommendation, was authorized.

Report of Credentials Committee discloses the presence of all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, and two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, the representatives of sixty-eight of the chartered Chapters and quite a number of Grand Representatives (not any for Alabama) when Grand Chapter was opened.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of the State of Minnesota met October 12, 1915, E.'. President Henry M. Tusler, presiding. Routine business being gotten through with, thirty qualified Companions were duly elected, introduced and solemnly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R.'. E.'. Comp. Irving Todd wades right into his review, beginning with Alabama 1915. He comments on our acts and doings without adverse criticism, until he gets to the reviewer. Then he reminds us that we are a new comer, and kick about things hallowed by time and custom, which is against the rules. "Capitular Review" would seem more in keeping with the work done. But Conover says he has not been able to raise a row with Comp. Todd, so we respectfully refer the controversy to "Charlie," with the hope that he will take up the cudgel for the newcomer.

M.'. E.'. Trevanion W. Hugo, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1917.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL—JACKSON—FEBRUARY 15, 1917.

Chapters, 68; membership, 4,197; net loss, 75.

The Most Excellent, the Grand High Priest, John J. McIntosh, with the assistance of the Grand Officers in their several stations and places, opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. Thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Being so near by, it is unfortunate that Alabama was not represented.

Fifty-six Chapters were represented. The loss in membership was due to 260 dimitts and 175 suspensions N. P. D. Six Chapters surrendered their Charters. The death of Honorary Past Grand High Priest, W. C. Boyd was announced.

Grand High Priest considered, in his address, only matters of local interest. Five dispensations were granted to ballot out of time. He says that each was granted owing to the presence of the Grand Lecturer, and after the alphabet according to Section 46 of the Resolutions had been observed. Better to let Grand Lecturer exemplify the work without a candidate.

Seventeen official visits were made.

The correspondence report had been theretofore printed and distributed, but it cost \$43.00, and the custom was discontinued this year.

The writer does not know what it costs in Mississippi to produce the report, but he does know it is worth reading, and that its publication and distribution at Grand Chapter might cause a few Companions to read it, who would otherwise not do so, to their benefit.

Boys' dormitory at Masonic Home needed remodeling and enlarging and Grand High Priest recommended a committee to look after the matter. The title of Honorary Past Grand High Priest was conferred upon Comp. William A. Roam. No reasons stated.

Grand Secretary filed his report in his usual clear, terse style.

Alberta was recognized, and relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland were severed. Think of two Macs consenting to such a step.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Convention met at the Masonic Temple with E. J. President John M. Brooks, presiding, and after the transaction of the necessary routine business, nine Companions found eligible were admitted and duly anointed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is the splendid work of P. Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay. For his introduction he excerpts from "The Two Rites" of

M. W. Bro. W. S. Fly, 33° Hon. and Past Grand Master of Texas. It is well worth reproducing. His review closes on the first of the year, and he wishes all the Companions a happy New Year. Same to you, and all your folks, Companion.

Alabama 1916 comes in for excellent review. He quotes liberally from Grand High Priest Gunn's able address, and is charmed to find that Gunn is a Mississippi product.

He thought enough of this scribe's introduction and conclusion to quote in full. Thanks.

Comp. McKay is more than kind to us all, and we give him a neighborly hand shake and take off our hat.

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

R. E. Frederic Gordon Speed, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1917.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL—ST. JOSEPH—APRIL 24-25, 1917.

Chapters, 109; membership, 16,016; net gain, 779.

The likeness of Grand High Priest George T. Burnham looks out at you as you open the book of proceedings.

All his Grand Officers attended him when he opened, in Ample Form, the Seventy-first Annual.

Past Grand High Priest Edward W. Wellington, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas, was cordially welcomed. Being in St. Joseph, they were given a cordial welcome from the Mayor and Commercial Club. Also from Mitchell Chapter No. 14, chartered in 1849, but entertaining for the first time Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest begins his excellent address with these striking lines:

God reigns. Life is worth living and the world is right except when men prompted by selfish and unholy motives, make it wrong. The sublime principles of Freemasonry must and will prevail.

Two hundred and twenty-seven of the Companions had answered the call of the Supreme Council, and passed finally the veils, one of them a Past Grand Master, and at that time chairman of the Grand Chapter Committee on Per Diem and Mileage.

Three dispensations were granted to as many Chapters to repair to nearby towns for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon candidates already elected.

One dispensation was issued to re-ballot upon a petition for the degrees under the By-Laws of Grand Chapter.

Quite a number of pleasant and important visits were made—one to a Chapter with sixty-six candidates, all of whom received the Mark and Past Master's degrees in full form during the day, and in the evening had the M. E. M. degree in full form. The writer commends this example to some of the Chapters in Alabama, whose habit it is, unfortunately, to abbreviate the degrees, or at least, let a few receive it while the others look on. Bad practice and violative of law and custom. There were the usual interchange of fraternal courtesies between the Grand Jurisdiction and other Grand Jurisdictions.

One Chapter was instituted and set to work with eclat and under most favorable auspices. One Chapter was constituted, and one revived after a motion had been made and carried in Grand Chapter declaring its Charter forfeited.

Some changes in the Ritual were proposed by M. E. Comp. Kuhn and approved by the Grand Lecturer, but seemed not to have met with the approval of the Companions, as the Grand Secretary notes the adoption of several amendments. Of course the changes are not noted, and hence the Craft outside cannot know just what improvements are going on in Missouri.

Grand Secretary was authorized to employ a clerk, and such an officer was placed upon the pay roll.

The total attendance, without duplication of names, was 271. This included all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, the chairmen of standing committees, forty-nine Past High Priests not representing Chapters, twenty-eight Grand Representatives and representatives from all but twenty-three of the Chapters. Alabama's Legate was not present.

Judging from the amount of money on hand, quite a nice lot of Liberty Bonds were purchased, as the resolution carried provided for the investment of all funds not appropriated for the coming year.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was formally recognized and the interchange of Grand Representatives provided for.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With Acting M. E. President Alfred H. White presiding, the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests met at St. Joseph, Tuesday, April 24, 1917. After transacting the usual routine, thirty-one eligible Companions were elected and thirty of them were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

Liberty Bonds in the amount of \$400.00 were purchased.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is the usual fine work of E. Comp. John Henderson Miller. Always having something worth while to say, his introduction is especially worthy of reproduction. Here it is:

COMPANIONS:—The letter "G," suspended over the Master's station, is as essential to the proper furnishing of a Masonic Lodge as the HOLY BIBLE which lies on the altar. It accentuates the underlying truth on which Freemasonry is founded, and is, in fact, a silent witness that is never absent.

The letter "G" plays an important and mysterious part in the events of our lives. It is the commencement of all our gaiety as well as the beginning of all our grief. It is the center of every ray of light and the middle of every dark night. It lies golden in the granary and green on the grassy lawn. It hands this man a gem-crusted goblet and that one a long-handled gourd. We find it giving to the world the gospel of grace and in that gospel offering pardon for all forms of guilt. While giving gold to comparatively few in the great multitude, it gives a grave, six feet due east and west and six feet perpendicular, to every one. It has no respect for worldly pride and glory, for stripped of the letter "G" a king becomes a-kin to all of us.

Not every man can be a genius, very few can hope to attain greatness, but the letter "G" opens the way for each one of us to be good, generous and gracious. It even endows us with the God-given ability to forgive and forget.

The peculiar and powerful influence of the letter "G" has been most beautifully illustrated in the final issue between the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada and her discordant Chapters in the Province of Alberta. Under the influence of that Spirit which the letter "G" represents the Companions of Alberta were led to express regret for their hasty actions, and the Grand Chapter of Canada, acting under the influence of the same spirit, extended her right hand and became the first to recognize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alberta. To forgive and forget on the part of both Canada and Alberta, has been by all odds *the greatest exhibition of true Masonic Spirit that has been witnessed in Capitular Masonry for many long years.*

His conclusion is equally as good, and contains matters of general interest to the Capitular world.

Alabama 1916 comes in for full and fraternal treatment.

The writer is grateful for his kind words concerning his work.

M. E. Albert A. Diamant, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Robert F. Stevenson, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1916.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL—BUTTE—AUGUST 29, 1916.

Chapters, 24; membership, 2,600; net gain, 238.

Grand Chapter met in the Hall of Deer Lodge Chapter No. 3, with all the Grand Officers present, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, and the representatives of twenty-two of the subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest Llewellyn L. Callaway, whose strong face looks out from the frontispiece, draws a striking picture of conditions now, and when Grand Chapter was formed twenty-five years ago. More striking still were conditions at the formation of Grand Lodge fifty years ago.

He deplores the habit of opening and closing in short form, and said so early and late, and with good effect. Our Grand Secretary will heartily endorse his stand.

The "Book of Marks" is neglected there, as in many other places. This brought forth the recommendation that no one be "exalted" until he had selected and recorded his mark.

Visitations were made to practically all the Chapters, the Grand Council assisting in a material way in completing the work. One Chapter was constituted and one instituted, the last making Chapter 25. The hopes for 2,500 members were more than realized, as noted above.

Four decisions were rendered, 1st, Physical disqualification was a matter addressed to the Chapter receiving the petition. The Committee on Jurisprudence seems to have "side-stepped" this question, a very good rule, and one that obtains in Alabama. The others were matters coming under recognized rules in Montana.

Interesting exercises commemorative of the Silver Anniversary of Grand Chapter were had. Quite a number of historical and reminiscent talks were made.

No mention is made of the Order of High Priesthood, nor is there a report from the Committee on Correspondence, although the committee has three members. Under General Report of Grand Secretary we learn that there are no defunct Chapters and but one change of location. Also that the first Chapter was located at Virginia City, dispensation dated September 7, 1865, and the second at Helena, dispensation dated in December, 1867.

M. E. Robert E. Hathaway, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1916.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER 13, 1916.

Chapters, 54; membership, 5,240; net gain, 135.

A heavy black line marks the place where the name of the Grand Royal Arch Captain should appear, and turning to the annual address of M. E. Grand High Priest, the sad news of the death of R. E. Comp. Charles L. Mielenz, G. R. A. C., is noted.

So also that of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, M. E. Comp. George S. Powell.

Past Grand High Priest John Harper was appointed Grand Lecturer, but the office of Grand Royal Arch Captain seems to have been allowed to remain vacant, although it is an appointive office.

Thirty-six Chapters had representatives present. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests, two Past D. G. H. P's and one Past Grand Scribe and quite a number of Past High Priests were also in attendance.

E. Comp. Frederick J. Shaufelberger represented Alabama.

Grand High Priest Chauncey L. Wattles deals with internal affairs in an able manner.

He is strong for the Masonic Home, and sets forth a valuable table covering the Homes in the United States, with a comparative analysis of maintenance. The holding company is a stock company, in which Grand Chapter has 125 shares. He decides that a man must be in good and regular standing in some Blue Lodge before he can

petition for the Chapter degrees. That a suspended or expelled Blue Lodge Mason cannot attend a Chapter meeting. The law reads: "Suspension or expulsion of a Companion in his lodge, suspends or expels him in his Chapter." This looks as if it was self-executing and automatic, but the Grand High took the position that some action of the Chapter was required. The Committee on Jurisprudence shed no light upon the subject.

Seven visitations were made in person, and a few by proxy, but the Grand Lecturer made up the difference by visiting all the others.

One dispensation was granted to ballot out of time and confer degrees. Several were issued to elect or install officers.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized and an interchange of Grand Representatives arranged for.

