

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

4
Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA,

AT AN ANNUAL CONVOCATION, BEGUN AND HELD IN THE

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE,

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, A. D. 1861, A. L. 5861.

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OFFICE OF THE FLORIDA SENTINEL.

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Grand Chapter of Florida.

1861.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, begun and held in the Masonic Hall in the city of Tallahassee, on Monday, January 14, A. D. 1861, A. L. 5861.

PRESENT.

M. E. GEO. F. BALTZELL,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
E. THOMAS BROWN,	<i>Grand King.</i>
" CHAS. SLAGER,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
" JOHN B. TAYLOR,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
" THOS. HAYWARD,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
Comp. SAMUEL J. ERWIN,	<i>G. Capt. of Host.</i>
" H. J. STEWART,	<i>Grand Prin. Sojourner.</i>
" T. K. LEONARD,	<i>G. Royal Arch Captain.</i>
" J. T. BERNARD,	<i>G. M. 3d Vail.</i>
" W. H. ARENDELL,	<i>G. M. 2d Vail.</i>
" M. G. W. JORDAN,	<i>G. M. 1st Vail.</i>
" GEO. DAMON,	<i>G. Guard.</i>
" THOS. BROWN,	<i>P. G. H. P.</i>

With a due representation of subordinate Chapters, members and visitors.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in form.

On motion, the reading of the Proceedings of the last Convocation was dispensed with.

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons of good standing are invited to seats in this Grand Convocation.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Comps. Stewart, Erwin and Arendell a Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

The craft were called to labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. GEO. F. BALTZELL,	Grand High Priest.
E. JAS. ELLENWOOD,	Grand King.
" CHAS. SLAGER,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN B. TAYLOR,	Grand Secretary.
" THOS. HAYWARD,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. SAMUEL J. ERWIN,	G. Capt. of Host.
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" D. C. DAWKINS,	Grand R. A. Captain.
" F. BRANCH,	G. M. 3d Vail.
" W. H. ARENDELL,	G. M. 2d Vail.
" CALVIN DAVIS,	G. M. 1st Vail.
" GEO. DAMON,	G. Guard.
" THOS. BROWN,	P. G. H. P.

With a due representation of subordinate Chapters, members and visitors.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

The Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to make the following report:

They have examined the returns of the following Royal Arch Chapters and find them correct:

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1,—J. B. Taylor, HP; Thos. Hayward, K; Robert Heir, S.

Magnolia R. A. Chapter, No. 3,—John Benezet, HP; Samuel J. Whiteside, K; Jas. J. Griffin, S.

Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5,—James Ellenwood, HP; W. H. Arendell, K; Calvin Davis, S.

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6,—W. W. Hardee, HP; John Chain, K; J. R. Mims, S.

Olive R. A. Chapter, No. 10,—Josiah Paine, HP; A. C. Brown, K; D. M. Allred, S.

Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11,—Wm. Morrill, HP; W. H. James, K; Geo. H. O'Neal, S; J. B. Taylor, Proxy for HP.

Tampa R. A. Chapter, U. D.,—J. Darling, HP; F. Branch, K; H. V. Snell, S.

Greenwood R. A. Chapter, No. 15,—S. J. Erwin, HP; Geo. F. Baltzell, K; Allen H. Bush, S.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. STEWART, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of Quiney R. A. Chapter, No. 7, and find them incorrect. No dues for membership or exaltation specified.

Comps. T. Y. HENRY, *H. P.*,
S. B. LOVE, *K.*,
J. P. SCOTT, *S.*,
H. J. STEWART, *Ch'n.*

Which was received.

On motion, Micanopy Chapter, No. 16, had further time to forward returns and dues.

Comp. Erwin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Comp. D. C. Dawkins be appointed a Committee of one to make a digest of the laws and resolutions of this Grand Chapter from the annual proceedings, and report to this Grand Chapter at its next annual convocation.

Adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report. (See Appendix.)

Comp. Baltzell offered the following:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted on the 11th of January last, in relation to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, be repealed.

Adopted.

The G. H. P. made the following appointments:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials and Returns.—Stewart, Erwin and Arendell.

On Accounts.—Erwin, Ellenwood and Stewart.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Ellenwood, Brown and Slager.

On Constitution.—Hayward, Brown and Taylor.

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—Stewart, Slager and Dawkins.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brown, Taylor and Hayward.

Comp. Leonard offered the following:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

At the last meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Centreville R. A. Chapter was removed to Miccosukie, Fla. During the year we have been unable to have a meeting in consequence of the death and removal of the members of the Chapter. There are quite a number of Master Masons, desirous of becoming R. A. Masons, at Miccosukie, and I respectfully request

that an extension of one year be extended to said Chapter to organize at Miccosukie. Fraternally,

January 15, 1861.

Which was read and granted.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report:

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws beg leave to report, that they have examined the proceedings and by-laws of Tampa Royal Arch Chapter, under dispensation, petitioning for a charter, and find that said by-laws are in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and recommend that a charter be granted the petitioners accordingly.

Which was adopted.

Called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock P. M.

T. K. LEONARD, Scribe of Centreville R. A. Chapter.

HENRY J. STEWART, Chairman.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

The craft were called to labor.

PRESENT.

- M. E. GEO. F. BALTZELL, Grand High Priest.
E. JAS. ELLENWOOD, Grand King.
CHARLES SLAGER, Grand Scribe.
JOHN B. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary.
THOMAS HAYWARD, Grand Treasurer.
Comp. SAMUEL J. ERWIN, G. Capt. of Host.
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GEORGE DAMON, Grand Guard.
THOMAS BROWN, P. G. H. P.

With a due representation, &c.

Established by the G. H. P. that the date of R. A. M. be 2391,

A. I.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report:

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws beg leave to report:

That they have had before them a petition for a charter from the Companions composing Micanopy R. A. Chapter, v. d., recommended by the officers of Olive R. A. Chapter, No. 10, accompanied by the necessary certificate as to the capacity and qualifications of the officers of Micanopy Chapter, and recommend that the charter asked for be granted.

HENRY J. STEWART, Chairman.

Which was adopted.

Comp. Hunter offered the following petition:

Comp. E. R. Ives, late Secretary of Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 9, having removed from Lake City, at which place the Chapter is located, carried with him the books of the Chapter. We were therefore unable to make the usual return to this Grand Convocation. As soon as we get the book we will make the return, and forward dues, &c. We therefore ask the indulgence of the Grand Chapter, until we can make such return.

The Committee on accounts made the following report:

The Committee on accounts have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and offer the following report:

Table with financial entries: GRAND SECRETARY, Dr. To amount received from subordinate Chapters... \$282.00; Credit by amount paid Grand Treasurer... 282.00; GRAND TREASURER, Dr. To amount received from Grand Secretary during 1860... \$374.00; ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' 1861... 282.00; Credit by amount due Grand Treasurer... \$222.29; Paid Grand Secretary... 170.00; ' ' Tyler... 25.00; Paid interest on balance to 1859... 5.05; ' Commissions... 14.86; Total: \$437.20

Balance due Grand Chapter... \$218.80

The Committee recommend that the same amount be paid the Grand Secretary as last year.

July, 1861.

SAMUEL J. ERWIN, Chairman.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Comp. Erwin,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter address each delinquent Chapter in regard to their indebtedness, and urge a speedy settlement.

On motion the following was adopted:

Comp. Dawkins moved that Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, and Columbia Chapter, No. 9, have further time to make their returns to this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then went into an election for officers, when

Comp. GEO. F. BALTZELL,	was unanimously elected	<i>Grand High Priest,</i>
" JAMES ELLENWOOD,	" duly	" <i>D. G. High Priest.</i>
" FRANKLIN BRANCH,	" unanimously	" <i>Grand King.</i>
" CHARLES SLAGER,	" "	" <i>Grand Scribe.</i>
" JOHN B. TAYLOR,	" "	" <i>Grand Secretary.</i>
" THOMAS HAYWARD,	" "	" <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
" E. L. T. BLAKE,	" "	" <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>

The Grand Council made the following appointments:

Comp. SAMUEL J. ERWIN,	<i>G. Capt. of Host.</i>
" H. I. STEWART,	<i>Grand Prin. Sojourner.</i>
" H. V. SNELL,	<i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i>
" G. H. HUNTER,	<i>G. M. 3d Vail.</i>
" W. H. ARENDELL,	<i>G. M. 2d Vail.</i>
" W. R. MOORE,	<i>G. M. 1st Vail.</i>
" GEORGE DAMON,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

Comp. Geo. F. Baltzell, G. H. P. elect, was duly installed as G. H. P. by P. G. H. P. Thos. Hayward.

The G. H. P. Geo. F. Baltzell duly installed

Comp. JAMES ELLENWOOD,	as <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
" FRANKLIN BRANCH	" <i>Grand King.</i>
" CHARLES SLAGER,	" <i>Grand Scribe.</i>
" H. V. SNELL,	" <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i>

On motion, the thanks of this G. R. A. Chapter was voted to Jackson Lodge, No. 1, for the use of their hall during this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Florida was then closed in ample form.

Attest,
JOHN B. TAYLOR, *Grand Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence have been placed in possession of the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, viz:

Alabama, Dec. 6, 1859.	North Carolina, June 6, 1859, and 4th June, 1860.
Canada, Feb. 8, 1860.	Wisconsin, Feb. 1, 1860.
California, May 3, 1860.	Texas, June 22, 1860.
Georgia, April 25, 1860.	Maine, April 30, 1859.
Indiana, May 22, 1859.	Iowa, Sept. 7, 1859, for '59 to '60.
Louisiana, Feb. 14, 1860.	New Jersey, Sept. 12, 1860.
Michigan, Jan. 9, 1860.	New York, Feb. 7, 1860.
Maryland and District of Columbia, Nov. 14, 1859.	Kentucky, Dec. 15, 1860.
Mississippi, Jan. 9, 1860.	Illinois, Sept. 28, 1860.
Missouri, May 23, 1860.	Massachusetts, Sept. 11, 1860.

In entering upon the duties assigned us, we find our labors limited and confined to a determined sphere by the following resolution, adopted at the Convocation of 1859 of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter:

Resolved, That hereafter the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter are hereby instructed to only incorporate in their report those points of masonic law which have been decided by other Grand Royal Arch Chapters, or such questions as are in controversy which appertain to Royal Arch masonry, and that none other subjects shall be incorporated in said report, and that said committee shall not present their views on said subjects, but only present the questions for the decision of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter."

Those disposed to amplify and enlarge upon the beauties of our beloved institution, and the moral precepts therein contained, would deeply regret the adoption of the above resolution, but from necessity we feel that it meets our present exigency, having, at the present writing, but about one-third of the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters with whom we correspond. It will readily be conceived that, however desirous we might be to extend, the time allowed would not permit us. We, therefore, in accordance with the resolution, furnish a synopsis of points of masonic law which have been decided, or such questions as are in controversy.

In Alabama, Ex. S. A. M. Wood, D. G. H. P. as G. H. P. This Grand Chapter has no Committee on Masonic Law or Jurisprudence; was closed on

the second day in peace and harmony. Reports number of Chapters, 67. Number of members, 1578. M. E. S. A. M. Wood, G. H. P., Florence. Ex. Daniel Sayre, G. Secretary, Montgomery

In California, M. E. Henry Hare Hartley, G. H. P. The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following resolutions:

"That a mason who stands suspended for non-payment of dues under the regulations of the Grand Lodge of California occupies the position of a suspended mason, and that the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction can hold no masonic intercourse with him.

"That a majority vote in a Chapter is sufficient to grant permission to an applicant within its jurisdiction to apply elsewhere for the degrees."

M. E. Henry Hare Hartley, G. H. P., Sacramento. Ex. L. C. Owen, Grand Secretary, San Francisco. Reports number of Chapters 27. Number of members 1,025.

In Canada, M. E. Thos. D. Harington, Grand Z. Florida is not noticed. Reports Number of Chapters 8. Number members not enumerated. M. E. Thomas Douglas Harington, G. Z. R. E. Thomas B. Harris, Scribe E.

In Georgia, M. E. Philip T. Schley, G. H. P. The Committee appointed to collect the edicts of this Grand Body for publication, report, that they have examined the printed proceedings from A. D. 1845 up to and including the last Convocation, and find the following:

"Neither of the first three officers of a Chapter shall call upon any other than a Past or Present High Priest to preside.

"If a candidate is not maimed or deformed in such a manner as to prevent him from being taught, and, in turn, from teaching *all* the mysteries of the art he is competent to take the degrees.

"All Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are hereby prohibited from conferring the degrees on an unaffiliated mason.

"That the H. P. or presiding officer of the subordinate Chapter be required, whenever they call their Chapters from labor to refreshment, to close the same in *due form* before the next regular meeting of the Chapter."

Many others of a local nature not here noticed. In the proceedings of 1852, a subordinate propounded the following questions:

"1st. Can an election of H. P. be held to fill a vacancy in that office whilst the regularly elected King and Scribe continue in office?"

"2d. Can more than one election be held in one year without a dispensation from the G. H. P. authorizing it?"

"3d. Is a Companion eligible to the office of H. P., he having been elected to and accepted and acted in a subordinate office until the time for which he has been elected to such subordinate office shall have expired?"

The Committee on Correspondence freely extract from the address of our G. H. P. of last year, and in alluding to the rulings then made by our Grand Chapter say:

"We disagree with the first in practice, and dissent from the third on principle."

Number of Chapters reported 45. Number of members not reported.

In Indiana, M. E. Daniel K. Hays, G. H. P.

The following resolutions were submitted:

"That this Grand Chapter concur in the decision of the G. H. P. that it is impossible, under any circumstances, for a H. P. to install himself.

"That a belief in the Divine authority of the Bible, and the existence of a God, are alike essential as a qualification for a true mason.

"That no masonic organization should be allowed an existence whose disciplinary requirements do not clearly exemplify the perfect agreement with and dependence of masonry upon the Scriptures of Divine Truth.

"That the Bible, 'the great light of masonry,' is regarded as the only rule for faith and practice among masons, and every mason is bound to reverence the name and obey the mandates contained in the word of God. And he who, professing to be a R. A. mason, does not so deport himself as to show in his conduct and conversation the beauty of 'Holiness to the Lord,' should be a subject of masonic discipline, and required to reform, or have no more place among us.

"That any person who does not believe in the entire agreement of the principles of masonry with the teachings of the Bible, is disqualified from being a mason, either for want of faith in the Bible or moral perception to comprehend the teachings of masonry.

"That trusting in Almighty God, the great 'High Priest of our profession,' we hope at last to be welcomed into the Supreme Council above, and enjoy an eternity of bliss in that Heaven where shall be fully unfolded, in all its glorious effulgence, that light which, as masons, we have so ardently sought for here below."

Reports number Chapters 44; number members 1,534.

M. E. William Hacker, Gr. H. P., Shelbyville. E. Francis King, Gr. Secretary, Indianapolis.

In Louisiana, M. E. J. Q. A. Fellows, Gr. H. P.

This Grand Body has no Committee on Masonic Law or Jurisprudence—was three days in session, and closed in harmony.

Reports number of Chapters 25; number of members not stated.

M. E. A. J. Norwood, Gr. H. P., Clinton. E. Samuel G. Risk, Gr. Secretary, New Orleans.

In Maryland and District of Columbia, M. E. James Goszler, Gr. H. P.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted:

"That the rejection of the application of any High Priest of a Chapter for the order of Priesthood, by a Council of High Priests, shall not render him ineligible to perform all the duties of the H. P. of the Chapter to which he belongs."

M. E. James Goszler, Gr. H. P., Washington, D. C. E. Jos. Robinson, Gr. Secretary, Baltimore.

Reports number of Chapters 18; number of members 436.

In Missouri, M. E. J. W. Crane, Gr. H. P.

This Grand Body has no Committee on Masonic Law.

Was three days in session.

M. E. J. W. Crane, Gr. H. P., St. Louis. E. A. O'Sullivan, Gr. Secretary, St. Louis.

Reports number of Chapters 31; number of members 882.

In Michigan, M. E. S. C. Coffinberry, G. H. P.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage submitted the following:

"That it is not necessary for any Royal Arch Mason within this jurisdiction to withdraw from any Chapter of which he may be a member, for the purpose of organizing a new Chapter under dispensation, until said new

Chapter shall have received its charter, at which time his connection with the Chapter to which he formerly belonged shall cease.

"That, hereafter, any Chapter within this jurisdiction, which shall substitute candidates for the Royal Arch Degree, shall be subject to masonic discipline, and may have the charter revoked at the pleasure of this Grand Chapter, when in session, or by the G. H. P. while in recess."

Which were laid on the table.

Reports number of Chapters 24; number of members not reported.

In Mississippi, M. E. M. S. Ward, G. H. P.

Comp. Gray submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"That Royal Arch Chapters have no right to confer the Past Master's degree on a Master Mason, merely for the purpose of qualifying him to preside as a Master of a Blue Lodge.

"That no Chapter, subordinate to this Grand Chapter, shall confer the degree of Past Master on any person, unless he shall have regularly petitioned for the Chapter degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, and been fully elected to receive the same by the Chapter opened in the Royal Arch degree, and shall have previously received the degree of Mark Master.

Reports number of Chapters 73; number of members 2,452.

M. E. Giles M. Hillyer, G. H. P., Natchez. E. R. W. T. Daniel, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

In North Carolina, M. E. E. F. Watson, D. G. H. P., presiding.

This Grand Chapter has no Committee on Masonic Law.

Comp. Fanning, from a committee, submitted the following resolution:

"That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims, for itself and subordinates, any and all control over the Royal and Select Master's Degrees."

Reports number of Chapters 31; number of members 89.

M. E. E. F. Watson, G. H. P., Graham. E. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary, Wilmington.

In North Carolina, M. E. E. F. Watson, G. H. P.

Florida not mentioned in report of Committee of Correspondence.

Number of Chapters 33; number of members 942.

M. E. E. F. Watson, G. H. P., re-elected. R. E. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

In Wisconsin, M. E. Henry L. Palmer, G. H. P.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following questions and answers:

"Can a Chapter suspend one of its officers (either elected or appointed) for non-payment of dues?"

"Ans.—It can, except the High Priest.

"When a Chapter is open and at work, and from any casualty the members become reduced below nine, what is the proper course to pursue? Or should the same occur when called to refreshment, what should be done?"

"Ans.—The Chapter may be closed by a less number than nine, but no business can be transacted.

"Can a Chapter in exaltation, substitute one or more Companions in lieu of regular candidates?"

"Ans.—It can do so in cases of emergency, but this power should be exercised with caution, and not adopted as a general rule.

"Can a Chapter alter the by-laws of the same, so as to elect its officers and

have them enter upon the discharge of their duties before the expiration of the term for which previous officers were elected and installed?

"Ans.—Officers of a regular Chapter, duly elected, installed and proclaimed as such, must serve for the full term for which they were elected, and it is not in the power of the Chapter, by amending its by-laws, to remove the officers first elected."

Reports number of Chapters 21; number of members 593.

M. E. Erastus Lewis, G. H. P., Janesville. E. W. T. Palmer, Milwaukee. In Texas, M. E. Andrew Neill, G. H. P.

A Committee reported the following resolution:

"That the subordinate Chapters be prohibited from conferring the degrees of R. A. Masonry on any but affiliated Master Masons."

Adopted.

Reports number of Chapters 76; number of members 2,431.

M. E. Wm. T. Austin, G. H. P., Galveston. E. A. S. Ruthven, Gr. Secretary, Galveston.

In Maine, M. E. Moses Dodge, G. H. P.

Comp. Bell proposed to amend the Constitution so that the second Section in Article six shall read as follows:

"The application of every candidate for advancement or exaltation, in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, who shall be a member of a Lodge of Master Masons within this State; presented to the Chapter at a stated convocation, referred to a Committee of Enquiry, and lie over at least one month for the consideration of the members, unless the candidate is bound on a voyage to foreign parts or on a long journey, when a less time may intervene between the application and balloting for him, or unless the Grand High Priest grants a dispensation therefor."

Adopted unanimously.

Florida not mentioned in Report on Correspondence.

Number of Chapters 10; number of members 584.

M. E. Moses Dodge, G. H. P., re-elected. R. E. Ira Berry, Gr. Secretary, re-elected.

In Iowa, M. E. E. W. Eastman, Gr. H. P.

The M. E. G. H. P. claims the right and holds it to be the duty of this Grand Chapter to assert its unquestionable right to establish Chapters in Nebraska and Kansas, or wherever else in the civilized world it may desire to do so, out of the limits of a Grand Chapter, to the same extent that the Grand Lodge of any State in this Union has a right to do.

M. E. Kimball Porter, Gr. H. P. R. E. W. B. Langridge, Gr. Secretary.

Number of Chapters 26; number of members 613.

In New Jersey, M. E. W. W. Goodwin, G. H. P. Thos. J. Corson, D. G. H. P., during the absence of the M. E. G. H. Priest from the State, gave the following decisions:

"A Chapter must be regularly opened and closed at any Convocation, as it is irregular and improper for a Chapter to 'call off' beyond the day on which it is convened.

"A Chapter cannot transact business or 'exalt' candidates, unless there be nine companions present."

Florida is not mentioned by Committee on Correspondence.

Report number of Chapters 12. Number of members 419. M. E. Thomas J. Corson, G. H. P. R. E. John Woolverton, G. Secretary.

In New York, M. E. James M. Austin, G. H. P. The Proceedings of Florida received and courteously commented upon.

Number of Chapters 169. Number of members 4,152.

M. E. James M. Austin, G. H. P., re-elected. R. E. John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

In Kentucky, M. E. Thomas Todd, G. H. P. The printed Proceedings of Florida not received. Revised their Constitution at some length. Number of Chapters 71. Number of members 1,841. M. E. Theodore N. Wise, G. H. P. R. E. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

In Massachusetts, M. E. John McClellan, G. H. P. On motion of Comp. Chase, the following resolve was unanimously adopted:

"That a standing committee of nine be appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, to be called the Committee on Work of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to decide upon a system of work and lectures for this Grand Jurisdiction, and to exemplify one or more degrees at each session of the Grand Chapter. The system agreed upon by said committee, shall be binding and obligatory upon the Chapters in this jurisdiction, unless a two-thirds majority of the Grand Chapter, on regular motion, shall decide otherwise. All questions and matters relative to the work and lectures, shall be referred to said committee, and their decision shall be final, except as above provided. The M. E. Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of said committee."

On motion of M. E. Comp. Thornton,

"Voted, That the three prayers usually made during the ceremony of the seventh degree be discontinued, their use being an innovation on the ancient work of the degree."

Reports number of Chapters 22; number of members not enumerated.

M. E. James Kimball, G. H. P. Ex. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

In Illinois, M. E. Wm. W. Mitchell, as G. H. P. No report from Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. Reports number of Chapters 57; number of members 629. M. E. Nelson D. Elwood, G. H. P.; Ex. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

In conclusion, the Committee having carefully reviewed all the proceedings by us received since the last communication, and collated such matter as is contemplated by the resolution quoted above, feel that they have discharged the duty assigned them.

So far as it has come to our knowledge, Royal Arch Masonry, throughout the length and breadth of the land, is in a highly flourishing condition, and peace and harmony everywhere prevail amongst the craft.

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" GEORGE DAMON,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

TAYLOR, ARENDELL and CRAFT, *G. M's of Vails.*

With a due representation (of subordinate Chapters), members and visitors.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida was opened with prayer in ample form.

On motion,

Resolved, That all R. A. Masons in good standing, be invited to sit with us during the present Convocation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the reading of the proceedings of the last Convocation be dispensed with.

The G. H. P. appointed Comps. Snell, Arendell and Craft as the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the reports on Credentials and Returns, beg leave to report, that they have examined returns from three Chapters: Fla. R. A. No. 1; Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5; and Tampa Chapter, No. 17. They find the returns in due form, with the exception that Fla. Chapter, No. 1, has failed to report the officers elect for the ensuing year.

We have also examined the credentials of H. V. Snell, proxy for John Darling, H. P., and recommend the receipt of said proxy.

Respectfully,

H. V. SNELL,
W. H. ARENDELL,
SAM'L C. CRAFT, } Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered the following address:

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:

In the discharge of my official duty, it becomes me to address you on the present occasion. Let every heart be lifted up to Him in whom, as masons, first, we put our trust, acknowledge our utter dependence on Him, offer our devout thanks for the manifold blessings we have enjoyed from His bountiful hand during the past masonic year, and humbly invoke the Divine favor on all our present and future undertakings. Let us here, in this sacred retreat from the world's diverting gaze, renew our fraternal obligations to each other, rekindle at the altar of sacrifices the sacred tenets of our order, and by the aid and support of our great High Priest, forsake all that is evil, and firmly cleave to that which is good. An order as ancient as is ours, and exerting an influence commensurate to the antiquity of it, requires much thought and deep research to do it the justice it merits, and to give it the prominence as an element in society it has ever attached to itself. The origin of masonry, like everything antique, is involved in greater or less obscurity. Such uncertainty, to a great extent, attaches itself to the Holy Scriptures, themselves. Here we do not intimate that those sacred writings are unworthy of belief; such a position a good mason would not and could not assume. The Bible does not tell us at what time our earth was created; it observes, as it were, a reticence respecting the fall of man, and it says nothing of the manuscripts which Moses consulted when he wrote the book of Genesis. On these subjects the Scriptures are satisfactory. As much may be predicated of history in regard to masonry. On many points it may not be mathematically certain, yet it may be sufficiently so to make the reception of it a moral act on the part of him receiving it. And more than this an intelligent community cannot reasonably ask of our venerable and ancient order. Masonry is traceable to the secret societies of the Egyptian Priesthood, to those of Greece and Rome. Always it has not existed under the same name. The Dionysian

artificers of Asia Minor were members of our craft, and for the knowledge of arts and sciences, had the exclusive privilege of erecting temples, studia and other buildings. Their origin is traceable to Egypt. And before the building of King Solomon's Temple these artificers were known throughout the world, and especially in Tyre and its vicinage. From this order the cunning workmen sent by King Hiram to King Solomon were selected. Thus, were it necessary, the history of masonry might be traced as accurately as any other ancient institution. Gradually it becomes more intelligible, until we find Master Masons traveling with their Apprentices and Fellow Crafts from the East all over Europe. These were the very men who erected the churches, the cathedrals and other public buildings, which, down to the present day, are regarded as monuments of industry, honesty and art. These worthy Companions were the men whom the nobility and Kings of Britain patronized, and of whose craft for the benefit of the people they became members. Early in the last century masonry ceased to be operative and became speculative or moral. Thus we find it in our day. The object of masonry, speculative or operative, is the same. It ever contemplated the good of society. True, this has been questioned, and so has everything which is good. The inventive faculties of man have not been slow to malign it. But all this must be regarded as a proof of its intrinsic merit. Were it popular in every sense of the word, thus it would not be opposed. In fitting the rough Ashlar for the *Master's service*, many corners must be removed, and under the operation the unhewn stone may break.

In the present state of the world human institutions are necessary. Of all these, none deserves greater consideration than the one of which you are members. We conceive it less selfish and more benevolent than any other. Its left hand must not necessarily know what its right hand does. It does not demand an equivalent for that, which in charity it does. It walks by faith, and not merely by sight. We do not call our institution a church. It is human, and as such, in benevolence and charity, it will compare well with others of no higher claim. In proof of this we appeal to the intrinsic genius of masonry. The true mason will ever be a protector, not only to his brothers, but also to their families. He who touches them, "toucheth the apple of his eye." Not merely socially, and in a domestic point of view, is masonry a benefit to man, but also as an active element in society. We not only profess peace, but we promote it. With the oppressed we sympathize; and to tyranny we present a face of steel. The poor man for his poverty we do not despise, nor do we attach undue consideration to the rich for their wealth. Men are esteemed for their intellectual and moral worth. The man that does the most good is the best man. In State we are conservative, and are friends of well ordered governments. Of rational liberty we cannot too highly approve, and for the complete development of human nature, it is our pride to labor incessantly. And thus we give practical effect to our masonic obliga-

tions. The view which we have thus briefly presented of masonry is not Utopian. Frequently it has been realized. We cannot to some extent deny the present inefficiency of masonry, and the causes of it are too apparent to be ignored. They exist in a degenerating age. And this has occasioned an external pressure unfavorable to masonry, and made the order itself careless in the admission of members into its fraternity. Here, then, are the crippling influences of our institution. Shall they be met, abated and overcome? Were they insuperable, with resignation we might receive the stroke which threatens to fell us to the ground. But thus resigned, we dare not be; our order and the good of man alike forbid it. If these difficulties are met with an energy commensurate to their strength they must yield. That God, who never blinks truth, to our prayers will not turn a deaf ear, and our low estate will pity, because we commiserate men. I am aware the preceding remarks are strictly applicable to symbolic, but none the less appropriate to capitular masonry.

Masonry flourishes as an element of civilization where there is peace, unity and concord. In the absence of either of them, more especially the former, the Temple is neglected, and the working tools of the craft laid up and disused. Such is our present condition. It is unnecessary here to recur to the important political events of the last year, culminating in a war in which we are now engaged; a strife in many instances marked with acts violative of the well established customs of civilized nations. Acting strictly on the defensive, as men and masons, we must, to the extent of our power, meet the invaders to the extent of our ability. And as no infidel can be a mason, correlatively every mason must be a patriot. Having heretofore opposed much legislation in our Convocations, and believing we have sufficient light before us for the exercise of every duty, I have now no recommendation to make.

After the close of our last Convocation a dispensation was granted to Comp. Grand Scribe Slager to organize Tampa Chapter, No. 17, and install its officers. No other matter has been submitted for my judgment or action.

GEO. F. BALTZELL, *G. H. P.*

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until to-morrow 3 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1862.

The Grand Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT.

M. E. GEO. F. BALTZELL, *Grand High Priest.*
E. JAMES ELLENWOOD, *Grand King.*

E. CHAS. SLAGER, *Grand Scribe.*
" J. B. TAYLOR, *Grand Secretary.*
" THOS. HAYWARD, *Grand Treasurer.*
Comp. D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Capt. of Host.*
" THOS. HAYWARD, as *Grand Prin. Sojourner.*
" JOHN PENNY, *Grand R. A. Captain.*
" GEO. DAMON, *Grand Sentinel.*

TAYLOR, ARENDELL and CRAFT, *G. M's of Vails.*

With a due representation, &c.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a new charter be granted to the members of Olive Chapter, No. 10, their masonic hall, with all the furniture, having recently been destroyed by fire, and that no charge be made for the same.

The G. H. P. appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Comps. Arendell, Craft and Penny.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Comps. Slager, Dawkins and Snell.

On Constitutions.—Comps. Ellenwood, Hayward and Dawkins.

On Dispensations and By-Laws—Comps. Snell, Craft and Arendell.

Comp. Dawkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the payment of the dues of all Chapters which have not been able to make their annual returns or pay their annual dues to this Grand Chapter, be suspended until the next Grand Annual Convocation.

Adopted.

Comp. Dawkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the existence of the present national hostilities between the United States and the Confederate States of America, the High Priest of any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction is hereby authorized to move, or cause to be moved, the Chapter of which he is High Priest to any safe and judicious locality within this State: *Provided*, such removal shall, by a majority of the members of such Chapter, be adjudged necessary and proper for the convenience or protection of the same.

Adopted.

The Grand Chapter then went into an election for officers, when

Comp. GEO. F. BALTZELL,	was	duly	elected	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
" JAMES ELLENWOOD,	"	"	"	<i>D. G. High Priest.</i>
" CHAS. SLAGER,	"	"	"	<i>Grand King.</i>
" D. C. DAWKINS,	"	"	"	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>

Comp. JOHN B. TAYLOR, was unanimously elected *Grand Secretary*.
 " THOS. HAYWARD, " " " *Grand Treasurer*.
 The Rev. JOHN PENNY, " " " *Grand Chaplain*.

The Grand Council made the following appointments:

JOHN S. BAIRD, *Grand Marshal*.
 W. H. ARENDELL, *G. Capt. of Host*.
 H. V. SNELL, *G. Prin. Sojourner*.
 D. W. GWYNN, *Grand R. A. Captain*.
 J. J. WALKER, *G. M. 3d Vail*.
 A. H. BUSH, *G. M. 2d Vail*.
 JAMES GETTIS, *G. M. 1st Vail*.
 G. DAMON, *G. Guard*.
 C. DAVIS, *G. Steward*.
 A. J. LEA, " "

Called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, 1862.

The Grand Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT.

M. E. GEO. F. BALTZELL, *Grand High Priest*.
 E. JAMES ELLENWOOD, *Grand King*.
 " CHAS. SLAGER, *Grand Scribe*.
 " JOHN B. TAYLOR, *Grand Secretary*.
 " THOS. HAYWARD, *Grand Treasurer*.
 Comp. D. C. DAWKINS, *G. Capt. of Host*.
 " CALVIN DAVIS, *Grand Prin. Sojourner*.
 " H. V. SNELL, *Grand R. A. Captain*.
 " GEO. DAMON, *G. Sentinel*.
 A. JACKSON LEA, W. H. ARENDELL, and SAMUEL C. CRAFT, *Masters of Vails*.

With a due representation, &c.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:

Grand Secretary reports received from subordinate Chapters.....	\$92.00
Cash paid Grand Treasurer.....	92.00
Grand Treasurer reports received from Grand Secretary.....	\$ 92.00
On hand as per last report.....	218.80
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	\$310.80

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Cash paid Grand Secretary.....	\$175.00
Interest on \$222.29.....	17.77
Com's on \$282.00.....	11.28
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	\$204.05
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	\$106.75

This sum \$106.75 is to be accounted for at next Annual Convocation in 1863.
 They recommend that the Grand Secretary be paid for his services one hundred and fifty dollars, and the Grand Tyler fifteen dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. ARENDELL, }
 S. C. CRAFT, } *Committee.*
 JOHN PENNY, }

On motion, Comps. Dawkins, Snell and Taylor were appointed a Committee to contract for the printing of 80 copies of the proceedings for 1862.

The Grand R. A. Chapter proceeded to install its officers, when the M. E. G. H. P. duly installed

Comp. SLAGER, as *Grand King*.
 " D. C. DAWKINS, " *Grand Scribe*.
 " W. H. ARENDELL, " *Grand Capt. of Host*.
 " H. V. SNELL, " *Grand Prin. Sojourner*.
 " JAMES GETTIS, " *G. M. 1st Vail*.
 The Rev. JOHN PENNY, " *Grand Chaplain*.
 Comp. C. DAVIS, " *Grand Steward*.
 " J. LEA, " "

Called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, January 16, 1862.

The Grand Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT.

M. E. GEO. F. BALTZELL, *Grand High Priest*.
 E. JAMES ELLENWOOD, *D. G. High Priest*.
 " CHAS. SLAGER, *G. King*.
 " D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Scribe*.

E. JOHN B. TAYLOR,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
" THOS. HAYWARD,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
Comp. W. H. ARENDELL,	<i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i>
" THOS. HAYWARD,	as <i>Grand Prin. Sojourner.</i>
" JOHN PENNY,	" <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i>
" GEO. DAMON,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>
TAYLOR, ELLENWOOD and CRAFT, <i>G. M's of Vails.</i>	

On motion, the thanks of this G. R. A. Chapter were tendered to Jackson Lodge, No. 1, for the use of their hall during this Grand Convocation.

On motion, the thanks of this G. R. A. Chapter were tendered to the M. E. Grand High Priest for his able and fraternal administration during our present Convocation.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida was then closed in ample form.

Attest, JOHN B. TAYLOR, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

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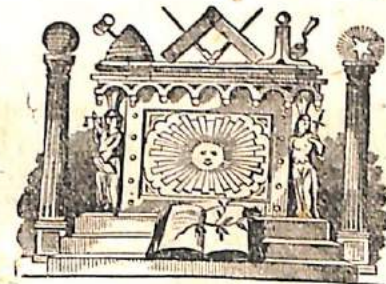
Grand Chapter

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF

FLORIDA,



AT AN ANNUAL CONVOCATION BEGUN AND HELD IN THE
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PROCEEDINGS.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, begun and held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 12th day of January, A. D. 1863, A. I. 2393:

PRESENT:

M. E. GEORGE F. BALTZELL, G. H. P.,
E. JAMES ELLENWOOD, D. G. H. P.,
E. EDWARD R. IVES, as Grand King,
E. D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Scribe,
E. THOMAS HAYWARD, Grand Treasurer,
E. HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand as Secretary.
Comp. WILLIAM H. ARENDELL, G. C. H.,
" THOMAS A. CARRUTH, as G. P. S.,
" GREEN H. HUNTER, as G. R. A. C.,
" GEORGE DAMON, Grand Sentinel,
G. M. of Vails, E. W. JONES, T. H. WILSON and A. J. PRE-
VATT,

With a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Comps. Arendell, Hunter and Jones a Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered the following address:

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:

The welfare of Royal Arch Masonry again claims our attention, care, and supervision. We meet to-day in regular course, but under very peculiar circumstances. Never did this Grand Chapter convene with such discouraging prospects before it. Those familiar faces, who, on former occasions, have been with us, tendered a brother's salutation, held sweet council and aided in our deliberations, are not now present. Alas! some of them will never again meet with us on earth. Sad is the contemplation, and sore the reflection, that this dreadful and unnatural war has deprived us forever of some of the brightest luminaries in

our galaxy of worth and merit. We should feel deeply humiliated and mourn in sack cloth and ashes, that the great God in the dispensation of His allwise providence should meet out to us this deep affliction. It is proper at all times to submit and humble ourselves before Him, but especially so in times of trouble, danger and peril. We should now confess our faults, implore His forgiveness, and continue to invoke and plead for His mercy, to stay the hand of His displeasure and chastisement. Many of the Temples erected on the confines of our jurisdiction have been invaded, and the altars foully desecrated by the polluting hand of our enemies. Our beloved companions have fled to save their families from the savage designs of an infuriated and unscrupulous soldiery. God grant them health, security and peace, with power to withstand this persecution. Companions, this theme is limitless and not unprofitable. Our Fathers trusted in God, and He did deliver them. "If there be iniquity in my hands, if I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me, yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy."

Masonry has existed from time immemorial, passed through the most devastating events in human affairs, survived the overthrow of the proudest and most powerful nations on earth, and to-day stands forth a living monument to its own vitalizing principle and the beneficent care of Divine Providence.

War is incompatible with the principles and practices of our fraternity, and none can feel for the sufferings of their fellows like those whose rule of life is Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Many of our Companions have sacrificed their lives in defense of that liberty, as indispensable to the prosperity of our institution as to the grandeur and greatness of a nation, and while as Masons we most unfeignedly lament the existence of the war in our land and deeply sympathize in the woe it has produced, as patriots we must ever be ready to aid in freeing our country of a malignant and unscrupulous enemy whose envious and fanatical spirit has destroyed in their bosoms all sense of honor and of justice. The condition of our Order, feebly depicted in my last address to you, is not changed; on the contrary, the unsettled condition of society consequent upon the war has produced an instability of thought, purpose and action, pervading every element of society to such an extent as totally to unfit us, not only for the ordinary peaceful pursuits, but especially that fraternal greeting in our sanctuaries, from which we derive so much pleasure and profit. The recommendations of my predecessors, and such as I might now offer or suggest, will, from necessity, remain in abeyance until a more peaceful and propitious time for action. My usual avocations have prevented me from visiting any of the subordinates during the last year; indeed, if they are

in the same condition as the one nearest me, (and I apprehend for the most part they are) it would have been unnecessary. I earnestly entreat Companions to remain steadfast to the tenets of the Order, to preserve and protect the symbols, charts, and records of their Chapters, until the bright mantle of peace shall again spread over us; when we may enter upon the dissemination of the benign principles of our Order, in ameliorating the condition of man, raise him in the scale of intelligence, and prepare him for the touch of the finger of God to everlasting bliss.

It is my painful duty to announce to you the death of our Past Grand High Priest Richard A. Shine, a Craftsman distinguished for his zeal and energy. Preceding this event only a few months the death of Ex-Governor R. K. Call, an honorary member of this Grand body, was announced. This is not a proper or fit occasion for me to pronounce eulogies upon the characters of these distinguished Masons, were I competent, but I trust the Grand Chapter will take such action as will testify their appreciation of their services as eminent and faithful public servants, that a memorial of their virtues may thus be transmitted to future generations of the Craft.

Grand Scribe D. C. Dawkins has submitted to me a "digest" of the laws of this Grand Body, under resolution of January, 1861. The Companion has, after patient research and labor, compiled rather an abbreviation of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its organization up to the present, and I recommend it to your favorable consideration.

No communication has been received from any of the subordinates during the past year, and consequently no action taken of which you ought to be advised.

And now, Companions, let us speedily discharge the duties before us, and return to our homes, where every man has calls for his services urgent and imperative.

GEO. F. BALTZELL, G. H. P.

On motion of Comp. Ives, a Committee was appointed consisting of P. G. High Priests Thomas Brown, J. Wayles Baker and Thomas Hayward to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Chapter upon the death of P. G. H. P. Richard A. Shine and Comp. Richard K. Call.

Comp. Dawkins made the following report:

M. E. Grand High Priest, and

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

By resolution of this Grand Chapter, adopted January 14, A. D. 1861, A. I. 2391, it was made my duty to digest the laws and resolutions of the Grand Chapter adopted since its formation to

the present time. Not having obtained a file of proceedings in time, I was at the last Grand Convocation granted further time to perform the contemplated labor. I have found in possession of Comp. Thomas Brown, P. G. H. P., complete files of the proceedings of the G. R. A. Chapter of this State from its organization to the present time, which is, I dare say, the only one that can be found either in this State or elsewhere, and for the preservation of which the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due that zealous and revered Companion. Insurmountable difficulties, which I presume were not foreseen by the Grand Chapter in the adoption of the resolution, have prevented the performance, literally, of the task assigned me, viz: 1st. The unprecedented war into which our country has been plunged has been almost an all-absorbing subject for me, as well as the minds of our citizens throughout the land. 2d. To define the term "laws and resolutions of the Grand Chapter" as incorporated in the resolution, and decide upon and record the same as law, requires the exercise of not only a judicial, but also an executive and perhaps a legislative power, which I felt unwilling to use without further and more specific instructions; indeed, another allowance of time would have to be given me to perform such a task. It is true I could have copied the resolutions of a legal character which have been adopted since the organization of the Grand Chapter, but rather than overhaul and digest all the addresses of the Grand High Priests, reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence and other reports and proceedings containing matters of Masonic law, and extract such parts as have become law, I have thought proper to prepare the following brief history of the organization and doings of the Grand Chapter, which can be published with the proceedings of the present Grand Convocation, and which may prove as interesting and instructive as the proposed digest would have been. At least, I trust that this will suffice until times and circumstances will warrant a voluminous duplication of the proceedings in full.

D. C. DAWKINS.

Which report was received, and, together with the accompanying abbreviated proceedings of the Grand Chapter, were referred to a committee consisting of Comps. Hayward, Arendell and Prevatt.

On motion of Comp. Ives, it was ordered that the Grand Jewels be clothed in mourning in respect for the memory of P. G. H. P. Richard A. Shine and Comp. Richard K. Call, deceased.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Accounts.—Comps. Arendell, Jones and Hunter.
On Propositions and Grievances.—Comps. Dawkins, Carruth and Prevatt.
On Dispensation and By-Laws.—Comps. Hayward, Ellenwood and Hunter.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Comps. Brown, Hayward and Taylor.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 13th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. GEORGE F. BALTZELL, G. H. P.,
E. JAMES ELLENWOOD, D. G. H. P.,
E. EDWARD R. IVES, as Grand King,
E. D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Scribe,
E. THOMAS HAYWARD, Grand Treasurer,
E. HUGH A. CORLEY, as Grand Secretary,
Comp. W. H. ARENDELL, G. C. H.,
" THOMAS A. CARRUTH, as G. P. S.,
" GREEN H. HUNTER, as G. R. A. C.,
" R. M. WITHERSPOON, as Grand Sentinel,
G. M. of Vails, Comps. E. W. JONES, T. H. WILSON and A. J.

PREVATT,

And a due representation of subordinate Chapters.

The following report was presented:

The committee appointed to report upon the synopsis made by Comp. Dawkins of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its commencement to this day, beg leave to report that the time to examine the report thoroughly will be too short, but from the correctness of the compiler, feel justified in believing it is accurately done, and recommend it be printed with our published proceedings.

THOMAS HAYWARD, }
W. H. ARENDELL, } Committee.
A. J. PREVATT, }

Which report was received and concurred in.

[For Synopsis see Appendix.]

Comp. Carruth presented the following resolutions adopted by Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9:

WHEREAS, on the printed proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Florida, at its Annual Convocation held in the City of Tallahassee, January 14, 1861, appears the following petition purporting to have been presented by Companion Hunter, to-wit: "Comp. E. R. Ives, late Secretary of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9, having removed from Lake City, at which place the Chapter is located, carried with him the books of the Chapter. We were therefore unable to make the usual return to this Grand Convocation. As soon as we get the books we will make the return, forward dues, &c. We therefore ask the indulgence of the Grand Chapter until we can make such return." And Whereas, Columbia Chapter, No. 9, is satisfied that Comp. Ives did not carry with him the books of the Chapter when he removed from Lake City, and is also satisfied that Comp. Hunter did not design making this accusation against him in the petition he offered before the Grand Chapter, but merely to excuse this Chapter for having made no return in consequence of not being at that time able to find the books—Therefore,

Be it unanimously resolved by this Chapter in Convocation assembled, this 5th day of January 1863, That Comp. E. R. Ives be and he is hereby exculpated from all blame in the premises, and further, in exoneration of Comp. Ives, that these resolutions be forwarded to the Grand Chapter to be read, and that the Grand Chapter be requested to spread them on the minutes and have them published with the proceedings of that body at its next Grand Convocation.

Which were read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The account of Messrs. Dyke & Carlisle, for printing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at the Grand Annual Convocation in 1860, was presented and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

The Committee on Credentials and Returns submit the following report:

They have examined the returns from the following Royal Arch Chapters and find them correct, with a few unimportant exceptions.

Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.—Thomas Hayward, H. P.; Hugh A. Corley, Scribe.

Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5.—Correct with the exception that no report is made of officers for the ensuing year. James Ellenwood, H. P.

Quincy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7.—T. Y. Henry, H. P.

Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9.—Returns for 1860, 1861 and 1862. E. R. Ives, H. P.; E. W. Jones, proxy for King; Thomas A. Carruth, proxy for Scribe.

Greenwood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 15.—Geo. F. Baltzell, King.

W. H. ARENDELL, }
G. H. HUNTER, } Committee.
T. A. CARRUTH, }

Which report was received.

On motion of Comp. Henry, it was resolved that all Chapters which have failed to elect their officers at the regular time be authorized to elect said officers at their earliest convenience hereafter.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report the following:

Grand Secretary reports amount received from subordinate Chapters,.....	\$309 00
Cash paid Grand Treasurer,.....	309 00
Grand Treasurer reports rec'd from Grand Secretary,..	\$309 00
On hand as per last report,.....	106 75
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	\$415 75

Cr.—By cash paid Grand Secretary,.....	\$50 00
“ “ “ “ Tyler,.....	15 00
“ “ “ E. A. Hart, printing,.....	64 00
“ 4 per cent. on \$309,.....	12 36—\$141 36

In hands of the Treasurer,..... \$274 39
to be accounted for at the next Annual Convocation in 1864.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Tyler be allowed the same compensation for his services for the present year as last, and that the Grand Secretary be allowed one hundred dollars for his services for the present year, there being a great deal less business to transact by him now than formerly.

W. H. ARENDELL,
G. H. HUNTER,
E. W. JONES.

Which report was received and concurred in.

Comp. Dawkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the payment of the dues of all Chapters which have not been able to make their annual returns or pay their annual dues to this Grand Chapter, be suspended until the next Grand Annual Convocation.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing masonic year, when

Comp. GEORGE F. BALTZELL was duly elected G. H. P.,
 " JAMES ELLENWOOD " " " D. G. H. P.,
 " GREEN H. HUNTER " " " G. K.,
 " WM. H. ARENDELL " " " G. S.,
 " THOMAS HAYWARD " " " G. Treas.,
 " *JOHN B. TAYLOR " " " G. Sec'y,
 " THOMAS A. CARRUTH " " " Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. G. H. P. duly installed the following officers:

Comp. GREEN H. HUNTER, as Grand King,
 " WM. H. ARENDELL, as Grand Scribe,
 " THOMAS A. CARRUTH, as Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Council made the following appointments:

Comp. D. C. DAWKINS, G. C. H.,
 " E. W. JONES, G. P. S.,
 " CALVIN DAVIS, G. R. A. C.,
 " GEORGE DAMON, Grand Sentinel,
 " HUGH A. CORLEY, G. M. 3d Vail,
 " J. H. WILSON, G. M. 2d Vail,
 " A. J. PREVATT, G. M. 1st Vail.

And said officers were duly installed by the M. E. G. H. P.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter were tendered to Jackson Lodge, No. 1, for the use of their Hall during this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest:

HUGH A CORLEY,
 Grand Secretary.

*Comp. John B. Taylor subsequently declined to serve as Grand Secretary, and the M. E. G. H. P. appointed Comp. Hugh A. Corley as Grand Secretary in his stead.

APPENDIX.

CONVENTION

OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRAND

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TAL-

LAHASSEE, JANUARY 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2377.

M. E. ISAAC H. BRONSON, President.
 JOHN B. TAYLOR, Secretary.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Permanent Members of the Grand Chapter.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

M. E. Thomas Douglass,*	1847	M. E. J. Wayles Baker,	1854-5
" John P. Duval,*	1848	" Thomas Hayward,	1856
" Isaac H. Bronson,*	1849	" Gad. Humphreys,*	1857
" Harry R. Taylor,	1850	" Thomas Hayward,	1858
" Thomas Brown,	1851	" D. P. Holland,	1859
" R. A. Shine,*	1852	" Thomas Y. Henry,	1860
" Samuel Boardman,*	1853		

PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

E. John P. Duval,*	1847	E. J. M. W. Davidson,	1853
" Isaac H. Bronson,*	1848	" Thomas Y. Henry,	1854
" Harry R. Taylor,	1849	" E. R. Ive,	1855-6
" D. S. Graham,	1850	" James Ellenwood,	1857-8
" Gad. Humphreys,*	1851	" J. M. Baker,	1859
" Sam. B. Stephens,	1852	" George F. Baltzell,	1860

*Deceased.

PAST GRAND KINGS.

E. Harry R. Taylor,	1847	E. Joseph S. May,	1855
" George W. Macrae,	1848	" John L. McKinnon,	1856-7
" D. S. Graham,	1849	" D. P. Holland,	1858
" R. A. Shine,*	1850	" George F. Baltzell,	1859
" Alfred A. Fisher,	1851	" George D. Fisher,	1860
" Samuel Boardman,*	1852	" Franklin Branch,	1861
" C. A. M. Mitchel,*	1853	" Chas. Slager,	1862
" James Ellenwood,	1854		

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

E. George W. Macrae,	1847	E. James M. Baker,	1855
" D. S. Graham,	1848	" James Ellenwood,	1856
" R. A. Shine,*	1849	" David S. Walker,	1857
" Gad. Humphreys,*	1850	" Charles E. Dyke,	1858
" Benjamin Sawyer,	1851	" Calvin Davis,	1859
" Daniel G. McLean,	1852	" Josiah Paine,	1860
" James S. Rust,	1853	" Charles Slager,	1861
" John L. McKinnon,	1854	" D. C. Dawkins,	1862

*Deceased.

ANNUAL RETURNS

FROM THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

TO THE

GRAND CHAPTER.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.—*Tallahassee.*

OFFICERS:

Thomas Hayward, H. P.,	John Pratorius, Treas.,
T. P. Tatum, K.,	Thomas B. Barefoot, Sec'y,
Hugh A. Corley, S.,	C. Howard Fisher, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Thomas Brown, P. H. P.,	D. W. Gwynn, R. A. M.,
Richard A. Shine, "	Isaac W. Bowen, "
John B. Taylor, "	George Damon, "
David S. Walker, "	Robert Heir, "
Charles E. Dyke, R. A. M.,	J. Wayles Baker, "
Alfred A. Fisher, "	James S. Rust, "
M. K. Grandy, "	Allen H. Bush, "
W. H. Bayley, "	B. Williams, "
Matthew Lively, "	John P. Duval, "
Hugh T. Fisher, "	Lucian S. Duval, "
Wm. K. Beard, "	L. W. DuBois, "
Edwin L. T. Blake, "	Wm. E. Boswell, "
Robt. Gamble, jr., "	Jos. A. Edmondson, "
Robt. B. Hilton, "	David C. Wilson, "
A. F. Hayward, "	David E. Mason, "
Joseph Weber, "	F. M. Bunker, "
J. C. Whiting, "	T. W. Brevard, jr., M. M. M.

Amount of dues, \$38.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello.*

OFFICERS:

James Ellenwood, H. P.,	T. J. Chase, Treas.,
G. W. Herring, K.,	H. H. Berry, Sec'y,
J. J. Walker, S.,	W. H. Andrews, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Wm. S. Dilworth, P. H. P.,	T. F. Johnson, M. E. M.,
Calvin Davis, "	S. Manning, P. M.,
Wm. H. Arendell, R. A. M.,	T. H. C. Nally, R. A. M.,
Daniel B. Bird, "	F. N. B. Oliver, "
J. M. Bazemore, "	J. T. Porter, "
T. T. Buchannon, "	Rev. A. Peeler, "
B. A. Bobo, P. M.,	R. Scott, "
J. R. Atkinson, "	C. Stebbins, "
J. J. Collins, R. A. M.,	Martin St. Johns, "
J. A. Cooksey, "	J. A. Townsend, "
J. F. Carter, "	Joshua Taylor, "
C. B. DeCaussey, "	J. O. Taylor, "
A. V. Daniels, "	T. H. Triplett, "
J. W. DeWitt, "	M. M. Humphreys, P. M.,
Josiah Drew, "	W. L. Vinson, R. A. M.,
J. A. Edwards, "	A. Wethington, "
G. M. Houston, "	J. P. Turner, "
H. M. Hurst, "	John Wooten, M. M. M.
M. G. W. Jordan, "	

Amount of dues, \$36.

QUINCY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 7.—*Quincy.*

OFFICERS:

Thomas Y. Henry, H. P.,	C. A. Gee, G. M. 3 V.,
Samuel B. Love, K.,	C. Burghard, G. M. 2 V.,
J. S. Scott, S.,	O. E. McKeowan, G. M. 1 V.,
T. B. Nathans, Treas.,	O. E. Andrews, } Stewards,
T. E. Gibson, Sec'y,	S. M. Fleishman, }
D. L. Kenan, C. H.,	D. H. Wilson, Tyler,
Wm. Munroe, P. S.,	Greenup Arnold, Guard.
B. H. Munroe, R. A. C.,	

MEMBERS:

Sam'l B. Stephens, R. A. M.,	S. McCall, R. A. M.,
A. J. Smith, "	J. A. Andrews, "
William Smith, "	L. G. McElvy, "
J. A. Byrd, "	F. A. Fleishman, "
J. C. Evans, "	Wm. Hensley, "
N. Hand, "	J. M. Maige, "
E. C. Love, "	M. C. Leslie, "
W. T. Peebles, "	W. M. Stafford, "
W. H. Scott, "	J. M. Smith, "
B. F. Watson, "	D. T. Wilson, "

Amount of dues \$35.

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9—*Lake City.*

Returns for 1860.

OFFICERS:

Abraham Ellinger, H. P.,	James W. Cathey, Treas.,
John L. Dozier, K.,	Edward R. Ives, Sec'y.
George M. Cline, S.,	

MEMBERS:

Silas L. Niblack, R. A. M.,	James R. Francis, R. A. M.,
James M. Baker, "	R. C. Martin, "
A. J. T. Wright, "	Green H. Hunter, "
A. A. Stewart, "	T. M. Mickler, "
Martin Hancock, "	Henry J. Stewart, "
Martin H. Freeze, "	A. J. Smiley, "
Alexander Young, "	Wm. H. Niblack, "
A. R. Bexley, "	W. R. Moore, "
G. VanZant, "	Wm. H. Rousseau, P. M.,
L. Bryant, jr., "	Stephen S. Smith, R. A. M.,
H. F. Smith, "	James H. Hill, "
Israel M. Stewart, "	A. J. Prevatt, "
James M. Clardy, "	Charles F. Cone, "
J. T. Goodbread, "	John Sasser, "
James C. Pearce, "	N. A. Jamieson, "
A. S. Goodbread, "	Joseph B. Wood, "
Robt. Brown, "	Wm. C. Langston, "
Richard Hurt, "	E. J. Acosta, M. E. M.,
Wm. E. M. Cousins, "	John Frink, "
C. W. Johnson, "	Adolph Rosenthal, R. A. M.,
Wm. H. Cone, "	J. L. Hodges, "
Stephen Roberts, "	Henry F. York, "

John W. Jones, R. A. M.,	J. J. Culbreath, R. A. M.,
H. R. Alford, "	James McNeill, "
G. B. Smithson, "	Thomas C. Strange, "
John Rawls, "	James S. Jones, "
B. F. Jordan, "	Philip Goodbread, M. M.,
L. H. Mattair, "	John H. Baker, P. M.,
R. H. Charles, "	Philip Dzialinski, R. A. M.,
D. T. Trezvant, "	Edward B. Coates, "

Amount of dues, \$63.

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.—*Lake City*

Returns for 1861.

OFFICERS:

M. Whit Smith, H. P.,	George M. Cline, Treas.
Green H. Hunter, K.,	James McNeill, Sec'y,
John L. Dozier, S.,	Rev. Henry F. Smith, Chap.

MEMBERS:

Silas L. Niblack, R. A. M.,	Henry J. Stewart, R. A. M.
James M. Baker, "	Robert C. Martin, "
A. J. T. Wright, "	Walter R. Moore, "
Edward R. Ives, "	James H. Hill, "
James W. Cathey, "	A. J. Prevatt, "
Asa A. Stewart, "	C. F. Cone, "
Martin Hancock, "	John Sasser, "
Martin H. Freeze, "	N. A. Jamieson, "
Alexander Young, "	Henry F. York, "
A. R. Bexley, "	J. L. Hodges, "
Garrett VanZant, "	Edward B. Coates, "
L. Bryant, jr., "	Isaac S. Coon, "
Israel M. Stewart, "	C. W. Johnson, "
James M. Clardy, "	Stephen S. Smith, "
J. T. Goodbread, "	Wm. C. Langston, "
James C. Pearce, "	Wm. T. Bacon, "
A. S. Goodbread, "	Joseph B. Wood, "
Richard Hurt, "	T. C. Strange, "
Wm. H. Cone, "	J. J. Culbreath, "
Stephen Roberts, "	E. J. Acosta, M. E. M.,
John W. Jones, "	John Frink, "
H. R. Alford, "	John H. Baker, P. M.,
L. H. Mattair, "	Philip Goodbread, M. M.,
R. H. Charles, "	T. S. Stallings, "
T. M. Mickler, "	

Amount of dues, \$50.

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.—*Lake City*

Returns for 1862.

OFFICERS:

Edward R. Ives, H. P.,	James W. Cathey, Treas.,
John L. Dozier, K.,	Rev. Thomas A. Carruth, Sec.
James H. Hill, S.,	

MEMBERS:

Silas L. Niblack, R. A. M.,	N. A. Jamieson, R. A. M.,
James M. Baker, "	John Sasser, "
A. J. T. Wright, "	Henry F. York, "
Asa A. Stewart, "	J. L. Hodges, "
Martin Hancock, "	Green H. Hunter, "
Martin H. Freeze, "	Edward B. Coates, "
Alexander Young, "	M. Whit Smith, "
A. R. Bexley, "	Isaac S. Coon, "
Garrett VanZant, "	T. S. Stallings, "
L. Bryant, jr., "	W. T. Bacon, "
Rev. H. F. Smith, "	Harvey Granger, "
Israel M. Stewart, "	E. W. Jones, "
James M. Clardy, "	John R. Craig, "
J. T. Goodbread, "	Wm. W. Moore, "
James C. Pearce, "	James R. Francis, "
A. S. Goodbread, "	T. W. Carter, "
Richard Hurt, "	Ferdinand McLeod, "
Wm. H. Cone, "	Wm. H. Jernigan, "
Stephen Roberts, "	C. W. Johnson, "
John W. Jones, "	Stephen S. Smith, "
H. R. Alford, "	Wm. C. Langston, "
L. H. Mattair, "	Thomas C. Strange, "
R. H. Charles, "	Abraham Ellinger, "
T. M. Mickler, "	David Jones, "
George M. Cline, "	E. G. Clay, P. M.,
H. J. Stewart, "	E. J. Acosta, M. E. M.,
Robert C. Martin, "	John Frink, "
Walter R. Moore, "	Philip Goodbread, M. M.,
A. J. Prevatt, "	John H. Baker, P. M.,
Charles F. Cone, "	Wm. H. Rousseau, P. M.

Amount of dues, \$64.

GREENWOOD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 15.—*Greenwood*

OFFICERS:

S. J. Erwin, H. P.,
George F. Baltzell, K.,
Allen H. Bush, S.,
N. O. J. Staley, Treas.,
F. R. Pittman, Sec'y.,
J. L. Robinson, C. H.,

J. M. F. Erwin, P. S.,
Benj. G. Alderman, R. A. C.,
Benj. F. Parker, M. 3 V.,
M. A. Butler, M. 2 V.,
A. R. Godwin, M. 1 V.,
Charles Sims, Guard.

MEMBERS:

D. C. Dawkins, Comp.,
Rev. C. C. Sullivan, "
Henry O. Bassett, "
C. N. Hartsfield, "
C. N. Graves, "
W. J. Robinson, "
T. J. Stapleton, "
Irwin M. Stringer, "

Rev. J. M. Campbell, Comp.,
A. J. Sims, "
H. A. Blount, "
Rev. D. P. Everett, "
J. W. Johnston, "
Rev. J. P. Lockey, "
A McMillan, "
Rev. L. R. Sims, "

Amount of dues, \$23.

AN
ABBREVIATED HISTORY AND PROCEEDINGS
OF
The Grand Royal Arch Chapter
OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA,
FROM
Its Organization in A. D. 1847, A. I. 2377, to A. D. 1862,
A. I. 2392, Inclusive,
COMPILED AND ARRANGED
BY
Comp. D. C. DAWKINS, E. G. S.,
BY
AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Abbreviated History.

On the eleventh day of January, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2377, delegates from three Royal Arch Chapters in this State assembled in the City of Tallahassee, and organized a Convention of Royal Arch Masons by calling Comp. the Hon Isaac H. Bronson to the Chair, and Comp. John B. Taylor was appointed Secretary.

Florida Royal Arch Chapter,* No. 32, (now No. 1,) located at Tallahassee, was represented by Companions John P. DuVal, Samuel S. Sibley and E. Dwight Nash.

Magnolia Chapter, No. 16, (now No. 3,) located at Apalachicola, was represented by Comp. Samuel W. Carmack, and Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, (now No. 2,) located at St. Augustine, was represented by Comps. Isaac H. Bronson and Thomas Douglass.

This Convention provided for the formation of the Grand Chapter by the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, at a Convention of Royal Arch Masons, held in Tallahassee, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2377,* there were present at said Convention the requisite number of Chapters represented to form and organize a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Florida; therefore, on motion of Comp. Carmack, of Magnolia Chapter, No. 16, it was

Resolved, That a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Florida be organized, and that the Chairman appoint a committee for the purpose of forming a Constitution for the government of said Grand Chapter.

Whereupon the Chairman (President) appointed the following committee, viz: Comps. DuVal, Brown, Sibley, Berthelot and Shine. Comps. Douglass, Carmack, Macrae and Bronson were added to said committee.

The Convention then adjourned, and on Thursday evening following met agreeably to adjournment. The committee on the Constitution reported a Constitution or code of laws, which was received, read section by section, amended, unanimously adopted and ordered to be enrolled by the Secretary.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday evening, 7

*The data should be A. I. 2377. This, the date of R. A. M., is readily obtained by adding 530 to the Christian era, thus, 1847+530=2377.

o'clock, when it met agreeably to adjournment, added another article (Art. 7) to the Constitution, and then proceeded to elect officers for the Grand Chapter, which resulted as follows, viz:

Comp. the Hon. Thomas Douglass, G. H. P.,
" John P. DuVal, D. G. H. P.,
" Harry R. Taylor, G. King,
" George W. Macrae, G. Scribe,
" John B. Taylor, G. Secretary,
" Edwin W. Nash, G. Treasurer,
" Rev. E. L. T. Blake, G. Chaplain.

The Convention then adjourned until Thursday, 7 o'clock, P. M., Jan. 21, when it met agreeably to adjournment, read, amended and approved the minutes and then adjourned *sine die*.

The proceedings were officially signed by I. H. Bronson, President of the Convention, and countersigned by John B. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

The Constitution adopted by the Convention was used for the government of the Grand Chapter until it was superseded by another, adopted by the Grand Chapter on the 13th day of January, 1854, A. I. 2384. I have deemed it unnecessary to copy it here.

In conformity to the action of the aforesaid Convention, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Florida was opened in Ample Form, Comp. John P. DuVal, as D. G. H. P., presiding, who installed Comp. Thomas Douglass into the office of Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest then installed the D. G. H. P., the G. King (by proxy,) the G. Scribe, the G. Secretary, the G. Treasurer and the G. Chaplain (by proxy) into their respective offices.

The Grand Council then appointed a G. Marshal, G. Lecturer, G. Captain of the Host, G. Principal Sojourner, G. Royal Arch Captain, G. Masters of the 3d, 2d and 1st Veils, and a G. Guard.

Thus the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Florida was duly and fully organized.

The printed proceedings show that Comp. DuVal offered a resolution relative to the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, requiring those degrees to be conferred in subordinate Chapters, immediately preceding the most Excellent Master, and making specific regulations therefor, but the record fails to show whether or not the resolution was adopted, but the proceedings of the next Grand Convocation will be consulted relative to this subject.

A resolution offered by Comp. Sibley, and adopted by the Grand Chapter, authorizing E. John P. DuVal, D. G. H. P., to confer the degrees of High Priesthood on the M. E. G. H. P., the High Priests and Past High Priests of Chapters in this jurisdiction until there shall be in each Chapter three High Priests or

Past High Priests who have received the degree of High Priesthood, and who shall then collectively confer said degree on all Companions who may thereafter be elected High Priest of their respective Chapters.

By resolution of Comp. Brown, Comps. William P. DuVal and Richard K. Call, Ex-Governors, and Robert Butler, Surveyor-General of this State, were elected honorary members of the Grand Chapter and invited to attend the Grand Convocations of the same.

A resolution offered by Comp. DuVal was adopted, providing for blank Charters, Dispensations, Diplomas, Returns and Certificates on parchment or paper by the Grand Secretary, under direction of the G. H. P., to be paid for by the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary was required, by resolution, to have the proceedings of the Convention, the Constitution and the proceedings of the Grand Chapter published; and he was instructed to inform the several Grand Chapters from which the several Chapters in this jurisdiction derived their former Charters of the establishment of this Grand Chapter, and request fraternal intercourse.

The following resolutions were offered by Comp. DuVal, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Florida, duly appreciating the advantages of a Masonic head and paramount authority, is disposed to come under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate the above resolution to the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

A Charter was granted to form a Chapter to be styled the Royal Arch Chapter of Key West, No. 4.

A resolution was adopted providing for a seal for the Grand Chapter, substituting the seal of Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, till the same could be procured.

This, the first Grand Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, was, on the 8th day of February, A. I. 2377, closed in Ample Form.

1848.

On Monday, the 17th day of January, A. D. 1848, A. I. 2378, the Grand Chapter convened in the city of Tallahassee, and was opened in Ample Form, M. E. Thomas Douglass, G. H. P., presiding.

A Charter was granted for Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, Monticello, Florida.

It seems from the proceedings of this Grand Convocation, that a difficulty had arisen between Magnolia Chapter, located at Apalachicola, and the Grand Chapter, founded upon an action of Magnolia Chapter in refusing to accept the Charter tendered it by the Grand Chapter of this State; and this refusal was predicated upon an objection on the part of that Chapter to the additional Article (Art. 7) of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, providing for the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in the Chapters.

This difficulty was finally adjusted by the Grand Chapter declining to entertain further jurisdiction of the degrees in question. (p. 9, Proc. 1849.)

Comp. Thomas Brown, as Chairman, presented a report on Foreign Correspondence, which furnishes important information relative to the history and true Masonic foundation for the organization of the Grand Chapter of Florida. As we have already discovered, the Convention of R. A. Masons which provided for the formation of this Grand Chapter was composed of delegates from three R. A. Chapters in this State, but this report gives us the additional information that those three Chapters were regularly constituted. One at St. Augustine derived its Charter from the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, the other two from the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

The said committee subjoined to their report the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, this Grand Chapter, at its session in January, 1847, adopted the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Florida, duly appreciating the advantages of a Masonic head and paramount authority, are disposed to come under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, the General Grand Chapter, at its triennial session in September, 1847, in taking action upon the said resolution, has required of this Grand Chapter, before admission, certain amendments to its Constitution on points unimportant to the Grand Chapter in the proper exercise of its legitimate authority, but necessary to this Grand Chapter in the discharge of its municipal duties and benevolent designs, whilst they have at the same time suffered to pass unnoticed a regulation of great importance in regard to high Masonic law, which has created "anxiety and irritation" in the Grand Chapters under their jurisdiction, and ought to be determined—therefore be it

Resolved, That the said resolution is hereby rescinded and annulled.

M. E. John P. DuVal was elected G. H. P. for the ensuing Masonic year, and Comp. John B. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was, on Wednesday, January 19, closed in Ample Form.

1849.

The next Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form on Monday, January 15, A. D. 1849, A. I. 2379, M. E. John P. DuVal, G. H. P., presiding.

A Charter was granted to Santa Rosa Chapter to be located at Milton, Florida.

A resolution was adopted authorizing Jefferson Chapter to open and confer degrees at Madison Court House.

The M. E. G. H. P. made an official communication to the Grand Chapter, dwelling principally upon the subject of the Royal and Select Degrees. It was his opinion that they should be conferred by Chapters before the Royal Arch.

He also expressed his opinion that the expulsion of a member from a R. A. Chapter does not amount to his expulsion from a Blue Lodge.

Upon the subject of the Past Master's Degree as a necessary qualification for Master's elect, he says: Grand Lodges contend that they have the power to order a Past Master, or an emergent Lodge of Past Masters, to confer the Degree of Past Master on a Master elect. Grand Chapters contend that the degree of Past Master exclusively belongs to Royal Arch Chapters. If a Past Master belonging to a Blue Lodge, who is also a Royal Arch Mason, was ordered by the M. W. Grand Master to confer the degree of P. M. on a Master elect, and refused to obey the mandate, he would be expelled by the Grand Lodge from all the rights and benefits of York Masonry; but the expulsion could not extend beyond the symbolic degrees. If it did, he would be expelled from all the privileges of R. A. Masonry because he had refused to violate the Constitution and regulations of that sublime degree."

The difficulty "heretofore mentioned" between the Grand Chapter and Magnolia Chapter was finally settled at this Convocation by the adoption of a preamble and the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That this G. R. A. Chapter now directs that the said degrees shall not be given or claimed by this Grand Chapter or any of its subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction.

Magnolia Chapter was acquitted from the charges preferred

against it, and Comp. H. R. Taylor accepted for Magnolia Chapter the Charter heretofore tendered "as amended."

The full proceedings of the Grand Chapter, including the defence and reply, appear in the published proceedings of that year, but are too lengthy to be copied here.

Comp. Taylor offered a resolution, instructing the Committee on the Constitution to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of D. G. H. P. The said committee reported adversely to abolishing said office.

Comp. I. H. Bronson was elected G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Committee on the Constitution reported several proposed amendments to the Constitution, which being approved, were laid over until the next Grand Annual Convocation.

This Grand Convocation was closed in Ample Form on Friday, January 19, A. I. 2379.

1850.

The next Grand Annual Convocation was opened in Ample Form, in Tallahassee, on Monday, the 21st day of January, A. D. 1850, A. I. 2380, M. E. Harry R. Taylor, D. G. H. P., presiding. Six Chapters represented.

A Charter was granted to Madison Chapter, No. 8, to be located at Madison Court House.

A Charter was also granted to Quincy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7.

The Committee on the Constitution presented a report and the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Constitution be directed to report a new Constitution for the consideration of this Grand Chapter at the next annual Convocation, and if then adopted by the Grand Chapter, according to the provisions of the present Constitution, to be the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Comp. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made an interesting report, reviewing the proceedings of 12 Grand Chapters, showing very extensively the unprecedented prosperity of Freemasonry. The report forcibly appeals to every intelligent Mason to be zealous and diligent in the acquisition of thorough Masonic knowledge and the discharge of various Masonic duties and obligations, the reverse leading to inaction and a danger of becoming a drone in the mystic hive. We are informed by this report that questions touching the proper location of the Royal and Select degrees were being agitated in

the several Grand Chapters of the United States and failed to be settled by the General Grand Chapter.

This report also deals at some length on the apparent unfraternal conduct of the General Grand Chapter of the United States toward the Grand Chapter of this State.

On motion of Comp. Taylor, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the subordinate Chapter of which that brother shall be a member, or if not a member, within whose jurisdiction he may reside, shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by any member thereof, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch Masonic functions for the period for which his suspension or expulsion from Craft Masonry continues in force.

Companion Sibley offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when a candidate applying to any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction for the Chapter Degrees, and his petition is received, and a part of said Degrees conferred on him by such Chapter, if after which he absents himself from said Grand Chapter for a term of years before receiving all of said Degrees, he shall not be permitted to petition or receive in any other Chapter the remaining Degrees without the consent of the Chapter of which he received a part of said Degrees.

M. E. Harry R. Taylor was elected G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form on Wednesday, 23d of January, A. I. 2380.

1851.

On Tuesday, January 14, A. D. 1851, A. I. 2381, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, E. D. S. Graham, D. G. H. P., presiding, with due representation of Chapters.

On motion of Comp. Douglass, a committee of three was appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the Grand Lodge to consider and report the best practical manner of erecting a joint Library for the use of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and Comps. Douglass, DuVal and Taylor were appointed said committee.

Comp. DuVal presented a report on Foreign Correspondence, which was referred, by resolution, to a select committee of three,

with instructions to exclude from publication such parts of said report as refers to the opinions of committee on Royal and Select Degrees, or which indicates any censure upon Magnolia Chapter, No. 3, provided further than any opinions of other Grand Chapters.

Comps. Hayward, Rust and Shine were appointed said Committee.

Comp. Thomas Brown was elected M. E. G. H. P., and John B. Taylor Grand Secretary.

Comp. T. Hayward, of the select committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported their unqualified concurrence and approval of the report, which report appears in the published proceedings. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was composed of Companions Thomas Brown, John P. DuVal and John B. Taylor. I am informed by manuscript note of Comp. Brown that the report was written by Comp. J. P. DuVal. He reviewed the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, several of them from 2 to 3 years, the proceedings of two Grand Councils and a communication from the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The report is luminous and evidently the result of much labor, but contains no matter of Masonic law, adopted by this Grand Chapter, necessary to be noticed here.

On motion of Comp. Douglass, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated by this Grand Chapter to aid the Grand Lodge in the purchase of a Masonic Library, on condition that the members of this Grand Chapter and the members of its subordinate Chapters have the same rights and privileges in said Library as the members of the Grand Lodge and the members of its subordinate Lodges shall have therein.

The Grand Chapter was closed on Saturday, January 18, A. I. 2381, in Ample Form.

1852.

On Monday, January 12, A. D. 1852, A. I. 2382, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. Thomas Brown, G. H. P., presiding.

Companions Douglass, Hayward and Forward were appointed a committee to invite Comp. A. G. Mackey, of South Carolina, to visit the Grand Chapter. Comp. Mackey accepted such invitation, visited the Grand Chapter and during the Grand Convocation he exemplified work in the several Chapter Degrees.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered an address, in which he states his

examination of the proceedings of 12 Grand Chapters, he having learned that there would be no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He sets up an able defence for the position taken by this Grand Chapter relative to the G. G. Chapter of the United States, founded upon what he terms a strange and unaccountable error, which he observed was fallen into by the New York Committee on Foreign Correspondence concerning this Grand Chapter and its relative position with the G. G. Chapter of the U. S.

A Charter was granted to Columbia Chapter, No. — to be located at Alligator, (now Lake City,) in this State.

A Charter was granted to Olive Chapter.

The returns of Mt. Horeb Chapter being made soon after the close of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council granted said Chapter a Charter, styled Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11.

Comp. R. A. Shine was elected M. E. G. H. P., and John B. Taylor Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Comp. Douglass presented a report relative to the joint Masonic Library, that books to the amount of \$236 88 had been purchased. For full particulars he refers to report of Grand Lodge committee.

A resolution was adopted appropriating an additional sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of adding to the collection of books in the Library.

A committee of three was appointed to act with a similar committee of the Grand Lodge, to make a tender of \$100 to Comp. A. G. Mackey, for services in exemplification of work.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form on Thursday, January 15.

1853.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, in Tallahassee, on Monday, January 10, A. D. 1853, A. I. 2383, E. Samuel Boardman, G. K., presiding; a constitutional number of Chapters represented.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received of Comp. H. R. Taylor the former Charter of Magnolia Chapter, which had been granted by the Grand Chapter of Virginia previous to the organization of this Grand Chapter, and that he had forwarded the same to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

A resolution was adopted requiring the Grand Secretary to address the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia relative to amount of dues claimed by the said Grand Chapter of Magnolia Chapter under this jurisdiction, and report at next Annual Convocation.

Comp. Boardman, by request, reported that the committee appointed for the purpose at last Grand Convocation made the required tender of \$100 to Comp. Mackey, who requested the committee to tender his thanks to the Grand Chapter for the kindness, courtesy and fraternal feeling which had been shown him.

The Chairman of the committee also presented the following additional report, viz:

That some time after the close of the last Grand Chapter, he learned with some surprise that one of the members of the committee, Comp. Verdier, had drawn \$100 from the Grand Treasurer, by order signed by the Grand High Priest, and had tendered it to Comp. Mackey, but made no report to his fellow committeemen, and they, not knowing the duty had already been performed, went on and performed the duty, so that Comp. Mackey has received two hundred dollars instead of the one hundred voted him by the Grand Chapter. I have been informed that Comp. Mackey has been written to upon that subject, but has not answered the letter. A copy of the letter sent is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

(Signed)

SAMUEL BOARDMAN, Chm'n.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to address Comp. Mackey, and call his attention to the error complained of by Comp. Boardman, of the committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation to tender him one hundred dollars for exemplifying the work.

Comp. Samuel Boardman was elected M. E. G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor Grand Secretary for the ensuing Masonic year.

On motion of Comp. H. R. Taylor, a committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for this Grand Chapter, to be submitted at the next Annual Convocation.

Comps. H. R. Taylor, Hayward, Brown, Douglass and DuVal were appointed said committee.

Companion Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted viz:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to prepare a roll, embracing the names of all Grand and Past Grand officers, with their Masonic grade or title; also a list of subordinate Chapters, with the names of the principal officers, so far as the same can be ascertained, and that at the opening of each Grand Communication, (Convocation,) as also at each daily meeting, the roll shall be called and the names of the absentees noted; and it shall be the further duty of the Grand Secretary to note upon the minutes daily the whole proceedings, or transcribe the same, in order that they may be read at the opening of each suc-

cessive meeting; also, to record the names of all members or visitors at the time of opening, as also of such as may enter during the meeting, giving to each the Masonic title or grade to which he is entitled, and that the Grand Secretary be empowered to appoint an assistant or Deputy Grand Secretary, to aid him in the discharge of his duties, whose services shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

The names, locations, times of meeting and names of members of the Chapters under this jurisdiction were, by resolution, ordered to be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed on Thursday, January 13.

1854.

On Wednesday, January 11, A. D. 1854, A. I. 2384, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. Samuel Boardman, G. H. P., presiding.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered an interesting address, in which he presents to the Grand Chapter several subjects worthy of mature deliberation.

P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a learned, interesting and valuable report, and if consistent with this narrative, it would be my pleasure to insert it here verbatim.

On motion of Comp. Brown, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, there has occurred a difference of opinion respecting the authority of the Degree of Past Master, as conferred in Royal Arch Chapters in the Symbolic Lodges; Therefore,

Resolved by this Grand Chapter, That the Degree of Past Master, as conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, is not cognizable in a Blue Lodge.

A Charter was granted to the R. A. Chapter at Jacksonville.

On motion of Comp. Brown, Chairman of a select committee, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter ascertain from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia the amount due to that Grand Chapter from Magnolia Chapter for dues whilst under its jurisdiction, and transmit the same to the Grand Secretary of the said Grand Chapter, and when so paid, call on Magnolia Chapter to refund the same to this Grand Chapter.

At the suggestion or by report of Comp. Douglass from a select committee, the ceremony of installation of Grand officers used by the Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina was adopted for the installation of the Grand officers of this Grand Chapter.

The following resolutions, offered by Companion DuVal, were adopted:

Resolved, As the Masonic Library is the joint property of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, that no resolution of the Grand Lodge in relation to the use of books can be carried into effect without the concurrence of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause to be bound in convenient volumes all the Grand Chapter reports to this Grand Chapter, with the reports of this Grand Chapter, and when any annual reports of value are missing, to endeavor to obtain them.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter be required and directed to procure an appropriate seal for the use of this Grand Chapter, and that he have power to have such designs and emblems engraved thereon as may be decided upon by the Grand High Priest, after consultation with himself.

Comp. J. Wayles Baker was elected M. E. G. H. P., and Companion John B. Taylor Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The committee on the Constitution presented a Constitution, which was read section by section, discussed, amended and adopted.

A resolution was adopted, that section 6 of the Constitution submitted at this Convocation, relative to the Royal and Select Degrees, shall not go into operation until the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Smith offered a resolution, which was adopted, appropriating fifty dollars to the use of the Grand Masonic Hall.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, on Friday, January 13.

1855.

On Monday, January 8, A. D. 1855, A. I. 2385, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. J. Wayles Baker, G. H. P., presiding.

The G. H. P. delivered an appropriate address, presenting several important subjects for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, a select committee, composed of Comps. Smith, Brown and Douglass, was appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Grand Lodge, to agree upon the solemnities on the occasion of the death of Comp. John P. DuVal.

The committee reported on the following day, recommending the Grand Chapter to concur in whatever action the Grand Lodge may take relative to the funeral services.

Which was agreed to.

Charters were granted to Alachua and Centreville Chapters.

M. E. J. Wayles Baker was re-elected G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The following resolution, offered by Comp. Ives, was adopted: WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter the jurisdiction over the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters cannot be exercised by the Chapters—therefore,

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Florida be amended by striking out the sixth article of the same.

A resolution, offered by Comp. Stephens, was adopted authorizing Comp. Joseph S. May to procure a set of regalia, sash and aprons for the use of the Grand Officers, and a seal for the use of this Grand Chapter, and draw upon the Grand Treasurer for payment of the same.

By resolution of Comp. Ives, the sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library.

Comp. Ives offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, harmony is necessary and important to the prosperity of Masonry, and which can only be obtained by a perfect unanimity—therefore be it

Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction be instructed to take into consideration the subject of this Grand Chapter becoming subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States: *provided* she is received under said General Grand Chapter upon like terms with other Grand Chapters, and that the result of such consideration be stated at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

By resolution of Comp. Ives, \$50 was donated to Jackson Lodge to aid in furnishing the Hall.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form, Friday, January 12.

1856.

On Monday, January 14, A. D. 1856, A. I. 2386, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. J. Wayles Baker, G. H. P., presiding.

The G. H. P. did not deliver any annual address, being called home by the afflictions of his family.

The communication (preamble and resolution) of Comp. Ives, submitted at last Convocation (p. 14 *proc.*) was laid over until next Convocation for further action of the Chapters.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from Jack-

sonville Chapter to Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, the Chairman of which reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no fees are due from Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, arising from the exaltation of Comp. Saddler. Because Comp. Saddler was unable to obtain the Degrees in his own Chapter, the same were conferred in Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, in compliance with the request of Comps. Barrett and Douglass of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and under dispensation of the Grand High Priest, in order to give to Jacksonville Chapter a sufficient number of members to confer the Degrees.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Ellenwood, was adopted:

Resolved, That the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida be entitled to and shall receive ten cents per mile for the distance they may have to travel in attending at and returning from the Convocations of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Thomas Hayward was elected G. H. P., and Companion John B. Taylor re-elected Grand Secretary for ensuing year.

Comps. Brown, Ellenwood and McKinnon were appointed a committee on the address of the G. H. P. of last Convocation, who reported as follows:

That they believe it necessary that the work in the several Chapter Degrees be exemplified at each and every Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and they recommend that the G. H. P. cause the same to be done by the Grand Lecturer, or some other competent Companion in event of the absence of the Grand Lecturer, at each Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and that the system of work so exemplified, after approval by the Grand Chapter, be accepted as the work of this jurisdiction.

In regard to that portion of the address relating to cases of emergency, your committee believes that no such cases should ever be brought to the consideration of the Chapter, and would respectfully recommend that the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction be instructed to confer no Degrees on an applicant until he has satisfied the examining committee of his suitable proficiency in the preceding Degrees.

The method of voting by subordinate Chapters on application for Chapter Degrees, is also brought to the attention of your committee. On careful consideration of the subject, your committee can see no good reason for objecting to the present method, as approved by this Grand Chapter, which is to ballot for the Royal Arch and preparatory Degrees at one and the same time,

and would therefore recommend that this practice be considered as the proper mode of balloting in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The last matter brought to the attention of your committee, is the practice, prevailing throughout the State, of conferring all the Chapter Degrees upon a candidate in a single night, if time permits. Your committee are opposed to this practice as one totally at variance with the true interests of Royal Arch Masonry, and would recommend that in all cases of advancement the candidate shall first prove to the satisfaction of the Chapter his proficiency in the preceding degrees.

The above report was received and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, on Thursday, January 17, A. I. 2386.

1857.

On Monday, January 12, A. D. 1857, A. I. 2387, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. Thomas Hayward, G. H. P., presiding.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered a short but interesting address, forcibly portraying the unlimited extent and harmony of Freemasonry amid the turbulent and alarming evolutions of the political world. Relative to the General Grand Chapter, he says: "I have heard that the General Grand Chapter have proposed our coming under their jurisdiction on the same terms as other Grand Chapters, and I most cordially recommend our acceding to the proposition.

Comp. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his annual report, in which he reviewed the proceedings of nineteen Grand Chapters, discussing, at some length, the question as to whether or not this Grand Chapter should come under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. To which report he appended the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Florida, That, under present circumstances, it is not expedient at this time for this Grand Chapter to make another application to the General Grand Chapter of the United States for admission and affiliation under its jurisdiction.

Comp. Gad. Humphreys was elected G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor was re-elected Grand Secretary for ensuing year.

A Charter was granted to Greenwood Chapter, No. 15.

A resolution, offered by Comp. Ellenwood, was adopted requiring the Grand Secretary to annex to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter a list of all Past Grand Officers entitled to vote in the Grand Chapter.

A resolution, offered by Comp. Ives, was adopted, providing for the appointment of a committee of three to prepare a form of installation for officers of the Grand Chapter and Chapters under its jurisdiction.

Comps. Ives, Smith and Baker were appointed said committee.

A resolution was adopted authorizing Comp. Hayward to procure a seal and set of jewels for this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed on Friday, January 16.

1858.

On Monday, January 11, A. D. 1858, A. I. 2388, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, E. James Ellenwood, D. G. H. P., presiding. Due representation of Chapters.

A pleasing communication address from M. E. Gad. Humphreys, G. H. P., was read, unavoidable circumstances preventing his attendance at the Grand Convocation.

E. James Ellenwood, D. G. H. P., in the absence of the superior officer, delivered a feeling address, in which he recommended an exemplification of the work in the Chapter Degrees.

Comp. Thomas Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents a report reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Chapters, commenting largely upon matters of high importance to the Craft, and subjoined the following resolutions, which were severally adopted:

1st. *Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Florida*, That the Chapters under this jurisdiction be and they are hereby directed and required, in conferring the Past Master's Degree, to abridge the ceremonies within the narrowest constitutional limits, and to use the formula adopted by the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, published in these proceedings.

2nd. *Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Florida*, That no Chapter within this jurisdiction shall receive the petition of a Master Mason for advancement in the Chapter Degrees who is not a regular member of some Lodge and in good standing, and who has paid all dues against him, and made due proficiency in the Symbolic Degrees, of which he shall produce satisfactory evidence from the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member before he is balloted for.

3d. *Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Florida*, That this Grand Chapter, having received satisfactory evidence of the organization of an independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter at the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Canada, upon the principles of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, acknowledges her as an Independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and grasps the extended right hand of fraternity with cordial recognition.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and ask reciprocal correspondence and intercourse.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Holland, was adopted:

Resolved, That before a Dispensation or Charter shall be granted by this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or by its authority, the Companions who are recommended to be the officers of the new Chapter shall appear in person before the Chapter, whose recommendation is made necessary by the Constitution, and exhibit before such Chapter a full and complete exemplification of the work in the several Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, the opening and closing ceremonies and the lectures in the several Degrees, and no Chapter shall recommend the applicants unless they have had complete and full proof that the applicants are fully qualified to teach the Royal Art.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances reported a series of resolutions, by which the Grand Chapter

1st. Receives with sincere regret the intelligence that Magnolia Chapter, No. 3, has ceased to exist;

2d. Accedes to the request of that Chapter, in preserving the number and rank of said Chapter, that they may be restored should the Chapter be hereafter revived;

3d. Instructs the Grand Secretary to forward to each of the members of the late Chapter, that were in good standing at the period of dissolution, a certificate of honorable dismissal, and to collect the dues unpaid and owing to the Grand Chapter as the successor of Magnolia Chapter, No. 3.

Comp. Thomas Hayward was elected M. E. G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor was re-elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

By resolution of Comp. Brown, the Grand Chapter authorized and directed the Grand Secretary to subscribe for five copies of the Masonic Quarterly Review for the use of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, on Friday, January 15.

1859.

On Monday, January 10, A. D. 1859, A. I. 2389, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. Thomas Hayward, G. H. P., presiding.

The G. H. P. delivered the usual annual address, in which he states that he had not received a single letter asking advice or aid, and it is gratifying to know that Masonic law is known so well among us.

Comp. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made an interesting and instructive report, as is usual from his distinguished pen, examining the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Holland, was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter are hereby instructed to only incorporate in their report those points of Masonic law which have been decided by other Grand Royal Arch Chapters, or such questions as are in controversy which appertain to Royal Arch Masonry, and that none other subjects shall be incorporated in said report; and that said committee shall not present their views on said subjects, but only present the questions for the decision of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

On motion of Comp. Baltzell, a resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee of three to examine Comp. Mackey's "Book of the Chapter," which reported as follows:

That they have examined the same and find it well arranged and adapted for the purpose for which it was designed, and recommend it for use by subordinate Chapters.

Which report was concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

Comp. D. P. Holland was elected G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor was re-elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Dawkins, was adopted:

Resolved, That Greenwood Chapter, No. 15, now located at Greenwood, in Jackson County, be removed and permanently located in the town of Marianna, in said county.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Holland, was adopted:

Resolved, That Comp. D. C. Dawkins, of Greenwood, No. 15, be and he is hereby appointed Grand Lecturer of this Grand R. A. Jurisdiction, and that he be and is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and settle the Royal Arch Work, and with full power to exemplify and organize a uniform system of work; and all Royal Arch Chapters shall obey him accordingly, and he is hereby authorized to appoint a deputy.

The previous annual dues of Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, to the Grand Chapter was remitted by action of the Grand Chapter.

A resolution, offered by Comp. Erwin, was adopted, subscribing for 3 copies of the "Masonic Quarterly Review," one copy each to be sent to the G. H. P., the D. G. H. P. and the Grand Secretary.

By resolution, the sum of fifty dollars was ordered to be paid

to Comp. the Rev. John Penny, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, as a token of respect for the Christian Masonic character exhibited in the performance of the duties of his ministerial office.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, on Thursday, January 13.

1860.

On Monday, January 9, A. D. 1860, A. I. 2390, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. D. P. Holland, G. H. P., presiding.

The G. H. P. delivered an address, presenting several subjects for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, which were referred to a select committee appointed for the purpose, composed of Comps. Penny, Erwin and Moseley.

Although the Grand Chapter was in Grand Convocation, the M. E. G. H. P. made the following rulings:

1. All ballotings can only be had in a R. A. Chapter;
2. Each Lodge must be opened and closed by its peculiar ceremonies, as also the Chapters;
3. After a candidate has been balloted for and accepted, and the Lodge closed, no Lodge can be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter.

On a subsequent day the G. H. P. also made the following rulings, sanctioned by the Grand Chapter:

1. That a Past Master by degree, who has never been a Master of a Symbolic Lodge, cannot be present at conferring the Past Master's Degree by Masters of Symbolic Lodges.
2. That the Degree of Past Master is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the R. A. Degree.

Comp. W. H. Arendell, Chairman of a select committee, presented a report, the adoption of which by the Grand Chapter authorized the removal of Centreville R. A. Chapter to Miccosukie, Fla., the granting of a new Charter to said Chapter and the appointment of officers for said Chapter by the G. H. P. for one year.

A select committee, of which Comp. Penny was Chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. As regards the Masonic Apron, your committee fully concur with the opinion of the G. H. P., that the plain white Apron is the only Masonic badge, and they would recommend the subordinate Chapters be required to use only the white Apron with the crimson border.

2. In reference to uniformity of work in the subordinate Chapters, provided for at our last Grand Convocation, (see page 8.)

3. We recommend that that portion of the M. E. G. H. Priest's address referring to the death of our worthy Companion Gad. Humphreys be referred to a select committee.

4. In accordance with the recommendation of the M. E. G. H. P., we recommend the enactment of a law requiring each acting H. P. to appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be fully to instruct each Mason, who has received a Degree, before the next Degree shall be conferred upon him.

Comp. Thomas Y. Henry was elected G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor re-elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, on Thursday, January 12.

1861.

On January 14, A. D. 1861, A. I. 2391, the Grand Chapter was opened, E. Geo. F. Baltzell, D. G. H. P., presiding. Due representation of Chapters.

Comp. Baltzell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report, reviewing the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters. The committee did not presume to offer any opinion of their own relative to any mooted question or decision of any Grand Chapter, being restricted in these particulars by previous action of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Erwin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Comp. D. C. Dawkins be appointed a committee of one to make a digest of the laws and resolutions of this Grand Chapter from the annual proceedings, and report to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Baltzell, was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted on the 11th day of January last, in relation to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, be repealed.

Upon application of Comp. T. K. Leonard, another year was granted to Centreville Chapter to remove and organize at Miccosukie.

A Charter was granted to Tampa R. A. Chapter, and one also to Micanopy Chapter.

A resolution, offered by Comp. Erwin, was adopted, that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter address each delinquent Chapter in regard to their indebtedness and urge a speedy settlement.

On motion, Jefferson and Columbia R. A. Chapters were allowed further time to make their returns.

Comp. Geo. F. Baltzell was elected G. H. P., and Comp. John B. Taylor re-elected Grand Secretary, for ensuing year. The Grand Chapter was closed on Wednesday, January 16.

1862.

On Monday, January 13, A. D. 1862, A. I. 2392, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, M. E. Geo. F. Baltzell, G. H. P., presiding.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered the usual annual address.

A new or duplicate Charter was granted to Olive Chapter, No. 16, without charge, the old one having been consumed by fire.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Dawkins, was adopted:

Resolved, That the payment of the dues of all Chapters, which have not been able to make their annual returns or pay their annual dues to this Grand Chapter, be suspended until the next Grand Annual Convocation.

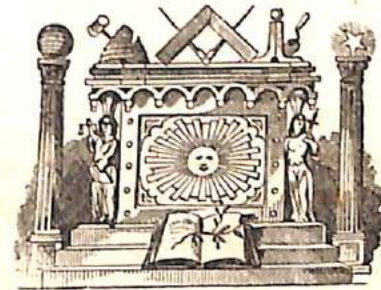
Comp. Dawkins also offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That during the existence of the present hostilities between the United States and the Confederate States of America, the High Priest of any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction is hereby authorized to move, or cause to be moved, the Chapter of which he is High Priest to any safe and judicious locality within the State: *provided* such removal shall, by a majority of the members of such Chapter, be adjudged necessary and proper for the convenience and protection of the same.

M. E. Geo. F. Baltzell was re-elected G. H. P., and E. John B. Taylor Grand Secretary for ensuing Masonic year.

On Wednesday, January 15, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF
FLORIDA,



At an Annual Convocation, begun and held

IN THE

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE,

MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH, A. D. 1864, A. I. 2394.

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PROCEEDINGS.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, begun and held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1864, A. I. 2394.

PRESENT:

P. G. H. P. THOMAS HAYWARD, as G. H. P.,
E. THOMAS Y. HENRY, as Grand King,
E. EDWARD R. IVES, as Grand Scribe,
E. HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary,
Comp. J. F. BENEZET, as G. C. II.,
“ E. W. JONES, G. P. S.,
“ T. P. TATUM, as G. R. A. C.,
“ N. T. SCOTT, as Grand Tyler,

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Form.

The reading of the minutes of the last Grand Convocation was dispensed with.

E. William H. Arendell, Grand Scribe entered.

E. James Ellenwood, Deputy Grand High Priest, entered and took his seat as presiding officer.

The Deputy Grand High Priest presiding appointed a Committee on Credentials, consisting of Comps. J. F. Benezet, T. P. Tatum and S. B. Dove.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 12, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

D. G. H. P. JAMES ELLENWOOD, as G. H. P.,
 E. EDWARD R. IVES, as Grand King,
 E. WM. H. ARENDELL, Grand Scribe,
 E. THOMAS HAYWARD, Grand Treasurer,
 E. HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary,
 Comp. J. F. BENEZET, as G. C. H.,
 " E. W. JONES, G. P. S.,
 " CALVIN DAVIS, G. R. A. C.,
 " WM. C. HENDRY, as G. M. 3d Vail,
 " N. T. SCOTT, as G. M. 2d Vail,
 " T. P. TATUM, as G. M. 1st Vail,
 " GEORGE DAMON, Grand Tyler.

The Rev. COLUMBUS SMITH offered up a prayer.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns submit the following report:

They have examined the returns from the following Royal Arch Chapters, viz:

Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.—Returns correct. Thos. Hayward, H. P.; T. P. Tatum, King; Geo. Damon, Scribe.

Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5.—Returns correct, with the exception that no officers are reported as having been elected for the ensuing year.

Quincy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7.—Has made a return, but it is not signed or attested by the Secretary. The following officers appear to be elected for the ensuing year: S. B. Stephens, H. P.; T. Y. Henry, King; O. E. Andrews, Scribe.

Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9.—Returns correct. E. R. Ives, H. P. and proxy for King and Scribe.

Tampa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 17.—Returns for 1862 and 1863 correct. Officers elected for the ensuing year are J. Darling, H. P.; J. Gettis, King; W. A. Lively, Scribe.

JOHN F. BENEZET,
 T. P. TATUM, } Committee.

Which was received and adopted.

A telegraphic dispatch was received from the M. E. G. H. P. George F. Baltzell and Comp. D. C. Dawkins, stating that they were unable to attend the present Convocation of this

Grand Royal Arch Chapter by reason of high waters, which have rendered the Apalachicola River impassable.

The following communication was received from P. G. H. P. D. P. Holland, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

M. E. G. H. PRIEST AND COMPANIONS:—I notice in the abbreviated history of the Grand Chapter, published as an appendix to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter A. I. 2393, on page 29, under the year 1860, that the M. E. D. P. Holland, G. H. Priest, made the following rulings" although the Grand Chapter was in Grand Convocation:"

"3. After a candidate has been ballotted for and accepted and the Lodge closed, no Lodge can be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter."

It is due to the Royal Craft and myself that it should be known that the above is incorrect. True, I made the rulings as G. H. Priest, as laid down in the minutes, except the above quoted, but I submitted every one separately to the Grand Chapter, and after argument on each one, then made the ruling in accordance with the views then expressed. The 3d ruling above quoted I decided in the affirmative, and not in the negative, as above printed. In other words, I decided that a Chapter required to be opened by a certain number, but that the Mark Lodge, the P. Masters' Lodge and the M. E. Masters' Lodge could be opened with a less number, than the Chapter; that each of these Lodges were opened by their own appropriate ceremonies, and by the number appertaining to each particular degree. This will appear to be evident by the ruling which preceded the rule cited, which is as follows:

"2. Each Lodge must be opened and closed by its peculiar ceremonies, as also the Chapters."

In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of 1860, page 11, the 3d rule above recited is published as in the abbreviated history, but underneath is the following in brackets, ["This question was decided in the affirmative."] From the manner in which the proceedings were published, I presume the error originated, and I suppose it escaped the notice of the compiler.

Companions: I presume that some of you present will recollect the facts which then occurred, and as this, unless corrected might be the source of Chapters working erroneously, I thought, as the same appears on the record, it should be corrected by you, and that the record should show it. Hence this written communication. D. P. HOLLAND, P. G. H. P.

The D. G. H. P. presiding appointed the following Standing Committees;

On Accounts.—Comps. T. P. Tatum, Calvin Davis and Columbus Smith.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Comps. J. F. Benezet, E. W. Jones and N. T. Scott.

On Constitutions.—P. G. H. P. Thos. Y. Henry, Comps. T. P. Tatum and Wm. H. Arendell.

On Unfinished Business.—P. G. H. P. Thos. Hayward, Comps. Thomas K. Leonard and E. W. Jones.

On Foreign Correspondence.—P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown, P. G. H. P. Thomas Hayward and Comp. E. R. Ives.

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—Comps. Wm. H. Arendell, Calvin Davis and P. G. H. P. D. P. Holland.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, when

Comp. GEORGE F. BALTZELL,	was duly elected	G. H. P.,
“ JAMES ELLENWOOD	“ “ “	D. G. H. P.,
“ THOMAS K. LEONARD	“ “ “	G. King,
“ WM. H. ARENDELL	“ “ “	G. Scribe,
“ THOMAS HAYWARD	“ “ “	G. Treasurer,
“ HUGH A. CORLEY	“ “ “	G. Secretary,
“ COLUMBUS SMITH	“ “ “	G. Chaplain.

The following officers were duly installed by P. G. H. P. Thos. Y. Henry:

Comp. THOMAS K. LEONARD, as Grand King,
 “ HUGH A. CORLEY, as Grand Secretary,
 “ COLUMBUS SMITH as Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Council made the the following appointments:

Comp. J. F. BENEZET, G. C. H.,
 “ E. W. JONES, G. P. S.,
 “ CALVIN DAVIS, G. R. A. C.,
 “ W. C. HENDRY, G. M. 3d Vail,
 “ N. T. SCOTT, G. M. 2d Vail,
 “ T. P. TATUM, G. M. 1st Vail,
 “ W. C. RAWLES, Grand Marshal.

And said officers were duly installed by P. G. H. P. Thomas Y. Henry.

The D. G. H. P. presiding appointed Comp. D. ISAAC CRAFT Grand Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 13th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

D. G. H. P. JAMES ELLENWOOD, as G. H. P.,
 E. A. J. LEA, as Grand King,
 E. WM. H. ARENDELL, Grand Scribe,
 E. S. H. BUNKER, as Grand Secretary,
 E. THOS. HAYWARD, Grand Treasurer,
 Comp. J. F. BENEZET, G. C. H.,
 “ S. B. LOVE, as G. P. S.,
 “ CALVIN DAVIS, G. R. A. C.
 “ W. C. HENDRY, G. M. 3d Vail,
 “ N. T. SCOTT, G. M. 2d Vail,
 “ T. P. TATUM, G. M. 1st Vail,
 “ D. I. CRAFT, as Grand Tyler.

Rev. COLUMBUS SMITH offered up prayer.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment during pleasure.

A Lodge of Past Masters was opened and the work exemplified by P. G. H. P. D. P. Holland, by conferring the degree upon Bro. Geo. Green, who had been ballotted for and found worthy in Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, the High Priest of said Chapter giving his consent for conferring said degree. This Grand Past Masters' Lodge was closed in Due Form, and a Most Excellent Masters' Lodge opened and the work exemplified by Comp. Samuel Benezet by conferring the degree

upon Past Master Geo. Green. A Lodge of Grand Most Excellent Masters was closed in Due and Ancient Form.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, January 14, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

D. G. H. P. JAMES ELLENWOOD, as G. H. P.,
 E. THOMAS HAYWOOD, as Grand King,
 E. WM. H. ARENDELL, Grand Scribe,
 E. HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary,
 Comp. J. F. BENEZET, G. C. H.,
 " D. P. HOLLAND, as G. P. S.,
 " SAMUEL BENEZET, as G. R. A. C.,
 " COLUMBUS SMITH, as G. M. 3d Vail,
 " T. B. BAREFOOT, as G. M. 2d Vail,
 " T. P. TATUM, as Grand Tyler.

The Rev. Grand Chaplain offered a prayer.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to make the following report:

That they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary herewith appended, and recommend that said accounts be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

T. P. TATUM, Chairman.

Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary,

To the Grand R. A. Chapter of Florida, DR.

1864.	To am't rec'd from Florida	R. A. Chapter, No. 1, dues for 1863,	\$47 00
" "	" " " Jefferson	" " " No. 5, " " "	39 00
" "	" " " Quincy	" " " No. 7, " " "	26 00
" "	" " " Columbia	" " " No. 9, " " "	80 00
" "	" " " Tampa	" " " No. 17, " " 1862 & '63,	48 00
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1864.		CR.	\$250 00
Jan. 14—	By am't paid G. Treasurer, as per receipt,		\$250 00

Thomas Hayward, Grand Treasurer,
 In account with Grand Chapter, DR.

1863.	On hand, last report,	\$106 75
	Cash received from Grand Secretary,	274 00
1864.	Jan. 14.—Cash received from Grand Secretary,	250 00
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		\$630 75
1862.	By cash paid Grand Secretary,	\$50 00
	" " " Grand Tyler,	15 00
	" " " Edwin A. Hart, (printing,)	64 00
1863.	" " " Grand Secretary, balance due 1861,	100 00
	" " " Dyke & Carlisle, (printing,)	44 00
Feb. 27.—	" " " Grand Secretary,	96 79
	" commissions on \$524,	20 96—\$390 75
1864.	Jan. 14.—Balance on hand,	\$240 00

Which report was received and adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Grand Secretary be paid one hundred dollars for his services during the year, and that the Grand Tyler be paid fifteen dollars for his services at the present Grand Convocation.

On motion, it was ordered that one hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter at its present Convocation be published.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter then exemplified the work in the Royal Arch Degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of this evening were read and approved.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then closed in due form.

APPENDIX.

CONVENTION

OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRAND

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TAL-

LAHASSEE, JANUARY 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2377.

M. E. ISAAC H. BRONSON, President.

JOHN B. TAYLOR, Secretary.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Permanent Members of the Grand Chapter.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

M. E. Thomas Douglass,*	1847	M. E. J. Wayles Baker	1854-5
" John P. Duval,*	1848	" Thomas Hayward,	1856
" Isaac H. Bronson,*	1849	" Gad Humphreys,*	1857
" Harry R. Taylor,	1850	" Thomas Hayward,	1858
" Thomas Brown,	1851	" D. P. Holland,	1859
" R. A. Shlne,*	1852	" Thomas Y. Henry,	1860
" Samuel Boardman,*	1853		

PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

E. John P. Duval,*	1847	E. J. M. W. Davidson,	1853
" Isaac H. Bronson,*	1848	" Thomas Y. Henry,	1854
" Harry R. Taylor,	1849	" E. R. Ives,	1855-6
" D. S. Graham,	1850	" James Ellenwood,	1857-8
" Gad. Humphreys,*	1851	" J. M. Baker,	1859
" Sam. B. Stephens,	1852	" George F. Baltzell,	1860

*Deceased.

PAST GRAND KINGS.

E. Harry R. Taylor,	1847	E. Joseph S. May,	1855
" George W. Macrae,	1848	" John L. McKinnon,	1856-7
" D. S. Graham,	1849	" D. P. Holland,	1858
" R. A. Shine, ^o	1850	" George F. Baltzell,	1859
" Alfred A. Fisher,	1851	" George D. Fisher,	1860
" Samuel Boardman, ^o	1852	" Franklin Branch,	1861
" C. A. M. Mitchel, ^o	1853	" Chas. Slager,	1862
" James Ellenwood,	1854	" Green H. Hunter,	1863

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

E. George W. Macrae,	1847	E. James Ellenwood,	1856
" D. S. Graham,	1848	" David S. Walker,	1857
" R. A. Shine, ^o	1849	" Charles E. Dyke,	1858
" Gad. Humphreys, ^o	1850	" Calvin Davis,	1859
" Benjamin Sawyer,	1851	" Josiah Paine,	1860
" Daniel G. McLean,	1852	" Charles Slanger,	1861
" James S. Rust,	1853	" D. C. Dawkins,	1862
" John L. McKinnon,	1854	" W. H. Arendell,	1863
" James M. Baker,	1855		

^oDeceased.

ANNUAL RETURNS

FROM THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

TO THE

GRAND CHAPTER.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.—Tallahassee.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Hayward, H. P.,	John Pratorius, Treas.,
T. P. Tatum, K.,	Thos. B. Barefoot, Secr'y,
Hugh A. Corley, S.,	George Damon, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Thomas Brown, P. H. P.,	Robert Heir, R. A. M.,
Richard A. Shine, "	J. Wayles Baker, "
John B. Taylor, "	James S. Rust, "
David S. Walker, "	Allen H. Bush, "
Charles E. Dyke, R. A. M.,	B. Williams, "
Alfred A. Fisher, "	John P. Duval, "
M. K. Grandy, "	Lucian S. Duval, "
Mathew Lively, "	L. W. DuBois, "
Hugh T. Fisher, "	Wm. E. Boswell, "
F. M. Bunker, "	Jos. A. Edmonson, "
D. Isaac Craft, "	David C. Wilson, "
Wm. K. Beard, "	David E. Mason, "
Edwin L. T. Blake, "	N. S. Goodman, "
Robert Gamble, Jr., "	Wm. P. Slusser, "
Robert B. Hilton, "	P. B. Brokaw, "
A. F. Hayward, "	J. D. Bassett, "
Joseph Weber, "	T. W. Brevard, Jr. M. M. M.,
J. C. Whiting, "	N. B. Smithwick, "
D. W. Gwynn, "	George Green, "
Isaac W. Bowen, "	

Amount of dues, \$38.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Thomas Hayward, H. P.,	John Pratorius, Treas.,
T. P. Tatum, K.,	F. M. Bunker, Sec'y,
George Damon, S.,	D. Isaac Craft, Guard.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello.*

OFFICERS:

James Ellenwood, H. P.,	Wm. H. Arendell, P. S.,
A. Peeler, K.,	F. T. Buchannon, R. A. C.,
M. G. W. Jordan, S.,	C. B. DeCaussey, M. 3d Vail,
Thomas J. Chase, Treas.,	Calvin Davis, M. 2d Vail,
H. H. Berry, Sec'y,	J. W. DeWitt, M. 1st Vail,
Rev. B. S. Fuller, Chaplain,	Martin St. John, Guard.
J. F. Carter, C. H.,	

MEMBERS:

Wm. S. Dilworth, P. H. P.	G. W. Herring, R. A. M.,
W. H. Andrews, R. A. M.	C. Stebbins, "
John A. Townsend, "	Thos. H. Triplett, "
F. H. C. Nally, "	W. E. Hamilton, "
John A. Edwards, "	Jesse R. Atkinson, "
Joshua Taylor, "	N. A. Bailey, "
Abner Withington, "	Columbus Smith, "
F. N. B. Oliver, "	W. W. Abbott, "
Aaron V. Daniel, "	William Ellis, "
Joseph O. Taylor, "	Joel B. Collins, "
James J. Walker, "	W. H. Horton, "
James M. Kilpatrick, "	T. F. Johnson, P. M.,
J. T. Porter, "	W. W. Tucker, M. E. M.,
W. L. Vinson, "	B. A. Bobo, P. M.,
Robert Scott, "	W. M. Humphries "

Amount of dues, \$39.

QUINCY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 7.—*Quincy.*

OFFICERS:

Samuel B. Stephens, H. P.,	C. Burghard, C. H.,
Samuel B. Love, K.,	J. P. Scott, R. A. C.,
Thomas Y. Henry, S.,	A. J. Smith, M. 3d Vail,
Thomas B. Nathans, Treas.,	Thomas Potts, M. 2d Vail,
T. E. Gibson, Sec'y,	W. B. Smith, M. 1st Vail,
D. H. Wilson, Tyler,	

MEMBERS:

O. E. Andrews, R. A. M.,	J. H. Keadle, R. A. M.,
Abner Averitt, "	E. C. Love, "
M. Burghard, "	Sherrod McCall, "
Greenup Arnold, "	Rev. O. E. McKeowan, "
F. A. Fleishmen, "	J. W. Reeves, "
R. M. Fleishmen, "	W. C. Rawls, "
C. A. Gee, "	Philip A. Stockton, "
William C. Hendry, "	Moses Strauss, "
C. A. Hentz, "	N. T. Scott, "
Thomas Harrison, "	D. T. Wilson, "

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Samuel B. Stephens, H. P.,	C. Burghard, C. H.,
Thomas Y. Henry, K.,	A. J. Smith, P. S.,
O. E. Andrews, S.,	J. P. Scott, R. A. C.,
T. B. Nathans, Treas.,	D. H. Wilson, Tyler.
T. E. Gibsom, Sec'y,	

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.—*Lake City.*

OFFICERS:

Edward R. Ives, H. P.,	Silas L. Niblack, P. S.,
John L. Dozier, K.,	John R. Craig, R. A. C.,
James A. Francis, S.,	William W. Moore, M. 3d V.,
T. W. Carter, Treas.,	H. Granger, M. 2d V.,
Thomas A. Carruth, Sec'y,	Wm. H. Jernigan, M. 1st V.,
M. T. Bacon, C. H.,	E. W. Jones, Guard.

MEMBERS:

James M. Baker, R. A. M.,	Green H. Hunter, R. A. M.,
A. J. T. Wright, "	E. B. Coates, "
Asa A. Stewart, "	M. Whit Smith, "
Martin Hancock, "	Isaac S. Coon, "
Martin H. Freeze, "	T. J. Stallings, "
Alexander Young, "	Ferdinand McLeod, "
A. R. Bexley, "	C. W. Johnson, "
Garrett Van Zant, "	Stephen S. Smith, "
Henry F. Smith, "	Wm. C. Langston, "
Israel M. Stewart, "	David Jones, "
James M. Claridy, "	Langley Bryant, "
Jacob T. Goodbread, "	E. J. Acosta, M. E. M.,
James C. Pearce, "	John Frink, "
A. S. Goodbread, "	Philip Goodbread, M. M.,

Richard Hurt, R. A. M.,	John H. Baker, P. M.,
William H. Cone, "	Wm. H. Rosseau, "
Stephen Roberts, "	W. J. Duval, R. A. M.,
John W. Jones, "	R. B. Thomas, "
H. R. Alford, "	J. A. Mason, "
L. H. Mattair, "	F. Woolff, "
R. H. Charles, "	J. N. Haddock, "
T. M. Mickler, "	E. G. Clay, "
George M. Cline, "	Archibald T. Banks, "
H. J. Stewart, "	A. G. M. Raines, "
R. C. Martin, "	J. O. A. Jerry, "
W. R. Moore, "	M. L. Moore, "
James H. Hill, "	T. J. Wombwell, "
A. J. Prevatt, "	Reuben J. Thornton, "
Charles F. Cone, "	Charles E. Jones, "
John Sasser, "	Alfred Newbern, "
N. A. Jamieson, "	W. L. L. Bowen, M. M.,
H. F. York, "	T. F. Wesson, P. M.,
J. L. Hodges, "	W. J. J. Duncan, "
J. W. Cathey, "	

Amount of Dues, \$80. Rejections, 3. Deaths, 2.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Edward R. Ives, H. P.,	J. W. Cathey, Treasurer,
Robert B. Thomas, K.,	M. L. Moore, Secretary,
David Jones, S.,	J. R. Francis, Sentinel.

GREENWOOD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 15.—*Greenwood.*

OFFICERS:

S. J. Erwin, H. P.,	J. M. F. Erwin, P. S.,
George F. Baltzell, K.,	Benj. G. Alderman, R. A. C.,
Allen H. Bush, S.,	Benj. F. Parker, M. 3d V.,
N. O. J. Staley, Treas.,	M. A. Butler, M. 2d V.,
F. R. Pittman, Sec'y,	A. R. Godwin, M. 1st V.,
James L. Robinson, C. H.,	Charles Sims, Guard.

MEMBERS:

D. C. Dawkins,	H. A. Blount,
Rev. C. C. Sullivan,	Rev. D. P. Everett,
Henry O. Bassett,	J. W. Johnston,
C. N. Graves,	Rev. J. P. Lockey,
Walter J. Robinson,	A. McMillan,
T. S. Stapleton,	Rev. L. R. Sims,

J. M. Stringer,	C. C. Burke,
Rev. J. M. Campbell,	H. J. Robinson,
A. J. Sims,	A. Scott.
Amount of Dues, \$28.	

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.—*Tampa.*

Returns for year ending December 27, 1862.

OFFICERS:

John Darling, H. P.,	Madison Post, P. S.,
F. Branch, K.,	J. P. McMullen, R. A. C.,
James Gettis, S.,	Joel L. Lockhart, M. 3d V.,
J. T. Givens, Treasurer,	W. J. Turner, M. 2d V.,
E. A. Clarke, Secretary,	C. Q. Crawford, M. 1st V.

MEMBERS:

Hamlin V. Snell, R. A. M.,	Samuel E. Hope, P. M.,
Robert B. Thomas, "	Ezekiel Glazier, M. M.
W. B. Hooker, "	
Amount of dues, \$13.	

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.—*Tampa.*

Returns for the year ending December 27, 1863.

John Darling, H. P.,	J. P. McMullen, R. A. C.,
F. Branch, K.,	J. L. Lockhart, M. 3 V.,
James Gettis, S.,	W. I. Turner, M. 2 V.,
J. T. Givens, Treas.,	C. Q. Crawford, M. 1 V.,
Madison Post, P. S.,	

MEMBERS:

William Blakeney, R. A. M.,	Robert B. Thomas, R. A. M.,
E. A. Clarke, "	J. W. Tompkins, "
W. B. Hooker, "	R. M. Wells, "
A. P. Hampton, "	Joseph Carey, M. M.
John A. Henderson, "	Ezekiel Glazier, "
F. B. Hagan, "	J. Gates, "
W. A. Lively, "	D. Gillett, "

H. E. Martin,	R. A. M.	Samuel E. Hope, P. M.,
J. S. Martin,	"	J. Pearce,
J. S. Robles,	"	W. Mansell,
Hamlin V. Snell,	"	W. B. Henderson, M. E. M.
M. L. Shanahan,	"	

Amount of Dues, \$35.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

John Darling, H. P.,	J. T. Givens, Treas.,
James Gettis, K.,	John A. Henderson, Sec'y.
W. A. Lively, S.,	

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF

FLORIDA,



At an Annual Convocation, begun and held

IN THE

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE,

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, A. D. 1865, A. I. 2395.

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PROCEEDINGS.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, begun and held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 9th day of January, A. D. 1865, A. I. 2395.

PRESENT:

M. E. GEORGE F. BALTZELL, G. H. P.
" JAMES ELLENWOOD, D. G. H. P.
" B. S. FULLER, as G. K.
" WILLIAM H. ARENDELL, G. S.
" THOMAS HAYWARD, G. Treasurer.
" HUGH A. CORLEY, G. Secretary.
Rt. Rev. COLUMBUS SMITH, G. Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN F. BENEZET, G. C. H.
" HENRY J. STEWART, G. P. S.
" THOMAS A. CARRUTH, G. M. 3d Vail.
" SAMUEL BENEZET, G. M. 2d Vail.
" T. P. TATUM, G. M. 1st Vail.

After prayer by the Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees, viz:
On Credentials and Returns—Comps. D. P. Holland, Thomas A. Carruth and John F. Benezet.

On Accounts—Comps. J. F. Benezet, Henry J. Stewart and Seth H. Bunker.

On Propositions and Grievances—Comps. G. H. Hunter James Ellenwood and T. P. Tatum.

On Constitutions—Comps. D. C. Dawkins, D. P. Holland and Isaac S. Coon.

On Unfinished Business—Comps. T. P. Tatum, G. W. Underwood and A. J. T. Wright.

On Foreign Correspondence—P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown, P. G. H. P. Thomas Hayward and Comp. D. C. Dawkins.

On Dispensations and By-Laws—Comps. Samuel Benezet, James Ellenwood and William H. Arendell.

The following letter, addressed to the Grand Secretary, was read:

TAMPA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NOV. 17,)
Tampa, Fla., Nov. 11th, 1864.)

E. Hugh A. Corley, G. Sec'y G. R. A. C. of Florida:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—Among other depredations committed by the U. S. troops during their raid on Tampa on the 6th of May last, was the plunder of our Chapter rooms. The furniture was as complete, I think, as any Chapter in the State, having cost us over \$500, including a fine set of jewels, all of which was carried away, except a few articles; and with the books they also took the charter. I have waited in the hope that the charter might be returned by some hand friendly to the cause of Masonry, but up to this date I have received no intimation that it will be so. I therefore wish now to ask for a duplicate of the charter to be sent us, or for it to be renewed in some proper form. No data are left from which I can ascertain the precise date of the charter, but it was granted by the Grand Chapter held in January, 1861. I do not know the residence of the M. E. G. H. P., or I should have addressed this letter direct to him.

I am, truly and fraternally,

Your obt serv't,
JOHN DARLING, H. P.

Ordered, That said letter be spread upon the records, and that charter of Tampa R. A. Chapter be renewed.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

To the G. R. A. Chapter of Florida:

M. E. G. H. P.:—The Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to make the following report:

They find the following members of the Grand Chapter present, in addition to the present officers:

P. G. H. Priests THOMAS HAYWARD and D. P. HOLLAND.
P. D. G. H. P. JAMES ELLENWOOD.
P. G. King G. H. HUNTER.
P. G. Scribe D. C. DAWKINS.
P. G. Chaplain THOS. A. CARRUTH.
P. H. Priests SAMUEL BENEZET, DAVID S. WALKER and SAMUEL B. STEPHENS.

Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.—Returns correct. T. P. Tatum, H. P.; George Damon, K.; Hugh A. Corley, S. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$46.

Magnolia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3.—John F. Benezet, H. P. Place in possession of the enemy. No returns.

Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5.—James Ellenwood, H. P.; William H. Arendell, K.; B. S. Fuller, S. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$84.

Madison Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8.—Returns incorrect, having no seal and no returns for officers elect for the ensuing year. Seth H. Bunker, Proxy for H. P. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$47.

Greenwood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 15.—No return of officers elected for the ensuing year. Otherwise correct. D. C. Dawkins, H. P.; H. J. Robinson, K.; C. C. Burke, S. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$45.

Madison Royal Arch Chapter, No. 16.—No return of officers elected for the ensuing year. John C. Ley, H. P.; Comp. Thomas A. Carruth, proxy for K. and S. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$27.

Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9.—Returns correct. D. Jones, H. P.; J. R. Francis, K.; Green H. Hunter, S.; Comp. A. J. T. Wright, proxy for King. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$92.

Quincy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7.—Returns informal. Thomas Y. Henry, H. P.; A. J. Smith, K.; J. J. Williams, S. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$63.

Total dues to Grand Royal Arch Chapter, \$404.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary furnish the Chapter with blanks in accordance with the returns made by Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, and that an appropriation be made for that purpose. Respectfully submitted,

D. P. HOLLAND, Chm'n.

Which report was read and adopted.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock P. M.

January 10, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Comp. Dawkins, a committee was appointed, consisting of Comps. Hayward, Henry and Holland, to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Grand R. A. Chap-

ter on the occasion of the death of late Past Grand Secretary John B. Taylor.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when

Comp. DAVID JONES was duly elected, G. H. P.,
 " D. C. DAWKINS " " D. G. H. P.,
 " B. S. FULLER " " G. K.,
 " ELIAS EARLE " " G. S.,
 " T. PRESTON TATUM " G. Treasurer,
 " HUGH A. CORLEY " G. Secretary,
 " COLUMBUS SMITH " G. Chaplain.

And said officers were duly installed by P. G. H. P. George F. Baltzell.

The Grand Council made the following appointments, viz:

Comp. G. W. Underwood, G. C. H.,
 " E. G. CLAY, G. P. S.,
 " HENRY J. STEWART, G. R. A. C.,
 " ISAAC S. COON, G. M. 3d Vail,
 " A. J. LEA, G. M. 2d Vail,
 " SETH H. BUNKER, G. M. 1st Vail,
 " A. J. T. WRIGHT, Grand Marshal,
 " D. ISAAC CRAFT, Grand Tyler.

And said officers were duly installed by the M. E. G. H. P.
 The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

January 11th, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID JONES, G. H. P.
 E. D. C. DAWKINS, D. G. H. P.
 " B. S. FULLER, G. K.
 " ELIAS EARLE, G. S.
 " T. PRESTON TATUM, G. Treasurer.
 " HUGH A. CORLEY, G. Secretary.

Rt. Rev. COLUMBUS SMITH, G. Chaplain.

Comp. JAMES ELLENWOOD, as G. C. H.

" E. G. CLAY, G. P. S.

" HENRY J. STEWART, G. R. A. C.

" ISAAC COON, G. M. 3d Vail.

" A. J. LEA, G. M. 2d Vail.

" SETH H. BUNKER, G. M. 1st Vail.

" D. ISAAC CRAFT, G. Tyler.

The Grand Secretary presented an account against the Grand Chapter for postage, stationery, &c., amounting to \$8.60, which was read and ordered to be paid.

The work was exemplified in the R. A. Degree by Comp. D. C. Dawkins.

On motion, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence were instructed to inquire and report to this Grand Chapter, at its next Grand Annual Convocation, the Masonic law respecting the admission of maimed persons to receive the Chapter Degrees.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to make the following report: That they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary and find them correct, and recommend that they be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

JNO. F. BENEZET,
 HENRY J. STEWART,
 SETH H. BUNKER.

THOMAS HAYWARD, G. T.

1864. To GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, Dr.

Jan'y 13.—Cash paid by G. Secretary, \$250 00

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By cash paid G. Secretary,	\$100 00
" " " Tyler,	15 00
" " " Printing,	95 00
" commissions at 4 per cent.,	10 00
Due Grand Chapter,	30 00—\$250 00

Tallahassee, Jan'y 10th, 1865.

HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.

In ac't with the G. R. A. Chapter of Florida. Dr.

1865.

Jan. 11—To the following amounts received from		
Subordinate Chapters for dues:		
From Fla. R. A. Chapter, No. 1, dues 1864		\$46 00
" Jeff. R. A. Chapter, No. 5, dues 1864		84 00
" Quincy R. A. " " 7, " "		63 00
" Madison R. A. " " 8, " "		47 00
" Columbia R. A. " " 9, " "		92 00
" Greenwood " " " 15, " '63 & '64		73 00
" Micanopy " " " 16, " 1864		27 00
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		\$432 00
January 11—By amt paid G. Treasurer,		\$432 00

On motion of Comp. Tatum, the Grand Secretary was authorized to charge five dollars for each diploma issued by him.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment.

9 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

On motion, it was *Ordered*, That the Grand Tyler be allowed \$30 as a compensation for his services at the present Grand Convocation.

Ordered, That 100 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Convocation be printed, and that the Treasurer pay the expense thereof upon an order from the M. E. G. H. P.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the occasion of the death of companion John B. Taylor, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It appears that on the 4th inst., our worthy and well beloved companion John B. Taylor, Grand Secretary of this G. Chapter from its organization until 1862, was called by the Almighty Maker and disposer of all things and all events from time to eternity—Therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Chapter have received the painful intelligence of his death with heart-felt sorrow for the loss the Grand Chapter has sustained thereby.

Resolved, That, individually and collectively, the members of the Grand Chapter entertained the highest respect for the deceased when living, both as a man and as a Mason, and that they unitedly cherish the memory of his many virtues.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Chapter feelingly sympathize with the widow and orphans of our deceased companion in this their sad and irreparable bereavement, and we most affectionately tender them our mutual respect and condolence.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make out, under his official seal and signature, a copy of these resolutions, and transmit the same to the widow of our deceased companion.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM, after prayer by the Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

Attest:

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

CONVENTION

OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRAND

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TAL-

LAHASSEE, JANUARY 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2377.

M. E. ISAAC H. BRONSON, President.

JOHN B. TAYLOR, Secretary.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Permanent Members of the Grand Chapter.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

M. E. Thomas Douglass,*	1847	M. E. J. Wayles Baker	1854-5
" John P. Duval,*	1848	" Thomas Hayward,	1856
" Isaac H. Bronson,*	1849	" Gad Humphreys,*	1857
" Harry R. Taylor,	1850	" Thomas Hayward,	1858
" Thomas Brown,	1851	" D. P. Holland,	1859
" R. A. Shine,*	1852	" Thomas Y. Henry,	1860
" Samuel Boardman,*	1853	" George F. Baltzell,	1861-4

PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

E. John P. Duval,*	1847	E. Thomas Y. Henry,	1854
" Isaac H. Bronson,*	1848	" E. R. Ives,	1855-6
" Harry R. Taylor,	1849	" James Ellenwood,	1857-8
" D. S. Graham,*	1850	" J. M. Baker,	1859
" Gad. Humphreys,*	1851	" George F. Baltzell,	1860
" Sam. B. Stephens,	1852	" James Ellenwood,	1861-4
" J. M. W. Davidson,	1853		

*Deceased.

PAST GRAND KINGS.