The Grand Secretary had some things to say about the law, delinquent dues and the Masonic Home. From his report we gather that the Order of Eastern Star pays for most of the care of the boys and girls at the Home. Twenty-two boys and girls, divided equally and forty-four men and women, divided equally, are cared for by the Home.

The report of the Committee on Semi-Centennial Celebration was lost, but it does not appear whether the celebration was abandoned or not. At any rate the program is omitted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Forty-fourth Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held December 13, 1916, with E. V. President Samuel P. Davidson in the chair, and other officers in their respective stations. Routine business occupied part of the Convention, the rest being devoted to anointing, consecrating and setting apart to the Holy Office of twenty eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. V. E. V. Comp. Frank E. Bullard presents his second, and, if we are to judge by the resolutions of regret adopted anent his leaving the state, his last report on Correspondence.

Like his first, this review is a most creditable one, and stamps him as a close observer, intelligent commentator and easy writer on Capitular affairs. We note his reappointment with two other Com-

panions, and hope he will continue his good work. Alabama 1915 comes in for cordial and full consideration.

From his conclusion we excerpt the following:

We know that many weak Chapters would become stronger if their interest could be aroused in some worthy object outside of the guarded entrance to the Tabernacle. With us the increasing interest in our Home at Plattsmouth and our orphanage at Fremont helps, but it is not enough. Get out of your shells, and by doing something for the advancement of civic righteousness, extend your influence in the community.

In the opinion of the writer Militant Masonry is the only Masonry that can hope to arouse the proper interest, or accomplish the purposes that underlie the very structure of the institution.

As to the writer's views of the Alberta situation he says: "Rats!" That argument has almost ceased to scare the ladies, and so why worry any about it.

M. E. Carroll D. Evans, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1916.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE 12, 1916.

Chapters, 10; membership, 505; net gain, 13.

When Grand Secretary Vanderleith called the roll he found all the Grand Officers answering present; fifteen Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of the ten Chapters also present. Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, and then fell for an invitation to luncheon at the Riverside Hotel on the veranda overlooking the beautiful Truckee river. And who could find the heart to find fault with that?

The ladies were present, at which we are amazed, for the Grand Chapter met at Reno.

Alabama was not represented when the Ambassadors were called and received. In June the trout bite best, and possibly, like the writer, the combination was too strong, although his name is Abel.

From the excellent address of Grand High Priest Sidney Foster we gathered the good news that the Grim Reaper had not invaded the

ranks of Grand Chapter, and that but seven of the Companions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction had been summoned before the Supreme Grand Council; that peace and harmony prevails, and nothing remained to disturb the vision except the rapid flight of time. Nine commissions were issued to Grand Representatives and eleven fortunate Companions were recommended for commission, among them James F. Abel, to represent us at the Court of Nevada.

Seven visitations were made, two to one Chapter.

One new Chapter was granted dispensation and instituted. Grand Chapter approved and chartered it as No. 13.

One dispensation to elect officers was granted, and a request for dispensation to ballot out of time was refused. None such were granted.

Again the matter of traveling expenses for Grand High Priest came up, and this time Grand Chapter voted an amount not to exceed \$50.00.

In his conclusion Grand High Priest correctly and tersely says:

Companions, the coming Mason, is he who wishes to know, is ready and begins to do; who realizes in doing, the growth of understanding and the triumph of achievement. There is no power in the universe that can defeat him, nor even stay his progress, except himself.

The Grand Secretary filed his report, and speaking of the proceedings, says that a good many Grand Chapters keep them on file in the Libraries. He mentions several as notable, but omits Alabama. Our Grand Secretary will be peeved at this, for no one is more diligent or persistent than George Beauchamp in getting and filing the proceedings of all the Grand Bodies. If you fail to honor his requisition you will be "pestered" until you do, or say you cannot.

Certain changes in the Constitution were recommended, and had the approval of Grand Chapter.

Alberta was requested to await a time with patience.

The Washington Memorial Association matter was also deferred.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The only matter referring to this good companionship is found on page 77 of the proceedings. The names of the officers and members are given, but whether a convention was held does not appear.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Charity is the subject for the foreword in report on "Fraternal Correspondence," by Comp. Edward D. Vanderleith, and right well worthy of reproduction.

His work is always good, but this report gets him excellent. Alabama 1915 has fraternal and careful consideration. Of Comp. Gunn he says: "Grand High Priest Gunn is one who wins friends. His portrait tells it."

The writer is pleased to note his agreement as to deleting the word "Foreign," in connection with the Correspondence reports.

M. E., Charles H. Gorman, Grand High Priest.

R. E., Edward D. Vanderleith, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1917.

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY 15, 1917.

Chapters, 26; membership, 4,598; net loss, 1.

Grand High Priest Edward O. Fifield, looking very much as he did when the writer had the pleasure of meeting him at Indianapolis, greets one on opening the volume of proceedings. His address is characteristic of the man, as the writer remembers him. Kind and generous words for the dead, gentle consideration for the living and an earnest desire to see the spirit of Masonry prevalent and accompanying "Old Glory" here and wherever borne.

Speaking of the Masonic Home he says: "If you have anything that you can spare that you can give to this, our only organized charity, give it. By all means, if you are able, remember this institution in your will."

He ruled that it was improper to use a "dummy" to fill out a team for the R. A. degree, but later came across a contrary ruling of the General Grand Chapter, and annulled his ruling to meet that of General Grand. Nevertheless, he says: "I continue to believe that the ties of our obligation are of more consequence than the convenience of Chapters in doing degree work." The writer is in thorough accord with this sentiment.

He believes "Old Glory" should be displayed in every Masonic gathering, "since it has found its place at the head of the procession

of nations, whose aims and purposes are in sympathy with our own."

In conclusion he says, "I desire to have you understand that what you have done for me, in every way, has made me happy."

General Grand High Priest George E. Corson was present, received with Ample Honors, and delivered an address, which is printed in full.

Reports from the other members of the Grand Council show a visitation, inspection and the condition of nearly all of the Chapters.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With E. V. President Albert R. Junkins, presiding, the Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood met at Concord May 15, 1917.

Six Companions who were found qualified, were elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. Routine business occupied the rest of the Convocation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

On account of a severe illness E. V. and Rev. Comp. Seward could not prepare his usual report. He resorted to the topical plan, and did as well at it as any one the writer has ever observed. Here's hoping he is at himself again and will give us one of his usual fine reviews.

M. V. E. V. Ephraim F. Boomer, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1917.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL—TRENTON—MAY 9, 1917.

Chapters, 43; membership, 8,371; net gain, 454.

All the Grand Officers, five acting, were present when Grand Chapter met in special Convocation June 24, 1916, to constitute Ocean City Chapter No. 46. It was done in Ample Form, after which an address was delivered by Past Grand High Priest Henry S. Haines. Past Grand High Priest Frederick J. Melvin received a

Past Grand High Priest's jewel and apron, after which a "sumptuous banquet" was enjoyed at Hotel Biscayne. And thus endeth the first chapter.

When Grand Chapter met in Annual Convocation all the Grand Officers were present; also six District Lecturers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Scribes, and the representatives of forty-one subordinate Chapters. Quite a number of unattached Past High Priests added to the dignity and wisdom of the occasion.

Twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions were represented by their accredited Ambassadors. Alabama was not one of them.

All these matters being satisfactorily settled, and Grand Chapter duly prepared, the fire works began. The writer wonders whether all the distinguished visitors came prepared, or does the Grand Chapter of New Jersey employ an official stenographer. At any rate it is all down in good shape.

First, came a letter of regret from General Grand High Priest Corson. Then letters and telegrams from the elect in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Next a large delegation from New York, headed by Grand High Priest C. Wisley Orr. Then the great state of Delaware, one man. There may have been others, but in the rush of speeches and responses, one can get lost.

At last when Grand High Priest Frederick T. Crane got a chance to deliver his annual message, he went at once to business, and told the Companions just what matters had required and received his attention.

The "Invisible Hand" had reached forth to garner Past Grand High Priest Nathan V. Compton and R. V. E. Grand Chaplain William Landis.

One decision was requested, and that was properly rendered.

Grand High Priest attended the Centennial Celebration of Grand Chapter of Ohio, and one of the Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

On the former occasion Grand High Priest Frederick J. Crane welcomed Grand High Priest Frederick T. Crane.

Twenty-five of the subordinate Chapters received official visit from the Grand High Priest, and in most instances he was attended by some other member or members of the Grand Council. The other

Chapters received official visit from some member of the Grand Council.

Two Chapters were constituted and their officers duly installed. Reports of visitations made by the other members of the Grand Council were appended. These, together with the report of the Grand Lecturer, show conditions to be most gratifying.

The Grand Trustees report having faithfully performed all the duties assigned them by Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter found it advisable to declare its loyalty to the government in the present crisis. No one doubted it, who was advised as to Masonry.

Alberta was recognized, and relations with Scotland were severed.

Four Grand Chaplains seem necessary in New Jersey; at least there are four carried on the roster of Grand Officers. Too near to New York City and Patterson, perhaps.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests met May 8, 1917, with E. V. President Henry S. Haines, in the chair, and quite a good number of Companions present. Forty E. V. Companions were found to be properly qualified and were duly admitted and anointed.

Some fitting and eloquent addresses were listened to.

After transacting routine business the Convention adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. V. E. V. Comp. Henry S. Haines is the author of an excellent review of most of the Grand Jurisdictions.

His style is peculiarly his own, but most pleasing, being easy and rhythmic, narrative in form and clear.

Alabama 1916 has full and courteous treatment, with apt comment, and comparison with the manner of New Jersey in similar matters.

M. V. E. V. William H. Lowe, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Peter McGill, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1916.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL—LAS VEGAS—OCTOBER 12, 1916.

Chapters, 18; membership, 1,171; net gain, 30.

An emergent Convocation was held at Santa Fe November 15, 1915, for the purpose of installing the Grand Master of 2nd Veil. All of the Grand Officers were "acting."

At the Annual all the Grand Officers were present, as were seven of the fifteen Past Grand High Priests, one each of the Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, Scribe, Treasurers, a number of Past High Priests and the representatives of twelve of the eighteen subordinate Chapters.

The annual address of Grand High Priest Alfred C. Price was devoted to the matters coming to his attention during the year. Sixteen Companions had answered the call of the Supreme Council to come within the last veil.

The state was divided into four districts and parcelled out to the Grand Council. The Grand High was able to reach only one of his Chapters, while the others covered their territory very well. The result was declared satisfactory. Each report is accompanied by a form adopted for reporting on Chapters inspected, but the form is not set out.

Three dispensations to elect and install officers. If there were others they are not reported.

No decisions were asked for.

No new Chapters were instituted, but the Charter of one Chapter was recalled for want of interest in the Chapter.

Alberta was recognized, and the courtesy-degree-conferring resolution suggested by General Grand Chapter was adopted.

Other matters were of local interest only.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The volume contains no index, and after diligent search the writer is unable to find any reference to this subject.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R'. E'. Comp. James H. Wroth gives us another of his readable reports, beginning with Alabama and concluding with General Grand Chapter.

Alabama 1915 is given full and fraternal notice. He agrees with the Alabama view as to the Canada-Alberta controversy. Happily that is settled between the parties and the case dismissed.

Like Comp. Wroth we agree with the Nova Scotia way of treating Masons, although for the time being they are alien enemies to our government. Treat them on the level with brotherly love, and discuss only those things about which we all agree.

M. E. Alex D. Goldenberg, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1917.

Chapters, 24; membership, not given.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of February 14 and May 9, 1917, and of the special Convocation of July 12, 1917, have reached the reviewer's table. The first Quarterly heard an address from M. E. Companion Albert Chandler, Grand Z, in which he recounts his visitations and their results.

Committee on General Purposes filed a short report, and the Grand Inspector of Workings also submitted a short report. At the Quarterly held on May 9, 1917, all the Grand Officers were present, Grand Representatives from Alabama and sixteen other Grand Jurisdictions, and the representatives from eleven of the constituent Chapters.

Grand Z, A. T. Holden, of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, was present and received with honors.

The address of Grand Z was a resume of the correspondence and other papers leading up to the vote upon the referendum on the articles of settlement proposed between the Grand Chapter of New South Wales and the District Grand Chapter (Scottish), also claiming jurisdiction in New South Wales. The Companions holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter of New South Wales voted almost unanimously for it, but the Companions holding allegiance to the District Grand Chapter voted no by a majority of 203. And thus the matter remaineth at large.

Therefore, at the Special Quarterly held July 12, 1917, the resolution declaring all Companions connected with District Grand Chapter disqualified to visit or hold intercourse with the Chapters and Com-

panions under allegiance to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales, was passed and all fraternal relations with Scotland severed.

NEW YORK, 1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY 6-7, 1917.

Chapters, 212; membership, 42,077; net gain, 855.

When Grand High Priest, M. E. Jared A. Reed, let fall the gavel in Ample Form, he found all his Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and one Past Grand Scribe, the representatives of two hundred and nine of the subordinate Chapters and thirty-nine Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, present and participating. Alabama was well represented by E. Comp. Fay C. Parsons. The Secretary's note says satisfactory excuses for absence were furnished by the Legates from the Grand Jurisdictions not represented.

The Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. Masters, M. Ill. Oliver H. La Barre and visitors from the Grand Commandery were received as befitted their stations.

Past Grand High Priests Sauborn, Ware and Rudderow, of New Jersey, were introduced and given every honor due their stations.

A delegation from the Grand Chapter of Vermont was next received with honors. It consisted of the Grand High Priest, James R. Roberts, and Grand King William R. Brewster.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe of Delaware claimed attention next, and were cordially accorded it.

Connecticut was present in the person of her Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, a Past Grand High Priest and the Grand Principal Sojourner.

The Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania were next accorded recognition and honors.

M. E. Comp. Henry DeWitt Hamilton, a native New Yorker, but General Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, was saved for the last, but the cordiality of his reception was in no way lessened thereby. Ordinarily a Grand High Priest would be exhausted after so many

welcoming addresses, but not so with M. E. Comp. Reed, for the Grand Secretary tells us he proceeded to deliver his annual address.

After declaring that at no time had he sought to rule, but always to serve the Grand Chapter, he welcomed the assembled Companions with the hope that all would take an active part in the proceedings.

Death had not invaded the ranks of the present or past Grand Officers, but had removed several Grand or Past Grand Representatives, and distinguished Companions in other Grand Jurisdictions. All are properly mentioned.

The Order of High Priesthood or Council of Anointed High Priests is an adjunct to the Grand Chapter, and each High Priest-elect must receive it before being qualified to preside over his Chapter. Hence, the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest confer the degrees when it becomes necessary. Many received it during the year, about 145, among them E. Comp. Darrah, High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 1, Shanghai, China. One Chapter was constituted and three instituted U. D., and received their Charters at the hands of Grand Chapter.

Quite a number of ordinary dispensations were issued. Several special dispensations were granted, but none to hurry up candidates.

After reading of the number of visits to other Grand Jurisdictions, one need not be surprised at the number of visitors making return calls upon the Grand High Priest. It is a goodly custom, that should be more freely indulged in among the Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand High Priest believes in visiting Chapters also, and after taking a goodly number for himself, he parcelled the others out among the other Grand Officers, and had the satisfaction of reporting that all had been visited and inspected.

He rendered seven decisions, all of which met the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee. He states the problem of the Chapters to be: "One is to get new members, the other to keep them." He proceeds then to discuss the solution of the problem. When the problem is properly solved, the Chapters will be as large and prosperous as the lodges. But it is not yet solved, and in the meantime Illinois and Ohio have gone forward, leaving the "Empire State" in third place.

The Grand Chaplain delivered a splendid address on "Masonry Our Monitor." It appears in the appendix, and is worth perusal. Past

Grand High Priest George E. W. Stivers happened to a painful accident, and was the recipient of condolence and flowers.

Other matters of local interest transpired.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. J. E. Comp. M. I. Greenwood has no fear of the "thirteen Jinks," and files his thirteenth report with the same ease, grace and scholarship that characterizes all his work.

Alabama 1915 is reviewed carefully and fully. He quotes liberally from the foreword of Grand High Priest Gunn.

As to the Alberta matter, he says they are not yet in court. When they get there, it will be time enough to consider the matter on its merits. Canada is their friend, and until Canada lets them into court, the matter must rest where it is.

He then reviews Alberta, as Canada has loosened the ban.

M. J. E. C. Wesley Orr, Grand High Priest.

R. J. E. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1917.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL—AUCKLAND—FEBRUARY 7, 1917.

Chapters, 39; membership, 1,612; net gain, 33.

Although small in numbers this Grand Chapter does things in a great way. For instance, the Companions are assembled under their respective banners, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies called them to order; whereupon, attended by the Grand Officers, M. J. E. Comp. T. Ross entered the hall in procession, and Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Present, all the Grand and Acting Grand Officers, eight Past Grand First Principals, four Grand Superintendents, twenty-one Grand Representatives, and the representatives of twenty-seven of the subordinate Chapters.

Report of Supreme Committee takes up most of the time of Grand Chapter.

From it we gather that little, if any, numerical progress has been made. The reason assigned is that 60,000 men have been sent out of

the jurisdiction to the war, and from these the additions to Freemasonry must be drawn. A revival of interest is noted in several districts, and several Chapters are making heroic efforts to go ahead. One new Chapter was constituted, after being approved by the Grand Superintendent of that district, and by the committee.

Congratulations upon the semi-jubilee year of Grand Chapter were offered, and a historical review given, but no "special offices or celebration" had been prepared. Grand Chapter of Alberta was granted recognition, and a Grand Representative was named.

It seems, from the report of committee, that Ark Mariner and Red Cross are side degrees to Chapter, and in some cases the officers of Chapters are not in possession of them. Hence the proposal of the rule that in Chapters where these degrees are worked as side degrees, the First Principal and Scribe E must be in possession of them. The proposal was lost, and thus the matter is still at large.

The Supreme Committee allocute the Grand Officers to the various districts proportionately, nominate them on recommendation of Grand Superintendent, and if no other nominations are made, they are elected. Certain changes were made in the ritual, but are to remain in abeyance until the necessity for the fourth edition of the ritual appears.

The address of the Grand Z was largely historical. He notes the fact that the Grand Scribe E has served in that capacity for the life of Grand Chapter—twenty-five years. Also that Grand Scribe E has personally opened twelve new Chapters, accepted the transfer of allegiance of two, and assisted in the opening of six other Chapters. He must be as accommodating and efficient as our Beauchamp.

Alabama was represented by no less a distinguished person than the Grand Z, M. E. Comp. T. Ross.

Reports of Grand Superintendents and matters statistical make up the balance of an interesting volume of proceedings.

Although R. E. Companion Herbert J. Williams contemplated retiring, we are pleased to note that he is still Grand Scribe E.

The roll of Honor Pro Patria contains many names, after many of which are written the words "wounded" or "killed."

M. E. M. J. Harris, Grand Z.

M. E. H. J. Williams, Grand Scribe E.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1917.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL—GRAND FORKS—JUNE 20, 1917.

Chapters, 24; membership, 3,048; net gain, 163.

Grand Secretary notes that the attendance was most gratifying, there being present all the Grand Officers, except Grand Royal Arch Captain, called home by illness, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of twenty-three of the subordinate Chapters. He notes further that the opening was well done, the improvement over the past two years being very gratifying. Comparisons are often odious to those who are "out-compared," but there is no reason why Grand Chapter should not be correctly opened, and such comparisons may have the wholesome effect of spurring the Grand Officers to a proper discharge of their duties. Alabama's Legate being Grand High Priest, Alabama had the honor of welcoming all the others.

Grand High Priest Charles E. Best (Alabama always has the best), recounts with sorrow the passing of Past Grand High Priest Theodore F. Branch, and twenty-nine other Companions during the year. Quite a small mortality, membership and climate considered.

The Grand Lecturer resigned because of press of affairs, and no one being found to make the sacrifice of time, his place was vacant during the year. Two dispensations were issued, one to elect and install officers, the other to use a substitute in the R. A. degree.

The committee declared both to be within the prerogatives of the dispenser, and hence not necessary to be approved.

One Chapter was constituted, but none given dispensation, although there was a "nibble."

Three decisions were rendered, all good Capitular law, and all receiving Grand Chapter's O. K.

Eight visitations were made, and on each occasion a good time was had.

The Student's Loan fund, a most worthy and commendable undertaking, received attention, and was adopted as reported. Eight students were enabled, through this fund, to complete their college courses.

We are glad to record the Grand High Priest among those who would dip into the future, and sound a note of warning concerning the duties of Masons now and especially when the world conflict

comes to an end. Yes, democracy will stand the test if planted upon the basis of equality of opportunity, extending fraternity, with liberty, or the sacred rights of man, as the apex.

The Grand Secretary filed his usual fine report anent affairs at home and abroad in the Capitular world.

Grand Chapter did a most graceful and thoughtful act, when it called M. V. E. V. Comp. Peter Pickton, the oldest Past Grand High Priest, both in point of service and years, to the East and received him with grand honors.

Other matters of purely local interest transpired.

The Grand High Priest thought the time had come when Grand Chapter should meet independently and not trail after Grand Lodge. Committee did not agree and so fixed the two days following Grand Lodge.

Why not try Alabama's plan and meet just two days prior to Grand Lodge. Most of the Companions desire to attend the meetings of both bodies.

Supreme Court properly decided that property used exclusively for Masonic purposes was not taxable, and Grand Chapter came forward with its part of the expenses of the litigation.

This writer is of the opinion that all property, whether of church, fraternal or other ownership, should bear its just and equal burden of taxation, but if the legislatures think otherwise, as they seem obliged to think under most of our state constitutions, then why not lodge property as well as that of Mother Church?

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Fifteenth Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood met at Grand Forks, June 21 with E. V. President Sylvester J. Hill, presiding, and after the transaction of routine business, elected, presented, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office, nine Companions possessing the requisite qualifications.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Beginning with Alabama 1916 and writing through to Wyoming, and then stating his conclusion that "the delightful pleasure anticipated in their perusal has been swallowed up in the merciless maw of

realization," E. V. Companion E. George Guthrie gives another of his very creditable reviews of matters Capitular.

The writer does not plead guilty to the charge of calling the thing "Foreign." The printer had the heading, and the Grand Secretary let it go at that, much to our sorrow and chagrin.

The granting of dispensations to hurry up candidates was once an unwritten canon in Alabama, but, thanks to some wise source, it is not so any more.

He quotes what Grand High Priest Ransom had to say anent the school amendment that provoked some discussion when it was first mooted.

M. V. E. V. Emil J. Mackenroth, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1916.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL—JUNE 13, 1916.

Chapters, 17; membership, 1,548; net gain, 20.