E. Harry R. Taylor,	1847	E. John L. McKinnon,	1856-7
" George W. Macrae,	1848	" D. P. Holland,	1858
" D. S. Graham,	1849	" George F. Baltzell,	1859
" R. A. Shine, ^o	1850	" George D. Fisher,	1860
" Alfred A. Fisher,	1851	" Franklin Branch,	1861
" Samuel Boardman, ^o	1852	" Chas. Slager,	1862
" C. A. M. Mitchel, ^o	1853	" Green H. Hunter,	1863
" James Ellenwood,	1854	" Thos. K. Leonard,	1864
" Joseph S. May,	1855		

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

E. George W. Macrae,	1847	E. James Ellenwood,	1856
" D. S. Graham,	1848	" David S. Walker,	1857
" R. A. Shine, ^o	1849	" Charles E. Dyke,	1858
" Gad. Humphreys, ^o	1850	" Calvin Davis,	1859
" Benjamin Sawyer,	1851	" Josiah Paine,	1860
" Daniel G. McLean,	1852	" Charles Slager,	1861
" James S. Rust,	1853	" D. C. Dawkins,	1862
" John L. McKinnon,	1854	" W. H. Arendell,	1863-4
" James M. Baker,	1855		

^oDeceased.

ANNUAL RETURNS
FROM THE
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
TO THE
GRAND CHAPTER.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.—Tallahassee.

OFFICERS:

T. Hayward, H. P. & P. G. H. P.	Hugh A. Corley, P. S.,
T. Preston Tatum, K.,	Robert Heir, R. A. C.,
George Damon, S.,	Jasper D. Bassett, M. 3d V.,
John Pratorius, Treas.,	Wm. P. Slusser, " 2d "
F. M. Bunker, Secr'y,	Rob't Gamble, Jr., " 1st "
Isaac W. Bowen, C. H.,	D. Isaac Craft, Guard.

MEMBERS:

T. Brown, P. H. P. & P. G. H. P.	J. A. Edmondson, R. A. M.,
John B. Taylor, P. H. P.,	L. W. DuBois,
David S. Walker, P. H. P.	Wm. E. Boswell,
J. Wales Baker, P. G. H. P.,	John S. Bond,
David C. Wilson, R. A. M.,	John P. Duval,
Allen H. Bush,	Lucian S. Duval,
Charles E. Dyke,	Wm. K. Beard,
Alfred A. Fisher,	Matthew Lively,
Hugh T. Fisher,*	A. F. Hayward,
Edwin L. T. Blake,	Thomas B. Barefoot,*
David E. Mason,	Nathan S. Goodman,
Robert B. Hilton,	P. B. Brokaw,
M. K. Grandy,*	George Green,
Joseph Weber,*	Edward Bradford, Jr.,
D. Walter Gwynn,	John S. Parker, M. E. M.,
J. C. Whiting,	N. B. Smithwick, P. M.,*

B. Williams,
Thomas J. Roberts,
Joshua Saunders,
Ephraim Saunders.

Chas. H. Hopkins, M. M. M.,
John L. Taylor, "
Theodore Ball, "

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

T. Preston Tatum, H. P., John Pratorius, Treas.,
George Damon, K., F. M. Bunker, Secr'y.
Hugh A. Corley, S.,

Rejected, 1. Died, 5.* Dues to Grand Chapter, \$46. Regular meetings the 2d and 4th Saturdays in each month.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello.*

OFFICERS:

James Ellenwood, H. P., J. O. Taylor, P. S.,*
M. G. W. Jordan, K., Calvin Davis, R. A. C.,
B. S. Fuller, S., W. W. Abbott, M. 3d V.,
Thomas J. Chace, Treas., Wm. Ellis, " 2d "
H. H. Berry, Secr'y, A. Peeler, " 1st "
Rev. W. E. Hamilton, Chap'n, James F. Carter, Guard.
F. T. Buchanan, C. H.,

MEMBERS:

Wm. S. Dilworth, P. H. P., A. R. J. Miller, R. A. M.,
John A. Townsend, R. A. M., G. W. Stevens,
John A. Edwards, E. J. Holmes,
Joshua Taylor, W. W. Tucker,
Abner Wethington, Jabez Martin,
F. N. B. Oliver, R. T. Withers,
Aaron V. Daniel, W. B. Ponder,
Wm. H. Arendell, J. A. Ponder,
James J. Walker, R. M. Gilbert,
James W. DeWitt, D. H. Bryan,
James M. Kilpatrick, Joel Morris,
J. T. Porter, Harmon Morris,
W. L. Vinson, J. G. M. Wamock,
Jesse R. Atkinson, M. Young,
Robert Scott, J. M. Johns,
F. A. Monroe, G. D. McCall,
G. W. Herring, S. Katzenburg,

Charles Stebbins,
Charles B. DeCaussey,
Martin St. John,*
W. H. Horton,
J. J. Collins,
Joel B. Collins,
Pickens B. Byrd,*
F. A. Dawkins,
D. L. Oakley,
Calvin Surles,
D. M. LaFitte,

Elias Whitner,
W. B. Taylor,
Thomas J. Chace, Jr.,
J. D. Turner,
J. L. Brooks,
G. W. Beal,
R. J. Denmark,
T. F. McMullen, M. E. M.,
S. J. Turnbull, P. M.,
W. W. Davis, M. E. M.,
W. B. Clark, M. M. M.

Dues to Grand Chapter, \$84. Died, 3.*

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

James Ellenwood, H. P., Thomas J. Chace, Treas.,
Wm. H. Arendell, K., H. H. Berry, Secr'y,
B. S. Fuller, S., Joel B. Collins, Guard.

QUINCY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 7.—*Quincy.*

OFFICERS:

Samuel B. Stephens, H. P., A. J. Smith, P. S.,
Thomas Y. Henry, K., J. P. Scott, R. A. C.,
O. E. Andrews, S., W. C. Hendry, M. 3 V.,
Thomas B. Nathans, Treas., Samuel B. Love, M. 2 V.,
T. E. Gibson, Secretary, Philip A. Stockton, M. 1 V.,
C. Burghard, C. H., D. H. Wilson, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Abner Averitt, R. A. M., C. A. Huntington, R. A. M.,
Thomas Potts, R. R. Scott,
Martin Burghard, M. B. Floyd,
Grenup Arnold, Archibald Nicholson,
P. M. Fleishman, Alexander Bowen,
C. A. Gee, A. A. Flake,
C. A. Hentz, J. J. Williams,
Thomas Harrison, J. E. Bell,
J. H. Keadle, Joseph Austin,
E. C. Love, Hector Bruce,
Sherrod McCall, G. C. Wentze,
Rev. O. E. McKeown, E. M. L'Engle,
J. W. Reeves, Josephus Averitt,

W. C. Rawles,
Moses Strauss,
Norman T. Scott,
D. T. Wilson,

T. J. Bruton,
F. M. Wilson,
A. C. Black,
C. D. Towers,

Dues to Grand Chapter, \$63.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Thomas Y. Henry, H. P.,	C. A. Gee, P. S.,
A. J. Smith, K.,	Joseph Austin, R. A. C.,
J. J. Williams, S.,	C. A. Huntington, M. 3 V.,
Thomas B. Nathans, Treas.,	D. H. Wilson, M. 2 V.,
T. E. Gibson, Secretary,	J. P. Scott, M. 1 V.,
C. Burghard, C. H.,	G. C. Wentze, Guard.

MADISON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 8.—*Madison.*

OFFICERS:

Alexander McDonald, H. P.,	M. D. McLeod, R. A. C.,
R. H. Shaffer, K.,	C. L. Livingston, M. 3d Vail.,
E. J. Vann, S.,	James A. Scott, M. 2d Vail.,
S. H. Bunker, Treas. and Sec'y.	Thomas Langford, M. 1st Vail.
Chandler H. Smith, C. H.,	E. D. Gornto, Guard.
George M. T. Brinson, P. S.,	

MEMBERS:

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C. C. Coffee,	E. Mashburn,
Lucias A. Church,*	B. W. Mosely,
J. Cohen,	J. A. Newman,
Amon DeLaughter,	J. H. Ogden,
Albert Dozier,	E. H. Richards,
Shade Flowers,	William Rodgers,
William Hammerly,	Henry H. Sutton,
Daniel G. Livingston,	Joseph Townsend,
W. A. Livingston,	John F. Webb,
John L. Miller,	James L. Wyche,
William P. Moseley,	W. W. Whitlock.

Died 1* Dues to Grand Chapter, \$47

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.—*Lake City.*

MEMBERS:

E. J. Acosta, M. E. M.,	C. E. Jones, R. A. M.,
James W. Allen, R. A. M.,	J. M. Jackson,
Hansford R. Alferd,	Benjamin F. Jackson, M. E. M.
James M. Baker,	John F. Jackson, P. M.,
Langley Bryant,	N. A. Jamerson, R. A. M.,
William T. Bacon,	M. A. Knight,
A. T. Banks,	Lucius Kinsey,
W. L. L. Bowen,	M. C. Langston,
W. J. Barnett,	L. H. Mattair,
James H. Baker, P. M.,	James Mathews, P. M.,
James M. Claridy, R. A. M.,	Thomas M. Mickler, R. A. M.,
William H. Cone,	R. C. Martin,
Reuben H. Charles,	Walter R. Moore,
George M. Cline,	M. L. Moore,
Charles F. Cone,	William W. Moore,
James W. Cathey,	Ferdinand McLeod,
Edward B. Coates, R. A. M.,	James A. Mason, R. A. M.,
John R. Craig,	Silas L. Niblack,
Thomas W. Carter,	Alfred Newbern, P. M.,
E. G. Clay, P. M.,	James A. Newmans, R. A. M.,
J. W. Campbell, P. M.,	James C. Pearce,
Isaac S. Coon, R. A. M.,	A. J. Prevatt,
John L. Dozier,	John S. Purviance,
W. J. Duval,	Stephen Roberts,
William J. J. Duncan,	William H. Rosseau, P. M.,
Martin H. Freeze,	Samuel F. Row, P. M.,
James R. Francis,	William Roberts, R. A. M.,
Jacob T. Goodbread,	Asa A. Stewart,
Adam S. Goodbread,	H. F. Smith,
Philip S. Goodbread, M. M.	Israel M. Stewart,
James A. O. Gerry, R. A. M.	Henry J. Stewart,
William Grothe,	John Sasser,
Harvey Granger,	M. Whit Smith,
Martin Hancock,	T. J. Stallings,
Richard Hurt,	Stephen S. Smith,
James H. Hill,	John W. Sheffield, P. M.,
J. L. Hodges,	Reuben J. Thornton, R. A. M.
Green H. Hunter,	Robert B. Thomas,
Joseph N. Haddock,	Garrett Van Zant,
Lucius A. Hardee,	A. M. Vanpelt,
James Hardee,	Arthur J. T. Wright,
Edward R. Ives,	Frederick Woolf,

W. H. Jernigan,
Charles W. Johnson,
John W. Jones,
E. W. Jones,
David Jones,

Thomas F. Wesson,
Thomas J. Wombwell,
Alexander Forney,
Henry F. York.

Dues to Grand Chapter, \$92.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

David Jones, H. P.,
James R. Francis, K.,
Green H. Hunter, S.,

J. W. Cathey, Treas.
M. L. Moore, Sec'y.

GREENWOOD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 15.—*Greenwood.*

OFFICERS:

Dewitt C. Dawkins, H. P.,	C. M. Graves, P. S.,
George F. Baltzell, K.,	B. G. Alderman, R. A. C.,
H. J. Robinson, S.,	A. J. Sims, M. 3 V.,
Rev. John B. Lockey, Treas.,	C. C. Sullivan, M. 2 V.,
Frederick R. Pittman, Sec'y,	A. R. Godwin, M. 1 V.,
S. J. Erwin, C. H.,	Charles Sims, Guard.

MEMBERS:

C. C. Burke, R. A. M.,	Rev. W. R. Tally, R. A. M.,
A. Scott,	Rev. E. J. Rentz.
Allen H. Bush,	Rev. J. W. Coppage,
N. O. J. Staley,	A. B. Hamilton,
James L. Robinson,	J. V. Dansby,
J. M. F. Erwin,	D. H. Robinson,
Benjamin F. Parker,	W. H. Robinson,
W. J. Robinson,	W. L. Davis,
T. S. Stapleton,	S. S. Cawthron,
A. H. Blount,	C. C. Barber,
Rev. D. P. Everett,	James McClellan,
J. W. Johnson,	S. A. Calhoun,
A. McMillan,	Rev. Geo. W. Underwood,
Rev. L. R. Sims,	David Bird, M. M. M.,
J. M. Stringer,	H. W. Pickett, M. M. M.
J. A. Robinson,	

Dues to Grand Chapter, \$45.

MICANOPY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 16.—*Micanopy.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

John C. Ley, H. P.,
C. W. Merry, K.,
J. A. Stewart, S.,
J. M. Croxton, R. A. M.,
John Penny,
A. H. McCormick,
J. T. Jolly,
E. L. King,
John M. Payne,
Thaddeus R. Dean,
Paul McCormick,
J. J. Mikell,

Thomas A. Carruth, R. A. M.,
George W. Price,
A. H. Matthers,
James M. Hunter,
A. H. Johnson,
B. W. Powell,
J. D. Colding,
Samuel Lowman,
A. W. Cook,
J. G. Faulkner,
W. S. Perry, P. M.

Dues to Grand Chapter, \$27.

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.—*Tampa.*

OFFICERS:

John Darling, H. P.,
James Gettis, K.,
W. A. Lively, S.,

John T. Givens, Treas.,
John A. Henderson, Sec'y.

MEMBERS:

Franklin Branch, R. A. M.,	A. P. Hampton, R. A. M.,
Madison Post,	Robert B. Thomas,
J. P. McMullen,	J. W. Tompkins,*
J. L. Lockhart,	R. M. Wells,
W. J. Turner,	H. E. Martin,
C. Q. Crawford,	J. S. Martin,
Wm. Blakeney,	J. Robles,
E. A. Clarke,	Hamlin V. Snell,
W. B. Hooker,	Samuel E. Hope, P. M.,
M. L. Shannahan,*	John Pierce, P. M.,
Josiah Gates,	Ezekiel Glazier, M. M. M.,
W. B. Henderson,	Joseph Casey, "
W. Mansell,	Daniel Gillett, "
F. B. Hagan,	

*Died, 2. Dues to Grand Chapter, \$30.

CONVENTION
OF
HIGH PRIESTHOOD,

Held at the Masonic Hall, Tallahassee, Jan-
uary 12th, A. L. 5865.

A Convention of High Priests was opened for the trans-
action of business, after the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of
Florida had been closed.

PRESENT:

Past Grand High Priest D. P. HOLLAND, President.
Past Grand High Priest THOMAS HAYWARD, Vice President.
Past High Priest F. C. BARRETT, Conductor.
Past High Priest W. H. BOYD, Master of Ceremonies.
Past High Priest F. I. WHEATON, Herald.

The following M. E. Companions:

DAVID JONES, G. H. P. of Florida and H. P. of Columbia
Chapter, No. 9.

D. C. DAWKINS, D. G. H. P. of Florida and H. P. of Green-
wood Chapter, No. 15.

SAMUEL BENEZET, P. H. P. of Magnolia R. A. Chapter, No. 3.

DAVID S. WALKER, P. H. P. of Florida R. A. Chapter No. 1.

JOHN F. BENEZET, H. P. of Magnolia R. A. Chapter, No. 3.

T. P. TATUM, H. P. of Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1.

Having applied to the Convention to be received and consecrated according to the Order of High Priesthood, and having presented the proper certificate from Comp. Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and they each having been accepted by the Convention, were separately received, consecrated and annointed in due and ancient form with the solemn ceremonies of the Order of High Priesthood.

Thereupon the Convention was reorganized for the ensuing year, and until their successors were selected, as follows:

Grand High Priest DAVID JONES, President.

Deputy G. H. Priest D. C. DAWKINS, Vice President.

Past G. H. Priest THOMAS HAYWARD, Treasurer.

High Priest JOHN F. BENEZET, Secretary.

Past High Priest SAMUEL BENEZET, Master of Ceremonies.

Past High Priest F. C. BARRETT, Conductor.

Past High Priest F. I. WHEATON, Herald.

The Secretary was ordered to request the record of the Convention to be published with the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida.

Whereupon the Convention of High Priesthood was closed in Ancient Form until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, unless sooner assembled by order of the President.

DAVID JONES, President.

JOHN F. BENEZET, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

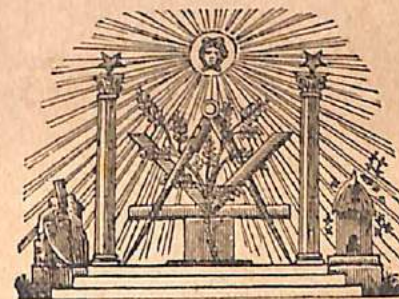
GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF

FLORIDA,



AT THEIR 20TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION, BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY
OF TALLAHASSEE, MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, A. D. 1866, A. I. 2396.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1866, A. I. 2396, it being the regular Annual Convocation of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest.

E. D. C. DAWKINS, D. G. H. P.

“ ELIAS EARLE, Grand King.

“ C. S. EMERY, as Grand Scribe.

“ T. PRESTON TATUM, Grand Treasurer.

“ HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.

Comp. EDWARD R. IVES, as G. C. H.

“ W. B. TAYLOR, as G. P. S.

“ HARRY J. STEWART, as G. R. A. C.

“ ANDREW J. SMITH, as G. M. 3d Vail.

“ A. J. LEA, G. M. 2d Vail.

“ C. A. HUNTINGTON, as G. M. 1st Vail.

“ D. ISAAC CRAFT, Grand Tyler.

P. G. H. P. THOMAS BROWN,

—And a due representation of subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed a committee on Credentials and Returns, consisting of Comps. W. B. Taylor, A. J. Smith and Henry J. Stewart.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

The Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to make the following report:

They find the following members of the Grand Lodge present:

P. G. H. Priest THOMAS BROWN.

P. D. G. H. Priest EDWARD R. IVES, and present officers.

They have examined the following returns:

Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.—Returns correct. T. P. Tatum, H. P.; George Damon, K.; Hugh A. Corley, Sec'y. Dues, \$61, paid.

Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5.—Returns correct. James Ellenwood, H. P.; B. S. Fuller, K.; Thomas J. Chace, Sec'y; Dues, \$80, not paid.

Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 9.—Returns correct. G. H. Hunter, H. P.; W. H. Jernigan, K.; Reuben J. Thornton, Sec'y; Dues to Grand Chapter, \$111, paid \$100, not paid \$11. Edward R. Ives, Proxy for H. P.

Quincy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7.—Returns correct. A. J. Smith, H. P.; J. J. Williams, K.; C. A. Gee, Sec'y; Dues, \$59, paid.

Greenwood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 15.—Returns informal, no seal, nor names of officers for ensuing year. D. C. Dawkins, H. P.; H. J. Robinson, K.; A. J. Sims, Sec'y; Dues, \$46, paid.

Tampa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 17.—Returns correct. John Darling, H. P.; J. T. Givens, K.; E. A. Clarke, Sec'y; Hugh A. Corley, proxy for H. P.; Dues, \$31, unpaid.

Micanopy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 16.—Returns incorrect. J. C. Ley, H. P.; C. W. Merry, K.; J. A. Stewart, Sec'y. No officers elected for ensuing year. Charter destroyed and application made for new charter. Dues, \$38, paid.

Total amount of dues,.....	\$446
Amount paid,.....	258
Still due,.....	188

Respectfully submitted,
WM. B. TAYLOR, Chm'n.

Which report was received and adopted.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered the following address:

My Excellent Companions:

Through the Goodness and Mercy of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted once more to assemble in Grand Annual Convocation, to exchange fraternal greetings, and to unite our hearts and voices in thanksgiving and praise to Him who has safely conducted us through the trials and difficulties of the past year. In entering on the labors of the new year, let us, Companions, one and all, still rely upon the same strong arm which has supported us in every trial of life, and invoke a continuation of His blessing upon all our acts and deliberations.

In looking back over the past year, we see much to lament, but

let us with hopeful hearts look forward to the future, trusting that the new year may bring peace to the wounded heart and happiness to the now desolate home. Many of our Worthy Brothers and Companions have been swept away by the violent and ruthless hand of war, while others have been removed from among us by the hand of disease since last we met. Among the number who have gone to receive the welcome plaudit of our Supreme Grand High Priest in Heaven, is our much loved Companion, Hon. William A. Forward, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12.

In the death of Companion Forward, we have lost one of our brightest and most useful members. Let us, Companions, imitate his masonic virtues and christian example, and so perform our work on earth as to meet him again in that Temple above where our bonds of fraternal affection can never more be disturbed.

Companions, I congratulate you on the return of Peace to our once happy and prosperous country. May its blessings and influences soon be felt and seen to pervade every department of our order.

It has been my constant and sincere desire to visit as many of the Chapters as possible, but the unsettled condition of the country, the want of traveling facilities, and the condition of our currency, have all conspired to prevent me from performing that important duty. I am happy to state, however, that from the best information I can gather, our Chapters are now in a healthy and prosperous condition, and doing much good work in the advancement of our great and glorious cause.

And now, Companions, in closing these feeble remarks, permit me to admonish you as one who may never address you again on earth, to guard well the outer door to your hearts. Let not the vices and allurements of the day lead you from the paths of virtue and masonic rectitude. Let us all strive to overcome the passions of our evil natures, and see that not a spot or blemish shall ever rest upon the fair fame of our ancient and honorable body.

With a firm reliance on Him who has never forsaken our cause, I commend you and all to His overruling care and protection.

On motion, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to attend the meetings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The M. E. G. H. Priest announced the following Standing Committees :

On Credentials and Returns—Comps. W. B. Taylor, Andrew J. Smith and Henry J. Stewart.

On Accounts—Comps. Henry J. Stewart, W. B. Taylor and C. S. Emery.

On Propositions and Grievances—Comps. Elias Earle, C. S. Emery and C. A. Huntington.

On Constitutions—Comps. C. S. Emery, E. R. Ives and D. C. Dawkins.

On Unfinished Business—Comps. E. R. Ives, A. J. Lea and A. J. Smith.

On Foreign Correspondence—Comps. Thomas Brown, D. C. Dawkins, T. P. Tatum and Hugh A. Corley.

Comp. Thomas Brown, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was referred to a committee consisting of Comps. D. C. Dawkins, Edward R. Ives and A. J. Lea.

To the M. E. G. Council and Companions of the G. Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Florida:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence pray to present their annual report :

I have received from the G. Secretary, the proceedings of the following G. Chapters, viz: Connecticut for 1864, '5; Connecticut Special Correspondence, 1864; Illinois for 1861, '2-'3-'4; Iowa for 1865; Maine for 1865; New Jersey for 1865; Ohio for 1861, '2-'3-'4; Rhode Island for 1865; Vermont for 1865; Wisconsin for 1865; and the proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey, Kentucky and Vermont.

CONNECTICUT.—The M. E. G. H. P., Asa Smith, in his annual address for 1864, communicates to the G. Chapter the death of several Companions, whom he says, "during the past year have been called to join the mighty throng that crowd the dusky

realms of death." He then makes the following truly fraternal reflections, which I freely transfer to this report in the same spirit :

In this unnatural contest, except the hope that it will some day cease, we have only the poor consolation, that sometimes the victor, remembering his obligations, turns to the brother he has vanquished, and binds again the life currents within their natural channels, or proffers the welcome cup to the parched lips of the dying. The eighty thousand members of the mystic brotherhood in this country, could not stay the tide of war, and so far, since it has swept over us, seem to have done but little, as masons, to alleviate its horrors. Why is this so? Have we fully realized the nature and importance of the duties this war has cast upon us? Have we done what we could? Have we labored to calm the fierce fever of rage, which for three years has been so rapidly consuming the life-blood of the nation? Can the Grand High Priest above find in all our work any thing worthy of being builded into that Grand Arch of Peace, beneath which we hope to see all our companions once more meet in friendship and love? These questions every worthy companion and good citizen will answer for himself, remembering that his works, and not his professions, are at last to pass inspection by the Master. This war, reaching as it does, every one of us, in its consequences, and affecting all the vocations and all the various relations of men, brings with it duties, which we as masons are pledged to discharge. They are duties, not to the present alone, but to the future, the character of which, in the providence of God, is now being formed by us. They are duties to the State, and to our fellow-citizens of every class, rank and station; to the soldier dying on the battle-field or languishing in the hospital; to the widow and orphan he leaves behind; to the civilian with whom we meet from day to day, in the ordinary business transactions of life.

But, companions, in our detestation of the crimes which have made these sacrifices necessary, let us never forget that among the offenders are our brethren and companions; and unless all this blood has been shed in vain, the day must and will come, when the sound of strife will cease, and the men of the North and the men of the South will wander together over the battle fields of the Republic, and find there the graves of no foes, but of friends and brothers only: and when all the trophied cannon and blades and battle-flags will be put away from sight, because, in the fullness of our joy, and the sacredness of our restored friendship, we will derive no pleasure from aught that will remind us of the days of triumph or of defeat and blood. May He in whose hands are power and might which none are able to

withstand, hasten the day when the clouds of war shall roll away, and the light of peace again bless our land.

Companion William Storrer from the Committee on Foreign correspondence made an able report from which we can only take the concluding remarks on the subject of Capitular Masonry:

We have again finished our annual review of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters that have favored us with their correspondence. We exceedingly regret that we have failed to receive tidings from so large a portion of the Royal Arch Bodies in the United States. But the unhappy civil war in which the nation is engaged, must of necessity deprive us of the pleasure of receiving the fraternal greetings of such Grand Chapters as are located in the rebellious States; and either the remissness of some of the Grand Secretaries, or the unfaithfulness of some of the employees of the Post Office Department, has added its contribution to the causes of our disappointment. We would fain hope that the fault is not with the former. Be that as it may, however, we have received enough to render it certain that the past has been a year of health and prosperity with Capitular Masonry.

We gather from the returns that have passed under our review, that there are 439 subordinate Chapters in fifteen Grand Chapter jurisdictions, with an aggregate of 46,915 members.—Thirteen Grand Chapters report 1,895 exaltations. In six Grand Chapter jurisdictions, there were 88 rejections; which shows that the conservative power of the *black ball* has not been wholly neglected. In the fifteen jurisdictions reviewed, the amount of Grand Chapter dues received was \$11,235.96.

The number of deaths recorded in thirteen Grand Chapter jurisdictions, is 238. Thus we are forcibly reminded that this earthly sanctuary is not our home; that our sojourn here is short and uncertain; that we shall soon be called to pass within the veils, and enter on the rewards of our labors. Thrice blessed is that servant who, when his Lord cometh, shall be found faithful in his Master's service.

In the proceedings of the year 1865, M. E. Asa Smith, still presiding G. H. P., introduces his annual address in the same spirit of a true christian mason, which we have noticed in the address of the preceding year, and which we commend to the consideration of all true and faithful in fraternal Brotherhood.

Through the mercy of our Supreme High Priest, we are again permitted to assemble in Annual Convocation, to exchange our social greetings, review the past, and legislate, if need be, for the

good of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. And in accordance with the first lesson taught us in Masonry, let us humbly invoke the blessing of the Great I AM on our present convocation, praying that our work at this time may prove acceptable to Him, and for the good of our fellow-men.

At our last convocation, we deplored the dreadful strife in which, for the past three years, our country had then been involved, and implored Him in whose hands are power and might which none are able to withstand, that He would hasten the time when the dark clouds of war would roll away, and the light of peace again bless our land. Events since transpired encourage us to believe that the terrible days of carnage and blood have passed away; and by the blessing of God, and the valor of our armies, the time is not far distant, when the supremacy of our laws and the perpetuity of our Union shall be firmly established, never again, we trust to be endangered. The war being triumphantly ended, our duty, to me, seems very plain. In our rejoicing at the prospect of speedy reunion and peace, let us exhibit a spirit worthy of those who recognize a Divine hand in what occurred.

Let no boastful exultations mingle with our joy—no brutal vindictiveness tarnish our triumph. Let us indulge no spirit of vengeance toward the conquered, nor neglect any of those sweet and binding influences which the wisdom and goodness of God has taught us to reverence. The work of war accomplished, the greater work of peace demands all our energies and all our endurance. Let us show to the world our consistency as Masons, and also our gratitude to God, by doing all we can to mitigate the sorrows and sufferings of those upon whom the calamities of war have fallen. Let us exert ourselves with fresh zeal in ministering to the sick and wounded, in binding up the broken hearts, in providing for the widow and the fatherless, in reuniting, as far and as fast as we can, the cords of friendship and good will, wherever they have been swept away; and thus exhibit our Order and our land in that noblest of all attitudes—the only attitude worthy of a Christian nation, and of a society founded on the principles of brotherly love—that of seeking to restore and maintain universal peace and universal brotherhood.

Companion Storrer from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, makes as usual a copious and faithful report, from which we take the following:

Your Committee has again to express his regret, that reports have been received from so small a number of our American Grand Chapters. He hopes, however, that the expected return

of peace and tranquility to our beloved country will soon be fully realized, and that with it will come a renewal of fraternal correspondence between the several masonic bodies in all parts of the land. And may we not fondly hope, and pray in faith, that this happy day may be hastened, and that hereafter there may be no rebellion—no war—no estrangement of brethren and Companions—no interruption of fraternal intercourse. When this blessed time shall come, let us unite our hearts and voices in anthems of thanksgiving to our Great High Priest, for the preservation and perpetuation of our social, political and masonic privileges.

From the few returns received, and which we have briefly noticed in the foregoing report, we gather the following interesting statistics.

There are, in the twelve jurisdictions, 443 active Royal Arch Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 18,581; ten of these jurisdictions report 2,849 exaltations; four of them give 39 rejections; in four of them were 21 expulsions; returns from nine of them show 140 deaths. The amount received for Grand Chapter dues in these jurisdictions was \$15,764.55.

A special Convocation of the G. R. Arch Chapter was held at the Temple in the city of New Haven, Dec. 14, 1864, when the Committee appointed at the last annual Convocation, on the subject of uniformity of Work, made their report and sundry resolutions were adopted.

ILLINOIS.—We have the proceedings of the G. Royal Arch Chapter held in Springfield at its 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th G. annual Convocations from Sept. 27, 1861, to Oct. 7, 1864. M. E. Wm. W. Mitchell, G. H. P., in his address at the 12th annual Convocation, announces the death of Companion Nelson D. Elwood, with this foreshadowing:

Time is ever merging into Eternity. With us it is but a moment. That which is past is continually receding from our view. That which is before us, we may never with our mortal eyes behold. How appropriate then, the expression: "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Three years since, "a Mason first among his equals," was exalted to the most eminent position in your power to bestow.—Once and again your suffrages retained him in that position which his virtues, modesty and worth so richly adorned. Well may we weep and lament when one so noble, in the prime of life, in the glory of his intellect, admired and loved by all, "falls like autumn leaves." That form, so manly and dignified; that voice,

so melodious and impressive; that presence so genial, and yet so subdued, we shall not again with mortal vision, behold, or hear, or feel.

At this Convocation no report appears to have been made on Foreign Correspondence, but at the 13th Convocation, a report was made by the G. Secretary, and at that of the 14th, M. E., J. H. Hibbard, G. H. P., in his annual address says:

At our last Grand Convocation, we had not money enough in our Treasury to pay the necessary expenses of the Grand Chapter and to print Proceedings, and were compelled to borrow money to pay our Representatives. Shortly after the close of the Grand Chapter, I deemed it advisable to issue a Circular to the several Chapters, asking them to advance such sums as they might think proper, to enable us to pay the borrowed money, and, if possible, to print a small number of copies of the Proceedings assuring the Chapters that the money advanced should be credited on their dues at this Grand Convocation. How much was received and how disposed of, will be reported by the Grand Secretary.

Of the proceedings of the 15th annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Hall, in Springfield, Oct. 7, 1864, M. E. Hiram W. Hubbard, G. H. P., made an official business report, and there is a short report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

IOWA.—The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Iowa met in annual Convocation in Marshalltown, Saturday, 5th June, 1865.—M. E. L. S. Safford, G. H. P., read his annual address, from which we extract this admonition to the faithful performance of our Masonic duties:

This should be an occasion for self-examination. Have we performed the duties devolving upon us as members of the great masonic family? Have we performed the duties we owe to ourselves, our country and our God? Have the precepts of the first great light in masonry been the rule of our action, and its holy rays directed our hands and hearts in labors of love and mercy, and have we done our duty unto the "little ones?" Do we, as royal arch masons, live out in every day life the doctrine so forcibly taught in our sacred tabernacle, and which we hear so often repeated around our holy altar? If so, happy are we. I am aware that these things are too often neglected; but, companions, they ought not so to be. Be instant in season and out of season.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, from which we take their closing and very complimentary re-

marks in relation to their Companion—correspondents of our sister Grand Chapters :

Thus, companions of the Grand Chapter, do we close our report, conveying to the excellent companions of sister bodies, whose reports we have had the pleasure of examining, our kindest and most fraternal regards. In reading their reports the effort is constantly to resist the temptation to make extracts.—Beautiful sentiments, glowing thoughts, elegant symbolisms, are scattered all through the reports, and over and around all is the glow and the aroma of brotherly affection and kindness. We do not believe that in any other so great mass of writings, discussing the same range of subjects, and treated by so many different hands, can be found so general a freedom from unkindness and gall, as in these. For the kindness expressed and implied to this grand chapter and to its individual members we return our thanks, and pray that it may be very long before we shall see any other spirit manifested.

MAINE.—The M. E. G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Maine assembled in Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland, on Monday, May 1st, A. D. 1865, a constitutional quorum of chartered chapters being duly represented. The M. E. Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by M. E. A. J. Fuller, G. H. Priest, presiding, and with prayer by Rev. and E. Caleb Fuller, Grand Chaplain. The M. E. G. H. P. then presented his annual address, from which we copy his introductory remarks :

The events of the day, which are rushing upon us with the rapidity of lightning, are such as to cause the greatest anxiety in the heart of every mason. Recent events have caused the heart of every patriot to rejoice in the hope of a speedy restoration of peace to our bleeding country, and the feeling of hope was buoyant in every heart that the angel of peace was about to return to our once happy country; when a calamity fell upon us, a parallel of which is not to be found in history. Our chief executive of the nation was stricken down by the hand of the midnight assassin, and our country plunged in the deepest anguish and grief. Our country mourns as it never mourned before; the wise counsels and services of him who has fallen, could ill be spared at this juncture of our national affairs; but may He who holds the destiny of nations, safely guide us to a happy issue in our national troubles.

He reports the death of two grand officers in feeling strains.

The Rev. M. E. Cyril Pearl is well known to many of our companions as a true Christian R. A. Mason. He says :

While the grim tyrant Death has been stalking abroad in our land, snatching its victims on our right hand and on our left, our circle, mystic as it is called, has not escaped. Some who were wont to meet with us now rest in the quiet churchyard, and the spirit has returned to God who gave it. Since our last convocation companions Stevens Smith and Cyril Pearl have gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. Companion Smith was P. G. King, and companion Pearl Grand Chaplain. We remember them as good men and zealous masons, and as such let us emulate their example.

NEW JERSEY.—The ninth annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, Wednesday, 15th September, 1865. M. E. Charles M. Zeh, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. His annual address is in a truly fraternal spirit, and we commend it to the consideration of all good masons. He says :

As citizens, we rejoice over returned peace, but as Masons, we feel a joy the world outside can never know. We rejoice at the prospect of the re-establishment of that free interchange of fraternal greetings, and renewal of those many privileges which for so long a time have been debarred us, and we do, and should ever stand ready to extend the hand of brotherly love and affection to our companions, who, though they may have been estranged from us by political and civil causes, over many if not all of which they have had no control, or the power to avert, have yet been one with us in all that appertained and belonged to our great mission and beloved Order. Between us there should be no strife or emulation, except that as to who can best work and who can best agree. Acting upon the principles of true Masonic charity, we recognize in each the Brother and Companion. Have they erred, be ours the happy privilege of bringing them back through the persuasive power of kindness and love, to an acknowledgement of that error, and show by our example and practice that the past shall be forgotten, except as a lesson from which to gather fresh resolution for the future.

Companions, we have at the best but a short time to live together in this world of trouble. Sooner or later, one after another, we must pass away from the Lodge militant, looking forward to a brighter inheritance in the Celestial Lodge above; and as we hope for mercy and forgiveness from Him who shall hereafter judge us, not by our actions or our words, but by the secret in-

tentions and desires of the heart, let us so live that our lives shall prove perfect exemplifications of the laws of masonic love and charity, and that our highest joy shall be that mercy may be meted out to us, even as we have meted it out to others.

A spirited and well written report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was made by Companion Wm. H. Jefferys, worthy of his pen and high masonic fame, which he introduces with these timely admonitions:

Companions of the Royal Arch: Let us banish discord from our sacred tabernacles; let us fan the flame of love upon our Masonic altars; let us make an honest effort to give permanence to the blessings of peace, which are now once more within our grasp.

Whatever may be the questions which continue to disturb and divide political parties and ecclesiastical organizations, those questions need not disturb or divide us, as Free Masons. Our fundamental law is HARMONY; our chief virtue is BROTHERLY LOVE. We have only to obey that law and practice that virtue, and the mission of our Order will be accomplished.

The Committee of New Jersey notices the following opinion of the Grand High Priest of Indiana:

CONFERRING THE DEGREES OF A MAIMED MASON.—Companion Henry W. Daniels, High Priest of Green Castle Chapter, No. 22, solicited my opinion in regard to the propriety of conferring the Chapter Degrees upon Brother Kercheval, for many years a Master Mason, and Master of the Lodge, who had lost his left arm in the service of his country.

I replied that, in my opinion, he was capable of receiving, understanding and communicating the Degrees, and the Chapter would have authority to confer them. Freemasonry will not require a more perfect physical organization than would be necessary in the commander of an army, or in the occupant of a seat in Cabinet or the Presidential chair—

“The mind's the standard of the man.”

The committee made the following feeling and sensible reply:

The natural impulses of our heart lead us to approve of the above, but our masonic jurisprudence and ancient landmarks are all on the opposite side. We cannot but think that in this instance sympathy for an unfortunate brother mason led the M. E. to decide contrary to his better judgment.

How a man with but one arm is capable of receiving and communicating all the degrees of the Chapter is something that we cannot comprehend. And we do unhesitatingly differ from the

Most Excellent when he asserts that Freemasonry regards only the mental and not the physical organization of a man. Our order calls for a whole man, “sound in all his parts,” or at least one who has the physical as well as the mental capacity to work in the degrees and communicate the signs and tokens of Free Masonry. We confess that the case here mentioned was one well calculated to lead an executive officer to an improper decision, but although our sympathies are with the decision, our judgment is strongly against it.

We agree wholly in the above expression of opinion and sympathy. But our sympathies should not control our judgment. It is deplorable to witness the prevailing desire among masons to break down the most clearly defined and distinctly pointed landmarks of our ancient and time-honored institution, and which distinguishes us from all other associations. But I regard this as not a question with which the Royal Arch Chapter has anything to do; indeed it is a question solely confined to the E. A. degree. “Only candidates may know that no Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect about his body, that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord and of being made a Brother and then a Fellow Craft” in due time, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

I have observed that some writers on Masonic Law deny that that the E. A. has a *right* to the subsequent degrees. I contend that he has not only the right, but that it is his duty to take them, if he has *merit* and is otherwise qualified and able to receive them; that he ^{may} travel and work and earn wages. But as a candidate cannot be made a mason by proxy, he must be worthy and well qualified in his own person to receive and perform all the rites and ceremonies pertaining to the degree and to communicate them. And as there can be no general rule laid down on the subject, each individual case must depend on its own merits. Every R. A. Mason must know that a man deprived of a leg or an arm cannot be made a Royal Arch Mason. We have the LAW, let us abide by it. The report of the Com-

mittee of Jurisprudence, of Indiana, we regard as conclusive on this much agitated question :

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as relates to Green Castle Chapter, No. 22, would report—

"That they much regret the necessity that compels them to differ with the M. E. Grand High Priest in the views he has expressed in this case.

"While your Committee freely admit the truth of the maxim that 'The mind 's the standard of the man,' they cannot admit that the mind is the whole of the man, and all the pre-requisites which render him eligible to be made a Royal Arch Mason.

"Your Committee could, with equal propriety, quote the words of Him 'who spake as never man spake,'—that 'from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh;' yet all very well know that Masonry has a universal language, whose utterances, while they are prompted by the impulses of the heart, are not expressed through the mouth at all; and it is this peculiar language that constitutes the distinctive feature in our organization.

"Your Committee, therefore, think the decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest, given in this particular case, to be erroneous; for he who is incapacitated by physical defects from learning, or correctly speaking, this universal language, is thereby wholly unqualified to be made a Royal Arch Mason.

"Rule 33 of the Rules for the government of subordinate Chapters reads as follows:

"When the physical disability of a candidate is not such as to prevent him from complying literally with the ceremonies of the degree, his admission will not be considered an infringement of the Ancient Landmarks.

"Now, your Committee would suggest that a Brother who had lost his left arm could not comply literally with the ceremonies of either of the degrees, not only in one, but in many particulars.

"Your Committee further believe that it is best to adhere strictly to the 'old Landmarks,'—that all applicants for the privileges of Masonry must be perfect, 'having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the Art.'"

With this we will close our review of the proceedings of New Jersey, by giving the concluding remarks of her talented Chairman :

Never have we written the word "conclusion" with so much of painful emotion. Removal of residence to the State of Illi-

nois, renders it necessary that our active relations to the Grand Chapter of New Jersey shall cease; this therefore is *the last specimen of our work*. The time for separation has arrived, and the act of parting is painful. We cherish a fraternal regard for our Masonic brethren and companions everywhere; but the Royal Arch Masons of our native State have the chief place in our affection, and we find by experience that in this particular

No changes of season or place
Can make any change in our mind.

We have sought Masonic intercourse with the members of our fraternity in the great Southwest; but the following lines composed on the occasion of our first visit to a Chapter in our new location are expressive of personal experience :

Though duty demands that I should act
With friends who yet are new,
The heart will constantly wander back
To those who are *tried* and *true*.

Companions of New Jersey, we bid you an affectionate farewell; we shall ever retain precious memories of our association with you. We shall remember you in our devotions, and if we meet you no more in the sacred tabernacle of Royal Masonry, we hope to meet you in that "temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens." So mote it be. Amen.

OHIO.—We have the proceedings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter in four consecutive years. The forty-sixth annual Convocation convened in Naughton Hall, in the City of Columbus, October 11, 1861, M. E. Henry Vinal, Grand High Priest, presiding. His annual address is written in a fraternal spirit. He says :

I trust that the Fraternity in Ohio will not be behind their brethren in Tennessee in their noble efforts to "spread that cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

Announcing the death of M. E. P. G. H. P. Horace M. Stokes, he pronounced the following eulogy :

In the death of Companion Stokes, his family have lost a kind and indulgent husband and father; the State a valuable and useful citizen; the Church a consistent and devoted christian, and Masonry one of its brightest lights.

There is a good report from the Committee on Foreign Cor-

respondence, but Florida is not named among the Grand Chapters reviewed.

The forty-seventh Convocation was also held in the City of Columbus, the 17th and 18th of October, 1862, M. E. John M. Parks G. H. P. presiding, who introduces his annual address, in uncharitable spirit, as a specimen of which we give the following short extract:

The period since last we met has been one of intense excitement. *Then*, we were in the opening scenes of a dreadful war—in a state of fearful expectancy—watching, with hushed breath, the fast-gathering storm-clouds, and awaiting, with deep anxiety, their scathing explosion. *Since* then, many a bloody page of our national history has been unfolded. How bravely have both our navy and army behaved themselves in front of the enemy! and what laurels have they won that will fill pages in the history of this war, that will be magnificent, of fame and glory, in future ages.

The energies and resources of the Federal Government have wrought a complete change in the European mind. The Eastern powers are standing aghast in wondering astonishment at the magnitude of our resources, the veteran bravery of our army and navy, and, especially, the exploits of our "*little Monitor*," which has revolutionized maritime warfare. Even old England, the land of our forefathers, who are "bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh," when she saw us struggling for life, threatened to spring upon us with her *Lion claws*; but the lofty soarings, and *majestic* evolutions of the *American Eagle*, has hushed the *Lion's* roar, or caused it to be only heard, in low, muttering growls, away back in its own sea-island caverns.

As we look out from this sacred retreat upon our once happy, but now bleeding and lacerated government, our hearts sink, almost to suffocation, as we see that sacred legacy, bequeathed us by our forefathers, assailed by the ruthless hands, and impassioned and frenzied minds, of political partizans and visionary demagogues.

But it gives me pleasure to say, that in my examination of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, this is the first and only instance I have met with of an intolerant spirit, or a design to drag politics and subjects of a discordant character into our "sacred tabernacles," and I am happy to say, that in a subsequent address, the M. E. Grand High Priest manifested a more modified state of feelings.

At the forty-eighth annual Convocation the Grand Chapter

was again held in the City of Columbus, M. E. John M. Parks, G. H. P., again presiding, who in his annual address, says:

Among all these differences and strife, the fiery ordeal through which our country is now passing, we rejoice to know that the cherished tenets of our institution are preserved unchanged. "Obedient to the laws," we ignore all differences, religious and political—*suffering no discordant element to enter with us into this sacred tabernacle of our holy Order*. And while we regret the conduct of our Companions who have caused this unholy strife, we would ask them, *even now*, to pause, reflect, and let their better and nobler natures prevail. We would say to them, as did the great Lawgiver, on a certain occasion: "Come, now, and let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Let us render to every one their just dues; "to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Oh! consistency, how beautiful art thou; as well in word and profession, as in action and conduct. There is a good report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but Florida is not named among the proceedings of Grand Royal Arch Chapters reviewed.

The forty-ninth annual Convocation was held at Cleveland, in Lyman's Hall, October 14 and 15, 1864, M. E. Tho. J. Larsh, G. H. P. presiding. We take the following from the annual address, merely to remind the M. E. G. H. P. that he should not forget that *charity* is a Masonic virtue, and that the golden rule teaches that "we should do unto others, as we would that others should do unto us?"

But it is apparent that the time draws speedily nigh, when the arms of the loyal will reduce all to the sway of the laws of the land. They who have so wickedly "taken the sword" to subvert our cherished Government, and cover the land with desolation and grief, "must perish by the sword." Already the rebellion is "tottering to its fall." A few more days, or weeks, of patriotic effort will assuredly quell all efficient, organized opposition to the constitution and the laws. And the object is worth the effort. Notwithstanding all the cost, in blood and treasure, of sustaining the integrity of the Government and the nation, yet are they worth infinitely more than all. The life of this nation, and the perpetuity of this Government, are not *dear* at any price. Particularly should Masons rejoice at the speedy advent of peace, tranquility and prosperity. All the teachings of our institution

are upon the side of Patriotism and Truth. No true Mason can be engaged in conspiracies or plots against the Government which protects him, nor should he countenance them in any way. And as Masonry and its kindred arts can only flourish where *man is free* and where peace reigns, it must surely rejoice the heart of every good Mason to see rebellion overthrown, and the laws reign supreme.

RHODE ISLAND.—A special Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island, was held in Ionic Hall, in the City of Providence, August 15, A. D. 1865. There being a full quorum of Chapters represented, the M. E. Grand Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM, M. E. Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P., presiding. Whereupon the M. E. G. H. P. explained the object of the Special Convocation, and the following resolutions were adopted.

As the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida never acknowledged the supremacy of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, she can take no interest in any attempt that may be made to resuscitate that General Grand Jurisdiction. But the Companions of Florida agree in the views expressed by the M. E. Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, and greet them Fraternally on their repudiation of the doctrine of perpetual allegiance:

A Special Convocation of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island is opened in ample form in Ionic Hall, in the City of Providence, this day, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The M. E. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, informs the Grand Chapter that he has received a circular, containing the information that the eminent and distinguished Companion, Albert G. Mackey, the last General Grand High Priest of the late General Grand Chapter of the United States, has called a meeting of the late officers and members of that body, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, September 7th proximo; that as this Grand Chapter had not, for some years, recognized the existence of such an organization, he had felt it his duty to convene this body for the purpose of taking such action in relation to the subject as might be deemed most proper.

The M. E. reviews at some length the history of the late General Grand Chapter of the United States, and remarks are also made by Past Grand High Priests Salisbury, Belcher, Lewis, Manchester, and other permanent members, and by representatives of the subordinate Chapters, and it is unanimously—

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter has learned, with regret of the intention to organize a General Grand Chapter of the Uni-

ted States, and in declining to participate in such formation, must also most emphatically protest against it.

Resolved, That while this Grand Chapter admits that the General Grand Chapter once existing conferred a benefit upon the weak and struggling bodies then but just entering upon their work, yet the present healthful existence, correct masonic tone, and the general harmony found among all the Grand Chapters, is such that its continued existence cannot, in our judgment, subserve the best good of our fraternity.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Grand Chapter, the late General Grand Chapter of the United States dates its decline and complete dissolution from its meeting in Chicago in 1859, and that neither the prosperity or utility of Royal Arch Masonry require that it should be resuscitated.

Resolved, That as this Grand Body, since the dissolution of the late General Grand Chapter, has, neither by itself or its subordinates, in its work, or in any manner whatsoever, recognized the existence of a General Body, and has found no difficulty arising therefrom; and as there appears to be no more necessity for a General Grand Chapter than for a General Grand Lodge, therefore this Grand Chapter must and does most respectfully but earnestly protest alike against the formation of a new, as against the resuscitation of the old and disbanded organization once known as the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

WISCONSIN.—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin, held their annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, in the City of Milwaukee, commencing February 1, 1865, M. E. Melvin L. Youngs, G. H. P., presiding. In his annual address we recognize the true spirit and principle which constitute Fraternity and Brotherhood, and extract the following from it with confidence that it will be read, and responded to cordially by all Southern Masons:

And among the most prominent blessings, and for which we cannot be too grateful, is the fact, that while war is abroad in our land, and many of our Companions are engaged at our country's call, in fighting her battles, yet we are permitted to meet in peace, undisturbed by the din of battle or the dread of hostile forces. Our ranks are unbroken. We meet here to-day the same familiar faces, who have so long been accustomed to attend this Annual Gathering, while the fires upon our altars, wherever erected throughout our entire jurisdiction, burn with more than their wonted brightness. But while we thus contemplate with satisfaction our own peaceful and happy lot, let us not forget that some of our sister jurisdictions have been denied this privilege. Some of

them are reaping the fruits of a cruel and bloody war. Their lands are laid waste, their homes made desolate by the ravages of contending armies. The Altars around which they are wont to bow, are now overturned. Their Subordinates are broken up, and they denied the privilege, which we are now enjoying, of meeting in Grand Convocation, to deliberate upon, and devise measures to promote the well-being of the Craft. Let us all reverently pray to Almighty God that the time may soon come when wars and rumors of wars shall cease, and no more be heard in our once happy land. When brother shall no longer be called upon to raise his hand against his brother. When the Altars which are now broken down and destroyed shall again be reared, and their fires again lighted to be no more extinguished.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported on the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, and says:

And we regret to say that the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters for the past year have failed to reach us, viz: California, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. With some of the Grand Chapters named, present correspondence is of course absolutely prevented by the state of the country, but no good reason exists why an annual exchange of proceedings should not take place with the others.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence make a short report on the Proceedings of ten Grand Chapters, Florida not among them.

VERMONT.—The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont assembled at Masons' Hall, in Middlebury, Wednesday, Oct 4, 1865, M. E. Gamaliel Washburn, G. High Priest, presiding. He introduces his annual address with the expression of these fraternal sentiments:

The past year has been one of joy and rejoicing on account of the happy change in our national affairs—that instead of war and fighting, peace and union have taken their places, and there is now a free intercourse and communication between our Masonic Brethren and Companions in the Southern States and ourselves, which has been shut out by four long years of war and bloodshed, its parallel seldom if ever equalled in the history of the world; and we would raise our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise at the welcome return of peace.

And the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reiterate them in the same gratifying manner, and presented resolutions, which

the Grand Chapter adopted, and to which this Grand Chapter does most heartily and cordially respond. Florida was not among the Grand Chapters whose proceedings the committee reported on. Companions, it is truly gratifying to have fraternal communication and correspondence with such high-toned and noble brethren as those who are the spirit and life of our Order among the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont, of whom the lamented Philip C. Tucker was one of their great ensamples. Let us again repeat a hearty response in the true spirit of their committee resolutions, at a time when the expression of such a spirit is so important to the propitiation of the peace, unity and harmony of our Order, in this our great North American heritage:

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to tender to all our Royal Arch brethren throughout the land, our sincere and hearty congratulations, upon the termination of the deadly struggle that has raged with such fury for four years past, and we hope to renew, ere long, with our southern Grand Chapters, the pre-existing cordial and fraternal relations which marked our intercourse. It is the earnest prayer of our hearts, that next year, we shall be once more in the receipt of those interesting transcripts from the sunny South, which have always given us so high an opinion of the Masonic virtues and qualifications of the Companions in that part of the Union.

Companions—In our humble opinion we cannot close our labors more appropriately, than by presenting for the adoption of this body, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Vermont, now in session, does hereby tender the expression of its sincere good-will, together with an earnest and heartfelt desire for the speedy renewal and assiduous cultivation of former fraternal relations with those Grand Chapters which may still exist in the late so-called Confederate States.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will cordially co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand Bodies, to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country, by bringing into play the powerful yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

CHAS. F. DANA,
HENRY CLARKE,
THADDEUS F. STEWART,

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MIDDLEBURY, Oct. 4, 1865.

We have also received the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Kentucky, of Royal and select Masters, at a G. Annual Convocation, begun and held at Masonic Temple in the city of Louisville, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1865, M. E. Companion Philip Swigert, G. P. Sixteen Councils were represented.

NEW JERSEY.—The seventh annual assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey convened at the Masonic Hall in the city of Trenton, Sept. 12, 1865., Most P. John P. Nelson, G. Master.

VERMONT.—The G. Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont convened at Mason's Hall, Middlebury, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1865, Companion Edward S. Dana, M. P. Grand Master. Eleven Councils reported. The M. P. Grand Master made an eloquent address, from which we make the following extract:

It should be a subject of especial gratitude and praise to an over-ruling Providence that so many of us have been preserved amidst the tumultuous scenes which have been passing before us. And while we experience the liveliest sense of pleasure at meeting so many of our esteemed companions here to-day, there slowly drifts over us a cloud of sadness as we remember how many chosen ones, whom we had delighted to honor, have but recently disappeared forever from our midst—Haswell and Doane and Tucker and Webster and Potter and Needham and Campbell, and other tried and trusty veterans upon the watch-tower—where are they? Down the dim arches the echo reverberates, but no answer comes. Silently the Craftsmen pause for a moment from their labor and mutely and reverentially point to those sculptured tablets where are borne, in imperishable characters, names which shall become historic through all coming time. Like the sweet halo of an autumn sunset, the charm of their presence still lingers with us, though they are absent, inspiring in us a more earnest thought, a nobler action, which, as we press on down the dusty highways of our life-mission, may yet give

Prestige of a glorious harvest when the autumn-fields shall wave
In the mellow light that guides our nearing footsteps to the grave.

In conclusion, my companions, from all I have seen, from the proceedings which I have had before me, we have the liveliest assurance that in this our largely extended heritage, Capitular Masonry is prosperous, harmonious, and I may say almost a unity.

THOS. BROWN,
Chairman.

Petitions were received from Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, and Micanopy R. A. Chapter, No. 16, stating the loss of their charters, and praying restoration of their privileges; which were read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Petitions were received from Royal Arch Masons residing at Key West, in Monroe County, and Concord, in Gadsden County, praying that charters be granted for the establishment of Royal Arch Chapters at said places; which were read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 9th, 1866.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest,

E. D. C. DAWKINS, D. G. H. P.

" ELIAS EARLE, as Grand King.

" C. S. EMERY, as Grand Scribe.

" T. P. TATUM, Grand Treasurer.

" HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.

Comp. EDWARD R. IVES, as G. C. H.

" W. B. TAYLOR, as G. P. S.

" GEO. L. PRICE, as G. R. A. C.

" A. J. SMITH, as G. M. 3d Vail.

" A. J. LEA, G. M. 2d Vail.

" C. A. HUNTINGTON, as G. M. 1st Vail.

" D. ISAAC CRAFT, Grand Tyler.

P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown, and a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions asking for the establishment of a Chapter at Concord, in Gadsden County, reported

that they had considered the same, and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Which report was received and concurred in, and a charter granted as recommended.

The same Committee reported favorably upon the petitions for a renewal of the charters of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and Micanopy Chapter No. 16.

Which reports were received and adopted and charters ordered as recommended.

Companion Corley offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That all warrants or charters hereafter issued from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter be recorded by the Grand Secretary in a book to be procured and kept by him for that purpose.

Resolved further, That the Grand Secretary is instructed to record the charter or warrant heretofore issued to any Chapter in this jurisdiction upon the request of the Chapter, on being furnished with such warrant or charter, or a copy thereof certified under seal of the Chapter.

On motion of Companion Dawkins, it was ordered that the Grand Secretary send a circular to the several Chapters requesting them to transmit to him certified copies of their charters for record.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following officers were duly elected, viz:

- Comp. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest.
- " D. C. DAWKINS, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- " ELIAS EARLE, Grand King.
- " A. J. LEA, Grand Scribe.
- " T. PRESTON TATUM, Grand Treasurer.
- " HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.
- " COLUMBUS SMITH, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Council elect, made the following appointments:

- Comp. W. B. TAYLOR, G. C. H.
- " A. J. SMITH, G. P. S.
- " C. S. EMERY, G. R. A. C.
- " G. L. PRICE, G. M. 3d Vail.

Comp. SAMUEL LASCO, G. M. 2d Vail.

" M. YOUNG, G. M. 1st Vail.

" D. ISAAC CRAFT, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1866.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest.

E. D. C. DAWKINS, D. G. H. P.

" ELIAS EARLE, as Grand King.

" C. S. EMERY, as Grand Scribe.

" T. PRESTON TATUM, Grand Treasurer.

" HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.

Rt. Rev. COLUMBUS SMITH, Grand Chaplain.

Comp. JAMES ELLENWOOD, as G. C. H.

" G. L. PRICE, as G. R. A. C.

" W. B. TAYLOR, as G. P. S.

" CHARLES SLAGER, as G. M. 8d Vail.

" A. J. LEA, G. M. 2d Vail.

" G. H. HUNTER, as G. M. 1st Vail.

" D. ISAAC CRAFT, Grand Tyler.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, respectfully report that they have examined the petition for the establishment of a new Chapter at Key West, and beg leave to report that there is no recommendation from the nearest Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and that there are no Companions mentioned in said petition to be appointed as officers. They therefore report unfavorably to said petition.

ELIAS EARLE, Chairman.

Which report was received and adopted.

The officers of the Grand Chapter were then duly installed except the Grand Tyler.

On motion, Companions A. J. Lea and M. Young were excused from further attendance at this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1866.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest.

E. ELIAS EARLE, Grand King.

" J. COHEN, as Grand Scribe.

" T. PRESTON TATUM, Grand Treasurer.

" HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.

Comp. W. B. TAYLOR, as G. C. H.

" A. J. SMITH, as G. P. S.

" G. L. PRICE, as G. R. A. C.

" SAMUEL PASCO, as G. M. 3d Vail.

" H. H. BERRY, as G. M. 2d Vail.

" P. A. WILLIAMS, as G. M. 1st Vail.

" D. ISAAC CRAFT, Grand Tyler.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the dues of Micanopy Chapter, No. 16, were remitted, said Chapter having had their jewels and furniture destroyed by fire.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:
To the M. E. G. R. A. Chapter of Florida:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The account books of the Grand Secretary have been lost. Those of the Grand Treasurer we find neatly and correctly kept. We find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$222 in Confederate Treasury Notes, which we recommend be burned and expunged from the books of the Grand Treasurer. From the report of the Committee on Credentials and Returns,

we estimate the amount that will be subject to the order of the Grand Chapter at about \$316. We recommend that the Grand Guard be paid the sum of \$2 per day for his attendance upon the Grand Chapter. Fraternaly,

H. J. STEWART,

W. B. TAYLOR,

Committee.

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Special Committee on the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report:
M. E. G. High Priest and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:

The Special Committee appointed to examine the report of Companion Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, ask leave to state, "may our revered and time-worn Companion, Most Excellent Thomas Brown, G. H. P., even yet long live to enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life and reflect the lustre of a venerable Patriarch on the Holy Altars of our Holy Royal Arch." Your Committee fraternally ask to return his report to the Grand Chapter for publication in the Proceedings, and to be discharged.

D. C. DAWKINS, Chairman.

Which report was received and concurred in.

Companion Henry H. Berry, of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, exemplified the work in the Royal Arch Degree.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida was then closed in
AMPLE FORM.

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

List of the four Principal Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, from its organization, January 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2397.

Year.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS:	DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.
1847	Thomas Douglass,*	John P. Duval,*	Harry R. Taylor,	George W. Macrae,*
1848	John P. Duval,*	Isaac H. Bronson,*	George W. Macrae,*	D. S. Graham,*
1849	Issac H. Bronson,*	Harry R. Taylor,	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*
1850	Harry R. Taylor,	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*	Gad Humphreys,*
1851	Thomas Brown,	Gad Humphreys,*	Alfred A. Fisher,	Benjamin Sawyer,
1852	R. A. Shine,*	Sam. B. Stephens,	Samuel Boardman,*	Daniel G. McLean,
1853	Samuel Boardman,*	J. M. W. Davidson,	C. A. M. Mitchell,*	James S. Rust,*
1854	J. Wayles Baker,	Thomas Y. Henry,	James Ellenwood,	John L. McKinnon,
1855	J. Wayles Baker,	Edward R. Ives,	Joseph-S. May,	James M. Baker,
1856	Thomas Hayward,	Edward R. Ives,	John L. McKinnon,	James Ellenwood,
1857	Gad Humphreys,*	James Ellenwood,	John L. McKinnon,	David S. Walker,
1858	Thomas Hayward,	James Ellenwood,	D. P. Holland,	Charles E. Dyke,
1859	D. P. Holland,	James M. Baker,	George F. Baltzell,	Calvin Davis,
1860	Thomas Y. Henry,	George F. Baltzell,	George D. Fisher,	Josiah Paine,
1861	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Franklin Branch,	Charles Slager,
1862	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Chas. Slager,	D. C. Dawkins,
1863	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Green H. Hunter,	William H. Arendell,
1864	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Thos. K. Leonard,	William H. Arendell,
1865	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	B. S. Fuller.	Elias Earle.

*Deceased.

ANNUAL RETURNS
FROM THE
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
TO THE
GRAND CHAPTER.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.—*Tallahassee.*

OFFICERS :

<p>T. Preston Tatum, H. P., George Damon, K., Hugh A. Corley, S., John Pratorious, Treas., F. M. Bunker, Sec'y, Isaac W. Bowen, C. H.;</p>	<p>William P. Slusser, P. S., Edw'd Bradford, Jr. R. A. C., Robert Heir, M. 3d V., J. D. Bassett,* M. 2d V., Robert Gamble, Jr. M. 1st V., D. Isaac Craft, Guard.</p>
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COMPANIONS :

<p>T. Brown, P. H. P. & P. G. H. P., T. Hayward, PHP & P. G. H. P., Jno. B. Taylor,* P. H. P., David S. Walker, P. H. P., J. Wayles Baker, P. G. H. P., David C. Wilson, R. A. M., Charles E. Dyke, Alfred A. Fisher, Edwin L. T. Blake, David E. Mason, D. Walker Gwynn, J. C. Whiting, B. Williams, Thomas J. Roberts, Joshua Saunders, Ephraim Saunders,</p>	<p>John P. DuVal, Lucian S. Duval, Wm. K. Beard, Matthew Lively, A. F. Hayward, N. S. Goodman, Peres B. Brokaw, George Green, John S. Parker, Charles H. Hopkins, John L. Taylor, Theodore Ball, Edward M. West, Charles E. Hayward, Charles K. Sparhawk, William F. Shine,</p>
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Joseph A. Edmondson,
L. W. DuBois,
William E. Boswell,
John S. Bond,

N. W. Eppes,
J. Pitts Crichlow,
Leonidas Byrd,
John B. Galbraith.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

George Damon, H. P.,
Hugh A. Corley, K.,
Edw'd Bradford, Jr., S.,

J. P. Crichlow, Treas.
John L. Taylor, Sec'y.

Number of members, 54. Exaltations, 12. Ministers, 2. Dues paid, \$61. Died,* 2. Dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, J. C. Whiting and L. W. DuBois, 2.

Regular meetings, 2d and 4th Saturdays in each month. Fees for Chapter degrees, \$50.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello.*

OFFICERS :

<p>James Ellenwood, H P, William H Arendell, K, B S Fuller, S, Thomas J Chace, Treas, Henry H Berry, Sec'y, Rev Anderson Peeler, Chaplain, Calvin Davis, C H,</p>	<p>F T Buchanan, P S, W B Taylor, R A C, W W Abbot, M 3d V, Thos J Chace, Jr, M 2d V, R M Gilbert, M 1st V, J B Collins, Guard.</p>
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COMPANIONS :

<p>William S Dilworth, P H P, J R Atkinson, R A M, Rev D H Bryan, James L Brooks, G W Beal, J J Collins, James F Carter, C B DeCaussey, A V Daniel, J W DeWitt, R J Denmark, W W Davis, George W Herring,</p>	<p>W A Ponder,* R A M, J B Ponder, Robert Scott, Charles Stebbins, Calvin Surls, John A Townsend, W W Tucker, Samuel Turnbull, W L Vinson, Abner Wethington, James J Walker, J G M Wamock, Elias Whitner,</p>
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W H Horton,
E J Holmes,
M G W Jordan,
J M Johns,
S Katzenberg,
James M Kilpatrick,
Rev N A Bailey,
Rev W E Hamilton,
Rev Columbus Smith,
A J Lea,
F A Monroe,
A R J Miller,
Joel Morris,
Harmon Morris,
George D McCall,
T F McMullen,
F N B Oliver,
D L Oakley,

M Young,
J S Burton,
John A Barco,
James A Brooks,
W B Clark,
D C Clark,
James Collins,
John W Eppes,
Israel Folsom,
W O Girardeau,
Samuel Pasco,
John H Sheffield,
Junius Turnbull,
G W Turner,
W J Woods,
R R Kinchen, P M,
Henry Radford, P M.

R A Masons, 72. Ministers, 6. Exaltations, 14. Dues, \$80.
Rejected, 1. Died,* 1. Suspended, George D. McCall and
John H. Sheffield, 2.

Regular Meetings on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in
each month. Fees for Chapter degrees, \$25.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

James Ellenwood, H P,
B S Fuller, K,
Thomas J Chace, S,

Henry H Berry, Treas,
W O Girardeau, Sec'y,

QUINCY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 7.—*Quincy.*

OFFICERS:

Thomas Y Henry, H P,
Andrew J Smith, K,
J J Williams, S,
Thomas B Nathans, Treas,
T E Gibson, Sec'y,
C Burghard, C H,

Charles A Gee, P S,
Joseph Austin, R A C,
C A Huntington, M 3d V,
D H Wilson, M 2d V,
J P Scott, M 1st V,
G C Wentze, Guard.

COMPANIONS:

Sam'l B Stephens, P D G H P,
O E Andrews, R A M,

A C Black,* R A M,
W A Chester,

W C Hendry,
Samuel B Love,
Martin Burghard,
Thomas Harrison,
Edward C Love,
Sherrod McCall,
M B Floyd,
Archibald Nicholson,
Alexander Bowen,
Hector Bruce,
Josephus Averitt,
Norman T Scott,
T J Bruton,
C D Towers,
T M Wilson,

J J Higdon,
D P Hutchins,
J A Maxwell,
Henry Love,
J P Johnson,
B H Joiner,
W B Fitzpatrick,
A Alderman,
E W Henry,
M Hahn,
J Grass,
O P Lunday,
Jason Gregory,
P W Fleishman.

R. A. Masons, 45. Exaltations, 14. Dues, \$59. Rejected, 2.
Died,* 1.

Regular meetings, first Friday in each month. Fees for Chap-
ter degrees, \$25.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Andrew J Smith, H P,
J J Williams, K,
Charles A Gee, S,

T B Nathans, Treas,
C D Towers, Sec'y.

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.—*Lake City.*

OFFICERS:

David Jones, H. P.
James R Francis, K,
Green H Hunter, S,
James W Cathey, Treas,
M L Moore, Sec'y,
Wm Grothe, C H,

Reuben J Thornton, P S,
William W Moore, R A C,
Thomas W Carter, M 3d V,
W H Jernigan, M 2d V,
T M Mickler, M 1st V,
Lucius Kincey, Guard.

COMPANIONS:

James W Allen, R A M,
Hansford R Alford,
James M Baker,
Langley Bryant,
William T Bacon,

John S Purviance, R A M,
Stephen Roberts,
Samuel F Ron,
William Roberts,
Asa A Stewart,

W L L Bowen,
 W J Barnett,
 James M Claridy,
 William H Cone,
 Reuben H Charles,
 George M Cline,
 Charles F Cone,
 Edward B Coates,
 John R Craig,
 E G Clay,
 Isaac S Coon,
 John L Dozier,
 W J Duval,
 William J J Duncan,
 Martin H Frieze,
 Jacob T Goodbread,
 Adam S Goodbread,
 James A O Gerry,*
 Harvey Granger,
 M Hancock,
 Richard Hurt,*
 James H Hill,
 J L Hodges,
 Joseph N Haddock,
 Lucius A Hardee,
 James Hardee,
 Edward R Ives,
 C E Jones,
 J M Jackson,
 N A Jamieson,
 M A Knight,
 M C Langston,
 L H Mattair,
 James Matthews,
 R C Martin,
 Walter R Moore,
 Ferdinand McLeod,
 James A Mason,
 Silas L Niblack,
 Alfred Newbern,
 James A Newmans,
 James C Pierce,*
 A J Prevatt,

Henry F Smith,
 Isaac M Stewart,
 Henry J Stewart,
 John Sasser,
 M Whit Smith,
 T J Stallings,
 Stephen S Smith,
 Robert B Thomas,
 Garrett VanZant,
 A J T Wright,
 Frederick Woolf,
 Charles W Johnson,
 John W Jones,
 E W Jones,
 Thomas F Wesson,
 Thomas J Wombwell,
 Alexander Forney,
 Henry F York,
 J J Adams,
 C E W Collins,
 J H Saunders,
 H H Colson,
 J A Jones,*
 James A Barnes,
 William M McIntosh,
 A B Satchwell,
 Alva A Knight,
 James E Young,
 R L Wiggins,
 James Banks,
 Adam C Nutt,
 M M T Hutchinson,
 William C Newbern,
 E J Acosta, P M,
 James H Baker, P M,
 J W Campbell, P M,
 Philip S Goodbread, P M,
 John F Jackson, P M,
 Wm H Rousseau, P M,
 John W Sheffield, P M,
 H M Stephens, P M,
 Benj F Jackson, M E M.

R. A. Masons, 97. Exaltations, 14. Dues, \$111. Died,* 4.
 Regular meetings first Monday in each month. Fees for
 Chapter degrees, \$25.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Green H Hunter, H P,
 W H Jernigan, K,
 Reuben J Thornton, S,

James W Cathey, Treas,
 W R Moore, Sec'y.

ALACHUA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 13.—Newnansville.

COMPANIONS:

R P Lewis, R A M,
 Daniel Lynn,
 W H Kennedy,
 E S Gunnell,
 B M Williams,
 S C Bevill,
 L Varnadore,
 J E Harrison,
 J R Hodges, Jr,
 J D McKinley,
 J R Hodges, Sr,

Elias Earle, R A M,
 L Williams,
 A Hague,
 Wm Strickland,
 J B Thomas,
 W W Scott,
 Henry Bradford,
 T A Bradford,
 T P McHenry,
 Jesse T Bernard,
 J H Ellis.*

R. A. Masons, 22. Dues paid, \$21. Rejected, 3. Died,* 1.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Stephen Fagan, H P,
 Thomas A Bradford, K,
 J B Thomas, S,

L Williams, Treas,
 D W Price, Sec'y.

GREENWOOD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 15.—Greenwood.

OFFICERS:

D C Dawkins, H P,
 H J Robinson, K,
 A J Sims, S,
 J B Williams, Treas,
 J V Dansby, Sec'y,
 J M F Erwin, C H,

A Scott, P S,
 S A Calhoun, R A C,
 W H Robinson, M 3d V,
 A B Hamilton, M 2d V,
 D H Robinson, 1st V,
 Rev J A Coppage, Guard.

COMPANIONS:

Allen H Bush, R A M,
N O J Staley,
James L Robinson,
Benjamin F Parker,
W J Robinson,
T S Stapleton,
A A Blount,
Rev D P Everitt,
J W Johnston,
A McMillan,
Rev L R Sims,
J M Stringer,
J A Robinson,
Rev W R Tally,
Rev E J Rentz,
W L Davis,
S L Cawthon,
C C Barber,

J M McClellan, R A M,
Rev G W Underwood,
Rev J B Lockey,
F R Pittman,
S J Erwin,
E M Graves,
Benj G Alderman,
Rev C C Sullivan,
A R Godwin,
Charles Sims,
H W Pickett,
L M Mozley,
A McAllister,
J C Robinson,
W H Doughtry,
S Bird,
N M A Morgan,
Daniel Bird, M M M.

R. A. Masons, 47. Ministers, 8. Exaltations, 7. Dues, \$46.
Regular meetings 4th Saturday in each month. Fees for
Chapter degrees, \$25.

MICANOPY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 16.—*Micanopy*.

John C Ley, H P,
C W Merry, K,
J A Stewart, S,
J M Croxton, R A M,
John Penny,
Abner H McCormick,
J T Jolly,
E L King,
J M Payne,
Thaddeus R Dean,
Paul McCormick,
J J Mikell,
Thomas A Carruth,
George L Price,
A H Mathers,
James M Hunter,
Augustus H Johnson,

B W Powell, R A M,
J D Colding,
Samuel Lowman,
A W Cook,
J G Faulkner,
W S Perry,
G W Means,
J M Arnow,
J S Bauknight,
David Black,
J T Miller,
J H Simonton,
R H Bevell,
G L Denton,
E F Gates,
W A Tyner.

R. A. Masons, 33; Ministers, 5. Exaltations, 10. Dues, \$38.
Regular meetings 4th Saturday in each month. Fees for
Chapter degrees, \$32.

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.—*Tampa*.

OFFICERS:

John Darling, H P,
James Gettis, K,
W A Lively, S,

John T Givens, Treas,
John A Henderson, Sec'y.

COMPANIONS:

Franklin Brauch, R A M,
Wm Blakeney,
Samuel C Craft,
Christopher Q Crawford,
E A Clarke,
Joseph Casey, M M M,
Josiah Gates, R A M,
Ezekiel Glazier, M M M,
Daniel Gillett, P M,
Wm B Hooker, R A M,
Wm B Henderson,
F B Hagan,
A P Hampton,
Samuel E Hope, P M,
J M Hayman, P M,

J L Lockhart, R A M,
J P McMullen,
Wesley Mansell,
H E Martin,
J S Martin,
E E Mizell, M M M,
John Pearce, P M,
Madison Post, R A M,
Joseph Robles,
Hamlin V Snell,
John L Skipper, M M M,
Wm I Turner, R A M,
R M Wells,
Peter A Williams.

R. A. Masons, 26. Ministers, 1. Exaltation, 1. Dues per
return, \$31. Correct amount, \$26. Rejected, 2.
Regular meetings 4th Saturday in each month. Fees for
Chapter degrees, \$40.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

John Darling, H P,
John T Givens, K,
E A Clarke, S,

Wesley Mansell, Treas,
Samuel C Craft, Sec'y.

Table showing the name and number of each Chapter, where held, amount of dues, number of Companions, number exalted, number expelled, number suspended, number rejected and number of deaths.

Name Of Chapter.	Number.	Where Held.	Dues.	Companions.	Exaltations.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Rejections.	Deaths.
Florida,	1	Tallahassee,	\$ 61	54	12				2
Florida,	2	St. Augustine,							No returns.
Jefferson,	5	Monticello,	80	72	14		2	1	1
Santa Rosa,	6	Milton,							No returns.
Quincy,	7	Quincy,	59	44				2	1
Madison,	8	Madison,							2
Columbia,	9	Lake City,	111	97	14				4
Olive,	10	Ocala,							No returns.
Mount Horeb,	11	Warrington,							No returns.
Jacksonville,	12	Jacksonville,							No returns.
Alachua,	13	Newnansville,	21	22				3	1
Centreville,	14	Centreville,							No returns.
Greenwood,	15	Greenwood,	46	47	7				
Micanopy,	16	Micanopy,	38	33	10				
Tampa,	17	Tampa,	26	26	1			2	
Total,			442	396	58	00	2	8	9

PROCEEDINGS

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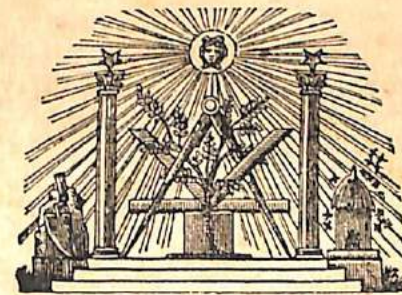
GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF

FLORIDA,



AT THEIR 21ST ANNUAL CONVOCATION, BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY
OF TALLAHASSEE, MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, A. D. 1867, A. I. 2397.

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Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida convened at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 14th day of January, A. D. 1867, A. I. 2397, it being the regular Annual Convocation of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest.

E. D. C. DAWKINS, D. G. H. P.

" ELIAS EARLE, Grand King.

" CHARLES SLAGER, as Grand Scribe.

" T. PRESTON TATUM, Grand Treasurer.

" HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.

Rt. Rev. SAMUEL C. CRAFT, as Grand Chaplain.

Comp. W. B. TAYLOR, G. C. H.

" CALVIN GILLIS, as G. P. S.

" WM. MORRILL, as G. R. A. C.

" JAMES ELLENWOOD, as G. M. 3d Vail.

" SAMUEL PASCO, G. M. 2d Vail.

" M. M. T. HUTCHINSON, as G. M. 1st Vail.

" EDWARD M. WEST, as Grand Tyler.

P. G. H. P. THOMAS Y. HENRY, and a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed a Committee on Credentials and Returns, consisting of Companions Charles Slager, Calvin Gillis and James Ellenwood.

On motion, all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, were invited to attend the meetings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered the following address:

COMPANIONS—Through the tender mercies of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble from all sections of the State in Grand Council, to deliberate upon the many interests which call us together for the good of Masonry, and to renew around the sacred altar our obligations to each other, and to unite our hearts and voices in grateful thanks to Him for the many blessings enjoyed the past year.

Companions, it is a source of great pleasure to meet you once more, to sit with you within the veils of our sanctuary, and to join my feeble energies with yours in whatever labor may seem best calculated to promote the interests of our great and glorious institution. Let us, Companions, conduct the deliberations of this grand body in such a manner that we may look back in after years to the work of to-day with pride and satisfaction. Let nothing be said or done to cause us the slightest pain or regret when looking back in the mirror of the past. Let us discard every feeling of discord and unite ourselves as a "band of brothers," working as one man, for the prosperity of our order. No personal or selfish feeling should ever be permitted to enter this holy place, but let us, as earnest and enthusiastic Masons, adhere strictly to the great principles which bind us together, and follow in the footsteps of those bright and illustrious brothers and companions who have been called from "labor" to "refreshment" in that great Temple above, and all will be well with us.

During the past Masonic year my official duties have been bright and pleasant. Among my official acts I may mention the re-establishment of the Jacksonville and Micanopy Chapters. No questions, involving Masonic jurisprudence, have been submitted for my decision.

From information received through Companions from different sections of the State, I am pleased to find that most of our Chapters are in good working condition. Our worthy Deputy Grand High Priest will doubtless furnish you with such information in regard to the Chapters as he may possess.

And now, Companions, in closing these remarks, permit me again to impress upon your minds the importance of our sacred obligations to each other and our responsibility to our beloved institution.

In discharging the duties for which we are assembled, let us practice the utmost charity to one another, and esteem it a high privilege and Masonic duty to promote each other's welfare and correct each other's faults.

Let us square all our actions by the true tests of Masonry, so that when our labors are brought to a close we may leave on earth a record worthy of imitation, and secure for ourselves the welcome plaudits of Him who presides in the great Temple above. I must say, Companions, that I deeply regret that the high and responsible duties to which your partiality has called me, have been but imperfectly performed, yet I shall ever esteem this mark of your confidence and regard as among the most pleasing associations of my life.

DAVID JONES, G. H. P.

On motion, the correspondence referred to in the address of the the M. E. G. H. P., was referred to a special committee consisting of Companions D. C. Dawkins, Charles Slager and T. P. Tatum.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. P. and
Companions of the Grand Chapter:

We, the Committee on Credentials and Returns, beg leave to report that we have examined the Returns of the following Chapters, to-wit:

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1.—Returns correct. T. P. Tatum, H. P., Edward Bradford, Jr., K., Charles K. Sparhawk, S. Dues paid, \$52. Represented by the officers.

Jefferson R. A. Chapter No. 5.—Returns correct. James Ellenwood, H. P., B. S. Fuller, K., Thomas J. Chace, S. Dues paid \$72. Represented by H. P. and Samuel Pasco, proxy for Scribe.

Quincy R. A. Chapter, No. 7.—Returns correct. A. J. Smith, H. P., J. J. Williams, K., C. A. Gee, S. Dues paid \$39. Represented by P. G. H. P. Thomas Y. Henry, proxy for officers.

Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 9.—Returns correct. Walter R. Moore, H. P., M. M. T. Hutchinson, K., T. M. Mickler, S. Dues paid \$60. Represented by King.

Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11.—Returns correct. William Morrill, H. P., A. F. Clapp, K., Thomas Devery, S. Dues paid \$38. Represented by H. P.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12.—Returns correct. Chas. Slager, H. P., John P. Sanderson, K., James M. Baker, S. Dues paid \$46. Represented by H. P. and Calvin Gillis, proxy for Scribe.

Alachua R. A. Chapter, No. 13.—Stephen Fagan, H. P., Thomas A. Bradford, K., J. B. Thomas, S. Dues \$32, amount paid \$21. Nothing paid for Exaltations. Returns incorrect.

Greenwood R. A. Chapter, No. 15.—Returns correct. DeWitt C. Dawkins, H. P., Geo. F. Baltzell, K., C. C. Burke, S. Dues \$40. Represented by H. P.

Micanopy R. A. Chapter, No. 16.—Returns correct. J. M. Croxton, H. P., A. H. Mathers, K., J. A. Stewart, S. Dues paid \$49. Represented by Scribe.

Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 17.—Returns correct. John Darling, H. P., H. L. Mitchell, K., William A. Lively, S. Dues paid \$35. Represented by Samuel C. Craft, proxy for officers.

Concord R. A. Chapter, No. 18.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$62. Norman T. Scott, H. P., Wm. C. Hendry, K., O. E. Anders, S. Represented by L. F. Foster, proxy for officers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. SLAGER,
JAMES ELLENWOOD, } Committee.
C. GILLIS,

The By-Laws of Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, Micanopy R. A. Chapter, No. 16, and Concord R. A. Chapter, No. 18, were presented and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The M. E. G. H. Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—Companions D. C. Dawkins, Charles Slager and T. P. Tatum.

On Accounts.—Companions Thomas Y. Henry, M. M. T. Hutchinson and Samuel Pasco.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Companions Elias Earle, Calvin Gillis and Edward Bradford, Jr.

On Constitutions.—Companions Edward R. Ives, T. P. Tatum and Edward Bradford, Jr.

On Unfinished Business.—Companions A. J. Lea, Hugh A. Corley and M. M. T. Hutchinson.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

An account against the Grand Chapter in favor of Comp. Hugh A. Corley was presented and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 15th, 1867.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest.

E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, D. G. H. P.

“ WILLIAM MORRILL, as Grand King.

“ CHARLES SLAGER, as Grand Scribe.

“ T. PRESTON TATUM, Grand Treasurer.

“ HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Secretary.

Rt. Rev. SAMUEL C. CRAFT, as Grand Chaplain.

Comp. JAMES ELLENWOOD, as G. C. H.

“ CALVIN GILLIS, as G. P. S.

“ C. K. SPARHAWK, as G. R. A. C.

“ ———, as G. M. 3d Vail.

“ L. F. FOSTER, as G. M. 2d Vail.

“ M. M. T. HUTCHINSON, as G. M. 1st Vail.

“ EDWARD M. WEST, as Grand Tyler.

P. G. H. P. THOMAS Y. HENRY, and a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the account of Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary, against the Grand Chapter, amounting to thirteen dollars, ask leave to report that they have performed that duty and find said account correct, and recommend that the same be paid.

T. Y. HENRY, Chairman.

Comp. Thomas Brown, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report :

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, Grand High Priest, King and Scribe and Companions :

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence begs leave to present his report to this Grand Annual Convocation for 1867.

It will be seen by the following list of the proceedings of M. E. Grand R. A. Chapters in the United States, that since the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter I have received, during the recess, from our E. Grand Secretary, the printed proceedings of twenty Grand R. A. Chapters in the United States, besides reports of the proceedings of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, of Grand Orders of High Priesthood, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and a Manifesto of the Supreme Council of Cuba and the West Indies, &c.

A list of the proceedings of M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapters in the United States examined and reported on :

1. General Grand Chapter of U. S. for 1865,....	75 pages-
2. Alabama for 1866, containing.....	39 "
3. California for 1866, containing.....	138 "
4. Kentucky for 1865, containing.....	74 "
5. Kansas for 1866, containing.....	88 "
6. Louisiana for 1866, containing.....	88 "
7. Missouri for 1866, containing.....	98 "
8. Michigan for 1865, containing.....	128 "
9. Maine for 1865, containing.....	114 "
10. Massachusetts for 1865, containing.....	70 "
11. New Hampshire for 1865, containing.....	50 "
12. New Jersey for 1866, containing.....	78 "
13. New York for 1866, containing.....	103 "

14. North Carolina for 1865, containing.....	56 pages.
15. Tennessee for 1865, containing.....	29 "
16. Vermont for 1866, containing.....	76 "
17. Virginia for 1866, containing.....	47 "
18. Wisconsin for 1864, containing.....	74 "
19. New Jersey for 1865, containing.....	65 "

containing in all 1,249 closely printed pages.

With the above proceedings of nineteen Grand Royal Arch Chapters, in 20 Vols. of well printed octavo of 1249 pages, which I have carefully read and reported on, I have also in separate pamphlets, or as appendix to the proceedings of Grand R. A. Chapters, received the reports of twelve Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters; the proceedings in the same way of ten Grand Orders of High Priesthood, and the "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Louisiana," at its Third Annual Conclave, New Orleans, Feb'y 16, A. D. 1866, A. O. 748, Sir Samuel M. Todd, R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Augustus Soutag, E. Grand Recorder. Also "Manifesto of the Supreme Council of Cuba and the West Indies against the Fratres of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of F. M., who assembled in Charleston, Nov. 16, 1865"; but of which I have neither space, time, nor ability to report further in detail at this time.

I have said that I have patiently and carefully read and reported on the proceedings of nineteen Grand R. A. Chapters, in 20 Vols. of well printed octavo of some 1200 or more pages. The truth of this declaration, my work, which I present for inspection, will support. But of its appropriateness, usefulness and value to the Craft, will be with my Companions and Brethren to determine.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES, }
Columbus, O., September 7th, A. D. 1865. }

Pursuant to call of Comp. Albert G. Mackey, M. Ex. General Grand High Priest, several officers and Representatives of the

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, assembled in Representatives Chamber of the State House on this day, at the hour of two o'clock, P. M.

ORGANIZATION.

The following Companions were in the several offices at the opening of the General Grand Chapter:

- Comp. J. L. LEWIS, N. York, D. G. G. H. P. acting G. G. H. Priest.
 Comp. Ira A. W. Buck, Illinois, G. G. K., acting D. G. G. H. Priest.
 Comp. John Q. A. Fellows, Louisiana, as G. G. King.
 Comp. Moses Dodge, Maine, as G. G. Scribe.
 Comp. James M. Austin, New York, as G. G. Treasurer.
 Comp. John D. Caldwell, Ohio, as G. G. Secretary.
 Comp. Joseph W. Healy, Minnesota, as G. G. Chaplain.
 Comp. John McClellan, Massachusetts, as G. G. Capt. Host.
 Comp. William Hacker, Indiana, as G. G. R. A. Capt.
 Comp. Joseph M. Stuart, Ohio, as G. G. Guard.

Devotional services were participated in by the Companions, Rev. Grand Chaplain officiating.

The G. G. High Priest M. G. A. G. Mackey, made his G. G. Communication, from which we take the following:

The war is now over. The sword is to be turned into a ploughshare. But although there is no longer a battle of arms, dissensions still exist. Bitter feeling is not altogether allayed. Some men will remember the past with revengeful or unforgiving thought. Now, then, is the time for Masonry again to raise her warning voice. To say unto her children that they are of one household and of one faith. To beseech them to lay aside all bitter animosity, to remember that they have a common language and a common altar, and throwing the veil over the cruel struggles of the past, to seek in the future every opportunity of doing good to each other. Let them cultivate that spirit of forbearance and of kindness which will make men say, "Behold! how these Masons love one another." * * *

I have thought, Excellent Companions, that assembled as you will be as the heads of an important branch of our Order, coming from all sections of the country, and however different on other subjects, united in your devotion to Masonry, you might devote some part of your session to the preparation of a conciliatory address, embodying the views I have just expressed—if, as I hope, they shall meet your concurrence, and send it forth to the

world in tones of kindly admonition and advice, which shall show that with us Masons, at least, the deluge of passion has subsided, and that the olive branch of peace has appeared above the waters.

ALABAMA.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama convened at its Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 5th day of December, A. D. 1865, A. L. 5865, R. A. M. 2395.

PRESENT:

JAMES B. HARRISON, G. H. P.	William Kerr, G. S.
Peleg Brown, D. G. H. P.	E. M. Hastings, G. T.
W. A. O'Hara, pro tem., G. K.	Daniel Sayre, G. Sec.
David P. Smedley, G. Chaplain.	

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Prayer by the Rev. R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The G. H. P. delivered his Annual Address, from which we make no extract. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made their report, from which we extract:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in the performance of the duties assigned them, have examined the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Wisconsin, Kentucky, Maine, Florida, Indiana, Iowa and New Jersey, all for the present year, and which are all that have come to the hands of your Committee—doubtless on account of the lack of proper mail facilities. Your Committee hope, however, that by the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the mails will be so far re-established throughout the country, as to enable us to communicate with all the Grand Chapters in the Union.

KENTUCKY.

We have the proceedings of the W. C. G. R. A. Chapter of Kentucky for the years 1865-6.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky, begun and held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Louisville, on Monday, the 15th day of October, A. D. 1866, A. L. 5866, at 7 o'clock, P. M.:

PRESENT:

M. E. HARRY HUDSON, G. H. P. E. J. H. Branham, G. K.
 E. P. H. Jeffries, D. G. H. P. E. Hiram Basset, G. S.
 Comp. Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in the seventh degree, according to ancient form, when the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, and the M. E. Grand High Priest made the Annual Address, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made an excellent report, reviewing the proceeding of nineteen Grand Chapters.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its Thirteenth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the 15th day of October, A. I. 2396, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

M. E. J. KIRKPATRICK, G. H. P. R. E. Wm. A. Davies, G. K.
 R. E. Chas. Marsh, D. G. H. P. R. E. Law. C. Owen, G. Sec.
 Rev. & E. Arthur E. Hill, G. Chaplain.

And the representatives of thirty Chartered Chapters, together with a number of Past High Priests, by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

And, there being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter, which is brief. He announces the general prosperous condition of the Chapters in his jurisdiction, and that the utmost harmony prevails—and says:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of Companion Philip W. Shephard, so long our Grand Treasurer. Equally honored in the community in which he for so many years resided, and in the fraternity, of which he was a valued member, his memory will ever be cherished in the hearts of those who knew him.

We are also called upon to mourn the loss of those esteemed Companions, Arvid C. Arvidsson, High Priest of Saint James Chapter, No. 16; William H. Howard, Past High Priest of Howard Chapter, No. 14, and Samuel F. Hamm, Past High Priest of El Dorado Chapter, No. 4. Their worth and good deeds endeared them to all their associates, and their deaths are deeply and sincerely deplored.

Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made an able report, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Royal Arch Chapters and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, among which we find Florida. He says:

It will be seen that among them are embraced a number from which we have long been separated, though not estranged, whose advent once more we welcome with a sincere and heartfelt joy, fervently praying that nothing may ever again occur to disturb the union now restored, and that the memory of the past may be obliterated in the happy future to be enjoyed by all parts of our beloved country.

To which the Companions of Florida respond with equal heartfelt joy, and fervently praying that our re-union and fraternal intercourse may be perpetual.

FLORIDA.—It is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure that the proceedings now before us are considered, and if pain is felt at the sad tone which pervades their pages, it is soon forgotten in the anticipation of the bright prospects in store for our companions of the Flowery State. Three pamphlets, containing the proceedings of 1863, 1864 and 1865, each held in the City of Tallahassee, and in the month of January, have been received. During these three years the M. E. Geo. F. Baltzell was Grand High Priest, and the E. Hugh A. Corley was Grand Secretary. The Address of the Grand High Priest, delivered in 1863, and the only one presented, is commendable for the moderation of its tone and the true Masonic spirit it exhibits.

Very little business was transacted at any of the Convocations, matters of immediate interest to the jurisdiction being considered only.

The death of Comp. John B. Taylor, who served as Grand Secretary from the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1847 until 1862, when he voluntarily relinquished the office, is announced in the proceedings of 1865, and suitable resolutions show the love and respect in which he was held.

Nine Chapters only appear upon the roll, though the numbers reach to seventeen, the membership being three hundred and fifty-six.

At the Annual Convocation in 1865, the M. E. David Jones was elected Grand High Priest, and the E. Hugh A. Corley was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Since writing the foregoing, the proceedings had at the Twentieth Annual Convocation, which was held in the City of Tallahassee, and commenced on the 8th day of January, 1866, have been received. Seven Chapters were represented and all the principal officers were in attendance.

A brief Address was presented by the Grand High Priest, in which he congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the return of peace, and upon the prosperous and healthy condition of its subordinates.

A report on Correspondence was presented by the M. E. Thos. Brown, in which are reviewed the proceedings of nine Grand Chapters, all received.

A new Chapter was chartered, and a petition for the establishment of another was denied.

No business of import outside that jurisdiction was transacted. The Convocation continued four days, and the M. E. David Jones was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the E. Hugh A. Corley was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky, begun and held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Louisville, on Monday, the 16th day of October, A. D. 1865, A. L. 5865, at 8 o'clock, P. M.:

PRESENT:

M. E. W. E. ROBINSON, G. H. P. E. Rev. P. H. Jeffries, G. K.
E. J. D. Landrum, D. G. H. P. E. H. Bassett, G. S., pro tem.
Comp. Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials reported eighty-two Chartered Chapters and three U. D. duly represented.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in the seventh degree, according to ancient form, when the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, in which he expresses those fraternal and truly Masonic sentiments:

I hope that this Grand Chapter will also take steps to aid in the great work of reconciliation. We should extend the hand of "fraternal love and affection" to all that desire to discharge their Masonic duties, without any other enquiry than, are they "worthy and well qualified." Then will we have peace and harmony throughout our borders.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report in which they say—

That they have received and examined the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, viz: California, Canada, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont, and they report as follows—

Which report is of a general character. Florida is not among them. The report is a good one, but I see nothing in it to extract from.

KANSAS.

According to previous notice, delegates from the different Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Kansas assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Leavenworth, January 27th, A. D. 1866, A. L. 2396, for the purpose of taking preliminary measures toward the organization of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Kansas.

The Convention was called to order by Comp. Saqui, and, on motion, Comp. W. O. Gould was called to the Chair, and Comp. E. T. Carr chosen Secretary.

Comp. Rees submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion of Comp. Saqui, were adopted:

WHEREAS, There are now three Chapters of Royal Arch Masons regularly organized and constituted within the State of Kansas therefore be it

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of officers, as per resolution already adopted.

Whereupon, the following Grand R. A. Officers were declared duly elected:

M. E. R. R. REES, of Leavenworth Chapter, No. 2, G. H. P.
 M. E. Jacob Saqui, of Washington Chapter, No. 1, D. G. H. P.
 M. E. Z. Rosenfeld, of Ft. Scott Chapter, No. 3, G. K.
 E. S. T. Walters, of Washington Chapter, No. 2, G. S.
 E. M. S. Adams, of Leavenworth Chapter, No. 2, G. Treas.
 E. E. T. Carr, of Leavenworth Chapter, No. 2, G. Sec.

And the M. E. G. H. P. delivered his address, from which we take the following as a beautiful specimen of the character of our order:

COMPANIONS—From the center of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kansas, I greet you. Not from the forum of the political arena, where heated discussions are calculated to arouse the ruder passions of man's erring nature, but from a far prouder station. Through your kindness, respect, and fraternal regard, I have been elected and installed into an office far more in consonance with my ambition than the highest pinnacle of fame to which the theatre of strife and maddened passions of the partizan could have elevated me. * * *

And in the beautiful language of our installation ritual, let this Grand Chapter and all its component parts "become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as the Most Holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as the flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance; may your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering; may the exercise of your charity be constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you be endowed with every good and perfect gift while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally be admitted within the veils of Heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal—Amen."

LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana, convened on Tuesday, the 13th day of February, A. D. 1866, A. I. 2396, at ten o'clock, A. M., in the Grand Lodge Hall, City of New Orleans, the following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY, M. E. Grand High Priest.
 Henry Regenburt, M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.
 H. P. Buckley, R. E. Grand King.

John C. Gordy, as R. E. Grand Scribe.
 Homer H. Smith, as R. E. Grand Treasurer.
 Samuel M. Todd, R. E. Grand Secretary.
 John G. Dunlap, E. Grand Chaplain.

There being present a constitutional quorum of representatives, the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter opened in Solemn and Ample Form, and the M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, which is in a fine fraternal spirit. He says impressively—

I conjure you, companions, to watch and guard against party zeal and party spirit. It is good to be zealous in the holy cause of charity, but there is a party zeal which is fatal to the prosperity of our institution. Its results are but too often seen in the self-conceit and arrogance it assumes in those uncharitable judgments and reckless censure it bestows on all those who dissent from its views, and will not pander to its ambition, or assist in accomplishing its designs.

It becomes my melancholy duty to announce the death of Past Grand High Priest A. S. Washburn. The news of his demise has but recently reached us. He departed this life in the latter part of the year 1864, near Bastrop, in Morehouse Parish, respected and beloved by all in his Masonic connections. He attained to the highest honors in the gift of his companions, faithfully discharging the several duties incident to the various stations he was called to fill. Our Companion has solved the great mystery, the mystery of himself. He has passed that great purification through which the divine principle ascends to the unity of its source; he lives again beyond the sky. Then let us not mourn as without hope.

There being no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be permitted to present their report at the close of this Grand Convocation to the Grand High Priest, and that the same be printed with the proceedings.

The Committee made a report which was published in the proceedings of six Grand R. A. Chapters, and say:

It is much to be regretted that the proceedings of so few of the Grand Councils have reached us. Besides the large amount of Masonic information contained in them, they are always invaluable as volumes of reference, containing, as they do, a complete history of the Order. In perusing those few it has been

1865; 3, Canada, 1865; 4, Connecticut, 1865; 5, Florida, 1863-4-5, with abstracts from 1847 to 1863; 6, Iowa, 1865; 7, Indiana, 1865.

OF Florida, they say:

We greet the return of reports from this far-off sister of the S. E., with the proceedings of 1863-64-65, also abstracts of proceedings from 1847 to 1863. The Grand Chapter met in Tallahassee, January 12, 1863, M. E. George F. Baltzell, G. H. P., who has presided from 1861 to 1865, inclusive.

The address of the G. H. P. is beautiful and appropriate. Although in the very throes of civil war, with almost every Chapter threatened or ravaged by invading forces, still he calls upon his Companions to be calm and steadfast in the principles of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and only in a few words refers to the war around them in that year, and we find no mention of sectional affairs in any other of the reports. He called upon the Chapters to struggle to preserve their charters, records, etc., "until the bright mantle of peace shall again spread over us, when we may enter upon the dissemination of the benign principles of our Order in ameliorating the condition of man, raise him in the scale of intelligence, and prepare him for the touch of the finger of God to everlasting bliss."

In 1865 there were eight Chapters represented. If the charter of Tampa Chapter, No. 17, plundered with other property from the room by the army, should fall into friendly hands, it can be returned to the Grand Secretary, Hugh A. Corley, Tallahassee. Companion John B. Taylor, Grand Secretary from 1847 to 1852, has gone to his rest, and his death is feelingly alluded to by the Grand Chapter.

To our esteemed Companion of Missouri we reciprocate their fraternal greetings, and pray for a long and uninterrupted intercourse of harmony and Brotherly Love.

MICHIGAN.

The Seventeenth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was held at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, at 6 o'clock, P. M., on Monday, the 8th day of January, A. I. 2396, A. D. 1866.

PRESIDENT:

- M. E. BERNEZER SPRAGUE, Grand High Priest.
- R. E. A. B. Cudworth, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- " S. C. Coffinbury, as Grand King.
- " John P. Fiske, Grand Scribe.

our good fortune to receive, we can assure you, we find everywhere evidences of the progress, increase, and prosperity of Cryptic Masonry; more and more interest seems to be taken, and in many of the Grand Jurisdictions it is getting to be a well understood axiom that every flourishing Chapter has connected with it a flourishing Council, and the prospect is that we in this jurisdiction, ere long, will be able to congratulate ourselves on the same pleasing state of affairs.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri convened pursuant to its By-Laws, in the City of St. Louis, on Wednesday, 23d of May, A. D. 1866, A. I. 2396.

GRAND OFFICERS:

- M. E. SAMP'L RUSSELL, D. G. H. P., Grand High Priest.
- R. E. L. F. WEINER, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- " Rufus E. Anderson, Grand King.
- " Martin Collins, Grand Scribe.
- " Jno. D. Daggett, Grand Treasurer.
- " A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest declared a quorum present. M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri was opened in solemn form.

There was no annual address by the M. E. G. H. P., but the D. G. H. P. made a brief address on business matters. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, and say:

The undersigned offers the following report on Foreign Correspondence, pursuant to the appointment of R. E. Companion A. O'Sullivan, who has been prostrated for so many months upon a bed of sickness, and who has with great difficulty been able to attend to such business as imperatively demanded his personal superintendence.

It was his earnest desire to have rendered this report from his own pen, and he clung to the hope of being able to accomplish it until his physicians positively interfered, when he deemed proper to pay your humble subscriber the flattering compliment of placing the various proceedings of other Grand Bodies in his hands, to review the same according to the well settled and conservative course of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. * * * We have received and reviewed the proceedings from the following Grand Chapters: 1, Alabama, 1865; 2, California,

" J. Eartman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

" Rufus W. Landon, Grand Treasurer.

" B. F. Doughty, as Grand Chaplain.

And a majority of all the Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer, and the M. E. G. H. P. read his annual address, which is entirely confined to business matters, and in good Masonic spirit.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by its chairman, presented the annual report, in which he takes occasion to pour out his poisonous venom in this wise. Hear him:

Since our last annual report, in January, 1865, events have occurred, (incidentally involving Masonry,) that give a new direction to the current of history. Our country's struggle for life, against a most *atrocious rebellion*, has triumphed; but, like all great triumphs of truth and justice over wrong, it has been at great cost of treasure, and priceless wealth in the lives of our countrymen. The proceedings we have received from a few of the Southern States, with the glimmering light that has reached us from others, lead us to believe that Masonry South, as an organization, has succumbed to the tornado. She joined the strife and has shared its fortunes. Her tabernacles are shattered, the vails of her temples rent, her lights grown dim or gone out, and her altars desecrated. In nature, after convulsions resembling chaos, light has arisen, and beauty, order and justice have again appeared—proving that the creating energy was at work in the midst of the chaos. May our Companions South rediscover and bring to light the many valuable secrets hidden in the rubbish of their broken temples, and be again heard to ascribe holiness to the Lord.

Success, or rather "triumph," has ever had the effect to engender in ignorant and contracted minds a spirit of impudence, arrogance and all uncharitableness, for which we give the Ch'n of the C. C. of Michigan a full share. Again he says:

Your Committee cannot refrain from referring to the case of three eminent Companions, who, in the midst of the faithless, remained faithful—Companions J. Q. A. Fellows, of Louisiana; Giles M. Hillyer, of Mississippi; and the M. E. Albert G. Mackey, of South Carolina, G. G. H. P. of the General Grand Chapter. The fidelity of the latter led to the loss of all his property, and several of the Grand Chapters have taken special action in his favor for his great services to the craft.

How? Did the Yankees steal or destroy it, on account of his *fidelity* to the Government under which he lived? It would

appear, from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, that M. E. Albert G. Mackey remained in the State during the whole war, and yet we hear of him at the North, during the war, and petitioning some of the Grand Institutions for material aid for services rendered to the Northern Army "at the hazard of his life." How is this, Bro. Mackey? If you remained under the *de facto* Government, and received its protection, your O. B. required you to be true and faithful to the Government which you were living for the time being under, and not to be concerned in plots and treason against the Government that gives you protection. How was it that you and your Companions were under the necessity of holding "midnight meetings at the hazard of your lives?" What was the character of the "aid and comfort you furnished the enemy," for which you ask your Northern friends to give you "material aid?" Now I think that your Northern friends, in their zeal to vilify Southern Masons, have misrepresented and slandered you, and that the Companions of Louisiana and Mississippi, who are put into the same category with you, will not feel that they have been complimented, and that you all will come out with an indignant rebuke of the gross and foul slander. Yes; it is due to your high and distinguished character as Masons, that you expose so vile a slander to the whole Masonic world, who will demand of you to declare "under what King you serve, Bezonian!"

I am glad to say that in my examination of the proceedings of Capitulary Masonry, that this Report of the Corresponding Committee of the Grand Chapters of Michigan is the only instance of unmasonic vindictiveness and uncharitableness that I have met with, or if there be any other instance that has escaped my memory, it is of so mild a character in comparison with the Michigan Report as to be entitled to forgiveness. All the other Reports of the Corresponding Committees of the Grand Chapters in our Capitulary Heritage, since the trying scenes and horrors of war have passed over us, breathe such a spirit of brotherly love and charity as makes the heart of the true Mason leap with joy for the influence of our order.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine assembled in Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall in Portland, on Monday, May 4th, A. D. 1863, A. I. 2393, at seven o'clock in the evening.

PRESENT:

- M. E. JOHN J. BELL, Grand High Priest.
 " A. J. Fuller, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 R. E. Stevens Smith, Grand King.
 " Timothy J. Murray, Grand Scribe.
 " Oliver Gerrish, Grand Treasurer.
 " Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by M. E. John J. Bell, Grand High Priest, with prayer by Rev. and E. John L. Ashly, Grand Chaplain.

Your Committee on Credentials have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they find the Chapters in this Jurisdiction represented by 13 Chartered Chapters, and the M. E. H. P. then presented his annual address. We like the good temper in its introduction. He says:

Time in his ceaseless march has again met us assembled in our Annual Grand Convocation. Again have we come up to review the actions of the past year, to deliberate anew upon the interests of the Royal Craft, and to devise such measures as may promote the good and welfare of the institution within this jurisdiction. Let us first return thanks to our Supreme High Priest that we are again permitted peacefully to assemble, and that within our vails is heard no sound of discord. While our Companions in some of our sister Grand Chapters are driven from their altars by the fury of war, and the vails of the tabernacle are rent by hostile arms, we have enjoyed the blessings of internal peace. Notwithstanding the discouragements of the war which attracts so much of the attention of the community, it is believed that the year which has just passed has been one of at least usual prosperity.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by their chairman, the lamented M. E. Comp. Cyril Pearl, made a report reviewing the records of 15 Grand Royal Arch Chapters, but Florida does not appear amongst them. How different in the tone and temper is this Report, written by this true and pure Craftsman and christian, from that of the Chairman of the Michigan Committee.

We extract his closing remarks, which appear almost prophetic that he had received a premonition that he would soon pass the vails into the HOLY of HOLYS, where all good and true Craftsmen will be crowned with "Holiness unto the Lord." He says:

The fiery ordeal, through which our national government and our civil institutions are now passing, seems destined to accomplish a noble work in developing, elevating and purifying our national life, in accordance with the exalted purpose indicated by the inspired words of the great leader of the hosts of Israel, before he ascended the mount of vision, to view the promised land and close his eyes in death.

"And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments or no."

So we firmly and devoutly believe the furnace of affliction in which our Great High Priest, the Captain of our salvation, is now pleased to try our Royal Institution, is not heated for purposes of destruction, but to humble and prove and elevate—"to purify the dross and take away the tin"—and fit us for a nobler work than we have yet achieved or attempted.

We have spoken freely and repeatedly in previous reports of the nobler mission of Freemasonry in relation to the integrity of our national union, and the harmony of its disturbing elements. We have nothing to recall—nothing to abate—nothing to regret on that score, unless it be that we could not have uttered more earnest and well chosen words that might have roused and swayed the Royal Craft for worthier achievements and more cordial sympathy and charity.

A more commanding voice is speaking now—to be more distinctly heard when the noise of battle is hushed and the red hand of violence shall no more smite, nor the eye of malice kindle with savage ferocity over garments rolled in a brother's blood. Now abideth *Faith, Hope, Charity*—these three—but the greatest of these is CHARITY.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRIL PEARL, *Chairman*

When such a Mason is called from amongst us, may the Fraternity everywhere bemoan a loss that can be replaced except by the example only left us to follow. By the death of Comp. Cyril Pearl, the Craft have lost a member whose example should improve the rising generation of our Order.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held by adjournment at Freemason's Hall, No. 10, Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 10th Oct., A. D. 1865, R. A. M. 2395.

PRESENT:

M. E. SOLON THORNTON, Grand High Priest.
 M. E. Caleb Rand, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 E. Albert E. Foth, Grand King.
 E. Wanton T. Drew, Grand Scribe.
 E. Theodore H. Emmons, Grand Captain of the Host.
 E. George T. Ambrose, Grand Principal Sojourner.
 E. Frederic A. Pierce, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
 E. Lyman B. Meston, Grand Master third Vail.
 E. Henry Endicott, Grand Master second Vail.
 E. Marlborough Williams, Grand Master first Vail.
 E. Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
 E. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

The requisite number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

There appears no address by the M. E. G. H. P. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report a minute of 12 Grand Chapters, and say:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in presenting their Annual Report, regret that the Reports from the several jurisdictions presented to them for examination are so very limited in number.

And conclude:

The Reports reviewed by us all speak of the *(late)* unhappy condition of our country; but "old things have passed away." Let it now be the *work* of every true Mason, each in his particular walk in life, to exert every influence that God has given him in securing a more glorious and enduring future for our country, that by no act of ours, as citizens or as Masons, shall its future be put in jeopardy.

We trust that before the close of another year your Committee may receive words of cheer and encouragement from those jurisdictions who have for so long a period been cut off from all intercourse with us; and may we not hope that although their altars may have been overthrown, that they are not destroyed,

and that our Order, tried as it has been during the last four years of alienation and strife, may come forth stronger and more determined, having been tried in the balance and found not wanting.

These are words of grace, and given in a true Masonic spirit, which the people of the South will duly appreciate and reciprocate. Our Companions of the old Bay are in a prosperous state.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, for 1865, was held at Concord, on Monday, the 12th day of June, A. L. 5865, A. I. 2395, at four o'clock P. M.

A quorum of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter being in attendance, the M. E. Grand High Priest Com. John R. Holbrook proceeded and opened the Grand Chapter in Ample Form, with prayer by Comp. and Rev. James Adams, E. Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. G. H. P. then delivered his annual address, conceived in a true fraternal spirit. He commences:

Another year has passed away, and we, through the providence of the Grand Architect of the Universe, are again permitted to meet in Annual Convocation. The past year has been one of exciting events. For over four years our nation has been plunged in civil war; but looking forward through the smoke and din of battle, above party passion, we see, through the hand of a Divine Providence, the golden boon of peace restored to our distracted land, and our glorious old flag now floats proudly over an undivided country.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by their Chairman, M. E. Comp. Horace Charr, made their Report, and say:

We have before us the following journals of proceedings of Grand Chapters, to-wit: California and Canada for 1864; Florida for 1863 and 1864; Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland and District of Columbia, Massachusetts and Vermont for 1864. These we shall consider in their order.

Of Florida they say:

We greet the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1863 and 1864 with a hearty welcome, as their reception furnishes indisputable evidence that our worthy Companions in

Florida are desirous of reviving that fraternal masonic intercourse which four years since was interrupted, and which they embrace the first opportunity to renew.

And most heartily do the Companions of Florida, of the far South in the Gulf of Mexico, greet our Companions of the White Mountains of the far North State, and congratulate them on our reunion as Companions most true. *Esto perpetua.*

NEW JERSEY.

The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday, the 12th day of September, A. L. 5866, A. I. 2396. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Companion M. B. Smith.

The following Grand Officers and permanent members were present:

- M. E. Comp. J. C. G. ROBERTSON, M. D. Grand High Priest.
- “ “ Geo. W. Claypoole, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- “ “ Israel Baldwin, Grand King.
- “ “ Samuel Stevens, Grand Scribe.
- “ “ John P. Nelson, Grand Treasurer.
- “ “ John Woolverton, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials reported 14 Chartered and 1 U. D. Lodge duly represented, and thereupon the M. E. G. H. P. delivered his Annual Address, in which he says:

Companions—We have again met in Annual Convocation by the blessing and through the wise Providence of Almighty God, and while we accord all praise to Him for enduring mercy, let us endeavor so to conduct ourselves and be governed in our present deliberations, that we may give evidence of appreciating the blessing vouchsafed unto us, and thereby tend in a great measure to promote the best interests of our Royal Craft.

And he concludes:

It will thus be seen that twenty-one Grand Chapters have sent us their proceedings, and with them their fraternal greetings. Peace and good-will are the fixed attributes of our beloved institution, and although these for a time may be obscured by the discord of sectional strife, their influence can never be lost, but will assert their supremacy as long as true Masons are to be found.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the Proceedings of 27 M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and say:

Your Committee enter upon the work assigned to them with great fear and trepidation. This Grand Chapter has heretofore been regaled with the sprightly, vivacious, witty, and at the same time profound, reports from Companion Jefferys, which reports have done much to establish our reputation both at home and abroad. From Jefferys to us is a very long step downwards. It is like coming down from sparkling Heidsick to very small beer.

Of Florida they say:

Most cordially do we welcome this Grand Chapter in our midst. We have mourned her absence as sadly as we now cheerfully hail her presence.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1863, 1864, 1865 and 1866.

The twentieth Convocation was held at the City of Tallahassee on January 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, 1866.

Comp. Thomas Brown presented a report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nine Grand Chapters, New Jersey included. We receive a large share of Comp. Brown's notice. He speaks of the report of Comp. Jefferys as "worthy of his pen and high Masonic fame." Although we may lay ourselves open to the charge of egotism, we do not hesitate to say that Comp. Brown's praise of Comp. Jefferys is well deserved.

To our noble Comp. Thos. J. Canon, Chairman of the Committee, who speaks so diffidently of his ability, we say it is not only your modesty but your merit bespeaks you praise.

Since making the foregoing report of the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey for the year 1866, we have received their proceedings for the previous year of 1865. What has caused its detention so long, we will not pretend to premise.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, A. L. 5865, A. I. 2395. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with solemn prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Companion M. B. Smith.

The following Grand Officers and permanent members were present:

- M. E. Comp. CHAS. M. ZEN, M. D., Grand High Priest.
 " " George B. Edwards, as Dep. Grand High Priest.
 " " T. J. Corson, M. D., as Grand King.
 " " J. C. G. Robertson, M. D., Grand Scribe.
 " " John P. Nelson, Grand Treasurer.
 " " J. Woolverton, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The M. E. G. H. P. presented his Address, and very appropriately put the following questions, which all good Masons should repeat to himself in the silent watches of the night:

We know and acknowledge that charity is the great active principle which should control and govern us in all our dealings with our fellow men, but do we practice it? Do we as Masons obey its teachings by whispering friendly counsel in the ear? Do we apprise our Companion of approaching danger? Do we lay aside jealousies and suspicions, and openly and frankly tell him of his faults, or ask for explanation of that, which may appear, or actually be, in opposition to our plans and views? Do we forgive even as we would be forgiven, "and see a brother even in a foe?" Do we in fine do unto others as we would have them do unto us? Or do we permit angry feelings to degenerate oftentimes into a spirit of revenge, and usurp the place of that charity "that beareth all things," "which thinketh no evil?" Do we recognize that temperance in all things is obligatory upon us, and that the Holy name of Him that rules over and governs the world should never be spoken save with that reverential awe which is due from the creature to the Creator? Do we in all our walk and conversation with the world keep within the lines of that morality and virtue which our institution teaches? Or are we only Masons in name, and not in heart and practice?

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Comp. Wm. H. Jefferys, of Illinois. Hear him for himself. He says:

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW JERSEY:

Companions—For the first time since the organization of our Grand Chapter, the author of your Reports on Foreign Correspondence is deprived the pleasure of presenting his specimen of work in person.

Having removed his residence to the State of Illinois, and being intensely occupied with professional duties, he finds it impossible to attend the present annual meeting of the Grand Chapter. This report, therefore, is sent to you by mail, and with it we send our warm Fraternal greetings; we shake hands with you in our heart, and earnestly invoke the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe upon your Grand Convocation.

The "tidings from the Craft" come to you this year as Noah's dove came to the ark, with the olive branch of peace; "the roar of cannon," "the din of musketry," and "the clash of arms," have ceased. We have no longer to inquire, "what is the cause of all this confusion in and about the temple?" but our appropriate work now is to "search among the rubbish," find "the lost keystone," place it once more in the Royal Arch of National Union, and seek to restore harmony.

Free Masonry has now to perform its great mission in this country, which is to "spread the cement of *Brotherly Love and Union*."

We believe there is a Divine Providence in the fact that our Order is at this time so powerful and numerous, for its influence in the present crisis must prove most salutary.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the city of Albany, on Tuesday, the 6th day of February, A. I. 5866.

PRESENT:

- M. E. HORACE S. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest.
 M. E. Seymour H. Stone, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 R. E. Rees G. Williams, Grand King.
 Joseph B. Chaffee, Grand Scribe.
 John O. Cole, Grand Secretary.
 William Seymour, Grand Treasurer.
 Rev. Charles H. Platt, Grand Chaplain.

The requisite number of chartered Chapters duly represented, and the M. E. G. R. A. Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM, and the M. E. G. H. P. addressed the Grand Chapter.

In a feeling, sympathizing spirit he speaks of the devastations and miseries of war, and says:

The Masons of the North will ever remember with gratitude the many acts of kindness of their Southern brethren towards unfortunate prisoners of war, who were placed in their power. Many instances of this kindness have come to our knowledge. prominent among them is the noble conduct of a Grand Master of one of the Southern States, who, during the early period of the war, went through the prisons of the city in which he dwelt, supplying the wants of his brother Masons among the prisoners, at the risk of his own life. Many a family at the North was unknowingly indebted to him for information concerning those whom they had supposed dead.

The devastations of war have reduced to poverty very many of the Royal Arch Chapters at the South, as well as many Lodges and individual Masons. Applications for relief have been presented in their behalf to many of the Chapters in this State, and, I am happy to say, have been generously responded to. I bespeak for them the sympathy of all Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made their report, in which they say:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report: Again it is our high privilege to meet in Grand Convocation beneath the banner of peace, and extend our fraternal greetings to all Brothers and Companions throughout our country, in full confidence they will cordially respond from each and every part.

We have received the transactions of the following Grand Chapters: Canada, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland and District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Texas, Vermont, and General Grand Chapter, which it is now our province to pass in review.

Of us they say:

FLORIDA.—We receive with pleasure the compliments of sister Florida for the past three years. The transactions for 1863 contain an abridged history of the Grand Chapter of that State in 1847 to 1863, and their reasons for refusing to acknowledge the supremacy of the General Grand Chapter. The Convocation of 1864 contains nothing of special interest to us. That of January 19, 1865, M. E. Comp. George F. Baltzell, G. H. P., has neither address nor report on correspondence. A communication from Tampa Chapter stated that, "Nov. 11, 1864, during a raid by U. S. troops, their Chapter rooms were plundered, and furniture destroyed, the cost of which was over \$500, and books, jewels and charter carried away. The hope that they would be returned has thus far been disappointed." We deeply sympathize with our Florida Companions in their pecuniary loss; also in the deplorable circumstances which occasioned it, and most earnestly desire that every article may be speedily restored to its proper owners, or compensated for by Companions at large.

M. E. Comp. David Jones, G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.

Their tables of statistics and the large volume of their proceedings, reflect great credit on the Grand Secretary for judg-

ment, experience and taste, worthy to be held up to all of her sister Grand Secretaries, who have made great improvement in this art, as a model for imitation.

We fraternally reciprocate the compliments and kind feelings of our sister of the great Empire State, and fervently pray that between the little Flower State on the Gulf and the Empire State there shall exist only a spirit of brotherly love and perpetual fraternal harmony and intercourse.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, convened in St. Johns Hall, Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the fourth day of June, A. L. 5866, A. I. 2396, A. D. 1866.

PRESENT:

- M. E. Comp. GEO. B. WATERHOUSE, G. H. P.
- E. " Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., G. K. pro tem.
- E. " M. Bowes, G. S.
- E. " T. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer.
- E. " T. B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials reported ten Chartered Chapters and five Under Dispensation, duly represented, whereon the Grand Chapter was opened, in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. G. H. P. delivered his annual address, which is brief and confined to local matters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by Companion Alfred Martin, made their report, which is introduced with this apology, which I give, not that I consider that it needs any:

It is with much regret and great reluctance that your committee, in justice to themselves and to the Grand Chapters whose proceedings they have undertaken to review, are constrained to introduce their report with an apology for its defects. The continued ill health of Comp. Fanning, the Chairman, in whose hands the proceedings were placed, rendered it necessary to turn them over to us at almost the last moment, leaving us barely time to give them even what may be termed a very superficial examination. We trust, therefore, in the Masonic charity of this and our sister Grand Chapters, for a free pardon for all defects in our report.

They make an able and spirited review of the proceedings of the twenty-second Grand Chapter of Florida. They say:

The proceedings of 1866 open with a short address by M. E. David Jones, G. H. P. We are gratified to find that our sister of Florida has been enabled to survive the terrible ordeal through which that State has passed, and that the fire is still burning upon a few of her altars.

There is a most excellent report on correspondence from Comp. Thomas Brown. We trust that in the coming years we shall be in regular communication with our Companions of Florida. They have our most sincere and cordial good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

And they conclude with these very just and sensible remarks. I am glad to say, with our spirited Companion, that the number are few who are obnoxious to this rebuke, and it will be sure that I have not let them escape my notice:

The events of the late war have given an impetus to Masonry that will elevate it high above the most exalted position that it has ever occupied before, in this, or perhaps in any other country, and its benign influence may yet accomplish more, in removing sectional prejudices and establishing peace and good will among men, than our most enthusiastic faith in its power has ever led us to hope for. We have discovered in our examination of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, that there are a few, and we rejoice to say a very few, prominent Masons that cannot divest themselves of political and sectional prejudices. Those men are enemies to the institution. They have too much intelligence not to understand the principles of the Order, and that the practice of introducing political, sectional or sectarian prejudices into their Masonic addresses and reports, and making the principles of Masonry secondary in consideration to the promptings of such feelings, is subversive of the fundamental laws of the Order. And they should be rebuked promptly and sternly in every instance, and by every Lodge and Chapter in the land, supreme and subordinate.

TENNESSEE.

At a stated annual meeting of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Tennessee, begun and held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Nashville, on the second Monday in October, (being the fourteenth day of the month,) A. D. 1861, A. L. 5861, Y. D. 2391, there were

PRESENT:

M. E. CHARLES A. FULLER, P. G. H. P., as Grand High Priest.
E. William R. Ross, Grand King pro tem.

E. A. B. Enloe, Grand Scribe pro tem.
E. William H. Horn, Grand Treasurer.
E. James W. Baldwin, Grand Secretary pro tem.

There being a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters represented, the M. E. Grand Chapter of Tennessee was opened in due form.

NOTE.—In consequence of the peculiar position of military affairs—rendering access to Nashville impracticable—no meetings of the Grand Chapter were held in the years 1862, 1863, and 1864.

At a stated annual meeting of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Tennessee, begun and held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Nashville, on the second Monday of October, (being the ninth day of the month,) A. D. 1865, A. L. 5855, Y. D. 2395, there were

PRESENT:

M. E. JONATHAN HUNTINGTON, Grand High Priest.
E. John Frizzell, Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Jos. M. Anderson, Grand King pro tem.
E. A. S. Underwood, Grand Scribe pro tem.
E. Williamson H. Horn, Grand Treasurer.
E. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary.

There being a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters represented, the M. E. Grand Chapter of Tennessee was opened in Ample Form.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. On counting the ballots the following Companions were declared to be elected, viz:

Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, of Winchester, Grand High Priest.
“ M. Whitten, of Rutherford Station, D. G. H. P.
“ J. M. Comegys, of Brownsville, Grand King.
“ J. L. Strickland, of Trenton, Grand Scribe.
“ William H. Horn, of Nashville, G. Treasurer.
“ Charles A. Fuller, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.
“ and Rev. A. J. Mahan, of Dyersburg, Grand Chaplain
“ William Maxwell, of Mt. Pelia, Grand Captain of Host.

No other business of importance seems to have been trans-

acted, but the notice that at an annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood for the State of Tennessee, held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Nashville, October 10, A. D. 1865, A. L. 5865, there were

PRESENT :

- M. E. JOHN McCLELLAND, Grand President.
- " J. Huntington, Grand Vice President.
- " A. S. Underwood, Grand Chaplain pro tem.
- " John Frizzell, Grand Treasurer.
- " Isaac C. Reavis, Grand Recorder pro tem.
- " John S. Dashiell, G. Master of Ceremonies pro tem.
- " M. A. House, G. Conductor.
- " M. Whitten, G. Herald.
- " Charles A. Fuller, G. Steward.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Council then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following M. E. Companions were declared to be duly elected, viz :

- Comp. John S. Dashiell, of Nashville, Grand President.
- " A. S. Underwood, of Yorkville, Grand Vice President.
- " J. Huntington, of Nashville, G. Chaplain.
- " John Frizzell, of Winchester, G. Treasurer.
- " Isaac C. Reavis, of Dresden, G. Recorder.
- " D. I. Wells, of Bolivar, G. Master of Ceremonies.
- " A. S. Currey, of Trenton, G. Conductor.
- " M. A. House, of Obion county, G. Herald.
- " Charles A. Fuller, of Nashville, G. Steward.

VERMONT.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont assembled at Mason's Hall, in Burlington, on the first Wednesday of Oct., A. D. 1866, year of Discovery 2396, it being the 3d day of said month, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened in Ample Form.

PRESENT :

- M. E. EDWARD S. DANA, as Grand High Priest.
- E. Gamaliel Washburn, as Deputy Grand High Priest.
- E. Squire Marcy, Grand King.
- E. S. R. Stocker, Grand Scribe.
- E. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

There being the requisite number of Chapters duly represented, the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Solemn and Ample Form, and the M. E. G. H. P. delivered his Annual Address, which is entirely of a local character and calls for no immediate notice.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a Report reviewing the Proceedings of 22 Grand Royal Arch Chapters, among which I find Florida for 1863-4-5-6.

Of Florida, they say :

We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State for the years 1863, 4, 5 and 6, held each year in January, at Tallahassee. Appended to the proceedings of 1863 is an interesting abbreviated history of the Grand Chapter of that State from its organization in 1847 to 1863. In 1864 and 1865 the usual business was transacted.

The 20th Annual Convocation was held January 8th, A. D. 1866. M. E. David Jones, Grand High Priest, with a complement of other Grand Officers and a due representation of subordinate Chapters, were present.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates the "companions upon the return of peace to our once happy and prosperous country." In regard to the condition of Capitulary Masonry, he says, "I am happy to state that from the best information I can gather our Chapters are now in a healthy condition, and doing much good work in the advancement of our great and glorious cause.

Comp. Thomas Brown, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a carefully written report, noticing the proceedings of nine Grand Chapters, including Vermont.

He introduces his notice of our proceedings by quoting the first paragraph of Comp. Washburn's address, reciprocating the fraternal sentiments therein expressed.

He responds to the remarks and resolutions presented by Comp. Washburn in a truly fraternal spirit, which he prays may be as enduring as the sublime principles of our beloved Order.

VIRGINIA.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia begun and held in the Mason's Hall, in the City of Richmond, on Thursday, being the 14th day of December, A. L. 5865, A. I. 2395, A. D. 1865.

PRESENT :

- M. E. JOHN R. PURDIE, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Thomas F. Owens, Grand King, p. t.
 " Edward H. Lane, Grand Scribe.
 E. Thomas U. Dudley, Grand Treasurer.
 E. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials reported 44 Chapters duly represented, and the M. E. G. H. P. opened the M. E. Grand Chapter in Ample Form. There was no Annual Address from the M. E. G. H. P.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that they have received from the Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, to-wit:

Alabama, 1859; Florida, 1864 and 1865; Indiana, 1865; Iowa, 1865; Kentucky, 1865; Louisiana, 1864 and 1865; Maine, 1864 and 1865; Missouri, 1865; Mississippi, 1860 (Grand Council); Maryland, 1865; Rhode Island, 1860; Vermont, 1864 and 1865; Wisconsin, 1865; New Jersey, 1865.

These we have carefully read, and take great pleasure in saying they seem everywhere to be pursuing the even tenor of Royal Arch Masonry, and consequently present few subjects for criticism or discussion.