All the Grand Officers are styled similar to the American way. All were present. Also eight Past Grand High Priests, five Past Grand Kings, and four Past Grand Scribes. Fifteen Chapters were represented. Seventeen Grand Representatives were present. Alabama was absent. Grand Chapter was "welcomed to our city" by Past Grand High Priest Jacob M. Owen, then High Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 5. Grand Secretary says the Grand High Priest made a brief but eloquent response.

Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, M. V. E. V. Comp. Thomas Mowbray was unable to be present on account of illness, so Grand Chapter sent him a congratulatory message on the event of his fiftieth anniversary of wedded life.

Grand High Priest Walter P. Doull presents a rather striking appearance, as he is portrayed in the frontispiece. He appears to be tall and slender, with sharp features and piercing eyes. His moustache is somewhat after the style of the Kaiser.

His address was devoted to the business of the year.

He says: "In giving the account of my stewardship (demanded by custom and our constitution) I shall consume as small portion of

the time as possible." He announces the passing of Past Grand High Priest S. W. Crabbe and Past Grand Scribe T. A. Crossman, and of many of the Companions in Nova Scotia.

And he adds this: "Companions, there is this year another list—a new list which I would ask you to reverently note; that is, the sons, or other relatives of Companions—young men, the pride of the home, the hope of the country, who have laid down their lives in the service of the Empire. * * * This list is not so large, but it touches our hearts with mingled feelings of sympathy and regrets not awakened by the passing of Companions of the Order, in that our sympathy is extended to Companions, instead of to comparatively unknown persons, friends of Companions."

Commissions were issued to eleven Grand Representatives, among them E. Comp. Guy T. Smith for Alabama. Twelve were recommended for commissions, among them E. Comp. Andrew J. Munro, renewed, for Alabama. Six dispensations were issued, one to attend divine services.

He visited all the Chapters, and had something nice to say about each. He notes that notwithstanding midnight feasts, which are guaranteed to bring on stomach trouble, he still lives to tell the tale.

He does not fancy suspension of Chapter Masons for suspension N. P. D. in local lodge.

No new Chapters were organized, although the prospect was good for one.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was asked to await a time with patience.

A session of Grand Chapter in the province of Newfoundland was earnestly urged.

The Grand High Priest is in favor of two terms for the Grand Officers. He thinks the experience of one year but fits a man to do something for the Craft the next year.

The Board of General Purposes made a short report of their several meetings and doings.

No report on Correspondence, although there is such a committee of three.

M. E. Frederick L. Shaffner, Grand High Priest.

R. E. S. J. Waddell, Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1916.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL—COLUMBUS—OCTOBER 4 AND 5, 1916.

Chapters, 185; membership, 41,715; net gain, 2,579.

The Grand High Priest recommended and insisted that a likeness of the very efficient Grand Secretary, our friend, Edwin Hagenbuck, should appear in the proceedings commemorating the centennial of Grand Chapter of Ohio, so we are presented with a fine picture of the Grand Secretary, as well as of Grand High Priest, Frederic J. Crane.

Grand Chapter assembled at the Deshler Hotel, and under escort of Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1 K. T., led by the Fourth Regiment Band, proceeded to the large auditorium of the Masonic Temple in Columbus, where the Grand High Priest, together with the other Grand Officers, and Acting Grand Officers (two) opened the Grand Chapter in Ample Form. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present to aid in making the Centennial Convocation one long to be remembered in Ohio, and to be read with profit and pleasure by those interested in Capitular history. One hundred and seventy-nine of the subordinate Chapters had representatives present.

The Grand High Priests of New Jersey and Missouri were present, and were received with honor befitting their stations. E. V. Comp. William B. Melish was also present as the representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and, as is his custom wherever he goes, to represent "Billy Melish." Forty-three Grand Representatives answered to the call, among them Alabama's Legate, E. V. Comp. John W. Parsons.

In the foreword of his Annual Address the Grand High Priest sounded the keynote of the Grand Convocation pride in the accomplishment and the personnel of Royal Arch Masonry in Ohio for one hundred years, and high purpose for the future as to accomplishment and men. Grand Captain of the Host Walton H. Parker, in the meridian of life, and greatly loved and honored among the Companions, was called to pass the veils during the year. High tribute is laid upon his memorial tablet. Grand High Priests George D. McBride and Edward H. Archer were also called to the Grand Council, and quitted their earthly labors to resume work in the Higher Lodge above. Both had been active, zealous workers

in the Masonic field and in the business of life, and will be sorely missed.

Others prominent in other Masonic endeavors were called to answer the summons, and are fittingly mentioned.

Two Chapters were granted dispensations and properly instituted. Four Chapters receiving Charters at the 1915 Convocation were duly constituted and their officers installed in Ample Form. Quite a number of special dispensations were granted for various purposes, but none to hurry up candidates.

Six requests for special dispensations were refused. One of special interest in Alabama in view of the tendencies of a few of our Chapters to work only once or twice a year, and then on such a large class that they necessarily desire to have a large part of the class sit by and see a few get the degrees. Grand High Priest refused to sanction a request to confer all the Chapter degrees in one day and to permit candidates to witness the degrees being conferred on others of their number.

Not only the Code, Ritual and Monitor are against it, but the ancient customs and usages, as well as the spirit concealed in each degree is opposed to such practice.

Grand High Priest parcelled out the subordinate Chapters for inspection and visit, reserving seven for himself, and in this way had all of them visited and inspected. The result appeared satisfactory to him. While speaking of inspections, he digresses long enough to give an account of his visit to the Masonic Home, and to paint in glowing terms the splendid work being done there. Grand Chapter has representatives on the Board of Control of that splendid institution, contributes largely to its support, and takes great interest in it. A complete report of the Home is found in the proceedings, and makes most interesting reading.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was given recognition, and an interchange of Grand Representatives arranged for.

The elections in two Chapters were annulled and the former officers held over because the newly elected officers were not installed within the sixty-day limit. The Jurisprudence Committee called attention to the fact that special convocations might be called for the purpose of installing, and that there was no reason or excuse for a failure to observe the sixty-day limit.

The Centennial celebration, proper, was held at Worthington, Ohio, the birthplace of Grand Chapter. Time and space are not adequate to properly review this celebration. Suffice it to say that it was well and properly done, and must have been an intellectual as well as material banquet. The writer gathers that the celebration was preserved in pamphlet form, and if so he would be indebted to the Grand Secretary, or to Comp. Sperra for a copy thereof.

Coming to personal matters, it is always like a visit to the Indianapolis Triennial to pick up the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. The writer reads of such splendid gentlemen as Grand High Priests Graff M. Acklin, Nelson Williams, W. T. S. O'Hara and Grand Secretary Edwin Hagenbuch, and remembers with a deal of pleasure meeting these same gentlemen, and the high regard and admiration they each inspired.

When a sumptuous banquet is mentioned, the writer naturally thinks of Indianapolis, and when you read of such affairs you nearly always sometimes find an Indianapolis person present. To be more specific, at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Association of M. L. I. Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Ohio, an elaborate and sumptuous banquet was spread, and for the first time in the proceedings the writer finds Robert Archer Woods, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana. Also Grand Correspondent.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With M. L. E. Comp. Nelson Williams in the chair, the Annual Convention of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests was held October 4, 1916. As is his custom, E. L. President Williams delivered a short, but eloquent address.

Matters of routine being gotten out of the way, the petitions of 108 candidates were received and acted upon favorably. Later they were all separately introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Orion P. Sperra reviews every Grand Jurisdiction reaching his desk, save Alberta and Scotland. We may look for a review of Alberta next proceedings, but Scotland, when? Alabama 1915 comes under his discriminating eye and pen for a

careful and full review. He quotes the prayer of Grand Chaplain, and says of the address of Grand High Priest Norman Gunn, that it was spirited.

Comp. John G. Smith, Grand Representative of Ohio near Alabama, has grown old and his health is no longer good. Until infirmity came upon him, he was a zealous Masonic worker, and almost always to be found at his post.

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

R. E. Edwin Hagenbuch, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1917.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL—TULSA—APRIL 17, 1917.

Chapters, 76; membership, 6,160; net gain, 504.

Grand Secretary Leo E. Bennett was quite ill, and his place was temporarily filled by Past Grand High Priest Ira B. Kirkland. Otherwise the roster of Grand Officers was complete. Fourteen Grand High Priests were present, according to the proceedings. Guess the word "Past" needed to be placed before "Grand," else there must have been some several more chairs in the Grand Council, and some conflict of authority, none of which is recorded. Sixty-five Chapters were represented by their officers and Past High Priests. Thirty-three Grand Representatives, including Alabama's Legate, M. E. Comp. William H. Essex, answered to roll call, and were duly received and welcomed. The Ambassadors from Georgia and Massachusetts sent excuses, which were deemed sufficient. Twelve Ambassadors were absent without excuse, and are so recorded.

The Roll of Honor was called, and five Past Grand High Priests "no longer personally answered 'Here.'"

This writer, and all who have been in touch with matters Capitular, sincerely regret to know that when the next call is made Leo E. Bennett will be recorded as no longer personally answering "Here." His spirit will be there to answer with those others, and perhaps no other spirit will be so grieved that those of his Companions in the flesh cannot hear and feel its presence and interest.

Grand Chapter did a graceful thing in electing him, under a suspension of the rules, Grand Secretary for another year, and sending a committee, with his commission and a floral offering to his bedside. How gratified he must have been. What a pity that more do not get the roses while life yet remains.

The Grand High Priest pays him this deserved tribute:

The annual address of the Grand High Priest has invariably included a compliment to the Companion Grand Secretary. As the Grand Chapter enters its various tasks this year, it will be with reports, tables and statistics in perfect order, all complete, the result of the same efficiency and diligence with which Companion Bennett has always performed his duty. Much of this arduous task was done while our Grand Secretary walked in the Valley of the Shadow of Death. With mind clear, nerves strong and loyalty to the craft his only ambition, although emaciated in body, he dictated his work, a stenographer upon one side and a nurse or a physician on the other. He made his final entries under circumstances which would have completely overcome most men, yet with courage undaunted and a determination to serve the Chapter while life lasted, he has given us an example which I am sure will sustain us and encourage us for years to come.

It was thirty years ago when I received my first appointment in the Grand Lodge. It came as a compliment from Companion Bennett, then Grand Master. Even before that time we had labored together in the upbuilding of Freemasonry at Muskogee and vicinity. With the passing years have come many changes, but in all that time there has never been a moment when his interest waned or his efforts abated.

Companion Bennett is not with us today in person. But his work is here; it does not all lie upon the secretary's desk; evidences of his earnest zeal are to be found in almost every subordinate Chapter; in every committee of this Grand Chapter; his influence is felt in each of the other Grand Bodies and their Constituents.

What the future has in store for Ancient Craft Masonry in Oklahoma, time alone can tell; which of the rising generation will step forward and take the places which we are vacating, is not for us to know, but as the years roll on; as this Grand Chapter grows; as our standards continue to rise, even when we shall have reached the Celestial Lodge on High, the name of Companion Leo. E. Bennett will be enrolled among those who lived and worked for the Institution we all love so well.

The portrait and signature of the Grand High Priest are those of one who has toiled long in the vineyard, and his strong address shows a mature mind.

In the foreword, the Grand Chapter having, for the first time, met north of Muskogee, he indulges in some entertaining reminiscences,

of historical value to Oklahoma, which would be here reproduced but for lack of space.

He advises of the passing, during the year, of seventy-one Companions in Oklahoma, mentioning two, especially, who had been most faithful. Two special dispensations were issued to elect and install officers. One special dispensation to ballot out of time and confer degrees got by, but the Grand High Priest says after a more thorough investigation, he decided that he did not have that prerogative, and so declined all other similar requests. A fine precedent, and a correct one.

He recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and also the severing of fraternal relations with Scotland. Grand Chapter does not seem to have acted upon these recommendations, however. The Charter of one Chapter was called in because of inherent weakness in the Chapter. Two Chapters were consolidated, and three instituted under dispensation—all of them receiving Charters from Grand Chapter.

The matter of inspection of Chapters came up for consideration, and a division of the state into districts with an inspector for each district, and the form of report, was agreed to.

Other matters of purely local interest transpired.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Such authority as Grand Chapter had was given to form "a Convention of Anointed High Priests," in Panama. This came about as the result of a visit from E. Comp. John Alxel Launtz Parthier, Canal Zone Chapter No. 1, he having come all the way from Panama to receive the degree. He, and thirty-four other qualified Companions, were severally introduced, consecrated, anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

Grand Chapter was reimbursed for the space in the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is without signature, but from the "must" of the Grand High Priest, the reviewer guesses it is the work of M. E. Ira B. Kirkland, Acting Grand Secretary. At any rate he followed instructions, "made it brief," and did the work like a veteran.

Alabama 1916 has cordial and careful review. M. E. Comp. Bennett reviews Arizona, California, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana and Washington.

M. E. Bert Duncan Ashbrook, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James A. Scott, Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1917.

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE 11, 1917.

Chapters, 36; membership, 4,203; net gain, 14.

Roll call found all the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Lecturer, the representatives of twenty-six of the subordinate Chapters, and twenty-seven Grand Representatives present and eager to participate, when Grand High Priest Septimus S. Spencer rapped for order and proceeded to open in Ample Form.

One distinguished visitor was present in the person of W. Irving Latimar, Past Grand High Priest in Michigan. Alabama was fully represented by her accredited Legate, E. Companion John B. Killmore.

The Grand High Priest declined to issue a dispensation to confer degrees on Sunday.

He issued dispensation to install as High Priest a Companion who was not qualified in point of service. He disapproves of such action, and points out the error of keeping one man in the same office a number of years.

That's so, unless it is an efficient secretary. He cannot be kept in office too long. To those interested he recites the facts to be that the High Priest had served for a number of years but expected to be out of the state for the ensuing Capitular year; the King had also been holding for some time, and was too old to take the office of High Priest; and the Scribe was a minister, and expected to be transferred to other vineyards. A similar dispensation was issued another Chapter under somewhat similar conditions.

Among his decisions the following is rather risky: A Companion may petition for affiliation without the dimit accompanying the

petition if he can produce a certificate of standing or satisfactory explanation in writing of inability to furnish a certificate or dimit.

An application was made to the General Grand Chapter for a Charter for the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

One Charter was arrested, and no dispensations were granted for the establishment of Chapter U. D., although there were two cooking.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized and fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland were severed. Action as to the Grand Chapter of Belgium sitting on English soil, was deferred.

Grand Orator Frederic S. Dunn had his oration printed, and it makes very good reading.

A resolution putting into effect "dependent membership" was introduced and went over. Such is the rule in Oregon, but the law on the subject was not deemed full enough.

There being no adequate provision for Chapter trial, a penal code was proposed, and after being approved, went over under the rules.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With the E. V. President, O. O. Hodson, in the chair, the Grand Council convened June 11, 1917. Routine business having been gotten out of the way, twelve duly commissioned High Priests were elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. V. E. V. Henry B. Thielsen remarks that he has again swung around the circle from Alabama to Wyoming, finding all of them at home, except seven, that he names.

He reviews fifty, beginning with Alabama 1916, which he treats fraternally and fully, but without comment.

He quotes Grand High Priest Ransom on the "educational amendment."

The review is entertaining and instructive, just what we have come to expect.

M. V. E. V. Silas M. Yoran, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL—PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER 27, 1916.

Chapters, 142; membership, 35,964; net gain, 846.

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania are two Mark Lodges with a membership of 192. A decrease in membership from the year previous of nine.

The Grand Annual always occurs on December 27. In the meantime much of the actual business is transacted at the Quarterly Conventions, which are well attended, as a rule.

The first Quarterly occurred March 2, 1916, with most of the Grand Officers present, the representatives of forty-six Chapters, six Past Grand High Priests, the District Deputy Grand High Priests, and twelve visitors.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Porter W. Lowry, called for a report from the Committee on Charity, Past Grand High Priest George W. Kendrick, Jr., Chairman. No answer. In fitting words the Grand High Priest announced the passing of this "real man and distinguished Mason."

The Quarterly of June 8, 1916 was as well, if not better attended than the March Quarterly, more subordinate Chapters being represented.

Quarterly reports from the Committee on Finance, By-Laws and Printing were submitted and approved.

R. E. Comp. Stockton Bates, for a number of years Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, had answered the call to the Supreme Council. Memorial was read by his successor, M. E. Comp. George B. Wells.

The M. E. M. degree was exemplified.

The Quarterly of September 7, 1916, was marked by the reception of distinguished visitors from the Grand Chapters of New York, Maryland and New Jersey. Seventy-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The death of Senior Grand Chaplain, Rev. Benjamin F. Delo, was announced.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified.

Another Quarterly Convocation was held December 7 and was attended with a fuller roster of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of one hundred and nineteen of the Chapters. The Ambassador from Alabama, E. V. Comp. William A. Rhoads, was present at two of the Quarterly Convocations and at the Annual.

The report of the Grand Chapter Trustees shows a total par value of securities held of \$44,100, and receipts from interest thereon of \$1,699.50, all of which and more was reinvested. Grand Officers were elected, and all those High Priests-elect who were present were duly installed and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon them.

The Annual met December 27, 1916, and as the important business of the year had been disposed of, the attendance of representatives of subordinate Chapters greatly decreased, only thirty-six Chapters being represented.

The Grand High Priest reports a number of visits to subordinate Chapters and attendance upon schools of instruction.

A good many dispensations issued. Some, and most of them, to elect and install officers, but several to confer degrees out of time, all being the degree of the Royal Arch. One Chapter was constituted.

Other matters of purely local interest made up a most readable address.

He installed his successor, M. V. E. V. Thomas McConnell, Jr., and he presented a short address, saying in so many words that where he could he would follow the lines of his distinguished predecessors, but that their conclusions would not necessarily be final. Then follows the appointment of District Deputy Grand High Priests, twenty-two in number, and the other appointive officers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Alabama 1915, and twelve other Grand Jurisdictions are ably reviewed by M. V. E. V. Comp. William B. Meredith. The others are apportioned about equally among the four other members of the committee.

The foreword is the work of the chairman, Past Grand High Priest Meredith.

Anent the death of his distinguished friend and co-laborer, M. V. E. V. Companion Stockton Bates, he says:

A change has occurred in the make-up of the committee. A higher power has called from a life of usefulness here, to the Great Beyond, our beloved Companion Stockton Bates, who for so many years was an active member of this committee and contributed much to its success. To him the work was a labor of love, devoted as he was to Capitular Masonry, he believed in its principles and practiced them in his life.

Under Alabama he quotes the opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain, and says all ought to read it.

He says every member of this Grand Jurisdiction should read Grand High Priest Gunn's address. He takes from it liberally. He commends the recommendation that we be less liberal in dispensations to "hurry up" candidates. He does not approve of a departure from the "physical defect rule." Well, the Chapter seeing the applicant is now the judge, not the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Thomas McConnell, Jr., Grand High Priest.

M. E. George B. Wells, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1917.

FORTIETH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH 28, 1917.

Chapters, 14; membership, 1,743; net gain, 63.

M. E. Companion Arthur B. Wood, Immediate Past Grand Principal, assumed the chair, and called the Grand Chapter to order, requesting the officers to take their stations under their respective banners. The Grand Principals were then announced and received, and Grand Chapter opened.

Five Grand Officers are noted as "acting." Three Grand Superintendents, twenty-three Past Grand Officers, the representatives of thirteen of the subordinate Chapters, and twenty Grand Representatives, with the Grand Officers constituted Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. C. P. O'Connor represented Alabama.

The address of Grand First Principal Z, Edward O. Dyer, is a short document.

He deploras conditions in Europe and mourns the death of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. But there is a note of hope of final victory over autocracy, and that in the near future.

He notes the passing of Alexander Ames, Past Grand Third Principal J; George H. Wilkinson, Past Grand Principal Sojourner; F. F. Farmer, Past Grand Principal Sojourner and Herman H. Parsons, Past Grand Superintendent.

Two commissions were issued, six dispensations granted, and the By-Laws of three Chapters were approved and confirmed. Five official visits were made.

The Grand Superintendents of each District and the Grand Lecturer filed reports, showing the Craft to be in fine condition, and zealous in their efforts to put forward the principles of R. A. Masonry. Their reports show that each Chapter was visited at least once, and some oftener. Grand Chapter extended sympathy and condolence to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and late Governor General of Canada, in his bereavement, Her R. H. the Duchess of Connaught having died recently.

The committees had very little work to do, and seemed glad of it.

Alberta was recognized and authority for interchange of Grand Representatives granted.

Sympathy was extended to Grand Scribe E. M. E. Comp. W. H. Whyte and Mrs. Whyte on account of the sudden death of Mrs. Whyte's brother.

The Roll of Honor—the names of the Companions who are serving "Flag and Country"—has many names, although it is not complete. The summary shows six killed, three wounded and one prisoner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers writes an interesting report of matters Capitular. In his introduction he treats the entrance of the United States in the war as the most important happening of the year, in its effects upon the war and upon Masonry. He predicts a closer union of the peoples, and especially of the Masons of the countries, especially the English, and Americans.

He criticises the idea advanced by M. E. Comp. Murch, of Canada, that there should be but one General Grand Chapter for the Great Dominion and a Provincial Body for each of the Provinces. He adverts to the "convincing report" of a majority of the special

committee of Past Grand High Priests of Texas upon the efforts of General Grand Chapter U. S. to have Texas return to its allegiance.

Alabama 1916, and most of the Grand jurisdictions of the world, have careful and fraternal review.

M. ' E. ' (Dr.) Edward O. Dyer, Grand Z.

M. ' E. ' Will H. Whyte, Grand Scribe E.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL—COLUMBIA—APRIL 10, 1917.

Chapters, 36; membership, 3,297; net gain, 87.

Presuming that all the places below that of Grand Captain of the Host were properly filled, all the Grand Officers, except Grand Treasurer, were present when M. ' E. ' George T. Bryan, Grand High Priest, opened this Grand Convocation. Five Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of thirty Chapters were also present. Being so fortunate as to be represented by the Grand Secretary, O. Frank Hart, and otherwise a splendid Companion, Alabama is always to the fore in any of the doings at the Royal Court of South Carolina. Twenty other Grand Representatives answered to the roll call, and assisted in making the occasion as pleasant and profitable as they could.

General Grand High Priest Corson was on hand and was duly honored.

All time Grand Master in Maryland, some time Past Grand High Priest and General Grand Treasurer Thomas J. Shryock was also received with open arms and the proper acclaim. He was accompanied by E. ' Comp. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Lecturer of Maryland, and Comp. Harry L. Burnum, of New York.

Grand High Priest announces the death of Grand Treasurer Jackson and Grand Chaplain Smith, and made suitable reference to their many manly Masonic virtues.

"Exercising the prerogatives that belong to his office," he issued twenty-six dispensations, most of which were to set aside the rule as to petitions being received and acted upon only at regular convocations, and after a proper interval had elapsed; and yet, the net gain was only 87.