Through the fraternal politeness of other Grand Chapters, we are made acquainted with the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters in addition to the foregoing, viz: of California, Canada, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York and New Hampshire, all of whom are characterized by the same Masonic unity of purpose which forms the grand basis of action of our time-honored institution—the amelioration of man in his fallen condition.

The Old Dominion steadily maintains the even tenor of her way, amid the insults and degradation which have been heaped on her by dislocation and dismembership. But the Grand Architect will support her venerable head above the puny malice of radicalism and puritanical hypocrisy.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin held their Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, in the City of Milwaukee, commencing February 1st, A. D. 1865, A. I. 2395

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. E. MELVIN L. YOUNGS, Grand High Priest.

R. E. David H. Wright, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 R. E. Asahel Beckwith, Grand King.
 R. E. Thomas B. Tyler, as Grand Scribe.
 R. E. John H. Rountree, as Grand Treasurer.
 R. E. Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.
 E. Rev. Robert Langley, Grand Chaplain.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin was opened in the R. A. D. in Solemn and Ample Form, and the M. E. G. H. P. made a most excellent Annual Report; in which, commenting on the many blessings which the Supreme Architect has dispensed to his children in this transient abode, and especially to our Northern Brethren, he says:

But while we thus contemplate with satisfaction our own peaceful and happy lot, let us not forget that some of our sister jurisdictions have been denied this privilege. Some of them are reaping the fruits of a cruel and bloody war. Their lands are laid waste, their homes made desolate by the ravages of contending armies. The Altars around which they were wont to bow are now overturned. Their Subordinates are broken up, and they denied the privilege, which we are now enjoying, of meeting in Grand Convocation, to deliberate upon and devise measures to promote the well-bearing of the Craft. Let us all reverently pray to Almighty God that the time may soon come when wars and rumors of wars shall cease, and no more be heard in our once happy land. When brother shall no longer be called upon to raise his hand against his brother. When the Altars which are now broken down and destroyed shall again be reared, and their fires again lighted to be no more extinguished.

When met with such cheerful greetings and fraternal sympathizing from the whole order of Capitulary Masonry, we are constrained to break out in the beautiful strains of Psalmody: "How lovely it is for Brethren to live together in harmony." This noble model of a M. E. Grand High Priest, in reciting the performances of his official duties, says:

I have thus visited and instructed the officers of all the Chapters now working in this jurisdiction. With two exceptions, I found all anxious to conform to the work adopted, and well pleased to know they had something in the way of ritual which they could look upon as authority.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report the receipt of the proceedings of 14 Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and regret their failure to have received the others, among which they name Florida. The report is full and able.

THOMAS BROWN.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct, and recommend that said accounts be published with the proceedings.

T. Y. HENRY, Chairman.

Which report was received and adopted.

T. P. TATUM, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with the Grand Chapter:

1866.	DR.	
Feb. 12.—To cash received from H. A. Corley, G. S.,		\$300 00
1867.		
Jan. 12.—To cash received from H. A. Corley, G. S.,		142 00
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1866.	CR.	
Jan. 11.—By D. I. Craft's bill for tyling,		\$8 00
By Micanopy R. A. Chapter, No. 16,		
Dues remitted		38 00
Feb. 12.—By H. A. Corley, G. S., salary,		100 00
By Dyke & Sparhawk, printing,		123 00
By cash on hand to balance,		173 00—\$442 00

HUGH A. CORLEY, *Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

1866.	DR.	
To the following amounts received from Subordinate Chapters, dues for 1865:		
From Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.....		\$ 61 00
From Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5.....		80 00

From Quincy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7.....	59 00
From Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9.....	111 00
From Alachua Royal Arch Chapter, No. 13.....	21 00
From Greenwood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 15.....	46 00
From Micanopy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 16.....	38 00
From Tampa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 17.....	31 00
Charter Fee Concord Chapter, No. 18.....	50 00
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	\$497 00

1866.	CR.	
Feb. 12.—By cash paid Treasurer,.....		\$300 00
1867. Jan. 12.—By cash paid Treasurer,....		142 00
Jan. 14.—By Balance.....		55 00—\$497 00
1867.	DR.	
Jan. 14.—To balance on hand.....		\$55 00

The following circumstances were called to the attention of the Grand Chapter:

The Records of Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11, of Warrington, having been carried off by some unknown person during the war, were purchased by a Companion in Connecticut from a soldier who had served in Florida, and presented to the Grand Chapter of that State in 1864, for the purpose of restoration. Said record has since been forwarded by Comp. John W. Paul, Grand Secretary, and is now in the possession of Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11.

Comp. Dawkins offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we thank an unknown Companion for an act of fraternal kindness in recovering the records of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, and the Grand R. A. Chapter of Connecticut for their restoration through Comp. John W. Paul.

Resolved, That we congratulate the Masons of our country that this is but one of many acts, recently brought to our knowledge, which show that even the bitterness of civil war cannot quench our brotherly love or sever Masonic ties.

On motion of P. G. H. P. Henry, permission was granted to Quincy R. A. Chapter, No. 7, to elect a new set of officers at their next regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the officers elect having declined to be installed.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to purchase a set of Jewels, Collars and Robes for the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be tendered to P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for his services and for fuel and other expenses.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following officers were duly elected, viz:

- Comp. David Jones, Grand High Priest.
- " William Morrill, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- " Charles Slager, Grand King.
- " Charles K. Sparhawk, Grand Scribe.
- " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- " Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
- " Samuel C. Craft, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

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WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1867.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

- M. E. DAVID JONES, Grand High Priest.
- E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, D. G. H. P.
- E. Elias Earle, Grand King.
- E. Charles Slager, as Grand Scribe.
- E. T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- E. Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
- Rt. Rev. Samuel C. Craft, as Grand Chaplain.
- Comp. William B. Taylor, G. C. H.
- " Calvin Gillis, as G. P. S.
- " Wm. H. Arendell, as G. R. A. C.
- " Reuben J. Thornton, as G. M. 3d Vail.
- " Samuel Pasco, G. M. 2d Vail.
- " M. M. T. Hutchinson, as G. M. 1st Vail.
- " Edward M. West, as Grand Tyler.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that they find no unfinished business requiring action by the Grand Chapter.

Which report was received.

The officers elect for the ensuing year were duly installed.

The Grand Council appointed the following officers, who were duly installed by the M. E. Grand High Priest:

- Comp. Wm. H. Arendell, G. C. H.
- " Edward Bradford, Jr., G. P. S.
- " Calvin Gillis, G. R. A. C.
- " Samuel Pasco, G. M. 3d Vail.
- " L. F. Foster, G. M. 2d Vail.
- " Reuben J. Thornton, G. M. 1st Vail.
- " Edward M. West, Grand Tyler.

On motion, further time was granted to Greenwood Chapter, No. 15, to pay their dues to the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, to whom was referred the proposed By-Laws of Florida R. A. Chapter No. 1, and Concord R. A. Chapter No. 18, recommend that the same be approved, with the following amendments, viz: Strike out the words "last past," before the words "High Priest," in the 3d line of Sec. 2, Chap. II, and strike out 1st Division, Sec. 2, Chap. V, and substitute "All Committees shall be appointed by the High Priest."

D. C. DAWKINS, Chairman.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence accompanying the Address of the M. E. G. H. P., made the following report, which was received and adopted:

M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred a communication dated August 7, 1866, by Comp. G. L. Price, H. P., of Micanopy Chapter No. 16, addressed to the Grand High Priest,

ask leave to report: That your Committee do not approve of the plan of striking from the roll for non-payment of dues, and we are not aware of any law of the Grand Chapter authorizing such practice. The Chapter should first consider of the pecuniary ability of its non-paying members to pay Chapter dues; and if indigent, they should be exonerated therefrom, and so reported in their annual returns. If there are any who are able to pay such reasonable dues as may be required by the by-laws of the Chapter, and persistently refuse to do so, the most efficient remedy is to suspend them indefinitely, after notification and due trial, upon charges for "unmasonic conduct," with proper specifications.

The Chapter deviated from general custom in conferring Degrees on a credit. Such error in the Chapter, however, does not lessen the obligation of the Brother and Companion, but rather increases it; and if he can pay the fee, and will not, he should be promptly expelled. On the other hand, if he is insolvent, the creditor, i. e. the Chapter, should lose it.

D. C. DAWKINS,
C. SLAGER,

Committee.

The M. E. G. G. P. appointed the following Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Comps. Thomas Brown, DeWitt C. Dawkins, T. P. Tatum and Hugh A. Corley.

On motion, the Grand Tyler was allowed \$5 per diem for his services at the present Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until to-morrow, 3 o'clock P. M.

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THURSDAY, January 17, 1867.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. David Jones, Grand High Priest.
E. William Morrill, D. G. H. P.
E. Charles Slager, Grand King.

E. Charles K. Sparhawk, Grand Scribe.
E. T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
E. Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
Rt. Rev. Samuel C. Craft, Grand Chaplain.
Comp. James Ellenwood, as G. C. H.
" L. E. Laird, as G. P. S.
" Samuel Pasco, G. M. 3d Vail.
" Wm. B. Taylor, G. M. 2d Vail.
" Reuben J. Thornton, G. M. 1st Vail.
" Edward M. West, Grand Tyler.

P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. Dawkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have printed 200 copies of the proceedings of the present Grand Convocation, and that he be instructed to have said printing done in the best style and at the cheapest rates practicable.

On motion, the sum of five dollars was allowed to Harry Hawkins for making fires, &c., during the present Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest:

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

List of the four Principal Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, from its organization, January 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2397.

Year.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.
1847	Thomas Douglass,*	John P. Duval,*	Harry R. Taylor,	George W. Macrae,*
1848	John P. Duval,*	Isaac H. Bronson,*	George W. Macrae,*	D. S. Graham,*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson,*	Harry R. Taylor,	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*
1850	Harry R. Taylor,	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*	Gad Humphreys,*
1851	Thomas Brown,	Gad Humphreys,*	Alfred A. Fisher,	Benjamin Sawyer,
1852	R. A. Shine,*	Sam. B. Stephens,	Samuel Boardman,*	Daniel G. McLean,
1853	Samuel Boardman,*	J. M. W. Davidson,	C. A. M. Mitchell,*	James S. Rust,*
1854	J. Wayles Baker,	Thomas Y. Henry,	James Ellenwood,	John L. McKinnon,
1855	Thomas Hayward,	Edward R. Ives,	Joseph S. May,	James M. Baker,
1856	Gad Humphreys,*	Edward R. Ives,	John L. McKinnon,	James Ellenwood,
1857	Thomas Hayward,	James Ellenwood,	John L. McKinnon,	David S. Walker,
1858	D. P. Holland,	James Ellenwood,	D. P. Holland,	Charles E. Dyke,
1859	Thomas Y. Henry,	James M. Baker,	George F. Baltzell,	Calvin Davis,
1860	George F. Baltzell,	George F. Baltzell,	George F. Baltzell,	Josiah Paine,
1861	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	George D. Fisher,	Charles Slager,
1862	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Franklin Branch,	D. C. Dawkins,
1863	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Chas. Slager,	William H. Arendell,
1864	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Green H. Hunter,	William H. Arendell,
1865	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	Thos. K. Leonard,	Elias Earle.
1866	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	B. S. Fuller.	A. J. Lea.

*Deceased.

ANNUAL RETURNS

FROM

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.—Tallahassee.

OFFICERS :

George Damon, H P,
Hugh A Corley, K,
Edward Bradford, Jr, S.
J P Crichlow, Treasurer,
John L Taylor, Secretary,
Wm P Slusser, R A C,

Isaac W Bowen, C H,
John B Galbraith, P S,
John Pratorius, M 3d Vail.
Charles K Sparhawk, M 2d Vail,
Wm F Shine, M 1st Vail,
Edward M West, Guard.

COMPANIONS :

T Brown, P H P & P G H P,
T Hayward, P H P & P G H P,
J Wayles Baker, P G H P,
David S Walker, P H P,
T Preston Tatum, P H P,
David C Wilson, R A M,
Charles E Dyke,
Alfred A Fisher,*
Edwin L T Blake,
David E Mason,
D Walker Gwynn,
Bufort Williams,
Thomas J Roberts,
Joshua Saunders,*
Ephraim Saunders,†
Joseph A Edmondson,
William E Boswell,
John S Bond,
John P DuVal,

Lucian S DuVal, R A M,
Wm K Beard,
Mathew Lively,*
N S Goodman,
P B Brokaw,
George Green,
John S Parker,
Charles H Hopkins,
Theodore Ball,
Charles E Hayward,*
Nicholas W Eppes,
Leonidas Byrd,
Frank M Bunker,
Robert Heir,
Robert Gamble, Jr,
M A Dzialynski,
Wm W Carr,
E L Cope,
Robert B Hilton.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

T Preston Tatum, H P, Charles H Hopkins, Treasurer
Edward Bradford, Jr, K, John L Taylor, Secretary.
Charles K Sparhawk, S,

Number of members, 50. Exaltations, 3. Died, † 1. Dimited,* 3. Dues paid, \$52.

Regular meetings 2d and 4th Mondays in each month. Fees for Chapter degrees, \$50.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello.*

OFFICERS :

James Ellenwood, H P, Henry H. Berry, Treasurer,
B S Fuller, K, W O Girardeau, Secretary,
Thomas J Chace, S, Thomas J. Chace, Jr, Guard.

COMPANIONS :

W W Abbott, Jabez Martin,
Wm H Arendell, G F McMullen,
J R Atkinson, A R J Miller,
John A Barco, Frank A Monroe,
G W Beal, Harmon Morris,
J S Benton, Joel Morris,
W W Boyd,* Daniel L Oakley,
J A Brooks, F N B Oliver,
J L Brooks, Samuel Pasco,
F T Buchanan, Thomas J Porter,
Jas F Carter, J B Ponder,
D C Clark, W B Ponder, †
W B Clark, R Scott,
J T Collins, Charles H Stebbins,
James Collins, Calvin Surles,
Joel B Collins, Joshua Taylor,
Aaron Daniel, Wm B Taylor,
Calvin Davis, John A Townsend,
W W Davis, William W Tucker,
Chas B DeCaussey, Junius Turnbull,
R J Denmark, Samuel J Turnbull,
James W DeWitt, Jos D Turner,
Wm S Dilworth, George W Turner,

William Ellis,
John W Eppes,
Israel Folsom,
Richard M. Gilbert,
George W Herring,
Whit H Horton,
Thos F Johnson,
M G W Jordan,
J M Johns,
S Katzenberg,
W L Kennedy,
Jas A. Kilpatrick,
A J Lea,

W L Vinson,
J J Walker,
J G M Warnock,
R T Wethers,
Abner Wethington,
Wm J Woods,
M Young,
E J Holmes,*
W E Hamilton,
D H Bryan,
Anderson Peeler,
J H Sheffield, †

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

James Ellenwood, H P, James Collins, Treasurer,
B S Fuller, K, Samuel Pasco, Secretary.
Thomas J Chace, S,

Number of members, 77. Dues paid, \$72. Died,* 1. Dimited, † 2. Suspended, † 1.

Regular meetings, Friday before the 4th Saturday in each month. Fees for Chapter degrees, \$25.

QUINCY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 7.—*Quincy.*

OFFICERS :

A J Smith, H P, Thos B Nathans, Treasurer,
J J Williams, K, Chas D Towers, Secretary.
C A Gee, S,

COMPANIONS :

T Y Henry, PHP & PGHP, Samuel B Love,
S B Stephens, PHP & PGHP, E C Love,
A Alderman, R A M, O E McKeon,
C Burghard, Arch'd Nicholson,
M Burghard, A M Nathans,
M B Floyd, W C Rawls,
T E Gibson, John P Scott,
Jason Gregory, A W Smith,
C A Hentz, Gabe Smith,
C A Huntington, David T Wilson,

E W Henry,
M Hahn,
B H Joiner,
O P Lunday,
Henry Love,

David H Wilson,
Joseph D Wilson,
W W Harrell,
N S Cloud,
Geo C Wentz†.

Number of members, 35. Exaltations, 6. Dues, 39. Died,† 1.
Regular meetings, 1st Friday of each month. Fees for Chapter degrees, \$25.

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.—*Lake City.*

MEMBERS :

A J T Wright,
Langley Bryant,
George M Cline,
E R Ives,
James W Cathey,
Isaac Cone,
W T Bacon,
Thomas W Carter,
S S Smith,
F Wolff,
M A Knight,
Jas A Newman,
J W Sheffield,
J J Adams,
J A Barnes,
Alva B Knight,
Rev R L Wiggins,
Charles E. Jones,
— Hateley,
M. M. T. Hutchinson,
F E Grossman,
John Groves,
M K Reed,
H J Wilson,
J R Craig,†
M Whit Smith,†
J N Haddock,*

Martin Hancock,
Thomas M Mickler,
R C Martin,
Walter R Moore,
Green H Hunter,
T J Stallings,
William W Moore,
W H Jernigan,
Chas W Johnson,
David Jones,
Rev W J Duval,
Wm Grothe,
John S Purviance,
J H Matthews,
A B Satchwell,
James E Young,
Silas L Niblack,
James Banks,
W C Newbern,
H M Stephens,
~~Peter Cone,~~
A Davidson,
G L Scranton,
J L Dozier,*
W H Cone,*
Peter Cone,*
Robert B Thomas.*

R. A. Masons, 58. Exaltations, 7. Dues paid, \$60. Died,†
2. Dimitted, 5.*
Regular meetings, 1st Monday in each month. Fees for Chapter degrees, \$25.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Walter R Moore, H P,
M M T Hutchinson, K,

T M Mickler, S,
James W Cathey, Secretary.

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.—*Warrington.*

OFFICERS :

William Morrill, H P,
Austin F Clapp, K,
Thomas Devery, S,
G Forcheimer, Treasurer,

Wm A Mills, Secretary,
James Walsh, C H,
E E Kelly, P S.

COMPANIONS :

Robert Garrett,
John Hoodless,
G H O'Neal,
W H Judah,
Wm W J Kelly,
W D Maddocks,
Joseph Marthon,
Neil Matthison,
Eugene McConin,
Samuel McClelland,

James McCoy,
Barton A Philibert,
Jno Leslie Porter,
William Pollock,
Thos C Quayle,
Hugh Simmons,
Thomas Stearns,
Alfred L Williams,
Geo E P Burcham.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

William Morrill, H P,
A F Clapp, K,
Thomas Devery, S,

Wm Pollock, Treasurer,
Eugene McConin, Secretary.

R. A. Masons, 26. Exaltations, 12. Dues, \$38. Rejected, 3.
Regular meetings, 1st and 3d Mondays of each month. Fees for Chapter degrees, \$35.

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.—*Jacksonville.*

OFFICERS :

Charles Slager, H P,
John P Sanderson, K,
James M Baker, S,

Albert J Russell, P S,
Joseph D Mitchell, R A C,
Michael Hearn, M 3d V,

John S Sammis, Treasurer, T E Buckman, M 2d V,
William Grothe, Secretary, Calvin Gillis, M 1st V,
Theodore Hartridge, C H, John L Ferraud, Guard.

COMPANIONS :

Charles Brown, J Clark Greeley,
C H Barnes, James S Higgins,
Uriah Bowden, Otis L Keene,
F A Baanch, Henry Koopman,
Michael Bows, William Lane,
Paul B Canova, James Livingston,
Morris A Dzialynski, John D McKinlay,
Alceus B Day, D L Oakley,
Chandler S Emery, George A Peck,
J R Francis, Lovett Shattuck,†
Charles D Forbes, Francis I Wheaton,
George C Gibbs, William A Young.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Charles Slager, H P, John S Sammis, Treasurer,
John P Sanderson, K, William Grothe, Secretary.
James M Baker, S,

Royal Arch Masons, 36. Exaltations, 11. Dues, 46. Re-
jected, 1. Died, † 1.

Regular meetings, last Friday in each month. Fees for Chap-
ter degrees, \$50.

GREENWOOD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 15.—*Marianna.*

OFFICERS :

DeWitt C Dawkins, H P, N O J Staley, Sec'y,
Geo F Baltzell, K, H Robinson, C H,
A J Sims, S, H J Robinson, P S.
John B Williams, Treas,

COMPANIONS :

S J Erwin, P H P, A Scott,
J V Dansby, R A M, S A Calhoun,
J M F Erwin, W H Robinson,
A B Hamilton, D H Robinson,

Rev J W Coppedge,
Allen H Bush,
B F Parker,
T S Stapleton,
J W Johnston,
A McMillan,
J M McClellan,
Rev J P Lockey,
F R Pittman,
A R Godwin,
H W Pickett,
L M Moseley,
N M A Morgan,
John Anderson,
Rev Steven Rowe,

J L Robinson,
W J Robinson,*
J A Robinson,
Rev E J Rentz,
Rev W R Talley,
W L Davis,
S L Cawthon,
C C Barber,
C M Graves,
Rev C C Sullivan,
Charles Sims,
I C Robinson,
W H Daughtry,
Irwin Byrd,
C C Burke.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

D W Dawkins, H P, C C Burke, S,
Geo F Baltzell, K, N O J Staley, Sec'y.

R. A. Masons, 45. Exaltation, 1. Dues, \$40. Died,* 1.
Regular meetings, 4th Saturday in each month. Fees for
Chapter degrees, \$25.

MICANOPY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 16.—*Micanopy.*

OFFICERS :

Geo L Price, H P,
C W Merry, K,
J A Stewart, S,
B W Powell, Treas,
J A Stewart, Sec'y,
Jno T Miller, C H,

J M Croxton, P S,
J L Binnicker, R A C,
A W Cook, M 3d Vail,
G L Denton, M 2d Vail,
Geo W Means, M 1st Vail,
S Lowman, Guard.

COMPANIONS :

Jno C Ley, P H P,
J M Arnow, R A M,
David Black,
J S Bauknight,
R H Beville,
T A Carruth,

E L King, R A M,
A H Mathers,
J J Mickle,
Paul McCormick,
A H McCormick,
J J O'Toole,

J D Colding,
A S Cameron,
T R Dean,
J S Dupuis,
J G Faulkner,
E F Gates,
Jeremiah Gamage,
W H Geiger,
J M Hunter,
J T Jolly,
A H Johnson,

A Price,
H C Price,
John Penny,
W S Perry,
J M Payne,
G S Riggs,
C A Ramsey,
J H Simonton,
W A Tyner,
— Timberlake.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

J M Croxton, H P,
A H Mathers, K,
J A Stewart, S,

J H Simonton, Treas,
A W Cook, Sec'y.

R. A. Masons, 45. Exaltations, 9. Dues, \$49. Fees for
Regular meetings, 4th Saturday in each month. Chapter degrees, \$36.

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.—*Tampa.*

OFFICERS :

John Darling, H P,
J T Givens, K,
E A Clarke, S,

Wesley Mansell, Treas,
S C Craft, Sec'y.

COMPANIONS :

Franklin Branch,
William Blakeney,
C Q Crawford,
Josiah Gates,
Daniel Gillett,
James Gettis,
W B Hooker,
J A Henderson,
W B Henderson,
F B Hagan,
A P Hampton,
J M Hayman,

J P McMullen,
H E Martin,
J S Martin,
H L Mitchell,
Madison Post,
Joseph Robles,
H V Snell,
Daniel Stanford,
W I Turner,
J S Turner,
R B Thomas,
R M Wells,

J L Lockhart,
Wm A Lively,

J T Wilson,
P A Williams.*

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

John Darling, H P,
H L Mitchell, K,
Wm A Lively, S,

R M Wells, Treas,
F Branch, Sec'y.

R. A. Masons, 33. Exaltations, 5. Dues, \$36. Dimitted,*
1. Rejected, 2.

CONCORD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 18.—*Concord.*

COMPANIONS :

N T Scott,
W C Hendry,
O E Anders,
J J Higdon,
L F Foster,
Thomas Harrison,
J H Joyner,
J C Rawls,
J W Reeves,
N R Hand,
W C Sweet,
A Bowen,
W C Rawls,
Asa Alderman,
A Avritt,
John Anders,
Alex Cramartie,
Wm B Kemp,
Abner Chester,
H S Reeves,

Peter VanLandingham,
Ed VanLandingham,
D A Laing,
D R Ingram,
L R Joyner,
S M Chester,
J A Hall,
S H Harrison,
Mathew Harrison,
W B Hawthorne,
J B Nelson,
A F Hand,
D W Scott,
B F Hinson,
W F Hargrove,
C D Hand,
W B Courtney,
W Dalton,
Wm Anders,
W F King.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

N T Scott, H P,
W C Hendry, K,
O E Anders, S,

Thos Harrison, Treas,
L F Foster, Sec'y.

R. A. Masons, 40. Exaltations, 23. Dues, \$62.

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SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Name Of Chapter.	Number.	Place Of Location.	Companions.	Exaltations.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Dues.	Remarks.
Florida,	1	Tallahassee, . .	50	3	..	..	..	3	1	\$52	No Returns.
Florida,	2	St. Augustine, . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jefferson, . . .	5	Monticello, . . .	77	..	..	1	..	2	1	72	No Returns.
Santa Rosa, . .	6	Milton, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Quincy,	7	Quincy,	35	6	..	..	..	..	1	39	No Returns.
Madison, . . .	8	Madison, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Columbia, . . .	9	Lake City,	58	7	..	..	..	5	2	60	No Returns.
Olive,	10	Ocala, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Mt. Horeb, . .	11	Warrington, . . .	26	12	..	..	3	..	..	38	No Returns.
Jacksonville, .	12	Jacksonville, . .	36	11	..	..	1	..	1	46	No Returns.
Alachua, . . .	13	Newnansville, . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Centreville, .	14	Centreville, . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Greenwood, . .	15	Marianna,	45	1	..	..	..	..	1	40	No Returns.
Micanopy, . . .	16	Micanopy,	45	9	..	..	..	..	..	49	No Returns.
Tampa,	17	Tampa,	33	5	..	..	2	1	..	36	No Returns.
Concord, . . .	18	Concord,	40	23	..	..	..	..	..	62	No Returns.
Total,			445	77	..	1	6	11	7	\$494	

Address of the Grand Officers.

DAVID JONES, M. E. Grand High Priest, Lake City.
 WILLIAM MORRILL, E. D. G. H. P., Warrington.
 CHARLES SLAGER, E. Grand King, Jacksonville.
 CHARLES K. SPARHAWK, E. Grand Scribe, Tallahassee.
 T. PRESTON TATUM, E. Grand Secretary, Tallahassee.
 HUGH A. CORLEY, E. Grand Secretary, Tallahassee.
 SAMUEL C. CRAFT, Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain, Tampa.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA,

AT THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT TALLAHASSEE, JANUARY 14, 1867.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida, assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 14th day of January, A. D. 1867, A. Dep. 2867, and was opened in Ample Form, by the Most Puissant Grand Master Thomas Hayward.

PRESENT:

Thomas Hayward, M. P. Grand Master.
 David Jones, as Deputy Grand Master.
 William Morrill, as P. C. W.
 Charles E. Dyke, as Grand Recorder.
 Hugh A. Corley, as Grand Sentinel.
 And representatives of the following Subordinate Councils, viz:
 Mackey Council, No. 1, Thomas Hayward, T. I. G. M.
 Columbia Council, No. 2, David Jones, P. C. W.
 Overman Council, No. 4, William Morrill, T. I. G. M.
 Alachua Council, No. 5, Jesse T. Bernard, T. I. G. M.
 The following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That all credentials and all applications for membership in the Grand Council be referred to a committee of three.
 The M. P. G. M. appointed Companions Jesse T. Bernard, David Jones and T. P. Tatum to constitute said committee.
 The Grand Council was then called to refreshment until tomorrow evening.

TUESDAY, January 15th.

The Grand Council was called to labor.

Present as on yesterday.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made a report recommending that the Grand Recorder be instructed to write to the Subordinate Councils and request full reports ;

Which was agreed to.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and the following Companions were duly elected :

Comp. William Morrill, Grand Puissant.

" Jesse T. Bernard, Deputy Grand Puissant.

" David Jones, T. I. Grand Master.

" Isaac W. Bowen, G. C. W.

" T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.

" Hugh A. Corley, Grand Recorder.

" Rev. James A. Harrold, Grand Chaplain.

" C. E. Jones, Grand Guard.

The Grand Council was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest :

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF

FLORIDA,

AT THEIR 22^D ANNUAL CONVOCATION, BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY
OF TALLAHASSEE, MONDAY, JAN'Y 13TH, A. D. 1868, A. I. 2898.

AND THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Tallahassee :

DYKE & SPARHAWK, BOOK & JOB PRINTERS.

1868.

1580
1880
20
260
250
500

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1868, A. I. 2398, it being the regular Annual Convocation of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

PRESENT:

- D. G. H. P. WILLIAM MORRILL, as Grand High Priest.
E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, as D. G. H. P.
" Charles Slager, Grand King.
" William A. McLean, as Grand Scribe.
" T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
" Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
Comp. S. M. G. Gary, as G. C. H.
" Seth H. Bunker, as G. P. S.
" James Ellenwood, as G. R. A. C.
" Samuel Pasco, G. M. 3d Vail.
" L. F. Foster, G. M. 2d Vail.
" James R. Dickson, as G. M. 1st Vail.
" Edward M. West, Grand Tyler.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in DUE FORM.

The following communication from the M. E. Grand High Priest, was received and read:

COMPANIONS: Again are we, through the mercy of our Grand High Priest above, allowed the exalted privilege of greeting each other in this our lovely convocation. There is not a heart so obdurate as not to appreciate this inestimable mercy derived from so Holy a source, and knowing that it is from the Father of Light "with whom there is no variableness or shadow of turning," we all, in a measure, feel the impulses arise in our pent up bosoms, forcing the conviction that our walk and conversation

has not been altogether as it should have been. Some, possibly, have not been as faithful in cultivating those traits and virtues that are so characteristic of the good and genuine Mason, and that our holy institution recommends to all its members. Some of us, perchance, are in the same line of unmasonic living that we would condemn in others, and which it is a shame for us to name—conduct which blights our joys in our meditating hours and makes us blush in our convocation seasons.

The reminiscences of past associations always raise emotions of love and gratitude, and on some occasions, as on this, emotions of grief at the departure of some loved companion. On this occasion I have to report the death of our esteemed companion and Past Grand High Priest, Thomas Brown, whom none knew but love. But he is gone! His labors among us will always be remembered with pleasant recollections. But as he is gone to his reward, leaving us to struggle without his counsel or his aid, let us arouse ourselves to the high and responsible duties devolving upon us, and press on with the same indefatigable energy and uncompromising zeal that he did, determined not to yield to obstacles, and ever living in the exercise of courage, faith, hope and charity. Our burden is increased by the departure of so great a light of our order. He no longer puts his shoulder to the wheel with us to help us on, but in the full fruition of the reward he labored so faithfully to obtain while with us, and the remembrance of so bright a light should prompt us to stronger efforts to emulate his example. I would recommend the Grand Chapter to pass suitable resolutions concerning the decease of our P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown.

You are, no doubt, anxious to know what has been the success of the labors of your Grand High Priest during the past year. I have nothing to boast. The times have been as auspicious as I would desire. It may be that I have not made as strenuous efforts as I might have done. I must say that my encouragements to make strenuous efforts have been extremely poor. The almost ruinous poverty of the country is a great bar to my efficiency as well as to every other good cause.

I have granted a dispensation to companion Isaac S. Coon and others, recommended by Alachua Chapter No. 13, to form a Chapter at Lake Butler, in Bradford county. I have visited them since they have been at work, and spent a week with them, in which I must say I was well pleased, and heartily recommend that a Charter be granted to them, the members being of that cast and class that will reflect honor upon the order.

I have also visited Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, at the city of Jacksonville. They have an efficient council and do work in a

laudable and becoming manner, and will compare well with any Chapter in the State or any where else. The companions are composed of that material which will reflect credit upon any institution.

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In conclusion, companions, let me return my grateful acknowledgments to you for the confidence you have manifested in me by placing me in the highest position in your gift, and ask you to pass by my foibles and imperfections. And may the Grand High Priest above keep you and yours as the apple of His eye, making you all workmen that need not be ashamed who rightly esteem this our holy and honorable institution, and may you all do the things that are right and pleasing in His sight, that when done, meeting in convocation here, we may all meet in one general grand convocation in the "House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

DAVID JONES.

The address of the M. E. G. H. P. was referred to Special Committee consisting of companions DeWitt C. Dawkins, William A. McLean, James Ellenwood, Samuel Pasco and S. M. G. Gary.

The G. H. P. appointed a committee on Credentials and Returns, consisting of companions Edward Bradford, Jr., Isaac W. Bowen and T. Preston Tatum.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1868.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

- D. G. H. P. WILLIAM MORRILL, as G. H. P.
- E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, as D. G. H. P.
- " James Ellenwood, as Grand King.
- " William A. McLean, as Grand Scribe.
- " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- " Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
- Comp. S. M. G. Gary, as G. C. H.

Comp. Seth H. Bunker, as G. P. S.
 " Isaac S. Coon, as G. R. A. C.
 " Samuel Pasco, G. M. 3d Vail.
 " L. F. Foster, G. M. 2d Vail.
 " Joseph Tatro, as G. M. 1st Vail.
 " Edward M. West, Grand Tyler.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

On motion, further time was granted to Greenwood Chapter No. 15, to make returns.

The Charter of Madison Chapter No. 8, being mutilated, was returned to the Grand Chapter; whereupon it was

Ordered, That a new Charter be granted to Madison Chapter No. 8, in the names of the present council, and dated on the 27th day of December last.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

The Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following Chapters, to-wit:

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1.—Returns correct. Dues paid, \$39. Hugh A. Corley, H. P., P. B. Brokaw, King, John Pratorius, Scribe.

Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5.—Returns correct. Dues paid, \$70. Henry H. Berry, H. P., D. H. Bryan, King, W. O. Girardeau, Scribe, Samuel Pasco, proxy for High Priest.

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6.—Number of members, 20. Dues paid \$20. Returns informal owing to reasons therein stated. No election of officers. Officers last year, John Chain, H. P.; L. Shield, King; J. P. Mims, Scribe.

Madison R. A. Chapter No. 8.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$20. No returns last year. W. P. Moseley, H. P.; C. H. Smith, King; E. Whitner, Scribe; Seth H. Bunker, Proxy.

Columbia R. A. Chapter No. 9.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$51. M. M. T. Huchingson, H. P.; Green H. Hunter, King; J. E. Young, Scribe.

Olive R. A. Chapter No. 10.—Returns appear to be correct. Dues paid \$14. No officers elected. J. W. S. Crowson, H. P. No returns last year for reasons mentioned in return.

Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter No. 11.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$111. A. F. Clapp, H. P.; E. McConnin, King; C. H. Thompson, Scribe; Wm. Morrill, Proxy for H. P.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$59. Charles Slager, H. P.; William A. McLean, King; Michael Bows, Scribe; Otis L. Keene, Proxy for Scribe.

Newnansville R. A. Chapter No. 13.—Returns for 1866, incorrect. Dues reported \$47. Should be \$53. Returns for 1867, correct. Dues \$48. Paid on account \$14. Thomas A. Bradford, H. P.; W. W. Scott, King; A. Hague, Scribe.

Micanopy R. A. Chapter No. 16.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$39. John C. Ley, H. P.; A. H. Matthews, King; John Penny, Scribe.

Tampa R. A. Chapter No. 17.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$37. F. Branch, H. P.; E. A. Clarke, King; John Darling, Scribe; J. O. Branch, Proxy for H. P.

Concord R. A. Chapter No. 18.—Returns correct. Dues \$53. Paid on account \$38. W. C. Hendry, H. P.; J. J. Higdon, King; W. B. Kemp, Scribe; L. F. Foster, Proxy for officers.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWD. BRADFORD, JR., }
 I. W. BOWEN, } Committee.
 T. P. TATUM, }

Which report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the address of the M. E. G. H. P. reported the address and recommended its publication with the proceedings.

Which report was received and adopted.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Foreign Correspondence.—Comps. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Hugh A. Corley and T. P. Tatum.

On Accounts.—Comps. Seth H. Bunker, Isaac S. Coon and Otis L. Keene.

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—Comps. Seth H. Bunker, L. F. Foster and W. B. Moore.

On motion, a Special Committee was appointed, consisting of

Comps. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Wm. A. McLean and James Ellenwood, to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Chapter upon the death of P. G. H. P. Thomas Brown.

On motion, a Special Committee was appointed, consisting of Comps. Green H. Hunter, T. P. Tatum and Thomas A. Carruth, to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Chapter upon the death of P. G. H. P. J. Wayles Baker.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and a bill of Messrs. Dyke & Sparhawk, for \$40, for printing blank returns, were presented and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Lake Butler Chapter, U. D., were presented and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1868.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT :

- D. G. H. P. WILLIAM MORRILL, as G. H. P.
 E. James Ellenwood, as D. G. H. P.
 " Charles Slager, Grand King.
 " William A. McLean, as Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
 Comp. S. M. G. Gary, as G. C. H.
 " Seth H. Bunker, as G. P. S.
 " Isaac S. Coon, as G. R. A. C.
 " Samuel Pasco, G. M. 3d Vail.
 " William B. Taylor, as G. M. 2d Vail.
 " Thomas P. McHenry, as G. M. 1st Vail.
 " Edward M. West, Grand Tyler.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida :

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, to whom was referred the Dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Lake Butler Chapter, U. D., make the following report :

Your committee have examined the By-Laws and proceedings of said Chapter, and find that their work has been done in accordance with Masonic usage, and the proceedings neatly recorded. The By-Laws and Rules of Order are in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of this Grand Chapter.

We, therefore, recommend that a Charter be granted to said Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MOORE, Acting Chairman.

Which report was received and adopted, and a Charter was granted to Lake Butler Royal Arch Chapter, No. 19.

Comp. Isaac S. Coon, High Priest of Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19, was installed in said office by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

On motion, further time was granted to Alachua Chapter, No. 13, and Micanopy Chapter, No. 16, to pay their dues to the Grand Chapter, and to Tampa Chapter, No. 17, to correct their returns.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Subordinate Chapters of all arrears in dues and inaccuracies in returns.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were duly elected, viz :

- Comp. James Ellenwood, Grand High Priest.
 " William Morrill, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " Charles Slager, Grand King.
 " M. M. T. Huchingson, Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
 " William A. McLean, Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct, and recommend that they be published with the proceedings.

The committee also recommend the payment of the account of Messrs. Dyke & Sparhawk for printing blank returns, and the account of J. P. Crichlow for blank book.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. BUNKER, Chairman.

T. P. TATUM, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

1867.	DR.		
Jan'y 14.—To cash on hand,	-	-	\$173 00
Feb. 12.—To cash from H. A. Corley, G. S.,	509 00	—	\$682 00
1867.	CR.		
Jan'y 18.—By E. M. West, Guard, Vo. No. 1,	\$ 15	00	
24.—By Thomas Brown, Vo. No. 2,	150	00	
1868.			
Jan'y 11.—By H. A. Corley, G. S., Vo. No. 3,	100	00	
By Dyke & Sparhawk, Vo. No. 4,	174	00	
By cash on hand to balance,	243	00	\$682 00

HUGH A. CORLEY, *Grand Secretary,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

1867.	DR.		
Jan. 14.—To balance on hand as per last report,	-	\$ 55	00
To dues from Florida Chapter, No. 1,	-	52	00
To dues from Jefferson Chapter, No. 5,	-	72	00
To dues from Quincy Chapter, No. 7,	-	39	00
To dues from Columbia Chapter, No. 9,	-	60	00
To dues from Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11,	-	38	00
To dues from Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12,	-	46	00
To dues from Micanopy Chapter, No. 16,	-	49	00
To dues from Tampa Chapter, No. 17,	-	36	00
To dues from Concord Chapter, No. 18,	-	62	00
			\$509 00

1867. Cr.
Feb'y 12.—By cash paid T. P. Tatum, G. T. - - \$509 00

The Special Committee, upon the death of P. G. H. P. J. Wayles Baker, made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the death of Companion J. Wayles Baker, respectfully submit the following report:

Companion Baker was at one time M. E. G. H. Priest of this Grand Chapter, and adorned the position by the intelligence, purity of character and manly dignity which were so characteristic of him; and, though dead, he yet speaketh by his example and influence for good which he has left behind him.

Your committee recommend the Grand Chapter to adopt the following resolutions:

1st. That we tender our sincere sympathy to the family of our deceased Companion, and beg them to allow us to share in their sorrows.

2d. That a page of the records of this Grand Chapter be dedicated to his memory, and that our Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish a certified copy of this report to the family.

3d. That we will wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. CARRUTH, }
W. B. TAYLOR, } Committee.
G. H. HUNTER, }

Which report was received and the accompanying resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, January 16, 1868.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

D. G. H. P. WM. MORRILL, as Grand High Priest.

- E. William A. McLean, as Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " Charles Slager, Grand King.
 " James Ellenwood, as Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
 Comp. S. M. G. Gary, as G. C. H.
 " Isaac S. Coon, as G. P. S.
 " Thomas P. McHenry, as G. R. A. C.
 " Calvin Gillis, as G. M. 3d Vail.
 " T. W. Carter, as G. M. 2d Vail.
 " Joseph Tatro, as G. M. 1st Vail.
 " Edward M. West, Grand Tyler.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of officers,
 and the following Grand Officers were duly installed:

- Comp. James Ellenwood, Grand High Priest.
 " William Morrill, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " Charles Slager, Grand King.
 " M. M. T. Huchingson, Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary.
 " William A. McLean, Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following officers and duly
 installed them:

- Comp. Samuel Pasco, Grand Captain of the Host.
 " William B. Taylor, Grand Principal Sojourner.
 " Seth H. Bunker, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
 " Walter R. Moore, Grand Master of the 3d Vail.
 " T. W. Carter, Grand Master of the 2d Vail.
 " Otis L. Keene, Grand Master of the 1st Vail.
 " Edward M. West, Grand Tyler.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of compensation of the Grand Guard and of Harry Hawkins for services in this Grand Chapter, respectfully recommend that the Grand

Tyler receive as compensation five dollars per day for each day's attendance, and that the sum of five dollars be paid to Harry Hawkins for services rendered.

S. H. BUNKER, Chairman.

Which report was received and adopted.

On motion it was

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be printed.

On motion, a Committee on Printing was appointed, consisting of Companions Edward Bradford, Jr., T. Preston Tatum and J. O. Branch, to sit during the recess.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That hereafter the reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be printed in the recess of the Grand Chapter and laid before the Grand Chapter on the first day of each Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Grand Secretary.

LIST OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, from its organization, Jan'y 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2397.

Year.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.
1847	Thomas Douglass,*	John P. Duval,*	Harry R. Taylor,*	George W. Macrae,*
1848	John P. Duval,*	Isaac H. Bronson,*	George W. Macrae,*	D. S. Graham,*
1849	Issac H. Bronson,*	Harry R. Taylor,*	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*
1850	Harry R. Taylor,*	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*	Gad Humphreys,*
1851	Thomas Brown,*	Gad Humphreys,*	Alfred A. Fisher,	Benjamin Sawyer,
1852	R. A. Shine,*	Sam. B. Stephens,	Samuel Boardman,*	Daniel G. McLean,
1853	Samuel Boardman,*	J. M. W. Davidson,	C. A. M. Mitchel,*	James S. Rust,*
1854	J. Wayles Baker,*	Thomas Y. Henry,	James Ellenwood,	John L. McKinnon,
1855	J. Wayles Baker,*	Edward R. Ives,	Joseph S. May,	James M. Baker,
1856	Thomas Hayward,	Edward R. Ives,	John L. McKinnon,	James Ellenwood,
1857	Gad Humphreys,*	James Ellenwood,	John L. McKinnon,	David S. Walker,
1858	Thomas Hayward,	James Ellenwood,	D. P. Holland,	Charles E. Dyke,
1859	D. P. Holland,	James M. Baker,	George F. Baltzell,	Calvin Davis,
1860	Thomas Y. Henry,	George F. Baltzell,	George D. Fisher,*	Josiah Paine,
1861	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Franklin Branch,	Charles Slager,
1862	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Chas. Slager,	D. C. Dawkins,
1863	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Green H. Hunter,	William H. Arendell,
1864	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Thos. K. Leonard,	William H. Arendell,
1865	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	B. S. Fuller.	Elias Earle.
1866	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	Elias Earle.	A. J. Lea.
1867	David Jones.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	Charles K. Sparhawk.
1868	James Ellenwood.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	M. M. T. Huchingson.

*Deceased.

APPENDIX.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER No. 1.—Tallahassee.

OFFICERS :

T. Preston Tatum, H P, Edward Bradford, Jr, K, Chas K Sparhawk, S, Charles H Hopkins, Treas, John T Taylor, Secretary, Isaac W. Bowen, C H,	William P. Slusser, P S, Hugh A Corley, R A C, John Pratorious, M 3d Val, John B Galbraith, M 2d Val, Edward M West, M 1st V, Theodore Ball, Guard.
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MEMBERS.

Thomas Brown,† P G H P, Thomas Hayward, P G H P, David S Walker, P H P, George Damon, P H P, William K Beard, Edwin L T Blake, John S Bond, William E Boswell, Peres B Brokaw, Franklin M Bunker, Leonidas Byrd, William W Carr,	Lucian S DuVal, Charles E Dyke, M A Dzalyvnski, Joseph A Edmondson, Nicholas W. Eppes, George Green, D Walker Gwynn, John N Maige, David E Mason†, John S Parker, Thomas J Roberts, William F Shine,
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E L Cope*
James P Crichtlow,
John P DuVal,

Burford Williams,
David C Wilson.

R A Masons, 41. Ministers, 2. Dues, \$39. Admitted, 1.—
Reinstated, 2. Withdrawn,* 1. Died,† 2. Present number of
members, 38.

Regular meetings 2d and 4th Mondays in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Hugh A Corley, II P,
Peres B Brokaw, K,
John Pratorious, S,

Chas II Hopkins, Treasurer,
John L Taylor, Secretary.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello.*

OFFICERS:

James Ellenwood, II P,
B S Fuller, K,
Thomas J Chace, Sr, S,
James Collins, Treasurer,
Samuel Pasco, Secretary,
W O Girardeau, C H,

Henry II Berry, P S,
Wm II Arendell, R A C,
F A Monroe, M 3d Vail,
James W DeWitt, M 2d V,
Thomas F Johnson, M 1st V,
Joseph D Turner, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Calvin Davis, P H P,
Wm S Dilworth, P H P,
William W Abbott,
Jesse R Atkinson,
George W Beal,
James A Brooks,
J L Brooks,
D H Bryan,
F T Buchanan,
J S Burton,
James F Carter,
Thomas J Chace, Jr,
David E Clark,
William B Clark†

James M Kilpatrick*
A J Lea,
Jabez Martin,
G F McMullen,
A J Miller,
Harmon Morris,
Joel M Morris,
D L Oakley,
F N B Oliver,
Anderson Peeler,
James B Ponder,
J T Porter,
Robert Scott,
C H Stebbins,

I J Collins,
Joel B Collins,
Aaron Daniel,
W W Davis,
Charles B DeCausey,

Calvin Sables,
Joshua Taylor,
William B Taylor,
J A Townsend,
W W Tucker,
Junius Turnbull,
S J Turnbull,
G W Turner,
James P Turner,
W L Vinson,
James J Walker,
J G M Warnock,
R T Wethers,
Abner Wethington,
William J Woods,
M Young,*
John A Barco.

R. J. Denmark,

William Ellis,

John W Eppes,

Israel Folsom,

R M Gilbert,

William E Hamilton,

George W Herring,

Whit II Horton,

J M Johns,

M G W Jordan,

W L Kennedy,

Simon Katzenberg†

R A Masons, 74. Ministers, 4. Dues, \$70. Withdrawn,* 3.
Died,† 1. Suspended,† 1. Present number of members, 69.—
Regular meetings, Friday before the 4th Saturday in every
month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Henry H Berry, H P,
D H Bryan, K,
W O Girardeau, S,

James Collins, Treasurer,
Samuel Pasco, Secretary.

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.—*Milton*

OFFICERS:

John Chain, H P,
L Shield, K,
J R Mims, S,
——— Treasurer,
J A Chaffin, Secretary,
E Whitmire, C H,

William L Criglar, P S,
W W Harrison, R A C,
J E Simpson, M 3d Vail,
D H Golsen, M 2d Vail,
J Gundershimer, M 1st Vail,
H W Allen, Guard.

MEMBERS:

E S Amos,
L N Amos,
C W Jones,
William Ollinger,
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Benjamin Overman,
H W Sindorf,
Henry Slaback.

R A Masons 18. Exaltations, 2. Dues, \$20. Present number of members, 20.

Regular meetings 2d Saturday in every month.

MADISON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 8.—*Madison*

OFFICERS :

Alexander McDonald, H P,	J A Scott, P S,
Chandler H Smith, K,	D L Burbanks, R A C,
George M T Brinson, S,	Thomas Langford, M 3d Vail,
Elijah H Bunker, Treasurer,	E E Whitner, M 2d Vail,
Seth H Bunker, Secretary,	Robert H Shaffer, M 1st Vail,
John F Webb, C H,	Elijah D Gornto, Guard.

MEMBERS :

William E Bryan,	W H Sever,
W H Burton,	Henry M Sutton,
S Flowers,	M H Waring,
M D McLeod,	James L Wyche.
William P. Moseley,	

R A Masons, 21. Ministers, 1. Dues, \$20. Present number of members, 21.

Regular meetings 1st Monday in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

William P Moseley, H P,	W H Burton, Treasurer,
Chandler H Smith, K,	Seth H Bunker, Secretary.
E E Whitner, S,	

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER No 9.—*Lake City.*

OFFICERS :

Walter R Moore, H P,	A Davidson, P S,
M M T Huchingson, K,	J A Barnes, R A C,
Thomas M Mickler, S,	W C Langston, M 3d Vail.

James W. Cathey, Treasurer, R C Martin, M 2d Vail,
William J Duval, Secretary, J E Young, M 1st Vail,
R W Broome, C H, M R Reed, Guard.

MEMBERS :

J J Adams,	A A Knight,
William T Bacon,	M A Knight,
James Banks,	J H Matthews,
W L L Bowen,*	William W Moore,
Langley Bryant,	William C Newbern,
George M Cline,	James A Newman,
H H Colson,*	Silas L Niblack,
Isaac S Coon,*	John S Purviance,
F E Grossman,	A B Satchwell,
William Grothe,*	John Sasser,
J Groves,*	G L Scranton,*
Martin Hancock,	John W Sheffield,
— Hateley,	Stephen S Smith,
Green H Hunter,	T J Stallings,
Edward R Ives,	Reuben J Thornton,*
W H Jernigan,	H F Wilson,*
Charles W Johnson,	Frederick Woolf,
C E Jones,	Arthur J T Wright,
David Jones,	Henry F York.*
John W Jones,	

R. A. Masons, 51. Dues \$51. Withdrawn,* 9. Present number of members 42.

Regular meetings 1st Monday in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

M M T Huchingson, H P,	James W Cathey, Treasurer,
Green H Hunter, K,	William J Duval, Secretary.
J E Young, S,	

OLIVE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 10.—*Ocala.*

MEMBERS :

James W S Crowson, H P,	Summerfield M G Gary,
Hiram Alderman,	Thomas P Gary,

Calvin J Allred,
John F Collins,
Robertson Cruchfield,
Stephen C DeBruhl,
Frederick N Foy,

William H Howard,
Samuel O Howse,
Henry H Hudgsen,
Daniel A Vogt.

R. A. Masons, 13. Dues, \$13. Present number of members, 13.

Regular meetings, Saturdays after the 1st and 3d Fridays in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Calvin J Allred, H P, William H Howard, Treasurer,
James W S Crowson, K, Samuel O Howse, Secretary,
Daniel A Vogt, S,

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.—*Warrington.*

OFFICERS :

William Morrill, H P, J Leslie Porter, P S,
Austin F Clapp, K, A L Williams, R A C,
Thomas Devery, S, James A McCoy, M 3d Vail,
William Pollock, Treasurer, Joseph Marthon,* M 2d Vail,
Eugene McComin, Secretary, Neil Matthison, M 1st Vail,
James Walsh, C H, Hugh Simmons, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Christian Allendorf, James McDonald,
William H Anderson, Thomas McMahan,
A R Baker,* James W Mellor,
William H Bolton,* George W Melville,*
Paul Bryden, D F Metcalf,
Elisha E Brown, William A Mills,
William A Cooper, Carl McK Oerting,
Thomas D Crosby, Wm McK Oerting,
William D Duffen, George H O'Neal,
J K L Duncan, Edward G Park,
B Frank Elliott, Isaac D Pergrin,
Gershon Forcheimer, Barton A Philibart,

Robert Garrett,
Patrick Gibney,
George S Hallmark,
George L Harris,
John K Harris,
N H Holmes,
John Hoodless,
George Jenny,
William H Judah,
Edward E Kelly,
William W J Kelly,
Eugene King,
John W Kohler,
Bernhard Loeb,
David B Macomb,
Walter D Maddocks,
Samuel McClelland,

Andrew J Pickard,
Thomas C Quayle,
Stephen Rand,
James B Roberts,
Amos Ross,
Cuyler Salter,†
Joseph H Simonds,
Wallace M Spear,
Thomas Stearns,
Ephraim Stover,
Albion S Strout,
Robert L Sweetman,*
Richard Thackery,
Charles H Thompson,
John A Walker,
Theodore D Wilson,
Frederick Wunderlich.

R A Masons, 70. Exaltations, 41. Dues, \$111. Admitted, 1. Withdrawn,* 5. Died,† 1. Rejected 2. Present number of members, 64.

Regular meetings, 1st and 3d Mondays in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Austin F Clapp, H P, Neil Matthison, Treasurer,
Eugene McComin, K, George S Hallmark, Secretary,
Charles H Thompson, S,

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.—*Jacksonville.*

OFFICERS :

Charles Slager, H P, A J Russell, P S,
John P Sanderson, K, Joseph D Mitchell, R A C,
James M Baker, S, Michael Bows, M 3d Vail,
John S Sammis, Treas, James S Higgins, M 2d Vail,
William Grothe, Sec'y, T E Buckman, M 1st Vail,
Theodore Hartridge, C H, John Ferrand, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Charles H Barnes,
Uriah Bowden,
Franklin A Branch,
George C Gibbs,
Calvin Gillis,
Jonathan C Greeley,

Charles Brown,
Paul B Canova,
C A Case,
A B Day,
N Devine,
J M DeWaal,
James S Doyle,
Morris A Dzialynski,
Chandler S Emery,
James Fitzgerald,
Charles D Forbes,*
Samuel Fox,
James R Francis,*
Francis I Wheaton,*

Wm H Henderson,
George R Jones,
Otis L Keene,
Henry Koopman,
William Lane,
James Livingston,
Raphael T Masters,
T J McCarthy,
Simon McGregor,
John D McKinley,
William A McLean,
George A Peck,
F Pond,
Wm A Young.

R A Masons, 46. Ministers, 2. Exaltations, 13. Dues, \$57.
Withdrawn,* 3. Present number of members, 43.
Regular meetings, last Friday in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Charles Slager, H P,	John S Sammis, Treasurer,
Wm A McLean, K,	F A Branch, Secretary.
Michael Bows, S,	

ALACHUA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 13.—*Newnansville.*

OFFICERS :

Stephen Fagan, † H P,	Henry Bradford, P S,
James Love, K,	Thomas A Bradford, R A C,
William W Scott, S,	B M Williams, M 3d Vail,
Llewellyn Williams, Treas,	Wm B Wimberly, M 2d Vail,
David W Price, Secretary,	John W Burnett, M 1st Vail,
Thomas P McHenry, C H,	Philip Dell, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Jesse T Bernard,	Thomas F Jones,
John R Beville,	William H Kennedy,
Stephen C Beville,	Edward King,
Stephen Bryan,	R P Lewis,
Samuel W Burnett,	Daniel Lynn,

Isaac J Carter,
James Chesser,
William W Chesser,
John B Dell,
George B Ellis,
Edwin S Gunnell,*
A Hague,
Solomon F Halliday,
James E Harrison,
George Helvenston,
Isaac Highsmith,
J R Hodges,
S J Hodges,

W O'Cain,
John D McKinley,
J Crews Pelot,
J T Prevatt,
Lemuel B Rhodes,
William B Strickland,
Isom B Thomas,
James S Turner,
F A Underwood,
Leonard Varnadoe,
J H Verdier,
Emra P Ward,
Joseph J Warren.

R. A. Masons, 48. Ministers, 3. Exaltations, 2. Dues, \$47.
Admitted, 6. Expelled,* 1. Died, † 1. Rejected 1. Present
number of members, 46.

Regular meetings, 1st and 3rd Thursdays in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Thomas A Bradford, H P,	B M Williams, Treasurer,
William W Scott, K,	James Love, Secretary.
A Hague, S,	

MICANOPY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 16.—*Micanopy.*

OFFICERS :

J M Croxton, H P,	J D Colding, P S,
A H Mathers, K,	J L Binicker, R A C,
J A Stewart, S,	A W Cook, M 3d Vail,
J H Simonton, Treas,	J M Arnow, M 2d Vail,
G L Denton, Sec'y,	George W Means, M 1st Vail,
J T Miller, C H,	Samuel Lowman, Guard.

MEMBERS :

John C Ley, P H P,	E L King,
G L Price, P H P,	Abner H McCormick,
J S Bauknight,	Paul McCormick,
R H Beville,	C W Merry,
David Black,	J J Mickle,

Appendix.

B F Hagan,*
 A P Hampton,*
 J M Hayman,
 Wm B Henderson,
 R B Mitchell,
 Robert B Thomas,
 John S Turner,*
 William I Turner,*
 J T Wilson,
 S Mitchell.

R. A. Masons, 36. Ministers, 2. Exaltations, 3. Dues, \$37.
 Suspended for non-payment of dues,* 13. Died,† 2. Present
 number of members, 19.
 Regular meetings 4th Saturdays in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Frankin Branch, H P,
 Edward A Clarke, K,
 John Darling, S,
 John T Givens, Treasurer,
 Henry L Mitchell, Secretary.

CONCORD, R. A. CHAPTER, No. 18.—Concord.

OFFICERS:

Norman T Scott, H P,
 W C Hendry, K,
 O E Anders, S,
 Thomas Harrison, Treasurer,
 L F Foster, Secretary,
 J J Higdon, C H,
 B H Joyner, P S,
 J C Rawls, R A C,
 W B Kemp, M 3d Vail,
 A Bowen, M 2d Vail,
 D W Scott, M 1st Vail,
 Asa Alderman, Guard.

MEMBERS:

John Anders,
 William Anders,
 A Avritt,
 W J Bell,
 W F Chandler,*
 A Chester,
 S W Chester,
 M B Courtney,
 Alexander Cromartie,
 John Q Cromartie,
 William Dalton,
 W F Hargrave,
 Matthew Harrison,
 Samuel H Harrison,*
 W B Hawthorne,*
 T N Henley,
 B F Hinson,
 D B Ingram,
 L R Joyner,
 Wesley King,
 D A Laing,
 James B Nelson,

Appendix.

A S Cameron,
 Thomas A Carruth,
 Thaddeus R Dean,
 J S Dupuis,
 J G Faulkner,
 Jeremiah Gamage,
 E F Gates,
 W H Geiger,
 James M Hunter,
 Augustus H Johnson,
 J T Jolly,
 J J O'Toole,
 J M Payne,
 John Penny,
 W S Perry,
 B W Powell,
 A P Price,
 H C Price,
 C A Ramsey,
 G S Riggs,
 A A Timberlake,
 W A Tiner.

R A Masons, 44. Ministers, 5. Dues, \$39. Present number
 of members, 44.
 Regular meetings, 4th Saturday in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

John C Ley, H P,
 A H Mathers, K,
 John Penny, S,
 A W Cook, Treas,
 J M Croxton, Secretary.

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.—Tampa.

OFFICERS:

John Darling, H P,
 Henry L Mitchell, K,
 Wm A Lively, S,
 Richard M Wells, Treas,
 Franklin Branch, Secretary.
 Madison Post,† C H,
 John T Givens, P S,
 Wesley Mansell, R A C, M 3d Vail,
 John A Henderson,
 Joseph Robles, Guard.

MEMBERS:

William Blakeney,*
 Edward A Clarke,
 D Isaac Craft,
 Samuel C Craft,
 Christopher Q Crawford,*
 J Gates,*
 James Gettis,†
 Daniel Gillett,
 William B Hooker,*
 J L Lockhart,*
 H G Martin,*
 J S Martin,*
 James P McMullen,*
 W H Nelson,
 Hamlin V Snell,*
 Daniel Stanford,

Solomon Daniels,
A A Flake,
Wiley Ganey,
Joel A Hall,
Amos F Hand,
C D Hand,
N R Hand,†

W C Rawls,
H S Reeves,
J W Reeves,
William C Sweet,
E Vallandigham,
P Vallandigham.

R A Masons, 47. Exaltations, 6. Dues, \$53. Admitted, †.
Withdrawn,* 2. Expelled,† 1. Rejected, 1. Present number
of members, 44.

Regular meetings 1st Wednesday in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

W C Hendry, H P,
J J Higdon, K,
W B Kemp, S,

B H Joyner, Treasurer,
L F Foster, Secretary.

LAKE BUTLER R. A. CHAPTER, U. D.—*Lake Butler.*

(Chartered this Session.)

OFFICERS:

Isaac S Coon, H P,
Samuel B Rhodes, K,
Hope H Colson, S,
John Sasser, Treasurer,
Joshua A Jones, Secretary,
Henry F York, C H,

Charles E Jones, P S,
Thomas C Dekle, R A C,
Roland Thomas, M 3d Vail,
W L Jamerson,* M 2d Vail,
Judge R Hodges, M 1st Vail,
Thomas F Jones, Guard.

COMPANIONS:

John W Beillings,
Alvin Brannan,
Benjamin Brannan,
George W Brooks,
John A Brooks,
Jesse Carter,
James A Cason,
John B Cason,

S J Hodges,
John S Hopson,
Jacob Johns,
J M Johns,
Thomas R King,
John E Matthews,
W W Matthews,
Matthew L McKinney,

Peter Cone,
Chares Croft,
Samuel B Dampier.
R P Hamilton,
Joseph E Harrell,
James E Harrison,
Charles F Hiers,
Edwin D Hodges,

Isaiah F Millisons,
Alfred Newbern,
Solomon Newsom,
William F Reed,
J R Richard,
Daniel B Sheffield,
William Strickland,
Emra P Ward,

R. A. Masons, 44. Exaltations, 27. Died,* 1. Present number of Companions, 43.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Name of Chapter.	Number.	Membership last year.	Exaltations.	Admissions.	Reinstatements.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Present Membership.	Amount of Dues.	Remarks.
Florida.....	1	38	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	38	\$ 39	
Jefferson.....	5	74	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	69	70	
Santa Rosa.....	6	18	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	20	No Returns.
Quincy.....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	21	
Madison.....	8	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	51	
Columbia.....	9	51	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	13	13	
Olive.....	10	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	111	
Mount Horeb.....	11	28	41	1	..	5	1	..	..	43	57	
Jacksonville.....	12	33	13	..	..	3	..	1	..	48	47	No Returns.
Alachua.....	13	48	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Centreville.....	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenwood.....	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	39	
Micanopy.....	16	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	37	
Tampa.....	17	32	3	1	..	..	2	13	..	44	53	
Concord.....	18	40	6	1	..	2	..	..	1	43	..	
Lake Butler.....	U D	..	27	17	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Total, .....	..	440	94	21	2	23	8	14	2	510	\$558	

NAMES AND ADDRESS
OF THE
GRAND OFFICERS.

JAMES ELLENWOOD, M. E. Grand High Priest, Monticello.
WILLIAM MORRILL, E. D. G. H. P., Warrington.
CHARLES SLAGER, E. Grand King, Jacksonville.
M. M. T. HUCHINGSON, E. Grand Scribe, Lake City.
T. PRESTON TATUM, E. Grand Treasurer, Tallahassee.
HUGH A. CORLEY, E. Grand Secretary, Tallahassee.
WILLIAM A. McLEAN, Rt. Rev. G. Chaplain, Jacksonville.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Council of Florida.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Florida, assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Tuesday, January 14, A. L. 5868, A. D. 1868, A. Dep. 2868.

PRESENT :

Comp. William Morrill, M. P. Grand Master.
" D. C. Dawkins, as T. I. Grand Master.
" Samuel Pasco, as Gt. C. W.
" T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
" Hugh A. Corley, Grand Recorder.
" Edward M. West, Grand Sentinel.

With representatives from Subordinate Councils.

The M. P. G. M. appointed a committee on Credentials and Returns, consisting of Companions T. P. Tatum, Wm. B. Taylor and M. M. T. Huchingson.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns, reported the following Subordinate Councils represented in this Grand Council, viz: Mackey Council, No. 1; Columbia Council, No. 2; Overman Council, No. 4; and Alachua Council, No. 5.

The M. P. Grand Master delivered the following address :

Companions :—I congratulate you on the present occasion.—The history of another year has been written and rolled up among the annals of the past, and the unwritten future is before us.

We are again assembled within the Cryptic Arch to review our past labor, and lay our designs upon the trestle board for future action. The past year has been one of various vicissitudes of unparalleled stagnation of business, consequent upon a disorganized government and the crippled condition of our domestic affairs. Pestilence and famine have also pervaded many portions of our fair country, and crushed our people under their iron rule. Nevertheless, we have much to be thankful for. The earth has been permitted to yield her fruits in due season, and the husbandman rejoices in a bountiful harvest of the cereals necessary for human existence. Although the pestilence has swept over a large portion of our heritage, and many of our beloved Companions have been called by the Supreme Grand Master within the Sealed Arch from whence they will never return, among whom some of our brightest jewels have fallen from our crown, we have sufficient still to inspire in us the most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the Great I Am. Then may we not forget Him as the Creator and Preserver of our being, and that the unnumbered blessings that we enjoy "like the dews of Heaven" have fallen from His bountiful hand. Let us therefore implore His assistance and protection during our present convocation. May He preside in our Council, and by His wisdom guide and direct our plans in all such things as He may be pleased to approve and bless.

I have not much of an official character to report to you on this occasion; no question of grievance or masonic usage or custom having been presented for my consideration. Having previously ordered a meeting of Overman Council, No. 4, at Milton, I visited them on the 8th of April last, re-organized that Council, and by virtue of my high office held an election, installed their officers and worked the Royal and Select Degrees. I found them unable to make a quorum, and but for the assistance that I carried with me, would have been obliged to return without effecting a re-organization. I left them however, with a full working number; since that time, owing to a severe optical inflammation during the remaining spring and summer months, I was unable to devote to them much of my attention; my subsequent intercourse with them justifies me in saying that they give good evidence of a prosperous future.

On the 10th April I granted a Dispensation upon the petition of nine Select Masters of good standing to hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Washington, organized the same, and presided over it in person. Much good work has been done and the Cryptic Act has received there an impetus that will not soon fade away. The Council now is in perfect order and good condition, as its returns and records will exhibit, all of which

will be submitted for your inspection; I respectfully recommend that a charter be issued to them.

The Grand Council at its last Convocation failed or neglected to appoint a committee of Foreign Correspondence. In September last I directed an appointment to be forwarded to Companions Jesse T. Bernard, D. P. G. M., T. P. Tatum, G. T., and Hugh A. Corley, G. Recorder, requesting them to act as such Committee, to examine all such correspondence as might be received at the Grand Recorder's office, to consider the same and report their views to this Grand body at its ensuing Convocation. This would have been done at an earlier period but for my affliction previously alluded to.

During my confinement I received the printed proceedings of the Grand Council of Maine at a Convocation held at Portland on the 8th of May, 1867, accompanied with a circular from the Grand Recorder's Office, calling my attention to certain resolutions passed by that august body. At that time I was unable to peruse it. It has since received my careful consideration, and the resolutions commend themselves to my unqualified approbation. The report on Foreign Correspondence is replete with sound suggestions and much valuable information. It exhibits much labor and talent, and demonstrates the fact that "the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties" was happily overcome by the "industry and zeal" of its talented author.

WM. MORRILL, M. P. G. M.

On motion the Dispensation of Union Council, Warrington, was referred to the Committee on Credentials and Returns.

On motion, it was

Ordered, that a duplicate charter be granted to Alachua Council, No. 5.

The Grand Council was then called to refreshment until the 17th instant.

FRIDAY, January 17, 1868.

The Grand Council was called to labor.

PRESENT:

WILLIAM R. MORRILL, M. P. Grand Master.
Jesse T. Bernard, D. P. Grand Master.
George Damon, as T. I. Grand Master.

Edward Bradford, Jr., as G. C. W.
 Hugh A Corley, Grand Recorder.
 John L. Taylor, Grand Conductor.
 Edward M. West, Grand Guard.

The Committee on Credentials and returns to whom was referred the Dispensation, By-laws and Proceedings of Union Council of Warrington, made their report, recommending that a Charter be granted to said Council under the name and number of Union Council No. 7.

Which report was received and adopted, and a Charter was granted accordingly.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Florida:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have very recently entered upon the discharge of their duties, and cannot do more than extract from the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils such items as they consider of general interest.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Council of Arkansas assembled at Little Rock on the 2d day of November, 1867.

M. P. E. H. English, Grand Master.
 R. P. Wm. D. Blocher, Grand Recorder.
 Ten Subordinate Councils represented.

Three new Councils were chartered and one charter revoked. Companion Harris Flanagan of Arkadelphia was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Wm. D. Blocher of Little Rock, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Council of Connecticut assembled at Hartford, May 7, 1867.

Comp. Eli S. Quintard, M. P. G. M.
 " Jos. K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder.

17 Subordinate Councils represented.

Companion William Storer submitted a condensed but interesting report on Foreign Correspondence.

The business was entirely of a local character.

Comp. W. W. Lee, of Meriden, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Council of Illinois assembled at Springfield on the 3d day of October, 1867.

T. I. Comp. James A Hawley, Grand Puissant.
 M. I. " Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Recorder.

The T. I. G. P. in his address announces the death of Companions Michael J. Noyes and Jonathan Young, each of whom had "filled with distinction many positions of honor and trust among the craft." Four Dispensations to form new Councils were granted during the year.

The Grand Council adopted the Forms laid down in Mackey's "Cryptic Masonry, or Manual of the Council" for Dedications and Installations.

The conference at St. Louis proposed by the Grand Council of Maine was approved, and the Grand Puissant was requested to attend as the delegate from Illinois, either in person or by proxy.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. H. G. Reynolds, chairman, made a long and interesting report, noticing thoroughly and critically the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils.

Charters were granted to four new Councils.

Comp. Daniel G. Burr, of Paris, was elected T. I. Grand Puissant, and Comp. H. G. Reynolds, of Springfield, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa convened in Grand Annual Assembly at Davenport on the 16th day of October, 1867.

Companion Horace Tuttle, M. P. G. M.
 " W. B. Langridge, G. Recorder.

Nine Subordinate Councils were represented.

The M. P. Grand Master delivered a short address, mainly confined to local business. The Subordinate Councils are repre-

sented in a healthy condition. He approves the resolutions adopted by the Grand Council of Maine favoring a meeting of delegates in St. Louis to promote the interests of Cryptic Masonry.

The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Council:

Resolved, That this Grand Council accredits as its representatives to any assembly of Royal and Select Masters which may convene in St. Louis, in September next, any of its officers or past officers, who may be in that city at that time as representatives to the Grand Encampment in session there, it being expressly understood that this Grand Council is wholly opposed to any form of General Grand Council whatsoever.

Companion W. B. Langridge, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report reviewing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils. The report is well written, and the review seems to be complete. Appended to the report are several articles relating to the origin and history of the Council Degrees. The subject is one of interest, and we recommend to our successors and the Grand Officers the perusal of the document.

The Grand Council closed to assemble again at Des Moines on the 19th October, 1868.

There are 9 chartered subordinates with 264 members.

Comp. W. E. Woodward, of Burlington, was elected M. P. G. M., and Comp. W. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Kentucky was held at Louisville on the 23d day of October, 1867.

Companion Philip Swigert, G. P.

“ A. G. Hodges, G. Rec.

Seventeen Subordinate Councils were represented.

A charter was granted for one new Council and a Dispensation issued for the formation of another.

The Grand Puissant gave an encouraging account of Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky. Whilst he had granted but one Dispensation during the past year, he was personally cognizant of the

fact that there had been added to the Councils many of the most worthy and intelligent Royal Arch Masons in the State.

Comp. Croninger submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence reviewing the proceedings of 13 Grand Councils. The committee profess ignorance respecting the ceremonies of the Super-Excellent Master's Degree, but incline to the belief “that the Council degrees, when properly conferred, are complete of themselves, and the introduction of further degrees or ceremonies would be superfluous if not a direct innovation.”

The Council closed to meet again at Louisville on the 21st day of October, 1868.

Companion Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, was re-elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. A. G. Hodges, of Frankfort, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Grand Council of Maine assembled at Portland on the 8th day of May, 1867.

Companion Oliver Gerrish, M. P. Grand Master.

“ Ira Berry, Grand Recorder.

Nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the M. P. G. M. is very short. He announces one Dispensation granted for a new Council.

Charters were granted constituting three Councils of Royal and Select Masters in St. John, New Brunswick. These are the Councils that subsequently assembled and formed the Grand Council of New Brunswick.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he notices the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils. Under the title “Uniformity of Work,” we find useful information and valuable suggestions, which we cannot abbreviate or conveniently condense, and therefore insert in full:

We have heretofore offered some suggestions upon this subject, and they were so favorably received that we have strong hopes that some beneficial practical results will follow, if the matter is still further urged. When we commenced the discussion we were unable to communicate with some of our sister

Grand Councils; and, now that the bonds have been re-united with all, we shall be pardoned if, in what we have to offer, we repeat in part what we have before written.

That these degrees were originally "side" or "honorary" degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, there can now be no doubt. Whether they were governed and controlled by Bodies of that Rite or were communicated by the possessors of them at their will, upon persons duly qualified, it is not now material to determine. It is true that they were introduced into this country about the year 1766, in connection with that Rite, and were communicated by their possessors almost at their will; but they are not now and never were any part of the regular series of degrees conferred in bodies of the Scottish Rite.

The first Grand Council, of which your committee has any knowledge, was that of Virginia, formed in December, 1820. Subordinate Councils had been previously formed, especially in the South, under the authority of the Supreme Council 33 degrees, having its Grand East at Charleston.

In some manner, not clearly ascertained by us, these degrees became connected with Royal Arch Masonry. Jeremy L. Cross was sent out by the General Grand Chapter to teach Royal Arch Masonry according to his system. He, at the same time, conferred and taught these degrees. This may have been the cause of their connection with the Chapter. There was nothing in their origin to justify any such connection. But the General Grand Chapter in 1829 granted authority to Grand Chapters to make arrangements for conferring these degrees; but directed that in States in which there was a Grand Council they should not make any such arrangements, without the consent of such Grand Council. We do not understand that, by this action, the G. G. Chapter intended to take control of these degrees; but it assumed that they were "side" degrees, which the possessors of them could lawfully confer at pleasure, and, inasmuch as they are explanatory of the Chapter degrees, it gave permission to its subordinate Grand Chapters to allow those possessors to confer the degrees in the Chapters. This resolution caused much complaint, but nevertheless it continued in force till 1853, when it was repealed.

The passage of this resolution was unfortunate for Cryptic Masonry. The exclusive control of it was rapidly merging in Grand Councils, and this tended to prevent uniformity both in the Chapter and Council degrees.

In 1841, the Grand Council of Virginia, questioning its own legitimacy, disbanded, and ceded the control of these degrees to the Grand Chapter, which still controls them. We have seen that Grand Chapters, as such, had no authority over these de-

grees; and if the Grand Council of Virginia was illegitimate, its cession to the Grand Chapter of control of these degrees was simply void.

But in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, there are no Grand Councils, and these degrees are conferred as preparatory to the Chapter degrees, and are controlled by the Grand Chapter.

We understand that the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite, both North and South, have yielded to the Grand Councils entire control of these degrees.

There are now twenty-eight Grand Councils, and the surrender of these degrees to the Chapters having been proposed, all, with a single exception, declined to do so. And, in case of the exception, the proposal to surrender these degrees was based upon the condition that the other Grand Councils would take the same course. This result, showing that "no step backward" is to be taken, necessarily indicates that this sentiment of the Craft is in favor of perfecting the system.

The first thing to be done is to induce our companions in Virginia, Maryland and the federal district, to conform their organization to that of the rest of us. Then we should have thirty-one Grand Councils, which, whatever their origin, would be the sole and undisputed masters of these degrees, sovereign and independent, prescribing, judging and executing the law for their subordinates. There would be no conflict of authority, but the Grand Council would bear the same relation to these degrees that the Grand Lodge does to blue Masonry. Such is the case already in the twenty-eight jurisdictions in which Grand Councils exist.

But there are other sources of embarrassment to Cryptic Masonry. There is no uniformity in the number and arrangement of the degrees, in the work, or the titles, &c., of officers.

In Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and perhaps some other States, the degree of Super-Excellent Master is conferred.

In some jurisdictions it is entirely unknown; in others, the Grand Councils have under consideration the question of adopting it. We know of but one Grand Council which has rejected it; and the reason was that so few Grand Councils had adopted it, its introduction would be another barrier to a uniformity of work. We find, however, that it is gaining favor, and we believe it will finally be adopted, at least as an appendant degree to the others.

While all other Grand Councils that have adopted it place it third in the series, Pennsylvania places it second. While we

defer almost implicitly to everything M. P. Alfred Creigh determines to be correct in this rite, we desire to ask him and our Companions under him, if there is any controlling reason why they should not, in the endeavor for uniformity, give this degree the same place that their sister Grand Councils give it. We refer them to our extract from the report of Comp. Moore of Massachusetts.

In Maine, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, the Select Degree is conferred before the Royal degree; in all other jurisdictions the Royal degree is conferred first. In this connection, we again refer to our extract from the report of Comp. Moore.

In the names, titles and number of officers, there is also a great diversity. We have partially presented this in the following table:

Grand Councils.	Officers and Titles in Grand Council.				Officers and Titles in Subordinate Councils.			
	G. P.	D. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. W.	T. I. M.	D. I. M.	P. C. W.	P. C.
Alabama,	M. P. G. M.	R. P. D. G. M.	R. P. G. I. M.	R. P. G. P. C. W.	M. I. G. M.	D. G. M.		
Arkansas,	"	D. P. G. M.	T. I. G. M.	G. P. C. W.				
Connecticut,	"	"	"	"				
Florida,	T. I. G. M.	I. G. H. T.	I. G. H. A. B.		T. I. M.	I. H. T.	I. H. A. B.	P. C. W.
Georgia,	T. I. G. P.	M. I. D. G. P.	I. G. T. I.	I. G. P. C. W.	T. I. G. M.	D. I. G. M.	P. C. W.	
Illinois,	M. P. G. M.	D. P. G. M.	T. I. G. M.	G. P. C. W.	"	R. I. M.	I. M.	P. C. W.
Indiana,	M. P. G. M.	R. I. D. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	"	T. I. M.	D. I. M.	P. C. W.	
Iowa,	G. P.	D. G. P.	G. T. I.	"	"	D. I. G. M.	I. M.	P. C. W.
Kentucky,	M. P. G. M.	D. G. M.	T. I. G. M.	"	"	R. I. M.	I. G. M.	P. C. W.
Louisiana,	M. P. G. M.	D. P. G. M.	R. P. G. M.	P. G. M.	M. I. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	P. C. W.	
Maine,	M. P. G. M.	R. P. G. M.	P. G. M. W.	G. M. C.	T. I. G. M.	D. I. G. M.	I. P. C. W.	P. C. W.
Massachusetts,	T. I. G. M.	D. I. G. P.	D. T. I.	G. P. C. W.	"	"	P. C. W.	
Michigan,	M. P. G. M.	D. P. G. M.	G. T. I. G. M.	"	"	D. T. I.		
Mississippi,	G. P.	D. G. P.	G. T. I.	"	"			
Missouri,	M. I. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	I. G. M.	"	T. I. M.	R. I. M.	I. P. C. W.	P. C. W.
New Hampshire,	M. P. G. M.	R. P. D. G. M.	R. P. G. I. M.	R. P. G. P. C. W.	"	"	I. H. A. B.	P. C. W.
New Jersey,	M. P. G. M.	"	"	"	T. I. G. M.	I. H. T.	P. C. W.	
New York,	M. P. G. M.	T. I. D. G. M.	"	I. G. P. C. W.	"	D. I. G. M.	I. P. C. W.	P. C. W.
North Carolina,	T. I. G. P.	I. D. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. W.	T. I. M.	R. I. M.	P. C. W.	
Ohio,	M. P. G. M.	R. P. D. G. M.	R. P. G. I. M.	R. P. G. P. C. W.	"	M. I. M.	P. C. W.	
Ontario,	"	D. P. G. M.	I. G. M.	G. P. C. W.	"	"		
Pennsylvania,	"	D. M. P. G. M.	"	"	"	"		
Rhode Island,	"	R. P. D. G. M.	R. P. G. M.	R. P. G. P. C. W.	T. I. M.	R. I. M.	I. P. C. W.	P. C. W.
Tennessee,	"	P. D. G. M.	T. I. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	T. I. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	I. G. M.	
Texas,	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Vermont,	"	R. P. D. G. M.	R. P. G. T. I.	R. P. G. P. C.	"	"		
Wisconsin,	"	"	"	"	"	"		

[We have taken the titles, &c., in the Grand Council of Louisiana from the proceedings; but in the Constitution they are respectively styled, G. P., D. G. P., G. T. I. and G. P. Conductor. In Tennessee, they are styled in the Constitution, T. I. G. M., I. D. G. M. and G. P. C. W.]

"Here is richness!"
Is there any remedy for this "confusion worse confounded?"
We will not undertake to suggest any but will initiate measures that may lead to one.

In September, 1868, the Representatives of many of the Grand Commanderies and Grand Chapters will meet in St. Louis.

Comp. Swasey of Louisiana has suggested that the Grand Councils take measures to insure the attendance of some of their best workmen on that occasion for consultation and exchange of ideas. If the subject is met in a spirit of conciliation and kindness, much good would thereby be effected. We second this proposition. This would lead to the suggestion of some remedy. To prevent any solicitude upon that subject, we would not endeavor to find that remedy in a National Grand Council.

In order to ascertain the sense of this Grand Council, and, if that is favorable to this proposition, to ascertain the sense of other Grand Councils, we submit for action the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in order to promote the interests of Cryptic Masonry, by securing a substantial uniformity in the number, arrangement and ritual of the degrees, and in the organization of Grand and subordinate Councils, this Grand Council is in favor of a meeting of delegates from each jurisdiction, at the city of St. Louis, in Missouri, on the third Tuesday of September, A. D. 1868, (or some day in that week,) to devise measures to effect that object.

Resolved, That if this proposition be favorably received by our sister Grand Councils, this Grand Council, at its next annual convocation, will appoint delegates to the proposed convention.

Resolved, That our sister Grand Councils be fraternally requested to give this subject early attention and favorable consideration.

Resolved, That this Grand Council disclaims any intention or desire of forming or seeking to form a General Grand Council of the United States.

The proposition involved in these resolutions has been favorably spoken of by several committees, but no one has put it in shape to insure any practical results. For that reason, though as before stated, not the author of the suggestion, we have seen fit to present it for your action, and, through you, for the action of other Grand Councils.

We believe the proposition does not involve any particular expense to the Grand Councils. Among the representatives to the Grand Encampment and the General Grand Chapter, there will undoubtedly be companions whom the Grand Councils would be willing to accredit as their representatives to the proposed convention.

But even if it was not so, the expenses of a delegate would be a small consideration in comparison to the result to be effected.

The resolutions recommended by the committee were considered and severally adopted.

We also extract the following table from the same report:

Since the convocation at which this report was presented we have found in the address of M. P. Comp. E. B. Moore, of Massachusetts, in 1860, the following table, showing the date of the organization of the respective Grand Councils, viz:

New York,.....1809	Tennessee,.....1847	Iowa,.....1857
Connecticut,.....1819	Illinois,.....1853	Wisconsin,.....1857
Georgia,.....1825	Vermont,.....1854	Florida,.....1858
Massachusetts,....1826	Indiana,.....1855	Michigan,....1859
Kentucky,.....1827	Maine,.....1855	California,....1860
Ohio,.....1829	Louisiana,.....1856	South Carolina,....1860
Alabama,.....1838	Mississippi,.....1856	Rhode Island,....1860
Pennsylvania,....1847	Texas,.....1856	
To these we add:		
Arkansas,.....1860	North Carolina,..1860	Missouri,.....1864
New Jersey,....1860	N. Hampshire,..1862	

Eleven Councils number 384 members.

Comp. Edward P. Burnham, of Saco, was elected M. P. G. M., and Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan held at their Annual Convocation at Detroit on the 6th June, 1867.

Comp. S. L. Dart, T. I. G. P.

“ O. Bourke, G. Recorder.

Sixteen subordinate Councils represented.

One new Council was chartered.

Comp. O. Bourke from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted their report, and notices the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils. After briefly reviewing these proceedings, the committee say:

Having thus called our Roll of Honor, and found our select numbers nearly all present, we congratulate them most sincerely and affectionately on their diligence and perseverance in the good work. Masonry brings North and South under one fold. The true, fraternal hand of friendship and brotherly love is cordially extended. Heart meets heart, pulsating with one universal throb. “Peace on earth, good will toward men.” Here we can “meet upon the level and part upon the square.” Let us then press forward to gain the prize. Our mission is divine; upheld by His right hand we cannot fall. What care we for the sneers and

scoffs of the ignorant, vicious and profane. The Great Searcher of the hearts of men will always approve good, and time and centuries of experience have irresistibly proved the stability of our foundation on the *Rock of Ages*.

The returns of 16 Subordinate Councils show a membership of 712.

Comp. W. S. Edwards, of Hillsdale, was elected T. I. C. P., and Comp. O. Bourke, of Detroit was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The third annual convocation of the Grand Council of Missouri, was held at St. Louis on the 11th day of October, 1867.

Comp. J. A. H. Lampton, G. T. I., as Grand Puissant.

“ Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder.

Four Subordinate Councils represented.

The acting G. P. announces the death of Comp. Anthony O'Sullivan who had been Grand Puissant from the organization of the Grand Council until his death. Comp. O'Sullivan was to the Masons of Missouri as our own revered Companion Thomas Brown was to us, and we know how to sympathize with them in the loss of such a Companion and Brother. He also announces the death of Comp. James McDaniel, D. G. P. of Missouri.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley. The committee think that “the reports of many Grand Councils are virtually lost to committees and to the Craft by being printed with the published proceedings of Grand Chapters,” and disapprove the custom, believing that “the financial department of every Grand body should be so managed as to be able to publish their doings independent of other proceedings.” Where there is a “financial department” to manage, we think so too, but hitherto with us the office of Grand Treasurer has been but a name, and a Committee on Finance unheard of.

Three new Councils were chartered.

The Grand Council provided for the appointment of these delegates to the proposed conference at St. Louis to devise measures to effect a uniformity of work, ritual, &c.

They also adopted the forms of ceremonies for installation and constituting new Councils published in the proceedings of the Grand Council of Maine.

Eight Grand Councils report 350 members.

Comp. Thomas E. Garrett, was elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, re-elected Grand Recorder, both of St. Louis.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A Convocation of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick was held at the city of St. John on the 15th day of August, 1867, for the purpose of forming a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. There were present Gordon R. Garden, 33d deg. of the Grand Council of Maine, and representatives of three Councils.

A Grand Council was accordingly formed, and T. I. Companion Robert Marshall, was elected Most Puissant Grand Master, and R. Ill. Companion D. R. Munro was elected Grand Recorder.

A constitution and by-laws for the Grand Council, and by-laws for the subordinates were adopted. The Grand officers were installed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, and assumed their stations. And the Grand Council was then duly constituted and dedicated as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada.

OHIO.

The 38th annual meeting of the Grand Council of Ohio was held in Cincinnati on the 10th October, 1867.

Comp. Wm. M. Cunningham, Puissant G. M.

“ John D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder.

The Puissant Grand Master's address is mainly of an official character. He represents the prosperity of the Grand Council as continuous and uninterrupted. He calls the attention of the Grand Council to the necessity of a more perfect ritual, and recommends that the “work” be again referred to a careful and competent committee for revision and correction. He remarks

“The so-called revised work used within this jurisdiction, aside from the un-masonic manner in which it has in most instances been disseminated, is in many particulars erroneous. Mongrel Latin derivatives have been substituted to such an extent for pure Anglo-Saxon words and phrases, as in some cases to destroy the sense and mar the beauty of the work.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. C. C. Kiefer, and contains a notice of the proceedings of 14 Grand Councils. The Committee does not seem to sympathize with those who have a prejudice against extended reports from committees on correspondence, but would be glad to have the information contained in the proceedings of the several Grand bodies more generally diffused. In reply to those who think that too much ado is made about the Royal and Select Degrees, they say, “We beg to assure those Companions that the Council Degrees stand higher to-day in the United States, and are attracting more attention and interest than they have ever done before, and the fact is now established beyond controversy, that they are to be perpetuated in their present distinct form.” Will not the Companions in Florida try to keep pace with the rest of the country and unite in giving greater “attention and interest” to these Degrees within our jurisdiction?

Eleven new Councils were constituted, and one old Council resuscitated.

The Grand Council adopted a resolution for the appointment of a committee of three to confer with similar committees of other Grand Councils meeting at St. Louis in September next, to adjust the nomenclature of R. and S. M. Masons.

They also adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the degree of Super Excellent Master be recognized by this Grand Council to be conferred as an Honorary Degree by Subordinate Councils without charge.

Comp. Charles Brown was elected Puissant Grand Master, and Comp. John D. Caldwell re-elected Grand Recorder, both of Cincinnati.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have received a pamphlet containing the Constitution of the most Puissant Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, together with a History of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of said State since its organization on the 26th October, 1847.

The 21st annual assembly was held at Pittsburgh, June 11th, 1867, M. P. Alfred Creigh, Grand Master.

The M. P. Grand Master's address is not long and is well digested. He is decidedly opposed to surrendering the control of the Council degrees to the Grand Chapters or Scottish Rite.

Comp. Creigh has filled the office of M. P. Grand Master since Dec. 30, 1854, and expressed a desire to return the sceptre of authority and take his station among the Illustrious Companions in the arches of the S. V.; but his Illustrious Companions preferred to retain him as their chief, and accordingly re-elected him Grand Master.

The Subordinate Councils number 31.

M. P. Alfred Creigh, of Washington, Grand Master. P. P. Stolz, of Reading, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council will meet again at Scranton on the 9th June, 1868.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Council of Tennessee assembled at Nashville on the 14th October, 1867.

Comp. John McClellan, T. I. G. M.

“ Charles A. Fuller, Grand Recorder.

Twenty Subordinate Councils represented.

The T. I. G. M. in his address recommends that the Grand Council “take into consideration the propriety of turning over to the Subordinate Chapters the authority to confer the Royal and Select Degrees, and report their work to the Grand Chapter. This, of course, would abolish the future meetings of this Grand Chapter, and render it entirely unnecessary that it should meet again.” He suggests the appointment of a Committee upon this subject, to confer with a committee of the Grand Chapter, and report to the next Council. He says, “By authorizing

the Subordinate Chapters to control this Department of Masonry, to confer the degrees after the Royal Arch as historical degrees, and report their proceedings to, and be subject to the Grand Chapter, would save a great amount of expense, as well as shorten the time of the meetings of the Grand bodies in the capitular and cryptic degrees.” In accordance with these suggestions a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration and report at the next Convocation. We doubt not the committee will consider the subject in every aspect, and that the final action of our Companions in Tennessee will be based upon Masonic laws and usage as well as upon expediency. We cannot in Florida pretend to advise our better informed Companions in Tennessee, but our own experience here has been such as to incline us against the merging of the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees.

Five new charters were granted and one revoked.

Comp. Charles A Fuller submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of 15 Grand Councils, among which, wonderful to tell, we find FLORIDA. We thought we had hidden those proceedings where the prying eyes of none would find them, but it seems that they did not escape the notice of Companion Fuller.

They commence the report with the following suggestion:

“In submitting their annual report, the committee desire to express their gratification for the growing interest manifested by Companions in other jurisdictions in the Cryptic degrees. In perusing the proceedings coming to our hands, we find many discrepancies that ought not to exist, and many anomalies that need the pruning hand of a skillful workman. How to reconcile these discrepancies and get rid of existing anomalies, is a question more easily asked than answered. But, nevertheless, we call attention to them, that our Companions may consider the subjects, and perhaps they may be able to see a clear path through every difficulty. In this connection, we suggest that the members of the next General Grand Chapter—all whom we presume will be Royal and Select Masters—take the matter into consideration, and, if possible, agree upon a more perfect system of work and lectures. The conclusions of such a meeting, although unauthorized by the several Grand Councils, would undoubtedly exercise a controlling influence over them. This is the only way in which anything like uniformity can be attained, without involving much expense and trouble.”

Should a conference be held at St. Louis as recommended by the Grand Council of Maine, it is to be hoped that something may be recommended by them and agreed to by the several Grand Councils, to bring about uniformity of work.

Comp. Wm. H. McLeskey of Newbern, was elected T. I. G. M., and Comp. Charles A. Fuller, of Nashville, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The Grand Council of Vermont convened at Vergennes on the 2d October, 1867.

Comp. Squire Marcy, M. P. G. M.

“ John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder.

Thirteen Subordinate Councils represented.

In his address, the M. P. Grand Master says, “ No discordant note has come to my ear from any of our Councils; all are working with a will, and their implements are bright, indicating constant use.” He gives a brief history of the origin of the Royal and Select Degrees and the introduction of them into Vermont. He announces the death of two illustrious Companions, Companion Nelson Ransom, who had filled several important positions in Council and Chapter, died on the 28th January last. Comp. David H. Sumner died at Hartford, August 29, 1867, aged 91. Companion Sumner was made a Mason in 1800; was exalted to R. A. M. in Hartland with two other Companions, the trio being each over eighty years of age, and when combined were 245.

Comp. Rev. T. F. Stuart, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of 14 Grand Councils.

A committee on the Grand Master's Address considered the subject of the Super-Excellent Degree. They say, “ After mature deliberation of the subject, your Committee, without a precise knowledge of the nature of the degree, or of the changes that would be involved in the present lectures, do not deem it advisable to adopt or incorporate this degree at the present time. We would commend the subject to the examination of the three first Grand Officers to report at the next session of the Grand Council.”

Two new Councils were chartered.

Thirteen Subordinate Councils report 672 members.

Companion Squire Marcy, of Hartland, re-elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

A perusal of the proceedings shows that a greater interest is now being manifested with respect to the Council Degrees than ever has been at any other time. The desire to bring about as far as practicable, uniformity in the work, &c., seems to prevail. The propriety of merging the Degrees in those of the Chapter, with one or two exceptions, is denied. The Super-Excellent Degree, about which your Committee are entirely ignorant, has been received as a part of Cryptic Masonry in some of the jurisdictions; without further information on the subject your Committee can recommend nothing with respect to this new Degree. We trust, however, that the Grand Council will take steps to be represented at the Convention at St. Louis in September next, where we think much good may be accomplished by an interchange of ideas, and mutual imparting of Light.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH A. CORLEY, Chairman.

Which report was received and read.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any of the elected or appointed officers of this Grand Council who may be present at St. Louis in September next, are hereby authorized to represent this Grand Council in the proposed conference for securing uniformity in the number, arrangement and extent of the degrees and in the organization of Grand and Subordinate Councils.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Companions Hugh A. Corley, Edward Bradford, Jr., and George Damon, to draft a Constitution for this Grand Council.

The M. P. G. M. submitted the following opinion and instructions, which were approved by the Grand Council:

It is the opinion of the M. P. G. M. that granting a Dispensation for the assembling of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters subjects them to all the rules, regulations and edicts that regularly chartered Councils are subject to, otherwise; Councils by Dispensation may work up all the available material before a charter is granted, and thereby divert from the Grand Council

the legitimate dues that would otherwise accrue to it through a chartered Council. It is therefore ordered that the petitioners for a new Council shall deposit the sum of twenty dollars as a Charter Fee, and at the next Convocation of the Grand Council shall make a full transcript of their record, showing all their acts and doings, and make their returns agreeably in all respects to the same rules and liabilities of a chartered Council in respect to fees, contributions, &c., all of which shall be paid to the Grand Recorder before a charter shall be issued.

Wm. MORRILL, M. P. G. M.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were duly elected, viz:

Comp. Wm. Morrill, M. P. G. M.

" Edward Bradford, Jr., D. P. G. M.

" Jesse T. Bernard, R. P. G. M.

" Joseph A. Edmondson, P. G. M.

" T. Preston Tatum, G. Treasurer.

" Hugh A. Corley, G. Secretary.

" Rev. James A. Harrold, G. Chaplain.

" John L. Taylor, G. M. C.

" Wm. H. Nelson, G. C. G.

" George Damon, G. C.

" Edward M. West, G. Sentinel.

And said officers were duly installed.

The M. P. G. M. appointed a committee on Foreign Correspondence, consisting of Companions Hugh A. Corley, T. P. Tatum and Edward Bradford, Jr.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for the Grand Council submitted a Constitution which after consultation and amendment was adopted by the Grand Council.

Ordered, That the Constitution adopted by this Grand Council be printed in the appendix to the proceedings.

The Grand Council was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest:

HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Recorder.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Council of Florida.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Florida, do ordain and establish for their government, the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

The members of this Grand Council shall consist of the officers thereof, all Past Puissant Grand Officers, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of Subordinate Councils, and the first three officers for the time being of the respective Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote: *Provided*, That should there not be a full representation from any Council, the Representative present occupying the highest grade shall cast the vote of the absent Representative or Representatives of his Council.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of this Grand Council shall consist of a Most Puissant Grand Master, Deputy Puissant Grand Master, Right Puissant Grand Master, Puissant Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Grand Conductor, and Grand Steward and Sentinel.

ARTICLE III.

The Permanent Members of the Grand Councils with the first three officers of any Council under this jurisdiction, may appoint their proxies by a commission under their hands, which com-

mission shall not extend beyond the next Convocation succeeding the date thereof. Such proxies shall be entitled to sit and vote in the Grand Council as members thereof, but shall have no rank by virtue of their commissions; nor shall any Companion be entitled to more than two votes, either in his own right, or in his own right and as Proxy.

ARTICLE IV.

Every member of and proxy in this Grand Council must be a member of some Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE V.

Three representatives of Subordinate Councils shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may open and call off from time to time.

ARTICLE VI.

This Grand Council shall hold stated Convocations annually in the City of Tallahassee, on the second Monday of January in each year. The Most Puissant Grand Master may at any time order a special Convocation, to be holden at such time and place as he may think proper to appoint, giving the members at least seven days notice.

ARTICLE VII.

The Most Puissant Grand Master, Deputy Puissant Grand Master, Right Puissant Grand Master, Puissant Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Grand Chaplain shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Convocation, and the Companion having a majority of votes shall be declared duly elected. The other Officers, as well as the several Committees, shall be appointed either at the Annual or at an emergent Convocation by the M. P. Grand Master. The Grand Council shall, immediately after the election, assign a time and place for the installation of its officers.

ARTICLE VIII.

Should any casualty at any time prevent the annual election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until their successors are, at an emergent or annual Convocation, duly elected and installed.

ARTICLE IX.

In case of the death, absence or disability of the Most Puissant Grand Master, the powers and duties of his station shall devolve upon the Deputy Puissant Grand Master, Right Puissant Grand Master, and Puissant Grand Master in their order. The Most Puissant Grand Master shall fill any vacancies that may occur in the offices of the Grand Council until the next annual Convocation.

ARTICLE X.

This Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Florida, and shall have power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle all controversies that may arise between them; and in all cases of controversy, an appeal shall lie to this Grand Council. It shall also have power to constitute new Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Florida, and grant Charters and Dispensations for the same, to which shall be affixed the seal of the Grand Council, and the signatures of the Grand Master and Grand Recorder. For violation of its laws, it may reprimand, suspend or expel any of its members; and it may require from the Subordinate Councils such dues and fees as it may judge necessary for its support.

ARTICLE XI.

The M. P. Grand Master and D. P. Grand Master, severally, shall have power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters, until the next annual Convocation of the Grand Council: *Provided*, that the fee for a Charter is first deposited with the officer granting the same, or with the Grand Recorder. And in all such cases of Dispensation, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next annual Convocation of the Grand Council, when the Grand Council may either recall or continue the said Dispensation, or may grant a Charter of Con-

stitution. And in case such Charter is granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a Charter should not be granted nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application; provided, however, that it shall be competent for the M. P. Grand Master and the D. P. Grand Master to summon a Special Convocation of the Grand Council at any time to receive applications and grant Charters for Subordinate Councils.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alterations or amendments be proposed in writing at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Council, published among the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next Annual Convocation receive the approval of two-thirds of the members then present.

 ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

WM. MORRILL, M. P. G. M., Warrington.

EDWARD BRADFORD, JR., D. P. G. M., Tallahassee.

HUGH A. CORLEY, G. Recorder, Tallahassee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF

FLORIDA,

At their 22d Annual Convocation, Begun and Held in the City of Tallahassee, Monday, Jan'y 11th, A. D. 1869, A. I. 2399.

AND THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

 Tallahassee:

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1869.

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1869, A. I. 2399, it being the regular Annual Convocation of said Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

PRESENT :

- E. G. S. M. M. T. HUCHINGSON, as Grand High Priest.
- " S. M. G. Gary, as Grand King.
- " L. F. Foster, as Grand Scribe.
- " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- " Edward Bradford, Jr., as Grand Secretary.
- Comp. C. J. Allred, as G. C. H.
- " H. M. Stephens, as G. P. S.
- " Wm. Logan, as G. R. A. C.
- " Michael Bowes, as G. M. 3rd Vail.
- " H. H. Berry, as G. M. 2d Vail.
- " Frederick Filer, as G. M. 1st Vail.
- " Edward M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in DUE FORM.

The G. H. P. appointed a Committee on Credentials and Returns, consisting of Companions C. J. Allred, L. F. Foster and H. H. Berry.

On motion of Companion Foster, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to attend the meetings of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 12th, 1869.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT :

- P. D. G. H. P. D. C. Dawkins, as G. H. P.
 E. L. F. Foster, as Grand King.
 " M. M. T. Huchingson, Grand Scribe.
 " T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " Edward Bradford, Jr., as Grand Secretary.
 Comp. C. J. Allred, as G. C. H.
 " H. M. Stephens, as G. P. S.
 " Wm. Logan, as G. R. A. C.
 " Michael Bowes, as G. M. 3d Vail.
 " H. H. Berry, as G. M. 2d Vail.
 " F. Filer, as G. M. 1st Vail.
 " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

An application was received from Companions at Key West for a Charter for a Chapter to be located at Key West and called Island Chapter. Also from Providence Chapter, U. D., for the same;

Which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report :

The Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns from the following Chapters, to-wit :

- Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1.*—Returns correct. Dues paid, \$37. No election of officers.
Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5.—Returns correct. Dues, \$72. Amount paid, \$66. James Ellenwood, H. P.; B. S. Fuller, King; D. L. Oakley, Scribe; W. H. Arendell, proxy for King.
Quincy R. A. Chapter, No. 7.—Returns correct. Dues for two years, \$38, paid. A. J. Smith, H. P.; D. T. Wilson, King; C. Burghard, Scribe. No officers elected for present year.

Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 9.—Returns incorrect. Three members not accounted for. Dues \$54. Green H. Hunter, H. P.; R. W. Broome, King; T. R. Mickler, Scribe.

Olive R. A. Chapter, No. 10.—Returns correct. Dues, \$13. No officers elected. Officers last year: C. J. Allred, H. P.; J. W. S. Crowson, King; D. A. Vogt, Scribe.

Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11.—Returns correct. Dues paid, \$81. C. H. Thompson, H. P.; J. A. McCay, King; G. S. Hallmark, Scribe: E. McConnin, proxy for H. P., King and Scribe.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12.—Returns correct. Dues paid \$55. M. Bowes, H. P.; James M. Baker, King; Otis L. Keene, Scribe.

Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 17.—Returns correct. Dues \$26. Paid 24. John Darling, H. P.; Franklin Branch, King; J. T. Wilson, Scribe.

Concord R. A. Chapter, No. 18.—Returns correct. Dues \$48, not paid. W. C. Hendry, H. P.; L. F. Foster, King; H. S. Reeves, Scribe.

Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19.—Returns incorrect. Dues \$51. Paid \$20. Samuel B. Rhodes, H. P.; C. E. Jones, King; J. B. Cason, Scribe.

Your committee are pleased to be able to report a very great improvement in the returns from the several Chapters since our last Grand Annual Convocation, and sincerely hope that the Secretaries of the several R. A. Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter may exercise that care in making out returns to the Grand Chapter, that hereafter no inaccuracies may appear.

C. J. ALLRED, }
 L. F. FOSTER, } Committee.
 H. H. BERRY. }

Which report was received and adopted.

On motion of Comp. Allred, all Chapters that had not made returns to the Grand Chapter were allowed further time, and the officers present were allowed to take their seats as members of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—Comp. W. H. Arendell, W. A. McLean and Wm. Logan.

On Accounts.—Comps. D. L. Oakley, Green H. Hunter and A. J. Prevatt.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Comps. Michael Bowes, W. B. Taylor and S. H. Bunker.

On Constitutions.—Comps. T. A. Carruth, T. P. Tatum and S. M. G. Gary.

On Unfinished Business.—Comps. L. F. Foster, W. H. Arendell and Michael Bowes.

On Jurisprudence.—Comps. H. H. Berry, S. M. G. Gary and W. A. McLean.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 13th, 1869.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT :

M. E. JAMES ELLENWOOD, G. H. P.

E. L. F. Foster, as Grand King.

“ M. M. T. Huchingson, Grand Scribe.

“ T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.

“ Edward Bradford, Jr., as Grand Secretary.

Comp. C. J. Allred, as G. C. H.

“ H. M. Stephens, as G. P. S.

“ Michael Bowes, as G. M. 3d Vail.

“ ——— York, as G. M. 2d Vail.

“ F. Filer, as G. M. 1st Vail.

“ E. M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented the following address:

WORTHY COMPANIONS :

The swift wheels of time have numbered with the past another year, and we are again assembled to legislate for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. We should, my Companions, feel grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for the privilege of meeting once a year in this Hall in Grand Convocation to interchange our views and to hear and learn from our Companions throughout the length and breadth of our State the condition of Royal Arch Masonry.

The eyes of the world are ever open and our actions are watched. We should be cautious how we conduct ourselves so as not to bring reproach upon our beloved Order. We should keep in remembrance that we have taken upon ourselves vows which should ever remind us of our duty to our God and to each other. We should ever remember that although man may not know and see all our acts, yet that All-Seeing Eye, whom the Sun and Moon obey, watches and knows all that we do and will reward us according to our works. We should, therefore, endeavor to Square our lives so as to be enabled to present to the Grand Overseer such work as will be accepted.

During the past Masonic year very little has been done by me in my official capacity. It has been out of my power to visit many of the Chapters in the State on account of feeble health and a press of business.

I granted a Dispensation to Companion A. J. Prevatt and others to form a new Chapter at Providence in Bradford county, and I trust it will be represented in this Grand Convocation.

I likewise granted to Progressive Chapter, No. 198, at Williamsburg, N. Y., authority to confer the Chapter degrees upon Brothers Charles Babcock and William R. Albany of Dade Lodge, No. 14, at Key West, they being desirous of having the degrees conferred upon them so as to enable them to start a new Chapter at Key West. I trust that there will be an application from the Companions at Key West for a Charter for a new Chapter at that place.

And now my Companions, as the relations we have borne to each other are about to be severed, permit me, in conclusion, to present to you my heartfelt thanks for the many kind favors

bestowed upon me by the Companions of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. I must say, Companions, that I deeply regret my inability to perform the high and important duty that I have been called on to perform; yet I shall ever look back with pleasing remembrance to the many pleasant hours spent among you.

JAMES ELLENWOOD, G. H. P.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted to Providence Chapter U. D., and also that a Charter be granted to form a new Chapter at Key West, to be called Island Chapter.

W. H. ARENDELL, } Committee.
W. A. McLEAN, }
WM. LOGAN, }

Which report was received and adopted.

Companion DeWitt C. Dawkins offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The General Grand Chapter of the United States, waiving all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of this Grand Chapter, thereby admitting the regularity of the same, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to become a constituent member thereof; therefore—

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true Masonic spirit, and will hereafter bear allegiance and support to the said General Grand Chapter.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Companion D. L. Oakley, the Grand Treasurer was ordered to pay to the Grand High Priest the amount of his expenditures in the discharge of his official duties.

On motion, Companions Filor and Prevatt were granted seats in the Grand Chapter as representatives of Providence and Island Chapters.

The Grand Chapter then went into the election of Grand

Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and the following Companions were duly elected:

Comp. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
" M. M. T. Huchingson, Deputy Grand High Priest.
" H. H. Berry, Grand King.
" Michael Bowes, Grand Scribe.
" T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
" Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.
" T. A. Carruth, Grand Chaplain.

The following officers were then installed:

Comp. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
" M. M. T. Huchingson, Deputy Grand High Priest.
" H. H. Berry, Grand King.
" Michael Bowes, Grand Scribe.
" T. A. Carruth, Grand Chaplain.

Companion Ellenwood offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, P. G. H. P. D. P. Holland, owing to his change of residence to the city of Savannah, Ga., desires to withdraw from this Grand Chapter;

Therefore be it resolved, That the Grand Secretary give to P. G. H. P. D. P. Holland a certificate of his withdrawal from the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, January 14th, 1869.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, G. H. P.
E. M. M. T. Huchingson, D. G. H. P.

- E. L. F. Foster, as Grand King.
 " Michael Bowes, Grand Scribe.
 " T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " E. Bradford, Jr., as Grand Secretary.
 Comp. C. J. Allred, as G. C. H.
 " H. M. Stephens, as G. P. S.
 " Wm. Logan, as G. R. A. C.
 " E. McConnin, as G. M. 3d Vail.
 " J. S. Driggs, as G. M. 2d Vail.
 " A. J. Prevatt, as G. M. 1st Vail.
 " Edward M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 4.15 P. M.

4.15 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

- M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, G. H. P.
 E. M. M. T. Huchingson, D. G. H. P.
 " L. F. Foster, as Grand King.
 " Michael Bowes, Grand Scribe.
 " T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " E. Bradford, Jr., as Grand Secretary.
 Comp. C. J. Allred, as G. C. H.
 " A. DeLaughter, as G. P. S.
 " Wm. Logan, as G. R. A. C.
 " E. McConnin, as G. M. 3d Vail.
 " S. H. Bunker, as G. M. 2d Vail.
 " Fred. Filer, as G. M. 1st Vail.
 " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

P. G. H. P. James Ellenwood, D. G. H. P. Wm. Morrill, and a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report:

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws have had under consideration the By-Laws of Island Chapter, at Key West,

and after examination of said By-Laws, beg leave to report favorably on the same.

W. H. ARENDELL, }
 W. A. McLEAN, } Committee.
 WM. LOGAN, }

Which was adopted.

On motion of Companion Oakley, the Grand Treasurer was instructed to loan fifty dollars each to Companions Morrill and McConnin to assist in paying their expenses to and from the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. G. H. P. then installed the following officers:

- Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.
 " C. J. Allred, Grand Captain of the Host.
 " E. McConnin, Grand Principal Sojourner.
 " D. L. Oakley, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
 " S. H. Bunker, Grand Master of the 3d Vail.
 " W. H. Arendell, Grand Master of the 2d Vail.
 " L. F. Foster, Grand Master of the 1st Vail.
 " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

Companion Morrill moved that the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorized to ask the General Grand High Priest for a Dispensation to hold the next Grand Annual Convocation at Jacksonville, Fla.;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:

Your Committee on Accounts would respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary and find them correct, and that a balance of \$516 remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. We recommend that the bill of Companion John L. Taylor, of \$4.95 for postage on reports be paid. Also that he be paid \$50 for his services as acting Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer receive the same for his services. Also that the Grand Guard be paid \$5 per day for his attention on this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

D. L. OAKLEY, }
 E. McCONNIN, } Committee.
 S. H. BUNKER, }

Which was adopted.

T. P. TATUM, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

1868.	DR.	
Jan'y 15.—To cash on hand,		\$243 00
1869.		
Jan'y 14.—To cash from J. L. Taylor, acting Grand Secretary,		446 00—\$689 00
1868.	CR.	
Jan'y 16.—By Harry Hawkins, Vo. No. 1,	\$.50	00
Feb'y 10.—By E. M. West, Vo. No. 2,	20	00
By Dyke & Sparhawk, Vo. No. 3,	148	00
1869.		
Jan'y 14.—By cash on hand to balance,		516 00—\$689 00

JOHN L. TAYLOR, *Acting Grand Secretary,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

1869.	DR.	
To dues from Florida Chapter No 1,	\$37	00
To dues from Jefferson Chapter, No. 5,	66	00
To dues from Quincy Chapter, No. 7,	38	00
To dues from Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11,	81	00
To dues from Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12,	55	00
To dues from Alachua Chapter, No. 13,	45	00
To dues from Tampa Chapter, No. 17,	24	00
To Providence Chapter, No. 20, for Charter,	50	00
To Island Chapter, No. 21, for Charter,	50 00—\$446	00
	CR.	
By cash paid T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer,		\$446 00

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That all Chapters within this jurisdiction which resume work and show evidence thereof at the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter, shall be exempt from the payment of all dues prior to the 24th of December, A. D. 1868, otherwise their Charters shall be forfeited.

On motion of Comp. Tatum, all Chapters that had not elected and installed officers for the present year were authorized to do so at their earliest convenience.

Companion Wm. Logan moved that the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars to defray his expenses in visiting and instructing Subordinate Chapters.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated to Companion S. H. Bunker to assist in the education of a ward in his care, the child of a deceased Royal Arch Mason.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

EDWARD BRADFORD, JR.,
Grand Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM.

M.: E.: THOMAS HAYWARD,

Past Grand High Priest,

DIED A. D. 1868.

LIST OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, from its organization, Jan. 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2307.

Year.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DER. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.
1847	Thomas Douglass,*	John P. Duval,*	Harry R. Taylor,*	George W. Macrae,*
1848	John F. Duval,*	Isaac H. Bronson,*	George W. Macrae,*	D. S. Graham,*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson,*	Harry R. Taylor,*	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*
1850	Harry R. Taylor,*	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*	Gad Humphreys,*
1851	Thomas Brown,*	Gad Humphreys,*	Alfred A. Fisher,	Benjamin Sawyer,
1852	R. A. Shine,*	Sam. B. Stephens,	C. A. M. Mitchell,*	Daniel G. McLean,
1853	Samuel Boardman,	T. M. W. Davidson,	James Ellenwood,	James S. Rust,*
1854	J. Wayles Baker,*	Thomas Y. Henry,	Joseph S. May,	John L. McKinnon,
1855	J. Wayles Baker,*	Edward R. Ives,	John L. McKinnon,	James Ellenwood,
1856	Thomas Hayward,*	Edward R. Ives,	John L. McKinnon,	David S. Walker,
1857	Gad Humphreys,*	James Ellenwood,	D. P. Holland,	Charles E. Dyke,
1858	Thomas Hayward,*	James Ellenwood,	George F. Baltzell,	Calvin Davis,
1859	D. P. Holland,	James M. Baker,	George D. Fisher,*	Josiah Paine,
1860	Thomas Y. Henry,	George F. Baltzell,	Franklin Branch,	Charles Slager,
1861	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Green H. Hunter,	D. C. Dawkins,
1862	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Thos. K. Leonard,	William H. Arcadell,
1863	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	B. S. Fuller.	Elias Earle.
1864	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	Elias Earle.	A. J. Lee.
1865	David Jones.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	Charles K. Sparhawk.
1866	David Jones.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	M. M. T. Hutchinson.
1867	James Ellenwood.	M. M. T. Hutchinson.	Il. H. Berry.	Michael Bowes.
1868	D. C. Dawkins.			
1869				

*Deceased.

APPENDIX.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.—*Tallahassee.*

OFFICERS :

H A Corley, H P,
P B Brokaw, K,
John Pratorius, S.
Chas H Hopkins, Treasurer,
Jno L Taylor, Secretary,
E Bradford, Jr, C H,
W P Slusser, P S,
J A Edmondson, R A C,
Edward M West, Guard.

MEMBERS :

T P Tatum, P H P,
C K Sparhawk,
I W Bowen,
J B Galbraith,
C E Dyke,
D W Gwynn,
Thos J Roberts,
John P DuVal,
W K Beard,
John S Parker,
Leondias Byrd,
M A Dzialynski,
David S Walker, P H P,
John N Maige,
John S Bond,
Thos Hayward,* P G H P,
Theodore Ball,
George Damon, P H P,
J P Crichlow,
W F Shine,
David C Wilson,
E L T Blake,
B Williams,
W E Boswell,
L S DuVal,
George Green,
N W Eppes,
F M Bunker,
W W Carr,
Charles Munde.
R A Masons, 39. Ministers, 2. Dues, \$37. Admitted, 1.
Died,* 1. Present number of members, 38.
Regular meetings 2d and 4th Mondays in every month.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello.*

OFFICERS:

H H Berry, H P,
D H Bryan, K,
W O Girardeau, S,
James Collins, Treasurer,
S Pasco, Secretary,
T J Chace, C H,

James Ellenwood, P S,
R M Gilbert, R A C,
A Peeler, M 3d Vail,
D L Oakley, M 2d Vail,
T F Johnson, M 1st Vail,
T J Chace, Jr, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Calvin Davis, P H P,
W S Dilworth, P H P,
Wm W Abbott,
W H Arendell,
J R Atkinson,
Geo W Beal,
Jas A Brooks,
J Lary Brooks,
F T Buchanan,
J S Burton,*
Jas F Carter,
David B Clark,
Geo W Herring,
Whit H Horton,
J M Johns,
W G M Jordan,
S Katzenberg,
W L Kennedy,
A J Lea,
Jabez Martin,
G F McMullen,
A J Miller,
Harmon Morris,
F A Munroe,
F N B Oliver,
Wm K Partridge,
J B Ponder,
J T Porter,
Robert Scott,
E J Simkins,
Joel M Morris,

J J Collins,
Joel B Collins,
Aaron Daniel,
W W Davis,
C B DeCausey,
R J Denmark,
Jas W DeWitt,
William Eppes,
John W Eppes,
Israel Folsom,
B S Fuller,
Wm E Hamilton,
C W Smith,
C H Stebbins,
Calvin Surles,
Joshua Taylor,
Jno A Townsend,
Wm W Tucker,
Junius Turnbull,
Samuel J Turnbull,
W B Taylor,
Geo W Turner,
Jas P Turner,
Jos D Turner,
W L Vinson,
Jas J Walker,
J G M Warnock,
R T Withers,
Abner Wethington,
Wm J Woods.

R A Masons, 73. Ministers, 4. Dues, \$72. Reinstated, 1.
Died,* 1. Present number of members, 72.

Regular meetings Friday before the 4th Saturday in every month.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

James Ellenwood, H P, D L Oakley, S,
B S Fuller, K, James Collins, Treasurer,
H H Berry, Secretary.

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.—*Milton.*

OFFICERS:

John Chain, H P,
H W Sindorf, K,
D H Golson, S,
J A Chaffin, Treasurer,
John Carloritz, Secretary,
S L Hemphill, C H,

J Gundersheimer, P S,
G W Miller, R A C,
E Chadwick, M 3d Vail,
A Goldsterker, M 2d Vail,
H W Allen, M 1st Vail,
M G Gainer, Guard.

MEMBERS:

E S Amos,
C W Jones,
Wm Ollinger,
J E Simpson,
L Shield,
E Whitmire,
Wm M Shockley,
C H Dixon,
E B Riley,
W A C Benborn,

I N Amos,
Benj Overman,
Henry Slaback,
W W Harrison,
J R Mims,
J A Parker,
L G Mayo,
R R Sheppard,
B W Thompson.

R A Masons, 31. Ministers, 3. Dues, \$38. Present number of members, 31.

Regular meetings 2d Saturday in every month.

QUINCY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 7.—*Quincy.*

OFFICERS :

A J Smith, H P,	Jos D Wilson, P S,
D T Wilson, K,	D L Kenan, R A C,
C Burghard,* S,	Jason Gregory, M 3d Vail.
T B Nathans, Treas,	O P Lunday, M 2d Vail,
Chas D Towers, Sec'y,	Jas M Smith, M 1st Vail,
T E Gibson, C H,	Martin Burghard, Guard.

MEMBERS :

C A Hentz,	Thos Y Henry, P G H P,
O E McKeown,*	J P Scott,
C A Huntington,	D H Wilson,
A M Nathans,	S B Stephens, P H P.

R A Masons, 20. Ministers, 1. Dues, 19. Died,* 2. Present number of members, 18.

Regular meetings first Friday in every month.

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.—*Lake City.*

OFFICERS :

M M T Huchingson, H P,	Alex Davidson, P S,
Green H Hunter, K,	Geo M Cline, R A C,
James E Young, S,	Wm H Jernigan, M 3d Vail,
Jas W Cathey, Treas,	A J T Wright, M 2d Vail,
William J Duvall,* Sec'y,	Jas A Barnes, M 1st Vail,
Thomas W Carter, C H,	Jas B Francis, Guard.

MEMBERS :

John J Adams,	William W Moore,
Jas M Baker, P H P,	Mathew L Moore,
Langley Bryant,	Walter R Moore,
William T Bacon,	Thomas M Mickler,
James Banks,	Robert C Martin,
Robert W Broome,	James H Matthews,
Thomas A Carruth,	Silas L Niblack,
Chas E W Collins,	William C Newbern,*

John J Culbreth,	John S Purviance,
H H Colson,	Abram J Prevatt,
John L Dozier,*	Marion K Reid,
James F DePass,	Asa A Stewart,
F E Grossman,	J T Starling,
Martin Hancock,	Stephen S Smith,
Pleasant A Holt,	A B Satchwell,
Edward R Ives, P H P,	Henry M Stephens,
David Jones, P G H P,	John Sasser,
John W Jones,	John W Sheffield,
Joshua A Jones,	Robert W Tatum,
Benj F Jackson,	Hilliard J Wilson,
Charles W Johnson,	Robert T Wiggins,
Alva A Knight,	Frederick Wolfe.

R A Masons, 56. Ministers, 4. Dues, \$54. Died,* 3. Withdrawn 7. Present number of members, 46.

Regular meetings 1st Monday of each month.

OLIVE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 10.—*Ocala.*

OFFICERS :

C J Allred, H P,	S C DeBruhl, P S,
J W S Crowson,* K,	F N Foy, R A C,
Daniel A Voght, S,	John F Collins, M 3d Vail,
J H Howard, Treas,	Robert Crutchfield, M 2d Vail,
Samuel O Howse, Sec'y,	Henry H Hugins, M 1st Vail,
S M G Gary, C H,	Hiram Alderman, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Daniel H Wilson.

R A Masons, 13. Dues, \$13. Died,* 1. Reinstated, 1. Present number of members, 13.

Regular meetings 3d Friday in each month.

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.—*Warrington.*

OFFICERS:

Austin F Clapp, H P,
Eugene McConnin, K,
Chas H Thompson, S,
Neil Matthison, Treas,
G S Hallmark, Sec'y,
Isaac D Pergrin, C H,

John L Porter, P S,
A L Williams, R A C,
J W Miller, M 3d Vail,
Eugene King, M 2d Vail,
J K L Duncan, M 1st Vail,
Hugh Simmons, Guard.

MEMBERS:

W H Anderson,
Christian Allendorf,
Elisha E Brown,
Paul Boyden,
Wm A Cooper,
Thos D Crosby,
Wm H Duffen,
Thomas Devery,
B Frank Elliott,
Gershon Forcheimer,
I McQueen Forsythe,
Robert Garrett,
Patrick Gibney,
John Hoodless,
N H Holmes,
Geo L Harris,
John K Harris,
Wm H Judah,
George Jenny,
W W J Kelly,
E E Kelly,
John W Kohler,
Bernhard Loeb,
Wm Morril, P H P, D G H P,
Walter D Maddocks,
D B Macomb,
W A Metcalf,
Wm A Mills,
Sam McClelland,*
James McDonald,
J Austin McCoy,

Thos McMahan,
W A Mintzer,
Wm McFaul,
Charles Murray,
Thomas Nelson,
Wm McK Oerthing,
Chas McK Oerthing,
George H O'Neal,
Edward G Park,
B A Philabart,
A J Pickard,
Wm Pollock,
John Purdy,
Thomas C Quayle,
Stephen Rand,
Jas B Roberts,
Amos Ross,
E A Robinson,
H Schuyler Ross,
Thomas Stearns,
A S Strout,
Wallace M Speer,
E E Stover,
J H Simonds,
Robert Smith,
Richard Thackery,
Theodore D. Wilson,
John A Walker,
Fred W Wunderlich,
James Walsh,

R A Masons, 73. Exaltations, 8. Dues, \$81. Reinstated 1.
Withdrawn, 8. Died,* 1. Present number of members, 64.
Regular meetings 1st and 3d Mondays of each month.

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.—*Jacksonville.*

OFFICERS:

Charles Slager, H P,
Wm A McLean, K,
Michael Bowes, S,
John S Sammis, Treas,
Frank A Branch, Sec'y,
Joseph D Mitchell, C H,

Albert J Russell, P S,
M A Dzialynski, R A C,
Isaac N Dinne, M 3d Vail,
Chas H Barnes, M 2d Vail,
C A Case, M 1st Vail,
John Ferrand, Guard.

MEMBERS:

John P Sanderson,
Theodore Hartridge,
James S Higgins,
Uriah Bowden,
Calvin Gillis,
Charles Brown,
A B Day,
James S Doyle,
James Fitzgerald,
Wm H Henderson,
Otis L Keen,
Wm Lane,
Raphael T Masters,
Simon McGregor,
George A Peck,
Wm A Young,
Joseph Edrehi,
Charles D Taylor,
Allen H Jackson,

James M Baker,
Wm Grothe,
Thomas E Buckman,
George C Gibbs,
Jonathan C Greeley,
Paul B Conova,
J M DeWaal,
Chandler S Emery,
Samuel Fox,
George R Jones,
Henry Koopman,
James Livingston,
Theo J McCarty,
John D McKinlay,
F Pond,
Wm Logan,
J W Campbell,
Pedro Bettolini.

R A Masons, 49. Exaltations, 6. Dues, \$55. Withdrawn, 2.
Died,* 1. Present number of members, 46.

ALACHUA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 13.—*Newnansville.*

OFFICERS :

T A Bradford, H P,	D M Price, P S,
W W Scott, K,	W B Wimberly, R A C,
A Hague, S,	W H Kennedy, M 3d Vail,
B M Williams, Treas,	F A Underwood, M 2d Vail,
James Love, Sec'y,	Henry Bradford, M 1st Vail,
Thos P McHenry, C H,	John W Burnett, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Isaac J Carter,	William Strickland,
George Helvenston,	George B Ellis,
Jesse T Bernard,	Robert Harrison,
G N Jones,	J F Prevatt,
Elias Earle,	R P Lewis,
Stephen C Bevill,	J R Hodges,
John D. Bell,	Joseph J Warren,
J Crews Pelot,	William Chesser,
James M Farmer,	E S Lynor,
S J Hodges,	W H Kennedy,*
John R Bevill,	Thomas Baulware,
Wiley Hicks,	James S Turner,
Lewellynn Williams,	Roland Thomas,
Thomas E Deakle,	J Highsmith,
Daniel Lynn,	Stephen Bryan,
James E Harrison,	L Varnidore,
J H Verdier,	Lemuel B Rhodes,
James M Chesser,	William B May,
J D A Sparks,	S F Halliday,
Philip Dell,*	Isham B Thomas,*
Samuel W Burnett,	Emra P Ward,
J D McKinley,	Thomas F Jones.
R M Perry,	

R A Masons, 57. Ministers, 4. Exaltations, 4. Dues, \$57.
Admitted, 1. Died,* 3. Withdrawn, 5. Present number of
members, 49.

Regular meetings 1st and 3d Thursdays in each month.

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.—*Tampa.*

OFFICERS :

Franklin Branch, H P,	Wessell Mansell, C H,
E A Clark, K,	D I Craft, P S,
John Darling, S,	John A Henderson, R A C,
John T Given, Treas,	Sam Mitchell, M 3d Vail,
D Isaac Craft, Sec'y,	J Robles, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Sam C Craft,	Daniel Gillett,
Wm B Henderson,	J M Hayman,
Daniel Stanford,	J T Wilson,
W H Nelson,	H L Mitchell,
Wm A Lively,	R M Wells,
R B Mitchell,	L G Covacevich,
David Hughes,	W B Varn.

R A Masons, 23. Ministers, 2. Exaltations, 3. Dues, \$24.
Present number of members, 26.
Regular meetings 4th Saturday in each month.

CONCORD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 18.—*Concord.*

OFFICERS :

W C Hendry, H P,	D W Scott, P S,
J J Higdon, K,	A F Hand, R A C,
W B Kemp, S,	C D Hand, M 3d Vail,
B H Joyner, Treas,	L R Joyner, M 2d Vail,
L F Foster, Sec'y,	T N Henley, M 1st Vail,
H S Reeves, C H,	A Chester, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Abner Avritt,	A A Flake,
John Anders,	Wesley King,
W H Anders,	D A Laing,
W J Bell,	J B Nelson,

A Cromartie,	J W Reeves,
S W Chester,	W C Rawls,
J Q Cromartie,	W C Sweet,
M B Courtney,	P Vallandigham,
Wm Dalton,	A T Scott,
Solomon Daniels,	O E Anders,
Wiley Ganey,	Thomas Harrison,
J A Hall,	J C Rawls,
B F Hinson,	A Bowen,
W F Hargrove,	A Alderman,
M Harrison,	D Patterson,
S H Harrison,	W Powell,
D R Ingram,	E Vallandigham,

R A Masons, 46. Exaltations, 2. Dues, \$48. Withdrawn,
 2. Expelled, 1. Present number of members, 46.
 Regular meetings 1st Wednesday night in each month.