Nineteen visitations are reported, several being duplicates, two or more visits to the same Chapter.

No decisions were called for, but the Grand High Priest ruled that a subordinate Chapter had the power to grant waiver of jurisdiction over its material that had removed to another Grand Jurisdiction.

Other matters of a purely local nature were transacted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Twenty-second Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests in South Carolina met Tuesday, April 10, 1917, E.'. President Joseph Lindsay, presiding. Ten petitioners were found to possess the necessary qualifications, and were regularly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is an ever-recurring—and may it continue to recur—pleasure to read after our friend and M.'. E.'. Comp. James L. Michie. This is his seventh annual. May it continue until he can write seventieth—and then some, if he will.

Alabama 1916 has full and fraternal treatment. He says that many Grand Highs can't find time to visit the subordinate Chapters, but in most instances do find time to go to Triennials and other Grand Jurisdictions. As this remark follows a quotation from Grand High Priest Ransom's address, stating why he made so few visits, he must be of the many. M.'. E.'. Comp. Ransom is a general practitioner and a bachelor, and the writer suspects that the combination takes up lots of his time.

In South Carolina they open and close in any degree that happens to suit them. Convenient, but not according to custom generally prevailing. Something good under each Grand Jurisdiction, but the Webster is out, and the night grows, and the writer must heed the voice upstairs. Au revoir.

M.'. E.'. William A. Giles, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1917.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL—HOT SPRINGS—JUNE 14, 1917.

Chapters, 36; membership, 3,817; net gain, 112.

Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Master of 3rd Veil were absent, and their places supplied. Otherwise the roster of Grand Officers was complete. Twelve Past Grand High Priests, twenty-six Past High Priests, twenty-four Grand Representatives, and the representatives of thirty-two subordinate Chapters, made up Grand Chapter. The Flag, under proper escort, was introduced, while the assembled Companions stood and sang "America."

Grand High Priest John A. Cleaver has a good imagination and a fine flow of words, as evidenced by his foreword.

He records the passing of Past Grand High Priest George H. Perry (1904), and notes the distinguished dead in other jurisdictions.

He issued one dozen dispensations, ten of which were to use a substitute in the R. A. degree.

No decisions were rendered.

Like many others, he had in mind to visit the Chapters of his jurisdiction, but something happened. He made several visits and attempted several others, but was unable to find any Companions to tell him where the Chapter Hall was located.

One Chapter had its Charter arrested because of inanition, and Grand Chapter granted dimits to all its members in good standing.

Concurrent jurisdiction near state lines, where accorded by the neighboring jurisdiction, was recommended and approved.

Grand High Priest recommended investment of Grand Chapter funds in Liberty Bonds, as an act of patriotism. A resolution was introduced to purchase \$2,000.00 worth, and turn same over to Grand Lodge for its Grand Charity Fund. The purchase was authorized at once, and without dissent.

This did not exhaust Grand Treasury, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer.

An interesting report emanated from the Grand Secretary.

All the proceedings were marked by quick and harmonious action, so far as appears.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Twenty-second Annual was held at Hot Springs June 14, 1917, with E. V. President Louis G. Levey in the chair. Grand High Priest John H. Cleaver was appointed to fill the vacancy as E. V. Grand Conductor.

Six Companions were found worthy, and were introduced, set apart, anointed and solemnly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. \$100.00 was Subscribed for Liberty Bonds, which was donated to Grand Charity Fund of Grand Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. V. E. V. Comp. Louis G. Levey reviews fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama 1916, in his usual careful and fine way. He is patriotic. His report begins with a display of the flag and the assertion, "My country, may it ever be right, but right or wrong, my country."

At the conclusion, the flag is also displayed in colors, with the poem, "My Flag and Your Flag."

He concludes that no fees are charged for the Order of High Priesthood in Alabama. Yes, a fee of \$2.50, enough to cover the expenses of a Bible, etc., is charged. There is never anything in the treasury, so no report is necessary.

He recommends recognition of Alberta, which was agreed to. Scotland was the subject of another report, with recommendation that fraternal relations be severed. This was also agreed to.

Thanks for the good opinion expressed of the work of the writer.

M. V. E. V. West Babcock, Grand High Priest.

M. V. E. V. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1917.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY 29, 1917.

Chapters, 87; membership, 5,846; net gain, 101.

All the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, forty-two Past High Priests, the representatives of eighty-one of the subordinate Chapters, and thirty-four Grand Representatives (Alabama not included) were present and participated in this interesting Grand Convocation.

Grand High Priest Philip N. Matlock submits a short report of his acts and doings for the year.

As is customary he begins with the announcement of the passing of distinguished Companions in his own and other Grand Jurisdictions.

Past Grand High Priest Caswell A. Goodloe (1898) of Tennessee had answered the call of the Supreme Council, and passed to his reward.

Four Companions of Tennessee had been commissioned as Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions, and an equal number had been commissioned by Tennessee. Grand High Priest called attention to a valuable contribution to Capitular history in Tennessee from the pen of Deputy Grand High Priest C. H. Smart, and recommended that it be printed in the proceedings, and it was accordingly so done.

Grand High Priest appointed a number of Grand Visitors, each of whom visited and inspected the Chapters assigned to them, and rendered reports indicating a fair condition on the whole.

Grand High Priest visited twenty-five of the subordinate Chapters, and commented upon each occasion. He, like all others who take account of such visits, found much to commend and much that might be greatly improved upon. Two Chapters were granted dispensation and properly instituted. One Chapter was constituted, having been granted a Charter by Grand Chapter.

In Tennessee Chapters must elect officers at the regular stated meeting in December, otherwise the old officers hold over. Grand High Priest declined nine requests for dispensations to elect and install out of time. One incident mentioned was a visit to a certain Chapter, notice of which had been sent to the High Priest, but not communicated to the members. The cause of the dereliction was the condition of the High Priest. He was at home drunk, and had been drinking heavily for some time. Grand High Priest promptly suspended him.

As a result of his observations personally and a study of the reports of visitations he recommended that Grand Chapter elect or appoint Grand Lecturers for the three divisions of the state—eastern, middle and western—with authority of entrance, presiding and general superintendence of the work of subordinate Chapters. Grand Chapter agreed, but made Grand Lecturers appointive by the Grand High Priest.

Alberta was accorded recognition with interchange of Grand Representatives. Other matters of purely local concern were transacted.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

E. V. President Fred C. Watkins presided at the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

Forty elected High Priests presented themselves, and were duly elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

The first, and only, constitution of the Order finds a place in the proceedings.

The Convention was formed and the Constitution adopted October 9, 1860.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For the fourteenth time Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister gives the Tennessee view of the doings of the Capitular world. In the beginning the pile of books looms large and even appalling, but he concludes to go at it, reminded by the poet that:

"Heaven is blest with perfect rest,
But the blessings of earth is toil."

Alabama 1915 has fraternal and careful treatment.

He quotes from Grand High Priest Gunn's address with approval, and at one point says: "This reads like it was in Tennessee."

He approves the abatement of the physical disqualification rule, as wise legislation.

He votes with Foster and against public installations. He has probably not attended one of our field days and seen Comp. Beauchamp in all his glory.

M. V. E. V. C. H. Smart, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1916.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER 4, 1916.

Chapters, 281; membership, 21,616; net gain, 916.

The report of Credentials Committee shows the presence of fifteen Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Treasurers, two Past Grand Secretaries, twenty-nine Grand Representatives, seventeen Grand Visitors, one hundred ninety-four Past High Priests and the representatives of one hundred thirty-three of the subordinate Chapters, less than half.

The Grand Chaplain originally appointed sent regrets at his enforced absence, the principal reason being financial.

Grand Marshal, R. V. E. Comp. W. S. Warner died just prior to meeting of Grand Chapter.

Grand High Priest, M. V. E. W. Madden Fly, presents a long report of a busy year—but a report filled with matters of local interest and concern—and worthy of a more extended notice than can be here given. We cull this thought from his introduction:

The nobler philosophy which is ours, however, does not lament the passing of the years. The present is magnetic with the things that can be done! It is ours! And ours the mystic power to clothe tomorrow in a glorious garb when it shall have become today. And we, too, can weave a light into the garment's woof that may become immortal when that morrow shall have become a yesterday.

He does not find much hope of success, under the present method of Grand Visitation, and says so frankly and forcefully. As a result the Grand Chapter created fifty-five districts and provided for an inspector in each district.

In some instances the writer notes a district composed of four counties, with only one Chapter; in others as many counties with only two Chapters. Verily, Texas is a large commonwealth with many subdivisions of government.

Last Grand Chapter had restored the Charters of six Chapters, and Grand High Priest saw that five of them were properly reconstituted. One failed to get a quorum, after three attempts, and the recommendation that the Charter be annulled followed.

Six Chapters having been chartered, were properly constituted, and sent on their way for weal or woe.

Five general dispensations to resume work were issued, the petitioners having failed to meet for three consecutive months.

Other dispensations of a special nature were issued, but none to railroad candidates.

Two Chapters were instituted U. D. and received Charters from Grand Chapter.

The large number of suspensions N. P. D. seemed to call for some remedy. The Grand High Priest thought the system of accumulative dues during suspension the cause of so few returning and paying up, and recommended an act suspending dues from date of suspension N. P. D. Grand Chapter very properly agreed. He was also of opinion that the Grand High Priest ought to have authority to approve By-Laws, ad interim, but Grand Chapter demurred. Some changes were needed in the official forms for use by Grand Secretary in getting returns from subordinate Chapters, but the committee having it in charge laid it over, while the Grand Secretary was getting information from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Seeking for information as to the needs of subordinate Chapters, and with a view to getting at the remedy, Grand High Priest wrote many official letters and sent out some very searching inquiries, all of which were promptly answered and the fund of information thus gathered, put in form for the use of his successor.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was extended fraternal recognition, and an interchange of Representatives authorized.

The matter of Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland came up again through a decision of the Grand High Priest that a Scottish R. A. Mason was clandestine and spurious. Jurisprudence Committee could not see it that way, but held that he could not be permitted to visit or hold intercourse with a Chapter or a Companion in Texas. This seems the proper view.

An interesting report of the "Home for Aged Masons" was made to Grand Chapter. The writer notes that Grand Chapter spends more to maintain this Home than Alabama does to maintain her home for widows, aged Masons and children. The writer wishes that Alabama had so much to spend, as the money thus spent is well spent, better spent than in any other cause so far as he knows.

Grand High Priest addressed a most cordial and fraternal letter to General Grand High Priest Corson inviting him and the Committee from the General Grand Chapter to visit Texas, and lay before this

Grand Convocation anything the General Grand Chapter Committee might think advisable relative to Texas rejoining General Grand.

They came—General Grand High Priest Corson; Henry Banks, of Georgia, General Grand Royal Arch Captain; Henry K. Simpson, Past Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia, and Nelson Williams, Past Grand High Priest of Ohio, and addressed the Grand Chapter on the purpose of their visit.

The writer was willing to lay a bet that Banks and Williams could get them, having himself been under the magic of their forceful and eloquent tongues. But, nay! Grand Chapter adhered to her original resolution, and remained "independent."

However, it brought about a split in the committee, and two reports were submitted. The minority report, which was lost, seems to the writer to have the best of the argument. The majority report was exhaustive, and evidenced much research, but the conclusions were based upon matters foreign to the statements contained, and presented what is known in prejudicial parlance as a "non sequiter." However, this is the affair of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and her decision is right from her viewpoint.