LAKE BUTLER, R. A. CHAPTER, No. 19.—*Lake Butler.*

OFFICERS:

Isaac S Coon, H P,	John Sasser, Treas,
Charles E Jones, K,	Thomas R King, Sec'y.
Thomas E Dekle, S,	

MEMBERS:

Alvin Branning,	J A Jones,
Benjamin Branning,	Jacob Johns,
John W Beiling,	J M Johns,
John A Brooks,	Robert Kite,
W G W Brooks,	W W Kelly,
James A Cason,	John E Mathews,
John B Cason,	W W Mathews,
Jesse Carter,	M L McKinney,
Hope H Colson,	Isaiah F Millisons,
Joseph Cone,	Alfred Newbern,
Charles Craft,	Solomon Newsom,
Sam B Dampier,	W F Reid,
R P Hamilton,	I R Richard,
J C Harrell,	L B Rhodes,
James E Harrison,	Daniel B Sheffield,

Judge R Hodges,	Wm Strickland,
S J Hodges,	E P Ward,
Edwin D Hodges,	Silas W Weeks,
John S Hopson,	Henry F York,
Charles F Hiers,	Pliny S Crews.
Thos F Jones,	

R A Masons, 47. Exaltations, 4. Dues, 51. Present num.
 ber of members, 47.

Regular meetings 1st Thursday in each month.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Name of Chapter.	Number.	Members- hip last year.	Exaltations.	Admissions.	Reinstatements	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Present Mem- bership.	Amount of Dues.	Remarks.	
Florida.....	1	38	..	1	1	38	\$ 37	No Returns.	
Jefferson.....	5	69	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	72	72
Santa Rosa.....	6	20	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	38
Quincy.....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	19
Madison.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	54
Columbia.....	9	42	2	..	..	7	3	..	..	13	13
Olive.....	10	13	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	64	81
Mount Horeb.....	11	64	8	..	1	8	1	..	..	46	55
Jacksonville.....	12	43	6	..	..	2	1	..	..	45	45
Alachua.....	13	48	4	1	..	5	3	..	..	..	..
Centreville.....	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenwood.....	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Micanopy.....	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tampa.....	17	21	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24
Concord.....	18	44	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	46	48
Lake Butler.....	19	43	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	51
Total, ...		445	45	2	3	24	11			492	\$537		

LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama—	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas—	Wm. D. Blocher,	Little Rock.
California—	Lawrence C. Owen,	San Francisco.
Canada—	Thomas Bird Harris,	Hamilton, C. W.
Connecticut—	Jos. K. Weeler,	Hartford.
District of Columbia—	Noble D. Larner,	Washington.
Delaware—	Alfred H. A. Torbut,	Milford.
Florida—	Edward Bradford, Jr.,	Tallahassee.
Georgia—	B. B. Russell,	Augusta.
Illinois—	H. G. Reynolds,	Springfield.
Indiana—	John M. Barnwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa—	Wm. B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
Ireland—	Charles Walmsby,	Dublin.
Kansas—	E. T. Carr,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky—	Philip Swigert,	Frankfort.
Louisiana—	Jas. C. Bachelor, M. D.,	New Orleans.
Maine—	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Massachusetts—	Thomas Waterman,	Boston.
Maryland—	W. A. Wentz,	Baltimore.
Michigan—	J. E. Johnson,	Centerville.
Minnesota—	W. S. Combs,	St. Paul.
Mississippi—	Oscar T. Keeler,	Columbus.
Missouri—	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Arkansas—	J. N. Wise,	Plattsmouth.
New Hampshire—	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey—	John Wolverton, M. D.,	Trenton.
New York—	Christopher G. Fox,	Buffalo.
North Carolina—	Thos. B. Carr, M. D.,	Wilmington.
Ohio—	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon—	Chas. M. Cartwright,	Salem.
Pennsylvania—	John Thompson,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island—	G. H. Burnham,	Providence.
South Carolina—	Ebenezer Thayer,	Charleston.
Tennessee—	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas—	Robert Brewster,	Houston.
Vermont—	John B. Hollenbeck,	Burlington.
Virginia—	John Dove, M. D.,	Richmond.
Wisconsin—	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.
Gen. G. Chap. of U. S.—	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.

NAMES AND ADDRESS
OF THE
GRAND OFFICERS.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest, Jacksonville.
M. M. T. HUCHINGSON, D. G. H. P., Lake City.
H. H. BERRY, Grand King, Monticello.
MICHAEL BOWES, Grand Scribe, Jacksonville.
T. PRESTON TATUM, Grand Treasurer, Tallahassee.
EDWARD BRADFORD, JR., Grand Secretary, Tallahassee.

REPORT
ON
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally report, that it is an unavoidable matter of sore regret, that we find it impossible to engage in a close review of the printed proceedings of the various Grand Royal Arch Chapters now before us for inspection. But so it is, being personally reduced from affluence to want, like many of our fellow-beings around us, with a house full of loved and loving children to support and educate, under heavy financial incumbrances incurred upon the faith of our former, but now lost fortune, it has been and continues to be necessary for us to use every possible exertion to make even the most retarded onward progress up the "rough and rugged" path of our temporal surroundings. The vain fashion of human pride usually prompts men in low estate to make even fictitious impressions upon the minds of others that they are individuals of financial importance, that credit and thereby success in business may accrue to them. But when it is known that under the existing circumstances, we have devoted four months of incessant labor in reviewing Grand Lodge proceedings, and that we cannot possibly devote the time requisite for such a review of the Grand Chapter proceedings as would be a self-indication of proper fraternal respect for our beloved companions in fraternal correspondence with us, we cannot, without doing violence to our own conscience, keep back from them the true reason for our short coming. Hence, in delicate confession we have render-

ed our apology, and will now proceed to acknowledge the reception of all Grand Chapter proceedings in our hands with such brief notices as our limited time will justify.

ALABAMA.

2396.—December 4. The address of M. E. J. B. Harrison, G. H. P. opens thus:

“Again, under the leadings of a beneficent and All-wise Providence, are we permitted to assemble in Grand Convocation, and to greet each other as companions and co-laborers in one of the best and greatest works that has ever enlisted the heart and occupied the mind of man. For the time we have abandoned the pressing engagements of life; have left the endearing associations of home, to mingle in legislative consultation for the welfare and prosperity of R. A. Masonry throughout our jurisdiction.”

And thus concludes:

“May the Supreme Grand High Priest counsel and direct you in your labor of love.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by E. Comp. Sayre, Grand Secretary, full of interest and fraternally kind in notice of us, 1866. He in truth and appropriateness styles our lamented M. E. Comp. Thomas Brown, as “one of the venerable fathers of Masonry in Florida.”

2397, Dec. 3, 41st Annual Grand Convocation.

The address of M. E. George D. Norris, G. H. P. is a forcible and eloquent exposition and vindication of the holy and mysterious principles and purposes of Masonry against all prejudices, oppositions, attacks and persecutions, of all times, past and present. Much business was done at this Grand Convocation of importance and interest to the Royal Craft.

There is a short report on Foreign Correspondence, and by reference to last year's proceedings we see that Companions David Clopton, Robert H. Erwin and W. B. Cloud were appointed the committee. It is written in good masonic tone and the notice of Florida is kind. We agree with the committee that personal and sectional piques and prejudices should form no part of our reports and proceedings. M. E. James B. Harrison, P. G. H. P. died August 17, 1867, and on his memorial page is the appropriate inscription, “at refreshment above.”

ARKANSAS.

2396.—Nov. 1. M. E. Luke E. Barber, G. H. P. delivered an excellent address, exhibiting the fact that his labors were well performed.

The proceedings are full of interest embracing several committee reports of much value, among which is that on jurisprudence.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Sam. W. Williams, who in conclusion says: “Upon a survey of the whole field (the 19 jurisdictions reviewed) we see general harmony prevalent, and but little to mar the beauty of our Royal Arch, or efface or shake its ‘keystone of love,’ and like the sentinel from the watch-tower we can cry ‘all is well.’” He gives a well appreciated fraternal notice of Florida, in which he says of our lamented “Brown's report,” It is a cluster of gems and is replete with kindness, courtesy and brotherly love.

The proceedings and constitution of the Grand Council are appended.

2397.—Oct. 1. Here we have another splendid address of M. E. Luke E. Barker, G. H. P. which opens in fraternal adoration of the great author of all good, mercy and loving-kindness. Seven new Chapters were set on foot by Dispensation. He informed the Grand Chapter that the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, forbids all intercourse and correspondence with the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, declaring the same to be irregular and clandestine. Upon this subject it may become the duty of this committee to express its views hereafter.

We recommend that the Chapters entertain the petition of no persons whatever except Master Masons who are members of some Regular Lodge in good standing. That is our law; certainly a cold, indifferent and useless mason in his Lodge capacity cannot be expected to adorn the higher Capitular Branch. Mackey's “Book of the Chapter” is with others recommended for Chapter use. The Grand Chapter received and acted upon a petition for the Chapter Degrees and conferred them for exemplification. We think this a clear case of inconsistency, as ex-

py tone. The final success of the Atlantic Cable and ousting the Fenians are subjects of his warm congratulations, and a full compliment of praise and good wishes is paid to her "Royal Majesty the Queen of England. He did not wind up with "God save the Queen?" but sent up the fervent invocation "God bless her!" He recommends the formation of Grand Chapter of British America.

The Grand Jurisdiction is laid off into districts, to each of which is appointed a Grand Superintendent, five of whom reported official acts.

The Grand Superintendents are nominated by the Chapters of the respective Districts, and approved by the Grand Z.

The able and discreet report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Companion James Seymour, fraternally reviewing 24 Grand Chapters, including ours for 1866, and the General Grand Chapter U. S. A.

The three principal officers of Chapters are respectively styled Z. H. & J., initials of the three Worthies who composed the Grand Council at the rebuilding of the Temple of Zerubabel.

The corresponding Grand Officers are styled Grand Z., Grand H. and Grand J. M. E. T. Douglas Harrington was re-elected Grand Z., and R. E. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Scribe, E.

CONNECTICUT.

2396.—May 8. M. E. Luke A. Lockwood, G. H. P.

The address of Comp. Lockwood is worthy a careful perusal. The reports of the D. G. H. P., G. K., G. S., and the committees and the proceedings generally, exhibit good, true and square specimens of characteristic "ferveny and zeal" on the part of our Connecticut Companions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion Wm. Storer reviewing "nine" Grand Chapters. He complains of this small number, but wish it to be next time "3 times 9," and we will not say "and no more." We are highly gratified to know that Florida was assigned a fraternal position in that triplet of triangles. All such pleasant notices as Comp. Moore was pleased to make of our then brilliant and venerable,

clusive original jurisdiction in such cases belongs alone to the Chapters.

They conferred the Degrees upon a Brother, who had been elected by a Chapter, (we presume of competent jurisdiction.) We see no objection to that if the consent of the Chapter was obtained, otherwise it was wrong. The Committee on Education presented a pretty little theoretical report; may practical operations follow.

The question of physical defects is referred to the General Grand Chapter.

After an election and before Degrees conferred, when the Chapter ascertains that the elected applicant is unworthy, "just let him stay out," and take care next time "to know that they are not balloting for (electing) the wrong man;" good and whole-some instructions.

A new Constitution is to be arranged.

The Companions who received the Degrees in the Grand Chapter are to pay fees to Chapters where they reside. Worse than ever. Degrees conferred without advanced fee, and one of them without any Chapter home. Quere. If no Chapter will receive him, what is his status? Of course a member of the Grand Chapter "all at once."

Here is an able and interesting report on Foreign Correspondence from Comp. C. B. Moore, reviewing 21 Grand Chapters, in which the notice of Florida for 1867 is in the spirit of Holy Royal Arch Masonry.

Several M. E. Companions received the order of High-Priest-hood. The proceedings of the Grand Council of R. & S. M. are appended.

Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary re-elected. M. P. Harris Fagan is G. M. Grand Council; Comp. Blocher, G. Recorder.

2395.—Since writing the above we find we have the proceedings of 1865. Small pamphlets; all local matters.

CANADA.

2396.—August 14. M. E. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z. was absent, but communicated his Annual Address written in a hap-

now lamented Thomas Brown, will but serve to encourage us who follow after him in the "rough and rugged" paths, so luridly lit up by the sparkling rays of his ever-living record:

O! happy spirit, where did'st thou flee?
From toil and labor thou art free;
Thy work is done, thy home prepared,
The true words Heaven thy great reward.

He copied the excellent closing admonition of our M. E. Comp. David Jones, then G. H. P. M. E. Luke A. Lockwood is G. H. P., E. John W. Paul, G. Secretary.

GEORGIA.

2397.—April 24. This is a very small pamphlet to emanate from the Royal Craft of our nativity, the large Empire State. But it notwithstanding contains an excellent, and truly able address by M. E. Samuel Lawrence, G. H. P., which verifies the old saying which we were taught in a little Georgia school-house, "tall oaks from little acorns grow."

In heartfelt condolence we deeply sympathize with our Most Excellent Companion Lawrence, of warm personal recollections, in his sad bereavement in the loss of his dearest fair idol of life. The M. E. embraces in his address, a partial comprehensive review of the proceedings of 22 Grand Chapters, Florida for 1866, mentioned as one. The M. E. professes to deprecate bitterness of personal feeling, animosities and foreign matters; so do we and we don't like to say much about such things; prefer to say nothing, or a little less from our fraternal stand point.

The sentiments expressed in a committee report commemorating the virtues of the late M. E. Phillip T. Schley, P. G. H. P., who conferred the Capitular Degrees on the writer, find a sympathetic response in our heart.

M. E. Samuel Lawrence was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Benjamin B. Russell, "32d," is Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

2396.—October 5. M. E. L. L. Moore, G. H. P. delivered the Annual Address; good local business document.

R. E. O. H. Miner, D. G. H. P. "approvingly" performed the duties of his chief who was absent after the 7th of May.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, we presume, from the pen of Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, G. Secretary. Florida for 1865, 6, kindly noticed.

An inscribed page perpetuates the memory of M. E. James H. Hibbard, P. G. H. P.

Several matters of local interest embracing useful forms and statistical tables are in this pamphlet.

Harmony and prosperity prevail. M. E. Olin H. Miner is G. H. P. & E. M. M. G. Reynolds, G. Secretary.

2397.—October 4. The address of M. E. Olin H. Miner is principally confined to matters of local interest, which concludes thus, "I trust that harmony and good feeling will characterize your deliberations, and that the blessings of a kind providence will attend all your undertakings both here and hereafter; and that when we have closed our labors here on earth we may all meet in the Grand Chapter above, and be welcomed as "good and faithful servants" of our Supreme Grand High Priest, who is "without beginning of years or end of days."

By resolution adopted, no rejected applicant for the Chapter Degrees can be received under 12 months. We see that they have a little sprinkling of the parliamentary "amendments, substitutes. Laying a table—yeas and nays, &c."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written, we presume, by Comp. H. G. Reynolds covering 34 pages, small type, and reviewing 30 Grand Chapters. Florida catches a "little U" spat, but taken altogether it is an interesting report. The Chapters are not permitted to confer the R. A. Degree except upon "actual" candidates. We think such legislation unnecessary to say the least of it.

A memorial page is inscribed to M. E. Michael J. Noyes, P. G. H. P. who died April 20, 1869.

There are 109 chartered Chapters and 5,874 members. M. E. Geo. W. Lininger was elected G. H. P., and Grand Secretary re-elected.

INDIANA.

2396.—May 23. M. E. Thomas Patterson, G. H. P. delivered the Annual Address, containing several matters of interest which we cannot give special notice here.

The G. H. P. presented a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, on the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter and nine Grand Chapters, among which is Florida for 1863-4-5. He says of us "we hail with fraternal feeling the renewal of this correspondence, and hope that the time may never come when it will be found necessary to cease our annual greetings." We strike hands on that, M. E. and our love we will not "conceal."

M. E. Thomas Newby is G. H. P., and R. E. William Hacker is Grand Secretary.

2397.—May 22. M. E. Thomas Newby, G. H. P. presented his Annual Address showing the performance of many official duties.

He recommends the Grand Chapters to recede from their position in attempting to secede from the General Grand Chapter, and he is evidently right, for it seems that the General Grand Chapter gave it existence.

A page is suitably inscribed to the memory of M. E. Daniel K. Hays, P. G. H. P., deceased.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by M. E. Thomas Newby, was, after a little private pruning, appended. Florida is kindly noticed. Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary William Hacker, re-elected.

IOWA.

2393.—May 30. The Grand High Priest M. E. Caleb Lamb, went into the military service and left his commission with Comp. E. A. Gilbert, D. G. H. P. who played in the office of G. H. P. Grand King, we infer, upon demand. They all seem to come to the conclusion, as Comp. Gilbert said in his address, that there is but little or no use for a D. G. H. P., and that the Grand Council composed of G. H. P., G. K. and G. S., carries with it the idea of trinity which completely knocks out the D. G. H. P. The matter was referred to a committee who recommended that the office be abolished.

The Grand Secretary recommended for the 2nd or 3d time that an appropriation be made to bind the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters. Laudable purpose.

Comp. W. E. Woodward, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence on 12 Grand Chapters. It is an interesting report and written in the true Masonic spirit.

M. E. W. E. Woodward is G. H. P. and R. E. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

2394.—June 4. The Grand High Priest delivered an excellent address, but contains nothing of general interest important to be noticed here.

Comp. Langridge presented a good report on Foreign Correspondence. M. E. L. S. Swafford was elected G. H. P. Grand Secretary re-elected.

2395.—June 3. The M. E. Louis Spinks Swafford, G. H. P. delivered his Annual Address. He decided that "Army Chapters" are irregular and that their work is clandestine. That is rather a serious view to take of the subject, and we are surprised to learn that Army Chapters were authorized by Illinois or any other Grand Jurisdiction.

The Chapters refused to sustain the action proposing to abolish the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, so the so-called "omnibus fifth wheel" is still in use.

Several amendments were made to the Constitution.

Comp. Langridge is a model Grand Secretary, and his report on Foreign Correspondence is full of fraternal interest to the Royal Craft. We regret that Florida is not in the list. M. E. John H. Brown is G. H. P., and Comp. Langridge continues to be Grand Secretary.

2396.—June 1. The Most Excellent in his address said, "I presume you will agree with me, that we have to do solely with the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Iowa." But afterwards he opened his expanded heart and said, "throughout our once happy country new lights are springing up and old ones re-established."

An antique pamphlet from "An Ancient Royal Arch Templar Mason of Lodge No. 42, Carrickfergus," was placed in the Archives. If anybody don't understand "all that same," we don't propose to answer any questions, yesterday-before-sun-up-in-the-morning.

which he recommends a change of mitres of High Priests to conform in semblance to that of the Ancient Jewish High Priests, and his argument is plausible.

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction by resolution.

Comp. A. G. Hodges presented the report on Foreign Correspondence reviewing 23 Grand Chapters. Florida for 1867 included. He favors the insertion of the names of all the officers of the Grand Chapters in the reports, which we think unnecessary. M. E. J. T. Martin is G. H. P. and R. E. P. Swigert is G. Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

2397.—February 12. The style of this pamphlet is exceedingly neat and reflects credit upon our Companions of Louisiana, and especially upon that fraternally excellent Grand Secretary. H. P. Buckley, D. G. H. P., and R. E. P. are short local business papers, but written in the proper fraternal spirit.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. Samuel M. Todd, presented a thorough and interesting report.

An able and exceedingly interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. H. R. Swazey, reviewing 24 Grand Chapters. Florida is fraternally noticed. We do not propose to take up the issue joined with our venerable predecessors, upon the subject of Grand Chapter secession from the General Grand Chapter. That lamented, ever memorable Royal Chief has laid down his working tools of time, and has made his happy exit from the Holy sanctuary of endless felicity, and his exemplary record upon the fundamental principles of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, will serve as lurid rays from the Mystic Golden Candle-stick, along the "rough and rugged paths" of the limited existence of future successive generations.

An amended Constitution was adopted.

M. E. H. P. Buckley is G. H. P., and R. E. James C. Batchelor is Grand Secretary.

2398.—February 11. The address of M. E. H. P. Buckley, G. H. P. is almost strictly confined to local matters.

The Grand Secretary is to procure an album to contain the photographs of honored Companions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. E. A. Gilbert, in which Florida receives a "meagre" notice.

M. E. H. H. Hemonway is Grand High Priest and R. E. W. B. Langridge, G. Secretary.

2397.—October 17. We observe nothing of general interest necessary to be noticed here, except that Iowa seems to have fully succeeded in secession from the General Grand Chapter, by resolution of 1860, and still refuses allegiance to its formerly acknowledged general head. Is it rebellion? Presume not, unless it happens to fail. We have played out on secessh down here and gone to hewing wood and drawing water like perfectly succumbed and dutiful slaves.

The promised report on Foreign Correspondence has not come to hand.

G. H. P. and that model Grand Secretary re-elected.

KANSAS.

2396.—October 18. The address of M. E. R. R. Rees, G. H. P. is an excellent Masonic document. To extract from it would do it injustice, and to insert it at length space is wanting. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, presented a statistical review of 8 Grand Chapters, ours for 1863-4-5 included G. H. P. and G. Secretary re-elected.

2397.—October 16. M. E. Comp. Rees delivered an eloquent and truly Masonic address.

Comp. Carr in his report on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of 16 Grand Chapters. Florida for 1867 is fraternally noticed.

A page is inscribed to the memory of R. E. Jacob Sagui, P. D. G. H. P. The memory of the great and good is revered. G. H. P. and G. Secretary re-elected.

KENTUCKY.

2397.—October 21. M. E. J. H. Branham, G. H. P. delivered his Annual Address containing several matters of interest, among

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Comp. W. W. Leake, and is a brief, but interesting review of 18 Grand Chapters, including a kind notice of Florida for 1867.

There are several matters of interest which would require special notice if the brief plan of this report would admit.

M. E. Samuel M. Todd is G. H. P., and R. E. James C. Bachelor is Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

2395.—May 1. M. E. A. J. Fuller, G. H. P. delivered his Annual Address upon matters of confined local interest.

The Grand Chapter was caused to mourn the loss of three distinguished Companions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence which though not long is highly interesting, was written by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond.

2396.—April 30. The excellent address of M. E. A. J. Fuller, G. H. P., contains many matters of local interest and some general.

The D. G. H. P., G. K. and G. S., all submitted reports of their well-performed official duties.

There are many subjects of interest and importance to the Craft that we would delight to notice more particularly.

The amiable report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Florida for 1863-4-5 is kindly noticed, was presented by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, who is now M. E. G. H. P., and R. E. Ira Berry is G. Secretary.

2397.—May 6. The address of M. E. Comp. Drummond is a chaste, elegant and truly Masonic document, but only such as might be expected from that source; we clip the following: "We should remember that the large number of rejected applicants in the country will necessarily create opposition and hatred to us, which, though not quiet and passive, is liable at any moment to be developed into activity. But if peace and harmony exist within our tabernacles, opposition will beat against the Institution in vain. If none are admitted among us that are not imbued with the genuine principles of Masonry, we shall have peace and harmony." To which we would add, and the gates of Satanic opposition will not prevail against it.

The Grand Council Officers severally made their interesting reports.

The M. E. Comp. Drummond presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Florida for 1867 receives fraternal notice.

G. H. P. and G. Secretary re-elected.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

2395.—January 9. Address of M. E. John L. Yeates, G. H. P. Report on Foreign Correspondence; report of committee relative to unchanged relation with General Grand Chapter, and other matters of interest are embraced in the proceedings, which we have read with interest, but do not deem it important to give them special notice at this remote period; we will therefore only extend our long involuntarily withdrawn right hand, and in the "joy of our heart exclaim Hail Companions," accept the response "Peace be with us," and take up the next pamphlet.

2396.—November 12. The address of M. E. Jas. G. Smith, G. H. P. is a very good local business document.

It announces the sad and casual death, by drowning, of Comp. Parkhurst, H. P. of one of the Chapters, and S. G. W. and C. C. F. C. of the Grand Lodge. A sudden shock and an irreparable loss to the Craft.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. E. L. Stephens, reviewing the proceedings of 20 Grand Chapters, including ours for 1863-4-5. He throws the veil of charity over what he conceives to be the weak spot in human nature exhibited in the preparation of the address of our G. H. P. in 1863, as being procreated in secesh times.

Of the address of our presiding officer for 1865, he says, "The address of M. E. David Jones, G. H. P., is conciliatory in spirit and evinces that its author is a true Mason at heart. He makes two extracts from the report of our departed Most Excellent Companion Thomas Brown, and copies our then heartfelt resentment, and little report relative thereto, with fraternal response."

2397.—November 11. Proceedings very short, no address, two or three special Grand Convocations had been held, purporting

ourselves to a new consecration and devotion to those high moral principles whose beauty, beneficence, and practical results we have thus seen illustrated. With the warm throbbings of our heart beating in unison with the act, we extend our hand in warm, loving, fraternal greeting, to our Companions of the mystic tie everywhere throughout the extent of our country, knowing no North, no South, no East, no West, but all the same, one and indivisible, now and ever. So mote it be." With our heart we respond Amen! So mote it be.

M. E. Richard Briggs is G. H. P., and R. E. Thomas Waterman is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

2397.—January 7. The address of M. E. A. Bernard Cudworth, G. H. P., is a sound Royal Arch document. For example, "Companions, it should be our highest pride that we have our names inscribed on the rolls of Royal Arch Masonry, and may it be our highest ambition to shed lustre and renown on its immortal page." There is an intimation, we infer, that some of the Chapters "defraud" the candidates on whom they confer degrees by measuring out scant patterns to them; they ought to stop that "same," and endeavor to repair the injuries already done.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, is a brief review of 22 Grand Chapters, Florida among them. M. E. John P. Fiske is G. H. P., and R. E. J. Eastman Johnson, G. Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

2397.—October 24. The Annual Address of M. E. B. F. Smith, G. H. P., is an excellent and truly Masonic document. He is justly vindictive upon the vicious practices of profanity and intemperance, for the correction of which the Royal and moral code is amply sufficient without any specific legislation.

Upon the subject of selecting officers, he truly says: "Real merit never seeks position; you, Companions, must seek its possessor, and call into your service those whom your interests demand, and who may and will become the future guardians as well as workers in our time-honored Institution."

to divide the Grand Jurisdiction with the District of Columbia, all which are now rescinded. We greatly regret the unfortunate disturbance among the Companions there, and sincerely hope that they will ere long be adjusted and permanently settled upon principles of pure Masonic equity.

There is an exceedingly interesting report on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. E. L. Stephens, reviewing Grand Chapters, in which Florida is kindly noticed.

M. E. John L. Yates is G. H. P., and R. E. Wm. A. Wentz is Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This is a neat pamphlet and contains the proceedings of the Grand Chapters, at a stated Grand Convocation, December 12, 2395, Special Convocation January 19, and stated do. December 11, 2396; in all which we observe nothing of general interest to the Craft, except evidence generally of prosperity, and the voluminous and able report on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. James Kimball, reviewing the General Grand Chapter and 14 Grand Chapters. Florida for 1866 receives fraternal notice, and a copious extract is taken from the report of our lamented M. E. Comp. Thomas Brown.

M. E. Richard Briggs is G. H. P., and R. E. Thomas Waterman is G. Secretary.

2397.—This pamphlet embraces stated Convocation June 11, Annual Convocation September 10, and Stated Convocation December 10. There are many matters of interest to that superb Grand Jurisdiction not necessary to mention here; we see no address or official reports, except that magnificent report of Comp. Henry Chickering on Foreign Correspondence, most ably and amiably reviewing the proceedings of 23 Grand Chapters. We would delight to extract liberally from this valuable document if space would permit, and would copy the whole of the extended conclusion. But the following, rising like the Holy incense glowing and burning from the altar of the Noble Masonic Soul, must suffice, "Let us around our sacred altars, renewedly pledge

We notice a resolution that at every Grand Convocation, before any business is transacted, a R. A. Chapter is to be opened in "ample" or due form. We deem that a useless formality. The G. H. P. with the aid of the G. Secretary can as easily ascertain if a quorum be present as can a R. A. Chapter without any name, number, charter, or Chapter Officers. No report on Foreign Correspondence. M. E. Luther Dearbon is G. H. P., and R. E. William S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

2397.—January 16. M. E. Wm. S. Patten's address is a good Masonic document, and overlaid with true "fervency and zeal" from which we take the following:

"No lurking foe beyond the 'waters,' to hinder or impede us in the erection of the edifice, the foundation of which has been laid by skilful hands in days of old, under the direction of the All-seeing Eye of Jehovah. How grateful then should we be to Him from whom all blessings flow. Our birth, education and occupation in life may not be the same, our religious faith, or political creed may differ; yet with all these distinctions, in the Sacred Tabernacle *we are Companions*. Our labor in this Institution is a *labor of love*.

Our Order teaches the lesson to bear each other's burden, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and minister to the wants of the needy and the afflicted; to comfort as far as possible the weary pilgrim that is journeying with us over the rough and rugged path of life toward the haven of rest. If we as true and faithful Companions perform all these duties, when our labor in this life shall end, we may expect to hear from the Grand High Priest above, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter within the veil, with all worthy Companions, in the fadeless beauties of the sanctuary above." The tempest of war within our borders is now still, the clear heavens are over us again, and the genius of Masonry is welcomed throughout the land. Our ancient order, in well-remembered accents, speaks to us again, and bids us not despair of the fulfilment of her early promise, nor of the final success of her hallowed mission.

Your assemblage here at this Annual Convocation is a confession of our faith that Freemasonry has yet a mission, an altar, and a priesthood, in this world, and that our own loved country is to demonstrate this truth in a manner worthy of the mystic power on earth.

There is an inexpressible charm in the word Companion or

brother that dispels all formality, where hand hurriedly meets hand, while the warm hearts respond as though it was but the renewing of acquaintance of former days. It is this vitalizing principle that renders it so desirable to meet in Grand Council to pledge ourselves for the proper discharge of all obligations. May these our principles continue to stand forth in bold relief, to guide the weary sojourner in the celestial road to the temple of happiness."

And also the following closing remarks:

"May the Grand Chapter of my native Mississippi flourish in renewed youth, youthfulness and strength! Long may it continue to teach and cultivate the great truths contained in the Sacred Book of the Law; and finally, when the rough and rugged way on earth shall have ended, may we have our work well done; and when the great throne is set, and our Supreme High Priest shall take his seat to preside in the council of that Grand Convocation above, and all the nations shall be assembled to be judged by that holy law, may we be in possession of the *signet of truth* and be admitted within the white veil of that holy sanctuary where incense burns continually, into the presence of the Grand Council, and find our names recorded in the book of eternal life."

What a glorious streak of imagination comes over us! The whole Mississippi Royal Mystic Army, marching triumphantly under the "wilderness" banner of "omnific" splendor, through the "Vails of the Tabernacle" and within the Infinite sanctuary of immeasurable time and space. We invoke the "happy benediction" upon the whole Royal Craft, and all dutiful creatures of the "I am, that I am."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Comp. W. S. Patten, reviewing 15 Grand Chapters, including fraternal notice of Florida.

The Constitution and standing regulations are appended. We cannot now make extended notice. \$40 is the minimum fee for the Degrees, and \$100 for New Chapter Dispensations. We are inclined to oppose large fees for beginners, unless they are expended in lecturing and setting the Young Chapter properly to work, for it is at a time even in infancy when they are least able to pay for no intrinsic value received. That such exorbitant fees is a prevention against the formation of too many Chapters, falls with no weight of justice or propriety on our feeble sense

of reason; and is a reflection upon the the moral courage and judicious discretion of constituted Royal Arch authorities. We should rather nourish and help the young and weak, than kill, or wound them in conception, or infancy. Mere nominal fees, if any, should be charged, but a competent Companion with proper authority should invariably visit them, set them properly to work and charge them reasonable compensation for his services, which we believe would be attended with incalculable benefit to the Craft.

M. E. W. D. Ferris is G. H. P., and R. E. Oscar T. Keeler, G. Secretary.

2398.—January 22. This pamphlet for style and manner of execution is an ornament to the Royal Craft, which should be imitated here and elsewhere.

The address of M. E. William D. Ferris, G. H. P., is in good tone and full of interest. In 1864, this Grand Chapter passed a resolution purporting to sever connection with the General Grand Chapter, which the M. E. decides is now void. Poor secesh! Solemn strikes the funeral chime! There is much spilt milk to some of us; but it won't do to look back.

The Chapters in Mississippi are not allowed to call off from day to day, but every Convocation must be regularly opened and closed. This as a general rule is right and should be the universal practice, subject only to meritorious exceptions. Degrees may be conferred at called Convocations, which should also be regularly closed when the specific work is completed.

They have adopted a Grand Lecturing System. Although the writer of this has held the office of Grand Lecturer in Florida for a number of years, by a standing regulation of the Grand Chapter, he is not inclined to look with much favor upon the system, but would prefer to see the Royal Arch work thoroughly disseminated by the Grand High Priest through the medium of a requisite number of Deputies, thoroughly drilled and commissioned for the purpose. A Chapter charter goes up, when substitutes are used. We have never known any harm resulting from the adverse practice, but good has resulted, we are therefore opposed to such legislation. We have searched in vain for the name of the author of that splendid report on Foreign Cor-

respondence, and we regret that Florida is not in the list of Grand Chapters reviewed.

The interesting reports of the G. T., G. Secretary and various committees, together with the useful forms, statistical tables and other matters would receive special and well merited notice if time and space would permit.

M. E. James O. Lensher is G. H. P., and R. E. Oscar T. Keeler is Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

2397.—October 9. In the absence of the G. H. P., R. E. Martin Collins, D. G. H. P. presided. He had officiated during the greater part of the year and delivered the Annual truly Masonic Address, in which he exhibited the characteristics of an efficient officer, which prompted his Companions to continue him, by election, in that high and honorable position of Grand High Priest.

The death of Com. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary, was announced; suitable obituary resolutions were adopted. A page in the proceedings is appropriately inscribed to his memory, and a monument is to be erected to designate the resting place of that great and good Mason. His loss was not alone that of Missouri, but the whole American Royal Craft has felt the solemn shock. But as the inscription says, "He still lives." So mote it be!

A vacancy then occurred in the office of Grand Secretary, which was filled by the appointment of Comp. George Frank Gouley, and his work shows that the appointment was well made.

Bro. Gouley presented a splendid report on Foreign Correspondence, ably reviewing 27 Grand Chapters, Florida fraternaly noticed. His remarks relative to the organization of what is styled the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia contain much logic and good sense, but we think that the organization, which was evidently set up in good faith, should be taken under the protecting wing of the General Grand Chapter without any act of humiliation on the part of the Companions. Possibly we may not know everything which prompted the action of the General Grand High Priest declaring it clandestine, but from all

the lights before us, it appears that the mind of the M. E. was influenced by that field of passion which lies just outside the corporate limits of the 2d Cardinal virtue, which should not fail to be observed from even the highest pinnacle in the plan of Royal Arch Masonry.

Pages are respectively inscribed to the memory of Comps. Anthony O'Sullivan, late Grand Secretary, John W. Crane, P. G. H. P., Joseph Tallman, P. G. S.

The Constitution is appended.

M. E. Martin Collins is G. H. P., and R. E. Geo. Frank Gouley is G. Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

2397.—March 19. This neat little pamphlet satisfactorily accounts for the regular organization on the 17th of June, of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Nebraska, to which we tender fraternal recognition, and pray the blessing of "Israel's God" upon their "laudable and praiseworthy" cause. M. E. H. P. Deuel is the first Grand High Priest, and R. E. J. W. Wise Grand Secretary.

A Grand Convocation was held on the 17th of June of this year, and the M. E. H. P. Deuel delivered an Annual Address, from which we take the following:

"Companions, this is an important epoch in the history of Masonry in Nebraska. We are taking the initiatory steps in a work which will remain when we, our children and our children's children will have departed, and the record of our deliberations and proceedings will be closely examined and criticised by generations yet to come. We are laying the foundation stones of that masonic edifice which I trust will be reared in that strength and beauty which will prove a lasting monument of our fidelity in our endeavors to promote the welfare and prosperity of that loved Institution. Upon us, therefore, rests the responsibility of selecting such materials in our laws and regulations as will safely stand the test of the overseer's square of examination, so that when judgment is rendered, they will be pronounced "good and square work."

May "Holiness to the Lord" and "The advancement of the Craft," be the watchwords of your deliberations, and that honor will be yours, and that peace, harmony and progress to the Craft, which in no other manner can be obtained."

M. E. James W. Moore is G. H. P., and Comp. J. W. Wise G. Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

2396.—June 12. M. E. Thomas E. Hatch, G. H. P. delivered the Annual Address, containing only local matters. The Chapters have their own diversified times for electing officers, and the Most Excellent recommended a regulation, whereupon a resolution was adopted "requesting" the Chapters to change their By-Laws on that subject, so as to hold their elections at the regular Convocations next preceding the first day of May.

The Grand Chapter wisely refused to adopt a resolution purporting to interfere with the prerogative of the G. H. P. to grant dispensations for conferring degrees.

Appropriate memorial pages are inscribed to the memory of E. Comp. Ex-Governor John H. Steele, P. H. P. who died July 3, 1865, aged 76 years, and of M. E. Philemon Tolles, P. G. H. P., who died August 28, 1865, aged 63 years.

The spirited report on Foreign Correspondence was written by that venerable Comp. R. E. Horace Chase Grand, Secretary, reviewing 16 Grand Chapters, Florida among them. He holds that no Grand Chapter owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter has the absolute right to withdraw it, and his arguments are forcible and conclusive. This is an able and well written report, from which we would take many extracts if an allotted space would permit.

2397.—June 11. This pamphlet also contains the proceedings of the Grand Chapters for 1867. The address of M. E. Thos. E. Hatch is a good Masonic document of local interest and fraternal sentiment.

The E. Grand King made a report, visited two Chapters. Will Comp. Chase inform us whence the origin and what the meaning of "indefinitely postponed" in Masonry? p. 415. We here have another luminous and able report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of the veteran Comp. Chase, reviewing 28 Grand Chapters, Florida included. He takes a commendable extract from the address of M. E. David Jones, G. H. P. and comments rather severely upon a certain part of the report of

our lamented predecessor. We could not, without a breach of fraternal propriety daub our report with unpleasant personalities. We propose the undertaking of trying what virtue there is in silence upon such subjects and commend the experiment to the attention of others, with the thought that Committees on Foreign Correspondence have no tribunal jurisdiction in the adjudication of individual irregularities, either at home or abroad.

Our excellent Comp. Chase expresses a true masonic sentiment in saying, "we must learn to forgive as we hope to be forgiven."

M. E. Nathaniel W. Cumner, "Esq." is Grand High Priest, R. E. "Hon." Horace Chase is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

2397.—September 11. M. E. Israel Baldwin, G. H. P. presented his Annual Address in which he submitted quite a number of official decisions. We note but one: "The H. P. may exercise the discretion of causing the ballot to be spread as often as he sees proper to determine whether or not a single negative ballot is cast by mistake." We object to its being spread more than the second time, except for some evident good cause. For instance, some Comp. voting states in open Chapter at the same meeting that he has reason to believe and does believe, that he cast the negative ballot by mistake, or otherwise unintentionally. It would certainly be right to spread the ballot again. But there the ballot should cease, because to continue longer would bear the semblance of endeavoring to ascertain who cast the negative: a purpose at which the whole consistent fraternity would rise in stern indignation.

R. E. Jno. V. Mattison, D. G. H. P. presented a report of his official acts in visiting Chapters, &c. He very forcibly argues the propriety and importance of conferring the Degrees in proper and solemn form and manner. He is right; much depends upon it: for at that time lasting favorable or unfavorable impressions are made accordingly as the work is done.

The Excellent G. K. and G. S. each presented interesting reports of their official acts much to their credit and to the Royal Craft in that Grand Jurisdiction. There these officers are useful, here they are mere dummies, and we suggest such a change

of practice as the financial surroundings will admit. The Grand Chapter did not sustain all the decisions of the G. H. P.

Comp. Thomas J. Corson presented an able, interesting and spicy report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing 29 Grand Chapters, Florida for 1867 included, of which he says, "Most heartfelt and sincere are our wishes for the success of our Companions of Florida; may they increase and multiply until future prosperity shall have more than counterbalanced all the adversity which they have had to bear. In our heart of hearts they will always find a warm welcome." Such thorough-bred expressions of good wishes and brotherly-love are greatly appreciated by the Companions of Florida. Here is our hand, Comp. Corson, and we shall look with some interest and anxiety to the proceedings of the Fraternal Convention, at which Florida is necessarily absent from providential hindrance.

M. E. Jno. V. Mattison is G. H. P., and R. E. John Woolverton is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

2397.—February 5. M. E. Horace S. Taylor, G. H. P. delivered his Annual Address, indicating a great degree of prosperity in that vast Grand Jurisdiction.

R. E. Seymour H. Stone, D. G. H. P. presented his official report. He granted three Dispensations for new Chapters. We presume the G. H. P. was temporarily absent from the Grand Jurisdiction.

Comp. Joseph White's report on Foreign Correspondence is an able and amiable review of the General Grand Chapter and 24 Grand Chapters, including ours for 1867. A resolution of Universal Harmony is appended and if a similar one is to be offered in Comp. Corson's convention, and we are allowed representation our delegate will be specially instructed to vote for it.

Many matters of general interest appear.

M. E. Seymour H. Stone is G. H. P., and R. E. Christopher G. Fox is Grand Secretary.

2398.—February 4. This pamphlet is a huge compendium of useful and valuable work.

The address of M. E. Seymour H. Stone, G. H. P., is a good local business document.

A splendid jewel was presented to the M. E. Horace S. Taylor, P. G. H. P., a token of merit worthily worn. We would insert its description and symbolisms but for want of space.

Several reports and resolutions would command our attention if we could devote time and space for comment.

A page is inscribed to the memory of the late Excellent Comp. William Seymour, who was 18 years Grand Treasurer.

There is an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing 25 Grand Chapters. Florida receives a very kind and fraternal notice, of which we conclude that Comp. _____ is the author, who need not have been ashamed to own his work.

There are many valuable forms and statistical tables appended. G. H. P. and G. Secretary re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

2397.—June 4. This pamphlet is a model of excellence.

The address of Most Excellent Alfred Martin, G. H. P. covering about four large pages of close print, so forcibly depicts the relative impoverished condition of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, even to this day, as to enlist our solemn and heart-rending sympathies for our beloved Companions in the Old North State. But while our hopes for ease and prosperity still continue suspended upon a seeming slender thread, over this vast surface of devastation and want, consequent upon successive failures in agricultural productions, unaided, and apparently unknown, in regions of blessings abundant, we trust that our then distressed Companions of North Carolina, whose wants are more easily perceived, and doubtless more or less relieved by the hand of voluntary fraternal philanthropy and benevolence, are ere this more clearly on the road to the tabernacle of future prosperity.

So many Charters have been by resolution of the Grand Chapter forfeited, that 22 out of the 42 of the Chapters of that Grand Jurisdiction are considered dormant. Our policy has been different. We know that the whole time and energy of many of our Companions have been necessarily devoted to the effort of screening and saving themselves and their helpless dependences from actual starvation. They have had no time for social and

intellectual enjoyment and cultivation. Their parched and thereby sterile fields refuse to yield their accustomed harvests; their barns and cribs comparatively empty; their school-houses mouldering amid the weeds and thistles which have taken possession of the old play grounds; their teachers and ministers at manual labor; their unoccupied Masonic Halls and Lodge rooms standing aghast in apparently impatient desolation awaiting a new happy era; fervency and zeal, with a love of their old Chapter homes, still glow and burn in unabated fervor in the hearts of our depressed Companions, and they express a desire to relight their tapers, replace their furniture, take up their working tools and resume their fraternal labors at as early a day as possible. We give them further time; we remit their dues. "We cannot yet take their Charters from them, still hoping they may yet survive."

The M. E., who has been for 25 years in active and official service of the Grand Chapter, declined re-election. But the Companions didn't see it in that light, as the following will show. "On motion it was unanimously resolved, That this Grand Chapter request Comp. A. Martin, M. E. G. H. P. to consent to a re-election. Whereupon he was unanimously re-elected." We presume the Grand Secretary E. Comp. Thomas B. Carr, concluded he may as will quietly submit to his similar well deserved treatment, as to his office.

Comp. Carr is the author of the report on Foreign Correspondence, ably reviewing the proceedings of 26 Grand Chapters, including ours for 1866, which he gives a kind and fraternal notice. But he thinks that our proceedings ought to be read and confirmed at the close of each day's session, instead of the beginning of the next. Well, Comp. Carr, our Grand Secretaries have usually preferred a little extra time to arrange them in readable shape, and our Companions being willing to quit when all other business is finished, have not felt inclined to compel the scribbling officers to "move off from that creek on which they have so long been settled," and hence "generally the same workmen" quietly attend to that same the next morning. But we don't solicit a controversy about that rule of practice, for we

like symmetry and good example, and your rule is certainly correct as to the Chapters.

Having already said who is G. H. P. and G. S., and not having time and space to note the numerous other matters of interest in this pamphlet, we bid adieu for the present.

OHIO.

2396.—October 11. The address of M. E. George Rex, G. H. P. comes very much up to our notions of a true Masonic document. Many presiding officers exhibit in their addresses the peculiar vanity of wishing their views and decisions supported by deliberate action. Upon this subject M. E. Comp. Rex submitted his specimens of work to the inspection of the Grand Chapter, thus: "I respectfully solicit for them your strict scrutiny and careful consideration and attention." If such was the rule of action in every case, more benefit would thereby accrue to the Craft than by pandering to the follies and vanities of egotistic writers.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. Howard Matthews is an able and fraternal review of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter and 21 Grand Chapters, Florida among them, to which the following adopted resolutions are appended:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Ohio greets her sister Grand Chapters of the United States, with expressions of brotherly love and kindness, and trusts that the unfortunate and terrible memories of the past may be forgotten, and that there may never again be any contention amongst us but that noble contention or rather emulation of who can best work and best agree."

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter promptly responds to the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Vermont "to co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand Bodies, to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country, by bringing into play the powerful yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry." The expression of such sentiments from such true Masonic sources, carries healing on its wings to them of the unfortunate section who are oppressed, lingering and struggling under the yoke of civil tyranny.

Had the inventive genius of reconstruction been inspired

with the generous impulses of our noble Companions of the Holy Royal Arch, civil reunion would have been effected with as much harmony and good feeling as characterize the renewal of fraternal relations between the various Masonic Grand Jurisdictions. We fully concur in the sentiments expressed in both resolutions.

An expansive and numerous lot of decisions on jurisprudence were adopted, and many matters of interest appear which we cannot particularly notice.

G. H. P. and G. Secretary re-elected.

OREGON.

2396.—June 18. The address of M. E. C. H. Louis is short; and the proceedings, though exhibiting a specimen of "good work," contain but little of general interest.

Comp. W. S. Caldwell presented a report on Foreign Correspondence, briefly reviewing eleven Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter. By strict search we find that Florida is noticed.

M. E. George A. Edes is G. H. P., and R. E. C. M. Cartwright G. Secretary.

2397.—June 24. R. E. B. F. Brown, D. G. H. P. presided within the Grand Sanctuary in the absence of his chief, M. E. G. A. Edes, G. H. P., who had since April been on a visit to the Atlantic States. He says, in his short address, "the official acts of Comp. Edes, Grand High Priest, I am unacquainted with, if any he had. I have none myself."

A page is inscribed to the memory of M. E. Amory Holbrook, P. G. H. P., who died September 26, 1866.

Comp. B. F. Brown presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 12 Grand Chapters, Florida not there.

M. E. B. F. Brown is G. H. P., and R. E. Chas. M. Cartwright is G. Secretary.

2398.—June 22. M. E. B. F. Brown's address is a short, plain, business paper, as far as it goes. He made some decisions, too unimportant to report. We don't think that a G. H. P. ought ever to make such decisions, they being beneath the dignity of his high position. The report on Foreign Correspondence by

comparatively small proportion of mortality in the Masonic family to the prudent adherence to, and practice of the 1st cardinal virtue. The Grand Chapter seems to prefer the term "star-ted meetings" as applicable to Chapter assemblies, to "Regular Conventions." We rather like the latter as being peculiar to our Institution. We think there is some symmetry and beauty in such relative phrases as these—Lodge, Grand Lodge—Master, Grand Master—Warden, Grand Warden—Communication, Grand High Priest—Convocation, Grand Convocation, etc., etc. The report of a committee complains that some of the sister jurisdictions have been wrongfully capturing some stray sons of light legitimately belonging to Tennessee, but as no definite action appears of record, we would simply suggest that there may be some matters of importance which could very properly engage the attention of Grand Chapter representatives.

Tennessee holds that the granting of a Dispensation of a new Chapter, terminates the membership of the petitioners with their chartered Chapters. Our system is different. The chartering of a new Chapter has that effect, but not a Dispensation.

Comp. Charles A. Fuller's report on Foreign Correspondence is an able and fraternal review of 22 Grand Chapters. Florida the 1866 is very fraternaly noticed, and interesting extracts are taken from the address of M. E. David Jones, G. H. P., and from the report of our departed venerable Comp. Thomas Brown. Truly "his work was always well done." The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, "By-Laws" of the Grand Chapter, and the proceedings of Grand Council of the Order of High Priest-hood are appended.

M. E. Johnathan S. Dawson is G. H. P. and R. E. Charles A. Fuller is Grand Secretary.

2397.—October 11. The address of M. E. Johnathan S. Dawson is a good local business paper. In it is an honest confession that wrongs are mutual on the part of some Chapters in that and neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, These children ought to stop that "same" or without consent. These children ought to stop that "same" or loose their magna parchment. That's so. The M. E. seems to entertain some doubts as to the legal propriety of some of their

Comp. J. H. Whyte is a brief examination of the proceedings of 21 Grand Chapters, including Florida for 1867.

M. E. James M. Bayley is G. H. P., and R. E. R. P. Farhart is G. Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

2392-6-7.—This neat pamphlet contains the proceedings of three years as mentioned. Those of 1862 contain nothing necessary to be noticed here. Prior to the time fixed by the Constitution for the Grand Convocation for 1863, the M. E. Albert G. Mackey, G. H. P. in consequence of civil difficulties, issued his order by which the Annual Assemblies were postponed till further order. There was therefore no Grand Convocation till 1866.

2396.—February 13. The M. E. delivered "an eloquent verbal address which he promised to furnish in writing;" for which we have made diligent search throughout the several apartments without success.

G. H. P. and G. Secretary re-elected.

2397.—February 12. The address of the M. E. A. G. Mackey Arch Masonry in that State. That distinguished Mason may truly be said to be the Patriarch and Progenitor of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina.

Comp. R. S. Burns presented an interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, ably reviewing the proceedings of 14 Grand Chapters, Florida noticed. He copies one of M. E. Comp. Jones' foreboding admonitions, which he "sincerely trusts argues no fatal presience." "That faith is well founded," Comp. Burns, even if iron-bound.

M. E. A. G. Mackey declined re-election, and M. E. R. S. Burns is G. H. P., and R. E. Ebenezer Thayer re-elected G. Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

2396.—December 7. M. E. John Frizzell, G. H. P. delivered the a short, but truly fraternal address. He logically attributes the

rious dispensations which he granted for conferring the degrees. We think he did right in granting them, beyond any question of doubt.

Here we have another able and interesting report of Comp. Chas. A. Fuller on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing 23 Grand Chapters; one of the useful and fraternal admonitions of M. E. David Jones, G. H. P. in his address of 1867, is copied, and fraternal allusion is made to the able and last report of our lamented predecessor. An exception is taken to an allusion therein made to Michigan, in a manner more fraternal than which no Mason can write. But alas! sad thought: the hand which wielded that pen of transcendent virtue will write no more.

We would note many thoughts and extracts from this valuable report if time and space would permit. M. E. Townsend A. Thomas is G. H. P., and R. E. Chas. A. Fuller G. Secretary.

TEXAS.

2397.—June 10. M. E. Henry F. Gillette, G. H. P. delivered a splendid address, all business items local.

The "Grand Visitors," Companions Geo. W. Van Vleck and J. M. Daniels, presented their reports of sufficient length, and business face to show that they had not been idle in the discharge of such duties as the titles of their office indicate. Texas is evidently a strong and prosperous Grand Jurisdiction.

M. E. F. B. Sexton is G. H. P., and R. E. Robert Brewster is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

2397.—Oct. 2. M. E. Edward S. Dana, G. H. P. delivered an eloquent, instructive and truly Masonic address. After giving a detailed statement of the sorrowful disturbance between our Comps. of Maryland and the District of Columbia, he says, "Without assuming now to decide upon the real merits of the question at issue between the parties involved, we do seriously and earnestly appeal to our District of Columbia Companions to inaugurate a sincere effort at reconciliation, to bring peace and harmony out of discord with mutual and generous concession, again striving to determine 'who can best work and best agree,' remember-

ing that 'charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.' We would only add, let all officials and authorities, parties and participants in and concerning that disturbed element, measure their words and actions by that elaborate definition of true charity."

This is another one of those excellent addresses from which interesting and profitable extracts might be taken.

Comp. Rev. Joshua Britton, Assistant Grand Secretary, presented an interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing 24 Grand Chapters.

M. E. Charles A. Miles is G. H. P., and E. John B. Hollenbeck is Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

2396.—December 13. The address of M. E. Geo. W. Dame is an interesting Masonic document, containing some thoughts on the R. A. and Council Degrees of peculiar importance, which we have not time and space to notice particularly.

A comprehensive wholesale sensation report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companions William B. Isaacs and Joseph Carlton, acknowledging receipts of proceedings of 24 Grand Chapters, Florida for 1866.

G. H. P. re-elected, and the venerable John Dove is Grand Secretary.

2397.—December 12. The G. H. P's. address covers fifteen pages of the proceedings, in which he strongly urges the conferring of the Chapter Degrees upon none but good and true Brethren. He evidently has some serious forebodings as to the moral condition of many who have entered within the veil of the "sanctuary," and hence it becomes the duty of all dutiful Companions to endeavor to enforce all the injunctions of the moral law for the preservation of the principles of Holy Royal Arch Masonry in perpetual purity.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of 24 Grand Chapters, Florida for 1867 among them. We don't know whether they were read or not.

M. E. Edward H. Lane is G. H. P., and the venerable "Dove" is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

2397.—February 6. The address of M. E. David H. Wright is one of much local interest, containing many pleasant thoughts and eloquent expressions.

Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill presented an able and admirable report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing 21 Grand Chapters, Florida for 186—received kind and fraternal notice.

A resolution was adopted recommending the G. H. P. to report all his decisions on jurisprudence to the Grand Chapter. They ought to do that "same."

All persons claiming to have been made Royal Arch Masons in Army Chapters are declared to be clandestine. We think that is wrong. If the Chapter was regularly constituted, its work could not be clandestine.

G. H. P. and Secretary re-elected.

2398.—February 5. The address of M. E. David W. Wright, G. H. P. comes up to the measure of his duty prescribed by a resolution of the Grand Chapter, requiring the G. H. P. to present "all" his decisions. He gives an account of a lot of wolves in lamb-skin prowling about, and seeking the contamination of the Royal Craft, and disturbance among the workmen. These ferocious animals are among the discomfited, expelled, suspended and rejected, and we entertain the confident hope that they will be duly and timely penned and subdued.

Comp. Alvin B. Alden presented an able and truly Masonic report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing 24 Grand Chapters; Florida for 1867 kindly noticed.

There are several valuable committee reports and resolutions which would claim our specific notice if we could bestow the time and space.

M. E. A. V. H. Carpenter is G. H. P., and R. E. W. T. Palmer is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have examined this neat and dense pamphlet of proceedings with profound interest, and measure our steps upon the

pavement of the subject-matter therein contained with inexpressible caution and delicacy. And while we frankly confess that our sympathy is with the Companions of this District in the troublous surroundings which have attended their organization, or attempted organization of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in and for the District of Columbia, we refrain from saying more than that injustice is clearly apparent, and that we "solemnly and sincerely" hope and trust that the acknowledged constituted authorities will waive a strict construction of technical law and let the broad province of Masonic Equity harmonize and overcome the magnitudinous difficulties which obstruct the road to Royal Arch prosperity and happiness in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

It is well and generally known here and elsewhere, that the Grand Chapter of Florida has never been a constituent member of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America; but the cause thereof is known and understood only to the very few of our surviving Companions, who retain in memory a personal recollection of the facts, and the additional few who have attentively read our past History. We have therefore thought proper here to state, that soon after its formation this Grand Chapter, comprehending the utility of such an organization as the General Grand Chapter then was, or ought to be, made application to that confederated union of Grand Chapters, which, thereupon, undertook to investigate the question of regularity of our Grand Chapter Organization, at which our venerated predecessors took umbrage and a spirited controversy followed. Florida withdrew her application and has since stood aloof. We deem it unprofitable to enter into details to arrive at a conclusion, as to who, if any, were at fault, but content ourselves with these thoughts: Our predecessors of this Grand Chapter conceded the regularity, importance and competent utility of the General Grand Chapter of the United States in the fact of their applying for affiliation therewith.

2. If the General Grand Chapter was regular and competent

for usefulness then, it is certainly no less so now if properly encouraged and supported by the Royal Craft of the whole Federal Union.

3. The General Grand Chapter at its recent Convocation in St. Louis, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to affiliate therewith, upon equal terms and conditions with other constituent Grand Chapters, thereby conceding our unquestionable regularity and respectability, which will more fully appear by reference to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter and Circular sent us.

Your committee recommend the acceptance of that invitation in that fraternal spirit in which it is self-evidently tendered, and this recommendation is founded upon the motive and principle, that the more united, the more useful is Royal Arch, or any other branch of Masonry.

It is much regretted that we are not enabled to present a more thorough and interesting report, or such a one at least as more time and labor might have produced from so feeble a source. The pamphlets we have read containing the various Grand Chapter proceedings furnish abundant suitable material for a useful and valuable report; but for want of time and opportunity necessary to fell the timbers and raise the stones and hew, square and number them for the purpose, this illy prepared rough block is therefore the best and all that we are prepared to offer. We might have shrunk even from this, but to keep up appearances in adversity, and to assure our Companions in the distance of our intention to redouble our assiduity when more favored circumstances will permit; and in addition to which we can assure our Companions at home and congratulate them abroad, of, and upon the general prosperity of the Royal Craft, almost everywhere beyond the confines of this poor, poverty stricken jurisdiction. From this, Companions, let us take courage in the pursuit of our labors, even under great difficulties to promote this great and glorious work. May the blessing of the Supreme High Priest attend us and continue blessings abundant upon the objects of our fraternal affection and devotion, everywhere under the Infinite Arch of Heaven.

D. C. DAWKINS, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Florida.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Wednesday the 13th day of January, A. D. 1869, A. Dep. 2869, and was opened in ample form, the Most Puissant Grand Master presiding.

PRESENT:

- Comp. Wm. Morrill, M. P. G. M.
- " Ed. Bradford, D. P. G. M.
- " D. C. Dawkins, R. P. G. M.
- " M. M. Hutchinson, P. G. M.
- " T. P. Tatum, G. Treasurer.
- " D. L. Oakley, G. Recorder,
- " W. H. Arendell, G. Master Ceremonies.
- " E. M. McConnin, G. Capt. of the Guard.
- " S. Pasco, G. Conductor.
- " E. M. West, G. Sentinel.

And a fair representation from the Subordinate Councils and visiting Companions Grossman, Logan and Driggs. The M. P. G. M. appointed Companions Pasco, Bunker and Delaughter as a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Companions as entitled to seats in the Grand Council: from Mackey Council No. 1, Companions Bradford, Tatum, Taylor and Arendell. Columbia No. 2, Companions Ellenwood, Hutchinson, Bunker and Delaughter. Douglass No. 3, Compan-

ions Dawkins, Oakley, Pasco and Berry. Overman No. 4, Companion McConnin, and Union No. 7, Companion Wm. Morrill. The reading of the minutes of the last Grand Council were dispensed with, they having been published.

On motion of Comp. McConnin, the Degree of Super Excellent Master was adopted as part of the ritual of this Grand Council.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment.

JANUARY, 14, A. D. 1869, A. Dep. 2869.

Nine O'clock, P. M.—The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

PRESENT:

Comp. Wm. Morrill, M. P. Grand Master.
 “ Ed. Bradford, D. P. Grand Master.
 “ D. C. Dawkins, R. P. Grand Master.
 “ M. M. Hutchinson, P. Grand Master.
 “ T. P. Tatum, G. Treasurer.
 “ D. J. Oakley, G. Recorder.
 “ W. H. Arendell, G. Master Ceremonies.
 “ E. McConnin, G. Capt. of the Guard.
 “ S. Pasco, G. Conductor.
 “ E. M. West, G. Sentinel.

And a fair representation from the Subordinate Councils, and visiting Companions Grossman, Logan and Driggs.

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Comp. Wm. Morrill, M. P. G. M.
 “ James Ellenwood, D. P. G. M.
 “ D. C. Dawkins, R. P. G. M.
 “ H. H. Berry, P. G. M.
 “ E. L. T. Blake, Rt. Rev. G. Chaplain.
 “ T. P. Tatum, G. Treasurer.
 “ D. L. Oakley, G. Recorder.

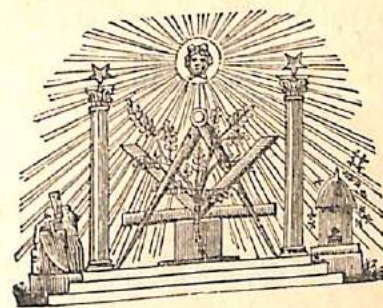
Comp. E. McConnin, G. Master of C.
 “ E. Bradford, G. Captain of G.
 “ S. Pasco, G. Conductor.
 “ Wm. Logan, G. Stewart.
 “ E. M. West, G. Sentinel.

The officers elect were then installed. Companions Oakley, Tatum and McConnin were appointed as the Committee on Correspondence, and Companions Pasco, Driggs and Oakley as the Committee on Finance.

After exemplifying the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

D. L. OAKLEY, Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA,



At their 23d Annual Convocation, Begun and Held in the City of
Tallahassee, January 10th, A. D. 1870, A. I. 2400.

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PROCEEDINGS

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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida.

The Twenty-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Tallahassee, on Monday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1870, A. I. 2400.

The Grand Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9 o'clock, P. M. Comp. Rev. T. A. Carruth, Grand Chaplain, leading in solemn prayer.

PRESENT :

- M. E. D. C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
- E. David S. Walker, as Grand King.
- " Charles Slager, as Grand Scribe.
- " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- " Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.
- Comp. Charles Mundee, as G. C. H.
- " Robert Heir, as G. P. S.
- " W. M. McIntosh, as G. R. A. C.
- " A. A. Fisher, as G. M. 3d Vail.
- " W. H. Worrel, as G. M. 2d Vail.
- " Jas. F. McCormick, as G. M. 1st Vail.
- " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, on motion, appointed Companions D. S. Walker, Robert Heir and C. Slager as Committee on Credentials and Returns, who examined the returns in the hands

of the Grand Secretary and reported that there was a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters represented.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then delivered the following address :

COMPANIONS :

Having assembled around the altar of Holy Royal Arch Masonry as a band of Brothers and Companions, feeling and mutually acknowledging our entire dependence, temporal and eternal, upon the limitless will and pleasure of the "Great I Am that I Am," it is meet and proper that we should most humbly bow in reverence and devotion before the shrine of his Infinite Majesty. His rule is the law of love, justice and mercy, or charity, and upon this rock is our world-wide mystic fabric erected. So infinitely transcendent, sacred and inviolable, does the plan of Free Masonry concede the laws of divine revelation to be above all human laws, that all thoughtful subjects will admit that no human being can culpably disregard them with impunity; then with how much more force should that unerring rule apply to all those who profess to have been brought to the "light of creative knowledge, advanced to the degree of cultivated intelligence, and exalted to the summit of mystic wisdom?" What a thought of incomprehensible grandeur, and yet properly connected with dutiful simplicity. By the scientifically arranged system and symbols of our time-honored society, the studious and intelligent Mason is the better enabled to perceive in one uninterrupted and comprehensive view of indescribable delight the wonderful mysteries of creation, and the circumscribed sphere of legitimate human society. He beholds a magnificent Temple, a vast and mysterious Tabernacle, supported by numerous and stately pillars of mystic covenant, all securely placed upon the one common foundation—"The Moral Law"—prescribing in mysterious simplicity that one unerring rule of moral conduct by which all the worthy inmates are taught to "do what is right and refrain from what is wrong." This is indeed the great design drawn by the finger of God, through the medium of human intelligence, upon the ingenious Masonic Trestle Board. Upon entering the threshold of Free Masonry, the young Apprentice is taught in comprehensive style his duty to God, his

neighbor and himself. And this is the great corner stone of the mystic fabric; and as he ascends step by step, or degree by degree, to the capitular summit of fraternal distinction, his duties and obligations, becoming more and more extensive, are commensurate with the mystic developments of mysterious science, which arise like diversified monuments of delineation along the harmless pathway of fraternal cultivation and promotion. If such comprehensive primitive duties characterize the fundamental texture of Ancient Craft Masonry, the more minute delineations display the analagous beauties of the Royal Arch department. Professing to be members of an institution thus depicted, whose grandeur, purity and holiness is more easily comprehended than described, our labors in the sacred and exalted Arch of Grand Convocation should be the purest work of brotherly love and fraternal devotion. To continue and endeavor to perpetuate the preservation and careful dissemination of these generous and self-sacrificing principles of benevolence and usefulness we have assembled; and, Companions, with most profound pleasure and delight, it is my happy lot to greet and congratulate you and welcome you to this Royal deliberative Council. If our numbers are smaller than heretofore, consequent, for the most part, upon the continued and even accelerated pecuniary want of our Companions dispersed throughout the extended area of our unfortunate jurisdiction, we may still have much left for which to be ever grateful and thankful to the Supreme High Priest of our salvation, and for which to again repeat with hearty accent, "Holiness to the Lord."

If sad reflections have domiciled in the silent apartments of your breasts, wooing the interminable absence of our predeceasing loved Companions of venerable remembrance, and whose familiar, silent faces decorate these walls and cheerfully smile upon our gathering, yet let us not despond, but with true and firmly fixed faith and hope still continue to petition: "Hear thou in Heaven, O Father of Light, thy dwelling place, and grant unto thy children of this Mystic Covenant thy presence, protection and blessing!"

Since our last Grand Convocation death has again severed an honored link in our mystic chain. M. E. Companion Thomas Y. Henry, Past Grand High Priest, will render sweet counsel in

an earthly Tabernacle with us no more, and it becomes you to inscribe a suitable memento of his Masonic virtues upon your records.

At the last Annual Grand Convocation you adopted a resolution for the Grand Chapter of Florida to become a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. A copy of your said action has been forwarded, duly certified, to M. E. James M. Austin, of New York, General Grand High Priest, who was pleased to tender you warm and fraternal congratulations, and issued his official proclamation in conformity to the proposed and accepted new fraternal relations, and which is all that is necessary and can be done in that direction until the triennial assembling of the State Grand Chapters in General Grand Convocation, to be held in the city of Baltimore, in September, 1871.

This union being sufficiently consummated for all practical purposes, it becomes your duty, by proper action, to put in force the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter in your Grand Jurisdiction, a copy of which is herewith submitted. The other laws and regulations of the General Grand Chapter being also binding upon you, a copy of its last proceedings is herewith also presented. May this Grand Royal Arch Union, so happily begun, be perpetually harmonious, and may its fraternal utility be ever commensurate with its duration.

It was the evident desire of the Grand Chapter at your last Grand Convocation to hold the present meeting in the city of Jacksonville, and to effect that purpose you by resolution authorized the Grand High Priest to ask a Dispensation of the General Grand High Priest. The application was made and refused. The General Grand High Priest entertained the opinion that he had not the official power of removing a constitutional provision of a State Grand Chapter even at its request, the unavoidable result of which is your present Convocation in this city as heretofore. Some Companions desired me to exercise an official prerogative in the premises, but a single reference to your constitutional provision, in connection with an installation vow taken by your presiding officer, was fully sufficient to satisfy him that such discretion does not exist.

If the Grand Chapter still desires to change its place of hold-

ing the Annual Grand Convocations, a change in the Constitution is clearly requisite.

Only six Chapters have been visited by your presiding officer during the year, but a correspondence has been held with Companions with all or nearly all the others. Some of them are prosperous as usual in recent years; some struggling in an effort to survive, and a few almost hopeless of much longer existence; but it may be hoped that good fortune, with commendable effort, may yet smile upon and cause them to revive. While there is life there is yet hope.

Finding it exceedingly inconvenient for me to visit Micanopy Chapter, as was anticipated, M. E. Companion J. H. Verdier was appointed Special Deputy Grand High Priest to perform that office for me, who has visited that Chapter, labored with the Companions, and expressed some hope that it may be revived by the exercise of much patience and attention.

A Dispensation has been granted for a new Chapter at Gainesville, with reported flattering prospects.

But two official decisions have been rendered:

1st. When any Chapter proceedings are discovered to be clearly irregular they should at once abate, for which an order of the High Priest in open Chapter is sufficient.

2d. A re-elected Chapter officer need not be re-installed.

This would seem to indicate that our Companions have not been derelict in obtaining a competent knowledge of Royal Arch Jurisprudence, or that but few such matters have arisen to disturb their repose.

It is now, Companions, my esteemed high privilege and pleasure to beseech you to the diligent discharge of such duties as may claim your attention in the capacity of general supervision and legislation for the promotion of capitular Masonry.

Our Excellent Comp. Thomas A. Carruth, by virtue of appointment, will present you a report on Correspondence, by which you will no doubt receive glad tidings from the North, from the East, from the West, and even from much of the South, that Royal Arch Masonry is unprecedentedly prosperous. Let us, Companions, take courage and redouble our assiduity for the promotion of our great and glorious work.

Which, on motion, was referred to a Select Committee of three, consisting of Comps. T. A. Carruth, C. Slager and Chas. Mundee.

On motion, Comps. D. S. Walker, T. P. Tatum and E. Bradford, Jr., were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Comp. P. G. H. P. Thomas Y. Henry.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 11, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT :

M. E. D. C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
 E. E. L. T. Blake, as Grand King.
 " C. Slager, as Grand Scribe.
 " T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " E. Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.
 Comp. Samuel Pasco, as G. C. H.
 " Robert Heir, as G. P. S.
 " W. W. Wills, as G. R. A. C.
 " T. A. Carruth, Grand Chaplain.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. T. A. Carruth then presented the report on Foreign Correspondence.

Which was read and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Standing Committees :

On Dispensations and By-Laws—Companions T. P. Tatum, Robert Heir and E. L. T. Blake.

On Accounts—Companions T. A. Carruth, Samuel Pasco and W. W. Wills.

On Propositions and Grievances—Companions Edward Bradford, Jr., D. S. Walker and Charles Slager.

On Constitutions—Companions Samuel Pasco, Charles Slager and E. L. T. Blake.

On Unfinished Business—Companions T. P. Tatum, Robert Heir and E. L. T. Blake.

On Jurisprudence—Companions Samuel Pasco, Edward Bradford, Jr. and T. A. Carruth.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions T. A. Carruth, Charles Slager and T. P. Tatum.

On motion, the by-laws of Tampa Royal Arch Chapter No. 17, were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report :

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the Returns of the following Chapters, to-wit :

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1—Returns correct. Dues \$44, Paid. I. W. Bowen, H. P.; E. L. T. Blake, King; Joseph A. Edmondson, Scribe.

Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5—Returns correct. Dues \$68, Paid. James Ellenwood, H. P.; B. S. Fuller, King; D. L. Oakley, Scribe.

Santa Rosa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 6—Returns correct. Dues \$40, Paid. John Chain, H. P.; H. W. Lindorf, King; D. H. Golson, Scribe. David S. Walker, Proxy for H. P.

Quincy R. A. Chapter, No. 7—Returns correct. Dues \$24, Paid. A. J. Smith, H. P.; D. T. Wilson, King; A. K. Allison, Scribe.

Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8—Returns correct. Dues \$21, not paid. George M. T. Brinson, H. P.; Chandler H. Smith, King; Wm. H. Burton, Scribe. Seth H. Bunker, Proxy for Officers.

Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11—Returns correct. Dues \$77, Paid. Charles H. Thompson, H. P.; James A. McCay, King; Geo. S. Hallmark, Scribe.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12—Returns correct. Dues \$61, Paid. M. Bowes, H. P.; James M. Baker, King; O. L. Keene, Scribe.

Greenwood R. A. Chapter, No. 15.—Returns incorrect, as names of Companions who dimitted in 1868 appear in the list of members. Dues \$17, Paid. D. C. Dawkins, H. P.; George F. Baltzell, King; Fred. R. Pittman, Scribe.

Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 17.—Returns correct. Dues \$22, Paid. John Darling, H. P.; F. Branch, King.

Concord R. A. Chapter, No. 18.—Returns correct. Dues \$46, Paid. W. C. Hendry, H. P.; L. F. Foster, King; H. S. Reeves, Scribe.

Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19.—Returns incorrect. Six members on returns for 1868 do not appear on returns for 1869 and are not accounted for. Dues \$78, should be \$84. Paid \$43, leaving still due, \$41. I. B. Rhodes, H. P.; C. E. Jones, King; J. B. Cason, Scribe.

Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 20.—Returns correct. Dues \$55, Paid. A. J. Prevatt, H. P.; J. R. Richard, King; John Sasser, Scribe; W. W. Wills, Proxy for H. P.

Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21.—Returns correct. Dues \$47, Paid \$29, leaving still due \$18. Wm. H. Edgar, H. P.; Frederick Filer, King; Geo. D. Warren, Scribe.

Your Committee would call the attention of the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters to the different headings on the blanks furnished them by the Grand Secretary, many of which are not filled up with the names of Companions, Dimitted, Died, Expelled, &c., &c., and in some of the Returns even the recapitulation was not filled and they were under the necessity of doing it themselves before they could make their report.

In regard to their report concerning Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, they find that five of the six not accounted for, appear on the Returns of Providence Chapter No. 20, but still they should account for them in some way.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
 D. S. WALKER, }
 ROBT. HEIR, } Committee.
 CHAS. SLAGER. }

Which report was received and adopted.

On motion of Comp. T. A. Carruth, the action of M. E. G. H. P., in drawing on the Grand Treasurer for the purpose of

educating an orphan of a deceased R. A. Mason, was approved and the draft ordered to be paid.

Comp. Pasco moved that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send duplicate copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1866, '7, '8 and '9, to the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Comp. Tatum, the surrendered charter of Micanopy Chapter No. 16, was accepted and the Grand Secretary ordered to correspond with the Secretary and obtain Jewels, &c.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

- M. E. D. C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
- E. Charles Munde, as Grand King.
- " Charles Slager, as Grand Scribe.
- " T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- " Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.
- Comp. S. Pasco, as G. C. H.
- " Robert Heir, as G. P. S.
- " W. T. Weeks, as G. R. A. C.
- " T. A. Carruth, Grand Chaplain.

And a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.
 The Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the address and heartily concur in the sentiments of morality and duty so forcibly expressed in it. We also concur in the decisions reported having been rendered by the M. E. G. H. P. during the year. We further recommend the following resolutions upon the subjects mentioned in the address, viz:

1. Resolved, That the Constitution and rules of the General Grand Chapter of the United States be published as an appendix to the proceedings of this Convocation of the Grand Chapter for the information of Companions.

2. *Resolved*, That Section 3, Article I, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, be amended as follows: In third line insert after the words "3 o'clock, P. M.," the following, "or at such time and place as the Grand Chapter may from time to time direct."

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. A. CARRUTH, }
CHAS. MUNDEE, } Committee.
C. SLAGER, }

Which report, together with resolution No. 1, was adopted and resolution No. 2 in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, ordered to lay over until the next regular annual Convocation.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws to whom was referred the By-Laws of Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 17, made a report, suggesting a few amendments.

Which report was adopted and the By-Laws as amended approved, and the Grand Secretary instructed to forward to said Chapter a copy of the amendments.

On motion of Companion Bradford, the sum of five dollars was ordered to be refunded to Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6, for dues over-paid to the Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions regarding the Death of Comp. Thomas Y. Henry, P. G. H. P., made the following report:

Companion THOMAS Y. HENRY was born in Charlotte county, Virginia, and was the grandson of the great orator, patriot and statesman, Patrick Henry. At an early age he was made a Master Mason in his native State. He afterwards moved to Florida and became a citizen of Gadsden county, and was united in holy wedlock to Miss Cunningham of Georgia, who survives him to mourn with us his death. He was made a Royal Arch Mason on the 23d day of November, 1849.

In 1857 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, in which capacity he served for two years. In 1860 he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

At all times he enjoyed the confidence and respect of his Companions and fellow-citizens.

The last time he left his house was to attend a meeting of his

Lodge. He had been ill for some time and was so feeble that his wife accompanied him to the building and his brethren carried him up to the Lodge room in a chair.

He departed this life at his residence in Quincy on the 1st day of June, 1869, beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we cherish for the memory of our late worthy Companion and Past Grand High Priest, THOMAS Y. HENRY, the highest respect, having entertained for him while living the sincerest friendship, regarding him as a good Mason and a good man.

Resolved, That in his death our fraternity has lost a member who, by his uprightness, his intelligence, his gentleness and his rich store of Masonic learning has shed a lustre on our institution, and who by his "faith, hope and charity" illustrated the great principles inculcated by our order.

Resolved, That the news of his death has filled our hearts with the sincerest regret, and we desire to testify our love and admiration for him while living, and our sorrow for his death, by all means in our power; Therefore, be it further

Resolved, That our Hall be draped in, and that we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days and that a page in the Record Book be dedicated to his memory, with the following inscription:

"By order of the Grand Chapter this page is sacred to the memory of Thomas Y. Henry, P. G. H. P., who departed this life June 1st, A. D. 1869, A. I. 2399."

Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt condolence to his bereaved wife, and that a copy of this report and resolutions be forwarded to her.

D. S. WALKER, }
T. P. TATUM, } Committee.
E. BRADFORD, JR., }

Which was adopted.

On motion, the sum of five dollars was ordered to be refunded to Santa Rosa Chapter No. 6, for dues overpaid to Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was offered by Comp. Pasco and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter recognize Comp. H. H. Berry as representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee and approve of the appointment by the G. H. P. of Comp. I. S. Blackie, as the Representative of this Grand Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year with the following result:

Comp. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
 " Charles Slager, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " Charles Mundee, Grand King.
 " Samuel Pasco, Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.
 " Thos. A. Carruth, Grand Chaplain.

And the G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Comp. Frederick Filer, G. C. H.
 " David S. Walker, G. P. S.
 " Robert Heir, G. R. A. C.
 " S. H. Bunker, G. M. 3d Vail.
 " W. H. Arendell, G. M. 2d Vail.
 " L. F. Foster, G. M. 1st Vail.
 " E. M. West, G. Guard.

The officers elected and appointed were then installed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully submit the following report:

Balance in Secretary's hands at last report,	\$000,00
Amount received since,	503,00
Paid over to Grand Treasurer,	503,00

The Grand Treasurer's books exhibit as follows:

Balance on hand last report,	\$516 00
Received from Grand Secretary,	503 00—\$1019 00
Am't paid out as per vouchers Nos. 1 to 10,	\$311 95
Cash on hand,	707 05—\$1019 00

The Committee recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, fifty dollars to the Grand Treasurer and five dollars per diem to the Grand Guard for services rendered the Grand Chapter. We recommend that the bill of E. Bradford, Jr., for postage, amounting to \$9 35, be paid.

We also recommend that each Companion representing a Chapter, or Officer of the Grand Chapter, attending this Grand Annual Convocation, be entitled to a per diem of two and a half dollars and mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile to this Grand Chapter.

T. A. CARRUTH, }
 S. PASCO, } Committee.
 WM. W. WILLS, }

Which was adopted.

T. P. TATUM, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

1869.	DR.	
Jan'y 14.—To cash on hand from last report,		\$516 00
Jan'y 21.—Rec'd of E. Bradford, Jr., G. S.,		74 00
" " " " " "		38 00
1870.		
" 11 " " " "		391 00—\$1019 00
1869.	CR.	
Jan'y 14.—By Jas. Ellenwood, Vo. No. 1,		\$15 00
" " E. M. West, Vo. No. 2,		20 00
" " John L. Taylor, Vo. No. 3,		4 95
" " T. P. Tatum, Vo. No. 4,		50 00
" 15 " E. McConnin, Vo. 5,		50 00
" " William Morrill, Vo. No. 6,		50 00
" " Jno. L. Taylor, Vo. No. 7,		38 00
March 5.—By D. C. Dawkins, Vo. No. 8,		16 50
April 20.—By S. H. Bunker, Vo. No. 9,		17 50
Sept. 22.—By S. H. Bunker, Vo. No. 10,		
1870.		
Jan'y 14.—By Cash on hand,		707 05—\$1019 00

EDWARD BRADFORD, JR., *Grand Secretary,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

1869.		DR.	
Jan'y 20.	—To dues from Lake Butler Chap. No. 19,		\$20 00
	for 1868,.....		
“ “	To dues from Columbia Chapter No. 9,		54 00
	for 1868,.....		
Feb'y 20.	—To dues from Santa Rosa Chap., No. 6,		38 00
	for 1868,.....		
1870.			
Jan'y 10.	—To dues from Florida Chapter, No. 1,		44 00
	for 1869,.....		
“ “	To dues from Jefferson Chapter, No. 5,		68 00
	for 1869,.....		
“ “	To dues from Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6,		40 00
	for 1869,.....		
“ “	To dues from Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11,		77 00
	for 1869,.....		
“ “	To dues from Jacksonville Chap., No. 12,		61 00
	for 1869,.....		
“ “	To dues from Tampa Chapter, No. 17,		22 00
	for 1869,.....		
“ “	To dues from Providence Chap., No. 20,		55 00
	for 1869,.....		
“ “	To dues from Quincy Chapter, No. 7,		24 00
	for 1869,.....		
			<hr/> \$503 00
1869.		CR.	
Jan'y 21.	—By T. P. Tatum, G. Treas. Vo. No. 1,		\$74 00
Feb'y 20.	— “ “ “ “ 2,		38 00
1870.			
Jan'y 11.	— “ “ “ “ 3,		391 00
			<hr/> \$503 00

Comp. Pasco offered the following resolution:
Resolved, That one hundred dollars be paid to the Chairman
of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for the services
he has rendered the Grand Chapter.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM.
EDWARD BRADFORD, JR.,
Grand Secretary.

BY ORDER OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

M.: E.: THOMAS Y. HENRY,

Past Grand High Priest,

Who Departed this Life June 1, A. D. 1869, A. I. 2399.

APPENDIX.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

FLORIDA R A CHAPTEE, No. 1.—*Tallahassee.*

OFFICERS:

I W Bowen, H P,
E L T Blake, King,
Jos A Edmondson, Scribe,
C H Hopkins, Treasurer,
W M McIntosh, Secretary,
John L Taylor, C H,

T P Tatum, P S,
W P Slusser, R A C,
John Pratorious, G M 3d Val,
George Damon, G M 2d Val,
Charles Munde, G M 1st Val,
Edward M West, Guard.

MEMBERS:

C E Dyke,
J B Galbraith,*
D W Owyun,
M A Dzialynski,
Theodore Ball,
W m F Shine,
Chas K Sparhawk,
John P DuVal,*
Leonidas Byrd,
John S Bond,
David C Wilson,
Lucien S DuVal,
W W Carr,
Richard VanBrunt,
F M Bunker,
Henry W orrill,

H A Corley,
P B Brokaw,
John S Parker,
John N Maige,
Edward Bradford, Jr,
B. Williams,
Thomas J Roberts,
W K Beard,
David S Walker,
J P Crichtlow,
W m E Boswell,
N W Eppes,
George Nugent,
George Green,
James E Purdy.

R A Masons, 43. Ministers, 2. Dues, \$44. Exalted, 3.—
Admitted, 2. *Died, 2. Present number of members, 41.

Geo. Newman,
Allen Jones,
George W Kears,

Charles Peterson,
Frederick Fisher.

R A Masons, 39. Ministers, 4. Dues, \$40. Exalted, 5. Admitted, 4. Present number of members, 39.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

John Chain, H P, W W Harrison, Scribe,
H W Sindorf, King, James A Chaffin, Treasurer,
John Carlovitz, Secretary.

Regular meetings 2d Wednesday in each month.

QUINCY R A CHAPTER, No 7.—*Quincy.*

OFFICERS :

A J Smith, H P, J D Wilson, P S,
D T Wilson, King, D L Kenan, R A C,
A K Allison, Scribe, Jason Gregory, G M 3d Vail,
T B Nathans, Treasurer, O P Lunday, G M 2d Vail,
Charles D Towers, Secretary, Jas M Smith, G M 1st Vail,
T E Gibson, C H, Martin Burghard, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Greenup Arnold, M B Floyd,
T Y Henry,* C A Hentz,
C A Huntington, S B Love,
A M Nathans, E C Love,
S B Stephens, J P Scott,
I A Towers, D H Wilson,
J J Williams, J O Branch.

R A Masons, 26. Ministers, 2. Dues, \$24. *Died, 1. Withdrawn, 1. Present number of members, 24.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

A J Smith, H P, C A Hentz, Scribe,
I A Towers, King, T B Nathans, Treasurer,
T E Gibson, Secretary.

Regular meetings 1st Friday in each month.

MADISON R A CHAPTER No. 8.—*Madison.*

OFFICERS :

G M T Brinson, H P, S Flowers, R A C,
Chandler H Smith, King, W P Moseley, Sr., G M 3d Vail,
Wm H Burton, Scribe, A McDonald, G M 2d Vail,
S H Bunker, Treas. and Sec'y, J T Webb, G M 1st Vail,
W H Whitner, C H, E H Bunker, Guard.
Columbus Smith, P S,

MEMBERS :

H M Sutton, M H Waring,
J P Darby, E N Pilot,
J Tillman, Jas Townsend,
R J Bivan, F Longford.

R A Masons, 19. Ministers, 1. Dues, \$21. Exalted, 3.—
Present number of members, 19.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

W P Moseley, Sr., H P, W H Whitner, Scribe,
W H Burton, King, A McDonald, Treasurer,
S H Bunker, Secretary.

Regular meetings on the 1st Monday in each month.

MT. HOREB R A CHAPTER, No. 11.—*Warrington.*

OFFICERS :

Charles H Thompson, H P. Wm Pollock,* P S,
James A McCoy, King, Patrick Gibney, R A C,
George S Hallmark, Scribe, Albion S Strout, G M 3d Vail,
Neil Matheson, Treasurer, Chris Allendorf, G M 2d Vail,
Alfred L Williams, Secretary, C McK Oerting, G M 1st Vail,
John Purdy, Jr, C. H. Hugh Simmons, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Wm Morrill,
Austin F. Clapp,
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W A Mintzer,
Charles Murray,

E E Brown,
Paul Boyden,
H C Cushman,
Wm H Diffin,
Thomas Devery,
J K L Duncan,
B F Elliott,
G Forcheimer,
J McQ Forsythe,
Robert Garrett,
John Hoodless,
N H Holmes,
Geo L Harris,
John K Harris,
Cornelius Higgins,
Wm H Judah,
George Jenny,
W W J Kelly,
E E Kelly,
John W Kohler,
Eugene King,
Bernhard Loeb,
Walter D Maddocks,
A F Metcalf,
Wm A Mills,
James Macdonald,
Thos McMahan,

Eugene McConin,
James W Miller,
James Massey,
Wm McK Oerting,
Geo. H O'Neal,
E G. Parke,
W A Parke,
B A Philabert,
A J Pickard,
Isaac D Peregrine,
John L Porter,
Thomas C Quayle,
Stephen Rand,
James B Roberts,
Amos Ross,
E A Robinson,
Melanthon Ruth,
Thomas Stearns,
W M Spear,
E E Stover,
J H Simonds,
Robert Smith,
Richard Thackery,
John A Walker,
F W Wunderlick,
James Welsh,
Geo E Wentworth.

R A Masons, 70. Dues, \$77. Exalted, 6. Withdrawn, 4.
*Died, 1. Present number of members, 65.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

James A McCoy, H P, John L Porter, Scribe,
George S Hallmark, King, B A Philabert, Treasurer,
Alfred L Williams, Secretary.

Regular meetings 3d Monday in each month.

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.—*Jacksonville.*

OFFICERS:

M Bowes, H P,
James M Baker, K,
Wm Logan, P S,
M A Dzialynski, R A C,

O L Keene, S,
Thos Hartridge, Treas,
F A Branch, Sec'y,
Wm. A Young, C H,

Samuel W Fox, G M 3d Vail,
T J McCarty, G M 2d Vail,
Frank R Pond, G M 1st Vail,
David Jones, Guard.

MEMBERS:

John P Sanderson,
John S Sammis,
Wm Lamee,
Wm Grothe,
James Livingston,
C S Emory,
Chas Brown,
A B Day,
Chas H Barnes,
Calvin Gillis,
Geo A Peck,
Jno D. McKinley,
J. N. Divine,
Geo R. Jones,
Wm H Henderson,
Jas S Doyle,
J W Campbell,
Chas D Taylor,
Chas L Mather,
George W Gile,
Eli Haworth,
John S Driggs,

Geo C Gibbs,
J D Mitchell,
M Hearn,
T E Buckman,
Paul B Canova,
Chas Slager,
Henry Koopman,
U Bowden,
Albert J Russell,
J C Greeley,
Wm A McLean,
Jas M. DeWaall,
Jas Fitzgerald,
Jno L Fearrand,
R T Masters,
Joseph Edrehi,
P Bettelini,
Allan H Jackson,
John Campbell,
Frank E Little,
T S Wilmarth,
Jos N. Haddock.

R A Masons, 55. Dues \$61. Exaltations, 6. Admitted, 2.
Withdrawn, 4. Present number of members, 51.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Charles Slager, H P, Wm Grothe, Scribe,
A J Russell, King, Frank E Little, Treasurer.
Samuel W Fox, Secretary.

Regular meetings last Friday in each month.

GREENWOOD R A CHAPTER, No. 15.—*Marianna.*

OFFICERS:

D C Dawkins, H P,
Geo F. Baltzell, King,

J C Robinson, P S,
W L Davis, R A C,

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

H S Reeves, H P, D. W. Scott, Scribe,
W J Bell, King, J Q Cromartie, Treasurer,
 W B Kemp, Secretary.

Regular meetings, 1st Wednesday in each month.

LAKE BUTLER R A CHAPTER, No. 19.—*Lake Butler.*

OFFICERS:

L B Rhodes, H P,	M L McKinney, P S,
C E Jones, King,	T E Dekle, R A C,
J B Cason, Scribe,	H H Colson, G M 3d Vail,
Chas Craft Treasurer,	J A Brooks, G M 2d Vail,
T R King, Secretary,	Jos Cone, G M 1st Vail,
H F York, C H,	S B Dampier, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Alvin Branning,	Benjamin Branning,
W G W Brooks,	T L Blich,
Isaac S Coon,	P S Crews,
S P Crews,	William Cone,
I N Cone,	J A Cason,
C R Denison,*	S B Dampier,
J F Foy	R P Hamilton,
J C Harrell,	J R Hodges,
E D Hodges,	S J Hodges,
J E Harrison,	C F Hiers,
Wm Hutchison,	E D Howard,
Jacob Johns,	J M Johns,
T F Jones,	J A Jones,
J O Kelley,	W W Kelly,
Robert Kite,	A Newbern,
J E Mathews,	J F Millirons,
A W Mizell,	A J McKinney,
Solomon Newsome,	J W Pinholster,
W F Reid,	Stephen Roberds,
D B Sheffield,	Wm Strickland,
T W Sweat,	Henry Sapp,
B W Sapp,	R Thomas,
Wm Underhill,	E P Ward,
Silas Weeks,	E J Wainwright.

R A Masons, 60. Exaltations, 18. Dues, \$78. Withdrawn, 1.
*Died, 1. Present number of members, 58.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

L B Rhodes, H P, S P Crews, Scribe,
J B Cason, King, P S Crews, Treasurer,
 A W Mizell, Secretary,

Regular meetings 1st and 3d Saturdays in each month.

PROVIDENCE R A CHAPTER, No. 20.—*Providence.*

OFFICERS:

A J Prevatt, H P,	J J Barr, P S,
J R Richard, King,	R W Beiling, R A C,
John Sasser, Scribe,	R C Martin, G M 3d Vail,
W T Weeks, Treasurer,	W O Tison, G M 2d Vail,
F M Weeks, Secretary,	J J Lamb, G M 1st Vail,
S J Hodges, C H,	J M Prevatt, Guard.

MEMBERS:

W W Mantheus,	E Stringfellow,
J H Mantheus,	F M Douglass,
C E W Collins,	R H Strinfellow,
W W Wills,	W B VanZant,
James Parrish,	James Leffers,
A A Weeks,	Joseph Bryant,
James English,	P C Osteen,
P H Lindsay,	J J. Bunch,
W F Hunt,	J P Depass,
M I Coxe,	J R Anders,
H R Milton,	John Harris,
W B Conerly,	A J Marcum,
W F Williams,	James B Horn,
Jesse Carter,	J M Tolbert,
W S Bush,	J F Niblack,
W H Young,	J H Weeks,
W H L Townsend,	J D Pearce.
Thomas J Rowe,	

R A Masons, 47. Ministers, 1. Exaltations, 9. Dues, \$55.
Admitted, 1. Present number of members, 47.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAS :

A J Prevatt, H P, W T Weeks, Scribe,
 J M Tolbert, King, W S Bush, Treasurer,
 J F Niblack, Secretary.

Regular meetings 2d Thursday in each month.

ISLAND R A CHAPTER, No. 21.—Key West.

OFFICERS :

Wm H Edgar, H P,	Peter A Williams, P S,
Frederick Filer, King,	Claude Babcock, R A C,
George D Warren, Scribe,	Wm B Randolph, G M 3d Vail,
Charles S. Baron, Treasurer,	George L Mead, G M 2d Vail,
Joseph Otto, Secretary,	Alex Patterson, G M 1st Vail,
Wm R Albury, C H,	Charles St. John, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Charles Howe,	John Coleman,
Wm D Cash,	George B Philips,
James O A Sparks,*	Joseph Albury,
Samuel Filer,	John Williams,
John Jay Philbrick,	John Delaney,
George H Bocker.	Jeremiah Fogerty,
E B Rawson,	R J Perry,
Wm D Archer,	George W Maslin,
L E Pierce,	Jacob Rain.

R A Masons, 30. Ministers, 1. Exaltations, 18. Dues, \$47.
 *Died, 1. Present number of members, 29.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

George L Mead, H P,	Wm R Albury, Scribe,
Frederick Filer, King,	Charles S Baron, Treasurer,
Joseph Otto, Secretary.	

Regular meetings 2d and 4th Wednesdays in each month.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Name of Chapter.	Number.	Membership last year.	Exaltations.	Admissions.	Reinstatements.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Present Membership.	Amount of Dues.	Remarks.
Florida.....	1	38	3	2	...	...	2	...	...	41	\$ 44	
Jefferson.....	5	72	...	...	...	7	2	...	...	63	68	
Santa Rosa.....	6	31	5	4	...	...	1	1	...	39	40	No Returns } last year. }
Quincy.....	7	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	24	24	
Madison.....	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	21	
Mount Horeb.....	11	64	6	...	...	4	1	...	...	65	77	
Jacksonville.....	12	46	6	2	...	4	...	...	...	51	61	No Returns } last year. }
Greenwood.....	15	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	23	17	
Tampa.....	17	24	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	37	44	
Concord.....	18	46	...	...	...	5	1	...	1	58	78	
Lake Butler.....	19	47	18	...	...	1	1	...	...	47	55	Chartered } Jan'y, 1869. }
Providence.....	20	9	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	29	47	
Island.....	21	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, ...		368	68	9	1	25	9	4	1	496	\$576	

REPORT
ON
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of Florida:*

Your Committee of Foreign Correspondence have had before them Reports from thirty Grand Royal Arch Chapters, viz: Arkansas, 1868; Canada, '68-9; California, 1868; District of Columbia, 1868; Illinois, 1868; Indiana, '68-9; Iowa, 1868; Kansas, 1868; Kentucky, '68-9; Louisiana, 1869; Maine, 1869; Maryland and District of Columbia, '68-9; Massachusetts, 1868; Michigan, '68-9; Minnesota, 1868; Mississippi, 1869; Missouri, '68-9; Nebraska, 1868; New Jersey, '68-9; New York, 1869; Ohio, 1868; Oregon, 1869; Rhode Island, '66-7-8; South Carolina, '68-9; Tennessee, 1868; Texas, 1869; Vermont, '68-9; Virginia, 1869; Wisconsin, 1869; Alabama, 1868.

The proceedings of these thirty Grand Chapters have been examined as well as the very limited time the writer of this report had given him would permit and we report the following resume of their contents:

ARKANSAS.

The Nineteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter held in Little Rock, November 12th, 1868, M. E. Luke E. Barber, G. H. P.; E. W. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary. Thirty Chapters represented.

The address of the G. H. P. presents nothing of sufficient importance for quotation in this report, though we would be pleased

to have our Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction take heed to the following: "That portion of life's journey over which we have just passed has been, I doubt not, peculiarly rough and rugged to many of you. Not alone in the personal hardships of the present, nor in doubts or hopelessness as to the future; but more especially as Royal Arch Masons in witnessing the listlessness and apathy of Companions, their disregard to the teachings of the order, their neglect of the symbols inscribed upon the banners of our watchmen—instead of cultivating friendship—indulging in enmity, ill-will or indifference; instead of union—discord and variance; instead of fervency and zeal in discharge of duty—carelessness, apathy, slothfulness; instead of purity of life and conduct—sensuality, self-indulgence, uncharitableness. * * *

"For such violations of masonic teaching no excuse can be found in personal disappointment, nor in the trying struggles of life. It may be that these are sent to prove, reclaim and purify, and their effect should be to incite us to a more zealous discharge of duty, and infuse into our hearts a more enlarged charity, embracing not only Companions and Brethren, but our fellow-men." M. E. Companion Barber was re-elected G. H. P., and E. Companion Blocher, Grand Secretary.

During the Convocation a beautiful jewel was presented to the G. H. P., as a testimonial of respect for his long and faithful services to Capitular Masonry. The jewel consists of the breastplate and triple triangle enclosed in a circle ornamented with evergreen. The presentation by Companion E. H. English was most beautifully and gracefully performed, and responded to in true Masonic spirit by the G. H. P.

The report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of Companion Samuel W. Williams is an interesting paper, the interest of which might have been increased, however, by having a notice of Florida. The objection made by Companion W. to the report from Canada, 1867, cannot be urged against his own: "The minutes state that there is a report on Foreign Correspondence which was ordered to be published, but if it is in the book it is so small as not to be visible to the naked eye."

By way of practically exemplifying the work, the Grand Chapter exalted three brothers, who had been previously elected in

their own Chapters, to the Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and gave them the lectures pertaining to that degree—a good idea.

CANADA.

The eleventh Annual Convocation, held at the city of Montreal August 11, 1868, M. E. Companion T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., and Thos. Bird Harris, G. S. E.; 27 Chapters represented. The returns show 30 Chapters on the roll; 195 registrations; 14 joinings; 46 withdrawals; 26 suspensions; 6 deaths; 1,206 total number of members.

The report of Committee on Correspondence by V. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, although the "maiden effort," is a live paper, reviewing 28 Grand Chapters, amongst which is Florida, 1867. Companions Harrington and Harris were re-elected to their respective offices.

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held at the city of Kingston, Ontario, Tuesday, August 10th, 1869; M. E. Companion T. Wilson, P. G. Z. as Grand Z. R. E. Companion Thos. Bird Harris, G. S. E., and representatives from 29 Subordinate Chapters. The address of the Grand Z. was sent up, he being provisionally hindered from being present. His report exhibits a very flourishing and healthy condition of the order in the Dominion of Canada, and congratulates the Fraternity upon the accession to their number of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales—"the Heir to the Throne of the British Empire, and the son of our beloved and most estimable and good Queen, whom may God preserve!"

The returns show an increase of 223 in the total membership of the Chapters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the trenchant pen of R. E. Companion Henry Robertson, includes the returns from 28 Grand Chapters. Again noticing Florida for 1868, of which he says, "The G. H. P. M. E. Comp. David Jones was not present, but sent his address, which was read.—His official acts were few, and the Companions are still laboring under depressing circumstances. He says, 'my encouragements to make strenuous efforts have been extremely poor. The almost ruinous poverty of the country is a great bar to my effi-

ciency, as well as any other good cause.' Let us hope that brighter prospects are in store for our Companions in Florida.'

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its fifteenth Annual Convocation in the city of San Francisco on Monday, 19th day of October, A. I. 2398, at 10 o'clock, A. M., M. E. Isaac Supreme Titus, Grand High Priest, R. D. Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary, "and the representatives of thirty-one chartered Chapters, together with a number of Past High Priests under this jurisdiction entitled to seats."

The address of the Grand High Priest is short, practical, common sense; exhibiting the clear head and sound judgment of the writer, and at the same time the very flourishing condition of the Royal Craft within his Grand Jurisdiction.

The reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Lecturer are also very gratifying. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Lawrence C. Owen, "embracing a review of the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, four only being unheard from."

Florida is included in the unfortunate four. Companion Owen introduces his report as follows: "The labor of preparing a paper of this kind is most always a pleasant one, and it has been particularly so to the writer this year for it enables him to spread the glad tidings that unexampled prosperity has in almost every jurisdiction been the attendant of the Royal Craft. Except in the matter of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, the utmost harmony prevails, and we feel very sure that the unfortunate differences existing on that account will soon be adjusted and that in every portion of our beloved country we will dwell together in unity."

M. E. John W. Harville was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Lawrence C. Owen, re-elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The proceedings before us embrace the transactions of four Convocations of this Grand Chapter, the first being a special

Convocation at the call of the M. E. G. High Priest, "for the purpose of determining the best course to be pursued in relation to the report made by the body styling itself the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, in November, 1867, by Ezra L. Stevens, and which contained numerous misstatements."

R. E. Companion, L. G. Stephens, D. G. H. P., as G. H. P.—N. D. Lerner, Grand Secretary, with Representatives from four Subordinate Chapters.

The report of the Maryland committee was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with instructions to report a reply to the same on Wednesday evening March 18, at 6½ o'clock, to which time the Grand Chapter was called from work in Convocation.

RESUMED CONVOCATION.

The Grand Chapter met at 6½ o'clock, P. M., March 18th, 1868. Officers as before and representatives from five Chapters. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a reply to the report made to the Grand Chapter of Maryland in 1867, E. L. Stephens, which was read and adopted and the Grand Secretary was directed to cause the same to be printed in pamphlet form and copies transmitted to the various Grand Chapters in the United States, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

This Convocation was held in the City of Washington on Monday, May 11th, 1868, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

R. E. L. G. Stephens, D. G. H. P., presiding. R. E. N. D. Lerner, Grand Secretary, with Representatives and P. H. P's. from five Chapters. The only business of importance transacted was the appointment of Representatives to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The Annual Convocation was held November 9th, 1868.—Present—M. E. J. E. F. Holmead, G. H. P.; R. E. N. D. Lerner, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest's address reviews the difficulties through which the Grand Chapter had passed in its organization,

and congratulates the Companions on the successful termination of those troubles.

He quotes the resolution of the General Grand Chapter, recognizing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, as a regular Grand Chapter and admitting its officers to seats in the General Grand Chapter. He says:

"This decree of the General Grand Chapter must settle forever in the minds of all impartial and truth-loving men, the fact that the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, notwithstanding all that has been surmised and written to the contrary, was on May 23, 1867, having been previously legally formed, at that time legally constituted."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is signed by B. B. French, Jno. Ed. Mason and L. G. Stephens—is an interesting document, very naturally discussing their own difficulties in preference to other topics, and defending their action in organizing and constituting the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. The reply to Companion Ezra L. Stephens of the Maryland Committee is possibly a little too severe.

As this unfortunate trouble is, we hope, fully healed, we would not open afresh the wounds from which Capitular Masonry suffered so much in that jurisdiction and Maryland, and shall therefore offer no comments on the matters in controversy, simply commending to our Companions in both jurisdictions the motto engraved upon our standards, and trusting that "Holiness to the Lord" will ever be the watchword of the Royal Craft.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Chapter convened in the City of Springfield on Friday, October 9th, A. I. 2,398, at 9 o'clock, A. M. M. E. Companion George W. Lininger, Grand High Priest.— E. Companion, Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary. Ninety-four Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest presented a well-written, business paper, showing the condition of Royal Arch Masonry to be very flourishing in his jurisdiction. An address was also presented by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion James H. Miles, which shows that the office of Deputy there is not simply nomi-

nal, but that he performs his duties as such, and is required to report his doings to his Companions.

We also have immediately following this address, the report of the Committee on Work, showing that they had (every member,) met in January, and spent more than a week in Springfield, when the Committee adjourned to meet in Chicago in February, where they spent a week longer in considering the system of work in their own jurisdiction and comparing it with others, and report "The result of the labor of the committee has been arrived at through much labor and with patience and an earnest desire to report a system of work which would meet the wishes of the Grand Chapter, and which would stand the test now and for all time."

We have noticed the report of this Committee with the view of earnestly recommending the appointment of such a one in our Grand Chapter. Our Chapters need very much the instructions of such a Committee, and there is so great a variety of work practiced in the various Chapters that a Companion visiting them would scarce recognize them as belonging to the same order of Masonry. Let us have a Committee on Work, and let the Committee go to work, and report a system that all may practice.

Twenty new Chapters were chartered with an aggregate membership in them of 835.

The returns show the total number of Chapters, including the new ones, to be 127, with an aggregate of 6,236 Companions.

The following Grand Officers are elected for the ensuing year: M. E. James H. Miles, G. H. Priest; E. John M. Pearson, D. G. H. P.; E. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

An able report of Committee on Masonic Correspondence was made by Companions Reynolds, Levanway and Kersey, committee, in which we have a full review of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and notices of thirty-four Chapters in correspondence.

The name of Florida appears in the list, but aside from this, there is no notice of her proceedings; perhaps the "few official acts" of M. E. Comp. David Jones, G. H. P., are not considered of sufficient importance to review. We sincerely hope that our Grand Chapter will soon emerge from her sloth, under the admin-

istration of proper officers, and take the position she ought to occupy amongst her sisters.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in Annual Convocation at Fort Wayne on Wednesday, October 21, 1868.

M. E. Thomas Newby, G. H. P.

R. E. William Hacker, Grand Secretary, with a Constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters represented. The larger portion of the annual address of the G. H. P. is taken up with a resume of the proceedings of the "General Grand Masonic Bodies of the United States."

We quote the following from the report from Select Committee No. 5, on address of G. H. P. :

"The Committee can but congratulate the Grand Chapter and the Royal Craft, on the highly prosperous condition and the general uniformity that prevails throughout our jurisdiction, much of which is no doubt attributable to the action of the Grand Chapter in adopting a system of work for the conferring of the several degrees in the Chapter. * * * * In 1861, in forty-seven Chapters we had but eighty exaltations or less than two for a Chapter. Since our last Annual Communication, in 69 Chapters the exaltations will amount to about 800, an average of over eleven for each Chapter. But six years have gone by since the official action of the Grand Chapter above referred to, and in that time our Subordinate Chapters have nearly doubled in numbers, and all, with but two or three exceptions where local causes are operating against them, are harmoniously and prosperously at work as the reports which have come in for the present year will fully show. We find that Royal Arch Masonry in the past few years has become exceedingly popular among the Craft throughout our entire jurisdiction."

Comp. Hacker, Grand Secretary, asked to be relieved from further duties in said office, and the Grand Chapter went into the election of Grand Officers, with the following result :

Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Grand High Priest.

Rees H. Chestnutwood, Deputy G. H. P.

John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

The returns are from 78 Chapters and give a total membership of 2,863.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Thomas Newby, and is introduced in language which so clearly expresses the feelings of the writer of this report that we hope to be pardoned for quoting :

"Agreeably to the designs laid down on the Trestle Board, your Committee again attempt the discharge of a duty upon which they enter with misgivings of qualifications suitable, aware that they are starting out upon a vast field where so many *Drummond* lights are blazing, making our dip-candle but a 'darkness visible.'"

Twenty-seven Grand Chapters are reviewed, among which is Florida, 1867.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter met at Des Moines, October 16, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with R. E. J. W. Satterthwaite Grand King, as Grand High Priest, R. E. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary, and was opened in due form with solemn prayer by Comp. John Sheville, acting as Grand Chaplain. Thirty-three Chapters represented, five of which were U. D. The address of Grand High Priest, H. A. Hemenway, was presented by the Grand Secretary, and is a concise, systematic business paper, showing that the writer had not been idle, and also that under his wise and efficient administration the Royal Craft had been most prosperous and flourishing.

Seven new Chapters were regularly chartered, numbered from 39 to 45, with a membership of 170. The returns show number of Exaltations for the year, 330. Admitted, 18. Dimited, 80. Died, 9. Suspended, 7. Dropped, 5. Expelled, 1. Total members, 1,688. The officers elected for the ensuing year were Companion Pitkin C. Wright, Grand High Priest, and Comp. W. B. Langridge, re-elected Grand Secretary.

We have searched diligently for the report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but find nothing more than this, on page 27 of proceedings :

"Companion Guilbert from the Committee on Foreign Cor-

respondence presented a portion of the report of that Committee, when on motion it was *voted*, That the report on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed with the minutes, (see appendix.)")

The following Companions were appointed Committee for ensuing year. Langridge, Luse and J. M. Griffiths.

There being no further business before the Grand Chapter, it was duly closed in ample form, and in peace and harmony, with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

KANSAS.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kansas convened in the city of Lawrence, Monday, October 17, 1868, and in the absence of the M. E. G. H. P. was presided over by R. E. E. A. Smith, as G. H. P. Ten Chapters were represented.

At the evening session, M. E. R. R. Rees, G. H. P., and R. E. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, were in their places.

The address of the Grand High Priest was read, and is really an excellent paper—so replete is it with expressions of love and kindness for the Companions of the sunny South, that your Committee hope to be pardoned for quoting from his address. Reporting his visit to the General Grand Chapter he says: "No prejudice of section was permitted there; New England's representatives were mingling with their brothers of the South as if no strife had e'er disturbed the harmony of sections. The soldiers of opposing armies who had met in many a bloody field in all the panoply of war, still bearing on their persons scars from many a wound received, embraced each other in fraternal love, forgot the past in social intercourse and kindly feelings. The sunny South came kindly forth to elevate a Northern man to honor, most distinguished that the body could bestow, and in return a son of the Palmetto State, who on the Southern fields had bravely fought, still bore his wounds with pride, and yielded only to overpowering force, was by New England's votes with others, honored with the second office in the Council. It was a happy thought that there all differences were laid aside, and gives us stronger promise of the future, tells

us that there is a chamber yet on earth where 'mid the strange commotions of the world still peace and confidence and harmony reside; though from its windows we may gaze in horror on the foundering barks, tossed, crushed and shattered, mid contending waves, the darkness of the scene relieved alone by sparkling white caps as they dance upon the bosom of life's ocean. * * *

"When Scotland's poet wrote of Hope, he might of said of Masonry the same—

"When wrapt in fire the realms of Ether glow,
And Heaven's last thunder shakes the world below,
Thou undismayed shall o'er the ruins smile,
And light thy torch at Nature's funeral pile."

It is really refreshing to read such sentiments and we can assure Companion Rees that they are heartily reciprocated by his Companions in this far distant portion of the South.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their report which is printed with the minutes, reviewing thirty-one Grand Chapters. Florida is not amongst the number. We hope that our young and far distant sister may be brought near to us hereafter in this bright chain of fraternal correspondence, which binds so closely together the Royal Brotherhood throughout the length and breadth of our land.

Companion Carr in this report has an elaborate and thorough resume of the troubles arising from the organization of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which we would fraternally commend to the consideration of Companions in that District and Maryland, with the earnest hope that it may aid in dispelling the last vestige of trouble from those hodies and cause them to feel "how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."

Companion O. A. Bassett of Lawrence, was elected G. H. P. for the ensuing year, and Companion E. T. Carr, re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

We have before us the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1868-9. The first held in Louisville, Oct. 19, 1868. M. E. Richard G. Hawkins, Grand High Priest. Companion Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

Seventy-nine Chapters represented. The total number of Chapters in the jurisdiction reported to be over one hundred, with a membership large in proportion. The returns show 104 Chapters; 3,701 Companions; 457 Exaltations; amount paid in to Grand Chapter as dues, \$2,777.

Companion Richard G. Hawkins of Louisville was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion P. Swigert of Frankfort, Grand Secretary. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation was held in Louisville, October 18, 1869, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The address of M. E. G. H. P. R. G. Hawkins is brief but satisfactory, presenting in compendium, the transactions of the past year, which have been successful in the increased prosperity of Capitular Masonry in that noble old State.

A very able and interesting report on Foreign correspondence is published from the pen of Companion H. A. M. Henderson, which we wish for "time and space" to notice more at length, but these forbid, so we must hasten on. Florida is noticed; would that we could say that our proceedings for January, 1868, presented matter for *favorable* notice.

We almost wish while reading this report that we were an editor; it is so easy for them to condense, and concentrate so much that is good in so little space. Adieu, Companion Henderson for this time; we hope to have the pleasure of reading from you again when we have more than *two weeks* allotted us to prepare a report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. E. B. Jones of Paducah was elected Grand High Priest, and P. Swigert Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1869 have come to us handsomely put up in scarlet and Gold, evincing the good taste of the Grand Secretary as well as the publishers. We feel gratified with this evidence of prosperity from one of our Southern sisters, and sincerely hope that the little Grand Chapter of Florida may be taken into the fraternal correspondence of that Grand Chapter, and find a place among her sisters in the future reports of that accomplished Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

dence, from whom we extract the following which we earnestly commend to the favorable consideration of our Grand Chapter:

"Among the different means which have been and are still being used to increase the usefulness and completeness of Reports on Foreign Correspondence, is the undeviating courtesy of the chairmen of those committees to each other, in furnishing data, facts and documents whenever the same may be needed and applied for. It is becoming, indeed, very general for the correspondence to be maintained between the various committees rather than between the Grand Secretaries as formerly, and the new system we think will be productive of good results. It frequently happens, therefore, that the chairman of your committee has been and will hereafter be called upon by others for additional copies of our proceedings by Companions from abroad to whom they have not been sent; and besides, it is but natural that he who has labored to produce such a report as this, should be desirous of having it in his power to bestow printed copies of it upon his own immediate friends. In order to render him able to do this without being obliged to seek the intervention of another, it would be well and but simple justice to place at the personal disposal of the future chairman of this committee a limited number of the printed copies of the future proceedings of this Grand Chapter." And he appends a resolution to carry out his views which is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to place at the personal disposal of the chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, fifty copies of the printed Proceedings of the present and all future Convocations of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and this resolution have the force and effect of a general regulation."

It would be well for all the Grand Chapters to supply this want of the chairmen of their committees in the same way. M. E. Samuel M. Tood was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maine comes to us full of en-

ertainment and interest, and in reviewing them your committee is forcibly impressed with the universality of Masonic love and charity. From Maine and California representing the extremes of our Union, and from Kansas to Florida we have the right hand of fellowship extended, and may we not hope that this little leaven of peace and good-will may yet leaven the whole lump, and bring about a spirit of Union and fraternity between all our people from every section of the Union?

This Convocation was held at Portland, on Tuesday, May 4th, 1869. M. E. James M. Larrabee, Grand High Priest, and E. Ira Berry Grand Secretary—"with representatives from the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction and many permanent members and visitors."

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is very encouraging. He says, "I am happy to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of our order throughout the State. So far as I am conversant with the facts the officers and members of the several chapters have striven to advance their interests in accordance with the Constitution and regulations of this Grand Chapter and the established usages of Masonry."

The report on foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, Of Florida, Companion Drummond says: "Annual Convocation, January 13, 1868; twelve Chapters were represented and made returns; one charter granted. In consequence of the death of the lamented Companion Thomas Brown, P. G. H. P., there was no report on correspondence."

We earnestly wish for more time to review this very excellent Report, but must pass it by with one other quotation which we call especial attention to as of very great importance:

"SUBSTITUTES.—An examination of the returns shows that the use of substitutes is allowed, or winked at in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin, *twenty-six* Grand Chapters.—They are not allowed in Alabama, Iowa, Michigan and Mis-

issippi. We cannot ascertain whether they are allowed or not in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. *But in almost every Grand Chapter it is admitted that their use is wrong and unmasonic.* Still there does not seem to be firmness enough to prevent it. Subordinates for the mere accommodation of candidates, are allowed to violate the law. Now let us in Maine do one of two things: either adhere strictly to the law, or on our own responsibility strike from the charges and ritual everything in relation to it. Consistency to a decent extent demands the one or the other."

Your committee would respectfully suggest the same course to Florida—let us be consistent.

For the ensuing Masonic year M. E. Companion Joseph Pearson Gill, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Ira Berry re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have before us the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, styling itself as above, held in Baltimore November 9th, 1868. Present—Companion John L. Yeates, M. D., M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion William A. Wentz, R. E. Grand Secretary.

As we have already reviewed the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the "District of Columbia," for the same year, and that Grand Chapter has been fully recognized by almost all her sisters, and by the General Grand Chapter, and our own Grand Chapter has extended to her the right hand of fellowship and placed her upon the list of fraternal correspondence, your Committee can only review those now under consideration as the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of "Maryland and District of Columbia" only in name, and not in fact. Ten Subordinate Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a masterly review of the controversy respecting the District of Columbia, in which he is a little too hard on some of his Companions who differed in opinion with himself; but we are delighted with his closing remarks on this subject, which show that however much his "head" might get wrong, his heart was right towards all his

brethren. He says: "But decide the matter as you may, no longer let commotions and schisms interrupt the peaceful harmony which has heretofore united us; let there be 'no contention among us except that noble contention of who can best work and best agree;' let us launch our barque upon the open sea, and under a calm and serene sky, with a fair wind, steer into a peaceful harbor; let us regard Masonry as a high and holy principle which from age to age has continued to endure; let us remember that our beloved institution still exists pure, virtuous and holy, now as ever ready to stamp its benign influences upon the world, and its enlightening rays upon the sorrowful and unhappy wherever found; and that to continue this happy state we should never forget, as our most important duty, to preserve our beautiful temple spotless and undefiled, guarding it with ceaseless vigilance, that drones may never be permitted to enter the sacred hives of our tabernacle, well knowing that more danger is to be apprehended from internal treachery than outward war; let us all and each of us endeavor to excel in the holy tenets of our profession—'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth'—and whilst we thus live and thus act, harmony, peace and love will continue to abound in us, and the world looking on be constrained to say, 'Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

Well done, Most Excellent Companion Yeates! With such sentiments as those expressed above, acted out by the Companions in the noble old "Maryland, my Maryland," those dark clouds which have lowered over you will be soon entirely dispelled and peace and harmony and love reign supreme.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Companion Charles H. Ohr, and presents a comprehensive review of thirty-four Grand Chapters and the G. G. Chapter, especially those portions of the proceedings relating to their unfortunate controversy, which he notices, however, in the true Masonic spirit, as for instance: "Your chairman hopes that this Grand Chapter will be guided in its acts by *principle* as well as feeling, more particularly when that *feeling* is not prompted by the better side instead of the *bitter* side of human nature." In his notice of Florida, he says: "The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Thos. Brown, an aged

Companion, as we understand. We have read it with pleasure and pain. We regret, as we think on calm reflection he will do, some portions of it. We regret his remarks, and we regret equally, if not more, the sayings which elicited them. We remember, however, that it has been said, 'offences will come, but woe unto him by whom the offence cometh.' Therefore, we again spread the mantle of our charity to hide these things from sight. 'Behold how good and how pleasant, brethren, it is to dwell together in unity.'"

We would like very much to stop and enjoy some of the refreshing scenes presented to our view in this excellent report, but must hasten on.

Companion Charles H. Ohr was honored by the Grand Chapter by an election to its highest trust, the office of Grand High Priest, for the ensuing year; upon which we heartily congratulate him, and from his experience might hope that we may make the pleasant place we now occupy the stepping stone to higher distinction, did we not remember that we are *not eligible*. Having never been seated in the Most Excellent Grand Council in a Subordinate Chapter, we can have no hopes of attaining to a position in that holy place in the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Wm. A. Wentz re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

"A stated Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 10, A. D. 1868, R. A. M. 2398," and after transacting a few items of business, was duly closed. M. E. Richard Briggs, G. H. P., and E. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

On the 9th of June, another stated Convocation was held in the same place, and on the 13th October, the Annual Convocation, at which Companion Henry Chickering of Pittsfield, was elected M. E. G. H. P., and Comp. Thos. Waterman re-elected Grand Secretary.

Another *stated* Convocation was held December 8, 1868. We find an elaborate report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering,

which shows that our Massachusetts Companions, too, are willing to confide the highest interests of the Royal Craft in their Jurisdiction to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He reviews only nineteen Grand Chapters, of which Florida is not one.

As we have not time for an extended review of this able and thoroughly Masonic document we will not undertake any, as in simple justice to our honored Companion.

MICHIGAN.

Nineteenth Annual Grand Convocation held at Detroit, Jan'y 6th, 7th and 8th, A. I. 2398, A. D. 1868. M. E. John P. Fiske, G. H. P., R. E. J. Eastman Johnson, Secretary. Forty-seven Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows that the Royal Craft is making fine progress in his jurisdiction. Several Chapters having been organized U. D., and much good resulting from the combined labors of the Companions.

"The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion J. Eastman Johnson, Chairman, and portions of the same read, including so much as relates to Florida and Virginia. The report was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings." That portion relating to Florida is as follows:

"In regard to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida in January, 1867, we refer to a resolution passed by the Grand Chapter of Michigan, placed at the close of this report."

The resolution referred to is in the following words:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter regrets that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Florida should so far forget the fraternal courtesy due from one Grand Chapter to another as to indulge in the language found in their proceedings for 1867, in the report of their Committee on Foreign Correspondence; and while we protest against the construction placed by the Florida committee on the spirit of the language used by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we feel that justice to

ourselves and our own self-respect allow no reply. We leave the Royal Craft everywhere to judge between us and them."

Your Committee have no data before them from which we can form a just estimate of the merits of this unfortunate controversy between the Florida and Michigan committees, not having either of the reports referred to in this resolution. We cannot, however, allow the report of our beloved and honored Companion, Thomas Brown, now passed from his labors on earth to the rest and refreshment of heaven, to be thus commented on and receive no notice from us. We wish that the Michigan committee had been as thoroughly Masonic in their feelings as that of Maryland, from which we have already quoted, and covered with the mantle of Masonic charity the language objected to of our P. M. E. G. H. P., than whom no nobler exemplar of Faith, Hope and Charity ever lived, and who spent his long life in earnest efforts to extend and carry out the beneficent principles of our Ancient Craft. The report to the Grand Chapter in 1867 was written near the close of his life, while confined to his room by recent severe injuries, and from that cause may have been more severe in its criticisms of that which the author condemned than they would otherwise have been.

We cannot think that the Grand Chapter of Michigan and its Committee of Correspondence were aware of all the facts in the premises, when they thus, cruelly, cut themselves off from fraternal correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Florida. Indeed, the language of the present report does not justify the conclusion that the prejudice of sections could have prompted their action. We are much pleased with the following, which we quote from their introduction:

"One of the most marked characteristics observed is a desire for the entire restoration of harmonious intercourse interrupted by unfortunate events and to secure the great and beneficent ends of our honored institution. With very general accord there is a willingness to ignore the bitterness of the unhappy past, a desire to build up the waste places and to meet on the common platform of a common brotherhood. During the heat of the great civil conflict, so happily terminated, sentiments of inextinguishable attachment to the unity of our country, and earnest

disapproval of those who would destroy it, found their way, as could not have been otherwise, in the proceedings of most of the Northern jurisdictions. An extreme view in an opposite direction found admission in other quarters of our country. These topics have mostly disappeared from the proceedings.

"Time has done much to soothe these disquiets; and with kindly management and steadfast purposes, will ultimately obliterate all that should be obliterated, and perpetuate all that should be perpetuated. A few cases, however, are still exceptional. One notable instance will meet due attention in its proper place. If there is one 'spot' yet remaining in our feast of charity, there is hope that it may disappear. * * *

"It appears also that during the civil contest, many Chapters of our Southern Companions were despoiled of their property, charters, records, jewels, robes and furniture. Much of this evil is charged on United States troops. These things move our fraternal sympathies and are deeply to be regretted. We trust that the earnest efforts of all good Masons will be made to restore what exists and to aid in renewing what was destroyed."

We make these extended quotations to show the kind spirit of the Michigan committee; and while we do not wish to be hypocritical, we are not sure that the Grand Chapter of Michigan have not raised up a "man of straw" against which they are so earnestly fighting—"a tempest in a teapot." If we had no other reason to feel that our Michigan Companions do not hate us because we are of the South, "southy," the very fact that the name of Companion S. C. Coffinbury appears as one of the committee is sufficient. We have read with much pleasure, and now have before us, the address of M. W. S. C. Coffinbury, Grand Master, before the Grand Lodge at its annual session held in Adrian, January 9, 1867. No one can read that address and believe that its author does not love and honor his Southern Brethren and Companions.

We, therefore, hope that the Grand Chapter of Michigan may reconsider the action referred to, and especially with reference to our honored Comp. Brown. "Write the errors of their brethren in the sand, but engrave their virtues on the tablets of enduring memory that they may learn to imitate them."

So far as the "sullen atmosphere of Florida" is concerned, we have "nothing to extenuate nor set down aught in malice." What has been said and written may have been better unsaid and unwritten, yet we do not feel that we can ask to be forgiven. We earnestly desire the love of all our Companions, yet we cannot afford to purchase it by the surrender of our self-respect. While we are willing and anxious for kindly relations to be established between all sections of our country, and especially among the Royal Craft, yet we have some national pride and sectional pride, and our Michigan Companions must remember that there is much difference of feeling between the victor and the vanquished.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, we again extend to you a "brother's hand and a brother's welcome" to our happy chain of fraternal correspondence. If you refuse to accept it, yours is the responsibility.

Your committee have also before them the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, held at Detroit, January 11th, 12th and 13th, 1869. M. E. Geo. C. Munro, G. H. P. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

Another able report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of the R. E. Grand Secretary. Florida is not noticed.

Comp. William L. Webber of East Saginaw, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest for the ensuing year, and J. Eastman Johnson of Centreville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Body met at St. Paul, on Monday, October 26th, 1868, at 12 o'clock, M.

M. E. Luther Dearborn, G. H. P., presiding.

Ten Chapters being represented.

Your committee are much pleased with the annual address of the G. H. P., and we, therefore, must be indulged in some quotations from it. With reference to the conduct of Companions, he says:

"The purity of our principles can only be manifested by our actions; and let me say in the oft repeated language of our Order, walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called,

cultivate among yourselves a spirit of unity and withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and not after the traditions of the Order; be careful in guarding against intemperance and excess; no wisdom, no reputation, no public honors can save you from the desolating influence of intemperance. This fearful vice is found in the cottage and in the palace, in the church and in the halls of legislation, and, I fear, too often in our Lodges. It has robbed age of its support, youth of its protection, and the domestic fireside of its peace and happiness. There is another vicious habit among us, often referred to, as in conflict with the principles and teachings of Royal Arch Masonry and against the moral sense of Christendom. I refer to the practice of profaning the name of Deity. How is it possible that a Companion who has passed the *vails* of our Tabernacle by the "Signet of Truth," that has engraven upon his heart "Holiness to the Lord," and been invested with the Ineffable Word, can so far forget these solemn teachings as to profane that Sacred Name."

He very feelingly refers to the sad misfortune of the Grand Chapter in the destruction of their property, as follows:

"In view of the strange surroundings that greet your eyes on every side, I can adopt the language of my Companion High Priest in a sister jurisdiction and say, 'that the tabernacle in which we last gathered around our altar, hallowed by so many associations, consecrated by the prayers of the Fathers in *our* Israel, has shared the fate of the Temple at Jerusalem. The fire of the twenty-first of April last has swept away the Masonic records, jewels, and almost the entire property of the Grand Chapter, as well as that of the higher and subordinate Orders of Masonry in this city."

In this connection your committee would ask the special attention of Companions to the following, from the report of the Grand Secretary:

"On the 21st of April, the Masonic Fraternity met with a severe loss by fire. I regret to say that the G. C. fared much worse than any other occupants of the Masonic Hall, there being no insurance on the furniture, jewels, records, printed proceedings, or library thereof.

"On the 29th April, I issued a circular to the various Grand Chapters of the United States and Canada, soliciting copies of their proceedings to replace those lost by fire."

He then acknowledges receipt of response from some of those thus appealed to and continues:

"I would renew my appeal to the Secretaries of Grand Chapters that have not contributed to send me copies of their proceedings."

Sympathizing deeply with our far distant Companions, we would urge on our own Grand Secretary and all other Companions who may see this appeal to respond to it at once.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is signed A. T. C. Pierson, S. B. Foote. We do not know which of these Companions is the writer of the report. Our "better half," who sits by our side as we write, suggests that of course it is the first named member of the committee. But the report is so modest we can scarcely believe that the writer would *Pierson-ify* his vanity in that way, and instead of signing his own name at the head we should not wonder if it came out *Foote*; but we congratulate him, whoever he is, upon his entire success in making a readable article while he "has his say." Twenty-nine Grand Chapters come under review in the report. We regret to say that Florida is not one of the number, and can reciprocate the regrets expressed by the committee that they had not been favored with the proceedings of our Grand Chapter; hope they will hereafter never be neglected; and if your committee have any more of this work to do, and are as highly favored as at this time, the Minnesota committee will never again have to say in their report, "Minnesota not included."

M. E. Moses W. Getchell was elected G. H. P., and R. E. W. S. Combs, of St. Paul, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Another of our Southern sisters comes to us most "gloriously wrought" in her robe of scarlet and jewels of gold, presenting, as she comes forth with her "tidings from the South," the most handsomely gotten up proceedings of them all.

This elegant and beautiful pamphlet contains the proceedings of the twenty-first Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Mississippi, held in the city of Jackson, January 14, 15, 16, A. I. 2399, A. D. 1869. Presided over by M. E. Joseph O. Lusher, G. H. P., and written up and finished up by R. E. Oscar T. Keeler, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand High Priest is rather discouraging. Complains of the results of the late war, which were so disastrous to the Craft everywhere, not having been recovered from. After summing up his official labors, he says:

"I am sorry that it has not been in my power to do more for Royal Arch Masonry, but what little I have done has been to me a 'labor of love.' My intercourse and correspondence with the Companions has been of the most friendly character."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Companion Wm. S. Patton, and is just such a report as your committee would like to be able to prepare. This Patton is a Host within himself, if he is not the *Captain* of the Host. His review embraces the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter and twenty-four Grand Chapters, among which is Florida. And as a favorable notice of our little struggling Grand Chapter is so very rare, we hope to be pardoned for copying his review of us entire:

"It is with regret we have to announce the last receipt from Florida dates January 8th, 1866. M. E. David Jones, Grand High Priest, presiding. Present, other Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, together with representation of seven subordinate Chapters.

"The address of the Grand High Priest is a well written paper, and is well adapted to the time in which it was issued. Three years have wrought a mighty change, and we can say the address at that time suited our notions precisely. We are truly sorry that we have not received the proceedings for 1867-8; hope the Grand Secretary will furnish them for our next report. The Committee on Correspondence report on the proceedings of only nine Grand Chapters—Mississippi not among the number. We know that Florida is all right, and if they have not received the Mississippi reports it is not the fault of our Keeler, for he is

always prompt, and is sure to send the transactions of Mississippi to the uttermost parts of the earth. Send us your proceedings for 1867-8-9; we wish to hear from you."

We earnestly hope our Grand Secretary will be prompt in complying with this kind request of Companion Patton and send forward proceedings forthwith. "Our Keeler" seems to be somewhat of a character, showing that there is nothing in a seminating "light and knowledge" over the earth, and how can this be accomplished without the reports from Florida?

M. E. Comp. George D. Fee of Oxford, was elected to preside over the Royal Craft for the ensuing year, and R. E. Comp. Oscar T. Keeler re-elected Grand Secretary. Address, Columbus, Mississippi.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation at St. Louis on Wednesday, October 7th, 1868.

Comp. Martin Collins, M. E. G. H. P., presiding. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouly, Grand Secretary. Twenty-six subordinate Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is replete with interest and encouragement. He reports the condition of capitular Masonry in Missouri as highly satisfactory, and shows that he had not been idle in the discharge of official duties, while he expresses deep regret that he had been prevented by pressing business cares from a more complete discharge of those duties. Comp. Collins has a large heart and it is in the right place.

The G. H. P. also reported as Chairman of Monument Committee, that a monument had been erected to the memory of the late lamented Companion Anthony O'Sullivan, which they hope will reflect honor on the fraternity.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Geo. Frank Gouley, whose name in this connection is a sufficient recommendation to the report. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter. Florida is among the number of Grand Chapters favorably noticed. He mentions the last report on correspondence by Comp. Thomas Brown, and says:

"We regret to announce the death of this able and distinguished Companion of Florida, since the last session of the Grand Chapter."

Comp. Oren Root, Jr., of Columbia, was elected G. H. P., and Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

We have before us a small pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nebraska, held in the city of Bellevue, June 23, 1868.

Comp. Daniel H. Wheeler, D. G. H. P., presiding. Comp. I. N. Wise, Grand Secretary, with representation from a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest, I. W. Moore, was read—a well written and interesting paper. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. Daniel H. Wheeler, of Plattsmouth, was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. Comp. I. N. Wise re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1868.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation held at the City of Trenton, September 9, 1868. Present—M. E. I. V. Mattison, G. H. P., with many other Grand Officers, permanent members and representatives from seventeen subordinate Chapters.

The annual address of the G. H. P., as well as the full reports from the D. G. H. P., G. K. and G. S., show that work has been performed by the Companions of New Jersey, and that all the Grand Officers are required to perform their share of that work and bring up their "blocks" to be tried by the overseer's square, that it may be ascertained whether they are "good, true and square."

We would be pleased for such a system to be put into operation in our Grand Chapter and feel confident good would result from it, particularly if our Grand Officers would go to work as have those of New Jersey.

The reports of the G. S. and G. T. also show the finances to be in a healthy condition. Every thing we have seen indicates prosperity in the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction.

A note from the Grand Secretary is appended to the proceedings as follows:

"To Grand Secretaries—Three copies of these proceedings will be sent to each Grand Secretary, one for the Grand High Priest, one for the Grand Chapter, and one for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A reciprocal exchange is solicited."

An able and well written report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Thos. I. Corson for the Committee, in which the transactions of thirty Grand Chapters are noticed. The Grand Chapter of Florida is not one of the fortunate thirty. This we very much regret, as we would be much pleased to have ourselves noticed by the facetious Corson, whose extreme good humor and wholesome Masonic doctrine are so prominent in this report.

Our wish is gratified, however, for we find before us another report from the same pen, contained in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey at its thirteenth Annual Convocation held at Trenton, Sept. 8th, 1869. M. E. James P. Case, G. H. P. presiding. John Woolverton, G. Secretary. Twenty Chapters represented. The address of Companion Case is very creditable to the heart and head of its author. With reference to the doings of the General Grand Chapter, he speaks in most favorable terms, and expresses an earnest hope that "when the gavel shall be sounded in the *monumental* city, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida will be found enrolled under the broad mantle and protecting branches of the parent tree."

For the information and gratification of our M. E. Companion we refer him to the action of our Grand Chapter at its Convocation in Tallahassee, January 11, 1869, and is as follows, to-wit:

"Companion DeWitt C. Dawkins offered the following preamble and resolution:

"WHEREAS, The General Grand Chapter of the United States, waiving all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of this Grand Chapter, thereby admitting the regularity of the same, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to become a constituent member thereof; therefore,

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true Masonic spirit, and will hereafter bear allegiance and support to the said General Grand Chapter.

"Which was adopted."

The reports from other Grand Officers, as before, are interesting and exhibit the success of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction.

We now come again to the report on Foreign Correspondence of Companion Corson, which is an able review of thirty-six Grand Chapters and the G. G. Chapter of the U. S. After mentioning the names of the Grand Bodies, he says :

"Thus it will be seen that every member of the family is present, (and a 'happy family' it truly is,) except Nebraska, and from her we have news through our Michigan friends. Such a goodly representation, each singing songs of joy and praise, gladdens our hearts and fills us with pleasure supreme; as from every quarter comes the soul-gladdening salutation that with the Royal Craft, from East to West, from pole to pole, from sea-bound coast to woodland wilderness, peace, harmony and prosperity reign in our temples."

From the very favorable manner in which he compliments Connecticut for the "permanent regulation of her Grand Chapter against the introduction of spirituous liquors into the Chapters or ante-rooms (internally or externally we presume,) of any of the Chapters. we hope Comp. Corson has ceased to look at Companions "through a glass darkly," at 15 cents a look, and hope to meet him in another National Grand Body which meets in Newark next June.

But we are impatient to get to his notice of Florida :

"The land of flowers and alligators sends us greeting and gives us the doings of their 22d Annual Convocation held at Tallahassee, in January, 1868."

Did you ever hear just such a combination of the "sublime and the ridiculous, the beautiful and the hideous?" "*Flowers and alligators*," indeed! Well, we have some of both, and if Comp. Corson will come down this way we will show him something else too.

He further says :

"The following resolution was adopted :

"Ordered, That hereafter the reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be printed in the recess of the Grand Chapter and laid before the Grand Chapter on the first day of each Annual Convocation. We think this is wise, for frequently the writer of such a report may express opinions which the Grand Body might disapprove of, and which may escape the attention of the members at the time of reading the report. We would recommend this Grand Chapter to take similar action. However, the Grand Chapter of Florida fixed matters safely by having no report on correspondence printed at all."

We heartily wish we had time to follow up this report and make more extended quotations from it, but our time is limited and we hasten on.

The address of the Grand Officers for this year are David S. Battey, G. H. P., Newark; John Woolverton, M. D., Grand Secretary, Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened at Albany on Tuesday, February 2d, A. I. 2399, A. D. 1869.

Present—M. E. Seymour H. Stone, Grand High Priest, R. E. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary, with other Grand Officers, permanent members and the representatives of one hundred and forty subordinate Chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a very able and to our judgment thoroughly Masonic document. We would like to notice at more length some of the legal decisions reported, but we are afraid of one of those gentle reproofs Comp. Corson of New Jersey threatens to administer to those of us who are too young to "know anything about law," and, therefore, we leave them to be reviewed for our edification and enlightenment by those who "like Abraham and Sarah are well stricken in years."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show the condition of the Royal Craft to be flourishing. The whole number of Companions on the register is 11,373. Charters were granted to sixteen new Chapters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, Comp. Joseph White, and is an able review of thirty-one Grand Chapters, not including Florida, and the General Grand Chapter, U. S. These reviews are mostly brief but pointed and comprehensive. *Multum in parvo* seems to have been the motto of the committee.

Comp. White favors us with a "summary of reports of Grand Chapters," which embraces many that we were not aware had an existence, but that is not at all surprising, as there are many things we do not know.

We heartily concur with the committee in their suggestions in the close of the report, the last of which we will quote for fear it may escape the attention of some of those who superintend the publishing of proceedings, and we think highly important:

"We would also recommend that the printed page of the transactions of each Grand Chapter be of uniform size with each other. By this means the proceedings of each year can all be bound together, forming an annual record in durable form."

M. E. Companion John W. Simons of New York was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year, and R. E. Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Dayton, Ohio, Friday, 3 o'clock, P. M., October 16, 1868.

Comp. George Rex, M. E. G. H. P., presiding.

Companion John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

One hundred and five subordinate Chapters represented. The Annual communication of the Grand High Priest, Comp. Rex, presents little of general interest, if we except his review of the General Grand Chapter, which is very much to our liking, and the very prosperous condition of capitular Masonry in his grand jurisdiction. Most of the proceedings are of local interest only. Comp. Charles C. Keifer of Dayton was elected to preside over the Royal Craft the ensuing year, and Comp. Jno. D. Caldwell of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Comp. Howard Matthews. He reports having reviewed "in all thirty Grand Chapters," the proceedings "con-

taining more than three thousand pages of closely printed matter.

"They undertake the arduous yet exceedingly pleasant duty of reviewing these proceedings with the same delightful anticipations that they would approach a gorgeous banquet at which the most fastidious appetite might be amply satiated."

With reference to the resolution of the G. G. Chapter recognizing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, he says:

"This, in our judgment, is right and proper, and strictly in accordance with the fitness of things."

Florida is not mentioned in the report.

The committee quote at length the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Michigan with reference to Florida, but make no comments pro or con.

The conclusion of Companion Matthews expresses the feelings, we presume, of all who have undertaken the pleasant task of writing a report on Foreign Correspondence:

"Our labors are finished, and while the preparation of a report of this kind is attended with a large amount of labor, yet we have been amply compensated by the pleasure which it has afforded us, and that too in a degree which only those who have prepared a report of this kind can appreciate. Ours has been a pleasant chit-chat with Companions in all sections of the country, and though far removed—some of whom we never saw—yet we feel as if we knew every lineament of their faces, and their acquaintance had long enjoyed. * * *

"We would express our gratitude to our Companions of the reportorial corps in other jurisdictions for the courteous and flattering notices they have given our former efforts, and gracefully make our bow for the present."

OREGON.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter met at Portland, June 18th, 1869, and was presided over by M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, G. H. P. Other Grand Officers, Past

Grand Officers, and representatives from five subordinate Chapters present.

The address of the Grand High Priest is very short but to the point, and has the ring of the right metal in it. The proceedings are mostly of local interest only.

The Grand High Priest and Companion R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by Comp. J. H. Wythe, in which he reviews fourteen Grand Chapters, Florida not included. Now come up here Comps. Drummond, Corson, Gouley, Horner, *et id omne genus*, and receive the mild, gentle and loving but *Wythe-ering* rebuke contained in this introduction:

"The reports of the various Committees on Foreign Correspondence are both witty and wise. It is a matter of regret, however, that the tendency to witticism and personality so largely prevails. While it renders the reports racy and readable, it detracts somewhat from the dignity which should characterize our published proceedings. 'A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men,' but its publication is a matter of questionable propriety. It is in no captious spirit we write this criticism, but from a desire to promote the real good of the Royal Craft."

Now put on your straight jackets and go back to your seats, and quit peeping over the corners of your books and "making faces" at each other.

This report of Comp. Wythe is a well written, chaste, dignified review, freely administering censure where the writer thought it was deserved, and "honor to whom honor is due."

RHODE ISLAND.

From this Grand Chapter we have proceedings of Annual Convocations held March 13, 1866, March 12, 1867, and March 10, 1868, bound together. There is nothing contained in the proceedings of general interest to the Craft. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Address of Grand Officers—M. E. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, and Comp. George H. Burnham, Grand Secretary, Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Held at Greenville, February 11th and 12th, 2398. Companion R. S. Bruns, M. E. Grand High Priest. Companion Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary. Fourteen Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest's address is a very elaborate discussion, mainly of the new Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and defending his proclamation with reference to that Grand Chapter. His introduction, however, is a good thing and worthy of being kept in remembrance by the Craft. We have only room for one quotation:

"In beholding the working industry of other Grand Chapters we are stimulated to manly endeavors at work within our own. We have their example, and in that example itself there is sympathy. We have besides, from all sister Grand Chapters, the assurance of this sympathy, which has been not unfrequently accompanied by expressions in deeds of love, which fully confirm all professions of language.

"I congratulate you once more on the reunion of a perfect brotherhood, a companionship throughout all foreign States, a reknitting of the fourfold cords of Masonic bond, never I trust to be ruptured while society cherishes an immortal faith or man a genuine human affection. Nor has the example of good working in other jurisdictions been without its proper influence upon our own. Nor have the sympathies of Companions abroad failed to win their way to our hearts, encouraging our hopes and prompting our zeal and industry. Cast down as we have been by fortune, we are emerging from our ruins. We have emerged, and already our altars, rescued from the wreck, have been restored in most cases to the high places which they occupied before."

Comp. Montgomery Moses presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, the second ever presented to the Grand Chapter. This is a manly, comprehensive review of twenty-four Grand Chapters, of which Florida is one. Of our Grand Chapter, he says:

"In his address the Grand High Priest alludes to the re-establishment of two Chapters and the general good working order of all the Chapters in his jurisdiction. No question of Masonic

jurisprudence came before him during the year. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Thomas Brown, P. G. H. P., and is characterized by his unusual marked ability. He reviews in a fraternal and kindly manner the proceedings of 19 Grand Chapters including the General Grand Chapter of the United States. There are now 16 working Chapters in Florida."

Like the unfortunate writer of this report and we fear many others, Comp. Moses was almost completely overwhelmed, swallowed up, when he fell in with the witty, vivacious Companion Corson of New Jersey. We can but forgive the Companion for possessing the frailties common to poor human nature. There is not one of our "numerous and interesting offspring," from the oldest to the youngest, who has not learned to quote from Corson, and all of them who can read have read the New Jersey correspondence from beginning to end for 1868 and 1869. But we forget, we are not reviewing New Jersey.

Comp. Moses says in his "conclusion:"

"Your committee, in drawing their report to a close, do so with mingled feelings of relief and pain. Relief, consequent upon the knowledge that our task is completed; and pain engendered by the reflection that, perhaps, before another year shall roll on, many of those who were known to us only by name, now endeared by their Masonic writings and teachings, may be called away by the G. A. O. T. U. from their abode on earth to realms celestial, prepared for the virtuous and good.

"We also trust that when we shall again be permitted to report upon the proceedings of our sister States, that time may bring a healing on her wings; that the wail of contention and dissension shall no more be heard; that harmony shall have spread her benign blessings throughout the length and breadth of the land; and all shall rejoice again to behold that righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1869.

These proceedings date at Charleston, Feb. 9, 1869. Comp. Robert Stewart Bruns, G. H. P., presiding, and Ebenezer Thayer, R. E. Grand Secretary. Twenty-three Chapters represented.

There is much in the Grand High Priest's address and in the masterly report on Foreign Correspondence we would be pleased to notice were we not admonished that our time is brief and we have yet much work to do. Grand Officers re-elected.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Nashville, Sept. 30, 1868, A. I. 2398.

Present—M. E. Townsend A. Thomas, G. H. P. E. John Frizell, Grand Secretary. Sixty-two out of eighty-three Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest congratulates the Royal Craft on the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in his jurisdiction and throughout the United States; complains of a want of uniformity of work, and urges the Grand Chapter to provide such means as would remedy this great evil. He refers with much feeling to the death of Grand Secretary E. Charles A. Fuller, which occurred June 5th, out of respect for whom he called an extra session of the Grand Chapter.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Geo. S. Blackie, M. D., at the request of E. John Frizell, Grand Secretary. Companion Blackie says, by way of introduction:

"It is our pleasing duty to announce the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in North America. Harmony and brotherly love have prevailed throughout our borders, and the blessing of Heaven has attended the faithful labors of the workmen."

He reviews twenty-six Grand Chapters, not including Florida, and says in conclusion:

"We have advanced but few opinions of our own, as we deemed it well to keep our youth and inexperience in the back ground; but we have presented such extracts from the sayings of old and wise heads as will insure a permanent value to our work. The labor has indeed been a pleasing one to us, as we have been drawn closer in contact with the master spirits of the Masonic world, and have sipped at the fountains of their wisdom and experience. Should we ever again be called upon to perform

this duty, we have learned how to perform it more satisfactorily to ourselves and how to secure its greater attractiveness to others. * * *

"Many loved and noble Companions have passed away from this earthly scene since our last assembling and gone on to join in that countless host which ever presses to the gateways of the universal necropolis. * * Every day we hear of some we loved who have gone before, and whom we shall see again no more forever. The heart that is fullest and saddest often knows not the luxury of a tear, but the gash is made deep in its bleeding substance, and the whole gaiety of life is saddened and overshadowed. But we who have studied the symbolism of the sprig of Acacia, and who have learned the meaning of the mysterious Name which was uttered from the midst of the bush, need not fear. We know it is but for a little. We will go to them, though they cannot come to us. Let us thank a kind and loving God for all those who have departed this life in His faith and fear, and ask for grace so to follow their good example that for us death will have no horror and the grave will be swallowed up in victory."

There are many other things we would have been pleased to review in this report, but must enter our solemn protest against having to strain our optic nerves to their utmost tension upon such print.

TEXAS.

Transactions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas at its Twentieth Annual Convocation, held at the city of Houston, commencing on Monday, June 14th, A. D. 1869, A. I. 2403. Query. How does the "Lone Star" get its additional 4 years? M. E. J. D. Giddings, Grand High Priest. E. R. Brewster, Grand Secretary. Thirty-one Chapters responded to call.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows that the Royal Craft is in a prosperous condition in his extensive jurisdiction, but he laments that the vices of drunkenness, profane swearing and gaming, are still practiced to such an alarming extent among the Craft, and urges, as a remedy, the gentle and kind but strict administration of discipline, "without malice and in the spirit of charity."

He presents a novel case which had been brought to his notice by a letter from the Secretary of one of the Chapters: That of a Companion who has become insane, and in arrears for dues, accrued during that condition, submitting the question, Should the unfortunate Companion be suspended in conformity with the strict letter of By-laws, or what course should be pursued?

His decision we quote, in which we heartily concur:

"Suspension for non-payment of dues is a punishment for the neglect of a known obligation. No judgment or sentence in a court of law, or in the forum of conscience, could be binding against a lunatic. He could be guilty of no wrong after the light of reason had been withdrawn, and does it not follow that the status of such should not be changed during such condition? He may be a husband and father. Again, reason may be restored, and as his mind emerges from this abyss of darkness and death, and the sweet and sacred memories of the past return, may he not long to greet his former Companions? Should any action be taken that would bar the exercise of charity against him or his kindred?"

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is signed Philip C. Tucker, W. B. Botts, Robert Brewster, Committee, and is a resume of the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, received "from the *Eminent* Grand Secretary and other sources." Now we wonder when in all the archives of Royal Arch Masonry that title was discovered?

The committee state at the outset:

"As a rule we will use the scissors instead of the pen, believing as we do that the proceedings of thirty-two other Grand Bodies must necessarily possess matters far more instructive to the Royal Craft than anything we could offer from our own granary."

That part of the report contributed by the pen we are much pleased with. It is well written, instructive, practical, and to our judgment thoroughly Masonic; but as to that brought in by the scissors, we cannot afford to ruin our eyes trying to read it. It is worse, if possible, than the printing of Tennessee.

Florida receives a favorable notice among her sisters, and we hope it may not be long until we can send out from our little jurisdiction a better report of ourselves. We shall always wel-

come the Lone Star State into our circle of fraternal correspondence. The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

M. E. W. G. Veal, G. H. P., Veal's Station.
E. R. Brewster, Grand Secretary, Houston.

VERMONT.

Our worthy Companions of the "Green Mountain" State have extended a hand of kindly greeting which we grasp most cordially, and unite with them in rejoicing over the harmony and prosperity of the Royal Craft throughout the land.

Their last Annual Convocation held in the city of Burlington on Friday, June 11th, 1869, M. E. Charles A. Miles, presiding. All the subordinate Chapters, twenty-three in number, seem to have been represented, which speaks well for the zeal and fervency of the Companions.

The Grand High Priest's address is a well written and exceedingly interesting paper, full of encouragement and thoroughly Masonic in its spirit and letter. We can only quote the saddest part of this address:

"During the last six months the 'destroying angel' has summoned many of our most distinguished brethren to relinquish these earthly scenes, and translated them to the Lodge on high. Companions Washburn, Butler, Day, Stebbins, Taft, Davis, Warren, Ruggles and Lowry, have completed their daily labors in the quarries, and have doubtless ere this been received and acknowledged in that holy Temple, where there is neither day nor night, that is of the present time, but everlasting light, infinite brightness, steadfast peace and secure rest."

Comp. Joshua Britton, in behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made their report, in which he reviews twenty-six Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter. With this report your committee are remarkably well pleased, as our Grand Chapter receives a more lengthy notice than from any of the others.

In his conclusion, Comp. Britton announces this as his fourth and closing report, being about to remove to another jurisdiction, Wisconsin. He says:

"It is not without emotion that the thought is entertained that this may be the last opportunity that will be enjoyed with other minds in our several jurisdictions, and of being an humble laborer in your midst; but wherever I may sojourn, an ardent interest in your happiness and Masonic well being will be most fondly cherished."

We regret that we are to lose from the reportorial corps one so eminently gifted and qualified for this position, just at the time we are entering upon the pleasant arena, but we rejoice that we have had one opportunity given us of communing with Comp. Britton, and assure him of our earnest sympathies and kindest feelings wherever he may be called to sojourn.

Grand Officers for ensuing year: M. E. Charles A. Miles, G. H. P., Brattleboro, Vermont; E. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary, Burlington, Vermont.

VIRGINIA.

The "Old Dominion" presents herself properly clothed and prepared for labor, and from her dress we suppose she has cleared away the rubbish from the ruins of the old Temple, made desolate by the sad havoc of war, and is earnestly engaged in rebuilding the "House of the Lord," with the earnest hope that the "glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former."

The proceedings before us are those of the Annual Convocation held in the city of Richmond, December 17, 1868, A. I. 2398, and presided over by M. E. Edward H. Lane, Grand High Priest. Twenty-six Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest deploras the fact that so many of their chartered Chapters are dormant, no less than fifteen being reported as extinct, or failing to make returns to the Grand Chapter. He also urges strongly the adoption of a uniform system of work for the subordinates, which he regards highly important.

A most pleasant incident was the presentation of a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. John Dove, consisting of a "chain and mark." The committee in their report say:

"By the blessing of Providence he is still with us and at work with us for the good of the Craft, and your committee feel that it needs no *golden chain* to bind the affection which is felt towards each other by this body and their venerable Grand Secretary, but trust that the little appendage will be a MARK of their appreciation of a DOVE—the emblematical messenger of peace—who has so long nestled by the Ark of this Grand Chapter."

The presentation by the G. H. P. was handsomely performed and responded to with deep emotion by Comp. Dove, who had been serving the Grand Chapter fifty years as Grand Secretary.

After a most diligent search we have found the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which, because of its uniqueness and *iniquity* we quote entire:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence take great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the printed proceedings of the following Grand Royal Arch Chapters: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin. After a careful perusal of all these documents, we find nothing requiring especial notice. We are much gratified at witnessing the harmony and good order prevailing throughout, and would ask a continuance of fraternal correspondence."

Now we had begun to flatter ourself that we were about to succeed in getting up something "worthy of notice," but this terribly "kills our joy," for we know that the reports of either one of the thirty-one Grand Chapters there noted are more worthy of it than this "maiden effort" of ours, and we have great veneration for anything that comes from the noble old "Mother of the Presidents."

And they "ask a continuance of fraternal correspondence." It may be useful to have the wind taken so nicely out of the sails of our vanity, and as "self-denial" is an important christian grace, we hope that request will be complied with by every Grand Chapter throughout the land.

M. E. Edward H. Lane, G. H. P., Louisa Court House.
E. John Dove, Grand Secretary, Richmond, Virginia.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter was held in the city of Milwaukee, commencing Wednesday, February 3, 1869.

M. E. A. V. H. Carpenter, Grand High Priest.

R. E. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Representatives from thirty-eight Subordinate Chapters.

The annual address is a comprehensive, systematic business document, and is creditable alike to the heart and intellect of its author.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. Wm. H. Norris, Jr., reviewing the "labors and condition of twenty-three sister jurisdictions." Comp. Norris reviews with dignity and impartiality, and we hope he will not have to notice Florida as one of those from which he has "no tidings" in his next report. We quote the following from his introduction:

"A comparison of the volumes which have passed before us discovers several marked general characteristics.

"The Committees on Appeals and Grievances are almost unanimously without occupation.

"California, Pennsylvania and Texas print and distribute the reports on Foreign Correspondence in advance of the Annual Convocation—a course which must make the reports of much more practical value.

"A large proportion of these pamphlets embody local constitutions and regulations, and others contain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter also.

"There is a very general revision and codification of edicts, resolutions and decisions.

"All these measures of general information indicate a growing desire for intelligence, and their effect must be an increase of clear ideas, more correct government, and less labor for future Grand Officers."

Address of Grand Officers: M. E. A. V. H. Carpenter, G. H. P., Milwaukee. R. E. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

IN MEMORIAM.

Your committee find mourning pages inscribed to the memory of Companions who are at rest from their labors, as follows:

CANADA—Robert M. Wilkinson, Gilbert Tice Bastedo, Stedman B. Campbell, Robert Spence, William Peard, James Murphy, George Forbes, Alexander H. Montgomery, Jonathan Carter, Edward Thompson, Rev. P. Smith, E. R. Sullivan, Arthur D. Lamb, Levi Kemp, George Hyde, Alex. Wanless, Henry Pooly, E. A. Walker and Geo. Jessup.

CALIFORNIA—M. E. Henry Hare Hartley, P. G. H. P.

INDIANA—M. E. Isaac Bartlett, P. G. H. P.

KENTUCKY—M. E. Rev. William H. Forsythe, P. G. H. P.; M. E. Humphrey Jones, Jr., P. G. H. P.

LOUISIANA—M. E. Henry Regenburt, P. G. H. P.; M. E. Willis P. Coleman, P. H. P.; M. E. Oliver J. Noyes, P. H. P.

MAINE—M. E. John Williams, P. G. H. P.; R. E. Samuel Fessenden, P. D. G. H. P.

MINNESOTA—Comp. Charles Adams Warner.

MISSISSIPPI—M. E. George D. Fee, G. H. P.; M. E. M. S. Ward, P. G. H. P.; R. E. D. R. Corley, G. Tyler.

NEW YORK—M. E. Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.; R. E. Augustus Willard, P. G. K.

OHIO—M. E. Chester Griswold, P. G. H. P.

OREGON—E. Comp. J. W. Perit Huntington, G. M. 1st Vail.

RHODE ISLAND—E. John G. Joyce, G. P. S.

TENNESSEE—M. E. Charles Arnold Fuller, P. G. H. P.

VERMONT—M. E. Seth R. Day, H. P.; R. E. Wm. K. Taft, P. K.; M. E. Sam'l S. Butler, P. D. G. H. P.; M. E. Ralph Stebbins, H. P.; M. E. Gamaliel Washburne, P. G. H. P.; M. E. David Warren, H. P.; M. E. Henry Ruggles, P. H. P.

ALABAMA.

Since we finished our report we have received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, held in the city of Montgomery, commencing Dec. 8, 1868, M. E. Peleg Brown, G. H. P., presiding.

Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. Fifty three Chapters represented.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest contains much valuable information and is characterized by a thoroughly Masonic spirit.

We are particularly pleased with the clearness in which he makes his legal decisions, and heartily concur with him in them all.

He calls attention to the importance of an active Committee on Work, to which your committee have already called attention in this report, and by his recommendation the Grand Chapter raised that committee in their jurisdiction to six, having one in each Congressional District, having a "custodian of work" from whom the committee are to receive instructions. Comp. Brown was selected by his Companions to be the custodian of the work for the present year. We cannot but think that such a system will be productive of much good, and is the best in our judgment that can be adopted to bring about a uniformity in the work of the several Chapters.

A handsome testimonial, in the shape of a P. G. H. Priest's jewel, was presented to M. E. Comp. George D. Norris.

Comp. J. Pillans, Chairman, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is a brief but interesting review of thirty one Grand Chapters. Florida not included.

We think it singular that our correspondence with our two nearest sisters should not be prompt and regular. Alabama comes to us a year old, and Georgia we have not received at all, and we presume neither have received the Florida proceedings. Let us endeavor to remedy this evil at once.

A mourning page is inscribed to the memory of R. E. Dep. G. H. P. James L. Price. Comp. Peleg Brown, Mobile, is G. H. P. for the ensuing year, and Comp. Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

We have also received proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Indiana held at Franklin, Oct. 20th and 21st, 1869, presided over by M. E. Harvey G. Hazelrigg. Sixty-six Chapters represented.

We desire to extend just at this time our hearty thanks to Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary, for the good example he has here set for the other Grand Secretaries throughout the entire national jurisdiction in having his proceedings printed and in the hands of his most remote Companions within *two months* after the convocation of the Grand Chapter, and we would most respectfully say to all interested "*go thou and do likewise.*"

There is much in this pamphlet we would like to review but have not the privilege of doing so.

The Grand High Priest's address is full of interest and is comprehensive, leaving but little for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to do; their report simply containing their views on certain topics referred to them from the address. They "cordially concur in the recommendations of the M. E. G. H. P. on the subject of honorary representation between the Grand Chapters, believing that it would result in the cultivation of friendly and fraternal relations with each other and strengthen the bonds of Masonic union, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorized, from time to time, to appoint and commission Honorary Representations near the several Grand Chapters with which we are in correspondence."

Mourning pages are inscribed to the memory of R. E. Hugh Dana, Grand King of the Grand Chapter, and Comp. Dr. Philip Mason, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

M. E. Harvey G. Hazelrigg re-elected G. H. P., and Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, Nov. 8, 1869, A. I. 2399.

Companion Chas. H. Ohr, M. D., M. E. Grand High Priest.
Companion Wm. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.
Nine Chapters represented.

Comp. Ohr's address is short but kind and sweet-spirited, and we have still greater hope from all these facts for better things in Maryland.

A memorial page is inscribed to the memory of Comp. George W. Haller, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, who died August 17th, 1869.

Comp. E. L. Stevens made the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews thirty-five Grand Chapters including a very kind notice of our Grand Chapter for 1868. This report and the following from Missouri, 1869, were not received until the forenoon of the day of this Grand Convocation, hence we cannot do more than acknowledge their receipt.

Companion Charles H. Ohr, Cumberland, Md., was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. William A. Wentz, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, Oct. 6, 1869.

This is an exceedingly interesting pamphlet and we very reluctantly have to content ourselves with simply acknowledging receipt and expressing our thanks to Comp. Gouley for sending it to us so promptly and for so kindly noticing our Grand Chapter in his report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Companions in that jurisdiction have to mourn the death of Past Grand High Priest Prestly H. McBride, who died May 21st, 1869. "The good never die—they but change the mortal for the immortal."

The following is the address of Grand Officers: John F. Houston, Grand High Priest, Richmond. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

And now, Companions, our work is completed, and we can truthfully say "*it is our work.*" Whether it will pass the squares, or whether you will permit it to pass your stations, owing to other causes, is for you to decide.

We have done the best we can under the circumstances and hope to merit your approval.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. A. CARRUTH,
Chairman Com. Foreign Correspondence.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
General Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons
FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
1868.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the United States of America, which shall be holden triennially, at such place as shall from time to time be designated for that purpose, and at which time the General Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot, and installed, except the General Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter, at any regular meeting, may change the time for the next succeeding meeting; and if, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death or absence, of the Senior General Grand Officer, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change the time of the particular meeting to some subsequent time; and, in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are expressly granted and delegated to it by them, or as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers and consistent with the nature of the confedera-

tion between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to R. A. Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, by formal vote; and its decisions so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it for matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference,) act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several Degrees, and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters; and it may suspend the proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any willful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

SEC. 3. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall consist of a General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, and General Grand Royal Arch Captain. These, together with the first four officers, and all Past Grand High Priests of every State Grand Chapter under this jurisdiction, or the proxies of the first four

General Grand Officers, and of the first four officers of each State Grand Chapter aforesaid, shall compose the General Grand Chapter: *Provided*, That any Chapter under this jurisdiction, in any State, District, or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter duly established, shall have a right to appear by its first three officers, or any one or two of them, which officers shall collectively have one vote.

SEC. 4. On all questions to be decided by the General Grand Chapter, each State Grand Chapter shall be entitled to four votes by its representative or representatives. If there be but two representatives, the inferior officer, or his proxy, shall give but his own single vote, and the higher, or his proxy, shall give the other three. If there be three representatives, the highest officer, or his proxy, shall give two votes, and the others, or their proxies, one each.

The General Grand Officers, when present, shall each have one vote; and no General Grand Officer shall be allowed to take a seat in the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of any State Grand Chapter, nor shall any member of the General Grand Chapter be permitted to vote as proxy while the person giving the proxy is present; nor shall any person be admitted into the General Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one State Grand Chapter, at one and the same time.

SEC. 5. The General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest shall have authority to call a special meeting of the General Grand Chapter whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary; and it shall be their duty so to do when properly requested by a majority of the State Grand Chapters, of which four months notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 6. The General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, shall severally have power and authority to grant Dispensations, for a limited length of time, for new Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of the appendant Orders, in any State, Country, Republic, or Territory, in which there is not a Grand Chapter regularly established, when in their opinion the good of the Craft may require the same, which term of time shall in no case extend beyond the close of the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter; but no new Chapter shall be established in any State, Country, Republic, or Territory, where there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance, under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located; and in all cases of such Dispensation the officer who may grant the same shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, and make report of the same at the

next triennial meeting of this General Grand Chapter, when the General Grand Chapter may grant the said Chapter a Charter.

SEC. 7. The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter, with Subordinate Degrees, shall be ninety dollars and no more; and no credit shall be given for Dispensation or Charters, or for conferring the degrees in any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction. And every Chapter holden by Dispensation or Charter under this jurisdiction, shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of two dollars for each Companion therein exalted, until such time as a Grand Chapter shall be regularly established in the State, Country, Republic, or Territory, in which such Subordinate Chapter is located. The Secretary shall be paid by the petitioners ten dollars for his services in furnishing the Charter.

The fees in the several States for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, shall not be less than twenty dollars.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime Arts and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons; to make themselves Masters of the several Masonic Lectures and Ancient Charges; to consult with each other, and with the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the several State Grand Chapters aforesaid, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges. And the better to accomplish this laudable object, the aforesaid officers are hereby severally authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent Master, Mark, and Past Master Masons throughout the said States, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

SEC. 9. The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such by reason of his not being in possession of any other, so called, degrees.

SEC. 10. In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place; unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.

SEC. 11. In every Chapter and Lodge under the immediate

jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, all questions (except the admission of members or candidates, which shall require a unanimous ballot,) shall be considered and determined in such way and manner as such Chapters and Lodges may, all circumstances considered, find most conducive to their harmony and permanent prosperity: *Provided*, they do not in any case interfere with or infringe on the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 12. The General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter shall have and keep a seal, which shall be affixed to all his communications.

SEC. 13. Should any casualty, at any time hereafter, prevent the triennial election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 14. An appeal shall in all cases lie to the General Grand Chapter, from the decision of the M. E. General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decisions shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it is otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

ARTICLE II.

OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The State Grand Chapters shall severally consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the said Grand Chapters; and the said Grand Chapters shall have full power and authority to elect such other officers, and to establish such rules and regulations as they shall, from time to time, consider necessary and proper: *Provided*, such regulations do not in any way interfere with the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The State Grand Chapters shall severally be holden once in every year, and oftener if they may consider it expedient or necessary, at such time and place as they shall respectively direct; and, at their annual meetings, the constitutional officers shall be elected or appointed in such manner as shall be provided for by their rules and regulations, and installed into their respective offices; and the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, for the time being, may call special meetings, to be holden at such times and places as they may think proper.

SEC. 3. The several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole

government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within their respective jurisdictions, to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power, under their respective seals and the signs manual of their respective Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, attested by their respective Grand Secretaries, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, within their respective jurisdictions; but their jurisdiction shall in no case be construed to extend beyond the limits of the State, except by consent of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are officers, to grant letters of Dispensation under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the qualifications required by the 7th Section of the Second Article of this Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for a certain specified term of time: *Provided*, that the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State in which such Dispensation shall be granted: *And provided further*, that the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Chapters, shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of his jurisdiction, when the said Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said Dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a Charter of Constitution. And in case such Charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same; but if a Charter should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

SEC. 5. No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chapters shall have power, severally, to require from the several Chapters under their respective jurisdictions such reasonable proportion of sums received by them for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, and such certain annual sums from their respective members, as by their ordinances or regulations shall be appointed; all which said sums or dues shall be made good and paid annually by the said Chapters respectively, over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter under which they hold their authority, on or before the first day of the respective annual meetings of the several Grand Chapters.

SEC. 7. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a Dispensation or Charter be granted them.

SEC. 8. The Grand Secretaries of the State Grand Chapters shall, severally, make an annual communication to each other and also to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, containing a list of Grand Officers and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secretaries shall also regularly transmit to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter a copy of all their By-Laws and Regulations, and also a copy of their proceedings, annually, to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter; and the State Grand Chapters shall see that their Secretaries faithfully and punctually perform this duty.

SEC. 9. Whenever there shall have been three Chapters regularly instituted and consecrated in any State, Country, Republic or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: *Provided*, that the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter be first obtained. And said Grand Chapters, by their regular officers, shall assemble in some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary—not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 10. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any State Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of a Subordinate Chapter under that jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Dispensation, as is provided in Section 6 of Article I, or Section 4 of Article II, of this Constitution, or Charter from the General Grand Chapter, or from some Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between

any Chapter, or any member of it, and any Chapter, or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, without such Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1798.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Charter is issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power in said Charter to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.

SEC. 3. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of this Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be duly observed; that all his subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; the true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter, by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made by the Secretary annually to the Grand Chapter, of the admission of all candidates or members, and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. The Charter of this Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the regular and special meeting of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

SEC. 4. No person, having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have produced a certificate from a Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request is dismissed and recommended.

SEC. 5. That any worthy Companion, from without the jurisdiction of the United States, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, on such Companions (who have not heretofore received them,) to the end that

they may be healed, and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge.

SEC. 6. That the Subordinate Chapter so conferring said degrees shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor.

SEC. 7. It shall not be deemed regular for any Chapter to confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State in which there is a Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of said applicant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand Officers, or the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, they shall, severally, have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest of the same Chapter while it was Under Dispensation, when he himself shall have been installed, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SEC. 2. The officers of every Chapter under this jurisdiction, whether Chartered or Under Dispensation, before they enter upon the exercise of the respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz: "I, A. B., do promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."

SEC. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter, published among the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next regular meeting receive the approval of two-thirds of the members then present.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.



In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the General Grand Chapter to be hereunto affixed. Dated at the City of Cincinnati, this 1st day of November, 1865, and the year of the Order 2395.

JOHN D. CALDWELL,
General Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA,



At their 24th Annual Convocation, Begun and Held in the City
of Tallahassee, January 10th, A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida, at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Grand Convocation, begun and held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tallahassee, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 11 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT :

- M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
- E. Charles Mundee, Grand King.
- " William Morrill, as Grand Scribe.
- " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- " W. M. McIntosh, as Grand Secretary.
- Comp. M. Bowes, as G. C. H.
- " Samuel W. Fox, as G. P. S.
- " Theodore Ball, as G. R. A. C.
- " Wm. B. Kemp, as G. M. 3d Vail.
- " James Ellenwood, as G. M. 2d Vail.
- " Jas. B. Roberts, as G. M. 1st Vail.
- " Robert Heir, as Guard.

And a due representation of Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, on motion, appointed Companions Samuel W. Fox, William Morrill and Wm. B. Kemp, as Committee on Credentials and returns in the hands of the Grand Secretary, who reported that there was a constitutional number of Chapters represented.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then delivered the following address :

WORTHY COMPANIONS :

Again we meet as friends, brothers, and companions, in this our Annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, as we, and such as we have regularly done for ages, and as we and our

successors will do in all future time, so long as wisdom and science are to be taught, and morality and charity to be promoted and appreciated among the sons of men.

The complete system of our organization and its previous successful history, guarantee its future existence, so long as its votaries adhere to its pure principles and purposes, and so long as the exercise of charity and virtuous union may be useful in restraining vice in the world.

Being thus devoted and enjoying conclusive and satisfactory evidence that the royal cause in which we are engaged is guided by the divine artist, who is the embodiment of that "Truth" which is the signet of our profession, it is meet and proper that we should here most devoutly and reverently implore his forgiveness for past offences, and his continued presence, protection and blessing in our present and all future laudable engagements.

When you come to review the operations of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction for the past Masonic year, you will not likely find that much rapid progress has been made, nor could it be reasonably expected. Yet the evidences of moderate success and the elements of steadiness and future prosperity are with us.

Our people, like children and cripples, learning and relearning to walk, are beginning, if but slowly, to survive the misfortunes and hardships of the past, and when the sprig of prosperity has once more begun to flourish in our lovely floral State, Royal Arch Masonry will feel its influence and flourish and be useful in proportion. May the days of former prosperity ere long return, and even be exceeded, and then may all in the land be glad.

Since our last assembling here, our Father above hath been pleased to demand one of the most active and useful links in our Mystic Circle. Our Excellent Grand Secretary, Edward Bradford, Jr., will meet with us in our earthly Tabernacles no more. He laid down the working tools of his terrestrial quarries in our 20th of July, 1870, and it becomes your fraternal duty to make a suitable record of his memory. He fell a victim of disease in the years of buoyant manhood, with nothing to thwart the liveliest of hopes of living to a ripe old age; but the brittle thread of life is suddenly cut and he is here no more.

This, Companions, is a striking demonstration of the verity and importance of that test in scripture, "Be ye also ready."

After the death of our Grand Secretary, Excellent Companion Albert J. Russell, the Acting High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, was appointed to fill the vacancy, who will no doubt render to you a satisfactory report of his labors.

Two Dispensations have been granted during the year for the formation of new Chapters. One at Live Oak, called Live Oak Chapter, U. D., and the other at Bartow, called Thomas Brown Chapter, U. D.

They will no doubt report specimens of their work, which will be subject to your disposal.

A communication recently received from the Secretary of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 11, is herewith submitted for your consideration and action.

The questions referred to the Grand High Priest a year ago, with his answers thereto, are herewith submitted.

Companions, I now recommend that you begin your labors of the Grand Convocation in that true spirit which should ever actuate all Royal Arch Masons, and may success and prosperity attend you, and may all your actions tend to promote the Holy Cause in which we are engaged.

Which, on motion, was referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Companions Charles Mundec, M. Bowes and Samuel W. Fox.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

- M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
- E. James Ellenwood, as Grand King.
- " William Morrill, as Grand Scribe.
- " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
- " W. M. McIntosh, as Grand Secretary.

- Comp. M. Bowes, as G. C. H.
 " Samuel W. Fox, as G. P. S.
 " Theodore Ball, as G. R. A. C.
 " Robert Heir, as Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Chapters.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report :

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 10, 1871.

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to submit the following report : They have examined the returns from the following Returns from Subordinate Chapters, to wit :

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1.—Returns correct. Dues \$36, paid. T. P. Tatum, H. P.; Robt. Heir, King; Chas. Mundee, Scribe.

Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5.—Returns correct. Dues, \$59. Amount paid, \$17.50, leaving due \$41.50. Samuel Pasco, H. P.; D. L. Oakley, King; J. Turnbull, Scribe.

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6.—Returns correct. Dues, \$30, paid. John Chain, H. P.; H. W. Sandorf, King; W. W. Harrison, Scribe. Proxy for H. P., Comp. R. R. Shephard.

Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11.—Returns correct. Dues, \$64, paid. Jas. A. McCay, H. P.; Geo. S. Hallmark, King; Jno. L. Porter, Scribe; Wm. Morrill, proxy for Council.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12.—Returns correct. Dues, \$67, paid. M. Bowes, H. P.; John Campbell, King; Theodore Ball, Scribe; Samuel W. Fox, proxy for King.

Concord Chapter, No. 18.—Returns correct. Dues, \$37, paid. H. S. Reeves, H. P.; W. J. Bell, King; D. W. Scott, Scribe; W. B. Kemp, proxy for officers.

Providence Chapter, No. 20.—Returns correct. Dues, \$45, not paid. W. T. Weeks, H. P.; I. M. Tolbert, King; W. C. Tison, Scribe; T. P. Tatum, proxy for H. P.

Island Chapter, No. 21.—Returns correct. Dues, \$58, paid. Wm. H. Edgar, H. P.; Geo. D. Warren, King; Peter A. Williams, Scribe; Fredrick Filer, proxy for officers.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that several of the Chapters in this Jurisdiction are unrepresented at the present Convocation, and that some are from one to three years

in arrears to the Grand Chapter. These things should not be, and therefore we would urge the Grand Chapter to adopt some measures to compel Chapters in this situation to make the necessary returns and pay their dues promptly.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL W. FOX, }
 W. B. KEMP, } Committee.
 Wm. MORRILL, }

Which was received and adopted.

On motion of Companion T. Preston Tatum, a select committee of three, consisting of Companions James Ellenwood, William Morrill and Samuel W. Fox were appointed to examine the books and papers of our late Grand Secretary, Companion E. Bradford, Jr., and report to this Grand Chapter.

A letter from Companion T. A. Carruth, stating reasons for his absence, was read and on motion was received.

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

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—Companions William Morrill, M. Bowes and James Ellenwood.

On Accounts.—Companions William Morrill, M. Bowes and Wm. B. Kemp.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Companions Samuel W. Fox, Wm. B. Kemp and Theodore Ball.

On Constitution.—Companions T. Preston Tatum, James Ellenwood and William Morrill.

Unfinished Business.—Companions Sam'l W. Fox, M. Bowes and W. B. Kemp.

On Jurisprudence.—Companions T. Preston Tatum, William Morrill and James Ellenwood.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Companions T. A. Carruth, T. Preston Tatum and W. M. McIntosh.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 8 o'clock, P. M.

8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

- M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
 E. Charles Mundee, Grand King.
 " William Morrill, as Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " W. M. McIntosh, as Grand Secretary.
 Comp. M. Bowes, as G. C. H.
 " Samuel W. Fox, as G. P. S.
 " Theodore Ball, as G. R. A. C.
 " Wm. B. Kemp, as G. M. 3d Vail.
 " James Ellenwood, as G. M. 2d Vail.
 " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Chapters.

On motion, the Grand Chapter dispensed with the regular business and proceeded to exemplify the work in the Mark Masters Degree by conferring that Degree upon Brothers David C. Wilson, Jr., and James L. Taylor by consent of Florida Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, wherein the said candidates had been duly elected to receive the Chapter Degrees.

The regular business of the Grand Chapter was resumed.
 The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow 9 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 11th, 1871.

9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

- M. E. JAMES ELLENWOOD, Grand High Priest.
 E. Charles Mundee, Grand King.
 " William Morrill, as Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " W. M. McIntosh, as Grand Secretary.

Comp. M. Bowes, as G. C. H.

" Calvin Gillis, as G. P. S.

" Theodore Ball, as G. R. A. C.

" Wm. B. Kemp, as G. M. 3d Vail.

" W. H. Morrill, as Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Chapters.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which was received and ordered to be published with the proceedings:

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Officers and Companions of the

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:

In entering again upon the pleasant duty of writing a report for your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we had hoped to have no occasion for rendering any excuse for its short comings other than the want of ability on the part of the writer, and had the work commenced in time to make the report without haste; but

"The best laid schemes of mice and men
 Gang aft a'glee."

On the night of the 13th December, the dwelling of the writer was entirely consumed by fire, leaving himself and family homeless, and destroying much valuable property, among which was the labor commenced, and in a fair way of completion, of this report. The cares and anxieties consequent upon such a misfortune, and the labor incident upon getting another shelter for wife and children, have so drawn upon our time as to prevent another commencement of work on the report until now, December 29th, when we begin *de novo*, and throw ourself upon the Masonic charity of our Companions at home and abroad.

We have before us for review the printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

Alabama, 1869; Arkansas, 1869; California, 1870; Canada, 1870; Connecticut, 1870; Delaware, 1870; District of Colum-

bia, 1869; Georgia, 1870; Illinois, 1869; Iowa, 1869; Kansas, 1869; Kentucky, 1870; Louisiana, 1870; Maine, 1870; Maryland, 1870; Massachusetts, 1870; Michigan, 1870; Mississippi, 1870; Missouri, 1869; New Hampshire, 1870; New York, 1870; North Carolina, 1869; Ohio, 1869; Pennsylvania, 1868 and '69; Rhode Island, 1869; South Carolina, 1870; Texas, 1870; Virginia, 1869.

These pamphlets we have examined as carefully as the nature of the circumstances permit, and now proceed to lay before you such parts of them as we think most worthy of consideration.

ALABAMA.

The Forty-third Annual Grand Convocation held at Montgomery December 7th, 1869; presided over by M. E. Peleg Brown, G. H. P. Fifty-five Chapters were represented, which speaks well for the fervency and zeal of the Companions in our sister State. The inimitable Daniel Sayre still writing up their good works for them.

The address of the G. H. P. is encouraging, harmony having prevailed in the entire Grand Jurisdiction with one exception, in which one of the most prominent Chapters seems to have held the action of the Grand Chapter, as well as the Grand High Priest himself, in contempt in refusing to comply with the system of work adopted by the G. C., and treating the G. H. P., when present in his official capacity, in our judgment, very disrespectfully, although the special committee to whom the case was referred seems to have covered the conduct of the Chapter with the mantle of charity.

Your Committee does not believe that a Grand Chapter has the right to compel the observance of any ceremony at variance with the conscientious scruples of any Companion, and more than this: we very much doubt the propriety of arbitrary rulings upon this subject; yet when the ruling has been made, the chief officer of the Grand Chapter is certainly entitled to respect and courtesy when endeavoring to discharge his duties in the premises.

The decisions relating to questions of Masonic law made by Comp. Brown we are much pleased with, as presenting the plain common-sense view of the questions propounded.

He refers to the circular from the General Grand Secretary, announcing the decree of the General Grand High Priest recognizing Florida as a constituent member of that body, and announcing the reunion of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and urges upon his Companions to rescind a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter in 1861, tending to sever their connection with the G. G. Chapter. In this we heartily unite, and hope that all the Grand Chapters may now come together and make the triennial gatherings at the General Grand Chapter occasions of rejoicing to all parts of our land.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. P. J. Pillans, reviewing in true Masonic spirit the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including Florida for 1868 and '69. His notice of us is brief, but kind and masonic. Of the report on Correspondence of Comp. Dawkins in 1869, he says: "The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Dawkins, and though hastily written, as he avers, contains a condensed view of the Grand Chapters reviewed. He is kind in his notice of Alabama, but in his haste, or because he had not his spectacles, he mistakes the Committee on Jurisprudence for that on Correspondence." We would remind Comp. Pillans that our present honored G. H. P. is a lawyer and would very naturally fall into anything connected with jurisprudence. Companion Henry Clay Armstrong, of Notasulga, was elected Grand High Priest, and Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Twentieth Annual Convocation held at Little Rock October 28th, 1869, and opened in Ample Form by M. E. Luke E. Barber, Grand High Priest, who presented a most thoroughly masonic paper in his address, from which we must be excused for extended quotations. What can be more interesting than his introduction, in which he says:

COMPANIONS: Once more the privilege has been granted to us, by our Supreme Grand High Priest above, to meet around our Holy Altar, where we have so often clasped each other's hands in the communion of friendship, in the bonds of fraternal love. Once again we greet each other as friends and brothers; and in masonic companionship strengthen each other's feeble

hands and cheer each other's fainting hearts—renewing each his own strength, reanimating each his own faith and hope, as well for the conflicts of life as for the labors of the Tabernacle. We meet here, not only to consult for the interest of the Order, and to adopt such measures as, in our judgment, may seem best calculated to promote that interest, but also to animate and encourage each other in this labor of love. At each recurrence of this heart-festival—for such it surely ought to be—let each impart to the other his own masonic experiences and acquirements, thus dispensing light and knowledge. Let each stimulate and help forward the other in a more faithful discharge of masonic duty, in a more conscientious practice of the moral virtues, in a more sincere obedience to the precepts of that Holy Book, which is given to light our pathway amid the trials and obstructions of life. Let each incite the other to a more earnest endeavor to finish his work, his own work, while it is day, “for the night cometh in which no man can work.” We are, in truth, but weary sojourners engaged in rebuilding the mystic “House of the Lord,” by subduing our passions, purifying our hearts, and preparing our bodies as fit temples for His presence. Time is swiftly passing with all of us, and when a few more years shall have come and gone, many a now familiar face will be seen no more amongst us; many of those now here assembled will have passed through the dark valley of the shadow of death. But may it be to us all a consolation to reflect that, let the hour come when it may, the blessed assurance has been given that the righteous and pure in heart will fear no evil, for His mercy and loving kindness will follow them. His rod and staff will comfort them, and he will give them rest, enduring rest in His eternal kingdom.

He announces in a very touching manner the death of Past Grand Scribe, Companion Will Hicks, and uses the following very appropriate language in his conclusion:

Companions, we have journeyed together through many a year—some of them peaceful and pleasant, with many a present joy, and many a hopeful anticipation—others dark and lowering, with many a present sorrow and many a fear of future evil. Through them all you have honored me far beyond any measure of deserving that I can conceive myself to have had. And yet I cannot think that your confidence in my will and desire to faithfully discharge the duties you have imposed upon me, so far as my abilities enabled me to do so, was misplaced. I may have often failed to meet your expectations. I know that many a duty rightly devolving upon your chief has been left undone; but I am not willing that my companions should believe that any failure on my part in masonic duty was other than unavoidable. In reviewing the past—always and in all things a profitable ex-

ercise for us all—I can call to mind no willful act of unfaithfulness to the trust committed to my hands; I can call to mind no act on your part other than the most generous confidence. Our official intercourse, whether we agreed in opinion or not, has been without a difference that could jar the nerves of the most sensitive. You have ever sustained me by your approval, which has been to me more than a full reward for all my labors. But you have added this crowning evidence of regard and esteem for me personally, as well as of approval of my official course—the jewel which I now wear upon my breast with more pride and pleasure than I can express. Would that my failures had been fewer! would that my labors had been more abundant! Such as they have been, they were freely offered upon the altar of Masonry, with no hope of reward other than your approval and that of my own heart.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence; indeed, we do not see from the proceedings that they even had a Committee for that purpose. We sincerely hope that our Companions in that jurisdiction will not omit that very interesting part of their proceedings again. We did not read a more instructive report last year than that of Companion Samuel W. Williams, and the present proceedings seem very imperfect without another just like it.

Comp. E. H. English, of Little Rock, was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. Luke E. Barber, after having served several years as G. H. P., was elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

This Grand Chapter commenced its Sixteenth Annual Convocation in San Francisco on Tuesday, April 5th, A. I. 2400. Present: M. E. John W. Harville, G. H. P.; R. E. Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary, with other Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of twenty-eight chartered Chapters.

The address of the G. H. P. is very brief, but explicit. He announced the sad intelligence of the death of Past Grand High Priest Isaac Davis, whose connection with the Grand Chapter had commenced with its second Convocation.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer show an increasing interest in capitular masonry in their jurisdiction, and that of the Grand Treasurer a healthy state of the finances.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. Lawrence C. Owen for the Committee, and although he apologises for its short-comings, is a document well worthy of being read and preserved.

His notice of our Grand Chapter for 1868 and '69 is kind and courteous, and congratulates us upon our accession into the General Grand Chapter.

We cannot fully concur with him in his hearty endorsement of the strictures of Comp. J. Emmet Blackshear, of Georgia, on the decision of the G. H. P. of Alabama "that a Chapter may adopt a by-law declaring that any Companion who shall be engaged in selling spirituous liquors is guilty of unmasonic conduct."

Temperance is the first cardinal principle of Masonry, and we do not believe in any true temperance except total abstinence, and the man who for the sake of mammon will voluntarily deal out liquid poison to his fellow creatures to produce misery, crime and death, should be classed with and treated like any other who would sell strychnine or arsenic for the same purpose, and is in our estimation really guilty of unmasonic and inhuman conduct. One great cause of the deterioration of Masonry in these days is the drunkenness of many of those whose vows to "be good men and true and strictly to obey the moral law" are registered in heaven. And we would ask, why is this drunkenness? and answer, because our Lodges and Chapters have members connected with them whose business in life is to ensnare the weak and fill their coffers with the hard-earned wages of even their brethren by putting to their lips and inducing them to drink the accursed cup, forgetting the curse pronounced in God's Book against them, and because such practices are countenanced and even encouraged by those whose position in the craft give them an influence which they could not otherwise have. We regret to find in an able printed masonic document an apology for the rum-seller, which is calculated to give him a feeling of respectability in his unholy calling. There are doubtless many men engaged in that traffic, who have not duly considered the results of their conduct and who in other respects may be good men and masons, but we think that the proper plan to remedy the

evil of drunkenness is not to punish alone the poor inebriate, but also the agent and abettor of his crime.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

M. E. George T. Grimes, G. H. P.

R. E. Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Convocation held in Quebec Wednesday, August 10th, 1870. M. E. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z.; R. E. Thos. Bird Harris, Grand Scribe E.; twenty-six subordinate Chapters represented.

Companion Harrington thus introduces his address: "Companions—So smooth has been the path of Capitular Masonry in and throughout the Dominion, since we last assembled together, that I have no little difficulty to so prepare the usual annual address as to make it at all interesting."

The reports from the various District Superintendents also show the most prosperous condition of the Royal Craft. There are eleven of these Districts, as follows: London, Wilson, Hamilton, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central, Montreal, Eastern Township, Quebec and New Brunswick.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the versatile pen of Companion Henry Robertson, and is a full and complete collation from the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters.

In his review of Alabama, Companion Robertson gives the following interesting information respecting the officers of their Grand Chapter, in response to inquiries from Comp. Pillans:

"Our presiding officer represents 'Zerubbabel, the Prince of the People,' the second Haggai the Prophet, and the third Jeshua, the son of Josedech the High Priest. The Scribes E. and N. represent 'Ezra' and 'Nehemiah,' the 'selectors and expounders of the Sacred Law and attendants on the august Sandhedrim.'

"The Principal Sojourner and his two assistants are closely connected with the esoteric portions of our system, and it is principally through their exertions that hidden treasures are fortunately discovered and that the earnest seekers after truth are enabled to prosecute their researches in the midst of surrounding difficulties. The 'Pursivant' guards the inner and the 'Janitor' the outer entrance to the Council Chamber. The Masters

of the Vails have their appropriate situations in the Subordinate Chapters, but have no corresponding positions in the Grand Chapter and are therefore not on the roll of Grand Officers."

In his notice of Florida he presents a question which we have thought of frequently but have never fully understood. He says:

A resolution was passed (which is quoted below) which presents a new feature to us—that of a certificate of withdrawal being granted by the *Grand Chapter*. We suppose they have what are called permanent or life members, and that those life members are not necessarily members of a private Chapter; otherwise, they would as with us obtain their certificates of withdrawal from the the Subordinate Chapter to which they belong. The resolution is—"Whereas, P. G. H. P. D. P. Holland, owing to his change of residence to the city of Savannah, Ga., desires to withdraw from this Grand Chapter; therefore

"Be it resolved, That the Grand Secretary give to P. G. H. P. D. P. Holland a certificate of his withdrawal from the Grand Chapter of Florida."

We would like to be informed, however, if this certificate would be sufficient to admit Companion Holland to membership in the *Grand Chapter* of Georgia?

Of the report of Companion Dawkins, he says: "The report is an excellent one, notwithstanding the difficulties under which its author labored. We hope that ere this our M. E. Companion has been relieved from his pecuniary embarrassments, and we are glad to notice that the Grand Chapter, in token of appreciation of his exertions, elected him to the highest office in their gift, that of Grand High Priest."

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington was re-elected Grand Z., notwithstanding his earnest request to be relieved after seven years successive labor in that position, and Thos. Bird Harris re-elected Grand Scribe E.

CONNECTICUT.

The proceedings of the Seventy-Second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter come to us in good style, in paper, covers, and *printing*, just such work as we feel authorized to receive. This Convocation was held at the Masonic Hall in the city of Hartford, May 10th, 1870.

M. E. John H. Barlow, Grand High Priest, presiding. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

Twenty-nine Subordinate Chapters represented.

The address of M. E. Companion Barlow is very much to our liking—pure, dignified, chaste and purely masonic in its letter and spirit. We hope to be pardoned for quotations from his opening and closing remarks:

It affords me the greatest pleasure to be able to congratulate you upon the general prosperity that has attended the labors of the Royal Craft, and the increase of members (good and true,) that has marked its progress during the past year. Rich and many are the blessings bestowed upon us. Peace and plenty have been our portion; and more than all we are permitted to meet at this time (so far as I have been informed,) with our numbers almost unbroken by the Hand of Death. For these and many other blessings, let us lift up our hearts in gratitude to him in whose hands are the issues of life and death.

Companions, no one can reflect on the present state of society about us without being forcibly reminded of the alarming increase of those plague spots upon the masonic character, intemperance and profanity. And I feel it my duty to add a word of admonition here, for the evils are far too prevalent even in Connecticut, especially the former. It has on several occasions been my sad experience during the past year to meet with Brothers, yes, Companions too! who with stammering lips and staggering steps were loud in their professions of masonic zeal, yet had sadly forgotten the first lessons taught them in the Lodge, to avoid intemperance and excess. Companions, these things ought not so to be. Officers of Chapters, let us thoroughly purge our bodies, endeavor to correct each other's failings by advice, admonition and reproof, and if all else fails, cut off the offending members, for it is far better that one member should perish, rather than the whole body suffer reproach.

Finally, my Companions, let us remember that masonry is something more than a mere form, that its principles are pure, and designed to elevate those whom it brings within its influence, mentally and morally; that the obligations it imposes on us are of the gravest character and not lightly to be broken. Remembering these things let us labor to live in accordance with its principles, and in conformity to its laws; we shall then reap the advantages it is destined to confer upon us, and which will enable us faithfully to fulfill the duties required of us in dispensing light and knowledge to the uninformed masons, who from time to time are received within these veils our Ancient Brethren so faithfully guarded.

To such sentiments as these we say a hearty amen!
We like the plan pursued here as in some of the other Grand

Chapters of having reports from all the chief officers, showing their labors and results. From those of the Dep. G. H. P., G. K. and G. S. before us we presume that in that jurisdiction those officers are not considered simply nominal.

Passing over all the exceedingly interesting proceedings, we come to the appendix where we find "the best of the tonic at the last of the feast." Here are 78 pages of well printed matter, containing one of the most interesting reports on Foreign Correspondence it has been our good fortune to read, from the pen of Companion Wm. Storer, and if he has not "stored" away a goodly portion of masonic learning and charity we are mistaken.

We sincerely regret the determination of our beloved Companion to retire from the reportorial corps just at the time we are entering into the delightful arena. We leave the Companions to judge as to the correctness of our estimate from the following extended quotations:

The undersigned, after an unusual delay caused by physical infirmity and ill health, begs leave to submit his nineteenth annual report on Foreign Correspondence; and in doing so, to take leave of the Capitular Fraternity as a Masonic Reviewer. It has cost us many a severe struggle to arrive at this determination. We have spent so many years in fraternal intercourse with our respected companions in all parts of the country, and formed so many valued friendships, that now to bid them a final farewell is like severing a sacred family tie. So often have we experienced the kindly greetings of beloved companions of world-wide fame—most of whose faces we never saw, and probably never shall; so often have we exchanged fraternal salutations and congratulations with them; so often have we, in imagination, felt the cordial grip of their good right hands—that the present consciousness that this is to be the last of this sweet intercourse, causes a pang of regret at the necessity that is laid upon us of retiring for ever from this so highly-prized field of labor.

"But so it must be. The fire of our youthful vigor is becoming reduced to embers; the ardor of middle life, with which we commenced the duties of our office, is succeeded by the languor of approaching age; the firm step with which we began our Masonic journey is fast giving place to the tottering gate of decrepitude; 'the almond tree' has long since begun to blossom, and 'the grasshopper has become a burden.' If we could only say with the zealous Apostle of old, 'I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith'—then might we, with a good conscience add the triumphant exclamation, 'Henceforth there is laid up

for me a crown of rejoicing.' Be that as it may, our trust is in the Great High Priest of our profession, and to his grace we cordially commend all our beloved companions."

After passing through the green pastures so richly provided for us in this report, we pause at his very fraternal notice of Florida, from which we extract the following:

Thus it will be seen that the Grand Chapter of Florida has "wheeled into line," and has become a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of the late M. E. THOMAS HAYWARD, Past Grand High Priest.

The business of the session was of local interest only, and appears to have been transacted in harmony.

Companion DEWITT C. DAWKINS submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which courteously notices the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, together with those of the General Grand Chapter. The report is an interesting and valuable paper, notwithstanding the writer commences with the following apology.

Without quoting the apology of our honored Grand High Priest we continue our extracts:

Companion DAWKINS has our warmest sympathies, with the fervent hope that many brighter days are yet in store for him.

We cannot deny our Companions the pleasure of reading the closing remarks of this report:

And now, in writing this concluding paragraph, we take a final leave of the Capitular Fraternity, as a Correspondence Reporter. Long and pleasant has been our connection with the fraternal band who have been endeavoring to disseminate the light of Truth. Our first Correspondence Report was presented to the Grand Lodge of this State in May, 1849, and for fifteen successive years, we performed this annual service. In May, 1851, we submitted our first report to the Grand Chapter; and have done the same from year up to the present time. In preparing these several reports, we have written much, and expressed our opinions freely, on the several questions that have from time to time agitated the Masonic Fraternity, both at home and abroad. These opinions may sometimes have been erroneous; but they have been uttered in all frankness and honesty. If they have been the means of leading any one astray, no one can more sincerely regret it than we do. We have sometimes disagreed with esteemed friends, but only when we have felt it our duty to do so; and it is not improbable that in the fervency of our zeal we may have occasionally used strong language, cal-

culated to wound the feelings of some of our Companions who may have entertained different sentiments from our own. If any have felt themselves thus injured, we honestly and sincerely ask their forgiveness.

"Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of Love and Peace will be with you."

To our respected Companions, the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters, we would prefer this request, (if it is not asking too great a favor,) that they send to the writer hereof their annual publications, during the remaining brief years of his pilgrimage. We have lived so long in the enjoyment of the pleasure of perusing the printed proceedings of Masonic Bodies, that we shall feel lost without them hereafter. Companions, it will be but a short time at the best.

We call attention of the Grand Secretaries to the earnest request of Companion Storer, which we hope will be cheerfully complied with. His address is William Storer, West Hartford, Conn.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

DELAWARE.

We now have for review a small but exceedingly neat and pretty pamphlet containing the proceedings of a "Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware, held in Milford, January 27th, 1869," called for the purpose of installation of some of the officers.

Also of the Second Annual Convocation in Dover, January 19th, 1870.

M. E. D. C. Godwin, Grand High Priest; E. W. F. Godwin, Grand Secretary, "*ad interim*." Four Subordinate Chapters represented.

We quote the following from the address of the Grand High Priest:

One year ago, around this sacred altar, was organized the Grand Chapter of the State of Delaware. Upon the ruins of the old was then laid the foundation of the new Temple, our aspirations ascending to the Most High that the "glory of the latter house might be even greater than that of the former."

The returns from the several subordinate chapters exhibit an amount of work that show the Craft have not been idle, and afford much encouragement for the future.

The office of Grand Secretary becoming vacant by the resignation of Companion A. T. A. Torbert, who had accepted a for-

ign mission under the United States Government, it became necessary to appoint a Grand Secretary, *ad interim*. And as the Seal, Books, and Papers of the Grand Chapter had been left in my possession, I deemed it best to appoint Companion W. F. Godwin, of Milford, to fill said vacancy. I, therefore, on the first day of January last, issued a circular, giving notice of said appointment to the several subordinate chapters, that he might be recognized as such—which action I trust will meet your approbation.

The report on Foreign Correspondence we quote entire, with the privilege of offering such comments as we may see proper at its close.

Companion Allen V. Lesley, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented and read the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Delaware:

The Committee of Correspondence beg leave to make the following report—premising that the transactions of the various Grand Bodies have, only within a few days, been placed in the hands of the Chairman.

We would remark that it is impossible to give the study and consideration necessary, to communicate to the Grand Chapter a careful digest of the contents of so many hundreds, we may say thousands of pages. And, further, we apprehend that it is not in the province of a Committee of Correspondence to discuss the various points of masonic law and to pronounce opinions in relation thereto. These are functions of the Grand Chapter, and we trust that in this jurisdiction, a modest reticence of judgment concerning affairs of other Grand Bodies may distinguish the committees appointed for the simple purpose of keeping us acquainted with the acts and decisions which affect Royal Arch Masonry in general, or which have a relation to our interests.

These considerations would be sufficient to prevent any public discussion or statements of the history of our Grand Chapter, as referred to in several of the reports before us. While it might be agreeable to us to spread abroad in printed form the exact process by which the Grand Chapter of this State became a member of the great Fraternity, whose Congress will again meet next year, and thus to correct the erroneous impressions of various Grand Chapters, and even of the General Grand Chapter itself; still the story would be too long for those who heretofore had but little knowledge of us, and whose sympathy might be tried a little too far if the troubles of a single Chapter were thrust upon their attention.

It is sufficient for us that the Grand Chapter of Delaware sought, and has obtained, fellowship and equal rights in the General Body. There, we believe, she will always be found ready, as well as able, to enact her part fraternally, fully and conservatively.

To the welcome extended to us by those who have already recognized us, we return our warm sentiments of appreciation, and to the rest, kind wishes and the hope of making their acquaintance.

It would be manifestly unfair to the Grand Chapter, in the course of the few hours which have been given to us, to peruse, select and report upon so large a mass of proceedings, and we must beg the indulgence of our Companions if we seem to fail in sufficient recognition of their labors. We would gladly eliminate all that is worth knowing, if for no other reason than that we might be the wiser; but we cannot, and therefore must reserve to other occasions the various confections and compliments which it appears in these latter days to be the peculiar duty of Committees of Correspondence to prepare for mutual delectation and advancement in knowledge.

We may pardon the Companions constituting that committee for making no report from the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, on the ground of want of time for the accomplishment of the work, but cannot agree with their over-scrupulous modesty. While the committee may be right in their conclusion "that it is not the province of a Committee of Correspondence to discuss the various points of masonic law, and to pronounce opinions in relation thereto," we do think that there can be no possible use for such a committee if it is to observe such a marked "modest reticence of judgment concerning the affairs of other Grand Bodies," as to keep their own Grand Chapter in blissful ignorance of all that transpires out of their own borders.

What is the object of a Committee on Correspondence? Surely to read, digest and review, for the edification of their own Companions, the proceedings of such other Grand Chapters as are in correspondence with them.

We hail with great pleasure the advent of our young sister and cordially extend our hand and heart in welcoming her to our happy circle of Fraternal Correspondence, and sincerely hope the next committee may have more time and less modesty.

Daniel C. Godwin, Milford, Grand High Priest, and William F. Godwin, Milford, Grand Secretary, for ensuing year.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Our next youngest sister now steps in with a smiling face, bringing with her a full report of "good, true and square work," and rejoicing to say that it is her work, "under her own vine and fig-tree, where none shall molest her or make her afraid."

We have here the *third* annual report, containing first the proceedings of Special Convocations held in Washington, December 12th and 29th, 1868, called for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed to revise the work in the several degrees.

An exemplification of the work agreed upon by the committee was then had in the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, and after a few amendments the report was adopted, and the Grand Visitor and Lecturer directed to disseminate the same throughout the jurisdiction.

WASHINGTON, May 10, 1869.

The Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand R. A. Chapter of the District of Columbia was held at Central Masonic Hall, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., presided over by M. E. B. French, G. H. P., Noble D. Larner, Grand Secretary in his place. Representatives from five Subordinate Chapters were present. Comp. French presented his address, comprising fourteen pages, and relating entirely to their local troubles, which we cannot now notice, as we are happy to believe them so far settled that "peace and harmony" will now reign in their borders.

The Annual Convocation was held November 8th, 1869, with the same Grand Officers, other members, and representatives from six Chapters. The address of Companion French on this occasion we take pleasure in reading and bringing to your notice. He says:

Nothing has occurred during the past year to interrupt the harmony and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. Death has not invaded our ranks, and the blessings and mercies of the Supreme Being seem to have been extended to us in a remarkable manner; for all which it behooveth us to lift up our voices in thanksgiving to God, even our God, for his loving kindnesses to us and watchful care over our destinies.

This Grand Chapter was formed on the 23d of May, 1867. Three Subordinate Chapters constituted it, and two more were

soon after added. The tabular statement of membership in November following showed four hundred and ninety-eight members.

Six Chapters now appear on our roll of constituents; "Washington Naval Chapter" having been added to the list during the past year.

At our Semi-Annual Convocation in May last, I reported that I had issued my dispensation for the formation of that Chapter, and, on petition of the Companions composing it to this Grand body, a charter was ordered to be issued. It was issued accordingly, and on the 26th of May I attended at its hall, in the Lodge room of Naval Lodge, accompanied by the Grand officers, and constituted it in regular and ancient form.

I am happy to say that prosperity has attended it, and it bids fair to assume a high rank for its good discipline and good work among the Chapters of our jurisdiction.

There are now in this Royal Arch jurisdiction 696 affiliated Royal Arch Masons, making a gain, since November, 1867, of 198, and our numbers are steadily increasing.

Could a greater state of prosperity have been hoped for even by the most sanguine?

Not one single cause of complaint has been made to me during the year, nor have I heard of any want of harmony throughout our jurisdiction.

Companions, in view of all that we have passed through since May, 1867, we may, with just pride, call the attention of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which so nobly sustained us against the fiercest and most unwarrantable opposition, and of those sister Grand Chapters throughout the Union who have so cheerfully and cordially welcomed us as one in the beautiful constellation of sisters, to our present enviable position, and ask them if they now have any misgivings as to our ability to assume the position of a respectable, useful, and worthy Grand Chapter?

A very interesting and able report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion John Edwin Mason, from which we quote as follows:

We are now in fraternal communication with every Grand Chapter in the United States.

Having been duly recognized by every Grand Chapter, with the salutations of the right-hand of fellowship, we fraternally request every Grand Chapter to drop the name of "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA" from the title of the Grand Chapter of MARYLAND. With unparalleled prosperity blessing the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and peace and harmony reigning supreme, we ex-

tend the masonic palm to all our sister Grand Chapters, and kindly hail them with the compliments of the season.

We most cordially acquiesce in the request of Companion Mason, and state that in our last year's report we used the title only in name but not in fact the "Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia."

The following is his notice of Florida:

The Twenty-Second Annual Convocation was held at Tallahassee, January 13, 1868. They bear upon their roll the names and returns of 16 Chapters in good condition. The loss of P. H. P. Thomas Brown seems to be severely felt by our Florida Companions. He was their Nestor in Capitular Masonry. They have a peculiar way of printing their report on foreign correspondence separate from the proceedings, and this we have not yet received.

Appended to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter are those of the Grand Council, which we think wrong to print together. They should be printed separately, in the same way that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are separately reported and printed.

We have also received the proceedings of the Annual Convocation held at Tallahassee, January 11, 1869. The most important proceedings of this Convocation were the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

"WHEREAS, the General Grand Chapter of the United States, waiving all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of this Grand Chapter, thereby admitting the regularity of the same, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to become a constituent member thereof; therefore

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true masonic spirit, and will hereafter bear allegiance and support to the said General Grand Chapter."

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by eminent Companion D. C. Dawkins, who was elected Grand High Priest at this Convocation. From this report we gather the following information, in his review of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

We wish we could follow Comp. Mason further in this very excellent report, but we are admonished to hasten on, as "there is yet very much land to be occupied and we must go up and possess it."

Companions French and Larner were re-elected to their respective offices.

GEORGIA.

We regretted last year not having the privilege of reviewing the proceedings of this, one of our nearest and dearest Southern sisters, and was highly gratified when we received from our Grand Secretary the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, at its Annual Convocation, held in the city of Augusta, April 27, 1870, and we now take great pleasure in making the following notice of its contents. Forty-three Subordinate Chapters were duly represented out of fifty-nine on the rolls.

M. E. Moses P. Kellogg, Grand High Priest, delivered an annual address such as it is seldom our good fortune to read, and hence we prefer giving you the benefit of his language in preference to our own. He says:

If ever there was a time when it behooved a *Mason to be a good and true man*—to practice the tenets of our Order, that necessity is now upon us. In these days of sudden revolutions, when the old order of things has been broken up—when the very dregs of society are thrown to the surface—when ideas and usages, which had become familiar, are suddenly discarded—when new men, new customs, new theories are in the ascendant—when the low have become exalted, and followers, leaders—when beggars of yesterday become the millionaires of to-day, thrusting their unrefined fashions upon society—when there has been developed such an insane struggle for wealth, such ruinous extravagance, such a delirium for vain show—when taste, refinement, purity and piety have suffered such terrible shocks—when honesty, the only reliable support of social and business relations, has given way before the constant sapping and mining of immoral practices and false ambition—when reckless speculation is taking the proper place of legitimate business, destroying the vitality of honorable enterprise—when frauds and villainies are perpetrated openly, or confessed without shame—when intemperance holds its hideous revels in our halls of legislation, penetrates with its subtle poison the purity of the judicial ermine, leaves its spot of pollution upon the sacerdotal robes, and sweeps like a besom of destruction over the earth, slaying strong men, and flushing the cheek of women and children—when vulgarity vitiates our public amusements, and profanity mars the soul—when our highways are mined with pitfalls of vice, and the domestic relations are no longer considered sacred—when crimes are so frequent that they cease to shock our sensitive natures—when ignorance, with its accustomed brazen assurance, “rushes in where angels dare not tread”—when the wicked bear rule, and the people mourn—when all the vices of the black catalogue

appear in the ascendant; it is with just pride that the Mason can point to the hoary locks of our Ancient Landmarks, and boldly exclaim, “Since the fathers slept, these have changed not.” While such is the situation, all Masons, but the Order of High Priesthood in particular, should stand forth like an irresistible breakwater in opposition to this flood of vice and immorality, that threatens to overwhelm society, State and Church.

See to it, my Companions, that the light burns brightly upon your altars, that the true work goes briskly on in your respective jurisdictions, preserving the purity of your membership regardless of numbers—and when the sixth hour of the sixth day of your earthly labors shall be sounded, may the Grand Steward reward each of you according to your merits! Still it is incumbent on me to repeat the wholesome warning: Beware how you attempt to receive wages not your due.

A very able and interesting report on Correspondence was presented by Companion Lawrence, from which we would like to quote, but there is so much that is good we cannot select any one part to the neglect of the other, and therefore simply commend the report to the careful reading of all our Companions who may be so fortunate as to procure it. In his notice of Florida, Companion Lawrence says: “The report on Foreign Correspondence was from the pen of Companion D. C. Dawkins, who makes excuse for its brevity, etc., but which was scarcely necessary, as he reviews very fairly the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, most of them for several years, and the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter. Ours of 1867 receive a kindly notice at his hands.”

The following Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

M. E. Moses P. Kellogg, G. H. P., Newnan.
R. E. J. Emmett Blackshear, G. Sec., Macon.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Chapter convened in the city of Springfield, on Friday, Oct. 8th, A. I. 2399, and was opened in AMPLE FORM. Present, M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, G. H. P., E. Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary, with other Grand Officers and a constitutional number of Chapters represented. After the organization, the address of the Grand High Priest was delivered, from the concluding paragraphs of which we extract the following:

I bid you go to the work before you with singleness of mind and determination to raise high the standard of our beloved Institution within this jurisdiction. It will need all our precaution and wisdom to do it successfully. The eyes of the outside world are directed toward us. A faction of antiquated bigots, expelled Masons, fomentors of faction, are again striving to revive the dead past, and to undermine and destroy our glorious and time-honored institution, and it becomes us to look well to the interests of the Royal Craft. Let no sentinel be placed upon duty who will sleep at his post. Above all things, let me urge upon you in the presence of our enemies that first of masonic virtues, silence.

I cannot better close than in the language of our ritual: "May your Chapters become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as the Most Holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering. May the exercises of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you each be endowed with every good and perfect gift, while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally may we all be admitted within the veil of Heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal. Amen. So mote it be."

The "Report on Masonic Correspondence" was presented by Companion Harman G. Reynolds, in which the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters are reviewed with the skill of a master builder. Florida is included but receives a brief notice.

As we cannot enter into a full review of this report we will not attempt any.

The statistics of this Grand Chapter show a most flourishing condition of the craft in Illinois, and a large increase during the year.

Whole No. of Chapters,	134
Exaltations during the year,	869
Members admitted,	96
" restored,	5
" died,	71
" dimitted,	310
" expelled,	12
" suspended,	40
Whole number of members,	7,581

The following resolutions were adopted:

That in view of Comp. Reynolds' distinguished and laborious services in this Grand Chapter, for a period extending over seventeen years, and of his great zeal in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry, as evinced in his reports while chairman of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence for that length of time, and of his pecuniary circumstances at his age in life; therefore,

Resolved, By the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, that the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby paid to Comp. H. G. Reynolds, as a slight testimony of our appreciation and regard.

Resolved, That the dues of Kankakee Chapter No. 78, and Ford Chapter No. 113, be remitted, in consequence of the total loss by fire during the past year of their halls, furniture and fixtures.

The following Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Comp. John M. Pearson, Godfrey, Grand High Priest.
Comp. James H. Miles, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Fifteenth Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter assembled at Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday, October 20, A. I. 2399.

M. E. Pitkin C. Wright, Grand High Priest, in the chair.
R. E. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was duly organized and opened in AMPLE FORM.

The following is the introduction of the most excellent address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:—The revolving year brings us once more to assemble around our altar for fraternal greetings, and to offer up the sacrifice of a pure and contrite heart to the Great I AM; to Him who has guided us on in the pathway of life, who has made darkness light before us and crooked things straight; who has done all these unto us, and has not forsaken us. And especially are we thankful that our numbers are unbroken—that there is no vacant chair at our masonic hearth; that death has not invaded our ranks, and we are not called upon to vainly wish for

"The touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still."

It is my pleasant duty to welcome you here and to endeavor to so rule and govern that our meeting may be agreeable and

it covers 72 pages of closely printed matter, will fully repay the trouble of investigation. Florida receives a fraternal notice.

The following is his conclusion :

Your Committee have thus reviewed the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, and present you the result of their labors. They have endeavored to note the matters of main interest, and to give a fair and fraternal commentary on what appeared to require it. The subjects worthy of particular mention are but few, comprising mainly the questions of turning Grand Chapters into working bodies, and the longer continuance of the General Grand Chapter, (we do not name the Maryland and District of Columbia difficulty, as that grows out of the latter.) The latter question certainly overshadows all others, and we can but believe that if it were disposed of there would be a great step taken toward universal peace. Your Committee have freely given their reasons why they consider that the General Grand Chapter has accomplished the end of its creation, and would be greatly indebted now to others if, in criticizing what has been said in this report, they would seriously answer, and, if they can, refute the reasons given for the faith that is in us. Not contenting themselves with hippanly repeating those thread-bare charges of "disloyalty to obligations" to which we have listened so long, let them show by fact and argument that the General Grand body is worthy of preservation, and if they desire to advance the arguments of P. G. G. High Priest Lewis at St. Louis, let them not confine themselves to the "gittering generalities" which formed the staple of that discourse. We have shown that the claims he made there are either unfounded, or else only true because the General Grand Chapter has assumed duties that could be better performed by State Grand bodies. Let our critics refute our positions if possible, but whether they do or not we pray for more argument and less objection. But in view of the position of the General Grand Chapter, and of the necessity for its disbandment, we can but advise that this Grand Chapter return to its position of Royal Arch Masonry requires. The argument of obligation is a strong one, and one we cannot get over. Our only hope lies in "war within the union," not in "secession." Let us, therefore, and all the Grand Chapters which have withdrawn, return to the ranks, where we can use our influence in more than silent opposition. With this view we submit the following resolutions, and ask their adoption by the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa had at the Grand Annual Convocation of 1860, (*Trans-actions Vol. I page 259*) whereby this Grand Chapter is "forever absolved from all connection with" the General Grand

profitable, and most heartily and earnestly do I welcome you one and all, and extend the grasp of fraternal friendship, and I trust it may be as kindly and frankly accepted as tendered.

The past year has been one of great prosperity to our Order, and we should strive that this prosperity be not a disadvantage to us. Prosperity is more trying than adversity. The popularity and consequent increase of our society has made us the target of a most determined hostility on the part of certain misguided and uninformed, though perhaps worthy and conscientious people. It therefore especially becomes us to examine ourselves thoroughly, and put far from us all just cause of offence. Particularly should we look well to the northwest and guard the entrance to the preparation room. It is far better that ten good men be rejected than that one improper and unworthy be admitted. The use of the black ball is the privilege of every Mason, and the great fault is that it is not used enough. The sooner the idea that the masonic institution is a reform school, and that outsiders have rights in the order, is got rid of, the better for us all. Two-thirds of all the troubles that occur in Masonic bodies arise from the idea of some outsider that it is necessary that he should be inside.

And while guarding the outside, we must not forget the danger within; the seeds of decay and corruption are germinated from within and not from without. You should thoroughly and fearlessly purge yourselves of all useless and improper members, no matter what their political or social rank or position may be. The profane man, the drunkard, the perverter of female inuences and virtue, and "he who puts the bottle to his neighbor's lips," should have no part, nor lot with us. And while I have no desire, nor would it be possible to make of ours a denominational or temperance organization, still, in a society founded and incorporated as is this, and whose "Great Light" is the word of the Grand Architect of the Universe, as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and where the name of Deity is never mentioned but with the reverence due from the creature to the Creator, the profane swearer, the drunkard, the libertine and the how much worse is it when such men are placed in official positions, and have no more place than they have in the pulpit; and how much ought not so to be, and those who are not of us should be kindly but fearlessly removed from among us. Will you look well to this when you return to your masonic homes?

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion W. B. Langridge for the Committee, and although

Chapter be and the same is hereby rescinded, and this Grand Chapter restored to its position in said General Grand Chapter.
Resolved, That the O. B. of allegiance to the General Grand Chapter be hereafter administered to candidates receiving the Royal Arch Degree.

These resolutions were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, the report on which was adopted, which includes the resolutions offered by the Committee on Correspondence.

Thus it will be seen Iowa has wheeled into line and connected herself with the General Grand Chapter, making the list now complete.

The Grand Officers were re-elected.

KANSAS.

This Grand Chapter convened in the city of Leavenworth on Tuesday, October 19th, 1869, and opened in due form, seven Subordinate Chapters being represented. M. E. Owen A. Bassett, Grand High Priest; R. E. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

The address of Companion Bassett is a pure, dignified and highly interesting paper, in which he urges purity of life and conduct as evidences of masonic character.

The report on Correspondence is a brief review of thirty one Grand Chapters, Florida included. And we suppose on the principle that "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," Companion Carr has paid more attention to us than most of the reviewers.

Companions Bassett and Carr were re-elected to their respective offices.

KENTUCKY.

As usual, this noble old State is "up to time," and we have already before us the proceedings of the Grand Annual Convocation held at Louisville on Thursday, October 20th, 1870. Eighty-four Chapters were represented. M. E. Companion E. B. Jones, Grand High Priest, presented an excellent address. Referring to the condition of the Royal Craft in his jurisdiction, he says:

The past year has been one of prosperity—both material and Masonic. Our State is going forward healthily in all that makes a Commonwealth powerful and respected, while our ancient and honorable Order is keeping equal step in this march of progress.

This will, doubtless, always be true so long as Royal Arch Masons can continue to point to the best citizens in our community—men noted for their deeds of charity and works of benevolence, and who fulfill the scriptural admonition to "visit the widow and fatherless in their afflictions, and keep themselves unspotted from the world." Then let us strive to be always able to claim such men, and say "these are our jewels;" and so long will the fury of anti-Masonic fanaticism continue to fall harmless at our feet.

He announces the death during the year of Past Grand High Priest I. T. Martin, who had been called to fill the highest position of honor and trust in both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Comp. Jones refers in a very touching manner to the terrible scourge of war in Europe, which, as we most heartily concur in, we give in his own language:

And now, having in detail spoken of the duties performed, and of those matters most nearly pertaining to this honorable body and the institution of Masonry generally, I may be pardoned if I pause to take a brief glance at that distant bloody field of war upon which all the world is looking in sadness and sorrow. Charity is one of the first and highest principles of our Order, and through its exercise our sympathies are roused and enlisted in behalf of all suffering, in whatever form and from whatever cause. Hence all true Masons look with deep regret and anxious solicitude at the fearful strife being waged between the naturally closely allied nations of France and Prussia. The terrible scenes of blood and carnage enacted upon fiercely contested battle-fields; the frightful destruction of human life; the devastation and ruin following upon the gory footsteps of the struggle; the want and woe left in the blackened desert-wake of war, all appeal to our hearts for sympathy, and to our hands for assistance, whenever we are able to compass such horrors with our extended arms, and pour into the gaping wounds of passion the healing balm of charity. While we would petition the Almighty Throne in behalf of the sadly afflicted people of France and Germany, in most sincere and humble supplication, we should not forget to devoutly thank the Most High and Mighty Ruler of the Universe that the curse of alien war is banished from our own shores, and that our beautiful land everywhere is teeming with a rich abundance, yielding a golden fruitage of happiness and prosperity, beneath the skies of glorious peace. May her summer smile of eternal gladness never again be obscured beneath the clouded frown of "grim-visaged war."

Comp. H. A. M. Henderson made the report of Committee on Correspondence, in which he reviews quite a number of Grand Chapters, but as he does not stop to tell us how many, or which, we cannot take time to count them. Florida is amongst the number, and receives a kind and fraternal notice in two separate parts of the report. The first is of our session January 11, 1869, and the other for January 10, 1870. We quote the following from the latter:

Thirteen Chapters report four hundred and ninety-six members. The highest number of a Chapter is twenty-one, from which it appears that eight charters have been surrendered in this jurisdiction, which does not indicate that Royal Arch Masonry is in a very blooming condition in the "Land of Flowers." Comp. Dawkins was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Edward Bradford, jr., was re-elected Grand Secretary, a merited compliment to two faithful officers.

We thank the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for a handsome notice of our report, and say in return that we think his report a highly creditable one for a two week's effort.

Many thanks, Companion Henderson, for this kindly notice? the first we have seen of our "maiden effort."

The following is the address of the Grand Officers:

M. E. Henry Bostwick, G. H. P., Covington, Ky.
Comp. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary, Frankfort, Ky.

LOUISIANA.

Twenty-third Annual Convocation held in New Orleans February 15 and 16, 1870. Samuel Manning Todd, M. E. G. H. P., in his place. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., P. D. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Secretary. Nineteen Subordinate Chapters represented.

With reference to the appointment of mutual representatives with sister Grand Chapters, Companion Todd in his address uses the following language, which we fully endorse:

The plan of mutual representation with the sister Grand Chapters of the United States has not been heretofore presented for your consideration and action. A number of Grand Chapters have adopted this system, and I have received during the year commissions of appointment from the Grand Chapter of Tennessee and from the Grand Chapter of Maryland empowering me to act as their representative near the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and requesting the appointment of similar representa-

tives near those Grand bodies. I can perceive no impropriety in adopting this system. It has been in successful operation for years between Grand Lodges, and has been adopted, to some extent, by the Grand Councils and Grand Commanderies. It has been urged that no practical advantage results from the system, but it certainly tends to secure harmony and to strengthen the bonds of amity which bind our Grand Chapters one to the other.

Upon this suggestion, the Committee on the address of the G. H. P. reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from different Grand Chapters who may present proper credentials be recognized as such, and that the Grand High Priest be authorized to reciprocate by the appointment of Representatives from this Grand Chapter near such Grand Chapters as may express a willingness to receive the same.

We can fully appreciate the difficulties under which our esteemed Companion, Joseph P. Hornor, labored in preparing, *hastily*, a report on Correspondence, and deeply sympathise with him in the family afflictions which hindered him. Still we cannot concur fully with him in the necessity for the apology offered, for we are really much pleased with the report as published, and only wish ours could be made to compare favorably with it.

Of our proceedings for 1869, he makes a very favorable notice, from which we extract the following:

A very good report on Correspondence, but one curtailed, as the Committee say, from the necessity of poverty and other Masonic labors, was presented by Companion D. C. Dawkins, and it being the first for apparently some years, he had many old proceedings to look over. Ours of 1867 and 1868 are very kindly noticed, and Companion Swasey's report of 1867 much commended, but with the regret that it could not be answered by their former reviewer, Companion Thomas Brown, who has passed away.

In his notice of Georgia we find the following, which accounts for the absence heretofore of this Grand Chapter from our social reportorial gatherings. We are therefore glad to know that a change has been made and that Companion J. Emmet Blackshear is now filling that important office in the Grand Chapter:

The report is again from the pen of Companion Blackshear, and we would be glad if we had time and space to make ex-

tracts, but we have not. He explains why we do not receive the proceedings of Georgia, by saying that the Grand Secretary does not send them beyond the jurisdiction! A pretty state of affairs, but why don't the Companions of Georgia rectify it? Is there only one Companion in Georgia who can be elected Grand Secretary?

We gladly give a place in our report to the following, which we clip from his notice of Illinois:

M. E. Companion Lininger makes some excellent remarks on intemperance and profanity, which would well bear repeating here but for their length, and we cannot refrain from quoting at least this incident detailed in the course of them, as illustrating his subject:

"A railroad company (all honor to her managers) enjoined temperance on the part of her employees. An engineer, a Royal Arch Mason, was discharged for drunkenness by the foreman, a Mark Master, after repeatedly warning him that it must in *duty* be done if the drunkenness was not stopped. When the foreman asked promotion in the Chapter, the discharged engineer objected. I advised that charges be preferred against the Royal Arch Mason, and that if there were no other objections made, the Mark Master be advanced. Now, was this right? Are railroad companies to *lead* in moral questions, or will social and religious organizations stand up to their duty and exalted privilege in these matters?"

If the question, "was this right?" alludes to the course pursued by the Grand High Priest, *we* say, most unhesitatingly, *yes!* and all honor to him for it; we trust the situation was as well and thoroughly understood and appreciated by the Subordinate Chapter in question.

We must again congratulate our worthy Companion Batchelor, Grand Secretary, for the very neat manner in which the proceedings are gotten up, and from this exhibition of his good taste we will guarantee that he is not a *Batchelor*.

Companion Hugh Breen was elected G. H. P., and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine assembled in Annual Convocation, at Masonic Hall at Portland on Tuesday, May 3, 1870.

Present, M. E. Jos. Pearson Gill, G. H. P., with the other Grand Officers, "representatives from Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction and many permanent members and visitors."

Full and interesting addresses and reports were made by the Grand High Priest, Dep. G. H. P., Grand King and Grand Scribe, which show a prosperous condition of the affairs of Capitular Masonry in that cold region.

The following from the address of the Grand High Priest presents rather a novel case, hence we quote:

There is a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in St. Stephens, N. B., opposite the town of Calais in this State, working under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. By the regulations of that Grand Chapter only two actual candidates are allowed in the Royal Arch Degree, the place of the third being filled by the Principal Sojourner, who appears in the same clothing. The members of that Chapter and those of the Chapter in Calais, have been always in the practice of exchanging visits. Since the adoption of the standing regulations last May in relation to substitutes, the question has arisen as to the lawfulness of fraternizing with them. This regulation has given rise to a doubt whether those exalted in that chapter are regularly made R. A. Masons, according to our view of the matter; and whether they should be allowed to visit in any of our chapters; and even if this point is not disputed, and they are allowed to visit us, the further question still remains, whether we can visit them under our obligations, "not to be present, &c." I submit these questions for the decision of the Grand Chapter. I understand that the Grand Chapter of Maine has never recognized by any act of its own the Grand Chapter of Scotland. The time has now arrived when action should be taken in regard to such recognition or non-recognition, in order to a determination of the questions proposed.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, as a matter of course, and is just such a report as we expect to see from this "Drummond Light."

The other reports are interesting and entertaining—many of them "witty and wise," but if we want real instruction we find it in these reports of Comp. Drummond. His statistics are quoted by all the others—his opinions of law are seldom controverted, and it is with feelings somewhat akin to awe that we undertake to review him. Yet there are occasions when he can turn aside from the dignified, and in such cases woe to the unfortunate Companion who falls under the lash of his sarcasms. Take for example the following reply to the long and labored argument of Comp. Pillans of Alabama, on the question of allegiance to the General Grand Chapter:

In relation to the *power* of the G. G. Chapter he found his answer in our proceedings. And in his review of them makes the possession of this power an argument against it.

If in the second, third, fourth and fifth paragraphs above quoted we strike out "General Grand Body" wherever it occurs, and insert instead "Grand Chapter," and strike out "Grand Chapter" and insert "Chapter," we have a legitimate application of the argument which shows its utter absurdity.

Every lodge "owes allegiance" to the Grand Lodge, and every Chapter to the Grand Chapter; and such allegiance is "inalienable" without the consent, express or implied, of the superior body.

We have always supposed, too, that a contract, unless the power of dissolving it is reserved in it, is *indissoluble*, save by the consent of *both parties*, or by one, at its option, for breach of it by the other.

We presume that Comp. P. and his wife (if he has one, and if he has not, that fact may account for his argument!) entered into the marriage contract "for mutual benefit" and "of their own free will;" but we do not believe that either of them contemplated that the continuance of the relation should "be left to the free will of *either*!"

The Grand Chapter of Alabama "entered into this family in exercise of her own discretion," did she? We believe this to be the only instance on record where a child "entered into the family" of its parent, "in exercise of its own discretion." Upon the whole, we are inclined to believe that Comp. P. *has no wife!*

Of Florida he says:

It was voted that G. H. Priest ask of the General Grand High Priest a dispensation to hold the next Annual Convocation, at Jacksonville. We do not think this comes within the power that officer.

Our Florida Companions felt deeply the effects of the war, from which we are glad to see they are recovering, if slowly, nevertheless surely.

Comp. D. C. Dawkins presented the report on Correspondence, a condensed summary of matters of interest in other proceedings.

We hope Comp. Drummond will pardon us for making use of his labor in the preparation of statistics rather than to leave them out of our report, which we should have been compelled to do in this extremity if we had not found them ready made by such a master hand, as follows:

About sixty Chapters fail to make returns: fourteen in Arkansas; four in Florida; four in Georgia; four in Kentucky; seven in Massachusetts; one in Michigan; one in Missouri; three

in Ohio; twenty-three in Texas; two in Wisconsin; and several in Virginia. Some of those in Texas have surrendered their charters we think, and therefore the number above given is too large.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	No. of Subordinates.	Members.	Exaltations	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspension for non-payment dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama.....	66	2327	148	71	148	5	4	135	38	13
Arkansas.....	49	1304	138	34	72	2	3	35	19	11
California.....	35	1546	206	52	125	0	9	26	11	11
Canada.....	35	1433	236	8	63	0	28	0	36	0
Connecticut.....	27	3415	287	9	17	2	1	0	1	4
District of Columbia.....	4	165	47	1	4	0	0	17	11	5
Florida.....	7	773	138	20	51	0	0	0	18	7
Georgia.....	16	492	45	5	24	2	12	0	18	7
Illinois.....	56	2098	172	42	34	12	40	0	71	0
Indiana.....	141	7059	905	101	310	8	28	21	34	0
Iowa.....	73	3018	407	29	57	0	2	11	7	7
Kansas.....	51	2124	380	12	16	0	2	11	4	4
Kentucky.....	10	351	59	12	16	0	68	10	33	6
Louisiana.....	92	3472	366	47	136	0	2	10	11	0
Maine.....	25	1510	143	30	80	0	3	12	11	0
Maryland, &c.....	10	940	121	10	19	3	6	0	20	18
Massachusetts.....	43	5247	519	0	38	1	0	0	34	87
Michigan.....	33	2790	318	84	115	6	46	0	0	0
Minnesota.....	68	4995	475	144	156	4	13	0	0	0
Mississippi.....	17	2565	201	178	99	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri.....	76	2565	393	88	5	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska.....	54	2411	224	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire.....	5	202	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey.....	16	1541	199	7	51	1	21	8	18	0
New York.....	22	1602	258	0	429	1	5	334	133	0
North Carolina.....	171	14401	2148	140	33	1	1	1	10	0
Ohio.....	15	655	19	11	33	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon.....	5	165	802	35	275	15	2	136	47	0
Rhode Island.....	114	5945	9	3	190	0	77	0	18	29
South Carolina.....	68	6318	849	9	69	0	0	25	6	0
Tennessee.....	9	1237	161	8	27	0	4	46	46	0
Texas.....	24	776	127	45	154	5	8	231	67	0
Vermont.....	94	3912	424	92	153	8	2	65	36	0
Virginia.....	95	3218	232	93	16	1	2	0	0	0
Wisconsin.....	23	1507	164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	38	2298	169	50	71	1	24	0	0	0
Total.....	1729	96,275	10,433	1301	3214	96	451	1272	930	290

* The dimissions include death: the suspensions include expulsions: there are also three Mark Lodges in Philadelphia with an aggregate membership of 2,649.

Comp. Stephen J. Young of Brunswick, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence, Portland, Maine.

MARYLAND.

It will be remembered that on the forenoon of the day our Grand Chapter met last January, we had placed in our hands the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for November 8, 1869, of which we could then do no more than simply acknowledge receipt. This, however, deserves a more extended notice, and as we have not received their proceedings for November, 1870, we will take up the old ones again.

Comp. Chas. H. Ohr, M. D., G. H. P.

" Wm. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

Just here we take the privilege of again entering our solemn protest against any titles being used in masonic proceedings other than those which legitimately belong to masonry. M. D., A. M., A. B., and all such titular distinctions should be dropped, and also those that are foreign to the masonic rite in which they are used. We cannot help feeling badly when we see appended to the names of Companions and their legitimate titles in Royal Arch Masonry such signs as 33^o, 18^o, etc., all of which belong some where else, and are to our mind out of place in our proceedings.

Companion Ohr presented an address which, for its true masonic spirit, can have no superior. He announces the death of Comp. Geo. W. Haller, Past D. G. H. P., at the age of seventy years, who "had for more than a half a century been a faithful and zealous mason." On the subject of uniformity of work, he delivers himself thusly:

Much is being said and written in regard to uniformity of work and ritual, while nothing real or permanent in this direction is accomplished. Many of the State Grand Chapters, without any remarkable degree of similarity in this respect, profess and claim to have the pure and true work, and cry out "Lo! we are the Temple," and the inquirer after truth is confounded, not enlightened, by the display of these Simon Pures. My observation of human nature and human affairs has led me to the conviction that as a general rule those who make the loudest profession and parade the greatest pretensions have the least claims

on our confidence. My impression is that our Grand Chapter is just as deficient in the truth and uniformity of the work as any other. What is the remedy?

It cannot be accomplished by any segregated action. The General Grand Chapter might accomplish it if it would set itself earnestly to the work, and State Grand Chapters could be weaned to some extent of their self-adulation and self-esteem. My preferences on this subject are not decided, but my conviction is decided that the first step required is to place the matter wholly and entirely in a General Congregation of representatives of all the State Grand Chapters; let them agree on a uniform system with calmness and deliberation, learn it themselves, teach it in their State Grand Chapters, let the State Grand Chapters disseminate it to their subordinates, and require proficiency in each degree prior to advancement to the succeeding degree. To perpetuate it, a portion of each session of the Grand Chapter should be devoted to the review and rehearsal of the work and ritual of each degree. In this way, in my opinion, much of the talk about a want of uniformity may be done away.

We would like very much for some effort to be made in the direction indicated in the above extract, and must think with our Companion that it would do more to harmonize the work than any other method.

The Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution respecting their distinguished visitors:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to our distinguished visitors, Companions James M. Austin, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter for United States of America, John W. Simons, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and J. F. Houston, Grand High Priest of Missouri, for the honor and pleasure of their presence among us this evening, and we most cordially invite them, and the members, officers and constituents of their Grand Bodies to meet us at this and all our future Convocations.

The following preamble and resolutions touching the unfortunate troubles between that Grand Chapter and that of the District of Columbia, are just the thing to settle forever that controversy and restore harmony to those closely allied sister jurisdictions:

WHEREAS, Difficulties have heretofore existed between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, arising from the fact that in the view of this Grand Chapter, the amendment to its

Constitution necessary to give validity to the release of a portion of its territory, was not lawfully adopted, and

WHEREAS, In view of the fact of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and by a majority of, if not all the State Grand Chapters, and of the desire of this Grand Chapter to pay due respect to the judgments of the General Grand Chapter, and the wishes of the several State Grand Chapters, and to cultivate amicable and fraternal relations with all its peers, as well as to promote the harmony and unity of Royal Arch Masonry, notwithstanding the belief of its membership that its just rights in the premises have been overlooked, does hereby,

Resolved, 1. That the Grand Constitution be amended by striking therefrom so much as relates to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter over the territory of the District of Columbia.

Resolved, 2. That this Grand Chapter does hereby waive and relinquish its jurisdictional rights over the District of Columbia so long as it remains the seat of the National Government, and also does hereby recognize the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Resolved, 3. That henceforth the title of this Grand Chapter shall be the "Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Maryland."

Resolved, 4. That all resolutions heretofore passed by this Grand Chapter inconsistent with these resolutions be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Comp. E. L. Stevens, from Committee on Correspondence reviews most pleasantly the proceedings of thirty-five sister jurisdictions, amongst which is Florida for 1868. We regret that our proceedings for January, 1869, had not reached him before November; and would commend to our future Grand Secretary the example of some of our sister jurisdictions like that of Kentucky, whose proceedings are in the hands of the most remote Companions within two months after the close of the Grand Chapter.

We still hope even at this late day to get the Maryland proceedings for 1870 before closing this report, in which event we promise at least a recognition.

Companions Ohr and Wentz were again entrusted with the high honors before conferred on them and which were well merited.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Chapter from March 9, 1869, to December 7, 1869.

M. E. Henry Chickering, Grand High Priest, E. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary. Stated Convocations for matters of local interest were held March 9, June 8, and September 7, and the Annual Convocation December 7, 1869. We find well written addresses from the Grand High Priest in connection with the Convocations both in September and December, but as they present very little of general interest we cannot extract from them.

The report on Correspondence is signed John W. Dadmun committee, and is an able, comprehensive review of twenty-seven Grand Chapters. We must confess that we have met with nothing since we have commenced this pleasant labor more to our liking than this report.

From his very kind notice of Florida, we quote the following:

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. D. C. Dawkins; and if any one wishes the great deep of his own heart thoroughly moved with fraternal and Christian sympathy, let him read the introduction.

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The above is indeed a "delicate confession," but honest and out-spoken, and in our heart of hearts we sympathize with Comp. Dawkins, and all our Companions in that jurisdiction who are in similar circumstances.

Notwithstanding all, he has given us an excellent review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, which receives a very favorable and flattering notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Chickering, is particularly commended for its truly masonic spirit, "rising," as he says, "like the holy incense glowing and burning from the altar of the noble masonic soul."

M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., of Tallahassee, Grand Secretary.

Such sentiments of earnest heartfelt sympathy coming to us from Massachusetts are really refreshing, and we assure Comp. Dadmun that they are highly appreciated and heartily reciprocated by us, who in masonry know no North, South, East or West, but recognize all as brethren and Companions dearly beloved.

In conclusion he says:

As we expected at the outset, we have been intensely interested, and we trust not a little profited, in reading the proceedings of the Grand Chapters which have come into our hands.— We commenced our report with some misgivings of our ability to condense and keep it within proper limits, and yet do justice to all. If we have failed, we hope our Companions will exercise towards us that charity which covers a multitude of sins. We have seen much to commend and but little to censure. Some may class us among the “flatterers,” but we do not plead guilty. We had rather give too much praise, than to withhold what is another’s due. One may rob another’s character by withholding a word of commendation when it is due him, or by detracting therefrom when he is assailed. We do not wish to be guilty of either. If we err, we prefer to err on the side of charity.

It is a fact—a *glorious* fact—that Royal Arch Masonry in the United States is in a very prosperous condition. The little disturbance that has existed between the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia exists no more, and now we may turn our undivided attention to the purity and harmony of our beloved Institution. It has afforded us great satisfaction to see with what earnestness some of our Grand Chapters are urging upon the members *purity of character*. Intemperance and profanity are pointedly and eloquently rebuked. The practical exemplification of our faith is urged as a safeguard against the attacks of our enemies. We trust that line upon line, and precept upon precept, will be given upon *masonic uprightness*, until we all come to *unity of practice* as well as unity of faith.

Before leaving these proceedings we cannot forbear to congratulate Comp. Waterman and the Companions in that Grand Chapter on the very excellent style of paper and printing used in getting them up. It is a real pleasure to read such a book. Grand Officers re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

We have received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, at its Twenty-first Annual Grand Convocation held at Detroit, January 10, 11 and 12, 1870; and have read the same with very great pleasure; but until we hear from our Companions there, who have had the Olive Branch held out to them by us, as to whether they accept our offered hand and heart, we must decline to enter into a review, even of the rich and beautiful repast so temptingly and invitingly set before us.

MISSISSIPPI.

Our Southern sister comes to us again most gloriously wrought in her vestments of scarlet and jewels of gold, still sending out her glad “tidings from the South.”

The Twenty-second Grand Annual Convocation was held in the city of Jackson, January 20, 21, A. I. 2400, and presided over by Comp. Robert B. Mayes, D. G. H. P., acting as Grand High Priest, Oscar T. Keeler, Grand Secretary.

Comp. Mayes introduced his address by a most touching tribute to the memory of M. E. Comp. George D. Fee, the Grand High Priest, who had passed from his labors on earth, to his rest in Heaven. He says:

Since our last Annual Convocation, he whom you then elected to the office of Grand High Priest, has bowed before the King of Terrors. Or, rather, as we are fain to believe, the Great High Priest of the Universe has said to him, “Come up hither,” and has welcomed him with the plaudit, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of the Lord.”

I was officially notified of this sad event by the Grand Secretary, in a letter dated March 8, 1869; but it had been previously announced to me by Companion James M. Howry, P. G. H. P., in a letter dated March 4, 1869. He says: “Companion Fee has passed away ‘to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.’ He had been confined to his house about ten days, but no one, except his family and physician, knew that he was seriously indisposed until a late hour yesterday. He sank very fast after nine o’clock, and at twelve, breathed his last. Our community was greatly shocked this morning on hearing of his death, so unexpected and sudden. He left a feeble wife, a grown daughter, and two or three children; but left them in easy circumstances, and had insurance on his life to the amount of ten thousand dollars.” It is gratifying to know that our Most Excellent Companion, like a Mason good and true, provided for those of his own household, so far as it was possible to be done by human foresight. May the Great High Priest complete what the departed husband and father could but imperfectly perform. May the God of all grace wipe away the tears of the widow and orphans. In the shadow of His wings may they make their refuge until this calamity be overpast. And though the chastening, for the present, seemeth very grievous, may it yield unto them the peaceable fruit of righteousness. From us they need only sympathy and condolence, and that expression of respectful and fraternal regard for our departed Companion which he so richly merited, and which is ever grateful to those who are of heavy heart by reason of the shadow of death.

We also clip the following paragraph from the report of a Special Committee on Obituary:

Since last we met as a Grand Body, what mighty changes have been wrought! The billows of the stormy ocean of life have tossed us in the fury of its wrath. The frail barques of some have stranded or driven into the whirlpools, and forever lost to the sight of friends on earth. But cast your eyes to the "East," and view the vacant seat of him, who, at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, met with, and gave us the benefit of his intelligent counsel. But he has finished his labors, good, square and true work, and we trust he has gone to reap his reward in the presence of the Grand Council above, there to eternally enjoy the fruits of that labor. Under the existing circumstances, we think it not out of place to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of our beloved, deceased friend and Companion, Most Excellent Grand High Priest George D. Fee, whom we all were delighted at our last Annual Convocation to honor as Grand High Priest.

The death of the venerable Companion James M. Howry, is also announced, and after the Grand Chapter had closed its labors, and before the proceedings were published, they, like ourselves were called to mourn the death of a most excellent and efficient Grand Secretary, Companion Oscar T. Keeler. We do most earnestly sympathize with our Companions in Mississippi in these heavy bereavements, and tender to them our heartfelt and sincere condolence.

The report of Foreign Correspondence was made by Comp. Wm. S. Patton, and is, like his report as reviewed last year, full of good things.

Florida receives a full and fraternal notice from him, for which we return our thanks, and from which we make the following extracts:

The report on correspondence, from the pen of Companion D. C. Dawkins, takes up thirty-three pages of the printed proceedings, and is well written, reviewing the doings of thirty-two G. Chapters, and also the proceedings of the G. G. Chapter of the United States.

Companion Dawkins, in the outset, complains that he cannot bestow that time and labor, in reviewing the different Grand Chapters, but his report is such as would do credit to any G. Chapter, and Florida may well be proud of him. He devotes three pages to Mississippi. He says: "The address of M. E. Wm. S. Patten, (should be Patton,) is a good masonic document, and

overlaid with true 'fervency and zeal;' he then makes his extracts from our address, as G. H. Priest, for which we feel that masonic pride which is unutterable. He says: "The address of M. E. Wm. D. Ferris, G. H. P., is in good tone, and full of interest. In 1864 this G. C. passed a resolution, purporting to sever connection with the G. G. C., which the M. E. decided, is now void. Poor Secesh! Solemn strikes the funeral chime! There is much spilt milk to some of us; but it won't do to look back."

That is true, Companion; if we have committed an error, let us acknowledge the error, and endeavor to learn wisdom from the past.

The committee say: "The G. G. Chapter, at its recent Convocation in St. Louis, has most cordially and fraternally invited the Grand Chapter to affiliate therewith, upon equal terms and conditions with other constituted G. C., thereby conceding our unquestionable regularity and respectability, which will more fully appear by reference to the proceedings of the G. G. C., and circular sent out." The committee say: "Your committee recommend the acceptance of that invitation in that fraternal spirit, in which it is self-evidently tendered, and this recommendation is founded upon the motive and principle, that the more united, the more useful is R. A. or any other branch of masonry."

The G. C. adopted the following resolution, which we heartily concur in:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true masonic spirit, and will hereafter bear allegiance and support to the said G. G. Chapter.

This is as it should be, and we recommend to the G. G. Chapter to do her duty as a General Grand Body, and it will be supported.

We would like very much to notice this report more at length but must content ourself by giving you one more extract from his closing remarks:

To the Reporters of the different jurisdictions, we can truly say that we derived unfeigned pleasure in perusing their interesting reports. May our correspondence long continue, in the unity of love, and the bonds of peace. Firm, and unimpaired by convulsions around us, in the gladsome cement which unites us—distinct as the billows, but one as the ocean. History, we learn, explains the future by the lessons of the past. If such is the fact, how very important for the future, that our reports may be such as will stand the test of the Overseer's Square. Then may we not doubt that whatever may be the vicissitudes of the hour, as we now look back the plane of time to our predecessors, and attest the firmness and stability of our venerable

institution, so coming generations yet unborn will gladly, in their day, learn to contemplate its many virtues, and know of a truth, that it is superior to the storms which have strewed the land with fallen empires, the sea with scattered navies, and that it still survives, vital in every function, bright and shining as the morning star, like

"Some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,
Tho' round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

How very important that we keep constantly in view the emphatic interrogation so often heard, "What came ye here to do?" And if the principle involved in the true answer of this question be that on which we, as Reporters, shall deliberate and act, each of us will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has faithfully acted his part in extending and perpetuating the pure tenets of the Order.

Companion R. B. Mayes, Yazoo City, was elected Grand High Priest, and Oscar T. Keeler, re-elected Grand Secretary. And upon the untimely death of the latter, Companion J. L. Power, of Jackson, was appointed Grand Secretary *ad interim*.

MISSOURI.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri convened pursuant to its by-laws in the Chapter room of Free Mason's Hall, in the city of St. Louis, on Wednesday the 6th day of October, A. D. 1869.

Comp. Oren Root, Jr., G. H. P. presiding, and the inimitable Geo. Frank Gonley, Grand Secretary, in his place.

Thirty-six Subordinate Chapters present by their Representatives.

From the address of M. E. Comp. Root, we have extracted some of the choicest branches of the noble tree which has sprung from such a source, and covered the Grand Chapter of Missouri with the verdure of its foliage, and filled it with the odor of its fragrant blossoms. Take for example the following from his opening:

The days of pilgrimage are not yet over. Though the children of the Abrahamic covenant no longer throng the mountain paths and valley ways of Judea, to worship at the Mount of Vision of the Lord; though cross-bearing myriads no longer by the thousand press to kneel at the sepulchre of Jesus; though saintly

shrines, Saxon, and Frank and German, are no more enriched by the votive offerings of pious visitants; yet, even in our day, there are ideas which we revere and centres of influence to which we turn, to renew our strength and revive our zeal as pilgrims erst journeyed to hallowed shrines. As we stand here to-day, pilgrims at this central source of our Order, let us not forget the dignity and power and reality of our profession.

History recognizes the power of the great pilgrimages of the past; it has and will recognize the power of our embodied principles—it surely deserves recognition. Masonry, as a teacher, contains the very element essential to civilization. Humanity is not rationality, for the acutest philosophy claims that there can be determined no difference, in kind, between the instinct of the brute and the reason of the man; humanity is not in speech merely, for beast and birds have language, and tell their fears, and joys, and sorrows, as surely as do we; humanity is not knowing or telling, but the transmission and perpetuation of thought, and knowledge, and speech, which lifts man above the brute; that one generation may know the thoughts, and words, and works of former generations, and, building upon these, may progress to higher thoughts and nobler works—this is civilization. This masonry has ever done, handing down lessons of wisdom from one generation to another, and preserving, unimpaired, through the ages, the tenets of instruction. Men may not need her lessons to-day, for the darkness is over, and thought, to-day, is all alive, reaching back to the past, reaching out into the future, but through many an age of ignorance, masonry has served to keep bright the wise lessons of former times, and to perpetuate the knowledge of truth.

He thus feelingly announces the death of M. E. Comp. Priestly H. McBride:

Priestly H. McBride, Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest, a member of Twilight Lodge, No. 114, and Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 17, died at Columbia, Boone county, May 21st, 1869, at the age of 73 years; he was buried with masonic honors.

During a long life of useful and honored labor at the bar, upon the Supreme Bench of the State, as a leading politician, and in the walks of private life, he ever preserved the honor and faith and kindness of his masonic profession. Honored by the Craft with the highest offices of the Order, honored by the world with the most responsible positions in the State, he filled all with honor and wielded a most powerful influence.

Though for some years withdrawn by age and infirmity from active duty in masonry or in life, we mourn his loss as one of the older grand beacons of the Craft.

heartily commend a perusal of it to our Companions, we cannot follow up this general discussion to comment on it. John A. Harris, Concord, is Grand High Priest. Abel Hutchins, Concord, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-third Annual Convocation, held at Albany Feb'y 1-4, A. I. 2400.

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

R. E. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

Representatives from one hundred and fifty-four Subordinate Chapters were present, together with a large number of Past Grand Officers—permanent members.

The heavily leaded line in the blank where the name of the Grand Chaplain should have been, teaches us that there are none exempt from the common destiny, but even the good and holy men of God pass away as do the leaves in autumn. Companion Rev. Charles H. Platt has been summoned to his final rest. The M. E. Grand High Priest in his address closes the announcement of his death by saying—

As the only personal tribute to his memory within my power until, under the law, you choose a successor. Rev. Comp. J. Searle, of this city, has very kindly consented to officiate, *pro tem*.

This address of Companion Simons is full of interest, giving conclusive evidence of the clear head and sound judgment of its author, as well as the clean hands and pure heart with which he engages in the work of charity and labor of Love.

The annual report on Masonic Correspondence was presented by Companion Joseph White, and is put together with the skill of a master workman.

While some of the Grand Chapters seem to regard the reports on correspondence as of minor importance, and some of the committees seem to work as though they supposed their labors would not be appreciated, we are glad to find the Grand Chapter of New York and its committee acting upon different principles.

From the very favorable notice of our proceedings for 1869,

And closes his address with this impressive exhortation :

Let us now with earnest spirit, filled not only with zeal, but as well with purity of purpose, union of heart and friendly sympathy and feeling, apply ourselves to our work. May we so labor that our Royal Craft shall enter upon a year of even increased prosperity; that we ourselves may be strengthened in our love and devotion to masonry, and made nobler, purer men in our Companionship, and for all our walks and works in life.

Companion Geo. Frank Gonley offered what he styles a "hurried report on Correspondence." Wonder what it would have been had it not been hurried? Thirty-one Grand Chapters are reviewed, among them Florida for 1868, and finally gives us this apology for whatever he has said good or bad :

In our review we have written with this one impulse of "Brethren." If we thought for one moment that we would write and talk as we pleased among those we love, we would tear this manuscript into shreds, and leave the job of correspondence to somebody who measures words as clerks do tape—the inch. If our friends enjoy our work, it is all we ask; if they get mad at it, it is not our fault, for we did not intend it; as the joker as it, "if we have said anything we are sorry for, we are glad of it."

John F. Houston, G. H. P., Richmond.
Geo. Frank Gonley, G. Sec., St. Louis.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation held at Concord May 17th, 1870, "opened in Ample Form by Daniel R. Marshall, M. E. Grand High Priest, with prayer by Companion and Rev. James Adams, Grand Chaplain." Thirteen Chapters present.

We find the same course followed by the Companions of the "Old Granite State," which we have so cordially commended in some of the others, to have all the officers of the Council to perform duties during the year, and to report at the meeting of the Grand Chapter the results of that work. Here we have reports from Dep. G. H. P., G. King, and G. Scribe, presenting specimens of their work for inspection, and from the reports we judge it to be good, square, and true work.

In the appendix we find a short, well written report on Foreign Correspondence, but written in a style we do not admire. It is more of an essay than a formal report. And while we

we extract the following. Referring to the action by which we connected ourselves with the General Grand Chapter, he says:

"Florida ever blooming," may she never have occasion to regret her espousal.

He thus kindly notices the report on correspondence of M. E. Comp. Dawkins:

E. Comp. D. C. Dawkins presents the report on Masonic Correspondence. Thirty-three Grand Chapters, including New York and the General Grand Chapters are noticed.

He apologizes for short-comings, "being personally reduced from affluence to want, with a house full of loved and loving children to support and educate. But when it is known, that under the existing circumstances we have devoted four months of incessant labor in reviewing Grand Lodge Proceedings, and that we cannot possibly devote the time requisite for such a review of the Grand Chapter Proceedings, as would be a self-indication of proper fraternal respect for our beloved companions in fraternal correspondence with us, we cannot, without doing violence to our own conscience, keep back from them the true reason for our short-comings."

We can fully sympathize with our esteemed companion in his embarrassments, having for more than twenty years felt the load of endorsement debts, and the heavy pressure of empty pockets, thereby realizing the old adage, that "wealth makes the man, the want of it the fellow."

On the other hand, a heavy purse seems to loosen one's joints, and makes a man feel "quite light, sir, quite light;" it gives one vigor and sprightliness, a kind of all-over-ness, of "don't care a fig for anybody." But, companion, be of good cheer, an honest conscience gives a heart-felt peace that wealth alone cannot purchase.

Comp. Dawkins disapproves of Grand Chapters receiving petitions, acting upon them, and conferring the degrees, even for exemplification. Your committee join in the objection, as subordinates can easily furnish the candidates, and request the presence or assistance of the Grand Officers in conferring the degrees in subordinate Chapters, which would be all right. New York does so.

There is an intimation, that some of the Chapters *defraud* the candidates on whom they confer degrees, by measuring out scant patterns to them; they ought to stop that practice, and endeavor to repair the injury already done.

New York is noticed for two years in a very kind and fraternal manner. Quite a number of the Grand Chapter Proceedings are for two or three years each, and are reviewed in a terse and fraternal style not easily surpassed.

In behalf of our much loved predecessor, we return thanks to Comp. White for this fraternal notice, and sincerely hope that both Companions may never be made to realize that which is worse than poverty, more embarrassing than endorsement debts, and more to be dreaded than all they complain of, may never be awakened from refreshing sleep by the terrific cry of "Fire!" and find, on awaking, your own home to be in flames, and have to drag out wife and children from their beds, and see the labor of years reduced to ashes in a few hours. We have always been as poor as Job's turkey; have for years been almost afraid to meet with strange looking men in good clothes, with pockets full of notes and accounts—but never knew what it was to be burned out.

Companions Simons and Fox were rewarded for their faithful labors by being re-elected to their respective offices.

NORTH CAROLINA.

All honor to "Old Rip Van Winkle!" we cannot help exclaiming, as we take up and examine the very handsomely gotten up proceedings of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, held in Wilmington, December 2, 1869, A. I. 2399.

The report of the Committee on Credentials indicates a considerable lack of interest on the part of subordinate Chapters with reference to representation in the Grand Chapter.

The address of Most Excellent Companion W. G. Gill, Grand High Priest, is full of encouragement and good counsel, and shows a most favorable condition of the Royal Craft. So far as department is concerned, he says: "No instance is known to me in which any Companion has intentionally and wilfully departed from the established usages of Masonry; all seem fully inclined to move by the Great Light, and to be easily controlled by lawful authority." He attributes their present lack of prosperity to three causes, viz: "The condition of the country, the question of work, and the spirit of the work."

We, in this jurisdiction, can fully appreciate all these difficulties complained of by Comp. Gill, for we are laboring under the same. We desire to call the attention of our Companions to his remarks with reference to the third evil of which he complains—"the spirit of the work." He says:

The third cause that has aided in producing our present apathy is, in my opinion, a want of serious dignity in performing our most solemn rites. Levity or carelessness in performing any part of our work is destructive of the very purpose intended, unbecoming in the workmen, and an inexcusable perversion of the most imposing and solemn symbols of truth. Suffer me to urge all Companions always to remember the august nature of our rites, the undying truth we inculcate, the great characters personated, and the high dignity of our vocation. Workmen who are fitting in the key stone of the Temple must not be men who prefer to be jesters and buffoons rather than the greatest of the earth. Be true, be dignified, and be great, at least, while representing what is great.

We most heartily concur.

A very able and comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P. He reviews in an easy, dignified style, the proceedings of Twenty-seven Grand Chapters, and closes with the following, which we quote entire, giving to his sentiments therein expressed our hearty concurrence. Hear him :

We regret to find among the proceedings so many in which our own are not noticed ; whether received or not, we are, in most instances, left to conjecture. We are certain that blame for non-reception cannot attach to our Grand Secretary. All the committees who acknowledge their reception speak in high terms of commendation of Companion Carr's report on Masonic Correspondence save one, and that one could find nothing requiring especial notice in any of the thirty-two acknowledged.

We notice that some of the Grand Chapters are in the habit of dispensing with the reading of the Reports on Correspondence. We therefore infer that a majority of the members of these Chapters are very much like the Virginia Committee. The reporters all being proverbially modest men, quietly acquiesce. Now, we are not particularly fascinated with the idea of reading our report before the Grand Chapter, nor with spending one hundred dollars or more from the Treasury for printing a document, about the contents of which the Grand Chapter knows nothing. To what purpose, we would ask, is all this time, labor and money expended, if it brings no intelligence to the Grand Chapter ; no information as to what is going on in the masonic world ; no suggestions of advancement or improvement in the Royal Art ? These same Grand Chapters dispense with the reading of the proceedings of the previous meeting invariably, and if there should be anything either to condemn or approve, the few who have read them have probably forgotten what they

contained, or are not present at the next meeting to call them to the attention of the Grand Chapter, and, as a body, she in reality never knows what they contain. We have ever held it to be the duty of the Grand High Priest to have all reports of committees, no matter on what business or subject, read before the Chapter. We have for many years been accustomed to examine the Masonic Correspondence of the Grand Masonic Bodies, but in all our experience we have never been so much charmed with the tone, temper and spirit of these reports as with those which it has been our duty, and we can truly say our pleasure, during the past year to peruse. We have been particularly struck with that true, genial and fraternal spirit that, with two exceptions, pervades all that have come into our hands, as well as with the distinguished ability generally displayed in these productions. Though the hours which we have devoted to their examination have been stolen entirely from those which nature claims for refreshment and sleep, yet, the pleasure that we have derived from their perusal has, to the mind, if not to the body, been a full equivalent. Our brother reporters have, for many weeks, been our nightly associates, each contributing to our stock of masonic knowledge, and to our pleasure. And now that all have departed, many, alas ! to return no more,

"We feel like one who treads alone,
Some banquet hall deserted."