Other matters of interest transpired, but the reviewers all do or will know about them, and the others do not seem much concerned, so we pass them by.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

M. E. High Priest F. W. Fitzpatrick convened the Grand Council at 6 o'clock A. M., December 5, 1916. Rather an early hour to get the Companions up with any interest.

The usual routine business being disposed of, forty-six Companions were found eligible, and were severally introduced and consecrated High Priests after the Order of Melchisedec.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E. Comp. Carlton Mead, Chairman of the Committee, makes his fourth voyage in search of information for his Companions. He says for himself:

As we put on our "think cap" and reach for the pencil and scissors, a little voice says: "Quo Vadis?" We answer: "For a stroll up and down the earth among the Royal Craft." "What do you expect to

find?" This is a poser, and we say, in classic street language: "Search me." But, no; we do know that we shall find good Companions; also much good and square work. There will be many bright things said; there will be platitudes galore, gales of "hot air," and every variety of pathos, eloquence, logic, sense and nonsense.

All of which meets one on his journey among the Capitular capitols.

Alabama 1915 comes along as the first stop on the voyage. If you desire a change, Comp. Mead, you will be under the necessity of dividing up the great Domain of Texas, and giving one of the divisions a name that will precede that of Alabama. Uncle Sam has about exhausted his territorial area, so it's up to Texas to furnish a "first call." His work is in keeping with the great commonwealth he represents, and we hope to be with him on many more voyages.

M. E. Benjamin F. Dwiggins, Grand High Priest.

R. E. T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

(Note: Will Companion Mead give the full name of the Grand Secretary? Our Grand Secretary abhors initials, Masonically speaking.—Reporter.)

UTAH, 1917.

SIXTH ANNUAL—SALT LAKE CITY—MAY 9, 1917.

Chapters, 6; membership, 749; net gain, 29.

The Grand High Priest was called to the Border in the service of his country early in his second term, and was away most of the time until Christmas. Nevertheless he gives a good account of his stewardship. The Deputy Grand High Priest says that the interest of the Grand Chapter had been so closely looked after by the Grand High Priest that even during his extended absence there was very little found to do. However, he made one official visit, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers.

This Grand Chapter is quite young, but is growing, and doing its work carefully and well. Although having but six Chapters, it looks closely into things before issuing Charters.

Grand High Priest Howard P. Kirtley's address was short, most of it being devoted to concurrent jurisdiction of all the Chapters in Utah.

From it we gather that he was not able to visit any of the Chapters except Price Chapter U. D.

He installed officers, and granted dispensations in several instances, besides approving several Chapter By-Laws.

He reports a business session of the Order of High Priesthood in January, and a ceremonial session in February, at which time five candidates were elected, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office. The proceedings contain an account of the Annual Convention held May 8, 1917, at which the usual routine was completed, and three candidates were anointed consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

Grand Chapter adopted the recommendations of the Grand High Priest as to jurisdiction concurrent between all the Chapters, and simplified the method of suspending N. P. D. To the writer, it is still too complicated by far.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E. L. Comp. (Dr.) A. S. Chapman is Chairman of the Committee, but had the assistance of three other Companions. All the reviews are short, but get hold of the happenings worth mentioning. Alabama 1916 falls to the lot of D. (the writer assumes that D. stands for Grand Secretary) and has fraternal and careful notice.

The cost of paper and printers ink is given as the reason for so much brevity. Verily, Warvelle, of Illinois, will approve, be the reasons as they may. This writer likes it also, though none would think it of him.

M. L. E. L. Sam H. Goodwin, Grand High Priest.

R. L. E. L. Walter Daniels, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1917.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE 15, 1917.

Chapters, 30; membership, 4,599; net gain, 107.

All the Grand Officers, except Grand Master of 1st Veil and Grand Tyler, were present. Five District Deputy Grand High Priests, twenty-six Grand Representatives, nine Past Grand High Priests, eighteen Past High Priests and the representatives of twenty-five of the chartered Chapters were also present. Having noticed the presence of General Grand High Priest Corson, and the fact that he delivered an ad-

dress, the writer was somewhat startled at the opening words of Grand High Priest, M. E., James R. Roberts' address. He was relieved when he noticed that they were quoted from the address of a Grand High Priest, and delivered in 1849.

M. E., Comp. Roberts is an eloquent writer as is evidenced by his foreword and report on Necrology. He notes the passing of Past Grand High Priests Charles Arba Caldwerwood and Kittredge Haskins, and lays upon the bier of each a funeral wreath that needs not the touch of the most eloquent necrologist.

Five commissions were issued to Grand Representatives to represent Vermont at as many Grand Easts. All are now filled, except a Grand Representative to New Brunswick.

Very few dispensations were necessary, two of them being of the "Emergent" variety.

While not able to visit all the Chapters, Grand High Priest had the pleasure of attending all the district meetings. In his conclusion the Grand High Priest breaks into verse, extolling the virtues of the distinguished living as well as dead, and stamps himself as no mean poet.

Grand Chapter bought five thousand dollars worth of "Liberty Bonds."

Past Grand High Priest George W. Wing delivered an historical address dealing with the "Early History of Capitular Masonry in Vermont and the Men Who Presided Over Its Deliberations." It was interesting and well done.

In a beautiful presentation address the Grand High Priest received his jewel.

The Grand Lecturer filed an interesting and full report of Capitular Conditions in Vermont, as did the District Deputy Grand High Priests.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With the Grand High Priest and E. V. President, J. Ross Roberts, presiding, the 1917 Convention of the Order of High Priesthood met June 14, 1917. The General Grand High Priest of the U. S. and the First Grand Principal Z of Quebec were present and occupied seats in the East.

Sixteen Companions were found eligible and were duly elected and anointed.

Other matters of routine claimed the attention of the Convention.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston writes the Correspondence report. It is his first effort, but if he had not mentioned it, one would never have made the discovery. He is a worthy successor to the lamented Perkins and Haskins. Alabama 1916 has fraternal review at his hands.

In a reminiscent vein he gives us the following:

As I have sat and reviewed the transactions of this Grand Chapter, today, March 19th, with my feet on the fender to the coal stove—thermometer this morning only 2 above zero, my mind has gone back 52 years to a tramp I took, with several thousand others, through the woods of Alabama, we starting from just above Fort Morgan, March 17th, and using nearly a month in reaching the city of Mobile. The woods were fragrant with the odor of wild flowers, and the birds were musical on all sides. I did not think the people of that section were very hospitable, nor very glad to see me, they making quite an objection, at Spanish Fort, to my advance.

Well time has worked changes and I have no doubt they would give me a more cordial greeting, now. I certainly should be freer to grasp them by the hand and greet them as Companions.

The name "Alabama," meaning "here we rest," would seem more appropriate than it then did, for they gave me but little rest, night or day.

Well, M. E. Companion, the grandfather and father of this writer were there, opposing your progress as best they could. Both were R. A. Masons, and if here, would give you as cordial a greeting as they endeavored to formerly impede your progress. As for the writer, he would take genuine pleasure in welcoming you to Alabama, and in taking you fishing over the ground you mention. Come down and see for yourself.

M. E. George N. Tilden, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA, 1915-16.

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR—MELBOURNE—QUARTERLY.

Chapters, 21; membership, 973; net gain, 57.

Following the custom of all Grand Chapters of English or Scottish origin this Grand Chapter holds Quarterly Convocations.

The first to claim attention is that of July 21, 1915. The report of the Committee on General Purposes claimed most of the time and attention of the Grand Body. Styling it a "Lecturette," there is comment on a fine paper by Edwin Rodda, P. G. J., on "Zoroastrianism and the Parsee Religion Considered from a Masonic Standpoint." Wish it had been published.

The second Quarterly was held October 20, 1915. Committee on General Purposes and proposals to amend the laws occupied the time, but is of purely local interest.

The third Quarterly occurred January 19, 1916.

R. E. Comp. H. I. Scott, P. G. H., was recommended as Alabama's Legate near this Grand Chapter, and E. Companion Gabriel M. Saliba was commissioned as Victoria's Grand Representative to Alabama. A wise selection.

The demise of several distinguished Companions is noted.

Rev. A. T. Holden was nominated for First Grand Principal, and was elected.

The fourth Quarterly convened April 19, 1916, at Melbourne.

Grand Officers and Committee on General Purposes were elected, and invested, and the several matters of routine business disposed of.

M. E. A. T. Holden, Grand Z.

M. E. G. L. Marquard, Grand Scribe E.

VIRGINIA, 1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—OCTOBER 24-25, 1916.

Chapters, 69; membership, 7,861; net gain, 267.

The Grand King's station and the 3rd Veil were filled pro tempore, and Grand Chapter opened with a full roster of Grand Officers. Sixty-six subordinate Chapters had representatives present. Twenty-

five Grand Representatives were present at the opening. Alabama's Legate rarely ever goes. Eight Virginia Past Grand High Priests were present; also Past Grand High Priests Nelson Williams, of Ohio, and Thomas H. Bodge, of Maine.

Grand High Priest J. W. S. Butt looks rather young, though thoroughly capable, for Grand High Priest of the Old Dominion.

His address proves his capability.

Grand King John R. Charleton had died soon after his election, and his death is fittingly recorded. Death also claimed Past Grand High Priest Edward S. Conrad during the year. Proper and eloquent tribute was paid to his memory.

Internal conditions were never better, and external relations cordial and fraternal.

Grand High Priest did not get to any of the schools of instruction, although he understands that much good was accomplished. "He should ought to have gone."

He tells the District Deputy Grand High Priests what they ought to do, and one of these duties is to keep the Grand High Priest informed of the condition of things in their respective balliwicks.

He lives in Virginia but did not attend the meeting of the Washington National Memorial Association.

The Masonic Home has reached a position of "secured usefulness." How pleasant it must be to be on the Board of Control. He had his own notions as to what the titles should be preceded by, and recommended that Grand and Past Grand High Priests be dubbed "Most Excellent;" other line officers "Right Excellent;" High Priest "Excellent," but other Chapter officers "Companions." That's the way we do it in Alabama.

Grand Secretary reports that all the Chapters have made annual returns and all but two paid their dues. Beauchamp will be coming by to see how you do it.

Grand Lecturer Hubbard makes a good report, as is his custom.

Grand Master of Masons, M. W. J. Alston Cabell, was an honored visitor on the second day.

Grand Chapter approved the appointment of a Deputy Grand Treasurer, Deputy Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Lecturer, the latter being a regular institution.

Nearly every detail went to the Grand Committee of the Whole, and when they rose and reported the matter was accomplished.

One notably unanimous action was acceptance of an invitation from the Grand High Priest to dinner.

Other things of importance to the Companions of Virginia transpired.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Under the guidance of E.'. President W. J. Hubbard, the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests met, Wednesday, October 25, 1916. The distinguished visitors were E.'. President Nelson Williams, of Ohio, and Past Grand High Priest Bodge, of Maine.

Fifteen presenting certificates of election as High Priests of their respective Chapters, were duly elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. E.'. President delivered a short address.

M.'. E.'. Comps. Nelson Williams and Thomas H. Bodge also favored the Companions with entertaining remarks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand High Priest took occasion justly to congratulate Grand Chapter upon the excellencies of its Grand Correspondent. The writer votes with him.

E.'. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston, Past Grand Master of Virginia, is the author of the report. He files his foreword under Nevada. It is a fine excerpt from something he found in reviewing that Grand Jurisdiction. Alabama 1915 comes in for a cordial and fraternal write-up of nearly two pages. He says of the address of Grand High Priest Norman Gunn, "The address is just to our taste." He quotes at length.

Thanks for kind words anent the writer. They encourage to renewed efforts.