The numerous testimonials to departed companions that we have met with in the proceedings which we have examined, admonish us that we cannot reasonably expect to meet again all those representatives of the Fraternity, with whom we have within the last few weeks spent so many pleasant hours ; therefore for each and all we invoke heaven's choicest blessings, both temporal and eternal.

Comp. William Murdock, of Salisbury, was elected Grand High Priest, and T. B. Carr re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The fifty-third Annual Grand Communication was held in Lyceum Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, October 15, 1869.

Comp. C. C. Keifer, M. E. Grand High Priest, with a large number of officers and members, attended, and having opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, appointed a Committee on Credentials. The committee reported as duly represented ninety-six Subordinate Chapters.

The communication of Most Excellent Grand High Priest is

well written, and presents much information in brief form. In his introduction he says:

"The God of our fathers," in his good Providence, has permitted us to again assemble in Annual Convocation, under circumstances of continued prosperity, to enjoy the pleasure of social and Masonic intercourse, and to discharge the high trust committed to us as the representatives of Royal Arch Masons in Ohio.

The past year has been crowned with abundant crops; we have not been visited with "Pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor the destruction that wasteth at noonday." Let us, therefore, make the occasion of our assembling together expressive of our gratitude to Him "in whose hands are the issues of life and death," for all the blessings vouchsafed to us as men and Masons.

It affords me pleasure to be able to communicate to you that during the past year peace and tranquility have prevailed among the Subordinate Chapters in our jurisdiction, and that their labors have been abundantly blessed.

I am reminded of the fact, that in the year 1851, the Grand Masonic Bodies of Ohio met in this city, and at that session I attended for the first time as a delegate, a mere boy in years, and almost an entire stranger, yet I was kindly received; I was taken by the hand by the then representatives of the Grand Chapter, and made to feel that I was in the midst of friends and brothers. The passing years have made great changes—many familiar faces are missed, but the memory of these departed Companions will still be cherished. How truly it can be said: "The Fathers are passing away."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Communications, submitted by Will M. Cunningham, Chairman, is a very well prepared paper, though like our own, it is chiefly made up of extracts from the proceedings reviewed. Only twelve Grand Chapters are here represented, among which is Florida for 1868. The following we quote from his conclusion:

Your committee anticipated much pleasure in again exchanging fraternal greetings with the Committees on Foreign Correspondence of the several Grand Chapters with whom this Grand Chapter is in correspondence; but we regret that that pleasure has been marred by the non-reception of the printed proceedings of so many of the Grand Bodies with whom this Grand Chapter holds fraternal relations. And in this connection, before concluding this report, your committee feel that they would be recreant to their duty and to the interests of Capitular Masonry in Ohio, were they not to protest against the negligence, in this particular, prevailing within this jurisdiction, and which,

unfortunately, results in depriving the Companions of Ohio of a knowledge of the doings of so many sister Grand Bodies, and also increases the difficulties attending the preparation of an interesting report upon this subject.

We find in an appendix a very brief review of the proceedings of thirteen printed proceedings, placed in the hands of the committee *subsequent* to the Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Of these the chairman of the committee thus expresses himself:

At the date of the reception of the foregoing, (November 22d, 1869), the MSS. of the report of the Committee on Foreign Communications, together with the transactions of the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation, were already in the hands of the printer, and as informed by the Grand High Priest, its composition under contract and nearly completed. Your committee regret that it is therefore out of their power to do more than briefly notice the reception of the proceedings of so many sister Grand Chapters, and that they are thereby prevented from noticing the many matters of interest relating to the jurisprudence of sister jurisdictions, and are also deprived of the pleasure of quoting from the interesting reports upon Foreign Correspondence therein contained.

Comp. Charles C. Keifer, Dayton, was elected Grand High Priest, and John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The next we find on our table is a very handsomely printed and voluminous pamphlet, containing an "abstract of the proceedings of the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging. Being extracts from the minutes of its Quarterly and Annual Grand Communications, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for the years A. D. 1868, 1869—A. I. 2398, 2399."

At the Annual Communication, Comp. George Griscom presented a very elaborate address, in which he congratulates his Companions upon the zeal, fidelity and uniform harmony in which the labors of the Royal Craft had been conducted during the year.

Again at the Annual Communication held on St. John the Evangelist's day, December 27, 1869, we find a long farewell ad-

dress from Comp. Griscom, and also an inaugural address from the new Grand High Priest.

It seems to be the custom in that jurisdiction to hold their election for officers at the October Quarterly Convocation, and to instal at the Annual, which is always held on St. John's day, when they have both the valedictory from the retiring, and salutatory from the entering G. H. P.

From our stand-point we cannot fully concur with M. E. Comp Nisbet in claiming that all the peculiarities of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania are the only correct practices of the Ancient Craft. If so then are nearly or quite all the other Grand Chapters in error, for nowhere else do we find the same practices as here.

We quote the following from his very excellent inaugural :

Masonry in Pennsylvania is opposed to all innovation and change; clinging to all that is old, and standing aloof from all that might be termed new. Our maxim is, that masonry is as unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. To ascertain what is correct, we must look backward, not forward; and I would fraternally caution all High Priests against those well-meaning Companions, who visit other Chapters than their own, for the purpose of instructing them in the work. However good the motive prompting these self-constituted instructors, they, in many instances, stand as much in need of instruction as the Companions they visit, and are as likely to breed error as to cure it. The only authority for correct work is the Grand Chapter; and should any Chapter desire instruction in the work, and its officers be unable to visit the Grand Chapter to obtain it, upon application to the Grand High Priest a competent Companion will be duly commissioned to impart it to them. Should any Companion attempt the part of instructor, without exhibiting the proper authority, you will consider him "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Nothing in these proceedings seems to be familiar to our eyes, accustomed as they are to the old style routine of the Grand Chapter proceedings, until we come to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented by Comp. Charles E. Meyer, Grand King. This report is for 1868-1869, and is an able and exceedingly interesting review of thirty-four Grand Chapters, some of them for several years.

Florida for 1868-69 receives a very favorable notice, and we thank Comp. Meyer for the following hope concerning us in the

conclusion of his notice: "We hope to hear more cheerful tidings from our sister of Florida when we make up our next report."

This report covers 97 pages and is worthy of a more extended notice than we can possibly give it now.

RHODE ISLAND.

The small pamphlet before us contains the proceedings of a Special Convocation of this Grand Chapter held in Bristol, February 18, 1869, and also those of the Annual Convocation at Providence, March 9, 1869.

M. E. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The first was held for the purpose of constituting Hope Chapter, No. 6, at which an address was delivered by Comp. the Rev. and Hon. Sidney Dean, which for the purity of its tone and vigor of its sentiments we have never seen excelled, but as we cannot give it entire we dare not mutilate it.

Those of our Companions who are fond of the true poetry of the soul will thank us for inserting the following ode entire; and to those who are not we shall offer no excuse; they need not read it. It was sent in to the banquet so richly enjoyed on this occasion, by Rev. Mark Trafton, who, unable to be present, sent in his remembrance, as follows:

For a Masonic Gathering.

—o—
Through the ages dark and dreary—
Life's long column worn and weary,
Marching onward—onward ever,
Resting not, and pausing never,
O'er the burning, shifting sands;
O'er the green and flowery lands;
Childhood, youth and age together,
Looking to the dark forever,
Death, the Tyler by the door,
Ever crying: "room for more!"

See them on the journey dreary,
Dropping out, so sad and weary,
Sinking on the burning sands;
Stretching out imploring hands;
Burning lips for water crying;

Bursting hearts, for *pity* dying ;
 Left to perish there, alone—
 Night-winds echoing their moan ;
 Strangers all, to each and other,
 No lips breathe the sweet word Brother—
 The grim *Tyler* at the door,
 Mocking cries : “ *still room for more.* ”

Is there no kind hand to lead them ?
 Is there no quick ear to heed them ?
 None to teach to love each other ;
 None to speak of *Man* and *Brother*,
 None to bring the cooling cup ;
 None to raise the fallen up ;
 None to look with loving eyes ;
 None to hush the sufferer's sighs,
 While the *Tyler* at the door,
 Hoarsely cries : “ *still room for more.* ”

From the East the light is breaking—
 Lo! the sons of sorrow waking—
 O'er the morning column, bending,
Hope's bright bow of promise sending
 Far and wide its beams of gladness,
 Dissipating doubt and sadness ;
 Resting on those mystic columns,
 To the wise ear speaking volumes,
 “ *Jachin* ”—God will make it *strong* ;
 “ *Boaz*,” speed the light along ;
 Flow, O *river*, free and far,
Tyler! leave the door ajar!

Ask not whence the free winds' source ;
 Enough that you may feel their force,
 By them, we the ocean plough ;
 Often cool the fevered brow.
 Zephyrs play with summer leaves—
 Sturdy oaks the tempest cleaves—
 Yet their birthplace none can know
 Whence they come or whither go—
 He who guides them shows no more—
Tyler, close, and guard the door!

Ask not where the secret springs
 Of the *rill* that leaps and sings.
 Now, the pearl drop on the rose—
 Now, a mighty torrent flows ;

Showers which from the dark clouds burst,
 Springs that slake the traveler's thirst—
 Early rains the harvest bringing—
 Dews from which earth's flowers are springing.
 Yours the gain ; why ask for more ?
Tyler—close, and guard the door.

Sweet the rose, in rich perfume,
 Blushing in its virgin bloom ;
 Beautiful the lily's hue—
 Persian looms such tints ne'er knew ;
 Where that *Laboratory's* flame
 Melts, refines—ye seek in vain ;
 How the artist works his end—
 How the native colors blend ;
 Enough—the work is squared—no more—
Tyler, close and guard the door.

Mystic bonds our hearts uniting—
 Open hands, to rest inviting—
 All the God-like graces blending ;
 Charity's rich stream still sending
 Bloom to deserts, waste and dreary,
 Comfort to the worn and weary,
 Light upon the ocean's gloom,
 Emblems for the closing tomb.
 “ In memoriam ”—*Hope's* bright star,
Tyler, leave the door ajar!

Hail, ye of the mystic tie,
 Work beneath the Master's eye ;
 Earnest work of hand and heart,
 Sharing each a Brother's part.
 Work! the day is closing fast,
 Eye and hand upon your task ;
 By the level, by the square,
 Equal recompense shall share.
 Soon, the startling gavel's fall
 To repose from toil shall call,
 Hark! the Master's voice once more—
Tyler, open wide the door!

A very brief but good business report was presented by the
 Grand High Priest at the annual gathering.
 No report on Correspondence.
 M. E. Thomas A. Doyle was re-elected Grand High Priest,
 and George H. Burnham, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Chapter convened in the City of Charleston on Tuesday, February 15, A. I. 2400.

Present—Comp. Robert Stewart Bruns, M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Ebenezer Thayer, R. E. Grand Secretary, with a large number of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and the representatives from twenty-six Chapters.

From the address of Comp. Bruns we clip the following, which we hope is true with all our Southern sisters:

We have need, Companions, to be grateful to the Giver of all Blessings for those which He has permitted us to enjoy during the past year. If there be trouble still in our homes; if there be still something wanting to our peace and prosperity, we at least are compelled to acknowledge that there hath been a great grace given to us in our partial recovery from disaster and ruin with which we have been so long humbled and begirt. We are gradually emerging from our ruins, and our fields begin once more to blossom with the freshness and the fertility of former days. The sword of war hath been sheathed, and the scythe of the husbandman takes the place of the murderous weapon of the soldier. With the progress of time, cultivating the arts of peace under the benign laws of Providence, with our hearts forever conscious of the sublime eye that looks upon us, and searches the secret in our souls, we may reasonably hope that our blessings will all return, and the voice of complaint and sorrow in the land will give place to that dove song of delight which proclaims a new dawn for spring, and the advent of a gracious summer, relief from all hostile and pernicious influences, and the restoration of our homes to the blessings of our better days.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the prolific pen of Comp. William Birnie. The proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters pass under review, and honor is bestowed where honor is due. He notices in a Masonic spirit our proceedings for 1868-9. He, however, gets the name of the Grand Treasurer for that of Grand Secretary. Comp. T. Preston Tatum is our honored Treasurer; but Edward Bradford, Jr., was elected Grand Secretary, since which time he has passed away from his earthly labors to give an account of his stewardship to our Great High Priest above.

M. E. Comp. Bruns, declining a re-election, was succeeded in the office of Grand High Priest by Comp. Montgomery Moses, of Sumter, and Comp. Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, chosen Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The transactions of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, at its twenty-first Annual Convocation, begun and held in the City of Houston, June 13, A. D. 1870—M. E. W. G. Veal, Grand High Priest, presiding. Forty-three Subordinate Chapters responded to the calling of the roll.

The address of Grand High Priest and the reports of other Grand Officers indicate a very flourishing condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction of the "Lone Star." No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. S. S. Munger, elected Grand High Priest.

" Robert Brewster, Houston, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

We have before us again the very neat and handsomely dressed pamphlet of the proceedings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter for 1869. We have not the pleasure of reviewing an address from the Grand High Priest as is usual in Grand Chapter proceedings, but as Virginia is the "Great Conservator of Masonry," we must take it for granted that the custom of Grand High Priests sending in an Annual Address is wrong, and would call the attention of the thirty-six erring Grand Chapters to this fact.

A report on Foreign Correspondence is published here from Comp. Wm. B. Isaacs, who explains the absence of a decent report last year by saying that it was made verbally, and how the printed one came into the proceedings he could not say. He disclaims any intention to offer indignity to the other Grand Chapters, but almost in the same breath "takes it all back," and virtually declares "he did not say it." Hear him:

We regard our duties as limited, and our sphere as restricted to matters of fact, and not of fancy. We would, therefore, depart widely from the rulings of this Grand Chapter were we to extract from or re-produce in our report "the business-like address," "the witty sayings," or the "eloquent tribute"—you can't go amiss for any or all of them—of this or that distinguished Companion. We are to give you a plain and unvarnished statement of events affecting the interest of this Grand Body, as they present themselves in the proceedings under review. To this we have confined ourself as closely as circumstances would permit.

M. E. John P. Little, Grand High Priest.
E. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, the work you gave me to do has been performed just as well as I could possibly do it under the circumstances. I have not time now to review what I have written and correct such clerical errors as may have occurred in the hasty preparation of such a report. Such as it is, I offer it to you, and hope to receive your sanction for at least my good intentions in its preparation.

Of the Chairmen of Committees of Correspondence, and Grand Secretaries, I have one request to make—please send me duplicates of your proceedings, for I have intended to preserve and bind them, but have been necessarily compelled to use the scissors freely on them to get my report ready in time.

THOMAS A. CARRUTH,

Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

WELBORN, FLA., January 7, 1871.

Companion M. Bowes offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the services he has rendered the Grand Chapter ;

Which was received and adopted.

Companion Samuel W. Fox offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will pay the traveling expenses of the officers and representatives of Subordinate Chapters now in attendance upon this Grand Communication ;

Which, on motion, was referred to Committee on Accounts.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT :

M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
E. James Ellenwood, as Grand King.
" William Morrill, as Grand Scribe.
" T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.

OBITUARY.

NAME.	GRAND CHAPTER.	OFFICE.
William Hicks,	Arkansas,	Grand Secretary.
Isaac Davis,	California,	Past Grand High Priest.
William S. Rockwell,	Georgia,	Past Grand King.
Isaac T. Martin,	Kentucky,	Past Grand High Priest.
Wm. H. Howard,	Louisiana,	Past Grand High Priest.
Doric S. Ball,	"	Past Grand Scribe.
George W. Haller,	Maryland,	Past D. G. High Priest.
George Eaton,	Michigan,	Grand Steward.
George D. Fee,	Mississippi,	Grand High Priest.
James M. Howry,	"	Past Grand High Priest.
Oscar T. Keeler,	"	Grand Secretary.
Priestly H. McBride,	Missouri,	Past Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Platt,	New York,	Grand Chaplain.
C. G. Keenan,	Texas,	Past Grand Treasurer.

E. W. M. McIntosh, as Grand Secretary.
 Comp. M. Bowes, as G. C. H.
 " Samuel W. Fox, as G. P. S.
 " Theodore Ball, as G. R. A. C.
 " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Chapters.

The Select Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the accounts of our late Grand Secretary made the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Jan'y 11th, 1871.

Your Special Committee, appointed to investigate and report upon the accounts of our late Grand Secretary, Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in his hands, with the exception of the sum of \$99.00.

We would recommend that our late Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of \$125.00 as his salary for services rendered during the year 1870. This amount, deducting the balance due the Grand Chapter, leaves the sum of \$26.00 owing Comp. Bradford.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
 JAS. ELLENWOOD, }
 WM. MORRILL, } Committee.
 SAM'L W. FOX, }

Which was received and unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from A. J. Russell, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter

of Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

COMPANIONS: After the death of our lamented Excellent Grand Secretary, Companion Edward Bradford, Jr., I was appointed by M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, G. H. P., to fill the vacancy in said office, and now present an account of my labors. But previous to which I feel it my duty to apologise for my absence at your present Annual Grand Communication. The only apology I have to offer is, that circumstances of a local business character, absolutely demanding my personal attention at home, render it impossible for me to attend the Grand Convocation,

and I dare say that my unavoidable absence therefrom is a greater cross and disappointment to me than detrimental to the Royal Craft.

Soon after receiving the aforesaid appointment, in July last, I received from the Grand Secretary's office a number of pamphlet proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and a few scattering proceedings of other Grand Chapters, and I would recommend that the Grand Secretary, whom you may select at this Grand Convocation, be charged with the duty of printing with the proceedings a list of all the books and pamphlets in the Grand Chapter library, and that the library be improved from time to time with as much facility as is practicable.

Under the instructions of the G. H. P., I have written to the Grand Secretaries of other Grand Jurisdictions for such numbers of their proceedings as are wanting to fill our library with such works, and I am happy to report that while a few have not responded at all, many, and I may say nearly all, have sent me all of their proceedings that could be furnished, and some who have not yet sent me their pamphlets are yet under promise to do so, and I am daily looking for them. I will cheerfully turn over what I have received to my successor, and hope that the work of filling up our library with the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, and other valuable works, will be successfully prosecuted to completion.

I learned at a late day that there were no blank Chapter Returns on hand, and I at once had the covers of one hundred copies printed and arranged the blank pages with the pen, because I could not then get all the necessary printing done in time to supply the Chapters.

No Chapter returns or funds from any source have come to my hands.

Fraternally submitted,
 A. J. RUSSELL,
 Grand Secretary *ad int.*

Which was received and adopted, and the account of \$24.00 accompanying the same referred to Committee on Accounts. The Grand Chapter then went into the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and the following Companions were duly elected:

- Comp. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
 " James Ellenwood, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " William Morrill, Grand King.
 " Theodore Ball, Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " W. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary.
 " E. L. T. Blake, Grand Chaplain.

And the Grand Council made the following appointments :

- Comp. M. BOWES, G. C. H.
 " Samuel W. Fox, G. P. S.
 " D. L. Oakley, G. R. A. C.
 " Wm. B. Kemp, G. M. 3d V.
 " W. T. Weeks, G. M. 2d V.
 " J. A. Edmondson, G. M, 1st V.
 " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed who were not re-elected were then installed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion Samuel W. Fox offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to correspond with all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction who are in arrears for dues, and report the result of said correspondence at the next annual Grand Convocation.

Which was received and adopted.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7½ o'clock p. m.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT :

- M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
 E. James Ellenwood, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " William Morrill, Grand King.
 " Theodore Ball, Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " W. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary.
 Comp. M. Bowes, G. C. H.
 " Samuel W. Fox, G. P. S.
 " E. M. West, Grand Guard.

And a due representation of Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary submitted their accounts to the Grand Chapter, which on motion were referred to Committee on Accounts.

Deputy Grand High Priest William Morrill presented his credentials as representative from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana to this Grand Chapter.

On motion, he was received as such Grand Representative, and the courtesy was reciprocated by the appointment of E. James C. Batchelorms, M. D., as Representative of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

R. E. Companion William Morrill, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, presented the following communication, which was received and the appended resolution was adopted :

M. E. THE GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF LA.
 NEW ORLEANS, February 10th, 1869.

To the M. E. the Grand Chapter
 of R. A. Masons of the State of Louisiana :

Your committee on the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, respectfully report, that they have had the same under mature consideration, and in the matter of the Grand Orient of France, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

1st. *Resolved*, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana, and the Grand Orient of France, cease, and be discontinued ; and no Mason holding allegiance to that Grand body be recognized as such in this jurisdiction.

2d. *Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of the above report and resolution be transmitted to the Grand Orient of France, and the R. E. Grand Secretary be directed to have printed immediately a sufficient number of copies to be sent to all American Grand R. A. Chapters, and European Grand Bodies also, with the official seal of the Grand Chapter, and the signature of the Grand Secretary ; and under the printed seal, for distribution to subordinate Chapters and prominent Masons of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
 JOSEPH P. HORNOR, }
 Wm. W. LEAKE, } Committee.
 SYL. G. PARSONS, }

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE
 OF THE M. E. G. C. OF R. A. M. OF THE STATE OF LA.,
 G. L. Hall, N. O., corner St. Charles and Perdido Sts. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing contains a correct transcript from the minutes of proceedings of the M. E. Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of the State of Louisiana, at its last Annual Grand Convocation, held in the city of New Orleans, February, A. D 1869.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, together with my official signature, this the 13th day of February, A. D. 1869, A. Inv. 2399.
 JAMES C. BATCHELORMS,
 Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter endorse the above action of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and that we hereby sever all fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France until it recedes from its unwarrantable position in the premises.

Companion Samuel W. Fox offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chapters in this jurisdiction are hereby authorized to suspend all members who are two years or more in arrears for dues, after three months notice and due trial;

Which, on motion, was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion, the Grand Chapter dispensed with the regular business and proceeded to exemplification of the work in the Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters Degrees by conferring these Degrees upon Brothers David C. Wilson, Jr. and James L. Taylor by consent of Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.

The following amendment to the constitution of this Grand Chapter, which was proposed at the last Annual Grand Convocation, was further considered, a vote was taken thereon and two thirds of the Royal Arch Masons, members of the Grand Chapter present, concurred in said amendment. The said amendment was therefore adopted, and so declared as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That Section 3, Article 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, be amended as follows: In third line insert after the words "3 o'clock, p. m.," the following, "or at such time and place as the Grand Chapter may from time to time direct."

On motion, Companions William Morrill, T. Preston Tatum and M. Bowes were appointed a committee to report to this Grand Chapter a suitable time and place for the next Annual Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until tomorrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 12th, 1871.

10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest.
 E. James Ellenwood, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " William Morrill, Grand King.
 " Theodore Ball, Grand Scribe.
 " T. Preston Tatum, Grand Treasurer.
 " W. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary.
 Comp. M. Bowes, G. C. H.
 " Samuel W. Fox, G. P. S.

And a due representation of Chapters.

The special committee on Grand High Priest's address presented the following report:

To the Grand Chapter of Florida:

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, report that we have examined the same with much interest and commend the valuable thoughts therein suggested to the consideration of our Companions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to our lamented and beloved Companions Bradford and Bowen be referred to a Committee on Obituary.

That so much as relates to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

That so much as refers to communication from the Secretary of Mt. Horeb Chapter be referred to the Grand High Priest for his action; and that so much as refers to jurisprudence be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,
M. BOWES,
SAM'L W. FOX, } Committee.

The above report was received and adopted, and the Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee on Obituaries: Companions D. S. Walker, C. E. Dyke and E. L. T. Blake.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws recommended that a Charter be granted to Thomas Brown Chapter, No. — at Bartow, and that the dispensation granted to Live Oak Chapter be continued;

Which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit: "*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction are hereby authorized to suspend all members who are two years or more in arrears for dues, after three months notice and due trial," beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass, for the reason that particular Chapters already have the right to make such By-Laws touching that point as they may think that the exigencies of the case demand. The resolution is not imperative in its nature, and therefore confers no additional power—and even if obligatory your committee would be opposed to it, as in their opinion the whole matter should be left where it now is, to the discretion of the particular Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,
T. P. TATUM,
JAS. ELLENWOOD,
WM. MORRILL, } Committee.

Account of George Damon for \$25 was ordered paid.
The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report that we have carefully examined the questions and answers referred to us in the address of the G. H. P., and upon the subjects thus referred, we fully concur in the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and recommend that his decisions be confirmed.

T. P. TATUM,
JAS. ELLENWOOD, } Committee.
WM. MORRILL,

Special Committee made the following report which was adopted:

Your special committee appointed to suggest the place and time of holding the next Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter, respectfully recommend that the next Convocation of this G. C. be held in the city of Tallahassee at 3 o'clock, p. m., on the last Tuesday preceding the 24th day of June, 1872.

WM. MORRILL, } Committee.
T. P. TATUM,

The Committee on Accounts reported as follows, which was adopted:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 12, 1871.

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to submit the following report:

Balance in Secretary's hands at last report,	-	-	\$	
Amount received since,	-	-		309 50
Paid over to Grand Treasurer,	-	-		309 50

The Grand Treasurer's books exhibit as follows:

Balance on hand last report,	\$707 05
Received from Comp. E. Bradford, G. Sc'ry,	29 00
" " " W. M. McIntosh, "	309 50—\$1,045 55
Am't paid out as per vouchers, Nov. 1 to 10,	765 00
Cash on hand,	280 55

We would recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed the Grand Treasurer and eight dollars to the Grand Guard for services rendered the Grand Chapter; we would also recommend that the following Companions be paid the amounts set opposite their respective names:

		\$28 50
D. C. Dawkins,	- - - - -	12 00
Jas. Ellenwood,	- - - - -	50 00
Wm. Morrill,	- - - - -	28 50
Tho. Ball,	- - - - -	28 50
M. Bowes,	- - - - -	12 00
W. M. McIntosh,	- - - - -	28 50
Samuel W. Fox,	- - - - -	

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WM. MORRILL, } Committee.
M. BOWES, }

T. P. TATUM, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

1870.	DR.	\$707 05
Jan'y 11.—To cash on hand from last report,		29 00
“ 12.—To cash from E. Bradford, Jr., G. Sec'y,		
1871.		309 50
Jan'y 11.—To cash from Wm. M. McIntosh,		
		<u>\$1,045 55</u>

1870.	CR.	\$ 5 50
Jan'y 11.—By S. Pasco, Vo. No. 1,		18 00
By W. W. Wills, Vo. No. 2,		21 50
C. Slager, Vo. No. 3,		21 50
D. C. Dawkins, Vo. No. 4,		114 50
T. A. Carruth, Vo. No. 5,		9 50
E. Bradford, Vo. No. 6,		50 00
T. P. Tatum, G. Treas., Vo. No. 7,		10 00
E. M. West, Guard, Vo. No. 8,		150 00
E. Bradford, Jr., G. Sec'y, Vo. No. 9,		
Jan'y 26.—By Dyke & Son, for proceedings, 1869,		155 40
Vo. No. 10,		
Dyke & Son, for proceedings, 1870,		209 25
Vo. No 11,		280 55
Cash to balance,		
		<u>\$1,045 55</u>

W. M. McINTOSH, *Acting Grand Secretary,*
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

1871.	DR.	
Jan. 10.—To dues rec'd from Concord Chapter, No. 18, 1870,		\$37 00
“ “ “ Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11, 1870,		64 00
“ “ “ Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, 1870,		67 00
“ “ “ Island Chapter, No. 21, 1870,		58 00
“ “ “ Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, 1870,		30 00
“ “ “ Florida Chapter, No. 1, 1870,		36 00
“ “ “ Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, 1870,		17 50
		<u>\$309 50</u>

1871.	CR.	\$309 50
Jan. 11.—By cash paid T. P. Tatum, Grand Treasurer,		

On motion, the Grand Secretary was ordered to furnish certificates to the Grand Officers.
The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM.
W. M. McINTOSH,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.—*Tallahassee.*

OFFICERS :

T P Tatum, H P,
Robert Heir, King,
Charles Mundee, Scribe,
C H Hopkins, Treas,
W M McIntosh, Sec'y,
John L Taylor, C H,

Isaac W Bowen,* P S,
W P Slusser, R A C,
George Damon, G M 3d Vail,
John Pratorious, G M 2d Vail,
W H Worrell, G M 1st Vail,
E M West, Guard.

MEMBERS :

C E Dyke,
D W Gwynn,
M A Dzialynski,
Theodore Ball,
Wm F Shine,
C K Sparhawk,*
Leonidas Byrd,
John S Bond,
David C Wilson,
Lucien S DuVal,
W W Carr,
Richard VanBrunt,
F M Bunker,
E L T Blake,
Jos A Edmondson,

H A Corley,
P B Brokaw,
John S Parker,
John N Maige,
Edward Bradford, jr,*
B Williams,
Thomas J Roberts,
W K Beard,
David S Walker,
J P Crichlow,
Wm E Boswell,*
N W Eppes,
George Nugent,
George Green,
James E Purdy.

R. A. Masons, 42. Ministers, 2. Dues, \$36. Reinstated, 1.
*Died, 4. Present number of members, 38.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

T P Tatum, H P,	Jas L Taylor, Scribe,
Jos A Edmondson, King.	Geo Damon, Treasurer,
	W M McIntosh, Secretary.

Regular meetings 2d and 4th Mondays in each month.

JEFFERSON R A CHAPTER, No. 5.—*Monticello*.

OFFICERS:

Samuel Pasco, H P,	Jas Ellenwood, P S,
D L Oakley, King,	H L Philips,* R A C,
Junius Turnbull, Scribe,	J B Collins, G M 3d Vail,
J D Turner, † Treasurer,	W H Arendell, G M 2d Vail,
H H Berry, Secretary,	T J Chase, jr., G M 1st Vail,
E J Simkins, C H,	J F Carter, Guard.

MEMBERS:

Jesse R Atkinson,	G W Beal,
D H Bryan,	I J Collins,
A V Daniel,	D C Clark,
R J Denmark,	W W Davis,
R M Gilbert,	C B DeCaussey,
W E Hamilton,	J W DeWitt,
J M Johns,	J W Eppes,
T F Johnson,	Israel Folsom,
W L Kennedy,	G W Herring,
F A Monroe,	W H Horton,
Jabez Martin,	S Katzenberg,
G F McMullen,	A J Lea,
A Peeler,	A J Miller,
J T Porter, †	Joel M Morris,
C H Stebbins,	F N B Oliver,
Joshua Taylor,	J B Ponder,
G W Turner,	W K Partridge,
S J Turnbull,	Robert Scott,
A Wethington,	Calvin Surles,
R T Withers,	J A Townsend,
W J Woods,	W W Tucker, †
B S Fuller,*	W L Vinson,
C W Smith,	J J Walker,
Calvin Davis,	J G M Warnock,
W W Abbott,	Harman Morris,
J L Brooks,	T J Chase.

R A Masons, 63. Ministers, 4. Dues, \$59. *Died, 1. †Withdrawn, 3. Present number of members, 59.
No election.

SANTA ROSA R A CHAPTER, No. 6.—*Milton*.

OFFICERS:

John Chain, H P,	J Gundersheimer, † P S,
H W Sindorf, King,	Enoch Chadwick, R A C,
W W Harrison, Scribe,	W A C Benbow, G M 3d Vail,
Jas A Chaffin, Treasurer,	A Goldstucker, G M 2d Vail,
John Carlovitz, Secretary,	L G Mayo, G M 1st Vail,
S L Hemphill, C H,	M G Gainer, Guard.

MEMBERS:

E S Amos,	James E Simpson,
Wm Ollinger, †	Wm M Shockley,
E Whitmire,	E B Riley,
C H Dixon, †	L N Amos,
Benj Overman,	Henry Slaback,
Jas A Parker,	J R Minis,
R R Sheppard,	B W Thompson,
John Walston,	J W Ethridge,
Samuel W Landrum,	A N Caulkins,
Geo Newman,	Charles Peterson,
Allen Jones,	Frederick Fisher,
George W Kearsse,	C W Miller,
D H Golson,	Henry W Allen.
C W Jones,	

R A Masons, 39. Ministers, 4. Dues, \$30. †Withdrawn, 4.
Present number of members, 35.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

John Chain, H P,	W W Harrison, Scribe,
H W Sindorf, King,	James A Chaffin, Treasurer,
	John Carlovitz, Secretary.

Regular meetings 2d Wednesday in each month.

MT. HOREB R A CHAPTER, No. 11.—*Warrington.*

OFFICERS :

James A McCoy, H P,	C McK Oerting, P S,
George S Hallmark, King,	C Allendorf, R A C,
John L Porter, Scribe,	Paul Boyden, G M 3d Vail,
B A Philabert, Treasurer,	C Higgins, G M 2d Vail,
Alfred L Williams, Secretary,	James Massey, G M 1st Vail,
Pat J Gibney, C H,	Hugh Simmons, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Wm Morrill,	W A Mintzer,
Austin F Clapp,	Charles Murray,
E E Brown,	Eugene McConnin,
H C Cushman,	James W Miller,
Wm H Diffin,	Wm McK Oerting,
Thomas Devery,	Geo H O'Neal,
B F Elliott, †	E G Parke,
G Forcheimer,	A J Pickard,
J McQ Forsythe,	Isaac D Peregrine,
Robert Garrett,	Thos C Quayle,
John Hoodless,	Stephen Rand,
N H Homes,	James B Roberts,
Geo L Harris,	Amos Ross,
John K Harris,	E A Robinson,
Wm H Judah,	Melancthon Ruth,
George Jenny,	Thomas Stearns,
E E Kelly,	E E Stover,
W W J Kelly,	J H Simonds,
John W Kohler,	Robert Smith,
Bernhard Loeb,	Richard Thackery,
Walter D Maddocks,*	John A Walker,
A F Metcalf,	F W Wunderlick,
Wm A Mills,	James Welsh,
James McDonald,	Geo E Wentworth,
Thos McMahan,	John Purdy, jr.,
Chas H Thompson,	Albion S Trout.
Neil Matheson,	

R A Masons, 60. Dues, 64. †Suspended, 1. *Died, 1. Present number of members, 64.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Geo S Hallmark, H P,	Thos Stearns, Scribe,
Thos Devery, King,	Neil Matheson, Treasurer.
Alfred L Williams, Secretary.	

Regular meetings 3d Monday in each month.

JACKSONVILLE R A CHAPTER, No. 12.—*Jacksonville.*

OFFICERS :

Charles Slager, H P,	John Campbell, P S,
A J Russell, King,	W A Young, R A C,
Wm Grothe, Scribe,	Frank R Pond, G M 3d Vail,
Frank E Little, Treasurer,	J N. Divine, G M 2d Vail,
Samuel W Fox, Secretary,	H Koopman, G M 1st Vail,
M Bowes, C H,	D Jones, Guard.

MEMBERS :

John P Sanderson,	T E Buckman, †
John S Sammis,	Paul B Canova,
Wm Lamee,	U Bowden,
James Livingston,	J C Greeley,
C S Emory,	Wm A McLean,
Chas Brown,	Jas M DeWaall,
Chas H Barnes, †	Jas Fitzgerald,
Calvin Gillis,	Jno L Fearrand,
Geo A Peck,	R T Masters,
John D McKinley,	Joseph Edrehi,
Geo R Jones,	P Bettelini,
Wm H Henderson,	T S Wilmarth,
Chas D Taylor,	Jos N Haddock,
Chas L Mather,	Jas Quinlivan,
George W Gile,	M N Parcels,
Eli Haworth,	T R Welb,
John S Driggs, †	J L Burch,
Howard Henning,	Milton H Daniels,
Edward H Reed,	Theodore Ball,
John A Carpenter,	James M Baker, †
Dan'l R Howell,	J W Campbell,
F Lueders,	M A Dzialinski,
Wm C Cooper,	O L Keene,
Geo C Gibbs, †	Thos Hartridge,
J D Mitchell,	F A Branch, †
M Hearn,	T J McCarty,*

R A Masons, 63. Ministers, 1. Dues, \$73. †Suspended, 4. *Died, 1. †Withdrawn, 2. Admitted, 2. Present number of members, 56.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Michael Bowes, H P, Theodore Ball, Scribe,
John Campbell, King, Henry Koopman, Treasurer,
Samuel W Fox, Secretary.

Regular meetings last Friday in each month.

CONCORD R A CHAPTER, No. 18.—*Concord.*

OFFICERS:

H S Reeves, H P,	B H Joyner, P S,
W J Bell, King,	J A Hall, R A C,
D W Scott, Scribe,	J W Reeves, G M 3d Vail,
J Q Cromartie, Treasurer,	T N Henley, G M 2d Vail,
W B Kemp, Secretary,	Wm Dalton, G M 1st Vail,
L F Foster, C H,	A Chester, Guard.

MEMBERS:

John Anders,	S W Chester,
A Cromartie,*	M B Courtney,
S H Harrison,	W Ganey,
D R Ingram,‡	W F Hargrove,
W King,	M Harrison,†
J B Nelson,	A A Flake,†
W C Sweet,	CD Hand,
N T Scott,	W C Rawls,
J C Rawls,	O E Anders,†
A Bowen,	Wm Powell,
J J Higdon,	A F Hand,
L R Joyner,	E Vallandingham,
D Patterson,	Wm C Henry.
W H Anders,	

R. A Masons, 39. †Withdrawn, 3. Dues, \$37. *Died, 1.
Present number of members, 35.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

W C Hendry, H P, A Bowen, Scribe,
J A Hall, King, N T Scott, Treasurer,
W B Kemp, Secretary.

Regular meetings first Wednesday in each month.

PROVIDENCE R A CHAPTER, No. 20.—*Providence.*

OFFICERS:

W T Weeks, H P,	W F Williams, P S,
J M Tolbert, King,	J J Lamb, R A C,
W O Tison, Scribe,	F M Weeks, G M 3d Vail,
S J Hodges, Treasurer,	J W Beiling, G M 2d Vail,
J F Niblack, Secretary,	J D Pearce, G M 1st Vail,
Thos J Rowe, C H,	H R Milton, Guard.

MEMBERS:

W W Mantheus,	E Stringfellow,
J H Mantheus,	F M Douglass,
C E W Collins,	R H Stringfellow,
W W Wills,	W B VanZant,
James Parish,	James Leffers,
A A Weeks,	Joseph Bryant,
James English,	P C Osteen,
P H Lindsay,	J J Bunch,
W F Hunt,	J P Depass,
M I Coxe,	J R Anders,
H R Milton,	John Harris,†
W B Conerly,	A J Marcum,
W F Williams,	James B Horn,
Jesse Carter,	J M Tolbert,
W S Bush,	J F Niblack,
W H Young,	J H Weeks,
W H L Townsend,	J D Pearce.
Thos J Rowe,	

R. A Masons, 47. Ministers, 2. †Withdrawn, 1. Dues, \$45.
Present number of members, 46.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

W T Weeks, H P, W O Tison, Scribe,
J M Tolbert, King, S J Hodges, Treasurer,
J F Niblack, Secretary.

Regular meetings second Thursday in each month.

ISLAND R A CHAPTER, No. 21.—*Key West.*

OFFICERS :

Geo L Mead, H P,
Frederick Filer, King,
Wm R Albury, Scribe,
Charles S Baron, Treasurer,
Joseph Otto, Secretary,
E B Rawson, C H,

Peter A Williams, P S,
Charles St. John, R A C,
John J DeLaney, G M 3d Vail,
Wm D Cash, G M 2d Vail,
Geo B Philips, G M 1st Vail,
Jeremiah Fogerty, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Charles Howe,
Samuel Filer,
John Jay Philbrick,
George H Bocker,
Wm D Archer,
L E Pierce,
John S Madagan,
Thos A Pyfrom,
Samuel Lowe,
Wm C Tinker,
John Coleman,
Joseph Albury,

John Williams,
R J Perry,
George W Maslin,
Jacob Rain,
S Gardner,
John H Adams,
J M Maltley,
Wm H Edgar,
George D Warren,
Claude Babcock,
Wm B Randolph,
Alexander Patterson.*

R A Masons, 36. Ministers, 1. *Died, 1. Dues, \$61. Pres-
ent number of members, 35.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR :

Wm H Edgar, H P,
Geo D Warren, King,

Peter A Williams, Scribe,
Charles S Baron, Treasurer,
Joseph Otto, Secretary.

Regular meetings second and fourth Wednesdays in each
month.

LIST OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, from its organization, Jan. 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2397.

Year.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.
1847	Thomas Douglass,*	John P. Duval.*	Harry R. Taylor,*	George W. Macrae,*
1848	John P. Duval.*	Isaac H. Bronson,*	George W. Macrae,*	D. S. Graham,*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson,*	Harry R. Taylor,*	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*
1850	Harry R. Taylor,*	D. S. Graham,*	R. A. Shine,*	Gad Humphreys,*
1851	Thomas Brown,*	Gad Humphreys,*	Alfred A. Fisher,	Benjamin Sawyer,
1852	R. A. Shine,*	Sam. B. Stephens,	Samuel Boardman,*	Daniel G. McLean,
1853	Samuel Boardman,	J. M. W. Davidson,	C. A. M. Mitchell,*	James S. Rust,*
1854	J. Wayles Baker,*	Thomas Y. Henry,*	James Ellenwood,	John L. McKinnon,
1855	J. Wayles Baker,*	Edward R. Ives,	Joseph S. May,	James M. Baker,
1856	Thomas Hayward,*	Edward R. Ives,	John L. McKinnon,	James Ellenwood,
1857	Gad Humphreys,*	Edward R. Ives,	John L. McKinnon,	David S. Walker,
1858	Thomas Hayward,*	James Ellenwood,	D. P. Holland,	Charles E. Dyke,
1859	D. P. Holland,	James Ellenwood,	George F. Baltzell,	Calvin Paine,
1860	Thomas Y. Henry,*	James M. Baker,	George D. Fisher,*	Charles Slager,
1861	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Franklin Branch,	D. C. Dawkins,
1862	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Chas. Slager,	William H. Arendell,
1863	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Green H. Hunter,	William H. Arendell,
1864	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Thos. K. Leonard,	Elias Earle.
1865	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	B. S. Fuller.	A. J. Lee.
1866	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	Elias Earle.	Charles K. Sparhawk.
1867	David Jones.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	M. M. T. Huchingson.
1868	James Ellenwood.	M. M. T. Huchingson.	Charles Slager.	Michael Bowes.
1869	D. C. Dawkins.	Charles Slager.	H. H. Berry.	Samuel Pasco.
1870	D. C. Dawkins.	James Ellenwood.	Charles Mundeec.	Theodore Ball.
1871	D. C. Dawkins.	James Ellenwood.	William Morrill.	

*Deceased.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Name of Chapter.	Number.	Membership last year.	Exaltations.	Admissions.	Reinstatements	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Present Membership.	Amount of Dues.	Remarks.
Florida,.....	1	41	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	38	\$ 36	
Jefferson,.....	5	63	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	59	59	No Returns.
Santa Rosa,.....	6	39	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	35	30	
Quincy,.....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madison,.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mount Horeb,....	11	65	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	64	64	No Returns.
Jacksonville,....	12	51	10	2	..	2	1	4	..	56	67	
Greenwood,.....	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tampa,.....	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Concord,.....	18	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	37	No Returns.
Lake Butler,....	19	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Providence,.....	20	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	45	
Island,.....	21	29	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	35	58	
Total,....	..	374	17	2	2	11	9	5	..	368	\$396	

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Chapter

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA.

26TH AND 27TH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATIONS,

1872 and 1873.

PORTLAND:
STEPHEN BERRY, PRINTER.
1873.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual
Grand Convocation, in the Masonic Hall, in the City
of Tallahassee, at 3 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the 18th
day of June, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402.

Present—M. E. WILLIAM MORRILL,	as Grand High Priest;
R. E. D. L. OAKLEY,	“ Grand King;
“ HUGH A. CORLEY,	“ Grand Scribe;
“ T. PRESTON TATUM,	“ Grand Treasurer;
“ WM. M. MCINTOSH,	Grand Secretary;
E. M. H. DANIEL,	as G. Captain of Host;
“ JOHN C. LEY,	“ G. P. Sojourner;
“ E. P. JORDAN,	“ G. R. A. Captain;
“ JAMES L. TAYLOR,	“ G. M. of 3d Vail;
“ WILLIAM B. KEMP,	“ G. M. of 2d Vail;
“ J. E. PURDY,	“ G. M. of 1st Vail;
“ PETER QUINN,	“ Grand Guard.

The Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand
Chapter of Louisiana, and a due representation of
Chapters.

OPENING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

MINUTES.

On motion adopted, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Grand Convocation was dispensed with, and the printed proceedings confirmed.

VISITORS.

On motion of Companion Tatum, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, are invited to attend this Grand Convocation.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

On motion adopted, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Hugh A. Corley and M. H. Daniel, a Committee on Returns and Credentials.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 11 A. M., June 19, 1872.

PRESENT.

M. E. William Morrill, as Grand High Priest, and other Grand Officers as on yesterday, and a due representation of Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

MINUTES.

The record of yesterday's proceedings was read and confirmed.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials have examined the returns of the following Royal Arch Chapters, and ask leave to report:

- FLORIDA Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1. Returns correct; dues \$41; paid. Hugh A. Corley, HP; David S. Walker, K; James L. Taylor, S.
- JEFFERSON R. A. Chapter, No. 5. Returns correct; dues \$55; not paid. H. H. Berry, HP; J. Turnbull, K; D. L. Oakley, S, and proxy for HP.
- SANTA ROSA R. A. Chapter, No. 6. Returns correct; dues \$37; paid. John Chain, HP; H. W. Snidorf, K; E. Chadwick, S; D. S. Walker, proxy for Officers.
- MOUNT HOREB R. A. Chapter, No. 11. Returns correct; dues \$64; paid. James A. McCoy, HP; Patrick Gibney, K; Charles McK. Oerting, S; Wm. Morrill, proxy for HP.
- JACKSONVILLE R. A. Chapter, No. 12. Dues \$72; paid. M. Bowes, HP; A. J. Russell, K; W. A. McLean, S; M. H. Daniel, proxy for HP.
- ALACHUA R. A. Chapter, No. 13. No seal; returns otherwise correct; dues \$14; paid. A. Hague, HP; W. L. Whetstone, K; S. D. Smoke, S.
- GREENWOOD R. A. Chapter, No. 15. Returns for 1870, correct; dues \$29; paid; returns for 1871, correct; dues \$24; paid. Samuel J. Erwin, HP; Allen H. Bush, K; B. G. Alderman, S; T. P. Tatum, proxy for officers.
- MICANOPY Chapter, No. 16. No seal; returns otherwise correct; dues \$16; paid. John C. Ley, HP; C. W. Merry, K; J. Gamage, S.
- TAMPA R. A. Chapter, No. 17. Returns for 1870, informal; dues \$20; paid. Returns for 1871, correct; dues \$22; paid. John Darling, HP; E. A. Clark, K; J. T. Givens, S.
- CONCORD R. A. Chapter, No. 18. Returns correct; dues \$36; not paid. Norman T. Scott, HP; J. A. Hall, K; B. H. Joyner, S; W. B. Kemp, proxy for officers.
- LAKE BUTLER R. A. Chapter, No. 19. Returns for 1870 informal; dues \$59; paid \$25, unpaid \$34.
- ISLAND R. A. Chapter, No. 21. Returns correct; dues \$33; paid. Peter A. Williams, HP; Fred. Filer, K; E. B. Rawson, S.
- THOMAS BROWN R. A. Chapter, No. 22. Returns u. d. for 1870; dues reported and paid, \$10. Returns for 1871 not attested with seal; otherwise

correct; dues \$20; paid. Daniel Stanford, HP; James T. Wilson, K; David S. Hughes, S.

Your committee regret that so many Chapters have neglected to procure seals, and are thereby unable properly to verify their official papers, and if not done voluntarily, the Grand Chapter should take action in the matter.

HUGH A. CORLEY, } Committee.
M. H. DANIELS, }

JEFFERSON AND CONCORD CHAPTERS.

Companion Hugh A. Corley offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, and Concord R. A. Chapter, No. 18, be allowed further time to pay their dues, and that their representatives be allowed to represent said Chapters in this Grand Chapter.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

On Dispensations and By-Laws.

Comps. D. L. OAKLEY, W. B. KEMP, and T. P. TATUM.

On Accounts.

Comps. HUGH A. CORLEY, M. H. DANIELS and JAMES L. TAYLOR.

On Propositions and Grievances.

Comps. M. H. DANIELS, JAMES L. TAYLOR and THOMAS A. CARRUTH.

On Constitutions.

Comps. T. P. TATUM, E. P. JORDAN and D. L. OAKLEY.

On Unfinished Business.

Comps. JAMES L. TAYLOR, JOHN C. LEY and PETER QUINN.

On Jurisprudence.

Comps. T. P. TATUM, H. A. CORLEY and JOHN C. LEY.

On Foreign Correspondence.

Comps. T. A. CARRUTH, JAMES L. TAYLOR and D. L. OAKLEY.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 8½ o'clock this P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ P. M., June 19, 2402.

PRESENT.

M. E. William Morrill, as Grand High Priest, other Grand Officers as before, and a due representation of Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

M. E. Grand High Priest, and Members of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, report that we have examined the by-laws and papers of Nassau Chapter, U. D., and recommend that a charter be granted to said Chapter, with the following Companions as officers thereof, to wit: William Lawtey, as HP; Peter Quinn, K; and James S. Parker, S; that said Chapter be designated as Nassau Royal Arch Chapter, No. 23, and that the proposed by-laws of said Chapter be approved.

We have also examined the papers of Suwannee Chapter, U. D., and recommend that a charter be granted; that said Chapter be designated as Suwannee Royal Arch Chapter, No. 24, and that the following Companions be the officers thereof, to wit: William B. Taylor, HP; Thomas A. Carruth, K; and John S. Purviance, S.

On motion of Companion Oakley, the officers of the above stated new Chapters were, after being duly installed, permitted to represent their respective Chapters in this Grand Convocation.

G. M. COHEN.

On motion of Companion Oakley, the Grand Secretary is instructed to issue a Grand Chapter certificate to Companion Gustave N. Cohen, as a member of the late Magnolia Chapter, No. 3, which is now defunct.

1872.] *Grand Chapter of Florida.*

		Cr.	
1871.			
Jan. 14.	By Cash paid T. P. Tatum, Gr. Tr., Voucher No. 1,		23.75
" 26.	" " " " " " 2,		82.00
June 27.	" " " " " " 3,		20.00
July 7.	" " " " " " 4,		41.50
1872.			
Jan. 9.	" " " " " " 5,		89.00
" 10.	" " " " " " 6,		73.00
" 26.	" " " " " " 7,		37.00
Feb. 8.	" " " " " " 8,		22.00
March 11.	" " " " " " 9,		89.00
May 3.	" " " " " " 10,		44.00
June 13.	" " " " " " 11,		14.00
" 18.	" " " " " " 12,		86.00
" 19.	" " " " " " 13,		54.00
			<u>\$625.25</u>

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.
The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

		Dr.	
T. P. TATUM, Grand Treasurer.			
<i>In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida,</i>			
1871.			
Jan. 11.	To cash on hand at last report.....		\$280.55
" 14.	" " from W. M. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary, ..		28.75
June 26.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		82.00
July 29.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		20.00
1872.			
Jan. 7.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		41.50
" 9.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		89.00
" 10.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		73.00
Feb. 26.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		37.00
March 8.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		22.00
March 11.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		89.00
" 13.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		44.00
" 18.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		14.00
" 19.	" " " " " " " " " " " "		86.00
			<u>\$905.80</u>

Proceedings of the

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.
The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

		Dr.	
W. M. McINTOSH, Grand Secretary,			
<i>In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida,</i>			
1871.			
Jan. 14.	To cash received from Providence Chapter, No. 20, 1870, .. \$	23.75	
" 26.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	50.00	
" 27.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	10.00	
July 6.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	22.00	
1872.			
Jan. 8.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	20.00	
" 10.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	41.50	
" 11.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	64.00	
" 19.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	25.00	
" 25.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	29.00	
Feb. 6.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	24.00	
March 6.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	20.00	
April 27.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	37.00	
May 3.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	22.00	
June 11.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	89.00	
" 18.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	30.00	
" 19.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	14.00	
" 23.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	72.00	
			<u>\$625.25</u>

1871.		Cr.		
Jan.	11.	By paid A. J. Russell,	Voucher No. 1,.....	\$ 24.00
"	"	" " Theodore Ball,	" " 2,.....	28.50
"	"	" " Samuel W. Fox,	" " 3,.....	28.50
"	12.	" " M. Bowes,	" " 4,.....	28.50
"	"	" " D. C. Dawkins,	" " 5,.....	50.00
"	"	" " T. P. Tatum,	" " 6,.....	25.00
"	"	" " George Damon,	" " 7,.....	12.00
"	"	" " James Ellenwood,	" " 8,.....	50.00
"	"	" " Wm. Morrill,	" " 9,.....	100.00
"	28.	" " Thomas A. Carruth,	" " 10,.....	
1872.				
Jan.	25.	" " Dyke & Son,	" " 11,.....	50.00
Feb.	6.	" " Wm. M. McIntosh,	" " 12,.....	44.00
May	3.	" " Wm. M. McIntosh,	" " 13,.....	386.80
June	19.	" cash on hand to balance,.....		\$905.80

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Thomas A. Carruth presented the following report on Foreign Correspondence, which on motion of Companion Tatum, was received.

(The above stated report is omitted, by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, for want of funds to print it.)

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment, until 10½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 10½ A. M., June 20, 2402.

PRESENT.

M. E. William Morrill, as Grand High Priest. Other Grand Officers as before, and a due representation of Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest, entered, was received with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch masonry, and took his seat in the Grand Council.

RECORDS.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were severally read and confirmed.

ADDRESS OF G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

COMPANIONS:

Circumstances beyond my control have necessarily prevented me, against my inclination, from being with you sooner, yet it is a glorious privilege to meet with and congratulate you, even at this late period of your deliberations, in the cause of Holy Royal Arch Masonry.

Before any man, however great or good, can advance from his stand point in the profane world to one single step in the mystic plan of Free Masonry, he declares that he is unbiassed by friends, and uninfluenced by any unworthy motive, to seek such entrance—that he has conceived a favorable opinion of the institution—that he believes in the one ever living and true God—and that he is sincerely desirous of being more serviceable to his fellow creatures. From this starting point, he seeks among his neighbors a new field and circle of friendly and brotherly relations. He is accepted, when found worthy, and becomes an Entered Apprentice. If the lodge has made no mistake in selecting material, we have here a vigorous, moral and intellectual mind, thoroughly and scrutinizingly examining the Chequered Pavement, and foundation of a secret society, which has withstood the formidable oppositions of ages, and risen in superb grandeur, superior to them all.

If the Apprentice be wanting or false in his expressed prerequisites mentioned, he either falters and falls by the wayside,

or else, urged on by the vanity of fictitious human ambition, he slothfully wends his way up through the higher mysteries, which he is totally incompetent to comprehend or appreciate. In such a case such efforts for improvement are usually spent in vain, not to say detriment. On the other hand, when the applicant for the ancient mysteries has been well selected, and entered, we behold an apprentice, who is not only satisfied, but elated and charmed with his survey. With patience, perseverance and fidelity, he serves the term of his apprenticeship, and then advances to a higher sphere among the worthy craftsmen, where, with profound interest, he beholds the more peculiar and interesting beauties of mystic science. Here the worthy craftsmen sojourns for a time in a vast field of study and usefulness, and then enters the Holy Sanctum Sanctorum, where in profound solemnity he more fully comprehends the glorious works of creation, and the more expanded laws of human fraternity, and of Divine Revelation. He is now termed a Master Mason; Master, not in the sense of a superior possessing an arbitrary power to command some inferior, which is so well calculated to educate poor and frail human nature in the baser elements of bigoted pomposity and vanity, but Master in a higher and nobler sense. Having been duly examined by competent authority, and found to be, first, a perfect apprentice, and afterwards a thorough and skillful workman in the quarries of mysterious moral science, in the capacity of a Fellow Craft, he is conducted by his brethren of higher mysteries, into the more sacred apartment of sublimity in the same mysterious science, where all the secrets and mysteries of the third and sublime degree of Ancient Freemasonry are unfolded to him, including a clear vision of the unmistakable pathway which leads the meek and dutiful children of God through the trials and meanderings of a sinful world, to that "Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

Here is somewhat depicted the character of a perfect gentleman, selected as such from the profane world, and improved by all the moral appliances appertaining to the first three degrees

in the plan of Freemasonry, which are under the supervision of Masonic Grand Lodges.

With the management of that branch of Freemasonry we have, in this department, nothing to do, but it constitutes the foundation upon which our Royal Arch Tabernacle is erected, soaring aloft, with superb grandeur into a more elevated atmosphere of superior wisdom. Its material is selected from the already true and tried—its architectural design and finish are in harmony with those of the Mystic Temple,—and in the Ark of its most sacred repository is found that most valuable discovery which has theretofore been sought for in vain, and which is bestowed upon the assiduous seeker of Divine Truth as a reward of great merit.

Here, within the sacred sanctuary of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, every thing that tends to vice or immorality is denounced, while universal approbation attends the cultivation and promotion of every commendable virtue. Here indolence and ignorance are alike discouraged, while zeal and fidelity in every good act and purpose are rewarded by the cheerful approbation of every true Companion. Here the bickerings, contentions, hypocrisies, deceits, envies, jealousies, abominations and mockeries of a wicked world are sought to be excluded, while the inmates, joined heart and hand, are bound to each other by multiplied cords of moral covenant, infinitely stronger than can be made of any material substance, for the promotion of each other's welfare, and for the moral, social, and intellectual advancement of their fellow beings. And it is here that the mind, trained and educated by most mysterious symbols, legends and allegories, can the better view man traveling through the rough and rugged paths of life to that exalted station, whence he can more clearly look beyond the verge of time and behold the most sacred Tabernacle, reared by Omniscient design, and Omnipotent power upon the Golden Hills of Eternity, and upon which time and seasons can produce no decay.

Companions, is this your texture? And do we not all fall far short of our professions? Are we prepared to pass the trying ordeal of the Great Overseer's Square, and stand within the

rectitudinal circle so vividly elucidated within our Holy Sanctuary?

Let us pause and reflect—look not back too long, however, upon the sorrows and afflictions of the past, but with becoming humility and reverence redouble our diligence and assiduity in the great work of virtue and usefulness which we have espoused, and upon which is so deeply impressed the great signet of truth.

Observing from the records and information received from Grand Officers present, there is but one official act necessary for me to report, in addition to what your attention has already been directed, claiming your consideration, to wit: In 1869 a dispensation was granted and issued to a number of Companions to form a new Chapter at Gainesville, called Gainesville Chapter, U. D. At the last Grand Convocation it failed to report, of which the officers thereof were notified, with instructions to forward to me their dispensation and records, and to say why they failed to report to the Grand Chapter, and whether they desired to continue the existence of said Chapter. They complied, stating that by inadvertence they overlooked the time of meeting of the Grand Chapter, and expressed an earnest desire to continue their work, and promised a better conformity to duty thereafter. Their records were examined and dispensation continued, by proper endorsement, until the present Grand Convocation. The Grand Secretary reports no tidings from said Chapter, and thus the case is before you.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions have been made and are now submitted for your adjudication:

1. Installation of officers of a Chapter, U. D., is neither necessary nor proper.
2. Such officers work under the immediate supervision and control of the Grand High Priest, and such official honors as continuously appertain to duly elected and installed High Priests, do not accrue to them.
3. It is improper for Convocations of Chapters to be called to refreshment from time to time, with unlimited discretion, but should be regularly closed when the business of the meeting is

finished. If, from any unavoidable cause, it becomes necessary for the interest of the Chapter to postpone, for a few days only, the consideration of any specific subject, the Chapter may be called off to some prudently designated period, for the purpose; in which event, any omitted business of the Chapter may be transacted, after which the Chapter should invariably be closed.

Through the kindness and dutifulness of the Right Excellent Grand Secretary, the 'proceedings of our Sister Grand Chapters have from time to time been furnished me, from which, no doubt, rich stores of masonic tidings are gathered and presented to your consideration by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by which Royal Arch Masons in Florida may inform themselves that Capitular masonry lives and flourishes to an exemplary degree, far beyond our own limited confines, more attention to which cannot be too strongly recommended.

It was my great pleasure to attend, and represent you as best I could, the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, at Baltimore, in September last. It was a happy and harmonious national gathering of the Royal Craft, or its representative heads, and no doubt its deliberations will prove as useful as pleasant. The published Proceedings thereof were in due time placed in the hands of your committee, above named, whose province must not be invaded; but the General Grand Chapter took action and made some important ritualistic decisions, embracing one concerning the principal secret of the Royal Art, which in due time will be communicated to you in a proper manner, and your attention is specially directed to its financial system requiring your action.

Companions, the time has come, after three years continuous occupancy of the highest post of honor within your gift, to call upon you to elect my successor, to whom the sceptre and these robes of honor will be assigned. And on retiring from this position, the deep seated impression of carrying with me, hence, the unqualified approbation, and the virtuous love and respect of all my Companions, engenders within me a feeling of comfort and reward, not easily described. And on descending to the floor, I have no recommendations to make, which are new, but

can only reiterate substantially the exhortations of my predecessors. Admit no unworthy seeker into your social circle; permit no vicious character to remain there; preserve the honor and standing of your Chapters with the same tenacity that you would guard your own individual character; leave not the principles and teachings of masonry within your halls, but carry them with you in all the vicissitudes, transactions and meanderings of life, so that, after passing through all the Vails of the earthly Tabernacle, you, with all the Companions of earth, may have the regular pass and great signet, and thereby enter safely the Most Holy Sactuary of eternal duration, where vice can never go. Then, indeed, the proclamation may be sounded throughout the limitless space of creation, The Temple's Completed! 'Tis Finished!

Companion Thomas A. Carruth, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the very interesting and instructive address of the M. E. Grand High Priest be received and spread upon the minutes.

2. *Resolved*, That the decisions of masonic jurisprudence therein reported, be confirmed.

3. *Resolved*, That the case of Gainesville Chapter, U. D., be left in the hands of the Grand High Priest, to be determined by his judgment in the premises.

4. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter will comply with the request of the General Grand Chapter to pay one cent annually, for each member on our rolls, as shown by the returns, and that the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the same annually to the General Grand Secretary of that body.

RITUAL.

The M. E. Grand High Priest communicated to the Grand Chapter ritualistic instructions from the General Grand Chapter.

CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials, reported that Comp. E. P. Jordan was duly appointed proxy for the officers of Nassau R. A. Chapter, No. 23, and recommended that he be allowed to represent said Chapter, which report was received and adopted.

ELECTION.

The Grand Chapter, on motion of Companion Oakley, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, which resulted as follows, to wit:

Comp. WILLIAM MORRILL,	Grand High Priest.
" HUGH A. CORLEY,	D. G. H. Priest.
" JOHN C. LEY,	Grand King.
" JAMES L. TAYLOR,	Grand Scribe.
" T. PRESTON TATUM,	Grand Treasurer.
" W. M. MCINTOSH,	Grand Secretary.
" REV. THOMAS A. CARRUTH,	Grand Chaplain.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M., June 20, 2402.

PRESENT,

M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest, other Grand Officers as before, and a due representation of Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

INSTALLATION.

The M. E. Grand High Priest duly installed the following Grand Officers elect, into their respective Offices, to wit:

M. E. WILLIAM MORRILL,	Grand High Priest.
R. E. HUGH A. CORLEY,	D. G. High Priest.
" JOHN C. LEY,	Grand King.
" JAMES L. TAYLOR,	Grand Scribe.
" REV. THOMAS S. CARRUTH,	Grand Chaplain.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Council made the following appointments, to wit:

E. ALBERT J. RUSSELL,	Grand Marshal.
" M. H. DANIELS,	Grand Capt. of the Host.
" D. L. OAKLEY,	Grand Prin. Sojourner.
" E. P. JORDAN,	Grand R. A. Captain.
" WM. B. KEMP,	G. M. 3d Vail.
" JOHN L. TAYLOR,	G. M. 2d Vail.
" J. A. EDMUNDSON,	G. M. 1st Vail.
" E. M. WEST,	Grand Guard.

And the M. E. Grand High Priest then proceeded to install the same.

NATIONAL LIBRARY.

Comp. Carruth offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accepts the invitation to forward its proceedings to be placed in the Congressional Library at Washington City, and our Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to forward to that Library as complete a set of our Proceedings as practicable.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Accounts report:
 Amount received by Grand Secretary.....\$625.25
 " paid to Grand Treasurer,..... 625.25

The Grand Treasurer's books exhibit as follows:
 Balance on hand at last report,.....\$905.80
 Paid out as per vouchers,..... 519.00
 Cash on hand,.....\$386.80

We have examined an account of W. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary, for postage and other expenses incurred during the year, amounting to \$53.75, which we find correct, and recommend that it be paid.

We recommend that the sum of \$50 be allowed to the Grand Treasurer, and \$50 to Companion T. A. Carruth, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We also recommend the payment of the following amounts to Companions attending the Grand Chapter: D. C. Dawkins, \$19.50; Wm. Morrill, \$75; D. L. Oakley, \$12; E. P. Jordan, \$27; M. H. Daniels, 25.50; Wm. B. Kemp, \$7.50; John C. Ley, \$22.50, and the Grand Secretary, \$100.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
 MILTON H. DANIELS, } Committee.
 JAMES L. TAYLOR, }

NEXT GRAND CONVOCATION.

Companion Dawkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday in February, 1873, opening at 2 o'clock P. M.

APPROPRIATION.

Companion Tatum offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of \$50 be appropriated to M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., to reimburse him, in part, for expenses incurred in attending the General Grand Chapter, at Baltimore, in September last.

RECORDS.

On motion adopted, the minutes were read and confirmed.

CLOSING.

There being no further business the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

W. M. McINTOSH,
Grand Secretary.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Number.	NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	Membership last year.	Exaltations.	Admissions.	Re-instatements.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Present Membership.	Amount of Dues.	REMARKS.
1	Florida,.....	38	2	0	1	3	4	.	.	34	\$41	
5	Jefferson,.....	59	.	.	.	5	1	7	.	46	55	
6	Santa Rosa,.....	35	3	.	.	.	2	.	.	35	37	
7	Quincy,.....	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	No returns.
8	Madison,.....	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	Surrendered charter January 24, 1872.
11	Mount Horeb,.....	64	.	.	.	5	.	.	1	58	64	
12	Jacksonville,.....	56	8	.	.	2	1	.	.	61	72	
13	Alachua,.....	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	14	Resumed work this year.
15	Greenwood,.....	29	1	.	.	1	2	.	.	27	24	Returns made for 1870 and 1871.
16	Micanopy,.....	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	16	Resumed work this year.
17	Tampa,.....	22	1	1	.	7	1	4	.	12	22	Returns for 1870 and 1871 made since last report.
18	Concord,.....	35	1	.	.	5	.	.	.	31	36	
19	Lake Butler,.....	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	No returns.
20	Providence,.....	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	No returns.
21	Island,.....	85	8	.	.	.	2	.	.	88	39	
22	Thomas Brown,.....	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	20	
		392	20	1	1	30	11	11	1	392	\$440	

(HISTORICAL TABLE BY COMP. W. B. LANGRIDGE, MUSCATINE, IOWA.)

OFFICERS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO SEPTEMBER, 1871.

Year.	WHERE HELD.	G. G. HIGH PRIESTS.	DEP. G. G. H. PRIESTS.	G. G. KINGS.	G. G. SCRIBES.	G. G. TREASURERS.	G. G. SECRETARIES.	G. G. CHAPLAINS.	G. G. MARSHALS.
1798	Hartford, Ct.	Ephraim Kirby.	.....	Benj. Hurd, Jr.	Thos. S. Webb.	S. T. Hosmer.	William Woart.	A. L. Clarke.	G. Lathrop.
1798	Middletown, Ct.	Ephraim Kirby.	.....	Benj. Hurd, Jr.	Thos. S. Webb.	S. T. Hosmer.	William Woart.	A. L. Clarke.	G. Lathrop.
1799	Providence, R. I.	Ephraim Kirby.*	.....	Benj. Hurd, Jr.	Thos. S. Webb.	J. Huntington.	William Woart.	A. L. Clarke.	J. C. Ten Broeck.
1806	Middletown, Ct.	Benj. Hurd, Jr.*	.....	Thomas S. Webb.	Ezra Ames.*	Jas. Harrison.	O. Ammidon.	Jonathan Nye.	J. Huntington.
1816	New York City.	DeWitt Clinton.	Thos. S. Webb.*	John H. Lynde.*	P. P. Eckel.*	Peter Grennell.	John Abbott.	Jonathan Nye.	Jno. Harris.
1819	New York City.	DeWitt Clinton.	Henry Fowle.*	John Snow.	P. P. Eckel.*	Peter Grennell.	John Abbott.	Jonathan Nye.	D. G. Cowans.
1826	New York City.	DeWitt Clinton.*	John Snow.*	John L. Wilson.*	Paul Dean.	Peter Grennell.	L. Chapman.	Jonathan Nye.	Wm. G. Hunt.
1829	New York City.	Ed. Livingston.	J. R. Poinsett.	Paul Dean.	J. K. Stapleton.	Peter Grennell.	L. Chapman.	Jonathan Nye.	A. Nourse.
1832	Baltimore, Md.	Ed. Livingston.*	J. R. Poinsett.*	Paul Dean.*	J. K. Stapleton.	Peter Grennell.	James Herring.	C. S. Williams.	M. Myers.
1835	Washington, D. C.	Ed. Livingston.*	J. R. Poinsett.*	Paul Dean.*	J. K. Stapleton.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	Fred'k Clark.	I. W. Crawford.
1838	Boston, Mass.	Paul Dean.	J. K. Stapleton.	T. B. Van Vetchen.*	I. W. Crawford.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	David Butler.	E. S. Barnum.
1841	New York City.	Paul Dean.	J. K. Stapleton.	I. W. Crawford.	E. S. Barnum.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	R. Punshon.	N. B. Haswell.
1844	New Haven, Ct.	Paul Dean.*	J. K. Stapleton.	I. W. Crawford.*	E. S. Barnum.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	R. Punshon.	N. B. Haswell.
1847	Columbus, O.	R. P. Dunlap.	J. K. Stapleton.	Willis Stewart.	E. S. Barnum.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	Anson Clarke.	N. B. Haswell.
1850	Boston, Mass.	R. P. Dunlap.	J. K. Stapleton.*	Willis Stewart.	T. H. Lewis.*	E. A. Raymond.	B. B. French.	Paul Dean.	N. B. Haswell.
1853	Lexington, Ky.	R. P. Dunlap.*	Willis Stewart.*	Charles Gilman.	A. V. Rowe.*	E. A. Raymond.	B. B. French.	N. B. Haswell.†	G. H. C. Melody.†
1856	Hartford, Ct.	Charles Gilman.*	P. C. Tucker.*	Amos Adams.	J. L. Lewis, Jr.	E. A. Raymond.	B. B. French.*	J. R. Hartsock.	D. Clark.
1859	Chicago, Ill.	Albert G. Mackey.	J. L. Lewis, Jr.	I. A. W. Buck.	G. M. Hillyer.*	James Penn.	Samuel G. Risk.	J. McClellan.	Wm. Hacker.
1865	Columbus, O.	John L. Lewis.	I. A. W. Buck.	A. T. C. Pierson.	J. Q. A. Fellows.	John McClellan.	J. D. Caldwell.	Wm. Hacker.	J. L. Gould.
1868	St. Louis, Mo.	James M. Austin.	Robt. S. Bruns.	William Hacker.	Martin Collins.	John McClellan.	J. D. Caldwell.	Isaac S. Titus.	O. H. Miner.
1871	Baltimore, Md.	J. H. Drummond.	E. H. English.	Charles H. Ohr.	Charles Marsh.	John McClellan.	C. G. Fox.	Joseph Yates.	D. C. Dawkins.

* Dead † Office changed to "Captain of the Host." ‡ Office changed to "Royal Arch Captain."

CHRONOLOGICAL MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

October 24, 1797—Preliminary meeting of three Chapters, at Boston, Mass.
 January 24, 1798—Organization of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."
 September, 1798—First meeting after organization for the choice of officers.
 January 9, 1799—Adjourned meeting; change of name to that of "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."
 January 9, 1806—Change of name to that of "The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America." September, 1812, was, by resolution, fixed as the time, and New York City as the place, for the next septennial session.
 June 6, 1816—Held in New York by reason of failure to meet in 1812. Constitution changed so as to have a Deputy General Grand High Priest.

September, 1810—Held agreeably to adjournment.
 February, 1823—Adjournment was to Washington, District of Columbia, at this time, but not held.
 September, 1826—Met according to previous notice. Meetings made triennial.
 November, 1832—Held in this month on account of cholera in Baltimore during September.
 September, 1862—Appointed to meet at Memphis, Tennessee, but not held on account of the war.
 September, 1871—Constitution amended, admitting Past Grand High Priests as Permanent members.

LIST OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, from its organization, Jan. 11, A. D. 1847, A. I. 2397.

Year.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEP. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.
1847	Thomas Douglass.*	John P. Duval.*	Harry R. Taylor.*	George W. Macrae.*
1848	John P. Duval.*	Isaac H. Bronson.*	George W. Macrae.*	D. S. Graham.*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson.*	Harry R. Taylor.*	D. S. Graham.*	R. A. Shine.*
1850	Harry R. Taylor.*	D. S. Graham.*	R. A. Shine.*	Gad Humphreys.*
1851	Thomas Brown.*	Gad Humphreys.*	Alfred A. Fisher.	Benjamin Sawyer.
1852	R. A. Shine.*	Sam. B. Stephens.*	Samuel Boardman.	Daniel G. McLean.
1853	Samuel Boardman.	J. M. W. Davidson.	C. A. M. Mitchel.*	James S. Rust.*
1854	J. Wayles Baker.*	Thomas Y. Henry.*	James Ellenwood.	John L. McKinnon.
1855	J. Wayles Baker.*	Edward R. Ives.*	Joseph S. May.	James M. Baker.
1856	Thomas Hayward.*	Edward R. Ives.*	John L. McKinnon.*	James Ellenwood.
1857	Gad Humphreys.*	James Ellenwood.	John L. McKinnon.*	David S. Walker.
1858	Thomas Hayward.*	James Ellenwood.	D. P. Holland.	Charles E. Dyke.
1859	D. P. Holland.	James M. Baker.	George F. Baltzell.	Calvin Davis.
1860	Thomas Y. Henry.*	George F. Baltzell.	George D. Fisher.*	Josiah Paine.
1861	George F. Baltzell.	James Ellenwood.	Franklin Branch.	Charles Slager.
1862	George F. Baltzell.	James Ellenwood.	Charles Slager.	D. C. Dawkins.
1863	George F. Baltzell.	James Ellenwood.	Green H. Hunter.	William H. Arendell.
1864	George F. Baltzell.	James Ellenwood.	Thos. K. Leonard.	William H. Arendell.
1865	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	B. S. Fuller.	Ellis Earle.
1866	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	Elias Earle.	A. J. Lea.
1867	David Jones.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	Charles K. Sparhawk.*
1868	James Ellenwood.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	M. M. T. Huchingson.
1869	D. C. Dawkins.	M. M. T. Huchingson.	H. H. Berry.	Michael Bowes.
1870	D. C. Dawkins.	Charles Slager.	Charles Munde.*	Samuel Pasco.
1871	D. C. Dawkins.	James Ellenwood.	William Morrill.	Theodore Ball.
1872	William Morrill.	Hugh A. Corley.	John C. Ley.	James L. Taylor.
1873	Michael Bowes.	Samuel Pasco.	John S. Driggs.	Benj. G. Alderman.

* Deceased.

1872.]

Grand Chapter of Florida.

RETURNS OF CHAPTERS.

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, Tallahassee. Hugh A. Corley, HP; David S. Walker, κ; James L. Taylor, s; John L. Taylor, τ; W. M. McIntosh, s; Wm. P. Slusser, CH; J. A. Edmondson, PS; D. C. Wilson, Jr., RAC; T. P. Tatum, GM 3 v; John Pratorious, GM 2 v; C. E. Dyke, Jr., GM 1 v; E. M. West, G.

Thomas J. Roberts, Burfoot Williams, Robert Gamble, Jr., George Damon, D. W. Gwynn, Wm. K. Beard, Samuel Spencer, F. M. Bunker, P. B. Brokaw, N. W. Eppes, Wm. F. Shine, Leonidas Byrd, W. W. Carr, John S. Bond, John N. Maige, Lucien S. Duval, James E. Purdy, George Nugent, W. H. Morrell, R. Van Brunt, M. A. Dzialyuski, E. L. T. Blake.

Members last year, 34; present members, 34; ministers, 2; dues, \$32; paid, \$34.

Officers for 1873: Hugh A. Corley, HP; D. C. Wilson, Jr., κ; James L. Taylor, s; John L. Taylor, τ; W. M. McIntosh, s.
Convocations, second and fourth Monday. Fees, \$10-5-5-10=\$30. No seal.

Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, Monticello. H. H. Berry, HP; J. Turnbull, κ; D. L. Oakley, s; S. Pasco, τ; T. J. Chase, s; W. H. Arendell, CH; J. B. Collins, PS; J. R. Atkinson, RAC; T. J. Chace, GM 3 v; R. M. Gilbert, GM 2 v; W. W. Abbott, GM 1 v; J. F. Carter, G.

G. W. Beal, J. W. DeWitt, R. J. Denmark, W. W. Davis, J. Ellenwood, J. W. Eppes, G. W. Herring, W. H. Horton, T. F. Johnson, J. M. Johns, S. Statzenberg, F. A. Monroe, A. J. Miller, J. M. Morris, H. Morris, G. F. Mullin, F. N. B. Oliver, R. Scott, C. H. Stebbins, C. Surlles, J. A. Townsend, Joshua Taylor, G. W. Turner, S. J. Turnbull, W. L. Vinson, A. Wethington, W. J. Woods, E. J. Simkins, C. W. Smith, W. K. Partridge, W. E. Hamilton, H. N. Phillips, D. C. Bryan.

Members last year, 45; died, 1; present members, 44; ministers, ex. 3; dues, \$41.

Convocations fourth Saturday, 2½ P. M. Fees, \$5-5-5-10=\$25.

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6, Milton. John Chain, HP; H. W. Sindorf, κ; E. Chadwick, s; J. A. Chaffin, τ; John Carlovitz, s; W. A. C. Benbow, CH; S. L. Hemphill, PS; R. R. Sheppard, RAC; Allen R. Jones, GM 3 v; C. A. Landrum, GM 2 v; Fred Fisher, GM 1 v; M. G. Gainer, G.

E. S. Amos, C. W. Jones, E. Whitmire, Wm. M. Shockley, E. R. Riley, L. M. Amos, B. Overman, W. W. Harrison, J. R. Mims, L. G. Mayo, B. H. Thompson, John Watson, J. W. Ethridge, S. W. Landrum, A. N. Caulkins, George W. Newman, Charles Peterson, George W. Kearse, Henry A. Bushnell, Theo. E. Swift, D. H. Golson, Geo. W. Miller, H. W. Allen.

Members last year, 35; present number 35; ministers, ex. 3; dues, \$32; paid, Officers for 1873: John Chain, HP; H. W. Sindorf, κ; S. L. Hemphill, s; James A. Chaffin, τ; John Carlovitz, s.
Convocations, second Wednesday; fees, \$27.

Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11, Warrington. James A. McCoy, HP; P. J. Gibney, κ; C. McK. Oerting, s; N. Mathison, τ; A. L. Williams, s; J. L. Porter, CH; C. Allendorf, PS; P. Boyden, RAC; C. Higgins, GM 3 v; R. A. Philibert, GM 2 v; J. Macdonald, GM 1 v; Hugh Simmons, G.

Wm. Morrill, P. H. P., A. F. Clapp, P. H. P., G. S. Hallmark, P. H. P., E. Brown, H. C. Cushman, W. W. Carr, J. C. Chaffee, W. H. Diffin, T. Devery, G. Forcheimer, R. Garrett, J. Hoodless, W. H. Judah, Geo. Jenny, E. E. Kelly, J. W. Kohler, Geo. W. Legallais, W. A. Mills, J. Massey, C. Murry, Geo. H. O. Neal, E. G. Parke, J. Purdy, Jr., F. C. Quayle, J. B. Roberts, M. S. Ruth, T. Sterns, A. S. Strout, R. Smith, R. Thackery, J. A. Walker, F. W. Wunderlick, J. Welsh, G. E. Wentworth.

Members last year, 58; exalted 3=61; dimitted, 2; suspended, 16; present number, 44; dues, \$44, paid.

Officers for 1873: J. A. McCoy, HP; P. J. Gibney, κ; C. McK. Oerting, s; N. Mathison, τ; Geo. W. Legallais, s.
Convocations, third Monday. Fees, \$5-5-5-20=\$35.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, Jacksonville. M. Boyes, HP; A. J. Russell, κ; W. A. McLean, s; H. Koopman, τ; M. H. Daniels, s; J. L. Burch, CH; G. R. Jones, PS; T. Ball, RAC; P. Black, GM 3 v; E. F. Gilbert, GM 2 v; T. A. Wilson, GM 1 v; D. Jones, G.

William Larnei, J. S. Samsius, William Grothe, J. D. Mitchell, M. Hearne, P. B. Canova, C. S. Emery, C. Brown, O. L. Keene, U. Bowden, C. Gillis, J. C. Greeley, G. A. Peck, J. D. McKinley, W. A. Young, J. M. DeWaal, I. N. Divine, J. W. Fitzgerald, J. L. Ferrand, F. R. Pond, R. T. Masters, S. W. Fox, J. W. Campbell, C. D. Taylor, P. Betelino, C. L. Mather, John Campbell, G. W. Gile, F. E. Little, E. Haworth, T. S. Wilmarth, H. Hemming.

E. H. Reed, J. A. Carpenter, D. R. Howell, F. Lenders, W. C. Cooper, J. Quinlivan, M. N. Parcells, T. B. Webb, D. P. Smith, T. O. Allen, J. J. Creighton, T. Purvis, W. A. McDonald, John S. Driggs, R. R. Whitaker, J. F. Clark, J. E. Wandell, J. H. Smith, E. Wasgate.

Members last year, 61; exalted, 6, admitted, 1=68, suspended 4,=present number, 64.

Officers for 1873: A. J. Russell, HP; J. S. Driggs, K; J. L. Burch, S; H. Koopman, T; M. Bowes, S.

Convocations, last Friday in each month. Fees, \$31.

Greenwood R. A. Chapter, No. 15, Marianna. Samuel J. Erwin, HP; Allen H. Bush, K; Benj. G. Alderman, S; George F. Baltzell, T; D. L. McKinnon, S; W. J. Armistead, CH; J. L. Robinson, PS; A. A. Calhoun, RAC; P. P. Lawrence, GM 3 V; A. B. Hamilton, GM 2 V; J. R. Elay, GM 1 V; W. L. Davis, G.

D. C. Dawkins, P. H. P., J. B. Anderson, A. C. Baker, J. W. Coppidge, J. M. F. Erwin, J. P. Lockey, A. McMillan, I. C. Robinson, B. F. Parker, A. Scott, C. C. Sullivan, W. B. Talley, J. B. Williams, A. R. Godwin, C. M. Graves.

Number of members last year, 27; present number, 27; ministers, ex. 5; dues \$22.

Convocations, fourth Tuesday. Fees, \$5-5-5-10=\$25.

No election of officers. Dispensation granted.

Micanopy R. A. Chapter, No. 16, Micanopy. John C. Ley, HP; C. W. Merry, K; J. G. Falkner, S; C. W. Merry, T; A. H. Mathers, S; J. T. Miller, CH; J. M. Croxton, PS; Geo. S. Riggs, RAC; S. Benjamin, GM 3 V; James Croxton, GM 2 V; W. H. Geiger, GM 1 V; A. P. Price, G.

J. M. Hunter, A. A. Timberlake, A. B. Row, J. L. Bincker, J. D. Colding, John Penny, J. Gamage, G. W. Means, B. W. Powell, R. H. Barnett, W. S. Perry.

Number of members last year, 18; exalted, 3; admitted, 1=present number, 22; dues \$22; paid.

Officers for 1873: John C. Ley, HP; C. W. Merry, K; J. G. Falkner, S; C. W. Merry, T; A. H. Mathers, S.

Convocations not given in returns. Fees, \$6.50-10-10-10=\$36.50. No seal.

Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 17, Tampa. John Darling, HP; E. A. Clarke, K; J. T. Givens, S; J. Robles, T; D. I. Craft, S; D. Lewinson, G. F. Branch, L. G. Cavacewick, S. C. Craft, E. F. Gates, D. Gillett, J. F.

Henderson, T. P. Kennedy, J. P. McMullin, B. McMullin, H. L. Mitchell, C. Slager, J. B. Wall.

Number of members last year, 12; exalted, 4; admitted, 1; reinstated, 2=19; dimitted, 1; present number, 18; dues \$20, paid.

Officers for 1873: John Darling, HP; H. L. Mitchell, K; J. F. Henderson, S;

G. Lewinson, T; T. P. Kennedy, S;

Convocations, fourth Saturday. Fees, 10-10-10-10=\$40.

Concord R. A. Chapter, No. 18, Concord. N. T. Scott, HP; W. J. Bell, K; D. W. Scott, S; W. C. Hendry, T; W. B. Kemp, S; H. S. Reeves, CH; B. H. Joyner, PS; C. D. Hand, RAC; J. Q. Cromartie, GM 3 V; J. H. Harrison, GM 2 V; T. N. Henly, GM 1 V; A. Chester, G.

J. W. Reeves, J. J. Higdon, W. C. Sweet, Alex. Bowen, W. C. Rawls, L. F. Foster, J. A. Anders, J. B. Nelson, E. Valandingham, D. R. Ingram, L. R. Joyner, S. W. Chester, J. A. Hall, A. F. Hand, Wm. Dalton, D. H. Wilmot, Thomas Harrison.

Number of members last year, 31; present number, 29; decrease not accounted for; dues paid, \$28; balance due, say \$3. No seal.

Officers for 1873: N. T. Scott, HP; H. S. Reeves, K; W. C. Hendry, S; A. Bowen, T; W. B. Kemp, S.

Convocations not given in returns. Fees, 7-7-7-8=\$29. No seal.

Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19, Lake Butler. T. E. Dekle, HP; W. G. W. Brooks, K; John F. Foy, S; J. W. Cone, T; H. F. York, S; M. L. McKinny, CH; L. B. Rhodes, PS; R. F. Hamilton, RAC; T. L. Blitch, GM 3 V; S. Neuson, GM 2 V; J. A. Jones, GM 1 V; P. S. Crews, G.

J. R. Hodges, J. E. Harrison, E. P. Ward, J. A. Carm, C. F. Hiers, Joseph Cone, W. F. Reed, J. C. Harrell, A. Branan, B. Branan, J. Johns, E. D. Hodges, J. F. Millirons, W. W. Keelly, R. Kite, S. Meeks, E. D. Howard, S. P. Crews, S. Roberts, J. O. Keely, H. Sapp, Wm. Hutchinson, S. W. Sweat, B. W. Sapp, E. J. Wainright, J. A. J. McKinny, A. Tison, J. S. Ball, I. W. Penholster, J. B. Cason, A. J. McKinny, W. A. Cone.

Number of members last year, 41; exalted, 3=44; died, one; present membership, 43; dues paid, \$46.

Officers for 1873: L. B. Rhodes, HP; J. S. Ball, K; J. F. Foy, S; Ira W. Penholster, T; Henry F. York, S.

Convocations first and third Saturdays; Fees, \$5-5-5-10=\$25.

Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21, Key West. P. A. Williams, HP; F. Filer, K; E. B. Rawson, S; C. S. Baron, T; Geo. F. Ferguson, S; J. H. Coleman,

CH; J. F. Albury, PS; J. J. Delaney, RAC; J. Fogarty, GM 3 v; J. M. Matley, GM 2 v; J. Williams, GM 1 v; S. Love, G.
 J. Otto, C. Howe, W. B. Randolph, W. H. Edgar, PHF, G. D. Warren, W. R. Albury, C. Babcock, C. St. John, W. D. Cash, G. B. Phillips, S. Filer, J. J. Philbrick, G. H. Bocker, R. J. Perry, L. E. Pierce, G. W. Marlin, W. D. Archer, J. Rain, J. S. Madagan, T. A. Pyform, J. H. Adams, W. C. Tinker, S. Wolf, S. Pinder, W. G. Vance, J. H. Weatherford, L. W. Bethel, J. J. Canfield, J. W. Sawyer, B. Peacon, J. H. Moss, W. Ledwitch, Wm. McClintock, R. D. Murray, A. E. Roberts.

Number of members last year, 36; exalted, 11; present number, 47; dues paid \$58.
 Officers for 1873: J. H. Coleman, HP; B. J. Perry, K; J. F. Albury, S; C. S. Baron, T; J. Williams, S.
 Convocations, second and fourth Wednesdays. Fees, \$10-10-20=\$50.

Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22, Bartow. Daniel Stanford, HP; J. T. Wilson, K; D. Hughes, S; J. Davidson, T; W. B. Varn, S; P. Dzalyuski, CH; F. N. Varn, PS; R. B. Mitchell, RAC; W. H. Pearce, GM 3 v; J. F. Granger, GM 2 v; S. Parker, GM 1 v; J. J. Bunch, G; Wm. C. Jordon, C.

J. Parker, A. Zipperer, W. R. Hollingsworth, S. M. Sparkman, R. Wilkinson, E. G. Wilder, R. A. McAulay, Chas. Slager, Honorary Member.
 Number of members last year, 20; exalted, 1; present number, 21; minister, exempt 1; dues \$21, paid.
 Officers for 1873: D. Stanford, HP; W. R. Hollingsworth, K; S. Parker, S; J. Davidson, T; W. H. Pearce, S.

Convocations, Saturday before first and third Saturdays. Fees, \$10-10-10=\$40. No seal.

Nassau R. A. Chapter, No. 23, Fernandina. Wm. Lawty, HP; Peter Quinn, K; J. S. Parker, S; C. Thigpen, T; W. O. Jeffreys, Jr., S; J. M. Galphin, CH; E. P. Jordon, PS; W. H. Scott, RAC; P. Cone, GM 3 v; H. C. Hewlett, GM 2 v; E. G. Clay, GM 1 v; O. C. Skinner, G.

R. Harrison, Frank Gardner.
 Number of members last year, 14; present number, 14; dues \$14.
 Officers for 1873: Wm. Lawty, HP; P. Quinn, K; J. S. Parker, S; C. Thigpen, T; W. O. Jeffreys, Jr., S.
 Convocations, second Monday. Fees, \$30. No seal.
 For Summary of Returns see Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials, ante p. 5.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, U. S. A.

M. E. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Portland, Me.,.....G. G. H. P.
 R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Buffalo, N. Y.,.....G. G. Secretary.

LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS, &c.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS OF GR. SEC'S.
Alabama,	Miles J. Green,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	George A. Dannelly,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	Wm. Abraham Davies,	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
Canada,	S. B. Harman,	Thomas B. Harris,	Hamilton, Ont.
Connecticut,	Wm. Wallace Lee,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	George W. Stone,	J. P. Allmond,	Wilmington,
Dist. Columbia,	Abner T. Longley,	L. G. Stephens,	Washington.
Georgia,	George W. Adams,	J. E. Blackshear,	Macon.
Illinois,	Asa W. Blakesley,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
Indiana,	Eden H. Davis,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Edward A. Guilbert,	Wm. B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
Kansas,	E. D. Hillyer,	E. T. Carr,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	William Ryan,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	Joseph P. Hornor,	J. C. Batchelor, M. D.,	Portland.
Maine,	John W. Ballou,	Ira Berry,	New Orleans.
Maryland,	George L. McCahan,	William A. Wentz,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Alfred F. Chapman,	Z. H. Thomas, Jr.,	Boston.
Michigan,	John W. Finch,	J. Eastman Johnson,	Centreville.
Minnesota,	J. H. McKenney,	William S. Combs,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	H. C. Robinson,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	James C. Carter,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	R. H. Livingston,	Daniel H. Wheeler,	Plattsmouth.
New Hampshire,	Edward Gustin,	Abel Hutchins,	Concord.
New Jersey,	T. H. R. Redway,	John Wolverton,	Trenton.
New York,	Thomas C. Cassidy,	Christopher G. Fox,	Buffalo.
North Carolina,	John Nichols,	Thomas B. Carr,	Wilmington.
Nova Scotia,	S. B. Sircom,	James Gossip,	Halifax.
Ohio,	J. K. O'Neal,	James Nesbitt,	Troy.
Oregon,	James R. Bayley,	R. P. Earhart,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	Charles E. Meyer,	John Thomson,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Thomas A. Doyle,	Geo. H. Burnham,	Providence.
South Carolina,	James Birnie,	Myer B. Moses,	Sumter.
Tennessee,	John W. Paxton,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	J. B. Jones,	Robert Brewster,	Houston.
Vermont,	E. A. Jewett,	W. H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
Virginia,	Robert E. Withers,	John Dove,	Richmond.
West Virginia,	Thomas A. Logan,	Odell S. Long,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	C. T. G. Collins,	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTERS.	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA.
E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls,	Kansas,	Theodore Ball, Jacksonville.
James C. Batchelor, N. Orleans,	Louisiana.	William Morrill, Warrington.
Rees G. Williams, Utica,	Mississippi.	David Jones, Jacksonville.
Morton B. Howell,	New York,	DeWitt C. Dawkins, "
	Tennessee,	H. H. Berry, Monticello.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual
Grand Convocation, at the Masonic Hall in the city of
Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 P. M. on Tuesday, the 11th
day of February, A. D. 1873, A. I. 2403.

PRESENT.

M. E.	DAVID JONES, P. G. H. P.,	as Grand High Priest;
R. E.	WILLIAM B. TAYLOR,	" Grand King;
"	ALBERT J. RUSSELL,	" Grand Scribe;
"	T. PRESTON TATUM,	Grand Treasurer;
"	DEWITT C. DAWKINS,	as Grand Secretary;
Rt. Rev.	JOHN PENNY,	Grand Chaplain;
E.	MICHAEL BOWES,	as G. Captain of Host;
"	ELI HAWARTH,	" G. P. Sojourner;
"	E. P. JORDON,	" G. R. A. Captain;
"	SAMUEL PASCO,	" G. M. of 3d Vail;
"	JAMES F. CLARK,	" G. M. of 2d Vail;
"	AMM DELAUGHTER,	" G. M. of 1st Vail;
"	JOHN FERRAND,	Grand Guard;

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E.	DAVID JONES,	P. G. High Priest;
"	DEWITT C. DAWKINS,	P. G. High Priest;
R. E.	M. M. T. HUCHINGSON,	P. D. G. High Priest;
E.	MICHAEL BOWES,	Past Grand Scribe;
"	SAMUEL PASCO,	Past Grand Scribe;
"	ALBERT J. RUSSELL,	P. G. Secretary;
E. & Rt. Rev.	THOMAS A. CARRUTH,	P. G. Chaplain.

TWELVE CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Numbers 1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23.

The Grand Chapter was opened with the usual ceremonies, with appropriate prayer conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand Secretary read a telegram from M. E. William Morrill, G. H. P., from Live-Oak, announcing that he would be with us on arrival of the morning train, which was hailed with delight.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. Samuel Pasco, Michael Bowes and M. M. T. Huchingson, a Committee on Returns and Credentials.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER.

E. Companion M. M. T. Huchingson, presented a petition from sundry Companions at Lake City, praying for the restoration of the charter of the late Columbia Chapter, No. 9, which, on motion of Comp. Russell, was referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

COMPANIONS INVITED TO ATTEND GRAND CONVOCATION.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be invited to attend the present Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 12, 2403, A. D. 1873, 3 P. M.

PRESENT.

M. E.	WILLIAM MORRILL,	Grand High Priest;
E.	DAVID JONES,	as Grand King;
"	ALBERT J. RUSSELL,	" Grand Scribe;
"	T. PRESTON TATUM,	Grand Treasurer;
"	DEWITT C. DAWKINS,	as Grand Secretary;
Rt. Rev.	THOMAS A. CARRUTH,	Grand Chaplain;
E.	MILTON H. DANIEL,	G. Captain of Host;
"	D. L. OAKLEY,	G. P. Sojourner;
"	E. P. JORDAN,	G. R. A. Captain;
"	ENOS WASGATE,	G. M. of 3d Vail;
"	GEORGE F. FERGUSON,	G. M. of 2d Vail;
"	BENJAMIN G. ALDERMAN,	G. M. of 1st Vail;
"	JOHN L. FERRAND,	Grand Guard;

And requisite number of Chapters represented.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor. On the Roll being called, Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, bearing the following numbers, were found to be represented, to wit: Nos. 1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23=12.

RECORDS.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and confirmed.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted, viz:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials, having examined the papers submitted to them by the Grand Secretary, present the following as the result of their labors:

The following Chapters are entitled to representation: Florida, No. 1, Santa Rosa, No. 6, Mount Horeb, No. 11, Jacksonville, No. 12, Micanopy, No. 16, Tampa, No. 17, Concord, No. 18, Lake Butler, No. 19, Island, No. 21, Thomas Brown, No. 22, and Nassau, No. 23, their returns having been duly made and their dues paid to the Grand Secretary.

The tabular statement herewith submitted shows that the actual membership, as exhibited by the returns, is 458; and the amount of dues paid, without unpaid, \$77. Returns from the following named Chapters come up without being attested by the Chapter seals, and no reason is given for the omission: Florida, No. 1, Micanopy, No. 16, Concord, No. 18, Thomas Brown, No. 22, and Nassau, No. 23.

The returns of Concord Chapter, No. 18, give the names of 29 members, but only 28 are reported for dues. They contain no recapitulation, and 2 of the 31 who were reported last year are not accounted for at all.

The petition submitted by a number of Companions formerly connected with Columbia Chapter, No. 9, for the restoration of said Chapter, has been carefully considered. Some of the former members of that Chapter have appeared before the committee and favored the petition, and we recommend restoration of the charter, in the full belief that the Chapter can be promoted fully revived, and that the interests of Capitular Masonry will be promoted thereby.

The High Priest of Olive Chapter, No. 10, has satisfactorily accounted before the committee for the absence of their returns. This Chapter has not been here represented since 1869, but their charter has never been withdrawn, and there is now a fair prospect of their resuming active work. From the statements made we estimate the amount due from this Chapter at \$10. We recommend that, upon the payment of this amount to the Grand Secretary, Olive Chapter be admitted to representation, and allowed thirty days to forward the returns to the Grand Secretary's office.

Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, Greenwood Chapter, No. 15, and Nassau Chapter, No. 23, have not paid their annual dues, and no returns have come to hand from Quincy Chapter, No. 7, Madison Chapter, No. 8, and Alachua Chapter, No. 13. Some of these Chapters have forfeited their charters, and are therefore upon the indulgence of the Grand Chapter.

The tabular statement accompanying this, contains a full summary of the returns. All which is fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL PASCO,
M. ROWES,
M. M. T. HUCHINGSON,
Committee.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Table with columns: No. Chapters, Represented by, Membership last year, Exaltations, Admissions, Reinstatements, Deaths, Suspensions, Errors, Present membership, Dues Paid, Dues not Paid, Remarks.

* No election; accredited by error of last year. † Three members short, not accounted for. ‡ Don't know whether these be correct.
NOTE.—No expulsions.

COMP. T. BALL, GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF KANSAS.

Comp. Theodore Ball presented a commission of his appointment as Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Kansas, in this Grand Chapter, and on motion adopted, he was received and acknowledged as such.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Comps. SAMUEL PASCO, MICHAEL BOWES and M. M. T. HUTCHINGSON.

Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

Comps. M. M. T. HUTCHINGSON, WILLIAM B. TAYLOR and E. P. JORDAN.

Committee on Accounts.

Comps. JOHN S. DRIGGS, MILTON H. DANIEL and HENRY W. LONG.

Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Comps. SOLOMON BENJAMIN, DANIEL L. OAKLEY and BENJ. G. ALDERMAN.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

Comp. D. C. DAWKINS, DAVID JONES and T. P. TATUM.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORTS.

The following reports from the Grand Secretary were read, and, on motion adopted, were received, and his account with the Grand Chapter was referred to the Committee on Accounts:

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

Being employed as Clerk in the office of the Comptroller of the State, and the Comptroller having very recently taken charge of the same, and the Legislature also being in session, I find it impossible for me to attend the Grand Convocation to be held in Jacksonville, on the 11th inst. I regret very much being deprived of the privilege of being with you on that occasion, and assure you that nothing short of an impossibility could have prevented me from attending what I have always considered as a pleasant re-union which we enjoy at our annual meetings.

I have forwarded to Comp. D. C. Dawkins the returns received by me for 1872, and also accounts as Grand Secretary, showing amounts received and amounts turned over to Grand Treasurer since our last Convocation, also account for items purchased by me for the Grand Chapter, amounting to \$24.00. I have written to several delinquent Chapters and urged them to pay up their dues, but I regret to say that not one of them have responded. That from the best information I can obtain there are several of them that have ceased to hold their regular meetings, and others hold but few meetings during the year, and are retrograding instead of increasing. I would most respectfully suggest that the annual meetings be held hereafter some time in March instead of February, as it is my impression that a larger number of Companions would attend, and that the meetings would not then interfere with other important meetings held in the month of February.

There were two charters granted at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter; one of these, Suwannee No. 24, has never been called for, the other, Nassau No. 23, has been issued and has made returns for last year.

For want of funds I have been unable to get the proceedings of 1872 printed, as the printer had not been paid for printing proceedings of 1871, only about \$50.00, and he was unwilling to do any more work unless he could be paid for work already done.

I have endeavored to discharge my duty in as faithful a manner as I could, and feel conscious of one thing, that is, I have done the best that I could for the best interest of Capitular masonry in this jurisdiction, and regret that circumstances are such that I cannot be with you.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. M. McINTOSH, *Grand Secretary.*

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida.

COMPANIONS:—In accordance with the requirements of a resolution passed at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, requiring me to correspond with all the Chapters in this jurisdiction who are in arrears for dues, and report the result of said correspondence at the next Annual Convocation, I have to report the following as having responded by payment of their dues, viz: Tampa, No. 17, Alachua, No. 13, Jefferson, No. 5, and Greenwood, No. 15.

Providence, No. 20, has paid \$33.75 on dues of 1870, and is still due \$11.25 for that year, and has made no returns nor paid any dues for 1871.

Quincy, No. 7, has not made any return nor paid any dues. Olive, No. 10, has made no response, but I am informed by the M. E. High Priest, that it has resumed work.

The charter and jewels of Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 11, have been surrendered to me, also the jewels and regalia of Magnolia R. A. Chapter, No. 3; the charter of the latter was stolen during the war by the U. S. Troops when they took possession of Apalachicola.

In accordance with instructions from the M. E. Grand High Priest, I sent the jewels of Micanopy R. A. Chapter, No. 16, to Comp. J. H. Verdier, High Priest of Gainsville Chapter, U. D.

Fraternally submitted,
W. M. McINTOSH, Grand Secretary.

W. M. McINTOSH, Grand Secretary,
In account with Grand Chapter of Florida,

Dr.

Table with columns for dates and descriptions of cash transactions. Includes entries for Florida R. A. Chapter No. 1, Tampa R. A. Chapter No. 17, Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter No. 22, Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter No. 6, Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter No. 11, Micanopy R. A. Chapter No. 16, Island R. A. Chapter No. 21, Florida R. A. Chapter No. 1, Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12, Concord R. A. Chapter No. 18, Lake Butler R. A. Chapter No. 19, and Olive R. A. Chapter No. 10.

Table with columns for dates and descriptions of cash payments. Includes entries for Grand Treasurer Voucher No. 1, 2, and 3.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

T. P. TATUM, Grand Treasurer,
In account with Grand Chapter of Florida,

Dr.

Table with columns for dates and descriptions of cash transactions. Includes entries for cash on hand, and payments from Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary, for months of February and March.

Table with columns for dates, descriptions, and voucher numbers. Lists payments made to various individuals including T. P. Tatum, W. B. Kemp, Wm. Morrill, D. C. Dawkins, Wm. M. McIntosh, Dyke & Son, Wm. M. McIntosh, D. L. Oakley, E. P. Jordan, W. H. Daniels, J. C. Ley, Wm. M. McIntosh, T. A. Carruth, and Wm. M. McIntosh. Total amount handed Grand Treasurer, D. L. Oakley is \$830.80.

NASSAU CHAPTER.

Companion Jordan presented some amendments, proposed to the By-Laws of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER.

The Grand High Priest installed the Companions who had been elected as officers of Columbia Chapter, No. 9.

NASSAU CHAPTER.

Companion E. P. Jordan moved that a dispensation be granted to Nassau Chapter, No. 23, to elect and

install a new set of officers for the present masonic year, which on being duly seconded, was put to vote and adopted.

GREENWOOD CHAPTER.

Companion B. G. Alderman, moved that a dispensation be granted to Greenwood Chapter, No. 15, to elect and install a new set of officers for the present masonic year, which, being duly seconded, was put to vote and adopted.

ELECTION.

Companion Russell offered the following, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the election of Grand Officers take place on Friday next.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE,

Companion T. A. Carruth presented the following report, which on motion adopted, was received.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Since the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Tallahassee, in June, 1872, your committee have received the printed Proceedings of the following sister Grand Chapters:

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| 1 California, April 9, 1872. | 10 Minnesota, Jan. 9, 1872. |
| 2 Delaware, Jan. 17, 1872. | 11 Missouri, Oct. 10, 1872. |
| 3 Dist. of Columbia, May 14, 1872. | 12 New Hampshire, May 14, 1872. |
| 4 Georgia, April 24, 1872. | 13 New Jersey, Sept. 11, 1872. |
| 5 Indiana, Oct. 23, 1872. | 14 Nova Scotia, June 4, 1872. |
| 6 Iowa, Oct. 16, 1872. | 15 Ohio, Oct. 1, 1872. |
| 7 Kentucky, Oct. 21, 1872. | 16 Oregon, June 21, 1872. |
| 8 Louisiana, Feb. 13, 1872. | 17 South Carolina, Feb. 13, 1872. |
| 9 Maryland, Nov. 11, 1872. | |

CALIFORNIA.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation was held in the City of San Francisco. M. E. JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, Grand High Priest; R. E. CHARLES LOUIS WIGGIN, Grand Secretary. Thirty-five chartered Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an elaborate business report, and shows a degree of prosperity in the jurisdiction.

He reports having had a thorough investigation of the official actions of the late Grand Secretary, showing a defalcation on the part of that officer of \$7,172.31, which amount he has no hope of ever recovering.

The defaulting officer had been tried by his lodge for this slight unmasonic procedure, and expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry.

He complains of a want of uniformity in the work, as shown by the report of the Grand Lecturer, and urges that some means may be adopted "to accomplish so desirable an object."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the Grand Secretary, Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin, reviewing the transactions of thirty-two Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter.

We clip the following from his notice of Florida:

"Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters: one called *Thomas Brown* Chapter. We presume JOHN SMITH will be the next recipient of nomenclatural honors, as in point of celebrity he can discount Browns, and his history furnishes material for several chapters. We are decidedly opposed to naming masonic bodies for individuals, especially if the individual whom it is proposed to honor is numbered among the living; for however honorable a man may be when such a compliment is bestowed on him—as poor human nature is fallible, and 'prone to err, as the sparks fly upward'—it is just possible that he may steal a horse before his obituary is written, and thus bring shame upon the lodge or chapter which bears his name."

We fully endorse the sentiments of Comp. WIGGIN, but would remark that in this case the name is highly appropriate, as Comp. THOMAS BROWN was one of the founders of our Grand Chapter, and the Nestor of Capitular Masonry in the State for many years, and has passed away from earth to his rest above, without a spot or blemish on his reputation.

We heartily thank Comp. WIGGIN for the very kind and fraternal notice of the Report on Foreign Correspondence. After quoting our excuse for not having a better report in consequence of the destruction of our dwelling by fire, he says:

"We tender our Companion our fraternal sympathy in his affliction, and give him credit for an amount of 'spunk' which we feel we could not have exhibited under similar circumstances. Had we been placed in such a predicament, we think we should have felt very much as did the midshipman who was undergoing an examination for promotion before a naval Board. After imagining a ship in every possible position of difficulty and danger, and inquiring how he would proceed in such a case, his examining tormentors placed her in such a fix that no human power could rescue her, and asked him what he would do then. After scratching a moment for an idea, he replied, 'Well, Admiral, I'd just lie down and holler.' We think, had we been placed in Comp. Carruth's dilemma, we should have taken a horizontal position and *hollered*."

We thank him, especially for his full and hearty endorsement of our strictures on Temperance, of which he says:

"If we may be permitted to use a strong phrase, we say, 'them's our sentiments.' We 'could a tale unfold' of the ravages of intemperance in this, our

Golden State, but we forbear. We sometimes think this vice is the beast with seven heads and ten horns spoken of in the Revelations; but alas! the horns of this monster are not to be numbered, and his gor(g)ed victims are counted by legions.

"Let every masonic writer imitate the example of Comp. Carruth, and smite the demon hip and thigh, until at last we have banished him from our Lodge rooms and the halls of our Chapters and Commanderies."

We also fully concur with the following from his review of the address of Grand High Priest KELLOGG, of Georgia:

"We always regret to see any attempt made to substitute masonry for religion. While each labors in its appropriate sphere to elevate and purify mankind, they are separate and distinct in their natures. 'Masonry is a beautiful system of morality;' its teachings are pure and noble, and naturally lead us to that point where religion takes us by the hand and guides us into the presence of Him through whose pardoning grace alone we may obtain salvation. By a strict adherence to the principles and teachings of masonry, a man may lead a pure and blameless life; but 'in that solemn hour, when the soul hovers midway between the two worlds, when the veil of earthly vision grows transparent with the dawning light of eternity,' the 'devotee of masonry' will find that something more is needed to sustain the drooping spirit and cheer it with the hope of a blessed immortality."

The report is all good—but there is yet much land to be occupied, and we must bid adieu to Comp. WIGGIN.

We are pleased to see that in the "Land of Gold" they are liberal in their appropriations for labor performed, as the total amount appropriated Grand Secretary for salary, office rent and expenses, foots up the snug little sum of \$1,550.

M. E. JACOB HART NEFF was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. CHARLES LOUIS WIGGIN re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Dover, Jan. 17, 1872, M. E. Comp. A. V. LESLEY, Grand High Priest, presiding; R. E. WM. F. GODWIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Another of Comp. WIGGIN's *Most Dubious*, Mule Drivers. Well, it seems Ephraim is joined to his idols, and we may as well "let him alone."

The four Chapters constituting the Grand Body were all represented. The Grand High Priest in his address says:

"We have no loss to mourn, no division of sentiment to regret, and we meet, I trust, with purposes full of zeal for the advancement of the Order, the good and healthy growth of which should be our chief care and delight, as it is our duty."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported through Comp. D. C. GODWIN, and we really and heartily congratulate our little sister on having at last a decent report from that committee, and hope never in future to have to call attention to the delinquencies of those appointed to so high and responsible a position. Comp. GODWIN's report embraces the proceedings of twenty-

five Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter. Florida receives a brief but fraternal notice.

Comp. J. R. McFEE, Georgetown, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. P. ALLMOND, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter commence with a Semi-annual Convocation held in Washington, May 14, 1872, which was presided over by M. E. Comp. R. W. HARDY as Grand High Priest. The business transacted was altogether of a local character.

The Annual Convocation was held in the City of Washington, November 12, 1872. Comp. J. DANIELS, M. E. Grand High Priest; Comp. C. W. HANCOCK, R. E. Grand Secretary.

Seven subordinate Chapters represented.

The address of M. E. Grand High Priest DANIELS is a brief, well constructed and encouraging masonic document. He says:

"Happily for me, as well as for you, my Companions, nothing has occurred during the past year to mar our peace, disturb our harmony, interrupt our prosperity, or call for censure or reproach."

At the Semi-annual Convocation, Comp. BUCHLY submitted certain questions of jurisprudence, which were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report at this session we quote with our full concurrence:

"At the last Semi-annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter the following paper was submitted and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at this Convocation:

"Can objections be legally entertained against an applicant for the Capital degrees of masonry previous to a ballot? If so, what is the status of the applicant? and what disposition should be made of the fee accompanying the application?"

"1st. Your committee hold that at any stage of the proceedings, a Companion, who is a member of the Chapter and in good standing, has the right to object to the admission or advancement of an applicant, and that his objection, when offered, is legal; and the Chapter having nothing to do with the sufficiency of the Companion's reasons, the Brother objecting it with-received or advanced until the objection is by the Companion offering it withdrawn, or his membership with the Chapter has ceased. Whether or not, in many, and indeed a majority of instances, the objection or protest is the preferable way for a Companion to exercise his legal right to prevent the admission of a Brother into his Chapter who for any reason he deems unworthy, is a question not before your committee, and therefore they have no opinion to offer in regard to the same.

"2d. 'What is the status of the applicant' against whose admission an objection has been offered? The petition having been received and referred, is the property of the Chapter, and cannot be withdrawn. Neither can the Brother be admitted or advanced so long as the objection of a Companion who is a member and in good standing lies. The status of the applicant objected to therefore seems to be simply this: his petition is pending before a Chapter, which prevents him petitioning anywhere else; and his admission having been objected to, he cannot be admitted so long as the objection remains.

"3d. 'What disposition should be made of the fee accompanying the application?' after an objection to the admission of an applicant has been

offered. This inquiry does not involve any principle of masonic law, but seems rather to be simply a question of masonic equity. The fee is paid as the price of the degrees; and if a Chapter, for any reason, refuses to confer the same, the fee is certainly not their property, and should therefore be returned to the applicant.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,
"J. E. F. HOLMEAD,
"JAS. G. SMITH,
"JOHN LOCKIE."

The next thing we find is the very able and dignified Report on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER, covering eighty-three pages of the Proceedings, in which are reviewed the transactions of twenty-nine sister Grand Chapters, amongst which is Florida for 1871. We wish we could take time to make extended quotations, but we remember that our long-winded report at the Convocation in June broke down the patience and the finances of the Grand Chapter, and we forbear.

In his review of Florida he says:

"We are glad to be able to state that the Grand Chapter of Florida is gradually overcoming the difficulties brought upon her by the late unhappy war, and the day is not far distant when she will be able to present herself to the craft in the strength and vigor she formerly enjoyed."

We earnestly wish the above may yet prove prophetic, but at present we regret to have to say in candor that we cannot "see it in that light."

We thank Comp. LARNER for the sympathy and highly masonic charity extended to us in the following from his notice of the Report on Foreign Correspondence:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Thomas A. Carruth, covering fifty-seven pages, in which he reviews, in a very satisfactory manner, the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, the District of Columbia for 1869 receiving a favorable notice. Comp. Carruth commences his report with an apology for its short comings, which all who have had the pleasure of perusing will agree was entirely unnecessary. The report was written by Comp. Carruth in the short time of *thirteen days*. We give in full his apology and the reasons therefor, and add that we will be very glad to peruse a report prepared by him under more favorable circumstances."

In his review of Louisiana he alludes to the unfortunate feeling which had been permitted to manifest itself in a former report of Comp. J. EDWIN MASON, and which caused an equally bad feeling to arise in the virtuous bosom of Comp. HORNOR, and seemed likely to mar the spirit of harmony which should exist between sisters. We do not think the Companions in Louisiana can find any fault with the *amende honorable*, which Comp. LARNER has made, and hope they will now "bury the hatchet" and ever hereafter be friends.

"Children you should never let
Your angry passions rise;
Your little hands were never made
To tear each other's eyes."

In all candor we must say, we do most heartily deprecate this way of cutting off correspondence between Grand Bodies, because one man in one Grand Chapter says something ugly about some one man in another.
Why should the Companions in Louisiana be denied all the good things

coming from the District of Columbia, because Comp. MASON wrote this report in a general pet and said hard things about almost every body? When it is more than likely the Companions in the District had no more idea of what was in the report than the "man in the moon."

We have always contended that Reports on Foreign Correspondence *should be read* before the Grand Chapter, and acted upon, just as any other reports of committees, and these unfortunate occurrences only tend to strengthen us in our opinion.

The following is the "Conclusion" of this very excellent report:

"We have now completed our first effort as Reporter for the Grand Chapter, and trust that the result of our labors will meet with the approbation of the Companions. We have endeavored, to the best of our ability, to give a fair *resumé* of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters as far as they have been placed in our hands. In doing so we have avoided all personalities, and confined our labors to that of presenting what we deemed would be of interest to the Companions of our jurisdiction. By way of explanation we would state, that immediately after the close of the last Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter, we called upon Comp. Smith, who had been appointed chairman of the committee, but who was absent from the city at the time, to notify him of his appointment, and offered our assistance in the preparation of the report, if it should be required. Subsequently Comp. Smith informed the undersigned that it would be impossible for him to undertake the duty, and requested that I assume the task. Not wishing to have our committee fail in the discharge of its duty, we reluctantly consented, and now present our work for the inspection of the Overseers. In consequence of the course pursued by many of the Committees on Correspondence in other jurisdictions towards the reports of our predecessor, considerable embarrassment has been experienced at times as to how to proceed. We finally concluded not to notice what had been said by them, except in the case of Comp. Hornor, of Louisiana, who, by the course he had thought proper to pursue in relation to the last report of Comp. Mason, had placed our Grand Chapter in a false position."

Comp. A. T. LONGLEY was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. L. G. STEPHENS R. E. Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Annual Convocation held in the City of Augusta, April 24, 1872. M. E. MOSES P. KELLOGG, Grand High Priest; R. E. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

Forty subordinate Chapters were duly represented.

Comp. KELLOGG in his address refers to one Chapter, the charter for which had been signed by all the other necessary officers, with the name blank, which he filled up with "William S. Rockwell," and it turned out afterwards that the Companions petitioning for the charter had named the Chapter Rockdale; whereupon the Grand High Priest recommends that either a new charter be granted or the name be accepted as William S. Rockwell, by the Companions, assuring the Grand Chapter that he did not consider the fault his, and that he would not be a "scape goat" for the sins of the Grand Chapter. This calls out a foot note from Grand Secretary, stating that he had no desire to make any one a scape goat, but he certainly would have consulted with the Companions

asking for the charter with reference to the name if he had any idea the Grand High Priest would have filled the blank without first consulting them.

We are a good deal reminded of the minister who was baptizing an infant, the mother of which lisped when she gave its name, Luthy, thir—(Lucy, Sir). The minister could get nothing out of it but *Lucifer*, and unwilling to give this name, he named it George Washington, much to the consternation of the mother as the child was a girl.

A large portion of the address is taken up with a discussion with Comp. CORSON, of New Jersey, who, like ourself and many others, could not agree with Comp. KELLOGG as to the *divinity* of the Masonic Institution and its power to save souls. Somehow it seems to us that an address of this character is not just the place to enter into such discussions, but may be we do not know.

The following, presented by Comp. LEET, was unanimously adopted, to which we give our hearty endorsement:

"Resolved, That any High Priest of a subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, who will not (after private admonition has failed to produce reform) institute proceedings against the members of his Chapter guilty of profanity, drunkenness, or any other licentious conduct in conflict with the teachings and law of masonry, shall be held responsible by this Grand Chapter of gross neglect of duty, and a failure to perform the legitimate functions of his office."

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence printed with the Proceedings. Comp. GEORGE W. ADAMS, of Forsyth, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, of Macon, re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Twenty-seventh Annual *Communication* of this Grand Chapter assembled in the City of Indianapolis, Wednesday, October 23, 1872. M. E. RHEES J. CHESTNUTWOOD, Grand High Priest, presiding; R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.

Seventy-five subordinate Chapters represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is full of interest and encouragement, and from its tenor we judge that Comp. CHESTNUTWOOD is one of those men and masons who quietly and unostentatiously discharge all the duties required of them by their brethren and Companions.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is also from the pen of Comp. CHESTNUTWOOD, as Grand High Priest, and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee. This report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose report on the same expresses precisely our sentiments respecting its merits:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have carefully examined the able and elaborate report submitted by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest on that subject, and recommend that it be incorporated in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, as a faithful *resumé* of the proceedings of the several

Grand Chapters in correspondence with us. The report contains much that will be found instructive and of interest to all the Craft."

In his notice of Florida he says:

"Comp. T. A. Carruth gives us a very pleasant report, though short, on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters; why those of Indiana are not among them we are left to conjecture."

Now it does seem to us that it would be a very easy matter for the Companion to have "conjectured" the reason. We stated in the outset of that report that our dwelling had been destroyed by fire, and with it our report, and with that very much of the materials for making a report.

After the fire we wrote to Comp. DAWKINS, Grand High Priest, and also to our Grand Secretary, both of whom kindly furnished us with all the proceedings they had for that year, and from those, with the debris of ours, we made the very best report we could.

Indiana is one of our favorites, and we assure the Companion that the omission was unavoidable. If our last proceedings had been published at the time they ought to have been, he would have seen that Indiana came in for a goodly share of our report at that time, and always will when we can get hold of her proceedings.

Comp. EDEN H. DAVIS, of Shelbyville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

We have now before us a goodly sized volume, entitled "Transactions of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa, at its eighteenth Grand Annual Convocation, held at Oskaloosa, Oct. 16, 1872." M. E. E. A. GUILBERT, Grand High Priest; R. E. W. B. LANGRIDGE, Grand Secretary.

On opening the book we come face to face with an elegant steel plate engraving of M. E. E. A. GUILBERT, whose open, honest face tells plainly enough that he is every inch a man.

The Committee on Credentials reported forty-three subordinate Chapters entitled to representation.

The address of Comp. GUILBERT is a full and comprehensive review of his official acts during the year, and embracing several very important decisions of masonic law and usage.

In the Appendix we have another voluminous Report on Foreign Correspondence, from the trenchant pen of Comp. U. D. TAYLOR, reviewing thirty-three Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales.

The reports of Comp. TAYLOR are not just like those of any other man we have ever seen, but, notwithstanding their unquity and *iniquity*, we cannot help liking them. We are not, however, going to put our foot into it, like

HORNOR, of Louisiana, by encouraging the young Companion, and get his thanks for our pains, as follows, to wit:

"It is really amusing to see how carefully some of our brother reporters take us into their lap, chuck us under the chin, and advise us to have courage—tell us we will 'learn,' &c., in time. Once for all, let us say, 'we have 'shoved the quill' for over twenty years, and think, perhaps, we know something of the 'biz.'"

We would advise the Companion, however, to always be sure he is right before going ahead. He is very severe on those luckless fellows who get the letters mixed up in writing names, and yet in reviewing Delaware for 1872 he says "The Grand Secretary reviewed the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters," &c., when, if he will examine the proceedings, he will find that the Grand Secretary's name is *W. F. Godwin*, while the man who reviewed the proceedings was named *D. C. Godwin*. "They who live in glass houses ought not to throw"—mud.

There is such an affinity between him and *CORSON*, of New Jersey, that when he fell in with *CORSON*'s report he seemed not to know where to leave off. It was "Greek meeting Greek," and we suppose they have as much right to pitch into one another and make a free fight of it as any body else.

We regret that our Proceedings were not published, so *Comp. TAYLOR* could have said something "good, bad or indifferent" about us.

In his review of Maine he closes as follows:

"One year ago we wrote: 'Companion Drummond is elected General Grand High Priest. * * * We congratulate everybody,' &c. To-day we report,—his election to the General Grand High Priesthood—'we now retire from the Committee in the Grand Chapter.'

"Another, and one of the most unforgivable sins of this Grand monstrously. Where?—when?—how?—who?—no matter—words fail us. There was but one Raphael. There is but one Drummond!"

In these expressions *Comp. TAYLOR* has our hearty concurrence. It would be better that we have no General Grand Chapter and General Grand High Priest, than that we should lose *Comp. DRUMMOND* from the reportorial corps.

Comp. EDWARD A. GUILBERT, Dubuque, and *Wm. B. LANGRIDGE*, Muscatine, were re-elected to their respective offices.

KENTUCKY.

This venerable Body held its fifty-seventh Annual Convocation in the City of Louisville, Oct. 21, 1872, and the Proceedings, beautifully printed, and covered in scarlet and gold were distributed so soon as to reach us in December last. *Comp. J. P. RASCOE*, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding, and *Comp. J. M. S. McCORKLE*, E. Grand Secretary.

Ninety-two subordinate Chapters were represented during the Convocation. The Grand High Priest presented a very brief report, but very much to the point. He alludes in a very becoming manner to the death of *Comp. PHILEAS SWIGERT*, the Grand Secretary, and announces the appointment to the vacancy

of *Comp. J. M. S. McCORKLE*; and we can but feel that the mantle of our beloved *Comp. SWIGERT* has fallen upon a worthy successor.

The report of the Grand Treasurer is an elaborate document, which evinces a healthy state of finances in their jurisdiction, the total amount of resources being \$12,010.63.

We clip the following from the conclusion of the most excellent tribute to the memory of *Comp. SWIGERT*, as submitted in the report of the committee:

"Everywhere *Comp. Swigert* moved he was a positive force. In the various satellite institutions of the State, or Corporations, or masonry, whether as Senator, Commissioner, Director, President, Chairman, Master, Secretary or Treasurer, he was a center of motion. He was not one of those persons who are perpetually whirling at the circumference, for he always laid a strong hand upon the axle.

"As a mason he was faithful beyond description. He attended to the duties of masonry from the subordinate to the Grand Lodge, from the home to the Grand Chapter, from the Entered Apprentice Degree to the chivalric Orders of Knighthood. No man in this jurisdiction was more loved by the craft. Your Committee write *con amore*, and what may seem to others extravagant is to us a feeble tribute. Would that in golden letters of ever-enduring chronicle we might perpetuate the virtues of a man and mason, the like of whom are few. The marble shaft will ward his dust, and the hand of affection keep his grave green and flowery, but his noblest monument shall be built of stones quarried from the heart of masonry, crimson-veined marble whose blocks are indeed eternal."

In the Appendix we find another of those good Reports on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of *Comp. H. A. M. HENDERSON*, Grand Chaplain—which he introduces with the following apology:

"Amid a multitude of pressing public engagements, incident to the office of the Chairman, as Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State, which have called him away from home for nearly five months of the year, and compelled his industrious attention when at the Capital, with the demands also made upon our time as Editor of the *KENTUCKY FREEMASON*, this feeble report has been prepared. We beg the indulgence of our own Grand Chapter, and the charitable judgment of our companion reporters."

Twenty-six Grand Chapters pass under review in this report, together with a copy of *Comp. DRUMMOND*'s report of the General Grand Chapter. It is to be hoped that when the General Grand Chapter meets in Nashville in 1874, *Comp. HENDERSON* and the officers of his Grand Chapter will be there to see.

We can only append the very brief closing remarks of the report, with an expression of regret that Florida was not present at this annual feast.

"We close our report, for the lack of further material. Many of the Proceedings have failed to reach us. By the death of Grand Secretary *Swigert*, some confusion in the transmission of the Proceedings has ensued, and it is possible that this accounts for the failure to receive the minutes of corresponding Chapters. We have refused to notice none, and would gladly have reviewed all—but we cannot answer a letter we have not received. With fraternal greetings to our Companions Reporters, we submit our report."

Comp. WILLIAM RYAN, of Louisville, is Grand High Priest, *Comp. JOHN M. S. McCORKLE*, of Louisville, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The printed Proceedings of this Grand Chapter reached us a few days prior to the last Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter, but too late to take its appropriate place in our report, and as we wanted to have a "little chat" with our worthy Comp. HONOR, and did not like to be pressed for time in doing so, and as we had one year's proceedings already in that report, we just laid it over until now.

Our Louisiana Companions held the twenty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation of their Grand Chapter Feb. 13-15, 1872.

M. E. Comp. MICHAEL ELOI GIRARD, Grand High Priest, in the Chair, and Comp. J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., P. D. Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, with Past Grand officers and the Representatives from Florida, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were declared entitled to representation.

We are much pleased with the spirit and style of the Grand High Priest's address, and congratulate the Grand Chapter on its good judgment in re-electing Comp. GIRARD for another term of service. There is much in this address and in the proceedings we would like to notice, but we must pass on to the Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented as a matter of course by Comp. JOSEPH P. HONOR.

Twenty-nine sister Grand Chapters, and the General Grand Chapter are reviewed in the peculiar and in general very pleasant style of Comp. HONOR; but when he comes to poor little Florida, he seems to have had on such a head of steam that he could not adjust himself to the situation, and he tries to run over us rough shod, and bully us out of our "terrible fanaticism."

We had never before believed that Comp. HONOR could ever heap together so many unkind and unpleasant personalities and pour them upon our poor devoted head. In our remarks on the subject of punishing "rum-sellers" for unmasonic conduct, we wrote from a deep and settled principle of right, and never used one word of personality unless it was to the poor, abused destroyer of the happiness and lives and souls of men, women and children.

It is a very common thing for the cry of "fanaticism" to be raised against any thing that is in itself good. Festus raised the same cry against Paul when he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment, and no man has ever entered heartily into any cause for the elevation and amelioration of his fellow beings, but that he is held up to ridicule as a fanatic. But until some word of argument is brought against our position we will never cease to hold it, and we are glad to be able to state just here that a very large majority of our Companion Reporters have sustained our views, or intimated their acquiescence in them, if they have not positively so stated; and we think if Comp. HONOR will, in some cool and deliberate moment, look back at the expressions of Grand High Priests, and the actions of Most Excellent Grand

Chapters, and the Reports on Foreign Correspondence, from many of these he will be forced to acknowledge his error in asserting that "none of the masonic sages, from Solomon down, ever taught such a lesson, and to preach such a doctrine is casting a slur upon more than a majority of our best and ablest brethren." We think those best and ablest brethren will hardly feel complimented by the insinuation contained in that sentence. We should very much lament the condition of masonry if "more than a majority of our best and ablest brethren" were apologists for the man who can deface the image of God in which he was created, and engage in a nefarious practice for the sake of gold, by which the wives and children of his brethren are worse than beggared, and the souls and bodies of his victims ruined and lost to gratify his insatiate avarice, for nothing but this could induce any sane man to engage in a practice so terrible in its consequences to all over whom he pours the fiery streams of liquid poison which he deals out to his deluded fellow beings.

We cannot find words sufficiently strong to express our utter abhorrence of this slow method adopted to kill men, and while doing so rob them of home, money, friends, virtue and happiness, both for time and eternity, and it is no spirit of fanaticism which impels us so to write, but a love for our race, a love of virtue and holiness, a love for the poor wives and children who are the chief sufferers from this practice. Is this masonry? Is this the exemplification of Faith, Hope and Charity? Can the rumseller place the sign of "Holiness to the Lord" over the doors and counters of his gilded den? If so, then we would pray, from such masonry good Lord deliver us!

Comp. HONOR will find his hands full if he undertakes to drive out from masons this feeling of opposition, to the death, to such a practice. He is already in hot water with the Grand Chapter of Indiana, which only utters the sentiment, we verily believe, of all her sisters in her action in approving the expulsion of a rumseller from his Chapter.

We earnestly wish that our honored Companion HONOR may see the error of his way, and at least retract his accusation against us, of "prostituting masonry to purposes foreign from its objects," by "the uncharitable, erroneous and false interpretation of one of our great masonic virtues"—and by "a would-be fanatical, uncalled for and almost impertinent interference with the private affairs of individuals."

We do not plead guilty to any of the counts in the indictment, and so far from desiring the prostitution of masonry, we are contending for her elevation by the enforcement of her chief cardinal principle.

We do not wish to interfere with the individual rights of any man, except when, by the exercise of those "so called" rights, he becomes a public bane and nuisance, and then we believe he ought to be stopped in whatever his individual business consists, whether in going out with fire and sword and destroying the lives and property of his fellow beings, or by doing precisely the same thing under the guise of a license to sell spirituous liquors. Below we give the remarks of Comp. HONOR against which we complain:

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"These Companions were among those in whom this Grand Chapter reposed trust and confidence—Companions Logue and Hall having filled the exalted position of Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion Owens that of Trustee for many years of this Grand Chapter."

Comp. HERMON L. EMMONS, JR., presents again the report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which he presents us with a "first class" review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, including Florida for 1872, and states that the report from Florida, as well as some others, he took from Comps. DRUMMOND and CORSON. Now we cannot tell how those Companions received their intelligence, as our proceedings are not yet published, and we hope if they ever are, Comp. EMMONS will review them again. He is in error with reference to the time of our last convocation, as it was in June instead of January, 1872.

We would be pleased to notice this report more at length, but must forbear. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected to their respective offices, and Comp. EMMONS continued as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the address of all three of them being Baltimore, Md.

MINNESOTA.

Annual Convocation in St. Paul, January 9, 1872. Comp. G. W. MERRILL, M. E. Grand High Priest; Comp. W. S. COMBS, R. E. Grand Secretary. Sixteen Chapters duly represented.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest is an excellent one, full of good things for his Companions at home and in other jurisdictions. He reports the death of two prominent officers of the Grand Chapter, Comp. EDWARD A. GROFF, Past Grand Scribe, and Comp. EMANUEL CASE, Past Grand Treasurer.

We copy from his address the following able defense of the capitular degrees, which we would commend to the consideration of some Companions nearer home:

"Companions, my observation during the past few years, convinces me that Royal Arch Masonry in this State does not occupy that position of prominence which it holds in many other States, nor that to which it is entitled by its merits. The capitular degrees are lightly esteemed by many—are said to be modern in their origin, and the system crude in its construction. I have been pained at hearing remarks in derogation of the usefulness of these degrees and declaring their claims to antiquity to be a fraud upon the craft; and we have known of cases where these degrees have been used and valued chiefly as a sort of ladder to reach something higher, and supposed to be better, and, consequently, when that end has been reached, but little interest has been manifested in this branch of masonry.

"Why should such be the case? Are these degrees—or, in fact, any other masonic degrees—valuable chiefly for their antiquity, or for the moral lessons which they inculcate and the incentives which they offer to us, to contend earnestly for that which is just, right and true?"

"Do they commend themselves to us, chiefly, as being links in a chain to join us with the past ages of the world, and as a means to trace our genealogy to the oldest builders of those splendid monuments of antiquity which have for ages past, and which will for all time to come, excite the admiration of the world, or, rather, as a brotherhood of living, busy men, pledged to live virtuously, bound to aid, support and protect each other, in certain conditions, and each needing the encouragement and help, in the struggles of life, which such a Fraternity might afford?"

"And where, in masonry, are more important lessons inculcated for the practical duties of life than in the capitular degrees? I know not how any one who has been 'marked'—technically—can ever forget or lightly esteem the moral precepts or the practical lessons so beautifully taught in the ritual of that degree: nor how any intelligent and thoughtful Brother who has seen the capstone deposited with shouting and praise, can fail to see the significance of that beautiful ceremony—that it is typical of the last act in the drama of his own life—which, if it has been built upon the sure foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, will, in its last scene, be celebrated by actors unseen by mortal eyes, shouting, Grace! Grace unto it. Nor do I know how one who has been exalted in due form, can fail to realize that there has been, in reality, an exaltation; that he stands on a higher level, has received new light, and thenceforth his masonic labors are to be directed to the building of his spiritual house, which is to abide eternally—upon the foundation stones of which, and upon its pillars and door-posts and cap-stones, is to be inscribed, 'Holiness to the Lord.'"

We find in the close of the pamphlet a review of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, written by Comp. WM. S. COMBS, Grand Secretary, and member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which he introduces as follows:

"The existence of this Grand Chapter has been practically ignored by our Grand Chapter, owing to some misunderstanding, or perhaps more properly speaking, some 'unpleasantness' which has existed between the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, growing out of the questions involved in the organization of the latter Grand Chapter.

"Without entering into any discussion as to whether the organization of said Grand Chapter was in some respects irregular or not, we believe we should acquiesce in the decision of the General Grand Chapter, and imitating the worthy example afforded by the final action of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, extend to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia the fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota."

Vive Comp. COMBS! If the Chairman of your Committee will not let the Companions of Minnesota know of the good things going on in the little District, do it yourself.

We are sorry to find that these little petty jealousies so often take this turn. Why, we believe in fighting our way through if we have grievances, or at least quarreling it out and then being friends. Catch us closing up our mouth against a fellow or body of fellows who may have done us an injustice.

We have always thought it exceedingly foolish to see men fall out and pass each other daily, without speaking, and it is especially so when the sacred interests of masonry in Grand Bodies are made to suffer by it.

Comp. COMBS also tells us that the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence had not furnished his report according to promise, even up to

the first of October, and for this cause the printing of the proceedings had been delayed.

What is the matter with our good Comp. PIERSON? We miss him very much from our annual festival, and his empty seat causes a void in our heart as well as our charmed circle.

If you had your report ready and got the alphabet so terribly mixed up with the signature, we'll take the report any way and guess who wrote it. Come, Companion, don't do so any more.

Comp. J. H. MCKENNEY is Grand High Priest, and Comp. W. S. COMBS, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation held in St. Louis, Oct. 10, 1872.

JOSEPH M. FOX, M. E. Grand High Priest; GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, Grand Secretary.

Fifty-one Chapters represented.

We thank Comp. GOULEY for the systematic arrangement of the proceedings, as it enables the reviewer to find out what he is looking for without having to count and add up.

The address of Grand High Priest FOX, shows that his Companions chose wisely and well when they put the mitre on his brow. He remarks that during his term of service, for two years, no question had been submitted for his action, the proper solution of which could not be found in the plain written law, for which he accounts as follows:

"When men are well informed and act intelligently on their information, the necessity for specific direction becomes reduced to a minimum. The absence, therefore, of official decisions in the records of the past two years, is a fact upon which I must congratulate the real friends of Capital Masonry. It is the best evidence that can be adduced to show the zeal, industry and knowledge of the brethren, and to display the admirably harmonious working of the multifarious interests that attach themselves to our order. And this is the more gratifying, as indicative of a high degree of information in the knowledge of lodge work, lodge laws and Symbolic Masonry generally. For so beautifully accurate and progressive are the blendings of the lodge with the Chapter, that when the Master Mason thoroughly understands and appreciates his lodge, he cannot fail to become an efficient and intelligent worker in his Chapter. The industry and erudition of my predecessors in office, have also contributed no slight share to the result of which I speak. Nearly every emergency likely to arise in the operations of the order, has been already so clearly adjudicated by earnest, learned and discreet men, occupying positions either as makers or exponents of the law, that the cases in which the decision and authority of your executive officer can properly be invoked, must decrease, as they have been decreasing, with the efflux of time and the increase of light."

We think Comp. GOULEY deserves credit for the original device of inserting an extra page after his proceedings were all written up, and numbering it 121.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence also consists of Comp. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY. What would Missouri do without GOULEY?

His report in these Proceedings is characteristic of the man and mason, and

we would like to clip a good many good things from it were it not for mutilating the only copy we have, and which we want to preserve.

He quotes Comp. HORNOR's diatribe against us, and says:

"We think it will bother Comp. Carruth a good deal to answer some of the points raised above by Comp. Hornor."

Now we admit we are not very brilliant in seeing points, but if there is any point in what Comp. HORNOR says, we are not yet able to discover it, more than the mere assertion of his own opinions and of our prostitution of masonry.

The following good advice he gives to the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, to secure uniformity in the work:

"Now, just by way of advice in this trouble, we take the liberty to suggest the following: Appoint a Grand Lecturer who *thoroughly* understands the work; let him visit the principal points in the State; let him issue a circular in advance to every Chapter when and where he will be; tell them to select a No. 1 man, capable of learning the work, and to send him to the nearest point of visitation, and let him there and then learn *all* the work; when he has accomplished that, let the Grand Lecturer certify to the fact, and either the Grand Lodge or Grand High Priest issue a commission to that effect. Each District Lecturer thus getting the work from one man, all will have it alike, and 'things being equal to the same thing, will be equal to each other.' This is mathematics; masonry is mathematics, and mathematics never lies. This is the way we do in Missouri, and it works like a charm. Try it."

JAMES E. CARTER, Jefferson City, is Grand High Priest; GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Annual Convocation at Concord, May 14, 1872. JOHN A. HARRIS, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding; ABEL HUTCHINS, E. Grand Recorder.

Representatives present from seventeen subordinate Chapters.

The annual address is a brief, practical, sensible one. He says:

"During the year prosperity has attended the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. A fair amount of work has been done, due care having been exercised. The returns show that one hundred and four candidates have been exalted; the number of members of the seventeen Chapters being eighteen hundred and fifty-five."

We have here also interesting and encouraging reports from the Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe, all printed in type sufficiently large and clear for an octogenarian to read without glasses. But when we come to the Report on Foreign Correspondence and try to read the quotations there by candle-light, it makes young eyes shed tears.

The report, however, is well worth reading, even at the expense of a little smarting of the eyes. Comp. JOHN J. BELL is the author, and it has the "ring of the true metal" about it. Thirty-eight Grand Chapters come into review, and each receives its portion in due season. Florida for 2401, is among the fortunate ones. The following is the opening of his notice of our Proceedings:

"The Grand High Priest notices the decease of Edward Bradford, Jr., the Grand Secretary; reports having granted two dispensations for new Chapters; and encourages the Companions that, although rapid progress has not been made the past year, yet brighter prospects are in the future. We observe that only those officers 'who were not re-elected' were installed. We would suggest whether it is not better, on all such points, for the minority at once to yield, and so create and continue uniformity of practice. In a matter so little material, it should seem that a uniform system is preferable to individual opinion.

"Comp. Carruth apologizes for any shortcomings in his report by the fact that when it was first in a fair way toward completion, it was burned, together with his dwelling and much valuable property, and had to be written at a later day, in the midst of the anxieties of re-establishment. We sincerely sympathize with our Comp. in his loss, but doubt whether the destroyed report was better than we get. If it was, it was certainly an exceptionally good one. He reviews the Proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, including New Hampshire for 2401. He thus backs up the Grand High Priest of Alabama, in his decision approving a by-law of a Chapter declaring selling spirituous liquor to be unmasonic conduct."

We fully concur with Comp. BELL with reference to the re-installation of re-elected officers, but our Grand Chapter rules otherwise.

We hope to hear from Comp. BELL again.

EDWARD GUSTINE, Concord, is Grand High Priest, ABEL HUTCHINS, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The sixteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Trenton, September, 11, 1872. M. E. Comp. Rev. WM. H. JEFFERYS, Grand High Priest; E. Comp. JOHN WOOLVERTON, Grand Secretary.

Twenty-one subordinate Chapters represented, together with a large number of Past Grand Officers who are permanent members.

The writer of this report had flattered himself that he would enjoy the pleasure of meeting this Grand Chapter in *propria persona*, and was in the City of New York at the time of its convocation. Had corresponded with Comp. Corson, and had a special invitation to take the street cars at the Trenton depot and go right up to his house, but "man proposes and God disposes;" when the time came for going over to Trenton, we were flat on our back, with a severe attack of acute bronchitis. If we had been able to travel we would have gone over and placed ourself under the treatment of the Doctor, and taken some of his pills, which, according to TAYLOR, of Iowa, would have cured us, but we could not get there, and hence we missed what we had promised ourself as one of the greatest treats of a life time.

The annual address of Comp. JEFFERYS is an excellent one, from the opening of which we quote the following:

"During the year that is past, our country and our State has been visited by an awful scourge, which in the form of pestilence, has swept over the land, carrying hundreds and even thousands to untimely graves. Had any member of this Grand Body been a victim of that pestilence, it would have been our

duty to have gone to his relief, if there had appeared a greater probability of saving his life than of losing our own, and in the event of his death, we could not have refused to his body the sacred rite of masonic burial, although the act might have been attended with difficulty and danger.

"We are not superstitious enough to believe that there is anything connected with Royal Arch Masonry calculated to prevent its votaries from taking the 'small-pox' or any other prevailing contagion, but, nevertheless, with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to record the fact that in the midst of surrounding death we have all been preserved alive. No member of this Grand Chapter has, during the past year, been called upon to exchange worlds; no memorial page, with its solemn black border looking like a funeral pall, will appear in our printed proceedings."

We do not wonder at the success of the Royal Craft in New Jersey, for they have a way of pushing things which is bound to result in success. The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe all make interesting reports of actual labor performed. Yes—hear it, ye idle and merely nominal officers of the Most Excellent Grand Council, who bear the honors but leave all the work for the Grand High Priest—actual labor in helping to rebuild the House of the Lord.

The Proceedings are full of life, and evidence the true masonic spirit.

Comp. "C. O. D." THOMAS J. CORSON is, as a matter of course, the writer of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and when we make that assertion, our Companions may at once judge of the merits of the report itself. While we have quite a number of members of the "M. A. S." who wield the pen ably and gracefully, we have but one CORSON, and we have the sorrowful reflection that when he dies we shall never see his like again. New Jersey produced him, but with all her life and labor she can never "match" him, and we do yet hope that we shall see him face to face.

As we cannot undertake a critical review of this report we will only quote his conclusion, which is so different from the fun and frolic of his general report, that one is apt to ask the question, Which is the true representation of the heart of Comp. CORSON? We would answer both. One is not inconsistent with the other. A man may be the very soul of goodness and virtue, and at the same time be brim-full of fun. The length of a man's face is no index to his heart, and some of the greatest hypocritical knaves have concealed, or tried to conceal their real character under the garb of sanctimoniousness. Comp. CORSON is a man after our own heart, and we are always glad to get his reports, and to read them too. "Long may he wave."

But to the extract: He says:

"And now, Companions, as we look over our broad land, and see such universal signs of prosperity and happiness among the Royal Craft, as we see our altar fires burning brightly in every quarter, and hear sounds of rejoicing and gladness issuing from every tabernacle wherein our rites are observed—is not all this enough to fill our hearts with joy supreme, and inspire us with new zeal and fresh ardor to press onward in the good cause which we have espoused? With an army of over one hundred thousand true and tried warriors in the field, who can calculate the immense influence which we exert? Do you, and do I, sufficiently appreciate—do we feel, in its actual, vital essence, the honor, the glory, the responsibility of our position? You, Com-

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panion, and I, are integral, component parts of this great army which is enlisted in the cause of truth, virtue and morality—which is battling to overcome vice and wickedness, and secure peace, prosperity and happiness to the human race. On you, sir, and on me, personally, rests the duty and responsibility in a great measure, of keeping our institution free from harm and reproach, and preserving her banners unsullied and free from stain. Let us, then, see to it that in whatever station we may be placed, be it high or low, conspicuous or obscure, that each one of us does his duty thoroughly, manfully and fearlessly.

"Let us remember that each one of us, whatever be his place or station, forms one of the blocks of which our mystic Temple is wrought, and that, under God, it rests upon our own individual efforts whether that block shall be a 'perfect ashlar,' which will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square; or whether, by its imperfection and unsightliness, it shall mar the beauty of that Temple which is erected to the glory of the Grand High Priest of the Universe. Let us, dear Brethren and Companions, feel the great importance of the trust committed to us; and feeling and acknowledging this, let us devote ourselves to the noble work of improving and benefiting ourselves and our fellow-men, feeling also that we are guided and directed by One who cannot fail—who will impart to us such strength and power as will enable us to fight the good fight with an assured prospect of victory—to whom, and not to ourselves, we ascribe all the glory and all the honor, and to whom we reverently pray."

Comp. T. H. R. REDWAY, New Brunswick, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. JOHN WOOLVERTON, Trenton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Halifax, June 4, 1872, with M. E. Comp. S. R. SIMCOM presiding; Comp. JAMES GOSSIP, Grand Secretary.

All the subordinate Chapters (4) in the jurisdiction were represented. Our young sister seems to have fully established herself, and won the recognition of her sisters all over the land. And from the material we find representing the Royal Craft in the Grand Convocations, we should pronounce her well worthy of it.

We have not been favored with a more excellent masonic address than that of M. E. Comp. SIMCOM. He congratulates the Grand Chapter on the reception given them by the Grand Chapters abroad, in the following appropriate language:

"It is highly gratifying to be able to inform you that our relations with foreign Grand Chapters are of the most satisfactory and friendly character. The Grand Secretary has received thirty-three reports of proceedings from the Supreme Bodies on this continent, all of which will be reviewed and duly placed before you.

"The very favorable notice this Grand Chapter has received is highly encouraging, and will, I am sure, stimulate you to put forth every laudable exertion towards the continued advancement of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction."

He refers, in a very feeling manner, to the death of Comp. JOSEPH CONWAY BROWN, Grand King, whose death we chronicled in our last report, and pays a very handsome tribute to his memory.

He reported having issued one dispensation for a new Chapter, and having appointed Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia near thirteen sister Grand Chapters. We hope Florida will receive his attention in this respect before the next convocation.

The proceedings refer almost exclusively to their organization and local interests.

The very interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence, appended, is from the pen of Comp. JAMES GOSSIP, Grand Secretary. There is no use to say hereafter that "there is nothing in a name," and the Companions of Nova Scotia evidently have an eye to the eternal fitness of things when they put a *Gossip* into the position of Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. His report is a *resumé* of the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Florida is included and very fraternally reviewed, and as we desire to enter a plea of not guilty to a part of his review of us, we will quote as follows: He says:

"A very interesting part of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter is the Report on Foreign Correspondence, the author of which, we would infer, is the Chairman, Comp. Thomas A. Carruth, who, laboring under the very great disadvantage of having had a large portion of the manuscript prepared for the report destroyed by fire, still puts before us an excellent *resumé* of the various proceedings received by him. Ours *not* amongst the number.

"We must express our dissatisfaction, that although we have taken the trouble to furnish the Grand Chapter of Florida for the past two years with our Proceedings they do not yet appear to be awake to the fact that such a body as the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia exists. Please Comp. Carruth stir up the Grand Secretary, and make him unearth our Proceedings, which have been regularly sent to him. Young and small as we are, we would, at least, like our *existence* to be acknowledged."

It may be altogether possible and probable, indeed it strikes us that the Proceedings of Nova Scotia, in 1870, had been received by us before the disastrous fire 13th December, and, if they had, were destroyed then with many others. We should have noticed the proceedings if they could have been found anywhere in the jurisdiction. The next Convocation of our Grand Chapter was not held in January as usual, but postponed until June, and then our Proceedings were not published, but if Comp. GOSSIP could see our proceedings for that Convocation, and how joyfully we hailed the advent of our youngest sister, he would have been satisfied.

With one more quotation from his conclusion we must pass on, for we are admonished that we are troubled about printer's bills as well as they.

He says:

"With the extremely limited space allowed us, and the knowledge that the printer's bill must be just so much, and no more, we have made but few comments, but have presented such extracts as were thought to contain matters of interest, and which might possibly be useful to us in the future.

"The kind and fraternal manner in which our Supreme Grand Body has been noticed by the Grand Chapters of the world, just entering as we are upon life, demands our warmest thanks, and we assure all those who have

taken such a truly brotherly interest in the welfare of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, that their confidence will not be misplaced. Our determined efforts shall be used to maintain and uphold the dignity of the Royal Craft in this Province, and also our own supremacy.

"In the perusal of the mass of Proceedings received, we must confess to having experienced a great deal of pleasure, but have to regret that on this occasion circumstances have compelled us to omit almost entirely the expression of our own views on the many questions requiring full and free discussion; we trust however that as our Grand Body grows in years and prosperity, we shall not be compelled to confine our remarks within a limited number of pages, from the fear of want of funds to pay the printer."

Comps. SIRCOM and GOSSIP were re-elected.

OHIO.

The fifty-sixth Annual Convocation held in the City of Columbus, October 1, 1872. Comp. CHARLES C. KEIFER, M. E. Grand High Priest; Comp. JAMES NESBIT, Ex. Grand Secretary.

One hundred and fifteen subordinate Chapters represented.

The "communication of M. E. Grand High Priest" is a brief, concise business paper, relating chiefly to their local affairs. Three dispensations for new Chapters had been granted.

Having served the Grand Chapter as M. E. Grand High Priest for four consecutive years, he most positively declined a re-election.

Comp. LEMMON, Deputy Grand High Priest, submitted a report of his acts and doings during the year.

The reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show a healthy state of the finances.

Comp. WOODWARD was introduced and recognized as representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Also Comp. GRAFF, as representative of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was formally recognized and greeted as one of the sisterhood of Grand Royal Arch Chapters.

Comp. J. KELLY O'NEALL submitted the Report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, covering sixty pages, in which he reviews thirty-four Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter.

Florida, for 1871, is included in the report and very kindly treated. The report being all printed in the same type and style, it is with great difficulty that the reviewer can distinguish between the original matter and the quotations.

Comp. O'NEALL was promoted from the post of reporter to the highest station in the gift of his Companions, and hence takes an affectionate leave of the Corps. We are sorry the Companion has so determined, for his reports are good, and his criticisms just. He concludes as follows:

"And now, Companions, our task is finished, and the duties of masonic reporter we leave to other, and, we hope, to abler hands. We have in this, as in previous reports, endeavored to present you a fair and candid statement of

the action of the different Grand Bodies, and of the condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the vast territory within their jurisdictions, with only such comments and opinions of our own as the different views and decisions on masonic law and polity seemed to require. The proceedings of the different bodies present few questions of importance for consideration. The Royal Craft everywhere are represented as peaceful and happy, and, almost without an exception, as prosperous; and with much regret that circumstances beyond our control have prevented our giving to the preparation of this, our last report on correspondence, the time, care and attention that we desired and intended, we lay before you the result of our labors, with entire confidence that, whatever may be its merits or defects, it will be viewed with candor and treated with charity."

Comp. J. KELLY O'NEALL, Lebanon, is Grand High Priest; Comp. JAMES NESBIT, Troy, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The twelfth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Salem, June 24, 1872. M. E. JAMES R. BAYLEY presiding, and our Ex. Comp. R. P. EARHART, Grand Secretary.

Five subordinate Chapters in their places. Comp. BAYLEY's Annual Address is a *resumé* of his official acts during the year, in which he says:

"And now, in conclusion, allow me to thank you once more for your many marks of favor and acts of kindness, and also for the long continued distinguished position you have placed me in. You have now to select new officers, and I shall not be sorry to be relieved from the duties attached to my high office, for you have able members who can and will be pleased to attend to your wishes and conduct Grand Chapter affairs. There is a laudable ambition and it should have its reward. I have contented myself with laying before you, as succinctly as possible, my official acts, and express the hope that you may be satisfied with them."

His Companions did not, however, acquiesce in his views, and he was not let off from still another year of active service.

Comp. T. McF. PATTON presented another of those sprightly, readable and really excellent Reports on Foreign Correspondence. We have seen no reason to change the opinion we expressed of him in our last report, indeed we are inclined to think he is a "little more so."

Thirty State Grand Chapters, and the General Grand Chapter, come up under pleasant inspection and review.

We can only give room for a short extract from his conclusion, in which he "talks sense" that might be as applicable to some other places we wot of as to our far off North Western sister.

He says:

"This concludes our labors for the present. It has afforded your committee unalloyed pleasure to peruse the Proceedings of so many jurisdictions, and to witness the harmony and prosperity that attends the Royal Craft.

"Some few States have failed to send their proceedings, or if sent, have failed to reach us. An apology, perhaps, is due to you, my Companions, for the length of our report. It is a matter next to impossible for us, constituted as we are, to refrain from embracing in our report the good things which we find in our exchanges.

"The Companions in our sister jurisdictions to whom this duty is assigned, are a wide-awake, lively, jovial set. They are full of fun, wit and poetry—it crops out all over. And if we have wandered too far from shore, or followed the music of some happy Companion, we beg your indulgence, and will promise reformation in the future.

"With us, in this jurisdiction, so remote from others, it is the only means we have of learning of the acts and doings in others. We have no visitations from sister jurisdictions, and if our report was prepared with that care and examination which should characterize all reports, we have no hesitation in saying that the money spent in its publication would be well invested. But as it is, we receive a large portion of these proceedings a few weeks before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and our report is necessarily hurried, many things overlooked or passed by for want of time to examine more thoroughly. We know that it is far from being satisfactory to ourselves, and if it meets your approval, we will feel happily disappointed."

Grand Officers re-elected. Representatives received and recognized from the Grand Chapter of New York, Illinois and Ohio, near the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Annual Grand Convocation, holden in the City of Charleston, Feb. 13, 1872. Comp. JAMES A. HOYT, M. E. Grand High Priest; Comp. AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.

Representatives from twenty-seven subordinate Chapters.

M. E. Comp. HOYT presented a most excellent address. He reports the institution of two new Chapters. No dispensations for others during the year. He reports Comp. HENRY BUIST as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and Comp. AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE as representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas; refers in a very appropriate manner, to the death of Comp. ISAAC T. MARTIN, Past Grand High Priest of Kentucky, who was the representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina near that of Kentucky.

Comp. AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE, having attended the triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter as proxy for all the officers, makes a full report of that Body in his report as Secretary.

Comp. SMYTHE also is the author of the Report on Correspondence, and reviews in a manner peculiar to himself, the transactions of thirty-four sister Grand Chapters, including Florida, for 1871.

In his review of Comp. MASON's last report from the District of Columbia, after quoting the disparaging remarks made by Comp. MASON with reference to South Carolina, he says:

"We are glad that he found *no mud inside* the proceedings, and regret that we cannot return the compliment. We do find in his report many allusions to, and hard speeches about our Companions in different sections of the country, which causes us pain; especially his unprovoked and unjustifiable attack upon the head of our Order in America, General Grand High Priest Drummond, whom he accuses of 'winking at the violation of obligations,' and again states that he applied to Comp. Drummond to be a candidate for the position at Baltimore, and yet charges that Comp. Drummond's only reason

for hitherto favoring the General Grand Chapter has been his desire to hold office in it. This does not come well from a Companion who, in the same report, only a few pages on, reviewing the proceedings of Maine, complains that 'it is hardly fair to doubt the sincerity of Royal Arch Masons.'

"This is his last report, and while personally there have been no differences between us, we cannot be sorry at his departure, if his future reports were to be like the past."

Of Florida he says:

"The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, which is brief. He tells of moderate success, and points to elements of steadiness and future prosperity in the jurisdiction. He pays a tribute to the memory of Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary, who died 20th July, 1870. Two dispensations had been issued during the year for the formation of new Chapters.

"We notice, as a custom worthy to be followed, the exemplification, during the Convocation of the M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. degrees. We think a more general observance of this practice would tend greatly to increase a uniformity of work much to be desired.

"Comp. Thomas A. Carruth submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing in a manner which did not need the apology he makes, the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, among others South Carolina for 1870. In his report he gives an obituary list of all who have died during the year, and copies Comp. Drummond's excellent statistical table."

In his Conclusion he says:

"And now, Companions, the work is before you, for your judgment. We simply trust it may serve to throw some additional light upon our noble Institution. Bear with its faults; for it has been written under the pressure of a profession which is a 'jealous mistress,' and partly in seasons of sickness and affliction. The only amend we can offer is, in asking that you accept this as a resignation from the position which you called us to fill, and that thus some better fitted Companion may serve you for the ensuing year. We have tried to fill it satisfactorily, but feel that we cannot with justice to you or to ourselves again assume the responsibility, and humbly ask that to some one more competent the honor of the position may be assigned for the ensuing year.

"To our brothers of the Reportorial Corps, we wish only to say a kind farewell. Our intercourse has been brief, but to us *very, very* pleasant; we have not had time for many jousts, but we feel as though we were leaving friends, and it is with sincere regret we pen these lines.

"May the blessing of Heaven rest upon you and all masons!"

To which we respond a hearty amen! and sincerely reciprocate the prayer in favor of Comp. SMYTHE. We also hope he may reconsider his determination to withdraw from the Reportorial Corps, for we like his report, and, though they have many other good men and masons in the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, we very much doubt if they can select a more suitable one for this important position. And we see that the Grand Chapter coincided with our views for he is still, by appointment, the Chairman of the Committee.

Comp. JAMES A. HOYT was elected again to his position as M. E. Grand High Priest, and AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

As the latest and best statistical report we have seen is that compiled by Comp. HERMON L. EMMONS, of Maryland, we hope he will pardon us for the

liberty we take to use his labor instead of making a far more imperfect one ourself. [See Table at close of Proceedings.]

Name.	Grand Chapter.	Office.
J. M. BULLOCK,	Kentucky,	Past G. H. Priest.
PHILIP SWIGERT,	"	Past Grand Secretary.
CHARLES S. TODD,	"	Past Grand Secretary.
R. G. HAWKINS,	"	Past G. H. Priest.
JAMES LOGUE,	Maryland,	Past D. G. H. Priest.
EDWARD J. OWENS,	"	Past High Priest.
THOMAS W. HALL,	"	Past D. G. H. Priest.
JOSEPH CONWAY BROWN,	Nova Scotia,	Grand King.

CONCLUSION.

We have now completed our fourth Report on Foreign Correspondence. The first two were prepared under very discouraging circumstances, as were then stated, yet they were kindly received and commented on. The third we prepared with great care, at a time when no adverse circumstances were operating against us, and we presume in our zeal for the cause we made it too voluminous, but we could not help it; and when some Companions at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter demanded that it should be cut down, we did not know where to begin to do this, as to have omitted any part would, in our judgment, have destroyed the symmetry of the whole. Since we have found, however, that this long report has been the cause of the inability to publish the proceedings, we have earnestly wished it had been withdrawn altogether.

We have, however, crushed down any feelings we have had, and have done the best we could with this, and now tender it to you in the spirit of a true Royal Arch Mason. If you receive it, well. If you publish it, well. If neither, it is still well so far as we are concerned.

THOMAS A. CARRUTH,

Chairman Com. on Foreign Correspondence.

Welborn, Feb. 11, 1873.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M. on Friday, the 14th inst.

FEBRUARY 14, 1873, A. I. 2403, 10 A. M.

PRESENT.

M. E. William Morrill, Grand High Priest, and other Grand and Past Grand Officers as before, except Comp.

S. Pasco, as Grand Scribe; and thirteen Chapters represented.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

RECORDS.

The minutes of the preceding session, on the 12th inst., were read and confirmed.

The M. E. William Morrill, delivered the following:

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

COMPANIONS: In rising to address the Grand Chapter, I feel sadly my inability to fill the measure of my illustrious Companions who have preceded me in the distinguished and responsible position that I now occupy; not the least of whom is my immediate predecessor, now present.

I shall endeavor to be brief in my remarks, and call the attention of the Grand Chapter only to such subjects, as, in my mind, seem to require its more immediate attention.

On this occasion, my Companions, I congratulate you upon the fullness of representation—the manifestation of earnest zeal for the prosperity of the Royal Craft—together with the satisfactory returns made by the constituent Chapters, showing a healthy and improved condition over the returns of last year. Although no new Chapters have been formed, the resuscitation of some of the old Chapters, gives us promise of returning prosperity, by far more desirable than the erection of new ones. During the last twelve years there have been serious causes for reducing our Chapters to a low condition. We have been traveling the rough and rugged paths of internecine war and reconstruction; each of which have been equally destructive to the prosperity, peace and happiness of our people. Under these disastrous circumstances, many have fainted by the wayside, and those who have emerged from the ruin have been compelled to begin their sacred edifice anew. Notwithstanding all this, my Companions, let us take

fresh courage from the trials of the past. A brighter era is before us—the rugged paths behind. Then let us redouble our exertions to rebuild our ruined temple, and restore the Grand Chapter to the high prestige she once so honorably wore.

The duties of Grand High Priest have borne very lightly upon my shoulders during the short period I have been in office. There have been no perplexing questions of discipline, law or order, officially presented for my consideration, while our foreign intercourse has been of the most fraternal and pleasing character. Many of our sister Grand Chapters have appointed Representatives near our Grand Chapter. Where it has not been done, in order to reciprocate the fraternal advance, and to cultivate a closer bond of union, I respectfully recommend that corresponding appointments in return be made by this Grand Chapter, and that the names of the Representatives accredited to our Grand Chapter with that of the Grand Chapter they represent, shall be entered upon the register of our Grand Chapter, and published with the minutes of each annual Grand Convocation.

I have but little official business to report.

Shortly after closing the Grand Chapter at our last Convocation, being unable to attend in person, I issued my proxy to Comp. Past Grand High Priest, D. C. Dawkins, to constitute, consecrate and dedicate Nassau Chapter, at Fernandina, and Live Oak Chapter, at Live Oak, and install their officers under the charters granted at that Grand Convocation. Although I received no official report of the performance of those duties, from his well known promptness, ability and truly masonic character, I take it for granted the work has been faithfully and truly performed.

Our Chapters are but few in number, and scattered over a vast territory, and personal intercourse with them is of the most difficult kind. I have visited but two during my brief term of office, viz: Mount Horeb, No. 11, at Warrington, and Santa Rosa, No. 6, at Milton, the former several times, and find it in good condition. Regular meetings are well and promptly attended, and although the returns may show but little work done, and a diminished register of members, there is no relaxa-

tion of efforts to keep alive the fire upon their altar, and to preserve unimpaired the good reputation they have so justly acquired. The latter, after two efforts, I succeeded in meeting once, and found it at refreshment. How long it had remained in that delightful pleasure, I am unable to state; but was informed by the Secretary that there had been held but one regular meeting during the last masonic year; consequently all work had been done at special meetings called by the High Priest. I gave them to understand, that calling to refreshment from one meeting to another was highly reprehensible, and that all petitions for advancement should be presented at regular meetings. There seems to be prevailing in that Chapter an apathy and want of zeal, not comporting with the teachings of the third Vail; a few efficient and zealous Companions bearing the burden of labor and the preservation of its life. This is not as it should be—Royal Arch Masonry, if worth anything, is worth some time, labor and sacrifice to sustain and support it.

RULES OF ORDER.

I desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to Rule 2, page 12, Proceedings 1860, adopted unanimously, viz:

Rule 2. Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Florida, that no Chapter within this jurisdiction shall receive the petition of a Master Mason for advancement in the Chapter degrees, who is not a regular member of some lodge and in good standing, and who has paid all dues against him, and made suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees, of which he shall produce satisfactory evidence from the Secretary of the lodge of which he is a member, before he is balloted for.

I am not prepared to say that this is not a wise and salutary rule (I fear too little heeded), but leaves the subject only half elucidated. It does not declare, that having been exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason, to preserve his membership in the Chapter, he must retain his membership and good standing in a Symbolic Lodge—or that a Master Mason dimitted in good standing, shall not be affiliated in a Royal Arch Chapter, although the inference is clearly in the affirmative. That suspen-

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sion or expulsion for cause in a Symbolic Lodge works suspension or expulsion in the Chapter, admits of no reasonable doubt, as the Royal Arch Chapter does not possess any supervising power over the action of a Symbolic Lodge, and *no masonic intercourse* can be held with an expelled or suspended mason. The capital degrees being based upon that of a Master Mason in good standing, he must produce that evidence before exaltation, and must retain that standing to preserve his membership in the Chapter. Every High Priest has it in charge to see that none be exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason except those who are Master Masons in good standing, and are fully qualified, agreeable to his oath of office and the requirements of the *inalterable law*. The fact of a Master Mason petitioning for advancement gives him no more claim to exaltation, than the profane may have to initiation. He is simply a qualified candidate, who must work the test of the ballot, as to his qualifications and fitness to work on the rebuilding of that second Temple upon which we labor.

Our young sister of Nova Scotia, complains that her existence has heretofore been ignored by the Grand Chapter of Florida, on that trust that she may have no cause for a second complaint on of score,—that this Grand Chapter will extend the right hand of fellowship—give her a hearty welcome into the companionship of the great sisterhood which now embraces the ice-bound regions of the great North with the perpetual summer of a Conventione of have also received the printed proceedings of a purpose This Royal Arch masons held at Wheeling, Va., for the purpose of forming the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia, belonging new Grand Chapter was formed out of the territory belonging to, with full accord and under the auspices of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, the Grand High Priest of which presided, afterwards tute, consecrate and dedicate the new Grand Chapter, afterwards installing its officers.

Through the politeness and attention of the several Grand Secretaries, I have received the printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, viz:

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California,	San Francisco,	April 12, 1872.
Connecticut,	Hartford,	May 7, "
Dist. Columbia,	Washington,	Nov. 12, "
Delaware,	Dover,	Jan. 17, "
Georgia,	Augusta,	April 24, "
Iowa,	Oskaloosa,	Oct. 16, "
Louisiana,	New Orleans,	Feb. 13, "
Missouri,	St. Louis,	Oct. 10, "
Minnesota,	St. Paul,	Jan. 9, "
New Hampshire,	Concord,	May 14, "
New Jersey,	Trenton,	Sept. 11, "
Nova Scotia,	Halifax,	June 4, "
Ohio,	Columbus,	Oct. 24, "
Oregon,	Salem,	June 21, "

All of which contain certain much valuable and instructive matter, showing a very high state of prosperity in the various jurisdictions. All of which will, doubtless, be digested by our Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and need no further notice by me.

CONCLUSION.

And now Companions, permit me to present my sincere thanks to this Grand Chapter for the honor they have conferred on me and fraternal kindness and consideration they have bestowed upon me. With a sincere prayer for the future prosperity of the Grand Chapter, I return this emblem of authority to your hands from which I received it, to be disposed of agreeable to your will and pleasure; hoping and trusting the blessings of the Great I Am may ever shield this Grand Chapter from all discord, and preserve it in peace and harmony to the end of time.

Comp. Dawkins presented the following:

REPORT AS SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions:

At the last Annual Grand Convocation, or soon after its close, I was appointed and commissioned, by the Grand High Priest, to install the officers, and constitute the new Chapters at Live Oak and Fernandina.

Upon consultation with the Companions representing said Chapters, respectively, it was understood that they were to notify me at an early day when they would be ready for the service, whereupon I was to make appointments to suit our mutual convenience.

No such notice having been given, I have not performed such service, and I am not aware that the Chapter at Live Oak has yet been constituted.

M. E. James Ellenwood, Past Grand High Priest, with my consent and approbation, installed the officers of Nassau Chapter, at Fernandina, and constituted the same, at an early period, being on a visit there, and I recommend that the action be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
P. G. H. P., and Special D. G. H. P.

On motion adopted, the address of the Grand High Priest, and the report of the Special Deputy Grand High Priest, were referred to a special committee consisting of Comps. W. B. Taylor, E. P. Jordan, T. A. Carruth and D. L. Oakley.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws, to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the by-laws of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, have considered the same and recommend that said amendments, as follows, be approved:

Section 11 of Chapter I, is altered so as to read "the second and fourth Fridays," instead of "the second Monday" in each month.

Section 1, of Chapter IV, is altered so as to read "thirty" dollars instead of "fifty."

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. T. HUCHINGSON,
E. P. JORDAN,
W. B. TAYLOR, } Committee.

W. B. KEMP.

A claim of Comp. W. B. Kemp, of Concord Chapter, No. 18, for the sum of \$14, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

JEFFERSON CHAPTER.

On motion adopted, a dispensation is ordered to be issued to Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, to elect and install officers of said Chapter for the present masonic year.

ISLAND CHAPTER.

On motion adopted, a dispensation is ordered to be issued to Island Chapter, No. 21, authorizing said Chapter to ballot again on the petition of Joseph Y. Porter, to take the degrees in said Chapter.

D. JONES, REPRESENTATIVE GRAND CHAPTER MISSISSIPPI.

M. E. David Jones, Past Grand High Priest, presented a commission appointing him representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Mississippi in the Grand Chapter of Florida, and he was received and acknowledged as such.

NEXT GRAND CONVOCATION.

E. Comp. Huchingson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jacksonville, on Monday next preceding the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1874, opening at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ELECTION.

The Grand Chapter went into an election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter for the present masonic year, which resulted as follows, to wit:

Comp. MICHAEL BOWES,	Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL PASCO,	D. G. H. Priest.
" JOHN S. DRIGGS,	Grand King.
" BENJAMIN G. ALDERMAN,	Grand Scribe.
" DANIEL L. OAKLEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" DEWITT C. DAWKINS,	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN PENNY,	Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until
3 o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 14, 1873, A. I. 2403, 3 P. M.

PRESENT.

M. E. William Morrill, Grand High Priest, and other
Grand Officers as before, except Comp. A. J. Russell as
Grand Scribe; and representation of Chapters as before.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer
by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Special Committee on Grand High Priest's
Address, and report of Special Deputy, presented the
following report, which, on motion, was received and
adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Grand
High Priest, have carefully examined the same, and respectfully report:

1. With reference to the institution of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, and
Suwannee Chapter, No. 24, from the report of Comp. Dawkins, the first named
has been regularly constituted, and we recommend the following as to
Suwannee Chapter:

Resolved, That the charter granted at the last Annual Convocation of this
Grand Chapter to Suwannee Chapter, No. 24, be continued, and if at any time

during the ensuing year the Companions may be prepared to do so, they may
obtain the same, upon the payment of the usual fee.

2. We recommend that the Grand High Priest be requested to appoint
Representatives of this Grand Chapter, near the several sister Grand Chapters
which have appointed Representatives near our own, and to as many others as
in his judgment he may think proper.

3. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the M. E. G. H. Priest,
the names of the Representatives accredited to our Grand Chapter together
with the State of the Grand Chapters they represent, shall be entered upon
the Register and published with the Proceedings of each Annual Convocation.

4. With reference to the Rule No. 2 of the Grand Chapter referred to by the
Grand High Priest, your committee are clearly of the opinion that his views
are correct, and recommend the following as an addition to said rule, to wit:

"And whenever a Master Mason who is also a member of some Royal Arch
Chapter, shall become non-affiliated, and wilfully remain so for a period of
more than one year, he shall be considered suspended from his Chapter, until
he shall have become affiliated with some particular lodge."

These are the only points suggested in the address which require action of the
committee, and in closing this report, we would extend the thanks of the Grand
Chapter to our venerable Companion Morrill, and assure him of the high
position he will ever hold in the esteem and affections of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. TAYLOR,	} Committee.
D. L. OAKLEY,	
E. P. JORDAN,	
T. A. CARRUTH,	

W. MORRILL, REPRESENTATIVE GRAND CHAPTER OF LOUISIANA.

M. E. William Morrill, Grand High Priest, presented
a commission appointing him representative of the
Grand Chapter of Louisiana, in this Grand Chapter,
and he was received and acknowledged as such.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances
reported, verbally, that no business had been referred
to them.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported
that no business had been referred to them.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Members of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Accounts report, that they have the account of the Grand Secretary, and find that he has received since last report, \$444.00, and that he has placed the same into the Grand Treasury.

The books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer we find correct, as follows:

Balance on hand at last Grand Convocation,.....	\$386.80	
Amount received from Grand Secretary,.....	444.00	\$830.80
Total,		
Amount disbursed, as per vouchers and appropriations of last Grand Convocation,.....	543.95	
	\$286.85	
Leaving balance on hand,.....		

We recommend the following appropriations:

To Grand Secretary for salary,.....	\$ 70.00	
" " " stationery, &c.,.....	24.00	
" Grand Tyler, J. Ferrand,.....	10.00	
" Grand High Priest, Wm. Morrill,.....	10.00	
" W. B. Kemp,.....	7.50	121.50
		\$165.85

Leaving on hand for printing, &c., for 1873,.....

Fraternally submitted,
 JOHN S. DRIGGS, } Committee.
 H. W. LONG, }

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Comp. A. J. Russell offered the following resolution, which being duly seconded, was put to vote, adopted, and ordered to lay over until the next Annual Grand Convocation, for final action, viz:

Resolved, That Section 1, Article 2, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, be amended by striking out all of said section after the word "Constitution," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"All officers of the Grand Chapter who have been duly elected and installed, and the High Priest, King and Scribe, or their

Proxies of each Chapter represented, shall, in such elections, be entitled to one vote each."

INSTALLATION.

M. E. William Morrill, Grand High Priest, installed Comp. Michael Bowes, Grand High Priest, who then installed into their respective offices:

Comp. SAMUEL PASCO,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOHN S. DRIGGS,	Grand King.
" BENJAMIN G. ALDERMAN,	Grand Scribe.
" DANIEL L. OAKLEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" DEWITT C. DAWKINS,	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN PENNY,	Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. WILLIAM B. TAYLOR,	Grand Marshal.
" ENOS WASGATE,	Grand Capt. of the Host.
" HENRY W. LONG,	Grand Prin. Sojourner.
" GEORGE F. FERGUSON,	Grand R. A. Captain.
" E. P. JORDAN,	G. M. 3d Vail.
" JOHN S. BALL,	G. M. 2d Vail.
" THEO. BALL,	G. M. 1st Vail.
" DAVID JONES,	Grand Guard.

CONSTITUTION.

Comp. John S. Driggs offered the following resolution, which being seconded by M. E. William Morrill, Past Grand High Priest, was put to vote and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a revision of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and to submit the same at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Comps. John S. Driggs, D. C. Dawkins and Francis I. Wheaton, as the committee, in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

Grand Chapter of Florida.

There being no further business the Grand Chapter, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in ample form.

D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Secretary.*

NOTE.

Since the close of the Grand Convocation, M. E. Michael Bowes, Grand High Priest, has appointed Comps. John S. Driggs, William Morrill and George F. Ferguson, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Secretary.*

The Returns for 1873 are to be found on pages 24 to 29, in connection with the Tables for 1872.

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STATES.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF CONVOCATION.	NO. OF CHAPTERS.	MEMBERSHIP.	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
Alabama,.....	Montgomery.	Dec., 1871.	66	1,909	Myles J. Greene,
Arkansas,.....	Little Rock.	Nov., 1871.	61	1,561	George A. Dannelly,
California,.....	San Francisco.	April, 1872.	41	2,013	William A. Davies,
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Delaware,.....	Dover.	Jan'y, 1872.	4	227	George W. Stone,
Dist. of Columbia,.....	Washington.	Nov., 1871.	7	910	Abner T. Longley,
Florida,.....	Tallahassee.	Jan'y, 1872.	13	496	Michael Bowes,
Georgia,.....	Augusta.	April, 1872.	49	2,061	George W. Adams,
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Pennsylvania,.....	Salem.	Sept., 1871.	6	7,664	James R. Bayley,
Rhode Island,.....	Philadelphia.	June, 1872.	81	1,487	C. E. Meyer,
South Carolina,.....	Providence.	Dec., 1871.	10	807	Henry C. Field,
Tennessee,.....	Charleston.	March, 1872.	27	4,122	James A. Hoyt,
Texas,.....	Nashville.	Feb. 1872.	92	3,268	John W. Paxton,
Vermont,.....	Houston.	Nov., 1871.	106	1,651	Norton Moses,
Virginia,.....	Burlington.	June, 1871.	24	1,841	John W. Clark,
West Virginia,.....	Richmond.	June, 1872.	43	252	Robert E. Withers,
Wisconsin,.....	Wheeling.	Dec., 1871.	5	2,488	Thomas H. Logan,
	Milwaukee.	Nov., 1871.	41		C. F. G. Collins,
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Texas,.....	Houston.	June, 1871.	106	4,122	John W. Paxton,
Vermont,.....	Burlington.	June, 1872.	24	3,268	Norton Moses,
Virginia,.....	Richmond.	Dec., 1871.	43	1,651	John W. Clark,
West Virginia,.....	Wheeling.	Nov., 1871.	5	1,841	Robert E. Withers,
Wisconsin,.....	Milwaukee.	Jan'y, 1872.	41	252	Thomas H. Logan,
				2,488	C. F. G. Collins,
				113,593	

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER—JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, General Grand High Priest, Portland

Next Triennial Convocation will be held at Nashville, Ten

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual
Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall in the city
of Jacksonville, at the hour of H. 12, on Monday, the
12th day of January, A. L.: 5874, A. I.: 2404, A. D. 1874.

Present—M. E.: MICHAEL BOWES, Grand High Priest ;
R. E.: ALBERT J. RUSSELL, as Dep. Gr. High Priest ;
" MARCELLUS M. T. HUCHINGSON, as Grand King ;
" BENJAMIN R. WHITAKER, as Grand Treasurer ;
" DE WITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary ;
E.: EDWARD P. JORDON, Gr. Capt. of the Host ;
" HENRY W. LONG, Grand P. Sojourner ;
" THEODORE BALL, as Gr. R. A. Captain ;
" WARREN F. SCOTT, as Gr. M. 3d Vail ;
" THOMAS W. CARTER, as Gr. M. 2d Vail ;
" CORNELIUS O. O. ROBERTS, as Gr. M. 1st Vail ;
" DAVID JONES, Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priests.

M. E.: DAVID JONES and DE WITT C. DAWKINS.

Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E.: MARCELLUS M. T. HUCHINGSON.

Past Grand Secretary.

ALBERT J. RUSSELL.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

Of the Grand Chapters of Kansas, Mississippi and
New York.

CHAPTERS.

Chapters bearing the following numbers represented, to wit: 1, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 22 and 23.

OPENING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

GRAND KING.

R. E.: John S. Driggs, Grand King, entered and took his seat in Grand Council.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The M. E.: Grand High Priest, appointed Companions H. W. Long, E. P. Jordon and M. M. T. Huchingson, a Committee on Returns and Credentials.

VISITORS.

On motion, adopted, all Royal Arch Masons, who are members of Chapters in good standing, are invited to attend the present Grand Convocation.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Chapter calls off, that it be called to refreshment until 3 o'clock this P. M.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 3 P. M.

January 12, 1874, A. I.: 2404, 3 P. M.

Present—M. E.	MICHAEL BOWES,	G. H. P.
R. E.:	JOHN H. DRIGGS,	G. K.
"	M. M. T. HUCHINGSOS,	as Gr. S.
"	D. C. DAWKINS,	Gr. Secretary.
Rt. Rev.	JOHN PENNY,	Gr. Chaplain.
E.:	ENOS WASGATE,	G. C. H.
"	H. W. LONG,	G. P. S.
"	T. BALL,	as G. R. A. C.
"	W. F. SCOTT,	as G. M. 3d V.
"	F. I. WHEATON,	as G. M. 2d V.
"	C. O. O. ROBERTS,	as G. M. 1st V.
"	D. JONES,	Gr. Guard.

LABOR.

The Grand Chapter, with prayer conducted by the Grand Chaplain, was called to labor.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented a partial report, which was received.

COMMITTEES.

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

On Dispensations and By-Laws.

Comps. H. W. LONG, C. O. O. ROBERTS, and JOHN PENNY.

On Accounts.

Comps. GEORGE R. JONES, W. F. SCOTT, and H. W. LONG.

On Propositions and Grievances.

Comps. F. I. WHEATON, T. BALL, and M. M. T. HUCHINGSON.

On Constitutions.

Comps. JOHN S. DRIGGS, D. C. DAWKINS, and F. I. WHEATON.

On Unfinished Business.

Comps. E. P. JORDON, F. I. WHEATON, and T. BALL.

On Jurisprudence.

Comps. D. C. DAWKINS, T. W. CARTER, and M. M. T. HUCHINGSON.

On Foreign Correspondence.

Comps. JOHN S. DRIGGS, WM. MORRILL, and G. F. FERGUSON.

On Obituaries.

Comps. F. I. WHEATON, H. W. LONG, and M. M. T. HUCHINGSON.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following annual address, which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Companions J. S. Driggs, T. W. Carter, and H. W. Long:

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida.

The onward march of time has brought around another year in man's eventful history, and we are again permitted to meet in Grand Convocation.

Thus to meet within these consecrated walls, our individual cares and business perplexities put away for a time, and full exercise given to the higher sensations of our nature, is indeed an event to be hailed with joy. For this great privilege it is meet and proper that we offer up our solemn devotions to the Great I Am, through whose merciful providence we have been sustained since our last meeting.

Let us as well invoke His continued blessing, protection and care during our present deliberations.

In our jurisdiction, peace and harmony prevail.

In the discharge of my official duties but little has occurred that is worthy of notice, or that requires the action and approval of the Grand Chapter.

I earnestly invite the Grand Chapter to give the subject of

Finance its immediate and thoughtful attention, and to take steps at once to improve its condition in that particular.

Past Grand Secretary, Companion W. M. McIntosh, in a communication to this Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation, in relation to the finances of the Grand Chapter writes as follows:

"For want of funds I have been unable to get the proceedings of 1872 printed, as the printer had not been paid for printing proceedings of 1871, only about \$50, and he was unwilling to do any more work unless he could be paid for work already done."

The money receipts of the Grand Chapter from its organization in 1847, to the present time, is as follows:

1848. Five Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.....	\$165 00
1849. Five " " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.....	187 00
1850. Seven " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.....	410 00
1851. Four " " " 1, 2, 4, 8. No finance report.	
1852. No Chapters reported.....	347 00
1853. Seven Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11.....	143 00
1854. Seven " " " 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12.....	175 00
1855. Eleven " " Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14.....	391 00
1856. Seven " " Nos. 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14.....	283 70
1857. Nine " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12.....	353 00
1858. Twelve " " Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.....	337 00
1859. Thirteen " " Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15.....	363 00
1860. Eight Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15.....	374 00
1861. Seven " " " 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15.....	282 00
1862. Seven " " " 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15.....	92 00
1863. Five " " " 1, 5, 7, 9, 15.....	309 00
1864. Six " " " 1, 5, 7, 9, 15, 17.....	250 00
1865. Eight " " " 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17.....	250 00
1866. Nine " " " 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17.....	258 00
1867. Eleven " " " 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18.....	494 00
1868. Thirteen Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18.....	445 00
1869. Twelve Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19.....	537 00
1870. Twelve Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.....	503 00
1871. Eight Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 20, 21.....	309 50
1872. Eleven " " " 1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22.....	625 25
1873. Twelve Chapters represented, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23.....	444 00

You will observe, by the foregoing, the variations of the annual receipts, as well as a steady increase of prosperity in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of an invitation, from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, to be present at the dedication of the Grand Chapter Room in the new Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on the 29th of September last, but business engagements prevented me from attending on that very interesting occasion.

I regret to announce the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Charles Slager, who died at Galveston, Texas, in October last; and Past Grand Treasurer, T. P. Tatum, who died at his residence at Tallahassee in July. They were zealous members of the Royal Craft, and, by long continued services, merited the high esteem in which they were held by the fraternity.

Companions: I stand ready to return into your hands the great trust, which, a year ago, you were pleased to confer upon me; and for the honor thus conferred, please accept my grateful acknowledgments, with the fervent hope that the Supreme High Priest may direct us, and by his strength may we be enabled to perform the obligations here enjoined on us, that the work of our hands may be good, true and square.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E.: John S. Driggs presented the following report on foreign correspondence, which was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

To the most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received the proceedings of Twenty five (25) Grand Chapters, viz:

Alabama,	Arkansas,	California,	Canada,
Connecticut,	Delaware,	Dist. of Columbia	Indiana,
Illinois,	Kansas,	Kentucky,	Louisiana,
Maine,	Massachusetts,	Michigan,	Minnesota,
Missouri,	Nebraska,	New York,	North Carolina,
Nova Scotia,	Ohio	Oregon,	Pennsylvania.
Virginia			

These we have examined carefully, and herewith present such

abstract of the doings of the Royal Craft in other jurisdictions, as in our judgment may be for the good of the Royal Craft within this jurisdiction.

If there is any one fact more noticeable than another, it is that peace and harmony, the grand bulwarks of our Institution, everywhere prevail. The Royal Craft in all sections of our great country, and so far as heard from in other lands, seem to be inspired with that laudable ambition, of "who can best live, labor, and love." We are highly gratified, and we have no doubt every Royal Arch Mason in this Grand jurisdiction will share with us in this gratification, that Masonry, more than any other of the numerous Fraternal Institutions in our country, is laboring to remove the animosities generated by our late unfortunate civil war, and that success is everywhere manifesting itself in this labor of love, so that Masonry is to-day the admiration of the nations in what it has, and is still doing for the benefit of mankind.

With these general remarks we proceed with our report, noticing, in detail and in their order, the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, so far as we have received them.

Alabama stands first on the list. This Grand Body began its session December 3d, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872. There are one hundred and one subordinate Chapters within this Grand jurisdiction, only forty-five, however, were represented in the Grand Chapter.

The address of the most Excellent H. Clay Armstrong, Grand High Priest is brief, but interesting and to the point. He recognizes the protecting care of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and exhorts the Royal Craft to thanksgiving and praise for mercies and blessings in the past, and urges them to "invoke his continued blessing, that our counsels may be conducted in wisdom and harmony, and tend to the advancement of a cause whose aim is only good to the children of men." He congratulates the Craft that no matter of difficulty has disturbed the harmony, or interrupted the peace of the workmen during the year, nor was he called upon to decide upon questions other than those already settled within the jurisdiction. He evidently feels the necessity of settled uniformity in the work. On this subject he says, "at your last Convocation a plan was proposed and adopted, looking to a general dissemination of the work. I fear that the result contemplated has not been attained to the extent that is desirable.

And yet, it seems to me questionable whether such modification or change as will more surely meet the end in view can, at this time, be made. Deeming this a matter of prime importance, I have given it much thought, and must confess my inability to solve the difficulties surrounding it. I again submit it to your wisdom, refraining from recommendation." This Grand jurisdiction at its last Convocation, reported 1,914 members. Advanced during year, 138; presided, 131; received and acknowledged, 132; exalted, 123; affiliated, 33; rejected, 9; demitted, 76; suspended for unmasonic conduct, 2; expelled, 0; suspended for non-payment of dues, 99; re-instated, 18.

The common leveler of our race has been at work among our Companions of that jurisdiction; forty-four of their number during the year "Gathered up their working tools," in the quarries of earth, to stand before the Grand ORIENT with their work for inspection.

Miles J. Green, M. D., of Louchapoka, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, continued as Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

This Grand Body met in Grand Convocation October 31st, 1872, and January 2d and 3d 1873.

The address of M. E. G. H. P. Dannelly, is brief, but to the point, breathing the true spirit of the Craft in every part.

There are sixty-five Chapters in this jurisdiction. Forty-seven of the Chapters made returns to the Grand Chapter, and one surrendered its charter during the year.

The whole number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction is 1,498. The M. E. G. H. P. decided "That a R. A. Mason, who makes application to affiliate with a Chapter, should be an affiliated member of a Lodge." The Committee on Masonic Law, however, dissented from this decision of the Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter adopted the report. Companion George A. Dannelly was continued as Grand High Priest, and Companion L. E. Barber, Little Rock, as Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California entered upon its session April 8th, 1873, with thirty-five chartered Chapters, and three U. D. represented.

The address of M. E. Companion Jacob Hart Neff, G. H. P., is a brief but most interesting document, setting forth the work and prosperity of the Craft in the State.

M. E. Companion William A. Davis was elected and installed Grand High Priest, and Companion Charles L. Wiggin, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is full, and seldom do we find a report of the kind more interesting and complete, as to Masonic information, than this document of Companion Wiggin for the Committee.

CANADA.

We have before us the proceedings of this Grand Body for the years 1872 and 1873. At the Convocation held at Toronto, August 14th, 1872, A. L. 5872, most Excellent Companion T. Douglas Harington, who, for eleven consecutive years, had held the office of G. : Z. : voluntarily retired from the high and responsible duties of the highest office within the gift of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction, much to the regret of those who for so many years had been his co-workers in diffusing the principles of our Royal Craft through the Dominion.

In all the walks of life Companion Harington has been thoroughly tested and found wanting in nothing; a good man and true, he retires beloved by all.

Dispensations were granted to six new Chapters during the year. The report of E. Companion Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, ranks well among the best of its kind, full of important information to the Craft. The representative system seems to meet the approval of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Harington.

There were fifty-three chartered Chapters represented, with a roll of two thousand one hundred and fifty four members. Fifteen ceased their labors in the quarries of earth during the year.

M. E. Companion S. B. Harman succeeded M. E. Companion Harington to the office of G. : Z. :, with R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton, Ontario, as Grand Scribe E. :

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation was held at Kingston on Wednesday, August 13th, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

The address of M. E. Companion Samuel B. Harman, G. : Z. : is to the point in every regard. During the year dispensations were

issued for the formation of three Chapters, which were confirmed by the Grand Chapter, making a total of fifty-six chartered Chapters within the jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 2,492.

During the year twenty were called from labor here to refreshment in the Temple above. M.: E.: Companion C. D. McDonnell, Peterboro, Ontario, Grand Z, and Companion T. Bird Harris, Hamilton, Grand Scribe E.

CONNECTICUT.

Semi-annual Convocations of this Grand Body are held in October and May. The 75th Annual Convocation was held at New Haven, Tuesday, May 13th, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402.

The annual address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest is brief, plain, practical and business like. The entire session was devoted to local matters. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence gives us a full and complete report of 108 pages through its committee, Companion Jno. N. Lewis. M.: E.: Wm. Wallace Lee, of West Meriden, was re-elected G.: H.: P.:, and Companion Joseph H. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

This Grand jurisdiction contains five chartered Chapters, with an aggregate membership of two hundred and sixty seven.

The Fifth Annual Convocation of the new organization, was held at Dover, January 15th, 1873, A. I. 2403. M. E. C. J. R. McFee, Grand H. P., presiding. The address of the M. E. G. H. P. is an excellent production, and represents the Craft in a healthy and prosperous condition. M.: E.: Companion Geo. W. Stone, Wilmington, G.: H.: P.:, and J. P. Almond, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This Grand Body is comprised of eight regularly chartered Chapters, having in the aggregate 998 members.

Its meetings are semi-annual. The Annual Convocation was held at Masonic Temple in the city of Washington, Nov. 11th, 1873, being its Seventh Annual meeting.

The address of M. E. C. A. T. Longley, clearly indicates him to be a workman in our Royal Brotherhood that "needeth not to be ashamed" of his labors. The following decisions were made during the year, to wit: "A Brother M.: M.: in good standing, in

the State of Illinois, but now a resident of this city, petitions their Chapter for the degrees, but stated on the petition, that some three years previous he had petitioned a Chapter in Illinois (being then a resident of that jurisdiction), and had been elected, but having been called away from the State he had not been able to obtain the degrees. I decided the Chapter could not receive the Brother's petition, but could confer the Degrees upon the petitioner upon the request of the Chapter in which he had been elected."

Also another decision of no small importance was rendered during the year, as follows:

"1st. Can a protest be entered by a member of another Chapter against a candidate taking the Degrees in this (Lafayette) Chapter.

"2nd. Is it proper to enter a protest against a candidate taking the Degrees, by a member of this or any other Chapter, by giving it verbally to the M.: E.: H.: P.:, or should it be in writing and filed with the Secretary?

"Answer—A protest against a candidate receiving the Degrees should be presented by a member of the Chapter in which the petition was acted upon, and by no other; and it should be in writing, and filed with the Secretary, that it may become a matter of record, thereby doing no injustice to the Chapter, the Companion protesting, or to the Candidate."

The G.: H.: P.: reports the Craft in prosperous condition throughout the jurisdiction.

M.: E.: Noble D. Larner G.: H.: P.:, office 643 Louisiana avenue, residence 937 I Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.; E.: Companion L. G. Stephens, Grand Secretary, Office, Masonic Temple, residence 1421, Fifth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

INDIANA.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body was held at Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, October 22d, A. D. 1873, A. I. 2403. The address of the venerable and Most Excellent Eden H. Davis, G. H. P., for purity, simplicity, and eloquence, is rarely excelled, and will rank, in the hereafter of time, among the most chaste and eloquent Masonic documents of the times. Afflictions connected with advanced years in life, we are sorry to note, compels this venerable, but faithful and always sound Com-

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panion making the same remains a member of that particular Chapter."

2d. "That if a Companion making objections to the advancement of a Brother demits, or is suspended or expelled, the Chapter can proceed in the same manner as if such objections were withdrawn formally."

3d. "That objections made by a Companion to the advancement of a Brother in the Chapter of which he is a member, are valid and binding, although the Companion making the objection resides without the State."

4th. "That objections made by a Companion in the Chapter of which he is a member to the advancement of a Brother, cannot be removed by striking the name of the Companion from the list of members, although said Companion may reside without the State."

5th. "That the installation of officers in a Chapter by proxy is not proper or legal."

The reasoning of the Grand High Priest on the above decisions is cogent and to the point. As to objections, he says:

"The right of objection, as recognized by the laws of the Grand Chapter, is a sacred right; and yet, in my opinion, it is a right that, while it is carefully guarded, should be confined strictly to the letter of the law. By its exercise in the broad sense which some are willing to give it, it is more potent and powerful than the ballot itself."

As to the 5th decision he very properly (in our judgment) says: "I also desire to call attention of the Grand Chapter to the 5th decision touching the installation of officers by proxy. This practice is more or less common in our Chapters, and has been the cause of disturbing the peace and harmony of more than one Chapter in this jurisdiction. It tends to lessen the interest in, and takes away the force of the installation service, and is bound to result in evil if allowed to go unchecked."

Asa W. Blakesley, Quincy, M.: E. G.: H.: P.:; James H. Miles, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Although this Grand Body stands among the younger of our Sister Grand Chapters, yet it gives unmistakable evidence of life, energy and good work. Its eighth session was held at the city of Fort Scott, October 14th, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402.

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panion, to retire from the more active scenes of Masonic life, to look back upon a life devoted to usefulness, and forward to rest and refreshment with the High Priest of our profession in the Chapter above.

A question of some considerable importance to Capitular Masonry was, during the year, propounded to but not answered by the G. H. P., but referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who although they report on the question, yet do not answer it, so as to place their answer, as the action of the Grand Chapter, among Masonic Edicts as authority for future use. The question referred to is this, "Under the Laws of the Grand Chapter, does the loss of the right foot render a Brother Master Mason ineligible to receive the Chapter degrees?" Time was asked, by the Committee, until the next Annual Convocation, and granted by the Grand Chapter, so as to consult Masonic authorities and the views of other Grand Bodies on the subject.

There are eighty-eight chartered Chapters, and two under dispensation, with 4,332 members. During the year sixty-nine Craftsmen gathered up their working tools and passed over to the rest and refreshment of the Temple not made with hands.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made no report, or at least none is published in the printed proceedings. M.: E.: Alexander Thomas, of Terre Haute, G.: H.: P.:; Companion Jno. M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

This is one of the most energetic and efficient Grand Bodies in the great Sisterhood of Grand Chapters in our country. At its Twenty-third Convocation, which was held at the hall of Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, in the city of Chicago, October 24th, 1872, one hundred and fifty-one chartered Chapters, and three U. D., numbering nine thousand three hundred and seventy-eight members, answered at roll call. Several decisions of no small importance to the Royal Craft were made during the year by M. E. G. H. P. James A. Hawley, and confirmed by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and adopted by the Grand Chapter, and so form a part of the very intelligent Royal Arch Masonic Law of Illinois. The decisions are as follows, to wit:

1st. "That objections to the advancement of a Brother are binding upon the High Priest and Chapter so long as the Com-

There were twenty-one chartered Chapters, with a total membership of 755 Royal Craftsmen on the roll.

The retiring G.: H.: P.: E. D. Hillyer, in his address, assures the Grand Chapter that peace and harmony prevail in all their borders.

M.: E.: C.: E. D. Hillyer was re-elected G. H. P., and R.: E.: E. T. Carr, Leavenworth, continued as Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky ranks among the older Grand bodies of Capitular Masonry in our Country, now being in the 59th year of its age. As to efficiency and Masonic ability, it takes post well among the most brilliant in this department of Masonry. There are 119 chartered and one U. D. Chapters, with a membership of 3,885, working in the unity of Fraternal Companionship in this jurisdiction.

The M.: E.: G.: H.: P.: Wm. Ryan, in his address, deprecates the financial crisis that so generally prevailed in our country at the time of their session and for some time before on the one hand, and expresses the real sympathy of a good man and Mason for those jurisdictions so widely devastated by the ravages of disease during the past year. He says: "On the whole, however, the past twelve months, whilst not distinguished by any very signal advance of Royal Arch Masonry in our midst, have, in a great measure, been a period not of retrogression, but of steady and healthful growth in our Companionship." This is the kind of growth that every Grand jurisdiction should most ardently desire and pray for. M. E. D. P. Robb, of Versailles, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John M. S. McCorkle, of Louisville, continued Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana was held at Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans, on Tuesday, February 11th, 1873, M.: E.: Michel Eloi Girard, Grand High Priest, presiding. At roll call of Chapters, 22 of the 38 chartered and one U. D. Chapters answered by their representatives.

The proceedings of this Grand Body are among the most interesting that it has been our privilege and great pleasure to examine. The Grand High Priest, in his very able annual address, congratu-

lates his fellow Companions, and through them the whole body of the Craft wheresoever dispersed throughout the Globe, of the peace and prosperity everywhere prevailing throughout his jurisdiction. This Grand Body was organized March 1st, 1813. At that time, as we gather from the minutes before us, "it was a Chamber in the Grand Lodge, whose officers were *ex-officio* the officers of the Grand Chapter. It was declared extinct by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in 1844. Its last Convocation was held March 2d, 1850, when its Chapters went under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, which was organized in 1848, May 1st, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States." There were 1,617 Royal Craftsmen at work upon its Temple walls at the date of its Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation.

M.: E.: Companion Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans, G.: H.: P.: Companion Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D., New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maine reaches us at so late a date, that we have not the time to do more than to say that the Royal Craftsmen are busy in the full spirit of harmony in that far away sister jurisdiction, in building their spiritual Temple.

The address of M. E. John W. Ballou, Grand High Priest, is an eloquent paper, but confined to themes entirely local.

Companion Stephen J. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, gives to the Craft a full and very able report—a report that may be studied with profit by every Craftsman throughout the land.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Body holds Quarterly Convocations, viz.: March, June and September, the Annual Convocation in December, making the fourth. During the year 1872, there were two Special Convocations held in October and November.

The proceedings of the several Quarterly Convocations are among the most interesting Masonic documents it has been our good fortune to examine for years. The action of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, on the subject of the Tetragrammaton, having been referred to the Grand

Council of the State of Massachusetts, the Grand High Priest at the September Convocation, in behalf of the Grand Council, made his report, which for research in the history of Masonry in our own country as to the Omnific or Royal Arch word, and the manner of communicating it, by Webb and other Masonic names of note among us, is rarely excelled. It is full of the most valuable information to every Craftsman, and if space permitted nothing would give us more pleasure than to publish it entire.

At the Annual Convocation, held December 10th, 1872, the Grand High Priest, in his address, reports the Craft in a prosperous condition. The remarks of the Grand High Priest in his annual address, on work, are so eminently proper and to the point that it is with pleasure we quote them, hoping that they will not be without proper effect upon the officers of Chapters in our own jurisdiction. He says:

"Excellent work will make an excellent Chapter, emulation begets success, and this the Companions have made a duty. The officers have been careful to avoid innovation, feeling assured that however much of abstract merit any change or variation may possess, yet the only work and the true work is that which is promulgated in annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Change begets change, and promotes discussion; of this I am assured the Companions are well aware; hence the commendable efforts of all to abide by and maintain the established ritual."

There are fifty-nine chartered Chapters and three U. D., having a membership of 7,468. Sixty-six Royal Craftsmen passed on before to the Temple not made with hands, during the year. M.: E.: C.: Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, was re-elected G. H. P.; R.: E.: Z. H. Thomas, of Boston, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan was held at Masonic Tabernacle of Monroe Chapter No. 1, in the city of Detroit, Wednesday, January 1st, 1873. There are 82 Chapters in this jurisdiction, and all but three answered "present" by their representatives at roll call—hard to beat anywhere. The Companions of this, the northernmost of the peninsular States, are zealous in the great and glorious work of diffusing light and knowledge everywhere. That veteran Mason and most amiable man, and scholar

J. Eastman Johnson, standing at the head of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as of yore, seems to be growing young as years move on. No Mason, perhaps, on this Continent, we'll venture to assert, has a fairer Masonic record than he, nor have we ever read a more fair, candid and yet earnest report than he and his Companions of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence have given to their Grand Body. Our earnest prayer is that he may be left to go in and out before the Craft yet these many years. The address of M.: E.: Leonard Randall, was brief but to the point. One question of some interest was decided by him during the year, to wit:

Question—"A Companion is suspended by his Lodge, from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. His Chapter is notified thereof, but takes no action further than entering the fact of such expulsion or suspension in its minutes. He is subsequently restored by his Lodge to all the rights and benefits of Masonry. Is any action required by the Chapter to restore him to membership and the rights and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry?"

Answer—"No action by the Chapter is necessary, further than to enter the fact of such restoration by his Lodge on the record. When a member is expelled or suspended by his Lodge, his connection is severed with the whole Masonic family, because Capitular Masonry recognizes Symbolic Masonry as the ground work and foundation of our Masonic institution. Hence, while under a sentence of expulsion or suspension from his Lodge, the Chapter enforces such penalty by refusing Masonic recognition, and when he is restored by his Lodge, he is restored to all his Masonic relations, not because the restoration by the Lodge is binding on the Chapter, as a law, but because the sentence pronounced by the Lodge affected his Masonic standing in the Chapter, and when the sentence was abrogated his Masonic standing in the Chapter was no longer affected by it."

There were 6,280 members of the Royal Craft in this Grand jurisdiction at the date of the proceedings now before us, and prosperity in all their borders.

M.: E.: John W. Finch, of Adrian, G.: H.: P.: and of course R.: E.: Companion J. Eastman Johnson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Body, like the State under its Masonic jurisdiction,

is among the younger of our sister Grand Chapters; it seems, however, to have within it all the elements of life and energy. Though only 13 years old, there are 20 chartered Chapters, and 2 U. D. on its roll. Of the chartered Chapters all but one were represented in the Grand Chapter. The numerical strength of the Craft in the jurisdiction is not reported. The Grand H.: P.:, in his address, reports two decisions upon cases stated and questions asked. They are as follows: "Brother——, of Waseca, a Master Mason, and member of the Lodge at Waseca, wishes to receive the Chapter Degrees and become a member of our Chapter. Brother—— is a prominent citizen, a worthy Mason, and in all respects such a man as wanted. Since becoming a Master Mason he has lost his left hand.

"Question.—Can we receive him?"

"Answer.—You cannot under a strict observance of Masonic Law and usage confer the Chapter Degrees upon the Brother in question." The G.: H.: P.: then adds, "the above decision is not given without a deep sympathy for the unfortunate Brother, and I submit the question of his relief, if within your reach, to your better judgment."

"Question.—If a Brother petitions the Tabernacle Chapter No. 18 and is elected, and, before receiving any of the Degrees, removes to Lake City to take up his permanent residence, and Tabernacle Chapter grants Hope Chapter, at Lake City, permission to confer the Degrees on the Brother, and such Degrees are conferred, of which Chapter will he be a member?"

"Answer.—The Companion will be a member of the Chapter in which he receives the Degrees." The first of these decisions was concurred in by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, the Committee dissenting as to the second. The Grand Chapter adopted the report of the Committee, thus reversing the decision of the G.: H.: P.:.

P.: G.: H.: P.: A. T. C. Pierson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, seems to be very seriously affected with what is known as the "Ring Fever," in some localities, if we may judge from the conclusion of his report. Some real or imaginary grievance has overtaken him, the Craft has not continued the honors he was wont to receive for years past, and to which he conceives himself to be entitled. He is no longer continued on the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, hence he takes advan-

tage of his position to parade his local trouble before the Masonic world. He tells us how much time and money he has spent to advance the interests of the Royal Arch within his jurisdiction, just as though the Royal Arch had done nothing to make and give him prominence. *He is much wronged*, well it's too bad. We hope the Companion will, in the hereafter, find other channels through which to make his wailings heard, aside from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

M.: E. Jas. N. Castle, of Stillwater, G.: H.: P.:, and E. D. B. Porter, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

On Thursday, October 9th, 1873, A. I. 2403, the Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Missouri began its session in the city of St. Louis. There were 80 Chapters in the State, 53 of which were represented in the Grand Chapter. The total membership in the jurisdiction is 3,976. The addresses of the G.: H.: P.: and report of the Grand Lecturer, are interesting and practical documents, showing a healthy condition of the Craft within their borders. M.: E.: Xenophon Ryland, of Lexington, was elected G.: H.: P.:, and Geo. Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

'This Grand Body is but seven years of age, yet rapidly growing to the full stature of manhood in all that constitutes efficiency in good work, square work; such work as the Grand Overseers are authorized to receive. The address of the G.: H.: P.: is an able document, but mostly of a local character.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is quite full, doing justice to every Grand Body with which it is in communication. There were 6 chartered Chapters and 3 U. D., having a membership of 392 Royal Arch Masons on the 31st of May, 1871. M.: E.: Companion Robert R. Livingston, of Plattsmouth, G.: H.: P.:, and Daniel H. Wheeler, P. G. H. P., of Plattsmouth, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York met at Masonic Hall, in the city of Albany, February 4th, A. D., 1873, A. I. 2403. M.: E.: Rees G.

Williams, Grand High Priest, presiding. There are two hundred and sixty-three chartered and four U. D. Chapters, with an actual membership of 17,467 on the 27th day of December, 1872, within its jurisdiction. At roll call of Chapters one hundred and eighty Chapters, by their representatives, answered.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest, though an excellent paper, yet so far as the general Craft are concerned, is local. No question involving general principles of Masonic law coming up during the year for decision. Companion D. A. Ogden for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence gives a report of fifty-three closely printed pages full of interest, inasmuch as it bears upon its pages tidings from the Royal Craft of thirty-one Grand Bodies.

The address of Companion Rev. James B. Murray G.: C.: on the subject, "The Tabernacle in the Wilderness and its Furniture," is one of the most appropriate discourses for Royal Arch Masons we have ever read.

Prosperity abounds in all the borders of this Grand Body. M.: E.: Companion Thomas C. Cassidy, of New York, G.: H.: P.: Companion Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

From the annual address of M.: E.: G.: H.: P.: John Nichols we learn the following with regard to Royal Arch Masonry in the State of North Carolina: "Royal Arch Masonry has had an existence in this State since the year 1788, but not in an organized capacity until the year 1822." Judging from the tone of the annual address of the G.: H.: P.: Royal Arch Masonry is at very low tide in the State of North Carolina. This we are sorry to hear; we had hoped that from the "Old North State," we should hear "good tidings of great joy" from the workmen on that portion of the walls of our sacred Temple; but instead, we hear "Chapters that once flourished have, in some instances, succumbed to the destructive influences of internal disorder and surrendered their charters, others went down from causes unknown, while some are still struggling for an existence on account of a seemingly incurable apathy that prevades them." The G.: H.: P.: in his address suggests several causes for the presence of this apathy among the Craftsmen; one is the place of meeting, viz.: at Wilmington, as being too much on the border of the State, thus

making attendance by representatives of subordinate Chapters at Grand Chapter too expensive for the Chapters in the western and in the rural districts. Again, he suggests that absence of uniformity of work, and the mode of disseminating it, as a cause of the apathy so destructive to the interests of Royal Arch Masonry among them; and in this we think he has struck the keynote to all their trouble. The want of uniformity in the esoteric work is the bane of Masonry in any jurisdiction. One step, however, in the right direction has been taken by the Grand Chapter, and that is the repeal of the resolution withdrawing from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. This General Grand Body has adopted and recommended a work, and wherever adopted by Grand Chapters we hear no complaint.

Twelve out of forty-five Chapters made returns, and but ten were represented in the Grand Chapter. M.: E.: Companion H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, was elected G.: H.: P.: and Companion Thos. M. Gardner, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was held at Masonic Hall in the City of Halifax, June 3d (the year not being stated in the copy of proceedings before us), we suppose 1873. M. E. Companion S. R. Sircom, G.: H.: P.:, presiding. There are five chartered Chapters and one U. D. within this jurisdiction. The statistics show that there are 223 Royal Arch Masons doing good work within this Grand jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest, in his annual address, alludes in feeling language to the wreck of the steamship Atlantic, with her living freight of nearly one thousand souls, five hundred and sixty-two of whom found watery graves, also the Drummond Colliery accident by which nearly seventy men and boys were hurried into eternity. The Grand High Priest refers in befitting terms to the arrogant, and in our judgment, unmasonic action of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, in declining to recognize the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, upon the ground of the number of members admitted during the period reported, viz. 30, and the money in treasury. The Grand Chapter, feeling that they could live and work in fraternal harmony with all the other Grand Bodies of the world, supported their Grand High Priest most heartily, and concluded to give the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland a good

letting alone, and get on without their recognition. The Craft is prosperous in this youthful jurisdiction.

M. E. Companion Stephen R. Sircom, of Halifax, was re-elected G.: H.: P.:, and James Gossip, of Halifax, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

OHIO.

At the date of the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation, to wit: September 2d, A. D. 1873, A. L. 2403, at Toledo, there were 137 chartered Chapters on the roll, and all but three made returns. There were 7,909 Royal Arch Masons at work diffusing light and information within her borders. The annual address of the G.: H.: P.: Companion J. Kelly O'Neill is an excellent, plain, frank and eminently business like document, though local in its character, yet worthy of imitation in dealing with home matters. Royal Arch Masonry is highly prosperous in every part of the "Buckeye" jurisdiction.

M.: E.: Companion J. Kelly O'Neill, of Lebanon, was re-elected G.: H.: P.:, and Companion Jas. Nesbitt, of Troy, re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest made the following decisions during the year, which were confirmed by the Grand Chapter.

1. "After the recommendation and consent for the formation of a new Chapter has been given by the nearest chartered Chapter, the petition therefor cannot be altered by adding to or striking therefrom the names of the petitioners."

2. "The members of recommending Chapters who are petitioners for the formation of a new Chapter, are, at the constitution of such new Chapter under its charter, demitted from the old Chapter and become members of the new. But such demission does not operate to release the petitioners from the payment of dues that may have accrued against them in such recommending Chapter, before the constitution of the new one under its charter. And for their non-payment they are liable to be dealt with in the same manner as if they remained members of the Chapter in which the dues accrued."

3. "A Past High Priest who has been suspended for non-payment of dues cannot, while so suspended, install the officers of a Chapter, and an installation by such suspended Past High Priest is void."

4. "The indefinite suspension, for gross unmasonic conduct, of a Companion who objects to the advancement of a candidate who has been elected to receive the Capitular degrees, removes the objection, and on the removal of the objection by such indefinite suspension of the objector, the High Priest should, at a regular Convocation, announce in open Chapter that the objection is removed, and that if no further objection be made (the fees being on deposit) the degree will be conferred at the next regular or some subsequent Convocation; but that the candidate should not be advanced until one month after the announcement, in open Chapter, that the objection has been removed."

5. "A candidate petitioned for and was elected to receive the Mark Master degree, which was regularly conferred, and at a subsequent meeting he received the Past Master's degree, but after it was conferred, and at the same meeting, it was discovered that no ballot had been had for his advancement to that degree. Held, that he had received the Past Master's degree, and was entitled to all the privileges of a Chapter Past Master, and that a ballot for his election to the degree after he had been conferred was without effect."

OREGON.

This is the furthest west of our sister jurisdictions. There are eight constituent Chapters on its roll, having an aggregate membership of 203 Royal Arch Masons.

The M.: E.: G.: H.: P.: James R. Bailey, in a very brief but excellent address, congratulates his Companions on the happy condition of things among them, and anticipates great success in the future. Companion T. McF. Patton, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, gives us a voluminous report, comparing favorably with those of other jurisdictions. This, its Thirteenth Convocation, was held at Portland, June 6th, A. L. 5873, A. D. Annual 1873.

M.: E.: Companion James R. Bailey, of Cowallis, G.: H.: P.:, and R. P. Earhart, Salem, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, like that of Massachusetts, holds quarterly Convocations. This Grand jurisdiction has a system of Royal Arch Masonry peculiarly its own, very much Pennsylvanian in style and manner, and one accustomed to work and

visit in the Chapters of other Grand jurisdictions would hardly realize that he was in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, especially when one of the degrees of Capitular Masonry is being exemplified. The Past Master's degree with them precedes that of the Mark Master, and is conferred in a Blue Lodge. Then they have Mark Lodges independent of Chapters, though it would seem from all we can gather from a careful perusal of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, that the Mark Lodges are amenable to the Grand Chapter. There are no less than fourteen Grand Chaplains, from which one would infer that they are a remarkably pious people, or else a desperately wicked companionship, and required an unusual amount of watching and prayer; be this as it may, we never before heard of fourteen Grand Chaplain attachées to a Grand Chapter, especially when the ordinary degree of piety common to a body of men no larger is found. But it matters not to us, if all these and as many more is or were necessary to make good Royal Arch Masons in the "old Keystone State," let them have them.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia December 27th, A. D. 1872. A. I. 2402, being St. John the Evangelist's day.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest M.: E.: C.: Charles Eugene Meyer, is a most interesting and valuable document.

The decisions made by the Grand High Priest during the year are for the most part made under the provisions of their own peculiar constitution, and do not affect the general Craft in any manner.

Art. XV., section 30, of their Constitution, provides as follows as to the qualifications of candidates, "that he shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, in good standing with the fraternity and the Master Mason's Lodge from which he hails, and competent to perform all the work in the degrees he applies for." On the above stated constitutional provision the G.: H.: P.: decided, "if the candidate can comply with all the above requirements, the loss of three of his fingers of the left hand should not debar his advancement. To be made a Mason, he must be a perfect man and sound in all his limbs and members; to be advanced in Masonry, he must be able to do the work and prove himself an expert workman."

He also decided, that "a Chapter cannot elect one of its members to office, whose permanent residence is outside of this (Penn.) jurisdiction." This, in our judgment, is arbitrary in the extreme; it deprives the Companion of Masonic honors, a right secured by the general principles of Masonic law, and of which he cannot be deprived except as a punishment for violation of Masonic law and usage, on the one hand, while on the other it deprives the Chapter of the service of a good man and true in official station. It may be Companion "A" is a bright Royal Arch Mason and a member in good standing in Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, Philadelphia, he is one of the business men of Philadelphia, but his residence is in Camden, N. J. The narrow Delaware separates between Philadelphia and Camden—yet forsooth, he is cut off from Masonic honors, and his Chapter deprived of his services upon a decision that has not even technical grounds for support. Companion Wm. J. Kelly, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents the Craft at large with a full, complete and very satisfactory report, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, our own among the number. The roll shows a list of 241 chartered Chapters, 81 of which have made returns showing an aggregate of 8,409.

M.: E.: Charles E. Meyer was re-elected G.: H.: P.: post office address, Masonic Temple, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Companion John Thompson M.: E.: Grand Secretary, post office address, Masonic Temple, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina met in Grand Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Charleston, February 11th, A. D. 1873, A. I. 2403.

The address of M.: E.: James A. Hoyt is brief but well to the point. No decisions reported. The Craft is prosperous. Peace and harmony in all their borders. The roll contains a list of 39 chartered Chapters, 27 of which make returns. Number of members 911. Companion James Birnie, of Greenville, was elected M.: E.: G.: H.: P.: and Companion Myer B. Moses, of Sumter, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia was held at St. Alban's Hall, in the city of Richmond,

December 12th, 1872, A. I. 2402. M.: E.: Companion Robert E. Withers G.: H.: P.: presiding. Twenty-one of the fifty-eight chartered Chapters within this jurisdiction were represented in Grand Chapter. The statistics show a membership of 1,678 Royal Arch Masons. From this number there must be a deduction of 19 members belonging to Adoniram Chapter No. 34, and rightfully belonging to the jurisdiction of West Virginia. The address of the Grand High Priest, though local as to all matters discussed, is, nevertheless, an able paper, and breathes the true spirit of Royal Arch Masonry. In that jurisdiction they have what they term a "Grand Committee," to whom (as we infer) questions of Masonic law, as well as other matters, seem to be referred. In their report, submitted to and adopted by the Grand Chapter, we have the following resolution on Masonic law and usage, to wit:

"Resolved, That any Companion has the right to object to the advancement of a candidate at any time; but the objection shall be submitted to the Council, who shall determine as to its sufficiency." Again, we have the following resolution:

"Resolved, That if a Companion is a member of two or more Chapters, and is suspended in one for non-payment of dues, he is, *ipso facto*, suspended in them all."

This last resolution must refer to a local usage, for we know of no general Masonic law that permits membership in *two or more* bodies working the same grades, except it be honorary membership, and dues do not run in the body where the honorary membership is held.

M.: E.: Robert E. Withers, of Richmond, was re-elected G.: H.: P.: and Companion John Dove, of Richmond, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, we are now done. The work by you assigned us we have done to the best of our ability, and now submit it, not, however, without misgivings. Necessarily, we have been hurried, matters of business claiming a portion of our time. The proceedings of most of the Grand Chapters examined by us were not received until a very late day. We have endeavored to lay before you all the decisions of sister Grand Bodies on the general principles of Masonic law, rarely stopping to criticise, as ours was not the work of a Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The latest data shows an army of nearly one hundred and fifty thousand

Royal Arch Masons in our country, spreading the cardinal virtues of our time-honored Institution all over these lands, and "forward" is still the word of the Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. S. DRIGGS, C. C. F. C.

NEW CHAPTER.

A petition was presented by the Grand Secretary, from sundry Companions, asking for a charter to organize a Chapter at Pensacola, to be called Mount Moriah Chapter, which was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO. 9.

The Grand Secretary presented a set of By-Laws from Columbia Chapter No. 9 for inspection and approval, which was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

D. G. H. P. AND GR. TR.

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Chapter that he had received letters from R. E. Comps. S. Pasco, D. G. H. P., and D. L. Oakley, Gr. Tr., accounting for their absence, and stating their expectation to be here on Wednesday next, which was received as information.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate devotion, was called to refreshment until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

JANUARY 12, A. D. 1874, A. I.: 2404, 7½ P. M.

PRESENT.

M. E.: Michael Bowes, Grand High Priest, and other Grand Officers and representation as before, with an additional number of visiting Companions.

LABOR.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate devotion, was called to labor.

EXEMPLIFICATION.

The M. E.: Grand High Priest and others exemplified the work in the Royal Arch Degree.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate prayer, was called to refreshment until 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

JANUARY 13, A. D. 1874, A. I.: 2404, 9 A. M.

- Present—M. E.: MICHAEL BOWES, G. H. P.
- R. E.: JOHN S. DRIGGS, G. K.
- “ MARCELLUS M. T. HUCHINGSON, as G. S.
- “ HENRY COOPMAN, as Gr. Tr.
- “ DE WITT C. DAWKINS, Gr. Sec'y.
- Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY, Gr. Chaplain.
- E.: ALBERT J. RUSSELL, as G. C. H.

- Present—E.: HENRY W. LONG, G. P. S.
- “ BENJAMIN R. WHITAKER, as G. R. A. C.
- “ WARREN F. SCOTT, as G. M. 3d V.
- “ O. N. H. DISHONG, as G. M. 2d V.
- “ C. O. O. ROBERTS, as G. M. 1st V.
- “ DAVID JONE, Gr. Guard.

And other members and representatives as before.

LABOR.

The Grand Chapter, with proper devotion, was called to labor.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

COMPANIONS—Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lyman W. Rowley, George W. Oneal, W. E. Anderson, Wm. W. Carr, Ch. Allendorf, G. Furchheimer, John A. Walker, Geo. E. Wentworth, J. W. Kohler, H. C. Cushman, J. J. Scott, Wm. H. Judah, Jas. B. Roberts, and H. A. Bushnell, from Pensacola, petitioning your Grand Body to grant them a charter upon and hold a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Pensacola, Florida, to be named Mount Moriah Chapter, have had the same under consideration, and find that said petitioners have nominated J. J. Scott to be their first High Priest, W. E. Anderson to be their first King, and Geo. E. Wentworth to be their first Scribe; and, that at a Regular Convocation of Mount Horeb Chapter No. 11, of R. A. M., holden at Warrington, Florida, on the 27th day of December, A. I.: 2403, A. D. 1873, that said Chapter did regularly recommend said petitioners as being Royal Arch Masons in good standing, and regularly recommended that the aforesaid petitioners be granted a charter by this Grand Chapter. We, your Committee, do therefore recommend that a charter be granted to the aforesaid petitioners by this Grand Chapter, in accordance with their petition.

Your Committee have also examined carefully the By-Laws of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 9, and find nothing objectionable in them, and therefore recommend their approval.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

H. W. LONG. } Committee.
C. O. O. ROBERTS. }

CONSTITUTION.

R. E.: John S. Driggs presented the following report, which was received, and the draft of Constitution, therewith submitted, was read by sections, canvassed, discussed, amended and unanimously approved and ordered to be printed and lay over for consideration until the next Annual Grand Convocation, for further consideration.

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

Your Committee appointed by virtue of a resolution, adopted at the last Annual Grand Convocation, which reads thus:
"Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a revision of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and to submit the same at the next Annual Grand Convocation," have endeavored to discharge the duty assigned it, and submit herewith our proposed revision of Constitution, and recommend the same to your thorough deliberation and wise action.

JNO. S. DRIGGS. } Committee.
D. C. DAWKINS. }
E. I. WHEATON. }

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, GR. CH., NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand Secretary presented a Commission, whereby R. F. Companion W. M. McIntosh is appointed Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, in this Grand Royal Arch Jurisdiction, whereupon, on

motion, unanimously adopted, the said Grand Representative was received and acknowledged as such.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate devotion, was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P.M.

JANUARY 13TH, A. I.: 2404, A. D. 1874, 3 P.M.

Present—M. E.: MICHAEL BOWES,	G. H. P.
R. E.: JOHN S. DRIGGS,	G. K.
" BENJAMIN G. ALDERMAN,	G. S.
" GEORGE R. JONES,	as G. Tr.
" DE WITT C. DAWKINS,	Gr. Sec'y.
RT. REV. JOHN PENNY,	G. Ch.
E.: M. M. T. HUCHINGSON,	as G. C. H.
" H. W. LONG,	G. P. S.
" R. R. WHITAKER,	as G. R. A. C.
" E. P. JORDON,	G. M. 3d V.
" C. O. O. ROBERTS,	as G. M. 2d V.
" T. BALL,	G. M. 1st V.
" D. JONES,	Grand Guard.

Other members and representatives as before, and many visiting Companions.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor with prayer conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

RECORDS.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were severally read and confirmed.

ADDRESS OF G. H. P.

The Special Committee on the address of the Grand

High Priest presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter :

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, would respectfully represent that they have discharged their duty, and recommend that so much of said address as relates to the finances of this Grand Chapter be referred to the Finance Committee. That so much as relates to the decease of R. E. Companions Charles Slager, P. D. G. H. P., and T. P. Tatum, P. G. Tr., be referred to a Special Committee to report resolutions expressive of our respect for the memory of our departed Companions.

We also recommend that the thanks of the Grand Chapter be extended to our M. E. Grand High Priest for the valuable statistical information embodied in his address, showing a general advancement in the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this Grand jurisdiction, and congratulations for the peace and harmony that have prevailed therein during his term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. S. DRIGGS, } Committee.
T. W. CARTER, }
JOHN PENNY, }

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted :

M. E. G. H. P. AND GRAND CHAPTER.

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials, have carefully examined the matters referred to us, and find that Constituent Chapters bearing the Nos. 1, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, have sent up their returns, and all of them represented here, except No. 17.

Nos. 9 and 22 are informal for want of proper blanks, which, upon investigation, we are satisfied is the result, in the first instance, of inadvertance, and in the other either of postal mis-carriage or negligence in the Chapter officer to whom they were addressed by the Grand Secretary.

No. 9 has no appearance of a seal, and nothing said in explanation; 10, 16 and 18 say they have no seal. We wonder how long they will live under the necessity of making this humble confession.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 14 are dormant, but we are advised that signs of new life are beginning to appear in No. 3, a revival of which would give us rejoicing, being one of the original 3.

No. 7 seems to be lingering along the pathway of idleness which leads to ruin, new life and activity needed, and we are made to wonder what has become of Companion Sam. Stephens.

No. 13 and 20, the diagnosis taken, discover symptoms of serious type of disease, if not fatal. We sincerely hope that our Companions in the beautiful and interesting sections of Newnansville and Providence, will not permit the light and influence of Holy Royal Arch Masonry to become extinguished there for want of a little real "Olium Vitæ."

Returns may be expected, *ad interim*, from Nos. 5, 6, 7, 19, 21. We here, however, have occasion to suggest our inability to comprehend how the H. P. and Secretary of a Chapter can make up their mind to compromise with themselves their solemn, voluntarily assumed obligations to the Grand Chapter, under which they hold their existence, and they thus expressly promise to attend the Grand Convocations, and promptly forward their returns and dues, and they should remember that their presence adds life and pleasure to our annual meetings and greetings, which their absence, on the other hand, tenders the dark mantle of gloom. Let all the Companions arouse and make our future salutations more cheerful and lively.

We hereunto append a table from the returns examined.

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. JORDON, } Committee.
M. M. T. HUCHINGSON, }
H. W. LONG, }

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHAPTERS.	NO.	REPRESENTED BY	MEMBERSHIP LAST YEAR.	EXALTATIONS.	ADMISSIONS.	REINSTATEMENTS.	DIMITTED.	DEATHS.	SUSPENSIONS.	REJECTIONS.	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.	AMOUNT OF DUES PAID.	REMARKS.
Florida.....	1	D. C. Wilson, K.....	34					1			33		Correct.
Columbia.....	9	{ M. M. T. Huchingson, H. P..... C. O. O. Roberts, K.....	22	5							27	\$26 00	Correct.
Olive.....	10	{ H. W. Long, H. P..... J. A. Ferguson, K..... D. A. Wilson, pr for S..... Jno. S. Driggs, H. P.....	24	3	1	2			1		26	28 00	Correct.
Jacksonville.....	12	{ Geo. R. Jones, K..... W. A. Young, S.....	64	17	2		3	1	13		66	100 00	Correct.
Greenwood.....	15	B. G. Alderman, H. P.....	27	3			3	1			26	28 00	Correct.
Micanopy.....	16	J. T. Miller, H. P.....	22		1		1				22	20 00	Correct.
Tampa.....	17		18	4			3	2			17	23 00	Correct.
Concord.....	18	W. B. Kemp, pr. for O.....	28	2			3				27	27 00	Correct.
Thomas Brown.....	22	F. N. Varn, pr. for O.....	21	3				1			23	27 00	Correct.
Nassau.....	23	{ E. P. Jordon, H. P..... E. G. Clay, K..... W. F. Scott, S.....	17	3	1						21	21 00	Correct.
Total.....	10		290	40	4	1	15	6	13	1	288	\$800 00	

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ALACHUA CHAPTER NO. 13.

On motion, adopted, Alachua Chapter No. 13 is authorized to elect officers for the present year and its dues are remitted to date, upon condition that it go to work within twelve months.

LAKE BUTLER CHAPTER NO. 19.

Was on motion, adopted, authorized to elect a full set of officers for the present year.

FLORIDA CHAPTER NO. 1.

Was, also, on motion, adopted, authorized to elect officers for the present year.

ELECTION.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, with the following result, to wit:

- M. E. MICHAEL BOWES, was re-elected Grand High Priest;
- R. E. JOHN S. DRIGGS, was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
- BENJAMIN G. ALDERMAN, was elected Grand King;
- DAVID C. WILSON, was elected Grand Scribe;
- WILLIAM A. YOUNG, was elected Grand Treasurer;
- DE WITT C. DAVKINS, was unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary;
- Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY, was unanimously re-elected Grand Chaplain.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P.M., to-morrow.

JANUARY 14, A. L.: 2404, A. D. 1874, 3 P.M.

PRESENT.

M. E.: M. Bowes, Grand High Priest; R. E.: Samuel Pasco, Deputy Grand High Priest; R. E.: Daniel L. Oakley, Grand Treasurer, and other Grand Officers, members and representatives as before.

LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor, with prayer, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

RECORDS.

The minutes of yesterday's session was read and confirmed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, reported, verbally, recommending, as the Grand Chapter is engaged in revising the Grand Constitution entirely, that the constitutional amendments proposed at the last Annual Grand Convocation be postponed, which report was received and adopted.

INSTALLATION.

The M. E. Grand High Priest duly installed Companions elect into their respective offices, as follows, to wit:

R. E.: JOHN S. DRIGGS,	Deputy Grand High Priest;
" BENJAMIN G. ALDERMAN,	Grand King;
" DAVID C. WILSON,	Grand Scribe.

APPOINTMENTS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed and installed the following Grand Officers:

E.: HENRY W. LONG,	Gr. Capt. of the Host;
" EDWARD P. JORDON,	Gr. Prin. Soj.;
" THOMAS W. CARTER,	Gr. R. A. Captain;
" THOMAS P. MCHENRY,	G. M., 3d Vail;
" C. W. MERRY,	G. M., 2d Vail;
" CORNELIUS O. O. ROBERTS,	G. M., 1st Vail;
" DAVID JONES,	Grand Guard.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Having directed the attention of your Committee on Accounts to all matters appertaining to my office, and being assured that they will present the same in detail to your consideration, I feel excused from doing so myself, and therefore, submit only my statement of accounts, showing a balance of cash on hand of \$397, which R. E.: Companion Oakley requests me to turn over to his successor, when installed.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS.

Grand Secretary.

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary,

		To Grand Chapter,	Dr.
1873.			
Mar. 22.	For dues from Alachua Chapter No. 13.....		\$11 00
" 24.	" " Jefferson Chapter No. 5.....		96 00
July 22.	" " Nassau Chapter No. 23.....		14 00
1874.			
Jan. 12.	" " Nassau Chapter No. 23.....		21 00
"	" " Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.....		100 00
"	" " Columbia Chapter No. 9.....		26 00
"	" " Tampa Chapter No. 17.....		23 00
" 13.	" " Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.....		27 00
"	" " Olive Chapter No. 10.....		28 00
"	" " Greenwood Chapter No. 15.....		50 00
"	" " Concord Chapter No. 18.....		27 00
"	" " For Charter Fee, Micanopy Chapter No. 16.....		20 00
" 14.	" " Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24.....		50 00
			<u>\$493 00</u>

1873.	<i>Cr.</i>	
Mar. 24.	By paid D. L. Oakley, G. T., as per Voucher No. 1.....	\$96 00
	" Cash on hand to balance	397 00
		\$493 00

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1872.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Jan. 20.	To D. C. DAWKINS, For appropriation, as per Proceedings.....	\$50 00
1873.	" Printing Proceedings of Grand Chapter for 1872-73	146 46
	" Express charges on same.....	13 85
	" " " packages	1 25
	" Record and Binding 2 vols., Proceedings... ..	21 00
	" Express on Books	1 00
	" Trans. on three Boxes from Tallahassee....	8 50
	" Postage and Stationery.....	29 00
		\$271 06

NASSAU CHAPTER NO. 23.

On motion, adopted, Nassau Chapter No. 23, is authorized to ballot on the application of a certain petitioner mentioned, and if found worthy, to confer the Chapter degrees upon him, without the usual delay.

REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter, after devotion, was called to refreshment until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 15, A. I. 2404, A. D. 1874, 9 A.M.

Present—M. E.:	MICHAEL BOWES,	Grand High Priest ;
R. E.:	JOHN S. DRIGGS,	Deputy Grand High Priest
"	BENJAMIN G. ALDERMAN,	Grand King

Present—R. E.:	DAVID C. WILSON,	Grand Scribe :
"	DANIEL L. OAKLEY, . . .	Grand Treasurer ;
"	DE WITT C. DAWKINS, . . .	Grand Secretary ;
Rt. Rev.:	JOHN PENNY, . . .	Grand Chaplain ;
E.:	HENRY W. LONG, . . .	Grand Captain of Host ;
"	EDWARD P. JORDON, . . .	Grand Prin. Sojourner ;
"	THOMAS W. CARTER, . . .	Grand R. A. Captain ;
"	THOMAS P. MCHENRY, . . .	G. M., 3d Vail ;
"	C. W. MERRY, . . .	G. M., 2d Vail ;
"	C. O. O. ROBERTS, . . .	G. M., 1st Vail ;
"	DAVID JONES, . . .	Grand Guard.

Other members and representatives as on yesterday.

LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

RECORDS.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

GRAND TREASURER INSTALLATION.

The M. E. Grand High Priest duly installed R. E. Companion William A. Young, Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the present Masonic year.

APPROPRIATIONS.

On motion, adopted, the Grand Treasurer is instructed to pay the Grand Chaplain \$10, and Grand Guard \$15.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary presented the following supplementary report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts :

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary,	<i>Dr.</i>
1874.	
Jan. 15.	To Cash on hand, as per report.....
"	By paid W. A. Young, Grand Treasurer, as per Voucher.
	\$397 00

D. L. OAKLEY, P. G. T.

Presented the following report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

D. L. OAKLEY, <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
1873.	<i>To Grand Chapter,</i>	
March 24.	To Cash received from the Grand Secretary.....	\$96 00
1873.	<i>Cr.</i>	
Feb. —	By paid Wm. Morrill, Voucher No. 1.....	\$10 00
" —	" " D. L. Oakley, Voucher No. 2.....	12 00
July —	" " " " 3.....	25 00
1874.		
Jan. 15.	" W. B. Kemp, Voucher No. 4.....	7 50
" —	" Rev. John Penny, Voucher No. 5.....	10 00
" —	" David Jones, Voucher No. 6.....	15 00
" —	By Balance paid W. A. Young, Voucher No. 7,	16 50
		\$96 00

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. E.: William A. Young, Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

WM. A. YOUNG, <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
1874.	<i>To Grand Chapter,</i>	
Jan. 15.	To Cash received from D. L. Oakley, P. G. T.....	\$16 50
" —	" " " " D. C. Dawkins, G. Sec'y.....	397 00
	Amount subject to order of Grand Chapter.....	\$413 50

OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. H. P. Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:
Your Committee on Obituaries would respectfully report:

That, during the recess of this Grand Chapter, the sad intelligence of the demise of P. G. Dep. H. P. Charles Slager, and P. G. Treasurer T. Preston Tatum, has been received by your Committee.

Companion Slager for many years was a member of Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12, and was honored with the highest position in his Chapter. He possessed a mind stored with Masonic learning, and being thoroughly versed in the Oriental languages, he was enabled to impart to his Companions, light, knowledge and information upon the mysteries of our Craft, enjoyed only by those who are equally fortunate. Earnest, zealous and ever ready to instruct his less informed Companions, his loss in the Council of his Chapter, by removal, was severely felt by his Companions.

His zeal for the promotion of Capitular Masonry during his term of Dep. G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter, is too well known to require additional comments by your Committee. Affable in manner, kind, courteous and charitable, he has been called hence, to meet his reward at the hands of our Grand High Priest above.

Companion T. Preston Tatum, whose loss we deeply mourn, for several years was Treasurer of this Grand Chapter. In the discharge of his official duties, he was prompt, energetic, faithful and always at his post; as a Companion, noble, generous, social and humane. These qualities endeared him to all with whom he was associated in Council, or in the daily walks of life. To his family, especially, is his removal most deeply felt. Wherefore,

Be it Resolved, That in the demise of Companions Slager and Tatum, this Grand Chapter has been called to surrender, to the Grand High Priest above, two of her brightest jewels.

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved families of our deceased Companions, our sincere condolence, and commend them to the care of Him who has promised to be a Father to the fatherless and the widow's God.

Resolved, That a memorial page in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be inscribed by the Grand Secretary, with the names and date of decease of our R. W. Companions.

F. I. WHEATON,
H. W. LONG,
M. M. T. HUCHINGSON, } Committee

To the Memory

OF

Charles Slager,

PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Florida.

Died at Galveston, Texas, October 30th, 1873.

Those that looked out at the windows are darkened ;
The Mourners go about the street,
The dust has returned to the earth as it was,
And the Spirit, to God who gave it.

[Faint, mirrored text from the reverse side of the page, including the name 'T. Preston Tatum' and the title 'Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Florida'.]

To the Memory

OF

T. Preston Tatum,

PAST GRAND TREASURER

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Florida.

Died at Tallahassee, July 4th, 1873.

Gone to the Spirit World, in the vigor of manhood, beloved
by all who knew him.

Rest, Companion, in Peace.

NEXT ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

Companion H. W. Long offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the next annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter, be held at the place which may be designated for holding the next annual Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of Florida, opening at H. 12, on the day next previous thereto.

THANKS.

Companion Long offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the owners, officers, superintendents and managers of the railroads, steamboats and hotels of this city, for the highly appreciated kindness and courtesy extended to the members of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12, of this city, for its cordial invitation to, and use of this hall.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Grand Secretary for his thoughtfulness and diligence, and that he be requested to furnish parties interested with properly certified copies of the two foregoing resolutions.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

To the M. E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Accounts report that we have examined the affairs in the office of the R. E. Grand Secretary, and are delighted to find the important and interesting collection of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters accumulated by the industry and zeal of that officer, and which forms a nucleus for building up, in connection with the Grand Lodge, a useful library, and the Grand Chapter proceedings mentioned should be bound for pre-

servation and convenient reference so soon as an appropriation can be made for that purpose.

We observe, also, that the Grand Secretary has procured a copying letter-book in which he copies all his official letters that may require future reference, which meets with our approbation.

He properly paid for the Record Book, previously contracted for by his predecessor for keeping the manuscript records of the Grand Chapter, and for the binding of two volumes of the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its organization to 1871, which, down to 1869, were preserved and bequeathed to the Grand Chapter by our late M. E. Companion Thomas Brown.

We also find, in the Grand Secretary's office, a reasonable supply of the Grand Chapter printed proceedings for 1851, 1854, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861-2, 1863, 1868, 1870, 1871, 1872-3.

The supply of the following years are scant, 1849, 1853, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1869.

The following entirely exhausted, except the file in the library, 1847, 1848, 1850, 1852, 1855, 1856, 1864; and, we observe, by the correspondence with the office of Grand Secretary, an almost continual demand for these missing proceedings to supply vacancies in the libraries of sister Grand Chapters, and which we recommend that he be authorized to reprint as soon as the finances of the Grand Chapter will warrant it.

The Grand Secretary has collected during the year \$493.00, as per his report, which we find correct; and has duly passed the same into the Grand Treasury.

We have examined the account of the R. E.: D. L. Oakley, as Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct. In justice to that estimable officer, we feel impelled by duty to notice the report of his predecessor, now removed from our earthly Tabernacle, by which it appears that he turned over to Companion Oakley \$216.85, but which, upon investigation, we are satisfied, was not done.

This statement made solely from a sense of duty, is far from any intention to reflect upon the brilliant character of our departed Companion, being fully satisfied that embarrassed circumstances, physical frailty, and consequent death, accounts for his failure to fulfill a private covenant with his successor, by which his report was closed, without in fact, turning over the funds. Whether that sum will be restored to the Grand Chapter, or lost, must be left for future development.

We find that R. E.: William A. Young, the present Grand Treasurer, has received:

From D. L. Oakley, P. G. T.,	\$16 50
“ D. C. Dawkins, Gr. Sec'y,	397 00
Total,	\$413 50

We recommend the payment of the following sums in addition to appropriations already made, to wit:

To W. M. McIntosh, balance of salary for 1872,	\$30 00
“ D. C. Dawkins, as per acct. rendered, -	271 06
“ “ Grand Sec'y, per salary for 1873,	150 00
	\$451 06

It will be seen that the appropriations, above recommended, exceed the amount of cash on hand by \$37.50, but we have confidence to believe, that arrears will be forthcoming, during recess, to supply that deficiency, and it must again be left to the skill and management of the Grand Secretary to provide for the printing, postage and stationery for the coming year.

Our attention has been directed to the fact that R. E.: W. M. McIntosh, P. G. S., has performed extra labor in recording the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for several years prior to his term of office, which was not done by his predecessor, and we are impressed with the belief that he is entitled to compensation therefor, but his work is not before us, and we cannot, therefore, adjudge it, but recommend that he lay it before the Grand Chapter at its next annual Grand Convocation, and that the matter, then and there, receive proper attention.

Fraternally submitted,
 GEORGE R. JONES, }
 W. F. SCOTT, } Committee.
 H. W. LONG, }

CLOSING.

The Grand Chapter, after appropriate prayer conducted by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in ample form.

ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER RETURNS.

Florida R. A. Chapter No. 1, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.
Regular Convocations, second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. Hugh A. Corley, H. P. | 7. William P. Slusser, P. S. |
| 2. David C. Wilson, Jr., K. | 8. James E. Purdy, R. A. C. |
| 3. James L. Taylor, S. | 9. George Nugent, M. 3d V. |
| 4. John L. Taylor, T. | 10. John Pratorious, M. 2d V. |
| 5. William M. McIntosh, Sec'y. | 11. T. Preston Tatum, M. 1st V. |
| 6. Joseph A. Edmondson, C. H. | 12. Edward M. West, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Beard, Wm. K. | 21. Duval, Lucien S. | 27. Maige, John N. |
| 14. Blake, E. L. T. | 22. Dyke, C. E., Jr. | 28. Roberts, Thos. J. |
| 15. Bond, John S. | 23. Dzialyuski, M. | 29. Shine, Wm. F. |
| 16. Brokaw, P. B. | 24. Epps, N. W. | 30. Spencer, S. A. |
| 17. Bunker, F. M. | 25. Gamble, Robt., Jr. | 31. Van Brunt, R. |
| 18. Byrd, Leonidas | 26. Gwynn, D. W. | 32. Walker, David S. |
| 19. Carr, Wm. W. | | 33. Williams, Burfoot |
| 20. Damon, George | | 34. Worrell, W. H. |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. D. C. Wilson, Jr., H. P. | 4. John L. Taylor, Trs. |
| 2. Wm. P. Slusser, K. | 5. W. M. McIntosh, Sec'y. |
| 3. James L. Taylor, S. | 6. E. M. West, Guard. |

Jefferson R. A. Chapter No. 5, Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida.
Regular communications, Friday before the fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. Daniel L. Oakley, H. P. | 7. W. H. Berry, P. S. |
| 2. Junius Turnbull, K. | 8. J. B. Collins, R. A. C. |
| 3. William J. Woods, S. | 9. R. M. Gilbert, M. 3d V. |
| 4. Samuel Pasco, T. | 10. J. W. Eppes, M. 2d V. |
| 5. T. J. Chase, S. | 11. T. F. Johnson, M. 1st V. |
| 6. W. H. Arendell, C. H. | 12. J. F. Carter, Guard. |

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COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Abbott, W. W. | 23. Horton, W. H. | 33. Stebbins, C. H. |
| 14. Atkinson, J. R. | 24. Katzenburg, S. | 34. Simpkins, E. J. |
| 15. Beal, Geo. W. | 25. McMullen, G. F. | 35. Smith, C. W. |
| 16. Biglow, D. H. | 26. Miller, A. J. | 36. Surles, Calvin |
| 17. Chase, T. J., Jr. | 27. Morris, H. | 37. Taylor, Joshua |
| 18. Davis, W. W. | 28. Morris, J. M. | 38. Townsend, Jno. A. |
| 19. Denmark, R. J. | 29. Oliver, F. N. B. | 39. Tucker, W. W. |
| 20. Ellenwood, Jas. | 30. Partridge, W. K. | 40. Turner, G. W. |
| 21. Hamilton, W. E. | 31. Philips, H. L. | 41. Turnbull, S. J. |
| 22. Herring, Geo. W. | 32. Scott, R. | 42. Wethington, A. |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. Junius Turnbull, H. P. | 3. J. R. Atkinson, S. |
| 2. D. H. Bryan, K. | 4. Samuel Pasco, Trs. |
| 5. T. J. Chase, Sec'y. | |

Columbia R. A. Chapter No. 9, Lake City, Columbia County, Florida.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. Thomas A. Carruth, H. P. | 7. Robt. W. Broome, P. S. |
| 2. M. M. T. Huchingson, K. | 8. James E. Young, R. A. C. |
| 3. T. W. Carter, S. | 9. O. P. Luther, M. 3d V. |
| 4. James W. Cathey, T. | 10. Alex. Davidson, M. 2d V. |
| 5. G. H. Hunter, Sec'y. | 11. W. H. Jernigan, M. 1st V. |
| 6. P. A. Holt, C. H. | 12. J. A. Barnes, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Barnes, J. A. | 20. Holt, P. A. | 28. Reed, M. K. |
| 14. Broome, Robt. W. | 21. Hodge, J. L. | 29. Roberts, C. O. O. |
| 15. Carruth, Thos. A. | 22. Hunter, G. H. | 30. Selph, F. M. |
| 16. Carter, T. W. | 23. Huchingson, M. M. T. | 31. Taylor, Jno. A. |
| 17. Cathey, Jas. W. | 24. Jernigan, W. H. | 32. Taylor, W. B. |
| 18. Crawley, J. F. | 25. Luther, O. P. | 33. Young, J. E. |
| 19. Davidson, Alex. | 26. Niblack, Silas L. | 34. Young, Alex. |
| | 27. Potsdamer, J. | |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. M. M. T. Huchingson, H. P. | 7. P. A. Holt, P. S. |
| 2. C. O. O. Roberts, K. | 8. F. M. Selph, R. A. C. |
| 3. James D. Taylor, S. | 9. O. P. Luther, M. 3d V. |
| 4. M. K. Reed, T. | 10. Alex. Davidson, M. 2d V. |
| 5. G. H. Hunter, Sec'y. | 11. W. H. Jernigan, M. 1st V. |
| 6. R. W. Broome, C. H. | 12. James A. Barnes, Guard. |
| | E. C. Cleveland, M. E. |

Olive R. A. Chapter No. 10, Ocala, Marion County, Florida.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

1. H. W. Long, H. P.
2. D. A. Miller, K.
3. J. P. Gary, S.
4. E. W. Agnew, T.
5. F. D. Povier, Sec'y.
6. M. Atkinson, C. H.

COMPANIONS.

13. Crowsen, C. A.
14. Forbes, C. D.
15. Forbes, H. B.
16. Gary, L. M. G.
17. Ferguson, J. F.

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

1. H. W. Long, H. P.
2. J. A. Ferguson, K.

7. C. J. Alredd, P. S.
8. J. D. Williams, R. A. C.
9. W. P. Trantham, M. 3d V.
10. W. T. Forbes, M. 2d V.
11. W. J. McGrath, M. 1st V.
12. W. F. Jones, Guard.

22. Turner, W. K.
23. Waterman, A. E.
24. Wohl, Adolph
25. Weathers, B. A.
26. Veal, W. R. O.

3. H. C. Martin, S.
4. L. M. G. Gary, Trs.

5. C. A. Crowsen, Sec'y.

Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 11, Warrington, Escambia County, Florida
Regular Convocations, third Monday in each month except July and August.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

1. James A. McCoy, H. P.
2. Patrick G. Gibney, K.
3. Carl McK. Oerting, S.
4. Neil Mathison, T.
5. Geo. W. Legallis, Sec'y.
6. John L. Porter, C. H.

COMPANIONS.

13. Allendorf, C.
14. Boyden, Paul
15. Brown, Elisha E.
16. Garr, Wm. W.
17. Chandler, Benj. P.
18. Clapp, Austin F.
19. Cushman, H. C.
20. Devery, Thomas
21. Forcheimer, G.
22. Garnett, Rob't
23. Genny, George
24. Hallmark, Geo. S.
25. Juhah, Wm. H.
26. Kelley Edw'd E.
27. Kohler, Jno. W.
28. Massey, James
29. Mills, Wm. A.
30. Moore, Henry
31. Morrill, W.
32. O'Neal, Geo. H.
33. Park, Edward G.
34. Phillibert, Barton A.
35. Quayle, Thos. C.
36. Roberts, Jas. B.
37. Rowley, Lyman W.
38. Ruth, M.
39. Scott, Q. J.
40. Smith, Rob't
41. Stearns, Thos.
42. Strout, Albin S.
43. Thackery, Rich'd
44. Thompson, Chs. H.
45. Walker, Jno. A.
46. Welsh, James
47. Wentworth, Geo. E.
48. Wunderlich, F. W.

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

1. Patrick J. Gibney, H. P.
2. Carl McK. Oerting, K.
3. Cornelius Higgins, S.
4. Neil Mathison, Treas.
5. Josiah Chaffee, Sec'y.

Jas. W. Carr, M. M.; Sam'l Glass, M. M.; Sam'l Libby, M. M.; Henry Shaw, M. E. M.; G. S. Bell, M. E. M.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. Regular Convocations, last Friday night in each and every month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

1. A. J. Russell, H. P.
2. John S. Driggs, K.
3. J. L. Burch, S.
4. H. Koopman, Tr.
5. M. Bowers, Sec'y.
6. Enos Wasgate, C. H.

7. George R. Jones, P. S.
8. Theo. Ball, R. A. C.
9. E. F. Gilbert, M. 3d V.
10. P. Black, M. 2d V.
11. M. A. Parcells, M. 1st V.
12. David Jones, Guard.

COMPANIONS.

13. Allen, H. C.
14. Beakman, G. R.
15. Brown, C.
16. Campbell, J. W.
17. Canova, P. B.
18. Clark, J. H.
19. Daniels, M. H.
20. Dewall, J. M.
21. Douglas, W. W.
22. Elliot, C.
23. Fehembuck, H. H.
24. Fitzgerald, J. W.
25. Ford, G. W.
26. Fox, S. M.
27. Gile, G. W.
28. Gillis, C.
29. Grey, W. H.
30. Greely, J. C.
31. Griffith, C. C.
32. Grothe, Wm.
33. Haworth, Eli
34. Howell, D. R.
35. Zackarin, A.
36. Kune, H.
37. Kein, O. L.
38. Larnid, William
39. Little, F. E.
40. Love, D. G.
41. Luders, F.
42. Magn, H. L.
43. McDonald, W. A.
44. McClellan, J. J.
45. McKinley, J. D.
46. McLean, W. A.
47. Mather, C. L.
48. Mitchell, J. D.
49. Pond, F. R.
50. Reed, E. H.
51. Sammis, J. S.
52. Skedd, J.
53. Smith, D. P.
54. Smith, J. H.
55. Stanat, H.
56. Taylor, C. D.
57. Tisin, H. C.
58. Von Dholan, H.
59. Wandell, J. C.
60. Watson, W. B.
61. Webb, F. R.
62. Webster, B. H.
63. Wheaton, F. I.
64. Whitaker, B. R.
65. Wilson, T. A.
66. Young, W. A.

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

1. John S. Driggs, H. P.
2. G. R. Jones, K.
3. W. A. Young, S.
4. H. Koopman, Treas.
5. M. Bowers, Sec'y.

Greenwood R. A. Chapter No. 15, Marianna, Jackson County, Florida.
Regular Convocations, fourth Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. Benjamin G. Alderman, H. P. | 7. James L. Robinson, P. S. |
| 2. Allen H. Bush, K. | 8. Arthur A. Calhoun, R. A. C. |
| 3. John F. M. Erwin, S. | 9. Ashley B. Hamilton, M. 3d V. |
| 4. Geo. F. Baltzell, Treas. | 10. Frank Baltzell, M. 2d V. |
| 5. Sam'l J. Erwin, Sec'y. | 11. Louis M. Gamble, M. 1st V. |
| 6. Frank Phillips, C. H. | 12. William L. Davis, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Anderson, J. B. | 18. Lockey, John P. | 22. Robinson, Isaac C. |
| 14. Coppidge, J. W. | 19. McKinnon, Dan. L. | 23. Scott, Andrew |
| 15. Godwin, Alex. R. | 20. McMillan, Angus | 24. Sullivan, C. C. |
| 16. Graves, Chas. M. | 21. Parker, B. F. | 25. Tulley, W. R. |
| 17. Ely, John R. | | 26. Williams, Jno. B. |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.—No election.

Micanopy R. A. Chapter No. 16, Micanopy, Alachua County, Florida.
Regular Convocations, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. John C. Ley, H. P. | 7. J. M. Croxton, P. S. |
| 2. C. W. Merry, K. | 8. Geo. S. Riggs, R. A. C. |
| 3. John G. Faulkner, S. | 9. Simon Benjamin, M. 3d V. |
| 4. C. W. Merry, Treas. | 10. James Croxton, M. 2d V. |
| 5. A. H. Mathers, Sec'y. | 11. Wm. H. Grign, M. 1st V. |
| 6. John T. Miller, C. H. | 12. A. P. Price, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Barnett, R. H. | 17. Hunter, Jas. M. | 20. Perry, Wm. S. |
| 14. Bennicker, Jos. L. | 18. Means, Geo. W. | 21. Powell, Benj. W. |
| 15. Colding, Jos. D. | 19. Penny, John | 22. Row, A. B. |
| 16. Gammayd, J. | | 23. Timberlake, A. A. |
- OFFICERS FOR 1874.
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| 1. John T. Miller, H. P. | 3. Geo. W. Means, S. |
| 2. C. W. Merry, K. | 4. C. W. Merry, Treas. |
| | 5. Geo. S. Riggs, Sec'y. |

Tampa R. A. Chapter No. 17, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.
Regular Convocations, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. John Darling, H. P. | 5. Thomas P. Kennedy, Sec'y. |
| 2. Henry L. Mitchell, K. | 6. Edward A. Clarke, C. H. |
| 3. James F. Henderson, S. | 7. John T. Givens, P. S. |
| 4. Just. Lewinson, Treas. | 8. Joseph Nobles, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 9. Branch, F. | 14. McMullin, B. | 1. Joseph Casey, M. M. |
| 10. Craft, S. C. | 15. Nelson, M. P. | 2. E. Glazier, " |
| 11. Craft, D. I. | 16. Henderson, Wes. P. | 3. E. E. Mizell, " |
| 12. Dishony, O. H. | 17. Wall, Joseph P. | 4. C. P. Wandell, " |
| 13. Gates, E. F. | 18. Wills, C. W. | 1. John Pearce, P. M. |
| | | 2. Sam. E. Hope, " |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. John Darling, H. P. | 3. Joseph B. Wall, S. |
| 2. Edward A. Clarke, K. | 4. Franklin Branch, Treas. |
| 5. Thomas P. Kennedy, Sec'y. | |

Concord R. A. Chapter No. 18, Gadsden County, Florida. Regular
Convocations not given in returns.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. N. T. Scott, H. P. | 7. B. H. Joyner, P. S. |
| 2. H. S. Reeves, K. | 8. W. J. Bell, R. A. C. |
| 3. W. H. Hendry, S. | 9. A. F. Hand, M. 3d V. |
| 4. Alex. Bowen, Tr. | 10. D. R. Ingram, M. 2d M. |
| 5. W. B. Kemp, Sec'y. | 11. L. R. Joyner, M. 1st V. |
| 6. D. W. Scott, C. H. | 12. A. Chester, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Anders, J. A. | 18. Hall, G. W. | 23. Henley, T. N. |
| 14. Chester, S. M. | 19. Hall, J. A. | 24. Higdon, J. J. |
| 15. Crowmartie, J. Q. | 20. Hand, C. D. | 25. Reeves, J. W. |
| 16. Dalton, Wm. | 21. Harrison, S. H. | 26. Rodgers, J. D. |
| 17. Foster, L. | 22. Harrison, Thos. | 27. Wilmot, D. H. |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. N. T. Scott, H. P. | 3. W. J. Bell, S. |
| 2. B. H. Joyner, K. | 4. J. A. Hall, Treas. |
| 5. W. B. Kemp, Sec'y. | |

Providence R. A. Chapter No. 20, Providence, Bradford County, Florida. Regular Convocations second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. W. T. Weeks, H. P. | 6. T. J. Rowe, C. H. |
| 2. J. M. Talbert, K. | 7. W. F. Williams, P. S. |
| 3. W. O. Tison, S. | 8. J. J. Lamb, R. A. C. |
| 4. G. J. Hodges, T. | 9. J. W. Bealing, M. 2d V. |
| 5. John F. Niblack, Sec'y. | 10. H. R. Milton, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 11. Anders, J. R. | 21. English, James. | 30. Prevatt, John M. |
| 12. Barr, John J. | 22. Hunt, W. F. | 31. Parrish, James. |
| 13. Bunch, John J. | 23. Leffers, James. | 32. Richard, J. R. |
| 14. Bush, W. S. | 24. Lindley, P. H. | 33. Gasser, John. |
| 15. Bryant, Joseph. | 25. Mathews, J. H. | 34. Townsend, W. H. |
| 16. Cornerly, W. B. | 26. Mathews, W. W. | 35. Vinzant, W. B. |
| 17. Collins, C. E. W. | 27. Markam, A. J. | 36. Wills, W. W. |
| 18. Cox, M. J. | 28. Ostein, P. O. | 37. Weeks, A. A. |
| 19. De Pass, J. P. | 29. Prevatt, A. J. | 38. Weeks, J. H. |
| 20. Douglas, F. M. | | 39. Young, W. H. |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. W. F. Weeks, H. P. | 3. W. O. Tison, S. |
| 2. J. M. Talbert, K. | 4. S. J. Hodges, Treas. |
| | 5. John F. Niblack, Sec'y. |

Island R. A. Chapter No. 21, Key West, Monroe County, Florida. Regular Convocations second and fourth Wednesdays.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. J. H. Coleman, H. P. | 7. W. R. Alburry, P. S. |
| 2. R. J. Perry, K. | 8. Wm. McClintock, R. A. C. |
| 3. J. F. Alburry, S. | 9. S. Filer, M. 3d V. |
| 4. C. S. Baron, Treas. | 10. J. W. Sawyer, M. 2d V. |
| 5. J. Williams, Sec'y. | 11. T. A. Pyform, M. 1st V. |
| 6. G. F. Ferguson, C. H. | 12. J. J. Canfield, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Adam, J. H. | 21. Filer, Fred. |
| 14. Alburry, W. R. | 22. Filer, Saml. |
| 15. Archer, W. D. | 23. Johnson, F. W. |
| 16. Babcock, C. | 24. Ledwitch, Wm. |
| 17. Bocker, G. H. | |
| 18. Cash, W. D. | |
| 19. Delaney, J. J. | |
| 20. Edgar, W. H. | |

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| 25. Lowe, L. | 33. Perry, R. J. | 41. Roberts, A. E. |
| 26. Madgon, J. S. | 34. Pierce, L. E. | 42. Tinker, W. C. |
| 27. Marlin, G. W. | 35. Pinder, S. | 43. Vance, W. G. |
| 28. Matley, J. M. | 36. Peacon, Benj. | 44. Warren, G. D. |
| 29. Murray, R. D. | 37. Porter, Jos. Y. | 45. Weatherford, J. H. |
| 30. Otto, J. | 38. Randolph, W. B. | 46. Williams, P. A. |
| 31. Phillips, G. B. | 39. Rain, J. | 47. Williams, J. |
| 32. Philbrick, J. J. | 40. Rawson, E. B. | 48. Wohl, S. |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. J. H. Coleman, H. P. | 7. J. Fogarty, P. S. |
| 2. J. F. Alburry, K. | 8. C. St. John, R. A. C. |
| 3. G. F. Ferguson, S. | 9. T. A. Pyform, M. 3d V. |
| 4. C. S. Baron, Treas. | 10. J. W. Sawyer, M. 2d V. |
| 5. L. W. Bethel, Sec'y. | 11. J. H. Moss, M. 1st V. |
| 6. W. McClintock, C. H. | 12. J. J. Canfield, Guard. |

Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter No. 22, Bartow, Polk County, Florida. Regular Convocations Saturday before first and third Saturdays.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. Daniel Standford, H. P. | 7. F. K. Varn, P. S. |
| 2. W. R. Hollingsworth, K. | 8. W. B. Varn, R. A. C. |
| 3. Streety Parker, S. | 9. James T. Wilson, M. 3d V. |
| 4. John Davidson, Treas. | 10. J. F. Granger, M. 2d V. |
| 5. W. H. Pearce, Sec'y. | 11. John Parker, M. 1st V. |
| 6. S. M. Sparkman, C. H. | 12. John J. Bunch, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Bryant, J. W. | 21. Smith, Thos. W. |
| 14. Dzialynski, P. | 22. Wilkinson, Robt. |
| 15. Hollingsworth, S. T. | 23. Wilder, E. G. |
| 16. Hughes, David. | 24. Zipper, A. G. |
| 17. Jordan, W. C. | |
| 18. McAaley, R. A. | |
| 19. Mitchell, R. B. | |
| 20. Page, S. H. | |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. S. M. Sparkman, H. P. | 3. Daniel Standford, S. |
| 2. J. T. Wilson, K. | 4. John Davidson, Treas. |
| | 5. W. H. Pearce. |

Nassau R. A. Chapter No. 23, Fernandina, Nassau County, Florida. Regular Convocations second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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| 1. E. P. Jordon, H. P. | 7. W. F. Scott, P. S. |
| 2. E. G. Clay, K. | 8. O. C. Skinner, R. A. C. |
| 3. Peter Cone, S. | 9. J. S. Parker, M. 3d V. |
| 4. C. Thigpen, Treas. | 10. Geo. S. Brown, M. 2d V. |
| 5. W. O. Jeffreys, Jr., Sec'y. | 11. H. C. Hewlett, M. 1st V. |
| 6. A. O. McDonald, C. H. | 12. W. W. Farmer, Guard. |

COMPANIONS.