Virginia is at the top in Alabama, her Grand Representative being our present Grand High Priest.

M.'. E.'. J. E. W. Timberman, Grand High Priest.

R.'. E.'. James B. Blanks, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1916.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL—HUNTINGTON—NOVEMBER 13, 1916.

Chapters, 43; membership, 7,133; net gain, 356.

A friend of the writer who lives in this Grand Jurisdiction once said to him that you might be just thirty miles from a place you desired to visit, and yet have to travel more than two hundred miles to get to it. Nevertheless, of the forty-three Chapters on the roll, all had representatives present save one.

Past Grand High Priest Wyndham Stokes acted as Grand Captain of the Host. Otherwise, all the Grand Officers were present; also fourteen Past Grand High Priests, eight Past High Priests and thirty-three Grand Representatives.

Alabama was well represented in the person of E. Comp. James A. Bryan.

The Grand High Priest being the Grand Representative of Minnesota, and the Grand Chaplain, Bishop W. L. Gravatt, being unattached, the honor of welcoming the Legates fell to him.

Being of the ecclesiastically elect, as well as otherwise fully qualified, he found no difficulty in performing the duty with dignity, grace and ease.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. A. B. C. Bray had congratulated himself and Grand Chapter upon the fact that death had not claimed any of the distinguished of the Craft in West Virginia, when, just prior to the Grand Convocation, the "Invisible Hand" reached forth to remove from this earthly sphere Past Grand High Priests William G. Bennett (1886-87) and Neil Robinson (1894-95).

Suitable memorials were issued and incorporated in the proceedings. Two special Convocations of Grand Chapter were held, one to install the Grand King, and the other to install the Grand Marshal.

One Chapter was constituted, and two were instituted U. D., and received Charters from Grand Chapter.

One school of instruction was held, but not as well attended as hoped for. However, it was a distinct success.

The system of inspection was not accomplishing the results hoped for. The fault in such matters is largely due to the failure of the appointees to perform their duties.

Two decisions are reported, both of which were approved. One held that a separate ballot must be spread upon each petition, "blanket" ballots not being permissible. The other was that a Chapter might change its location from one point to another in the same town, if it was the official action of the Chapter.

Dispensation to elect a secretary was refused; the secretary-elect having moved away before installation. In Alabama a Chapter would have the right, under similar circumstances, to elect such an officer without dispensation.

Grand High Priest must have conceived that the hold-over secretary was best for the Chapter.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was attended, and as a result received a donation from Grand Chapter of \$500.00, as recommended by Grand High Priest.

The Cryptic degrees, except the Super Excellent, are conferred in the Chapters in Virginia, and West Virginia. The Grand High Priest takes the position, and properly so, that jurisdiction should be released, and Cryptic Bodies formed. Grand Chapter referred it to a special committee for report at next Grand.

Other matters of purely local interest consumed the remainder of the session.

Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With E. V. President Braxton D. Gibson presiding and a number of Companions present, a Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was opened in Ample Form, Tuesday, November 14, 1916.

Eighteen applicants, having been found eligible, and having deposited the fee, were severally elected, introduced, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Without introduction and with a most modest conclusion, but with a picture showing a strong face, Past Grand High Priest Kephart D. Walker, gives us his first Correspondence report. As far as it goes it is very good indeed.

He has followed the plan outlined for himself as stated thus, in his conclusion:

I have made no lengthy extracts from the eloquent addresses of Grand High Priests. I have offered no criticisms upon their decisions nor offered any opinion thereof. I am not the spokesman of this Grand Chapter and my opinion is worth no more than that of hundreds of other members of this Grand Body, if as much.

I have made no comment upon the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, the presumption being that they, like our own, do that which they deem best for the Craft, and do not care what other people think of it.

I have simply collected such decisions and information as would be of service to this Grand Body, thus embodying my own views and following the suggestions of those "who are older than we" and certainly "far wiser than we."

Alabama 1915, together with fifty-five other Grand Jurisdictions comes under concise but comprehensive review.

M. E. W. K. Cowden, Grand High Priest.

M. E. D. K. Reed, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1917.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—FEBRUARY 21-22, 1917.

Chapters, 92; membership, 12,526; net gain, 464.

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows the presence of all the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-two Grand Representatives (Alabama not included), and the representatives of eighty-five of the chartered Chapters, and delegates from three Chapters U. D.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Aldro Jenks, deals, in its foreword, with the war in Europe, expressing the hope that this Government would not become entangled. He draws a striking picture of the horrors of the conflict, and then contrasts it with Masonic teachings. He thinks, and wisely so, that the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" was addressed to nations as well as individuals.

In feeling terms he reports the death of Grand Treasurer, and Past Grand High Priest David Husted Wright. His term of service as Grand Treasurer began in 1872 and ended March 7, 1916—forty-four years—exceeding that of our beloved Dingley. M. E. Comp. Frank C. Jackson was appointed his successor.

Eight decisions were rendered, all of which are applicable to conditions and Capitular custom in Wisconsin. No. 4, that a Chapter U. D., cannot receive members by affiliation, nor dimit members, but can confer all the degrees, and thus make Royal Arch Masons, seems to the writer to be inconsistent. It can make, but not discipline members, and cannot dimit, nor receive by dimit. That makes it safe to belong to a Chapter U. D., in one sense—bad behavior; but dangerous to belong in another—should you desire to remove your membership.

It would seem a reasonable hypothesis to assume that a body possessing the right to endow a man with all the attributes of a Royal Arch Mason would have the implied power to receive unto itself one who had regularly received those same attributes elsewhere—probably in a *de jure* body of the rite.

However, one of the beauties of the system of Masonry is that aside from certain elementary essentials, each can think for himself.

Several commissions to Grand Representatives were issued, and several were recommended. Grand High Priest makes this comment thereon:

Appointments of this nature carry no duties or obligations that any one has ever been able to discover and are purely honorary. They serve, however, to remind us that we are bound by fraternal ties to the Royal Craft wheresoever dispersed and that we are but a part of the Great Family of Royal Arch Chapters to be found throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Two Chapters were constituted, and three instituted U. D.

The selection of a jewel for the Grand Lecturer stumped the Grand Secretary and he threw himself upon the mercy of the court, and requested further time, and outside aid. He got the time, and we hope the aid.

Why not use the foundation of the other jewels, with the figure of Socrates drinking the hemlock imposed thereon?

Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized. In reference to Scotland, the committee held, that as we are a "royal" constituent of General Grand, our fealty demands that we should follow her lead. Relations were severed. But, Companions, no one ever doubted that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was "Royal," as are all the Companions who have come the writer's way. Many matters of local interest transpired.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

With E. V. President Samuel Wright presiding, the Convention of Anointed High Priests was convened on Tuesday, February 20, 1917.

Fifteen High and Past High Priests were certified to by the Recorder, and they were introduced, anointed and set apart to the Holy Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright again submits the report, and carefully and splendidly reviews the Grand Jurisdictions coming under his discriminating eye.

Alabama 1915 has full treatment. Attention is given to the rulings of the Grand High Priest, Norman Gunn, and the resolutions and edicts adopted changing Capitular law are quoted.

He disagrees with the writer of the report on the Canada-Alberta controversy, and says that it is absurd. That is the view of Comp. Wright and he quotes, in his conclusion, the rule of right, where political autonomy is granted, and a Grand Lodge exists, that a Grand Chapter is also entitled to exist. The writer never doubted it. The only question involved was, how?

The writer conceives that the highest Masonic law and usage, is the rule of right, not might; and that had Canada been asked for consent, she might have given it; and that at least she was entitled to what, under her laws and constitution,—the power from which the Chapters in Alberta received all the rights they possessed—belonged to her.

The Charter of the Grand Chapter of Alabama was granted to individuals, and not to subordinate Chapters, and the right of individual Royal Arch Masons, dimitted in proper form, in a territory not occupied by another Grand Chapter, to meet and form a Grand Chapter and issue Charters to subordinate Chapters has never been doubted until these modern days, and the advent of General Grand.

But why discuss a moot case.

M. V. E. V. John E. Langdon, Grand High Priest.

R. V. E. V. William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1917.

NINTH ANNUAL—SHERIDAN—MARCH 15, 1917.

Chapters, 12; membership, 1,021; net gain, 25.

The Grand Scribe, Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Master of 2nd Veil were absent, as was Grand Sentinel.

Their places being supplied, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, six Past Grand High Priests, the representatives and Past High Priests of eleven of the subordinate Chapters and sixteen Grand Representatives were present. Alabama was duly represented by Grand Representative Hudson W. Darrah.

Grand High Priest Samuel Corson announces the passing of E. J. Grand Royal Arch Captain Charles T. Wolf, and the dead in other jurisdictions.

No dispensations for new Chapters were issued, as none were applied for.

The year was a good working year, with nothing to mar the harmony and peace of Capitular Masonry.

As Comp. Archie Thompson would say, "nothing could be better."

Grand Chapter of Alberta was accorded recognition, and an interchange of Grand Representatives authorized. Dispensations, numbering four, were issued to ballot and confer degrees, but whether out of time, does not appear. Grand High Priest had the pleasure of paying each Chapter an official visit during the year.

It seems that the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter O. E. S. have been meeting the same week and at the same place; and that the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter R. A. M. have been meeting at the same place the same week, but at a different time and place from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter O. E. S. An effort was made to get together, and have all the Grand Bodies meet the same week at the same place. A committee was appointed, and recommended the change, but Grand Chapter decided to gang with Grand Commandery, and leave Grand Lodge and the sisters O. E. S. to gang together.

Now, that could never have been put over in Alabama. We think too much of the Order Eastern Star to let Grand Lodge get all the association and aid that this splendid organization can and does freely give to Masonry.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A Special Convention was held June 9, 1916, for the purpose of anointing, consecrating and setting apart one High Priest.

The Annual Convention met December 13, 1916, and transacted no business except the election of officers.

On March 15, 1917, another Annual Convention was held for work.

E.'. President Jesse Converse presided at all these meetings.

At the last meeting, ten eligible applicants were elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Office.

President Converse delivered a pleasing and instructive annual address.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The largest and best part of the volume is relegated to the "Appendix." It is the fine report on Correspondence written by Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest, Adrian J. Parshall.

Alabama 1916 has courteous, full and fraternal consideration at his hands. He quotes the Grand High Priest, M.'. E.'. Comp. W. W. Ransom, with approval, and is kind to the writer.

Wish we could tarry longer with him, and cull from his wise sayings under various Grand Jurisdictions, and in his conclusion, but we, too, must come to our conclusion.

M.'. E.'. Comp. Robert I. Turner, Grand High Priest.

M.'. E.'. Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

It is a far cry from Alberta, all around the world, and back to Wyoming. But the task is attended with nothing but pleasure, and the trip is always of more benefit to the traveler than to those who will endeavor to trace his steps as he passes on the way through the Capitular domains.

Many of the Reviewers announce that they find nothing new, novel or startling in the Capitular world. This is true. The writer, however, desires to record the fact that there is a note of hope and progress almost everywhere. Here and there in the addresses delivered

is a note of warning that Masonry is on trial, and must answer for herself and justify her existence, when the world emerges from its baptism of fire, and begins to take an account of the institutions claiming its notice because of beneficial potencies to the human race. If each Mason could realize the potencies for good within his reach, and put into militant operation the lessons inculcated, the answer will not be hard to give, nor will the regenerated world be slow to accord it first place in Human Institutions of benefit to Humanity. So mote it be.

Fraternally,

LAWRENCE H. LEE.

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