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| 13. Gardner, E. | 15. Harrison, Robt. | 17. Price, W. J. |
| 14. Galphin, J. M. | 16. Lawty, W. | 18. Quinn, Peter. |

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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| 1. E. P. Jordon, H. P. | 3. W. E. Scott, S. |
| 2. E. G. Clay, K. | 4. C. Thigpen, Treas. |
| 5. W. O. Jeffreys. | |

At Rest.

T. P. TATUM, Florida,	- - -	R. A. Chapter No. 1
JOHN M. JOHNS, Jefferson,	- - -	" " " 5
JOHN L. FERRAND, Jacksonville,	" " "	" " " 12
PETER P. LAWRENCE, Greenwood,	" " "	" " " 15
JAMES F. HENDERSON, Tampa,	- - -	" " " 17
C. HOWE, Island,	- - -	" " " 21
CHARLES SLAGER, Thomas Brown,	" " "	" " " 22

GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Charles L. Wiggin.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Thomas B. Harris.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	John P. Allmond.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	L. G. Stevens.....	Washington.
Gen. Grand Chapter, U. S. A.	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Georgia.....	J. Emmitt Blackshear, M. D.	Macon.
Illinois.....	James H. Miles.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	J. M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	W. B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
Kansas.....	Erasmus T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	J. M. S. McCorkle.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor, M. D.	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	William A. Wentz.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Z. H. Thomas, Jr.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	J. Eastman Johnson.....	Centreville.
Minnesota.....	E. D. B. Porter.....	Saint Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	Geo. F. Gouley.....	Saint Louis.
Nebraska.....	Daniel H. Wheeler.....	Plattsmouth.
New Hampshire.....	John A. Harris.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas J. Corson.....	Trenton.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
North Carolina.....	Thomas M. Gardner.....	Wilmington.
Nova Scotia.....	Joseph Gossip.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	James Nesbitt.....	Troy.
Oregon.....	R. P. Earhart.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thompson.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Geo. H. Burnham.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Meyer B. Moses.....	Sumter.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Robert Brewster.....	Houston.
Vermont.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	John Dove.....	Richmond.
West Virginia.....	Odell S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	J. W. Woodhull.....	Berlin.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. X. E. X. Grand Chapter

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF

FLORIDA.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

1875.

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PROCEEDINGS
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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual
Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall in the city
of Tallahassee, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., on
Tuesday, the 12th day of January, A. L., 5875,
A. I., 2405, A. D., 1875.

Present—M. E. H. H. BERRY, - - as Grand High Priest;
R. E. ALBERT J. RUSSELL, - as Grand King;
" ENOS WASCATE, - - as Grand Scribe;
" DE WITT C. DAWKINS, - Grand Secretary;
E. HENRY W. LONG, - - Gr. Capt. of the Host;
" EDWARD P. JORDAN, - Grand P. Sojourner;
" ALFRED L. WILLIAMS, - as Grand R. A. Captain;
" GEO. E. WENTWORTH, - as Grand M. of 3d Vail;
" W. F. SCOTT, - - as Grand M. of 2d Vail;
" WILLIAM B. TAYLOR, - as Grand M. of 1st Vail;
" EDWARD M. WEST, - as Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest,
M. E. D. C. DAWKINS.

Past Grand Secretaries,

R. E. W. M. McINTOSH and A. J. RUSSELL.

And Companions representing nine constituent Royal Arch Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was duly opened.

The Grand High Priest appointed Companions H. W. Long, E. P. Jordan and S. M. G. Garey a Committee on Returns and Credentials, and Companions H. J. Stewart, H. S. Reeves and I. Markens a Committee on visitors.

Companion Wentworth offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons, who are members of regular Chapters in good standing, be invited to attend the present Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter took a recess of thirty minutes, after which the Committee on Returns and Credentials reported Chapters bearing the following numbers duly represented, to-wit: 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18, 20, 23, 24—9.

Companion H. W. Long offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That Olive Chapter, No. 10, and Nassau Chapter, No. 24, be allowed further time to pay their respective dues to the Grand Chapter.

Companion A. J. Russell offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That Jackson Chapter, No. 1, be allowed further time to pay its Grand Chapter dues.

Companion Long offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That when the Grand Chapter calls off, that it be called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 13, A. I.: 2405—3 P. M.

Present—M. E. SAMUEL PASCO, - - - as Grand High Priest;
 R. E. H. H. BERRY, - - - as Grand King;
 " E. WASGATE, - - - as Grand Scribe;
 " D. C. DAWKINS, - - - Grand Secretary;
 Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY, - - - Grand Chaplain;
 E. H. W. LONG, - - - Gr. C. H.;
 " E. P. JORDAN, - - - Gr. P. S.;
 " A. L. WILLIAMS, - - - as Gr. R. A. C.;
 " GEO. E. WENTWORTH, - - as G. M. 3d Vail;
 " W. F. SCOTT, - - - as G. M. 2d Vail;
 " W. W. TUCKER, - - - as G. M. 1st Vail;
 " E. M. WEST, - - - as Grand Guard.

And Companions representing twelve constituent Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials reported the following table, showing what Chapters have made returns to this Grand Convocation, by whom represented, and other statistics relating thereto, which was received and adopted.

ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER RETURNS.

CHAPTERS.	REPRESENTED BY		Membership last year.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Dinitied.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Ministers exempt.	Amount due.	Amount paid.	Present membership.	REMARKS.
	Number.	Name.														
Florida.....	1	W. M. McIntosh.....	33						1				\$25.00		26	Returns correct.
Jefferson.....	5	W. W. Tucker.....	26	9	1		2	1					40.00	40.00	43	" "
Columbia.....	9	J. Potsdamer.....	22	8	2								28.00	26.55	30	" "
Olive.....	10	S. M. G. Carey, W. T. Forbes.....	26	1		1							26.00		26	" "
Mount Horeb.....	11	A. L. Williams.....	48			4	17	2					47.00	47.00	25	" "
Jacksonville.....	12	E. Wasgate.....	65	5	4	1		7					80.00	80.00	68	" "
Micanopy.....	16	J. T. Miller.....	20		1			2					18.00	18.00	19	" "
Tampa.....	17		17					1					15.00	15.00	16	" "
Concord.....	18	H. S. Reeves.....	27		1			2					25.00	25.00	26	" "
Lake Butler.....	19	W. G. W. Brooks.....												23.00		No returns.
Providence.....	20	W. T. Weeks.....	42	8		1	16	1					100.00	100.00	30	Returns correct.
Island.....	21		48		1			1					49.00	49.00	47	" "
Nassau.....	23	E. P. Jordan, W. F. Scott.....	18	2				1					22.00		16	" "
Mount Moriah.....	24	George E. Wentworth.....	14		3								16.00	16.00	17	" "
TOTAL.....			416	23	13	2	8	20	37	1			\$175.00	\$440.55	389	

Companion H. S. Reeves, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Concord Chapter, No. 18, be allowed the further time of thirty days to pay the balance of its dues to the Grand Chapter.

Companion Wheaton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the further time of sixty days be granted to Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, to make returns and pay its dues, and that Companion W. G. W. Brooks be allowed to represent said Chapter in this Grand Convocation.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees, to-wit:

On Dispensations and By-Laws,
Companions H. W. LONG, W. W. TUCKER and W. G. W. BROOKS.

On Accounts,
Companions E. P. JORDAN, GEO. E. WENTWORTH and W. T. FORBES.

On Propositions and Grievances,
Companions H. H. BERRY, W. F. SCOTT and H. S. REEVES.

On Unfinished Business,
Companions W. T. WEEKS, E. WASGATE and J. T. MILLER.

On Jurisprudence.
Companions F. I. WHEATON, S. M. G. GAREY and A. L. WILLIAMS.

Companion Wasgate raised a question as to the standing, or status, of Companion M. A. Dzialynski, which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Companion Tucker propounded the following question, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to-wit:

Is it in accordance with the laws and customs of Capitular Masonry for one or two Companions, to be substituted, to constitute the requisite number of three for exaltation?

Present—R. E. WASGATE, Grand Scribe;
 D. L. OAKLEY, Grand Treasurer;
 D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary;
 Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY, Grand Chaplain;
 G. C. H., G. P. S., G. R. A. C.,
 as G. M. 3d Vail; A. L. WILLIAMS,
 as G. M. 2d Vail; GEO. E. WENTWORTH,
 as G. M. 1st Vail; W. F. SCOTT,
 as G. M. 1st Vail; W. W. TUCKER,
 as Grand Guard; E. M. WEST,
 as Grand Guard.

And Chapters represented as at the morning session.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, with the following result, to-wit:

Companion HENRY W. LONG, was elected Grand High Priest;
 EDWARD P. JORDAN, Grand King;
 WILLIAM T. WEEKS, Grand Scribe;
 W. W. TUCKER, Grand Treasurer;
 DAN T. OAKLEY, Grand Secretary;
 DEWITT C. DAWKINS was re-elected Grand Chaplain;
 JOHN PENNY

The Grand High Priest, elect, announced the following appointments, to-wit:

Companion GEO. E. WENTWORTH, Grand Captain of Host;
 Grand Prm. Sojourner;
 Grand R. A. Captain;
 JOHN T. MILLER, G. M. 3d Vail;
 W. F. SCOTT, G. M. 2d Vail;
 HENRY S. REEVES, G. M. 1st Vail;
 W. T. FORBES, Grand Guard;
 EDWARD M. WEST,

All the foregoing elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed by M. E. Samuel

The Constitution proposed at the last Annual Grand Convocation was taken under consideration.

The Grand High Priest expressed the opinion that the said proposed Constitution could not be finally acted upon at the present Grand Convocation, because it was printed separately from the printed proceedings, and, therefore, not spread upon the records as required by the existing Constitution, but submitted to the action of the Grand Chapter upon the subject; and upon a vote of the Grand Chapter it was decided, that the said proposed Constitution was properly recorded, printed and sent out to the Chapters, and in order for final action.

Whereupon the said proposed Constitution was read and considered by sections, and then put to vote as a whole, and by unanimous vote, adopted as the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Wentworth offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Chapter calls off, that it be called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

Companion Long offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the election of Grand Officers take place at 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, January 14, A. I. 2405—3 P. M.
 Present—M. E. SAM'L PASCO, Grand High Priest;
 R. E. H. H. BERRY, Grand King;

Pasco, D. G. H. P. as G. H. P., except such as were re-elected, who are not required to be re-installed.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts:

D. C. DAWKINS, <i>Grand Secretary,</i>		DR.
1874.	<i>In account with Grand Chapter:</i>	
Jan. 27.	For dues of Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11, for 1873...	\$ 53 00
" 29.	" " " Island Chapter, No. 21, " " "	51 00
Feb. 11.	" " " Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, " " "	39 00
1875.		
Jan. 8.	" " " Island Chapter, No 21, " 1874...	49 00
" "	" " " Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11 " " "	47 00
Jan. 12.	" " " Columbia Chapter, No. 9, " " "	26 55
" "	" " " Jacksonville Chap'r, No. 12, " " "	80 00
" "	" " " Concord Chapter, No. 18, " " "	26 00
" "	" " " Tampa Chapter, No. 17, " " "	15 00
" "	" " " Mt. Moriah Chap'r, No. 24, " " "	16 00
Jan. 13.	" " " Lake Butler Chap'r, No. 19, " " "	23 00
" "	" " " Providence Chap'r, No. 20, for 1874	100 00
" "	" " " and previously.....	18 00
" "	" " " Micropy Chapter, No. 16, for 1874...	40 00
" "	" " " Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, " " "	40 00
		<u>\$583 55</u>

1874.	CR.	
Jan. 29.	By paid W. A. Young, Gr. Tr., as per Voucher No. 1.....	\$104 00
1875.		
Jan. 14.	By paid D. L. Oakley, Gr. Tr., as per Voucher No. 2.....	479 55—\$583 55

R.: E.: Wm. A. Young, being absent, presented through the Grand Secretary the following report which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

Wm. A. YOUNG, <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>		DR.
1874.	<i>In account with Grand Chapter.</i>	
Jan. 15.	To cash received of D. L. Oakley, P. G. T.....	\$ 16 50
" "	" " " Grand Secretary.....	397 00
Jan. 29.	" " " Grand Secretary.....	104 00
		<u>\$517 50</u>

1874.	CR.	
Jan. 16.	By paid Grand Secretary for printing, postage and expressage, as per Vr. No. 1.	\$271 06
" "	By paid D. C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., as per appropriation of 1873, Vr. No. 2.....	50 00
" "	By paid Grand Secretary, salary, as per Voucher No. 3.....	150 00
Feb. 18.	By paid W. M. McIntosh, balance due for 1872, as per Voucher No. 4.....	30 00
1875.		
Jan. 14.	By paid D. L. Oakley, Grand Treasurer, balance cash on hand, as per Vr. No. 5.	16 44—\$517 55

R.: E.: D. L. Oakley, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

D. L. OAKLEY, <i>Grand Treasurer,</i>		DR.
1875.	<i>In account with Grand Chapter.</i>	
Jan. 14.	To cash received from W. A. Young, P. G. T.....	\$ 16 44
" "	" " " Grand Secretary.....	479 55
		<u>\$495 99</u>

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, and Companions of the Grand Chapter:
 Your Committee to whom was referred the question as to the Masonic status of Companion M. A. Dzialynski, beg leave to report: That they have had the case under consideration, and find that the Companion has been placed in the position of an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason, against his wish, and without any fault of his own, but by a misunderstanding between Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, and Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, and a prior ruling on

the subject. We find that the Companion is a good and true Mason, and a lover of the Royal Art, and anxious to affiliate with some Royal Arch Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We therefore recommend that the said Companion be authorized to apply without dimit to the Chapter of his choice for affiliation; and that such Chapter be authorized to receive and act upon such application, and if elected, that the matter be final. All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. H. BERRY, }
 H. S. REEVES, } Committee.
 W. F. SCOTT, }

Companion D. L. McKinnon called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the backward condition of Greenwood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 15, and the subject was referred to the M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M.: E.: Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question as to whether or not the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree is in accordance with the laws and usages of Capitular Masonry, report affirmatively thereon.

Fraternally submitted,

F. I. WHEATON, }
 S. M. G. GAREY, } Committee.
 A. L. WILLIAMS, }

Companion Pasco offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, at 3 o'clock P. M. on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1876.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M.: E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Accounts beg leave to report: That they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has in his hands as per report, the sum of \$495.99. The Grand Secretary has placed in our hands the following accounts, which we find correct, and we recommend the payment of the same, to-wit:

Kennard & Hay, for printing 500 blank returns and 400 copies of the proceedings of 1874.....	150 50
W. W. Douglass, for printing 500 copies Constitution.....	25 00
C. L. Mather & Co., for stationery.....	11 90
Grand Secretary, for postage, express charges and incidentals.....	31 39
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	\$218 79

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed a salary of.....	150 00
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	\$368 79

Referring to the report of the Committee on Accounts at last Annual Convocation, we recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed R.: E.: Wm. M. McIntosh, Past Grand Secretary, for labor performed in recording the proceedings of this Grand Chapter before his accession to that office. With these payments, there will be remaining on hand the sum of \$77.20.

Fraternally submitted,
 E. P. JORDAN, }
 GEO. E. WENTWORTH, } Committee.
 W. T. FORBES, }

Companion Pasco offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain be allowed the sum of \$10.00, and that the Grand Guard be also allowed the sum of \$10.00.

Companion Pasco offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jacksonville, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the second Tuesday in January, A. D., 1876.

Companion Wasgate offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have reprinted the exhausted printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter, whenever, in his opinion, it is expedient to do so.

There appearing no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

H. W. LONG, Grand High Priest.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

REGISTRY OF CHAPTERS,

AS PER RETURNS DECEMBER 27, 1874.

FLORIDA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.

TALLAHASSEE, LEON COUNTY.

Convocations, Second and Fourth Mondays.

OFFICERS.

[No Election.]

MEMBERS.

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| 1. Blake, E. L. T. | 10. Dyke, C. E., Sr. | 19. Spencer, S. A. |
| 2. Bond, J. S. | 11. Edmondson, J. A. | 20. Slusser, W. P. |
| 3. Brokaw, P. B. | 12. Gamble, R., Jr. | 21. Taylor, James L. |
| 4. Bunker, F. M. | 13. Maige, J. N. | 22. Taylor, John L. |
| 5. Byrd, L. | 14. McIntosh, W. M. | 23. Van Brunt, R. |
| 6. Carr, W. W. | 15. Nugent, George | 24. Walker, D. S. |
| 7. Corley, H. A. | 16. Pratorius, J. | 25. West, E. M. |
| 8. Damon, George | 17. Purdy, J. E. | 26. Wilson, D. C., Jr. |
| 9. Duval, L. S. | 18. Roberts, T. J. | |

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.

MONTICELLO, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Convocations, Friday before the Fourth Saturday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. W. W. Tucker, H. P. | 7. H. H. Berry, P. S. |
| 2. John W. Jordan, K. | 8. George W. Turner, R. A. C. |
| 3. W. W. Bostwick, S. | 9. A. Loeb, M. 3d V. |
| 4. S. Pasco, Tr. | 10. S. Homberger, M. 2d V. |
| 5. D. L. Oakley, Sec'y. | 11. J. F. Carter, M 1st V. |
| 6. H. Bernhard, C. H. | 12. T. J. Chase, Sr., Guard. |

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

- 7. R. W. Broome, P. S.
- 8. J. W. Payne, R. A. C.
- 9. F. M. Selph, M. 3d V.
- 10. O. P. Luther, M. 2d V.
- 11. W. H. Jernagin, M. 1st V.
- 12. J. A. Barnes, Guard.

OTHER MEMBERS.

- 13. Allen, G. W.
- 14. Barnett, W. J.
- 15. Carruth, T. A.
- 16. Crowley, D. J.
- 17. Clearvland, E. E.
- 18. Davidson, Alex.
- 19. DePass, J. P.
- 20. Holt, P. H.
- 21. Hodge, J. S.
- 22. Henderson, E. R.
- 23. Hunter, G. H.
- 24. Niblack, S. S.
- 25. Roberts, H. L. R.
- 26. Reed, M. K.
- 27. Selph, Duval
- 28. Taylor, J. D.
- 29. Taylor, W. B.
- 30. Young, Alex.

OLIVE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 19.

Ocala, Marion County.

Conventions, Third Friday, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

OFFICERS.

- 1. S. M. G. Garey, H. P.
- 2. W. T. Forbes, K.
- 3. W. P. Trantham, S.
- 4. Sol. Benjamin, Tr.
- 5. C. A. Crowson, Sec'y.
- 6. H. C. Martin, C. H.
- 7. C. J. Alfred, P. S.
- 8. B. A. Weathers, R. A. C.
- 9. H. B. Forbes, M. 3d V.
- 10. W. J. McGrath, M. 2d V.
- 11. C. C. Priest, M. 1st V.
- 12. W. F. Jones, Guard.

OTHER MEMBERS.

- 13. Agnew, E. W.
- 14. Atkinson, M.
- 15. Brown, L. J. A.
- 16. Forbes, C. D.
- 17. Furguson, J. A.
- 18. Garey, T. P.
- 19. Level, G. C.
- 20. Long, H. W.
- 21. Miller, D. A.
- 22. Poeser, F. D.
- 23. Veal, W. R. O.
- 24. Watterman, A. E.
- 25. Williams, J. D.
- 26. Wohl, A.

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OTHER MEMBERS.

- 13. Abbott, W. W.
- 14. Arendell, W. H.
- 15. Chace, T. J., Jr.
- 16. Cole, J. D.
- 17. Herring, Geo. W.
- 18. Johnson, T. F.
- 19. McCall, Geo. D.
- 20. Partridge, W. R.
- 21. Phillips, H. S.
- 22. Roach, J. B.
- 23. Scott R.
- 24. Simon, S.
- 25. Smith, C. W.
- 26. Turnbull, S. J.
- 27. Weil, Joseph
- 28. Woods, W. J.

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.

Milton, Santa Rosa County.

Conventions, Second Wednesday.

OFFICERS.

- 1. John Chain, H. P.
- 2. H. W. Sindorf, K.
- 3. W. A. C. Benbow, S.
- 4. James A. Chaffin, Tr.
- 5. John Carlovitz, Sec'y.
- 6. John Hodless, C. H.
- 7. E. Chadwick, P. S.
- 8. L. G. Mayo, R. A. C.
- 9. Fred. Fisher, M. 3d V.
- 10. L. C. Kirkpatrick, M. 2d V.
- 11. W. J. Arnstead, M. 1st V.
- 12. M. G. Gainer, Guard.

OTHER MEMBERS.

- 13. Allan, H. W.
- 14. Amos, E. S.
- 15. Amos, L. N.
- 16. Caulkins, A. N.
- 17. Golson, D. H.
- 18. Harrison, W. W.
- 19. Hemphill, L. L.
- 20. Jones, A. R.
- 21. Landrum, C. A.
- 22. Miller, George
- 23. Mims, J. R.
- 24. Newman, George
- 25. Overman, Charles
- 26. Peterson, W. M.
- 27. Shockley, B. W.
- 28. Thompson, E.
- 29. Whitnair, E.

COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.

Lake City, Columbia County.

Conventions, First and Third Mondays.

OFFICERS.

- 1. M. M. T. Huchingson, H. P.
- 2. M. S. Flowers, K.
- 3. C. O. O. Roberts, S.
- 4. J. W. Cathey, Tr.
- 5. T. W. Carter, Sec'y.
- 6. C. J. Potsdamer, C. H.

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.

WARRINGTON, ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Convocations, Third Monday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. P. J. Gibney, H. P. | 6. C. H. Thompson, C. H. |
| 2. C. A. Higgins, K. | 7. B. A. Philibert, P. S. |
| 3. A. L. Williams, S. | 8. W. H. Diffin, R. A. C. |
| 4. C. McK. Oerting, Tr. | 9. G. W. Legallais, M. 2d V. |
| 5. G. S. Hallmack, Sec'y | 10. E. E. Bunn, M. 1st V. |
| | 11. H. Simmons, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 12. Genny, G. | 17. Moore, H. N. | 22. Strout, A. S. |
| 13. Kelly, E. E. | 18. Morrill, Wm. | 23. Thackery, R. |
| 14. Massey, James | 19. Park, E. G. | 24. Welsh, James |
| 15. MacDonald, Jas. | 20. Quayle, T. C. | 25. Wunderlich, F. W. |
| 16. McCoy, J. A. | 21. Stearns, Thomas | |

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.

JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY.

Convocations, Last Friday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. John S. Driggs, H. P. | 7. T. A. Willson, P. S. |
| 2. George R. Jones, K. | 8. C. G. Elliott, R. A. C. |
| 3. E. Wasgate, S. | 9. L. McConihe, M. 3d V. |
| 4. H. Koopman, Tr. | 10. M. N. Parcels, M. 2d V. |
| 5. J. W. Swaim, Sec'y | 11. J. Skedd, M. 1st V. |
| 6. I. Markens, C. H. | 12. D. Jones, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Allen, H. C. | 18. Brown C. | 23. Clark, J. H. |
| 14. Bakeman, G. R. | 19. Brush, L. J. | 24. Cook, A. M. |
| 15. Ball, T. | 20. Bucky, J. D. | 25. Daniels, M. H. |
| 16. Black, P. | 21. Burch, J. L. | 26. Dawkins, D. C. |
| 17. Bowes, M. | 22. Canova, P. B. | 27. Douglass, W. W. |

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| 28. Fehrenbach, H. H. | 42. Little, F. E. | 56. Starratt, H. |
| 29. Fitzgerald, J. W. | 43. Love, D. G. | 57. Swaim, J. W. |
| 30. Ford, Geo. W. | 44. Luders, F. | 58. Tison, H. C. |
| 31. Gilbert, E. F. | 45. Magee, H. L. | 59. Turner, E. |
| 32. Gillis, C. | 46. Mather, C. L. | 60. Von Dohlen, H. |
| 33. Greeley, J. C. | 47. McCallum, J. J. | 61. Wandell, J. C. |
| 34. Grey, W. H. | 48. McLean, W. A. | 62. Webb, F. R. |
| 35. Griffith, E. C. | 49. Mitchell, J. D. | 63. Webster, B. H. |
| 36. Grothe, Wm. | 50. Pond, F. R. | 64. Wheaton, F. I. |
| 37. Haworth, E. | 51. Rich, Wm. | 65. Whitaker, B. R. |
| 38. Holland, J. J. | 52. Russell, A. J. | 66. Wilmarth, T. S. |
| 39. Kane, H. | 53. Sammis, J. S. | 67. Young, W. A. |
| 40. Keene, O. L. | 54. Smith, D. P. | 68. Zacharias, A. |
| 41. Lema, W. | 55. Smith, J. H. | |

MICANOPY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 16.

MICANOPY, ALACHUA COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Saturday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. John T. Miller, H. P. | 6. J. M. Croxton, P. S. |
| 2. C. W. Merry, K. | 7. J. C. Ley, R. A. C. |
| 3. George W. Means, S. | 8. James Croxton, M. 3d V. |
| C. W. Merry, Tr. | 9. A. B. Rou, M. 2d V. |
| 4. George S. Riggs, Sec'y | 10. J. G. Faulkner, M. 1st V. |
| 5. Simon Benjamin, C. H. | 11. A. P. Price, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 12. Barnett, R. H. | 16. Geiger, W. H. | 18. Mathers, A. H. |
| 13. Binnicker, J. L. | 17. Hunter, J. M. | 19. Penny, John |
| 14. Colding, J. D. | | 20. Perry, W. S. |
| 15. Gammage, J. | | 21. Sistrunk, H. J. |

TAMPA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 17.

TAMPA, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Convocations, Fourth Saturday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. E. A. Clarke, H. P. | 5. Thos. P. Kennedy, Sec'y |
| 2. J. B. Wall, K. | 6. Joseph Robles, C. H. |
| 3. D. Isaac Craft, S. | 7. O. H. Dishmy, P. S. |
| 4. F. Branch, Tr. | 8. W. H. Henderson, R. A. C. |
| 9. C. W. Wells, Guard. | |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 10. Craft, S. C. | 12. Gates, E. F. | 15. Mitchell, H. L. |
| 11. Darling, John | 13. Givens, J. T. | 16. Wall, J. P. |
| | 14. Lewinson, G. | |

CONCORD R. A. CHAPTER, No. 18.

CONCORDIA, GADSDEN COUNTY.

Convocations, First Wednesday Evening.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. N. T. Scott, H. P. | 7. W. C. Hendry, P. S. |
| 2. J. W. Reeves, K. | 8. B. H. Joyner, R. A. C. |
| 3. A. Bowen, S. | 9. W. J. Bell, M. 3d V. |
| 4. J. A. Hall, Tr. | 10. A. F. Hand, M. 2d V. |
| 5. W. B. Kemp, Sec'y | 11. D. W. Scott, M. 1st V. |
| 6. H. S. Reeves, C. H. | 12. A. Chester, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Anders, J. A. | 18. Hand, C. D. | 23. Ingram, D. R. |
| 14. Cromartie, J. Q. | 19. Harrison, S. H. | 24. Joyner, L. R. |
| 15. Dalton, Wm. | 20. Harrison, Thos. | 25. Wilmot, D. H. |
| 16. Foster, L. F. | 21. Henley, T. N. | 26. Woodley, D. H. |
| 17. Hall, G. W. | 22. Higdon, J. J. | |

PROVIDENCE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 20.

PROVIDENCE, BRADFORD COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Thursday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. W. T. Weeks, H. P. | 7. Jacob Witt, P. S. |
| 2. W. O. Tyson, K. | 8. J. B. Lamb, R. A. C. |
| 3. R. C. Martin, S. | 9. W. J. Feagle, M. 3d V. |
| 4. J. R. Anders, Tr. | 10. J. W. Bealing, M. 2d V. |
| 5. J. W. Perry, Sec'y | 11. J. J. Lamb, M. 1st V. |
| 6. J. R. Richard, C. H. | 12. T. S. Rowe, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Anders, A. J. | 20. Milton, H. R. | 27. Tolbert, J. M. |
| 14. Bunch, J. J. | 21. Niblack, J. F. | 28. Townsend, W. H. L. |
| 15. Bryant, J. | 22. O'Steen, E. | 29. Vinzant, W. B. |
| 16. Carter, J. | 23. Phillips, S. E. | 30. Weeks, A. A. |
| 17. Hodges, G. J. | 24. Rowe, T. J. | 31. Weeks, J. H. |
| 18. Hunt, W. F. | 25. Sasser, J. | 32. Williams, W. F. |
| 19. King, A. L. | 26. Talbot, D. M. | 33. Wills, W. W. |

ISLAND R. A. CHAPTER, No. 21.

KEY WEST, MONROE COUNTY.

Convocations, Second and Fourth Wednesdays.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. R. J. Perry, H. P. | 7. Wm. McClintock, P. S. |
| 2. J. Fogarty, K. | 8. Chas. St. John, R. A. C. |
| 3. L. W. Bethel, S. | 9. Geo. W. Maslin, M. 3d V. |
| 4. C. S. Baron, Tr. | 10. Geo. D. Warren, M. 2d V. |
| 5. J. Y. Porter, Sec'y | 11. Wm. Ledwith, M. 1st V. |
| 6. J. J. Delaney, C. M. | 12. J. J. Camfield, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Adams, J. H. | 25. Filer S. | 37. Pyfrom, T. A. |
| 14. Albury, J. F. | 26. Johnson, F. W. | 38. Rain, J. |
| 15. Albury, W. R. | 27. Lowe, S. | 39. Randolph, W. B. |
| 16. Archer, W. D. | 28. Madagan, J. H. | 40. Rawson, E. B. |
| 17. Babcock, C. | 29. Mathey, J. M. | 41. Roberts, A. E. |
| 18. Bocker, G. H. | 30. Moss, J. H. | 42. Sawyer, J. W. |
| 19. Cash, W. D. | 31. Murray, R. D. | 43. Vance, W. G. |
| 20. Coleman, J. H. | 32. Otto, J. | 44. Weatherford, J. H. |
| 21. Edgar, W. H. | 33. Peacan, B. | 45. Williams, J. |
| 22. Engol, J. M. | 34. Philbrick, J. J. | 46. Williams, P. A. |
| 23. Ferguson, G. F. | 35. Phillips, Geo. B. | 47. Wolf, S. |
| 24. Filer, F. | 36. Pinder S. | |

THOMAS BROWN R. A. CHAPTER, No. 22.

BARTOW, POLK COUNTY.

Convocations, Saturday before the first and Third Sundays.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. D. Stanford, H. P. | 7. F. N. Varn, P. S. |
| 2. R. P. McCauley, K. | 8. W. R. Hollingsworth, R. A. C. |
| 3. S. H. Page, S. | 9. J. T. Wilson, M. 3d V. |
| 4. J. Davidson, Tr. | 10. T. W. Smith, M. 2d V. |
| 5. W. H. Pearce, Secretary. | 11. S. Parker, M. 1st V. |
| 6. S. M. Sparkman, C. H. | 12. J. J. Bunch, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Bryant, J. W. | 17. Hughes, D. | 21. Varn, W. B. |
| 14. Dzialynski, Ph. | 18. Jordan, W. C. | 22. Wilder, E. G. |
| 15. Grainger, J. F. | 19. Mitchell, R. B. | 23. Wilkison, Robt. |
| 16. Hollingsworth, S. T. | 20. Parker, John | 24. Zipperer, A. G. |

NASSAU R. A. CHAPTER, No. 23.

FERNANDINA, NASSAU COUNTY.

Convocations, Second and Fourth Fridays.

[No Election.]

OFFICERS OF 1874.

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| 1. E. P. Jordan, H. P. | 6. Robt. Harrison, P. S. |
| 2. E. G. Clay, K. | 7. O. C. Skinner, R. A. C. |
| 3. W. F. Scott, S. | 8. H. C. Hewlett, M. 3d V. |
| 4. W. O. Jeffreys, Jr. Sec'y | 9. G. S. Brown, M. 2d V. |
| 5. A. O. McDonell, C. H. | 10. J. S. Parker, M. 1st V. |
| | 11. W. W. Fanner, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 12. Brian, Charles T. | 14. Lawty, Wm. | 16. Quinn, Peter. |
| 13. Gardner, F. | 15. Price, W. J. | |

MOUNT MORIAH R. A. CHAPTER, No. 24.

[First Return.]

PENSACOLA, ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Monday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. J. J. Scott, H. P. | 7. H. A. Bushwell, P. S. |
| 2. W. E. Anderson, K. | 8. J. A. Walker, R. A. C. |
| 3. G. E. Wentworth, S. | 9. W. W. Carr, M. 3d V. |
| 4. G. Forcheimer, Tr. | 10. J. B. Roberts, M. 2d V. |
| 5. H. C. Cushman, Sec'y | 11. G. H. Oneal, M. 1st V. |
| 6. L. W. Rowley, C. H. | 12. G. W. Kohler, Guard. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OTHER MEMBERS.

13. Allendorf, L. 15. Hilliard, J. P. 17. McClay, W. D.
 14. Cohen, G. M. 16. Judah, W. H.

OFFICERS FOR 1875.

- W. E. Anderson, H. P. G. H. Oneal, S.
 George E. Wentworth, K. H. A. Bushwell, Tr.
 H. C. Cushman, Sec'y.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPT'RS	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
John Lockie, Washington.....	Dis. of Columbia	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls..	Kansas..	Theodore Ball, Jacksonville.
J. C. Batchelor, New Orleans.....	Louisiana	Wm. Morrill, Milton.
J. L. Power, Jackson.....	Mississippi	D. Jones, Jacksonville.
Rees. G. Williams, Utica.....	New York.....	D. C. Dawkins, Tallahassee.
James Gossip, Halifax.....	Nova Scotia.....	W. M. McIntosh, Jacksonville.
Augustin T. Smythe, Charleston	South Carolina..	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.

AT REST.

- JOSHUA TAYLOR, Jefferson R. A. Chapter No. 5....January 19, 1874
 SIMON KATZENBURG " " " " 5 ...December 14, 1874
 JOHN L. PORTER, Mt. Horeb " " " 11....December 28, 1873
 ROBERT SMITH, " " " " 11....June 26, 1874
 B. P. CHANDLER, " " " " 11....Septemb'r 12, 1874
 J. C. CHAFFEE, " " " " 11. . . " 15, 1874
 J. M. PREVATT, Providence " " " 20....July 12, 1874
 LEWIS E. PIERCE, Island " " " 21....Septemb'r 23, 1874
 CLINTON THIGPEN, Nassau " " " 23 ...October 20, 1874

OFFICERS
OF THE
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ELECTED NOVEMBER 25, 1874, FOR THREE YEARS.

- M. E. ELBERT H. ENGLISH, Gen. Gr. High Priest, Little Rock, Ark.
" JOHN FRIZZELL, Dep. Gen. Gr. High Priest, Nashville, Tenn.
" ROBERT F. BOWER, Gen. Gr. King, - - Keokuk, Iowa.
" ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Gen. Gr. Scribe, - Boston, Mass.
" CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Gen. Gr. Sec'y, - Buffalo, N. Y.
" NOBLE D. LARNER, Gen. Gr. Capt. of Host, Washington, D. C.
" HENRY BOSTWICK, Gen. Gr. R. A. Capt., - Covington, Ky.

The next Triennial Convention of the General Grand Chapter is to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in August, 1877.

GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Charles L. Wiggin.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	R. P. Stevens.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado.....	Edward C. Parmala.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	John P. Allmond.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	L. G. Stevens.....	Washington.
Gen. Gr. Chap. U. S. A.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Georgia.....	J. Emmitt Blackshear, M. D.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	James H. Miles.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	J. M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	W. B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
Kansas.....	Erasmus T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	Joseph H. Branham.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor, M. D.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	William A. Wentz.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Z. H. Thomas, Jr.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	William P. Innis.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	E. D. B. Porter.....	Saint Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	Geo. F. Gouley.....	St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	Daniel H. Wheeler.....	Plattsmouth.
Nevada.....	S. W. Chubbuck.....	Gold Hill.
New Hampshire.....	John A. Harris.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas J. Corson.....	Trenton.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
North Carolina.....	Thomas M. Gardner.....	Wilmington.
Nova Scotia.....	Joseph Gossip.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	James Nesbitt.....	Troy.
Oregon.....	R. P. Earhart.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thompson.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Geo. H. Burnham.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Meyer B. Moses.....	Sumter.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Robert Brewster.....	Houston.
Vermont.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	John Dove.....	Richmond.
West Virginia.....	Odell S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	J. W. Woodhull.....	Berlin.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, A.: L.: 5876. A.: L.: 2406, A.: D.: 1876.

Present—M. . E. .	HENRY W. LONG	Grand High Priest;
R. . E. .	EDWARD P. JORDAN,	Dep. Gr. High Priest;
"	CHARLES J. ALLRED,	Grand King;
"	W. W. TUCKER,	Grand Scribe;
"	D. C. DAWKINS,	Grand Secretary;
Rt. Rev.	JOHN PENNY,	Grand Chaplain;
E. .	ENOS WASGATE,	Grand Capt. of Host;
"	ALFRED L. WILLIAMS,	Gr. Prin. Sojourner;
"	GEORGE R. JONES,	Gr. R. A. Captain;
"	WARREN F. SCOTT,	G. M. 3rd Vail;
"	HARRISON STARRETT,	G. M. 2d Vail;
"	W. R. HOLLINGSWORTH,	G. M. 1st Vail;
"	DAVID JONES,	Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priests:

M. . E. . DAVID JONES and DE WITT C. DAWKINS.

Past Deputy Grand High Priest:

JOHN S. DRIGGS.

Grand Representatives of the M.: E.: Grand Chapters of District of Columbia, Mississippi, New York, and South Carolina.

And Companions representing eight constituent Royal Arch Chapters.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate prayer conducted by the Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain, was opened in Ample Form.

On the roll being called, constituent Chapters bearing the following numbers were found to be duly represented, to-wit: Nos. 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 16, 22, 23—8.

R.: E.: Companion Jordan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons, who are members of Regular Royal Arch Chapters in good standing, be and are hereby invited to attend the present Grand Convocation.

On motion adopted, the Grand High Priest appointed Companions A. L. Williams, J. S. Driggs, and H. C. Martin a Committee on Returns and Credentials; and Companions H. J. Stewart, L. McConihe, and W. B. Taylor a Committee on Visitors.

Companion E. P. Jordan presented his Commission as Representative of the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Wisconsin in Florida, and he was received and welcomed as such with Grand Honors.

Companion H. W. Long presented his Commission as Representative of the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Nebraska in Florida, and he was received and welcomed as such with Grand Honors.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented a partial report; after which the M.: E.:

Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Dispensations and By-Laws:

Companions WM. B. TAYLOR, JOHN S. DRIGGS, and H. C. MARTIN.

On Unfinished Business:

Companions E. P. JORDAN, H. C. MARTIN, and W. R. HOLLINGSWORTH.

On Propositions and Grievances:

Companions C. J. ALLRED, W. W. TUCKER, and A. L. WILLIAMS.

On Accounts:

Companions E. WASGATE, GEORGE R. JONES, and W. W. TUCKER.

On Jurisprudence:

Companions J. S. DRIGGS, D. C. DAWKINS, and W. B. TAYLOR.

On motion, adopted.

Companion Samuel Paseo was appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

An edict was made relative to the signs of the Mark Master's Degree; and also as to the opening ceremonies of the Royal Arch.

The Grand Chapter was, after appropriate prayer by the Grand Chaplain, called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 12, A. D. 1876, A.: I.: 2406—3 P. M.

Present—M.: E.: HENRY W. LONG, G.: H.: P.: and other Grand and Past Grand Officers as on yesterday, with the addition of R.: E.: Daniel L. Oakley, Grand Treasurer, and R.: E.: Samuel Paseo, P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:

The Grand Chapter was called to labor.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report:

CHAPTER RETURNS.

CHAPTERS.	Number.	BY WHOM REPRESENTED.	Membership last Year.	Exulted.	Amiliated.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Ministers Exempt.	Amount due.	Amount paid.	Present membership.	REMARKS.
Jefferson	5	Junius Turnbull, H. P.	34	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$16.00	\$457.00	47	Returns incorrect*
Santa Rosa	6	H. W. Sindorf, P. S., and proxy for G. Council	29	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23.00	30.00	39	Returns correct.
Olive	10	C. J. Alfred, H. P.	35	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2.00	28.00	26	Returns correct.
Mount Hope	11	Alf. L. Williams, K.	67	2	2	1	3	1	5	1	1	1	75.00	80.00	64	Returns corrected†
Jacksonville	12	Jno. S. Driggs, H. P.	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21.00	21.00	21	No returns.
Micanopy	16	Jno. T. Miller, H. P.	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26.00	26.00	26	Returns correct.
Concord	18	.....	41	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38.00	38.00	21	No returns.
Providence	20	.....	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51.00	51.00	47	Returns correct.
Island	21	.....	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.00	35.00	47	Returns incorrect†
Thom's Brown	22	W. R. Hollingsworth, R. A. C., prox. for H. P.	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17.00	22.00	22	Returns correct.
Nassau	23	W. F. Scott, Scribe.	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17.00	22.00	22	Returns correct.

NOTE.—*Due. †In return '74—68 members—J. W. Swaim is entered twice—67. ‡Dues of 1874 \$32 paid.

To M. E. H. P.: Officers and Members of the G. C. of Fla.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the "Returns and Credentials," would respectfully report the foregoing as the result of their labors. The indebtedness of the several Subordinate Chapters to your G. C., appears in detail in the schedule hereto annexed, and which we ask to be made a part of this report.

Fraternally submitted. Jno. S. Driggs, Committee.

DETAILED STATEMENT of indebtedness of Subordinate Chapters to the Grand Chapter of Florida, referred to in the foregoing report.

CHAPTER.	Amount Due.		What Cause.		CHAPTER.	Amount Due.		What Cause.	
	Dues.	Ministers Claimed Exempt.	Dues.	Ministers Claimed Exempt.		Dues.	Ministers Claimed Exempt.	Dues.	Ministers Claimed Exempt.
No. 5—Jefferson	\$ 16 00	\$ 11 00	\$ 5 00		No. 20—Providence	\$ 23 00	\$ 25 00		
No. 6—Santa Rosa	23 00	20 00	3 00		No. 21—Island	51 00	50 00		
No. 10—Olive	2 00	2 00	2 00		No. 22—Thom's Brown	1 00	1 00		
No. 15—Micanopy	21 00	21 00			No. 23—Nassau	17 00	17 00		
No. 18—Concord	26 00	26 00							
	\$85 00	\$78 00	\$10 00						
						\$185 00	\$171 00		\$14 00

The M. E. Grand High Priest read the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida:

At the close of another Masonic year, it becomes us as transitory creatures to return thanks to that All-Wise Being, who in the plenitude of His great mercy permits us again to convene in unbroken chain around the sacred altar of our beloved institution. The mercies vouchsafed unto us during the past year in preserving us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the destruction that wasteth at noon-day, demands from us the highest and most solemn praises to Him who is good, and whose mercy endureth forever.

It is again our exalted privilege to meet in Annual Convocation as Companions within these consecrated walls, and to exchange fraternal greetings with those endowed with a common sympathy and bound by a common tie; for which let us humbly invoke the guidance, protection and blessings of the Great I Am, during our present Convocation.

As another Masonic year draws to a close, and I come to render an account of my stewardship, it is with profound feelings of pleasure that I am able to report, as far as heard from, that peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction. In the discharge of my official duties but little has occurred that is worthy of your notice, or that requires your action and approval.

On the 8th day of February, I appointed Most Excellent Companion Augustine T. Smythe Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida near the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

On the 8th day of April, I appointed Companion Benton H. Langley Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

On the 2d day of August, I appointed Right Excellent Companion J. L. Power Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, vice Most Excellent Companion Charles Terrell Bond, deceased, who was born in Franklin County, Georgia, January 2d, 1817; removed to Mississippi in 1841; settled in that part of Pontotoc which is now Union County; and was Initiated, Passed and Raised in 1843, in Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 71, which was then working under Dispensation. He was the first Secretary under the Charter, and continued in that capacity until called to preside in the

East in January, 1849. From that time until December 27th, 1853, he served the Lodge in various official capacities. He was then re-elected Worshipful Master, and filled that station without interruption until summoned from labor below to refreshment above. He served the Grand Lodge of Mississippi as Deputy Grand Master for one term; as District Deputy Grand Master for a series of years; as Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; Deputy P.: G.: Master of the Grand Council, and R.: E.: Grand Commander of the Temple Order.

In behalf of the Grand Chapter of Florida, I tendered its fraternal sympathy and condolence to the Grand Chapter of Mississippi in its loss of so worthy and distinguished a Companion.

On the 30th day of September, I appointed Companion John B. McCabe Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

On the 13th day of August, I visited MICANOPY R.: A.: Chapter, No. 16, which had a fair representation of Companions in attendance; peace and harmony prevailing in the Chapter.

On the 5th day of October I examined and approved the By-Laws of SANTA ROSA Chapter, No. 6.

I visited OLIVE Chapter, No. 10, frequently during the year, which is doing good, true and square work. I regret that circumstances beyond my control prevented me from visiting any other Chapters.

It is right and proper that we should rejoice in the success that has enabled our institution to establish its position as a living champion of universal charity and benevolence; but to be good men and true we must carry our practices as well as professions to the outer world, and there by living evidence give proof that our professions are sincere. As Masons, we have duties to perform and obligations to fulfill, which can neither be ignored nor set aside. Those duties and obligations constitute and form the foundation of our cherished institutions, and the basis upon which the whole superstructure rests. It is only by a strict adherence to the tenets of our order, and by a frequent recurrence to the early lessons taught in Masonry that we can fulfill these duties and meet these obligations in a manner that is in keeping with the solemnity of our profession. Companions, the time approaches for you to deliberate and legislate upon the great interest of our valued and beloved institution, and with a due conviction of the responsibility that rests upon us collectively and individually, permit me solemnly to enjoin upon all and each of the members of this Grand Chapter in entering upon the business before us, to remember and obey that solemn injunction that is always imposed upon even the youngest Entered Apprentice—before enter-

ing upon any great and important undertaking, always to implore the aid of Deity; and relying upon that aid, let us proceed in the great work before us with alacrity, fervency and zeal, which I trust will be shortened by that union and harmony and general prosperity which almost everywhere prevail throughout the great Masonic world. The time is near at hand when I shall return to you the emblem of authority with which you invested me one year ago. Permit me, Companions, to assure you that memory will ever revert with pleasure to the year just past, during which I have had the distinguished honor to serve you as your presiding officer.

H. W. LONG, G.: H.: P.:

On motion adopted, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Companions W. W. Tucker, A. L. Williams and J. T. Miller.

Companion D. L. Oakley presented his commission as Representative of the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Missouri, in Florida, and he was received and welcomed as such with grand honors.

Companion Pasco offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the name of a Companion cannot be dropped, or stricken from the roll of Chapter members, in consequence of suspension or expulsion from his Lodge until after official notice from his Lodge, and an action of the Chapter requiring the same to be done.

Companion A. L. Williams, acting under instructions of Mt. Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 11, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and to be acted upon at the next Annual Grand Convocation, to-wit:

Amend section three, so as to read thus:
 "Every member of a Chapter, in good standing, is entitled to one vote; but only High Priests, Past High Priests, Kings, Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes, are eligible to the office of High Priest."

Companion Samuel Pasco, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to be acted upon at the next Annual Grand Convocation, to-wit:

Add to section 29 these words: "Provided, that when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Returns, report an aged or infirm Companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof."

Companion Allred offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the annual election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter take place at the session on to-morrow.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on accounts:

Table with columns for date, description, amount, and balance. Includes entries for 1875 and 1876, such as 'For dues of Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6' and 'By paid Gr. Tr., as per voucher'.

1876.

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Jan. 12. By paid Gr. Tr., as per voucher.....

\$335 00

During the past year, I have had reprinted 500 copies of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1847 and 1848, at a cost of \$60. and I have had bound for the library 50 volumes of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, at \$1 per volume, in half morocco roan, and I have had printed and distributed, as usual, the proceedings of last annual Grand Convocation, and the sum of five dollars has been expended for library shelving; bills for which, together with incidentals, are herewith presented.

It is readily perceived that several of the Chapters have not been prompt with their returns and dues, which is to be regretted. It is, however, comfortable to know that the Grand Chapter is out of debt, and that the expenditures are within the income.

Commissions of Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions have been duly issued and forwarded as reported in the Annual Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and the correspondence and other duties appertaining to this office, have been conducted and discharged promptly and to the best of my ability, and your attention is directed thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

Table with columns for date, description, amount, and balance. Includes entries for 1875 and 1876, such as 'To cash from P. G. Treasurer, W. A. Young' and 'By paid C. L. Mather & Co., vr. 1'.

1876.

Jan. 15. To balance on hand.....

\$392 20
D. L. OAKLEY, Grand Treasurer.

An edict in relation to the Tabernacle work was adopted, and also as to the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Grand Chapter, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was called to refreshment, until 3 o'clock, p. m., to-morrow.

JANUARY 13, 3 P. M.

- Present—M. E. HENRY W. LONG, - - - - Grand High Priest;
 R. E. EDWARD P. JORDAN, - - - - D. G. H. P. ;
 " JOHN S. DRIGGS, - - - - as G. K. ;
 " JUNIUS TURNBULL, - - - - as G. S. ;
 " DANIEL L. OAKLEY, - - - - Gr. Tr. ;
 " DEWITT C. DAWKINS, - - - - Gr. Sec'y. ;
 Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY, - - - - G. Chaplain ;
 E. C. A. ALLRED, - - - - as G. C. H. ;
 " H. C. MARTIN, - - - - as G. P. S. ;
 " J. T. MILLER, - - - - G. R. A. C. ;
 " W. F. SCOTT, - - - - G. M. 3d V. ;
 " J. F. CLARK, - - - - as G. M. 2d V. ;
 " H. KANE, - - - - as G. M. 1st V. ;
 " L. McCONIHE, - - - - as Grand Guard ;

With Past Grand Officers and Representatives of Chapters as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, with the following result, to-wit:

- Companion JOHN S. DRIGGS, was elected Grand High Priest ;
 " CHARLES J. ALLRED, " Dep. Gr. High Priest ;
 " W. W. TUCKER, " Grand King ;
 " JOHN T. MILLER, " Grand Scribe ;
 " DAN'L L. OAKLEY, re-elect'd Grand Treasurer ;
 " DEWITT C. DAWKINS, " Grand Secretary ;
 " JOHN PENNY, " Grand Chaplain.

M. E. Henry W. Long, G. H. P., then installed Companion John S. Driggs into the office of M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments, to-wit:

- Companion GEORGE R. JONES, - - - - Grand Captain of Host ;
 " ALFRED L. WILLIAMS, - - - - Grand Prin. Sojourner ;
 " HENRY W. SINDORF, - - - - Grand R. A. Captain ;
 " WARREN F. SCOTT, - - - - G. M. 3d Vail ;
 " JUNIUS TURNBULL, - - - - G. M. 2d Vail ;
 " SAMUEL PASCO, - - - - G. M. 1st Vail ;
 " DAVID JONES, - - - - Grand Guard.

All the foregoing elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed by M. E. John S. Driggs, G. H. P., except such as were re-elected, who are not required to be reinstated.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Accounts beg leave to report: That they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

We find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....\$392 20

We recommend the payment of the following bills, to-wit:

Jacksonville Press, for printing proceedings of 1875.	\$ 55 00
Jacksonville Press, for reprinting proceedings of 1847-8.	60 00
Grand Secretary for postage	18 20
" " book shelves	5 00
Grand Chaplain " salary	150 00
Grand Guard " salary	10 00
Jacksonville R. A. Chapter	10 00
J. O. Boag, binding books	15 00
Leaving a balance of	50 00
	19 00—\$392 20

Fraternally submitted.

E. WASGATE,
 GEO. R. JONES,
 W. W. TUCKER. } Committee.

On motion, adopted, the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter No. 12, for the use of its Hall during the present Grand Convocation.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There being no further business, the Grand Chapter, with appropriate prayer to Almighty God conducted by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in Ample Form.

JOHN S. DRIGGS,
Grand High Priest.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIXES.

REGISTRY OF CHAPTERS.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.

MONTICELLO, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Convocations, Friday before the Fourth Saturday, 2½ P. M.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. Junius Turnbull, H. P. | 7. H. H. Berry, P. S. |
| 2. John W. Jordan, K. | 8. Geo. W. Turner, R. A. C. |
| 3. Jesse D. Cole, S. | 9. John D. Palmer, M. 3d V. |
| 4. Samuel Pasco, Tr. | 10. Joseph Weil, M. 2d V. |
| 5. Daniel L. Oakley, Sec'y. | 11. T. F. Johnson, M. 1st V. |
| 6. H. Bernhard, C. H. | 12. T. J. Chase, Sr., Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Abbott, W. W. | 25. Gilbert, R. M. | 37. Scott, R. |
| 14. Arendell, W. H. | 26. Hamilton, W. E. | 38. Simpkins, E. J. |
| 15. Atkinson, J. R. | 27. Horton, W. H. | 39. Simms, S. |
| 16. Bostwick, W. W. | 28. Loeb, Augustus | 40. Smith, C. W. |
| 17. Bryan, D. H. | 29. McCall, Geo. D. | 41. Stebbins, Charles |
| 18. Carter, James F. | 30. Miller, A. J. | 42. Surles, Calvin |
| 19. Chase, T. J., Jr. | 31. Morris, Harman | 43. Townsend, J. A. |
| 20. Collins, J. B. | 32. Morris, J. M. | 44. Tucker, W. W. |
| 21. Cone, D. W. | 33. Oliver, F. N. B. | 45. Turnbull, S. J. |
| 22. Davis, W. W. | 34. Partridge, W. K. | 46. Wetherington, A. |
| 23. Denmark, R. J. | 35. Phillips, H. S. | 47. Woods, W. J. |
| 24. Ellenwood, Jas. | 36. Roach, J. B. | |

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.

MILTON, SANTA ROSA COUNTY.

Convocations, Secmd Wednesday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. John G. Ellis, H. P. | 3. John W. Frater S. |
| 2. John Hoodless, K. | 4. James A. Chaffin, Tr. |

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| 5. John Carlovitz, Sec'y. | 9. L. C. Kirkpatrick, M. 3d V. |
| 6. A. N. Caulkins, C. H. | 10. John R. Eddins, M. 2d V. |
| 7. H. W. Sindorf, P. S. | 11. M. Levy, M. 1st V. |
| 8. W. J. Armistead, R. A. C. | 12. M. G. Gainer, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Allen, H. W. | 22. Golson, D. H. | 31. Mayo, L. G. |
| 14. Amos, E. L. | 23. Harrison, W. W. | 32. Miller, Rev. G. W. |
| 15. Amos, L. M. | 24. Hemphill, S. L. | 33. Milligan, Rufus |
| 16. Andrew, Rev J. O. | 25. Hodgkins, D. P. | 34. Mims, Jas. R. |
| 17. Benbow, W. C. | 26. Howell, S. B. | 35. Newman, Geo. |
| 18. Betts, W. G. | 27. Jones, Allen R. | 36. Overmah, Benj. |
| 19. Chadwick, Enoch | 28. Landrum, C. A. | 37. Peterson, Chas. |
| 20. Chain, John | 29. Lewis, Wm. F. | 38. Thompson, B. W. |
| 21. Fisher, Fred. | 30. Long, N. W. | 39. Wilson, P. N. |

OLIVE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 10.

OCALA, MARION COUNTY.

Convocations, Third Friday Night in each Month.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. C. J. Allred, H. P. | 7. H. C. Martin, P. S. |
| 2. W. P. Trantham, K. | 8. W. J. McGrath, R. A. C. |
| 3. B. A. Weathers, S. | 9. J. A. Ferguson, M. 3d Vail. |
| 4. S. M. G. Garey, Tr. | 10. J. D. Shaw, M. 2d Vail. |
| 5. Chas. A. Crowson, Sec'y. | 11. A. E. Waterman, M. 1st Vail. |
| 6. W. T. Forbes, C. H. | 12. W. F. Jones, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Agnew, E. W. | 18. Forbes, H. B. | 23. Priest, C. C. |
| 14. Atkinson, M. | 19. Leavel, Rev. G. C. | 24. Veal, W. R. O. |
| 15. Benjamin, Sol. | 20. Long, H. W. | 25. Williams, J. D. |
| 16. Dunn, John F. | 21. Miller, D. A. | 26. Wohl, Adolph. |
| 17. Forbes, C. D. | 22. Pooser, F. D. | |

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.

WARRINGTON, ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Convocations, Third Monday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. Patrick J. Gibney, H. P. | 7. Barton A. Philabert, P. S. |
| 2. Alfred L. Williams, K. | 8. Christian Allendorf, R. A. C. |
| 3. James Massey, S. | 9. Geo. W. Le Gallais, M. 3d V. |
| 4. Chas. McK. Oerting, Tr. | 10. Elisha E. Brown, M. 2d V. |
| 5. George S. Hallmack, Sec'y. | 11. Cornelius Higgins, M. 1st V. |
| 6. Charles H. Thompson, C. H. | 12. Hugh Simmons, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Diffin, W. H. | 18. McDonald, Jas. | 23. Strout, A. S. |
| 14. Genney, George | 19. Moore, H. M. | 24. Thackary, Rich'd |
| 15. Kelley, E. E. | 20. Morrill, Wm. | 25. Walsh, James |
| 16. Matheson, Neil | 21. Park, E. G. | 26. Wunderlich, F. W. |
| 17. McCoy, J. A. | 22. Stearns, Thomas | |

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.

JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY.

Convocations, Last Friday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. George R. Jones, H. P. | 7. F. Jordan, P. S. |
| 2. Enos Wasgate, K. | 8. L. McConihe, R. A. C. |
| 3. D. P. Smith, S. | 9. J. D. Bucky, M. 3d V. |
| 4. H. Koopman, Tr. | 10. James Skedd, M. 2d V. |
| 5. Chas. G. Elliott, Sec. | 11. Wm. Rich, M. 1st V. |
| 6. A. Zacharias, C. H. | 12. David Jones, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Allen, C. H. | 20. Canova, P. B. | 27. Fehrenback, H. H. |
| 14. Bakeman, G. R. | 21. Clarke, J. H. | 28. Fitzgerald, J. W. |
| 15. Ball, Theo. | 22. Cook, A. W. | 29. Ford, Geo. W. |
| 16. Bowes, M. | 23. Dawkins, D. C. | 30. Gilbert, E. F. |
| 17. Brown, C. | 24. Douglass, W. W. | 31. Gillis, C. |
| 18. Brush, L. J. | 25. Driggs, J. S. | 32. Greeley, J. C. |
| 19. Burch, J. L. | 26. Dzialynski, M. A. | 33. Grey, W. H. |

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| 34. Griffith, E. C. | 45. McCallum, J. J. | 55. Taliaferro, J. P. |
| 35. Haworth, E. | 46. McLean, W. A. | 56. Tison, H. C. |
| 36. Hewlett, H. | 47. Parcells, M. N. | 57. Turner E. |
| 37. Holland, J. J. | 48. Pond, F. R. | 58. Von Dohlen, H. |
| 38. Kane, H. | 49. Russell, A. J. | 59. Wandell, J. C. |
| 39. Keene, O. L. | 50. Sammis, J. S. | 60. Webster, B. H. |
| 40. Little, F. E. | 51. Smith, J. H. | 61. Whitaker, B. R. |
| 41. Love, D. G. | 52. Starratt, H. | 62. Wilmarth, T. S. |
| 42. Luders, F. | 53. Swaim, J. W. | 63. Wilson, T. A. |
| 43. Magee, H. L. | 54. Taylor, C. D. | 64. Young, W. A. |
| 44. Markens I. | | |

MICANOPY R. A. CHAPTER, No. 16.

MICANOPY, ALACHUA COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Saturday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. John T. Miller, H. P. | 6. J. M. Croxton, P. S. |
| 2. C. W. Merry, K. | 7. John C. Ley, R. A. C. |
| 3. George W. Means, S. | 8. James Croxton, M. 3d V. |
| C. W. Merry, Tr. | 9. Adam B. Rou, M. 2d V. |
| 4. Geo. S. Riggs, Sec. | 10. John G. Faulkner, M. 1st V. |
| 5. Simon, Benjamin, C. H. | 11. Alex. P. Price, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 12. Barnett, R. H. | 16. Geiger, W. H. | 19. Penny, John |
| 13. Binnicker, J. L. | 17. Hunter, J. M. | 20. Perry, W. S. |
| 14. Colding, J. D. | 18. Mathers, A. H. | 21. Sistrunk, H. L. |
| 15. Gammage, J. | | |

CONCORD R. A. CHAPTER No. 18.

CONCORD, GADSDEN COUNTY.

Convocations, First Wednesday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. N. T. Scott, H. P. | 7. W. C. Hendry, P. S. |
| 2. J. W. Reeves, K. | 8. B. H. Joyner, R. A. C. |
| 3. A. Bowen, S. | 9. W. J. Bell, M. 3d V. |
| 4. J. A. Hall, Tr. | 10. A. F. Hand, M. 2d V. |
| 5. W. B. Kemp, Sec. | 11. D. W. Scott, M. 1st V. |
| 6. H. S. Reeves, C. H. | 12. A. Chester, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Anders, John A. | 18. Hand, C. D. | 23. Ingram, D. R. |
| 14. Cromartie, J. Q. | 19. Harrison, S. H. | 24. Joyner, L. R. |
| 15. Dalton, Wm. | 20. Harrison, Thomas | 25. Wilmot, D. H. |
| 16. Foster, L. F. | 21. Henley, T. N. | 26. Woodley, D. H. |
| 17. Hall, G. W. | 22. Higdon, J. J. | |

PROVIDENCE R. A. CHAPTER No. 20.

PROVIDENCE, BRADFORD COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Thursday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. J. R. Richard, H. P. | 7. W. T. Weeks, P. S. |
| 2. J. J. Lamb, K. | 8. J. J. Bunch, R. A. C. |
| 3. J. M. Tolbert, S. | 9. J. W. Beiling, M. 3d V. |
| 4. W. C. Tison, Tr. | 10. Jacob Witt, M. 2d V. |
| 5. J. W. Perry, Sec. | 11. W. H. L. Townsend, M. 1st V. |
| 6. J. B. Lamb, C. H. | 12. T. J. Rowe, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Anders, J. R. | 18. Milton, H. R. | 23. Tolbert, D. M. |
| 14. Feagle, W. J. | 19. Niblack, J. F. | 24. Vinzant, W. B. |
| 15. Hodges, S. J. | 20. Osteen, Elias | 25. Weeks, J. H. |
| 16. King, N. T. | 21. Phillips, S. E. | 26. Williams, W. F. |
| 17. Martin, R. C. | 22. Sasser, John | 27. Wills, W. W. |

ISLAND R. A. CHAPTER No. 21.

KEY WEST, MONROE COUNTY.

Convocations, Second and Fourth Wednesday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. Jeremiah Fogarty, H. P. | 7. T. A. Pyfrom, P. S. |
| 2. Geo. F. Ferguson, K. | 8. Wm. Ledwitch, R. A. C. |
| 3. Wm. McClintock, S. | 9. John W. Sawyer, M. 3d V. |
| 4. John H. Coleman, Tr. | 10. Wm. R. Albury, M. 2d V. |
| 5. George B. Phillips, Sec. | 11. Alfred Brost, M. 1st V. |
| 6. Robt. D. Murray, C. H. | 12. J. J. Canfield, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Adams, John H. | 25. Johnson, F. W. | 37. Randolph, Wm. B. |
| 14. Albury, Joseph F. | 26. Lowe, Samuel | 38. Ransom, E. B. |
| 15. Archer, Wm. D. | 27. Maslin, Geo. W. | 39. Roberts, A. E. |
| 16. Babcock, Claude | 28. Mathey, J. M. | 40. St. John, Charles |
| 17. Baron, C. S. | 29. Moss, J. K. | 41. Steele, J. L. |
| 18. Bethel, L. W. | 30. Otto, Joseph | 42. Vance, Wm. G. |
| 19. Boker, Geo. W. | 31. Peacan, Benj. | 43. Warren, George D. |
| 20. Cash, Wm. D. | 32. Perry, R. J. | 44. Weatherford, J. H. |
| 21. Delaney, John J. | 33. Philbrick, John J. | 45. Williams, John |
| 22. Filer, Fred. | 34. Pinder, Sylvanus | 46. Williams, P. A. |
| 23. Filer, Samuel | 35. Porter, Joseph Y. | 47. Wolf, Samuel. |
| 24. Ingalls, J. M. | 36. Rain, Jacob | |

THOMAS BROWN R. A. CHAPTER No. 22.

BARTOW, POLK COUNTY.

Convocations, Saturday before 1st and 3d Sundays.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. Daniel Stanford, H. P. | 7. F. N. Varn, P. S. |
| 2. T. W. Smith, K. | 8. J. T. Wilson, R. A. C. |
| 3. Streaty Parker, S. | 9. W. R. Hollingsworth, M. 3d V. |
| 4. John Davidson, Tr. | 10. S. M. Sparkman, M. 2d V. |
| 5. W. H. Pearce, Sec. | 11. J. F. Granger, M. 1st V. |
| 6. W. B. Varn, C. H. | 12. J. J. Bunch, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Bryant, J. W. | 17. Hughes, D. | 20. Page, S. H. |
| 14. Dzialynski, Ph. | 18. Jordan, W. C. | 21. Parker, John |
| 15. Hollingsworth, S. T. | 19. McAuley, R. A. | 22. Zipperer, A. G. |
| 16. Hendry, Wm. M. | | |

NASSAU R. A. CHAPTER, No. 23.

FERNANDINA, NASSAU COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Monday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. E. P. Jordan, H. P. | 6. Robt. Harrison, P. S. |
| 2. E. G. Clay, K. | 7. O. C. Skinner, R. A. C. |
| 3. W. F. Scott, S. | 8. Geo. S. Brown, M. 2d V. |
| 4. W. O. Jeffreys, Jr., Sec. | 9. W. W. Farmer, Guard. |
| 5. A. O. McDonell, C. H. | |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 10. Bryan, Chas. T. | 12. Galphin, John M. | 13. Lawty, Wm. |
| 11. Cone, Peter | | |

MOUNT MORIAH R. A. CHAPTER, No. 24.

PENSACOLA, ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Monday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. Geo. E. Wentworth, H. P. | 7. W. E. Anderson, P. S. |
| 2. J. J. Scott, K. | 8. H. C. Cushman, R. A. C. |
| 3. J. A. Walker, S. | 9. W. D. Maclay, M. 3d V. |
| 4. G. Forcheimer, Tr. | 10. J. W. Kohler, M. 2d V. |
| 5. Leon Myer, Sec. | 11. G. M. Cohen, M. 1st V. |
| 6. Jas. McCullough, C. H. | 12. H. Bithom, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13. Can, W. W. | 15. Hilliard, J. P. | 17. Oneal, George H. |
| 14. Garrett, Robert | 16. Judah, W. H. | 18. Roberts, Jas. B. |

AT REST.

THOMAS C. QUAYLE, Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter No. 11,	*Feb. 8,	1875.
WILLIAM GROTHE, Jacksonville	" 12, Feb. 10,	1875.
CHARLES L. MATHER, "	" 12, May 16,	1875.
PETER BLACK, "	" 12, Oct. —,	1875.
JOSEPH BRYANT, Providence	" 20, Nov. 11,	1875.
WM. H. EDGAR, P. H. P., Island	" 21, Sept. 27,	1875.
ROBERT WILKISON, Thomas Brown	" 22, Sept. —,	1875.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTERS.	No.	HIGH PRIESTS.	SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Florida	1		Wm. M. McIntosh.	Tallahassee.
Jefferson	5	Julius Turnbull.	D. L. Oakley.	Monticello.
Santa Rosa	6	John G. Ellis.	John Carlovitz.	Milton.
Columbia	9	M. M. T. Huchingson.	T. W. Carter.	Lake City.
Olive	10	C. J. Allred.	Charles A. Crowson.	Ocala.
Mt. Horeb	11	Patrick J. Gibney.	Geo. S. Hallmack.	Warrington.
Jacksonville	12	Geo. R. Jones.	C. G. Elliott.	Jacksonville.
Greenwood	15	B. G. Alderman.	S. J. Erwin.	Marianna.
Micanopy	16	John T. Miller.	George S. Riggs.	Micanopy.
Tampa	17	E. A. Clarke.	Thos. P. Kennedy.	Tampa.
Concord	18	N. T. Scott.	W. B. Kemp.	Concord.
Providence	20	J. R. Richard.	J. W. Perry.	Providence.
Island	21	Jeremiah Fogarty.	Geo. P. Phillips.	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	Daniel Stanford.	W. H. Pearce.	Bartow.
Nassau	23	E. P. Jordan.	W. O. Jeffreys, Jr.	Fernandina.
Mt. Moriah	24	Geo. E. Wentworth.	Leon Meyer.	Pensacola.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH DIRECTORY.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
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Arkansas	Luke E. Barber.	Little Rock.
California	Charles L. Wiggin.	San Francisco.
Canada	R. P. Stephens.	Toronto.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee.	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler.	Hartford.
Delaware	J. P. Allmond.	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	L. G. Stephens.	Washington.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear.	Macon.
Illinois	Jas. H. Mills.	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell.	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Wm. B. Langridge.	Muscatine.
Kansas	Erasmus T. Carr.	Leavenworth.
Kentucky	John H. Branham.	Louisville.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor.	New Orleans.
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Massachusetts	A. F. Chapman.	Boston.
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Mississippi	J. L. Power.	Jackson.
Missouri	George Frank Gouley.	St. Louis.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen.	Omaha.
Nevada	Samuel W. Chubbuck.	Gold Hill.
New Hampshire	John A. Harris.	Concord.
New Jersey	Thos. J. Corson.	Trenton.
New York	Christopher G. Fox.	Buffalo.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain.	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Jas. Gossip.	Halifax.
Ohio	James Nesbit.	Troy.
Oregon	R. P. Earhart.	Salem.
Pennsylvania	John Thompson.	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Geo. H. Burnham.	Providence.
South Carolina	Meyer B. Moses.	Sumter.
Tennessee	John Frizzell.	Nashville.
Texas	Robert Brewster.	Houston.
Vermont	W. H. S. Whitcomb.	Burlington.
Virginia	John Dove.	Richmond.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long.	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull.	Milwaukee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTERS.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
John Lockie, Washington.....	District of Columbia.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls	Kansas.....	Theo. Ball.
J. C. Batchelor, New Orleans..	Louisiana.....	Wm. Morrill, Milton.
Benton H. Langley.....	Minnesota.....	
J. L. Power, Jackson.....	Mississippi.....	D. Jones, Jacksonville.
George Frank Gouley, St. Louis	Missouri.....	D. L. Oakley, Monticello.
John B. McCabe.....	Nebraska.....	H. W. Long, Cotton Plant.
Rees G. Williams, Utica.....	New York.....	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
James Gossip, Halifax.....	Nova Scotia.....	Wm. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
Augustin T. Smythe, Charleston	South Carolina.....	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER U. S. A.

M. E.:	ELBERT H. ENGLISH, Gen. Gr. High Priest,	Little Rock, Ark.
"	JOHN FRIZZELL, Dep. Gen. Gr. High Priest,	Nashville, Tenn.
"	ROBERT F. BOWER, Gen. Gr. King, - - -	Keokuk, Iowa.
"	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Gen. Gr. Scribe, -	Boston, Mass.
"	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Gen. Gr. Sec., - -	Buffalo, N. Y.
"	NOBLE D. LARNER, Gen. Gr. Capt. Host,	Washington, D. C.
"	HENRY BOSTWICK, Gen. Gr. R. A. Capt.,	Covington, Ky.

The next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter is to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in August, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the 9th day of January A. S. L. 5877, A. S. D. 1877.

PRESENT:

M. E.:	JOHN S. DRIGGS, - -	Grand High Priest;
R. E.:	ALBERT J. RUSSELL, as	Dep. Gr. High Priest;
"	W. W. TUCKER, - -	Grand King;
"	JNO. T. MILLER, - -	Grand Scribe;
"	DEWITT C. DAWKINS, -	Grand Secretary;
Rt. Rev.	JOHN PENNY, - - -	Grand Chaplain;
E.:	GEO. R. JONES, - - -	Grand Capt. of Host;
"	FRANKLIN JORDAN, as	Grand Prin. Sojourner;
"	EDWARD P. JORDAN, as	Grand R. A. Chaplain;
"	LUTHER MCCONNIE, as	G. M. 3rd Vail;
"	DANIEL L. MCKINNON, as	G. M. 2nd Vail;
"	JAMES F. CLARK, - as	G. M. 1st Vail;
"	DAVID JONES, - - -	Grand Guard;

Past Grand High Priests:

M. E. DAVID JONES, DEWITT C. DAWKINS, H. W. LONG.

Past Deputy Grand High Priests:

R. E. EDWARD P. JORDAN.

Past Grand Secretary:

R. E. ALBERT J. RUSSELL.

Representatives of the Grand Chapters of
 District of Columbia,
 Kansas,
 Mississippi,
 Nebraska,
 New York,
 South Carolina,
 and Companions representing three constituent Royal Arch
 Chapters, to-wit:
 Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12,
 Micanopy Chapter, No. 16, and
 Nassau Chapter, No. 23.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate prayer conducted by
 the Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain, was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Returns
 and Credentials, consisting of Companions: Geo. R. Jones, E.
 P. Jordan, and W. B. Taylor.

R. E. Companion H. W. Long, offered the following
 resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That all Royal Arch Masons, who are mem-
 bers in good standing, of Regular Royal Arch Chapters be
 and are hereby invited to attend the present Grand Convoca-
 tion.

The Grand Chapter took a recess of one hour, when, after
 resuming labor, the Committee on Returns and Credentials pre-
 sented the following tabular report, which was received and
 adopted:

CHAPTER RETURNS.

CHAPTER.	Number.	By Whom Represented.	Membership last Year.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Ministers Exempt.	Amount Due.	Amount Paid.	Present Membership.	REMARKS.
Florida.....	1	Samuel Pasco, II, P.	47	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	\$ 49 00	\$ 47 00	45	Returns incorrect.
Jefferson.....	5	.....	35	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 00	.....	40	Returns correct.
Santa Rosa.....	9	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	26 00	26	Returns correct.
Columbia.....	11	E. Wasgate, II, P., I. Mc Conhee, F. Jordan, S.	64	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 00	57 00	57	Returns incorrect.
Mount Horeb.....	12	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	20 00	18	Returns correct. (No seal)
Jacksonville.....	15	John T. Miller, II, P.	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	27	Returns correct.
Greenwood.....	16	.....	47	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 00	49 00	48	Returns correct.
Micanopy.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tampa.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas Brown.....	23	E. P. Jordan, II, P.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nassau.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Moriah.....	24	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees, to-wit:

On Dispensations and By-Laws:

Companions A. J. RUSSELL, W. W. TUCKER, and E. P. JORDAN.

On Unfinished Business:

Companions E. WASGATE, W. B. TAYLOR, and F. JORDAN.

On Accounts:

Companions W. B. TAYLOR, GEO. R. JONES, and L. Mc-CONIHE.

On Propositions and Grievances:

Companions H. W. LONG, JNO. T. MILLER, and W. W. TUCKER.

On Jurisprudence:

Companions D. C. DAWKINS, F. JORDAN, and W. B. TAYLOR.

On motion of Companion Russell, the status of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 9, was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The Grand High Priest suggested the propriety of considering whether a more rigid rule as to the Chapters should not be adopted, which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Section 44 of the Constitution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report what change, if any, should be made thereto.

The Grand Chapter was, after appropriate prayer by the Grand Chaplain, called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 10TH, A. D. 1877, A.: I.: 2407—3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: JNO. S. DRIGGS, - - - Grand High Priest;
 R.: E.: WM. W. TUCKER, - - - Grand King;
 " JNO. T. MILLER, - - - Grand Scribe;
 " D. C. DAWKINS, - - - Grand Secretary;
 Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY, - - - Grand Chaplain;
 E. GEORGE R. JONES, - - - Grand Capt. Host;
 " F. JORDAN, - - - Grand Prin. Sojourner;
 " E. WASGATE, - - - Grand R. A. Captain;
 " H. E. MARTIN, - - - G. M. 3rd Vail;
 " T. A. ROGERS, - - - G. M. 2d Vail;
 " SAMUEL PASCO, - - - G. M. 1st Vail;
 " DAVID JONES, - - - Grand Guard.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report:

TO THE M.: E.: GRAND H. P. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE G. R. A. CHAPTER OF FLORIDA:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business find that there was a resolution offered at the last annual convocation to amend Section 23d of the G. C. Constitution so as to read thus: "Every member of a Chapter in good standing is entitled to one vote, but only High Priests and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes are eligible to the office of High Priest." This resolution was spread upon the minutes and printed with the proceedings, and we now recommend its final passage.

E. WASGATE,
 W. B. TAYLOR, } Committee.
 F. JORDAN,

The foregoing report was received, and the proposed amendment to the Constitution, therein contained, was unanimously adopted:

R.: E.: Companion Pasco propounded the following question: "A Companion who is in arrears signs a petition for a new Chapter. The new Chapter receives the Charter. The

Companion fails to make a settlement with his former Chapter. What is the status of the delinquent Companion? Is he a regular member in good standing of the newly chartered Chapter?"

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The M.: F. Grand High Priest read the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA:

I would congratulate you on this opportunity afforded you of meeting once again in Annual Grand Convocation—there in council to consult and devise ways and means for the best attainment of the high and holy objects of our beloved order.

Let us be especially grateful to the Allwise and Benevolent Author of our being for His merciful goodness during the past eventful year. While our companions in neighboring States have been visited with pestilence, disease, destitution and death, we have been blessed with usual health and comfort; our labor in the vineyard of life has been rewarded far above our deserts. The past year, too, was one memorable in the annals of our country's history, being the hundredth year of our nation's existence—its first centennial—observed in many festivals, many songs of rejoicing, many public expressions of good cheer and glorious hope. Although at present a general prosperity may not pervade our whole country—but the sad refrain of "out of employment" drowns to a degree the gleeful notes of rejoicing at the birth of the second centennial of our national existence—yet may we not during the period of quiet and cessation in the din of traffic, the rush of trade, the scramble for wealth, and in this season of the new year vows, ask of himself, How stands my record? Have I been true to my principles and professions? Have I, in all things, been mindful of my masonic duties and discharged them fully toward my companions? Has the work assigned to my station in life been so performed as to stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square?

When at your last convocation I was honored with the exalted position of G.: H.: P.:, I had hoped and determined in my own mind to discharge the duties thereof, but alas for human calculations! I have to appear before you now with report of but little done; for the reason that my official duties

of the past year were such that I could not call the time my own, in which I could leave this city to make an official visit to Subordinate Chapters. I have visited Jacksonville Chapter frequently, and was requested to instal its newly elected officers, which I did on the 27th December. This Chapter is healthy, but at present growing but little in membership. Its officers are characterized for zeal and ability.

I am grateful to know that Masonic law is so well understood in this jurisdiction, and that harmony so generally prevails. I have received but one letter as High Priest during the year; that one was from H.: P.: of Mt. Horeb Chapter, asking that a dispensation be granted to hold election of officers, as his absence on the stated day for holding election had caused the omission. The dispensation was granted.

I regret to report the loss to Nassau Chapter of its furniture, jewels, charter, &c., by fire. Knowing there are many zealous Masons, members of that Chapter, I would like that, if possible, they may be induced to continue the organization. Having lost everything, and the Chapter being without forms, the "hard times" makes the members doubt their ability to support the Chapter.

I can offer you no assurance of the present or immediate prospective prosperity of the Royal Art in this jurisdiction, but will say the cause is not in the apathy, indifference, or lack of zeal or ability of the officers and members of the several Subordinate Chapters, as I can learn, but is the result of the general stagnation in the various branches of industry, the great scarcity of money, the increasing demand made upon the time, talents and ability of every one to provide for the cause and sustenance of those around and dependant upon him. This want of means, I apprehend, will operate to prevent a general representation of the Subordinate Chapters at this annual Convocation, as well as delay in payment of their dues to the Grand Chapter.

In consideration of the small number of Subordinate Chapters, the long distance they are located from this Grand Chapter, the heavy expense attendant upon representatives coming therefrom, I would recommend to the consideration of the Grand Chapter a change of the law regulating representation.

Without recommending any particular course, I would call attention to needed action of a positive nature relative to the return of a charter when forfeited for cause, as chapters lying

dormant, I find, exert an influence adverse to the prosperity and growth of our noble craft.

And now, my Companions, while to all appearances the present condition of the Royal Craft is not gratifying or cheering, let us each one, as sensible of our wants, our needs and desires, when we go hence in these bright days of the New Year, buckle on the armor of endeavor, with the determination that no steps backward shall be taken, but that, if spared in health till our next Grand Convocation, we will meet, each with a report of improvement, and promise of *continued prosperity*.

With a grateful heart to my Companions, who have so kindly borne with my shortcomings, and who elevated me to this high office of trust and honor, I now cheerfully, with this account of my stewardship, commit the duties of this Annual Convocation to your hands.

The foregoing address of the G. H. P. was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report:

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has taken under consideration Section 44 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and propose that the said section be amended by striking out the words: "Other member of the Chapter" in the fourth line, and insert in lieu thereof the following words, to-wit: "Worthy Companion."

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS, }
F. JORDAN, } Committee.
W. B. TAYLOR, }

The foregoing report was received and the constitutional amendment therein proposed was ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand Convocation for final action.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF FLORIDA:

COMPANIONS: Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the suggestion of the M. E. Grand High Priest, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully recommend a rigid adherence to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and that leniency to the Subordinate Chapter be extended only in meritorious cases.

In the matter of the status of members of Chapters whose charters are forfeited, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following edict:

Petitions for membership must be accompanied by the best evidences of Masonic character, of which the following are proper classifications: 1st. A dimit. 2d. The certificate of the Grand Secretary, with Grand Chapter seal, that the petitioner was a member in good standing in a Chapter when it became dormant.

The Grand Secretary's certificate, in the absence of record evidence, may be based upon the following: 1st. The written statement of a former High Priest or Secretary as to his standing at that time. 2d. The written statement of a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing, who states the same of his own knowledge. 3d. The applicant's own statement, which should be received only with great care.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

H. W. LONG, }
J. T. MILLER, } Committee.
W. W. TUCKER, }

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA:

The Committee on Jurisprudence report on the question of Companion Pasco: This is an awkward case and should never have occurred, but as it is, he cannot be permitted to injure or ignore his old Chapter, which has a right to suspend him, and the action would take effect in the new Chapter, terminating his membership therein. But we think that said Chapter should only charge him dues up to the date of charter of new

Chapter, if the Companion has acted in good faith, and under a mistaken view of the law.
 Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS, } Committee.
 W. B. TAYLOR, }
 F. JORDAN, }

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year; with the following result, to-wit:

Companion JOHN S. DRIGGS was re-elected Grand H. P.
 " GEO. R. JONES " elected Dept. Gr. H. P.
 " W. W. TUCKER " re-elected Grand Scribe.
 " Jno. T. MILLER " " Grand Treasurer.
 " L. MCCOYNE " elected Grand Gr. Sec'y.
 " DEWITT C. DAWKINS was re-elected Grand Chaplain.
 " JOHN PENNY was re-elected Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments, to wit:

Companion ENOS WASGATE, - Grand Captain of Host;
 " ALFRED L. WILLIAMS, - Grand Prim. Sojourner;
 " HENRY W. SINDORE, - Grand R. A. Captain;
 " WARREN F. SCOTT, - G. M. 3rd Vail;
 " JAMES TURNBULL, - G. M. 2d Vail;
 " SAMUEL PASCO, - G. M. 1st Vail;
 " DAVID JONES, - - - Grand Guard.

On motion, adopted, Olive R. A. Chapter No. 10, is authorized to elect and install a High Priest for said Chapter, and to fill any vacancy which may occur thereby.
 The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was referred to Committee on Accounts:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary,			Dr.
1876.	To Grand Chapter:	21,	\$ 48 00
Feb. 1.	For dues of Island Chapter No.	20,	27 00
May 22.	" " Providence "	6,	22 00
Oct. 16.	" " Santa Rosa "		
1877.			
Jan. 8.	" " Island "	21,	49 00
" "	" " Mt. Horeb "	11,	26 00
" "	" " Jacksonville "	12,	67 00
" "	" " Micanopy "	16,	20 00
			\$259 00

R. E. Companion Pasco, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, stated that owing to an unusual amount of business, public and professional, which had unavoidably filled up his time for the past masonic year, it had been impossible for him to make up and render a report, which he otherwise would have been glad to do, and his excuse was accepted.

The Grand Chapter, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 11th, 3 P. M.

Present: M. E. John S. Driggs, Grand High Priest, and other Grand Officers and members, as before, with L. McConliffe as Grand Treasurer, and E. Wasgate as Grand Captain of Host.
 The Grand Chapter, with appropriate prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was called to labor.
 The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

Companion H. W. Long offered the following to be adopted as regulations concerning Chapters U. D., &c., which were adopted, to-wit:

1st. A Chapter Under Dispensation is a creature of the Grand High Priest by virtue of a constitutional provision; Article 2, section 19. It possesses no power or authority except such as is expressly granted in the dispensation. Its existence extends only to the first Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to which its authority, records and documents must be surrendered.

2d. If a dispensation or charter be applied for, or a continuation of its dispensation, satisfactory evidence must appear that the petitioners are not in arrears for fees or dues to the chartered Chapters of which they are respectively members, otherwise their application will be refused.

3d. The records of a Chapter U. D. should exhibit a fair specimen of that intelligence and regularity of proceedings which are characteristic of a well regulated Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, before a charter be granted, and there should be evidence of fraternal prosperity.

4th. The organization of a newly chartered Chapter terminates the connection of its members with their former Chapter, or Chapters, respectively. Hence, a certificate from the Secretary of the Chapter, or Chapters, to which the petitioner, or petitioners, belong, that such petitioners are clear upon the records, or a dimit must accompany the application for a charter.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER.

Your Committee on Accounts report, that we have been unable to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, he not being in attendance and having rendered no report, but by an estimate of the Grand Secretary the Grand Treasurer is indebted to the Grand Chapter \$84.20, and that a balance of \$90.20 is due the Grand Secretary for last year. We have examined the books, accounts, vouchers, library and other matters in the office of the Grand Secretary, and find them all neatly and correctly kept, and we find that the Grand Secretary has collected since his last report \$259.00 to be ac-

counted for to the Grand Treasurer elect. Upon this basis and with the hope that delinquent Chapters will pay up their dues, we recommend the following appropriations:

Jacksonville Press, for printing proceedings	- - -	\$ 60 00
Grand Secretary for postage and stationery	- - -	30 68
“ “ salary	- - -	150 00
“ Chaplain “ salary	- - -	15 00
“ Guard “ salary	- - -	15 00
Jacksonville R. A. Chapter	- - -	15 00
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		\$285 68

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. TAYLOR, } Committee.
GEO. R. JONES. }

The Grand High Priest installed the following Grand Officers, to-wit:

R.: E.: GEO. R. JONES,	Dep. Gr. High Priest.
“ LUTHER McCONIHE,	Grand Treasurer.
E.: ENOS WASGATE,	Grand Captain of Host.

The other Grand Officers being re-elected and re-appointed respectively, not requiring re-installation.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of M. E. Grand High Priest, report that we have examined that document with pleasure, which in itself is enough to stimulate the Royal Arch Masons of Florida to new life and vigor, and such we sincerely hope will be the effect thereof. We heartily recommend official visitations of the Grand Officers to the Chapters, and especially the G. H. P., and hope that those chosen to carry the Holy Royal Arch Banners for the ensuing year, may have more favorable times and circumstances for that purpose. Something must be done to stimulate the Chapters to activity, or the capitular branch of Masonry will be shorn of the usefulness of which its benign influences are

susceptible. We hope a better day for us is ahead in the near future.

D. C. DAWKINS, } Committee.
F. JORDAN, }
W.M. B. TAYLOR, }

Companion H. W. Long offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the owners and proprietors of the Carleton House, Metropolitan Hotel, J., P. & M. Railroad, A. G. & W. I. T. Co., the Brock Line of Steamers, Hampton, Sappho, and others on the St. Johns river. Capt. Gray's and Bro. Hart's Steamers on the Ocklawaha river, for courtesis extended to the Fraternity.

Companion Miller offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1878, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There being no further business, the Grand Chapter with appropriate prayer to Almighty God, conducted by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in ample form.

JOHN S. DRIGGS,
Grand High Priest

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Filed with the Grand Secretary since the Grand Convocation.

D. L. OAKLEY, Grand Treasurer,
1876 In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida. Dr. \$392 20
Jan. 13. To balance on hand at last report,

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1876				
Jan. 13,	By paid Jacksonville Press,	vr. 1,	- - -	\$55 00
" 13,	" " " " "	vr. 2,	- - -	60 00
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" "	" " D. Jones, - -	vr. 4,	- - -	96 00
" "	" " D. C. Dawkins, -	vr. 5,	- - -	77 00
" "	" " D. C. Dawkins, -	vr. 6,	- - -	10 00
				\$308 00
Balance due Grand Chapter, - - - - -				\$84 20

APPENDIXES.

REGISTRY OF CHAPTERS.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER No. 5.

MONTICELLO, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLA.

Convocations, Friday before the Fourth Saturday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 Samuel Pasco, H. P. | 7 H. H. Berry, P. S. |
| 2 Jesse D. Cole, K. | 8 Joseph Weil, R. A. C. |
| 3 J. R. Atkinson, S. | 9 Junius Turnbull, M. 3d V. |
| 4 Jno. D. Palmer, Tr. | 10 S. Simms, M. 2d V. |
| 5 Daniel L. Oakley, Sec'y. | 11 James F. Carter, M. 1st V. |
| 6 Henry Bernhard, C. H. | 12 T. J. Chace, Sr., Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Abbott, W. W. | 24 Hamilton, W. E. | 35 Roach, J. B. |
| 14 Arendell, W. H. | 25 Horton, W. H. | 36 Scott, Robert |
| 15 Bostwick, W. W. | 26 Johnson, T. F. | 37 Simpkins, E. J. |
| 16 Bryan, D. H. | 27 Jordan, Jno. F. | 38 Smith, C. W. |
| 17 Chace, T. J., Jr. | 28 Loeb, A. | 39 Stebbins, Chas. |
| 18 Collins, J. B. | 29 Miller, A. J. | 40 Surles, Calvin |
| 19 Cone, D. W. | 30 Morris, Harmon | 41 Tucker, W. W. |
| 20 Davis, D. W. | 31 Morris, J. M. | 42 Turnbull, S. J. |
| 21 Denmark, R. J. | 32 Oliver, F. N. B. | 43 Turner, G. W. |
| 22 Ellenwood, Jas. | 33 Partridge, W. K. | 44 Wetherington, A. |
| 23 Gilbert, R. M. | 34 Phillips, H. S. | 45 Woods, William |

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER No. 6.

MILTON, SANTA ROSA COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Wednesdays.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 Jno. G. Ellis, H. P. | 7 H. W. Sindorf, P. S. |
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| 2 L. C. Kirkpatrick, K. | 8 C. R. Johnson, R. A. C. |
| 3 Michael Levy, S. | 9 Jno. R. Eddins, M. 3d V. |
| 4 Jas. A. Chaffin, Treas. | 10 S. B. Howell, M. 2d V. |
| 5 Jno. Carlovitz, Sec'y. | 11 D. P. Hodgkins, M. 1st V. |
| 6 R. N. Caulkins, C. H. | 12 M. G. Gainer, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Allen, Henry W. | 23 Golson, D. H. | 33 Mays, L. G. |
| 14 Amos, L. A. | 24 Harrison, W. H. | 34 Miller, Geo. |
| 15 Andrew, Jas. O. | 25 Hemphill, S. L. | 35 Milligan, Rufus |
| 16 Benbow, C. W. | 26 Holland, Wm. | 36 Mims, Jas R. |
| 17 Betts, W. G. | 27 Hoodless, John | 37 Newman, Geo. |
| 18 Chadwick, E. | 28 Jones, C. W. | 38 Overman, Benj. |
| 19 Chain, John | 29 Jones, Allen R. | 39 Peterson, Chas. |
| 20 Daniels, Jno. F. | 30 Landrum, C. A. | 40 Wilson, P. N. |
| 21 Fisher, Fred. | 31 Landrum, J. M. | |
| 22 Frater, Jno. W. | 32 Lewis, Wm. F. | |

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER No. 11.

WARRINGTON, ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Convocations, Third Monday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 Alfred L. Williams, H. P. | 7 Christian Allendorf, P. S. |
| 2 James Massey, K. | 8 Geo. W. LeGallais, R. A. C. |
| 3 James McDonald, S. | 9 C. A. Higgins, M. 3d V. |
| 4 B. A. Philabert, Treas. | 10 E. E. Brown, M. 2d V. |
| 5 Geo. S. Hallmack, Sec'y. | 11 Wm. H. Diffan, M. 1st V. |
| 6 Chas. H. Thompson, C. H. | 12 Hugh Simmons, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Genney, George | 18 Moore, H. W. | 23 Strout, A. S. |
| 14 Gibney, P. J., | 19 Morrill, J. A., | 24 Thackaray, R. |
| 15 Kelley, Ed. E. | 20 Oerting, C. McK. | 25 Walsh, James |
| 16 Matheson, Neil | 21 Park, Ed. G. | 26 Wunderlick, F. W. |
| 17 McCoy, J. A., | 22 Stearns, Thos. | |

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER No. 12.

JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY.

Convocations, Last Fridays.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. Enos Wasgate, H. P. | 7. T. A. Wilson, P. S. |
| 2. Luther McConihe, K. | 8. Theo. Ball, R. A. C. |
| 3. Franklin Jordan, S. | 9. O. L. Keene, M. 3d V. |
| 4. Henry Koopman, Treas. | 10. T. S. Wilmarth, M. 2d V. |
| 5. J. C. Greeley, Sec'y. | 11. J. H. Clark, M. 1st V. |
| 6. A. Zacharias, C. H. | 12. David Jones, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Bakeman, G. R. | 29 Gilbert, E. F. | 45 Rich, Wm. |
| 14 Bowes, M. | 30 Gillis, C. | 46 Sammis, J. S. |
| 15 Brown, C. | 31 Griffith, E. C. | 47 Smith, J. H. |
| 16 Brush, L. J. | 32 Haworth, E. | 48 Smith, D. P. |
| 17 Bucky, J. D. | 33 Hewlett, H. | 49 Starratt, H. |
| 18 Burch, J. L. | 34 Holland, J. J. | 50 Swaim, J. W. |
| 19 Conant, S. | 35 Jones, Geo. R. | 51 Taliaferro, G. P. |
| 20 Cook, A. W. | 36 Kane, Henry | 52 Taylor, C. D. |
| 21 Dawkins, D. C. | 37 Love, D. G. | 53 Taylor, R. K. |
| 22 Douglass, W. W. | 38 Magee, H. | 54 Tison, H. C. |
| 23 Driggs, Jno. S. | 39 Markens, I. | 55 Turner, E. |
| 24 Dzialynski, M. A. | 40 McCallum, J. J. | 56 Wandell, J. C. |
| 25 Elliott, Chas. G. | 41 McLean, W. A. | 57 Webster B. H. |
| 26 Fehrenback, H. H. | 42 Parcels, M. N. | 58 Whitaker, B. A. |
| 27 Fitzgerald, J. W. | 43 Pond, F. R. | 59 Young, W. A. |
| 28 Ford, Geo. W. | 44 Russell, A. J. | |

MICANOPY R. A. CHAPTER No. 16.

MICANOPY, ALACHUA COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Saturday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 John T. Miller, H. P. | 6 J. M. Croxton, P. S. |
| 2 C. W. Merry, K. | 7 John C. Ley, R. A. C. |

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| 3 George W. Means, S. | 8 James Croxton, M. 3d V. |
| C. W. Merry, Tr. | 9 Adam B. Rou, M. 2d V. |
| 4 Geo. S. Riggs, Sec. | 10 Jno. G. Faulkner, M. 1st V. |
| 5 Jas. L. Binnicker, C. H. | 11 Alex P. Price, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 12 Barnett, R. H. | 16 Hunter, J. M. | 20 Rou, S. F. M. E. M. |
| 13 Oolding, J. D. | 17 Mathers, A. H. | 21 Sistrunk, H. F. |
| 14 Gammaga, J. | 18 Penny, John | 22 Toffier, W. A. P. M. |
| 15 Geiger, W. H. | 19 Perry, W. S. | 23 Underhill, G. B. P. M. |

ISLAND R. A. CHAPTER No. 21.

KEY WEST, MONROE COUNTY.

Convocations, Second and Fourth Wednesday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 Robert J. Perry, H. P. | 7 Geo. F. Ferguson, P. S. |
| 2 Wm. McClintock, K. | 8 Geo. D. Warren, R. A. C. |
| 3 John Williams, S. | 9 Wm. Ledwitch, M. 3d V. |
| 4 Jno. H. Coleman, Tr. | 10 John W. Sawyer, M. 2d V. |
| 5 Geo. B. Phillips, Sec. | 11 P. A. Williams, M. 1st V. |
| 6 John J. Delaney, C. H. | 12 J. J. Canfield, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Adams, Jno. H. | 26 Ingalls, J. M. | 39 Rain, Jacob |
| 14 Albury, Jos. F. | 27 John, F. W. | 40 Randolph, W. B. |
| 15 Albury, Benj. | 28 Lowe, Samuel | 41 Rawson, E. B. |
| 16 Archer, Wm. D. | 29 Maslin, G. W. | 42 Roberts, A. E. |
| 17 Babcock, Claude | 30 Mathey, J. M. | 43 Roberts, J. H. A. |
| 18 Baron, C. S. | 31 Moss, J. M. | 44 Steele, J. L. |
| 19 Bethel, L. W. | 32 Murray, R. D. | 45 St. John, Chas. |
| 20 Boker, Geo. W. | 33 Otto, Joseph | 46 Vance, Wm. G. |
| 21 Brost, Alfred | 34 Peacan, Benj. | 47 Weatherford, J. H. |
| 22 Cash, Wm. D. | 35 Philbrick, J. J. | 48 Williams, John |
| 23 Filer, Fred. | 36 Pinder, Sylvanus | 49 Wolfe, Samuel |
| 24 Filer, Samuel | 37 Porter, Jos. Y. | |
| 25 Fogarty, Jere. | 38 Pyfrom, T. A. | |

MOUNT MORIAH R. A. CHAPTER No. 24.

PENSACOLA, ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Convocations, Second Monday.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 W. E. Anderson, H. P. | 7 W. W. Carr, P. S. |
| 2 Geo. E. Wentworth, K. | 8 J. A. Walker, R. A. C. |
| 3 J. J. Scott, S. | 9 W. D. McClay, M. 3d V. |
| 4 G. Forcheimer, Treas. | 10 J. W. Kohler, M. 2d V. |
| 5 C. H. Bithorn, Sec'y | 11 Leon Meyer, M. 1st V. |
| 6 J. McCullough, C. H. | 12 G. M. Cohen, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Cushman, H. C. | 16 Hilliard, J. P. | 18 Roberts, Jas. B. |
| 14 Garrett, Robert | 17 Oneal, George | 19 Vankirk, W. J. |
| 15 Goldstick, | | |

AT REST.

JOHN A. TOWNSEND,	Jefferson R. A.	Chapter No. 5,	1875
BENJ. W. THOMPSON,	Santa Rosa R. A.	" " 6,	January 24th, 1876
S. S. AMOS,	" "	" " 6,	June 30th, 1876
WM. R. ALBURY,	Island	" " 21,	October 15th, 1876

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTERS.	No.	HIGH PRIESTS.	SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
Florida	1		W. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee.
Jefferson	5	Samuel Pasco	Daniel L. Oakley	Monticello.
Santa Rosa	6	John G. Ellis	John Carllovitz	Milton.
Columbia	9	M. M. T. Hutchingson	T. W. Carter	Lake City.
Olive	10	C. J. Allred	Chas. A. Crowson	Ocala.
Mt. Horeb	11	Alfred L. Williams	Geo. S. Hallmack	Warrington.
Jacksonville	12	Enos Wasgate	J. C. Greeley	Jacksonville.
Greenwood	15	B. G. Alderman	S. J. Erwin	Marianna.
Micanopy	16	John T. Miller	Geo. S. Riggs	Micanopy.
Tampa	17	E. A. Clark	Thos. P. Kennedy	Tampa
Concord	18	N. T. Scott	W. B. Kemp	Concord.
Providence	20	J. R. Richard	J. W. Perry	Providence.
Island	21	Robt. J. Perry	Geo. B. Phillips	Key West
Thomas Brown	22	Daniel Stanford	W. H. Pearce	Barlow.
Nassau	23	E. P. Jordan	W. O. Jeffreys, Jr.	Fernandina.
Mt. Moriah	24	W. E. Anderson	C. H. Bithorn	Pensacola.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTER.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
John Lockie, Washington	District of Columbia	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
P. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls	Kansas	Theo. Ball.
J. C. Bachelor, New Orleans	Louisiana	Wm. Morrill, Milton.
Benton H. Langley,	Minnesota	David Jones, Jacksonville.
J. L. Power, Jackson	Mississippi	Daniel L. Oakley, Monticello.
George Frank Gouley, St. Louis	Missouri	H. W. Long, Cotton Plant.
John B. McCabe	Nebraska	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Rees G. Williams, Utica	New York	Wm. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
James Gossip, Halifax	Nova Scotia	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Augustin T. Smith, Charleston	South Carolina	

GRAND CHAPTERS

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, WITH
NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama, - - -	Daniel Sayre, - - -	Montgomery.
Arkansas, - - -	Luke E. Barber, - - -	Little Rock.
California, - - -	Charles L. Wiggin, - - -	San Francisco.
Canada, - - -	R. P. Stephens, - - -	Toronto, Ont.
Connecticut, - - -	Joseph K. Wheeler, - - -	Hartford.
Colorado, - - -	Ed. C. Parmalee, - - -	Georgetown.
Delaware, - - -	John P. Almond, - - -	Wilmington.
Georgia, - - -	J. E. Blackshear, M. D. - - -	Macon.
Illinois, - - -	James H. Miles, - - -	Chicago.
Indiana, - - -	John M. Bramwell, - - -	Indianapolis.
Iowa, - - -	William B. Langridge, - - -	Muscatine.
Kansas, - - -	Erasmus T. Carr, - - -	Leavenworth.
Kentucky, - - -	Joseph H. Branham, - - -	Louisville.
Louisiana, - - -	James C. Batchelor, - - -	New Orleans.
Maine, - - -	Ira Berry, - - -	Portland.
Maryland, - - -	William A. Wentz, - - -	Baltimore.
Massachusetts, - - -	Z. H. Thomas, Jr., - - -	Boston.
Michigan, - - -	William P. Innis, - - -	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota, - - -	E. D. B. Porter, - - -	St. Paul.
Mississippi, - - -	J. L. Power, - - -	Jackson.
Missouri, - - -		St. Louis.
Nebraska, - - -	William R. Bowen, - - -	Omaha.
New Hampshire, - - -	John A. Harris, - - -	Concord.
New Jersey, - - -	Thomas J. Carson, - - -	Trenton.
New York, - - -	Christopher G. Fox, - - -	Buffalo.
North Carolina, - - -	Donald W. Bain, - - -	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia, - - -	James Gossip, - - -	Halifax.
Ohio, - - -	James Nesbitt, - - -	Troy.
Oregon, - - -	R. P. Earhart, - - -	Portland.
Pennsylvania, - - -	John Thompson, - - -	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island, - - -	George H. Burnham, - - -	Providence.
South Carolina, - - -	J. C. Burke, - - -	Charleston.
Tennessee, - - -	John Frizzell, - - -	Nashville.
Texas, - - -	Robert Brewster, - - -	Houston.
Vermont, - - -	W. H. S. Whitcomb, - - -	Burlington.
Virginia, - - -	W. B. Isaacs, - - -	Richmond.
West Virginia, - - -	O. S. Long, - - -	Wheeling.
Wisconsin, - - -	John W. Woodhull, - - -	Milwaukee.
United States, - - -	Christopher G. Fox, - - -	Buffalo.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M.:E.: GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF

FLORIDA.

Thirty-second Annual Grand Convocation.

1878.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.:
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1878.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.
—∞—
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION.
—∞—

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of the State of Florida, convened in Annual Grand Convocation
at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of
three o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, A.
L. 5878, A. I. 2408, A. D. 1878.

PRESENT:

- M. E.: JOHN S. DRIGGS,.....Grand High Priest;
R. E.: GEORGE R. JONES.....Deputy Grand High Priest;
" W. W. TUCKER.....Grand King;
" GEORGE E. WENTWORTH...as Grand Scribe;
" LUTHER McCONIHE.....Grand Treasurer;
" DEWITT C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary;
Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY.....Grand Chaplain;
E.: ENOS WASGATE.....Grand Captain of the Host;
" ROBERT J. PERRY.....as Grand Principal Sojourner;
" GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....as Grand Royal Arch Captain;
" WILLIAM M. McINTOSH.....as Grand Master Third Vail;
" WILLIAM T. WEEKS.....as Grand Master Second Vail;
" JEREMIAH FOGARTY.....as Grand Master First Vail;
" MILTON N. PARCELLS.....as Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS:

M.:E.: JAMES ELLENWOOD and D. C. DAWKINS.

PAST GRAND SECRETARY:

R.:E.: WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTERS

Of the District of Columbia, Kansas, New York, Nova Scotia and South Carolina, and Companions representing six constituent Chapters, as follows, to-wit:

Santa Rosa, No. 6—John Carlovitz;

Mount Horeb, No. 11—George S. Hallmark;

Jacksonville, No. 12—William A. McLean;

Providence, No. 20—William T. Weeks;

Island, No. 21—Robert J. Perry;

Mount Moriah, No. 24—George E. Wentworth.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

On motion, adopted, all Royal Arch Masons, who are members in good standing of regular Chapters, are invited to attend this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Secretary presented a list of the Grand Officers and members in attendance, from which the Grand High Priest appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Returns and Credentials—R. J. Perry, George S. Hallmark, W. A. McLean.

On Dispensations and By-Laws—W. W. Tucker, John Carlovitz, Jeremiah Fogarty.

On Unfinished Business—E. Wasgate, W. T. Weeks, George R. Jones.

On Accounts—W. M. McIntosh, S. H. Bunker, R. J. Perry.

On Propositions and Grievances—George E. Wentworth, W. W. Tucker, George S. Hallmark.

On Jurisprudence—D. C. Dawkins, John Carlovitz, W. A. McLean.

On Memorials—W. A. McLean, John Penny, James Ellenwood.

The M.:E.: Grand High Priest read the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

COMPANIONS: By permission of an Allwise Providence, we are once more assembled in Grand Convocation to deliberate upon such matters as may brought regularly before us.

The clouds of indifference and want of interest, which pervaded Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction at the time of our last convocation, soon thereafter manifested signs of clearing away in the reception of petitions from three of the Chapters for dispensations to elect officers, their failure to hold elections at the proper time arising from the indifference and loss of interest on the part of their members; but believing that a spirit of reform was in their midst, and that a new start would bring renewed zeal to aid and assist in the support of our beloved temple, I felt it my duty to accord to them any privilege in my power that would help them in their laudable effort. The requests were therefore granted to Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, Providence, No. 20, and Madison, No. 8. Trusting that their reports and returns to this convocation will be such as to merit the commendation of the Grand Chapter and have the effect of prompting other negligent Chapters to an emulation of renewed zeal and efforts to place themselves high up on the roll of honor.

Personal circumstances have been such, during the past year, as to preclude me from visiting the distant Chapters. Those in this immediate vicinity are doing well, except Nassau, which has had to succumb to her afflictions oft repeated.

I have not been called upon to make any decisions upon jurisprudence during the year, which seems to indicate a favorable omen as to the intelligence and harmony of the Royal Craft.

During our recess the Angel of Death has summoned two of our beloved Companions to the reward above.

One, our venerable Grand Sentinel and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest David Jones, a life-long consistent supporter of our fraternity, conscientious in the discharge of his every duty, an upright man, a fond father, a loving husband, a faithful friend; he died as he had lived—a Christian Mason. The other, our young and esteemed Companion R. E. Edmund P. Jordan, ever at his post in our convocations, prompt in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him, a zealous Mason, and a genial Companion, he was by all highly esteemed, by all well loved. During the past season, when the terrible calamity was making his city desolate, with the same unerring fidelity to his principles of profession, he stood firmly at his post, faithful in the discharge of his duty, until, in the full vigor of his manhood, the dire disease overcame him, and he passed within the white veil of the sanctuary. Much does this Grand Chapter feel the loss of these Companions, and it can scarcely do too much honor to their memory.

And now, returning to your hands the trust confided to me, I fraternally pray that the Supreme Ruler may guide your deliberations and give you that wisdom in council which will inure to the prosperity and lasting benefit of our beloved society.

On motion of Companion Hallmark, duly seconded, so much of the foregoing address as relates to the late Companions Jones and Jordan was referred to the Committee on Memorials, and the residue thereof to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to consider specially and report, if in their power to do so, some remedial suggestions as to the condition of apathy among the delinquent Chapters.

Companion Seth H. Bunker presented a communication from the Companions at Gainesville, asking the restoration of a defunct Chapter, U. D., at that place, which was read and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received, and so much thereof as relates to delinquent Chapters was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the residue to the Committee on Accounts:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

In considering my duty, under the constitution, of reporting delinquent Chapters, it occurred to me that it would not be amiss or unimportant to go a little beyond its provision and recall the status of all the Chapters that have ever been chartered by this Grand Chapter.

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, at Tallahassee, made its annual returns and paid its dues up to and including the year 1874, but none since, and it is to be feared, from all I can learn, that it will not soon revive. This being the *Alma Mater* Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida, it is a matter of serious and solemn regret that such is its dilapidated, if not hopeless, condition. Here is the Holy Altar erected by, and around which such Masons as Brown, Bronson, Taylor, Hayward, Duval, Butler, Call and a host of bright and happy Royal Arch Masons, formed the chain of fraternal union, worshipped the everliving God, and diffused the lights and principles appertaining to the *signet* of eternal truth, not doubting that their mystic circle, with its receding and succeeding links, would be perpetual. Tallahassee was then and is now the capitol of the State, and yet the Royal Arch Masons of that lovely city seem to exhibit a doleful apathy, and want of determination, to perpetuate the high name and character of their enviable inheritance. Would that it were different.

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 2, at St. Augustine, one of the original three, expired in 1853.

Magnolia R. A. Chapter, No. 3, at Apalachicola, suspended work many years ago, and sent up its charter, with the request that its charter and number be retained with the hope of restoration at some future period. Some signs of reanimation have appeared, but restoration has not been requested.

Key West R. A. Chapter, No. 4, at Key West, expired in 1851, and our brilliant Island, No. 21, stands in its place.

Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, has made returns to date, but owes the dues for 1876—\$49.00, for 1877, \$40.00, and a balance of \$3.00 on 1875—making in all \$92.00.

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6, at Milton, owes dues only for 1877—\$43.00.

Quincy R. A. Chapter, No. 7, at Quincy, has made no returns since 1871, and may be considered extinguished.

Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8, at Madison, has made no returns since 1871, but recent indications give some hope of resuscitation.

Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 9, at Lake City, has made no return since for 1874, and there is but little, if any, prospect of its surviving.

Olive R. A. Chapter, No. 10, at Ocala, has made no returns for 1876 and 1877.

Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11, at Warrington, is always prompt and square on the books.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, at Jacksonville; what was said of No. 11 is equally applicable here.

Alachua R. A. Chapter, No. 13, at Newnansville, has made no returns since 1872, and may be considered extinguished.

Centreville R. A. Chapter, No. 14, at Centreville, has been dormant since 1854.

Greenwood R. A. Chapter, No. 15, at Greenwood, has sent up no returns and dues since 1874.

Micanopy R. A. Chapter, No. 16, at Micanopy, owes dues (\$18.00) for 1875.

Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 17, at Tampa; no returns or dues since 1874.

Concord R. A. Chapter, No. 18, at Concord; no returns since 1874.

* Lake Butler, No. 19, at Lake Butler, paid \$23.00 for 1874, which is all since 1872.

Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 20, at Providence, owes \$24.00 for 1875.

Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21, at Key West; *top notch*.

Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22, at Live Oak; no returns or dues since for 1875.

* Paid \$57.00 this time, and balance due to December 27th, 1877, remitted.

Nassau R. A. Chapter, No. 23, at Fernandina; no returns for two years, and probably extinguished.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 24, at Pensacola, owes dues for 1875 and 1876, \$41.00, less \$10.00 paid January 26th, 1877; amount due \$31.00.

From the foregoing and attending circumstances, it may be concluded that Nos. 2, 4, 13, 14, 18 and 23 are vacant. That Nos. 1, 3, 7, 9 and 15 may possibly survive. That Nos. 5, 8, 10, 17 and 22 may very probably respond and survive. And that we have eight, to-wit: Nos. 6, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 24 current and good working Chapters.

Four hundred copies of the proceedings of your last Annual Convocation were printed at a cost of \$48.00, and the usual number were distributed in the usual manner.

Proceedings of the sister Grand Chapters have been received, but they have not been forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the fact that he, R. E. Companion Pasco, gave me timely notice that it was impossible for him to write a report upon them.

After the close of the last annual Grand Convocation, R. E. Companion D. L. Oakley, P. G. T., forwarded me his report as Grand Treasurer for the year 1876, which is subjoined to the printed proceedings of 1877, and which shows that he is due the Grand Chapter a balance of \$84.20, as stated in my report of last year. My account-current is hereunto appended, with the hope that a better showing may be made by the Royal Craft a year hence.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand
1877.
Jan. 26. For dues of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 11, \$ 10.00

Dr.

Brought forward.....					\$ 10.00
1878.					
Jan. 5,	"	"	Island	"	21, 53.00
Jan. 7,	"	"	Santa Rosa	"	6, 47.00
Jan. 7,	"	"	Mount Horeb	"	11, 26.00
Jan. 8,	"	"	Mieanopy	"	16, 15.00
Jan. 8,	"	"	Jacksonville	"	12, 67.00
Jan. 8,	"	"	Mount Moriah	"	24, 19.00
Jan. 8,	"	"	Providence	"	20, 30.00
					\$267.00
					Cr.
1878.	Jan. 8, By paid Grand Treasurer as per voucher.....				\$267.00

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:
To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

I herewith present my annual report as Grand Treasurer.

1877.	Dr.		
Jan. 10—	To cash received of Grand Secretary...	\$259.00	
1878.	Jan. 8—	To cash received of Grand Secretary...	\$267.00—\$526.00
1877.	Cr.		
Jan. 11—	By paid Jacksonville Press, vr. 1...	\$ 60.00	
Jan. 11,	" " Grand Chaplain, vr. 2.....	15.00	
Jan. 13,	" " Grand Guard, vr. 3.....	15.00	
Jan. 13,	" " Grand Secretary, vr. 4.....	30.68	
Jan. 13,	" " Grand Secretary vr. 5.....	123.32	
Dec. 27,	" " Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12,		
	vr. 6.....	15.00—\$259.00	
Amount due Grand Chapter.....			\$267.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. McCONIHE,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Companion Wentworth, it is ordered that the first business of the session on to-morrow be the annual election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until three o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 9th, 3 P. M.

Present: M.:E.: John S. Driggs, Grand High Priest, and others as on yesterday. The Grand Chapter was called to labor with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, after which the following as Grand Officers were duly elected, to-wit:

Companion ENOS WAGGATE, Grand High Priest.
 " ROBERT J. PERRY, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 " GEORGE E. WENTWORTH, Grand King.
 " GEORGE S. HALLMARK, Grand Scribe.
 " LUTHER McCONIHE, Grand Treasurer.
 " D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.
 " JOHN PENNY, Grand Chaplain.

On motion, adopted, Jefferson Chapter No. 5, having failed to elect officers at the proper time for said Chapter, is authorized to hold such election at its earliest convenience, with due notice to the members thereof.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M.: E.: Grand High Priest and Companions of the M.: E.: Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that the only business they find to be disposed of at this convocation, which properly comes before us, is a proposed amendment of Section 44, of the Constitution, printed on page 206 of last

year's proceedings, and very properly comes up at this time for final action. After a careful examination of the matter, and the principles involved, your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the aforesaid section is better as it now stands than it would be if amended. We therefore feel obliged to report against the amendment.

ENOS WASGATE,
W.M. B. TAYLOR,
FRANK JORDAN, } Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 10th—3 P. M.

Present: M. E.: John S. Driggs, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Companion Enos Wasgate presented a commission, and was duly received and acknowledged as the representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Maine, in this Grand Jurisdiction, with the Grand Honors.

Companion Wentworth, of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 24, propounded the following question, to-wit:

Query. A Companion R. A. M., member of a chartered Chapter, signs an application for a charter for a new Chapter, thus becoming a charter-member. After the organization of the new Chapter he claims membership in his old Chapter. To which does he rightfully belong?

Which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following tabular report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS, A. D. 1878.

CHAPTER.	Number.	BY WHOM REPRESENTED.	Membership Last Year.										Amount of Dues.	Amount Paid.	Present Membership.	REMARKS.	
			Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Dimitied.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Ministers exempt.						
Jefferson	5	S. Pasco															
Santa Rosa	6	John Carlovitz	40	1	1												
Mt. Horeb	11	Geo. S. Hallmark	26														Correct.
Jacksonville	12	W. A. McLean	61	3	2												Correct.
Providence	29	W. T. Weeks	27	3	1												Incorrect.
Island	21	J. Perry and J. Fogarty	48	3	1												Correct.
Mt. Moriah	24	Geo. E. Wentworth	19														Correct.
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R. J. PERRY,
W. A. MCLEAN,
GEORGE S. HALLMARK, } Committee.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M.:E.: Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M.:E.: Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Accounts beg leave, respectfully, to report, that they have examined the accounts presented for their inspection and find them correct; and we recommend the following appropriations:

Salary of Grand Secretary.....	\$150.00
Postage and stationery.....	17.23
Printing proceedings of 1877.....	48.00

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. McINTOSH, } Committee.
R. J. PERRY, }

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M.:E.: Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:

COMPANIONS: Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws beg leave to make the following report:

In the matter submitted by Companion S. H. Bunker, we find that it will require a diligent examination of the records for several years past. As your committee will not have time to do this before the close of the present Grand Convocation, we would recommend that their old dispensation be forfeited, and all their books and papers appertaining thereto be sent to the Grand Secretary, and that a petition, in due form, be addressed to the Grand High Priest for his action.

In the matter of Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19—as they have paid our Grand Secretary the sum of \$57.00—we would cheerfully recommend that the above amount be received in payment of their dues in full to date, and that their Chapter be fully restored.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. W. TUCKER, } Committee.
JOHN CARLOVITZ, }
J. FOGARTY, }

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence report upon subjects referred to them as follows:

The actions of the M.:E.: Grand High Priest, in granting dispensations authorizing the Lake Butler, Providence and Madison Chapters, to elect new sets of officers and resume work, need no further comment or evidence of their correctness and good results than the fact that the said Chapters, heretofore so long practically dormant, have credibly reported to, and are represented at, this Grand Convocation. They are, therefore, approved with cheering congratulations to the Grand Chapter, and especially to the Companions of their Chapters, who clearly manifest a renewal of that fervency and zeal which should ever characterize all Royal Arch Masons, and we earnestly commend their noble examples to other Chapters, still remaining, apparently, in thoughtless or careless indifference, and that the latter may be encouraged to do likewise. We recommend that all such Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, which have for two years or more failed to respond to the annual requirements of the Grand Chapter, be notified by the Grand Secretary to assemble their available members at the earliest practicable period, elect officers, proceed to work, notify the Grand High Priest thereof through the Grand Secretary, and make returns for 1877, with the assurance that all their dues, which have or may have accrued prior to the 27th day of December, 1876, will be remitted, and so recorded by the Grand Secretary on the book of accounts, and that this action of the Grand Chapter, upon the adoption of this report, be sufficient authority for them to thus resuscitate, without asking a dispensation for the purpose.

We further recommend, that all such Chapters, which shall fail to avail themselves of this liberal proposition within three months after notification thereof by the Grand Secretary, be, and are hereby, required to cause their charters and all their property and rights of property, of every kind and description, to be surrendered and delivered to the Grand Secretary or his order, and the

charters thereof shall thence and thereafter be and become forfeited, null and void.

We further recommend, that the Grand Secretary, at his earliest convenience, communicate this action of the Grand Chapter to all Chapters coming under the provisions of this action.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
JOHN CARLOVITZ, } Committee.
W. A. McLEAN, }

Companion Perry offered the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That all Companions in good standing signing petitions for a new Chapter do thereby sever their membership with their former Chapter, and a dimit therefrom must accompany the petition. This ruling to apply and be in force in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Companion Pasco offered the following substitute for the last foregoing resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That when a Companion, belonging to a Chapter in this jurisdiction, signs a petition for a charter for a new Chapter, and pays up his dues to the Chapter in which his membership exists, he thereby severs his membership in his Chapter and becomes a member of the newly chartered Chapter without a dimit. That the names of all the original members of a new Chapter should be inserted in the body of the charter. That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, upon the organization of a new Chapter within this jurisdiction, to notify the Particular Chapters in which any of the chartered members formerly held their membership, and from which they have not been dimitted, that the names of these members are upon the new charter, and that they are no longer members of their former Chapters.

And the said substitute was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To *M.:E.: Grand Chapter*:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence report, that whereas the

rules of the Grand Chapter, relative to petitions for dispensations for new Chapters, are not sufficiently explicit, we recommend that the Grand High Priest prescribe such rules and regulations as will protect the Grand Chapter from further trouble, as to what other Chapters, if any, that members of newly chartered Chapters can be members of.

And as to the question of Companion Wentworth, we think that the ruling of last year [Proc. p. 207], is substantially applicable to this case.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS, } Committee.
W. A. McLEAN, }

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following special report, which was received, and the accompanying resolution adopted, to-wit:

To the *M.:E.: Grand Chapter*:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that from want of time they have not been able to digest the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters that have been placed before them.

There is one matter, however, that requires the action of this Grand Chapter, and they respectfully report the same.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec has lately come into existence, and is entitled to fraternal recognition. This new Chapter has been recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada, which formerly had jurisdiction of the territory included in the new jurisdiction, and by the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin, and perhaps others, and is believed to be, in all respects, a regular Masonic organization, and we therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mansons of Quebec be, and the same is hereby, cordially welcomed to the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and that the Royal Arch Masons of Florida extend fraternal greetings to their Companions of the new Grand Jurisdiction.

S. PASCO,
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

It has been truly said that "death rides on every passing breeze, and lurks in every flower." It is but another name for the transition of material substance; and from its inexorable demand, created matter can not escape, with whatever tenacity it may endeavor to cling to its original formation: but when its Omnipotent mandate and purpose is comprehended by intelligent beings, who realize that death is but a mere passport to a better life, he who is ready to welcome, may ask, with impunity, "Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?"

Our venerable Companion, DAVID JONES, who for several years in succession was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and for many years the faithful sentinel at its out-post, lived a long and useful life, the leading features of which are succinctly depicted in the allusions of the Grand High Priest. Being a true and zealous Mason, and a faithful and devout Christian, he doubtless passed the portal of death armed with the *Royal Signet of Truth*, and soared aloft in the spirit and meaning of the song that he loved, "Nearer my God to Thee."

Our dear Companion, EDMUND P. JORDAN, who, but a year ago, formed a link in the Mystic Chain of praise and devotion to Almighty God, around this Holy Altar, and who then and therefore took active and useful part in the deliberations of this Grand Body, has also, in like manner, passed from our fraternal associations here, leaving a vast society, a widow, a child and a host of warm friends and relations to mourn his exit.

The loss seems sad and too severe.
But he's in, the Great Master's care.

While feeling severely the loss, in our earthly quarries, of those two faithful comrades, we bow with faith and hope, to the ineffable decree, and recommend that a page in our annals be suitably inscribed to their respective memories, and that a copy

of the printed proceedings, containing this memorial, be forwarded to the families of the deceased.

Fraternally submitted,
W. A. McLEAN,
JOHN PENNY,
JAMES ELLENWOOD, } Committee.

Companion R. J. Perry offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jacksonville, to be convened at 3 o'clock P. M., on the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1879.

M.:E.: John S. Driggs, Grand High Priest, duly installed Companion Enos Wasgate into the office of Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest then duly installed the following duly elected Grand Officers, to-wit:

R.:E.: ROBERT J. PERRY.....Deputy Grand High Priest;
" GEORGE E. WENTWORTH...Grand King;
" GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....Grand Scribe.

The Grand High Priest then appointed and duly installed the following Grand Officers:

E.: SAMUEL PASCO.....Grand Captain of Host;
" JOHN CARLOVITZ.....Grand Principal Sojourner;
" WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH.....Grand Master Third Vail;
" GEORGE W. EPPERSON.....Grand Master Second Vail;
" JOSEPH R. RICHARD.....Grand Master First Vail;
" MILTON N. PARCELLS.....Grand Guard.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain being re-elected, are not required to be re-installed.

Companion Wentworth offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a set of jewels for the Grand Chapter.

Companion Hallmark offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

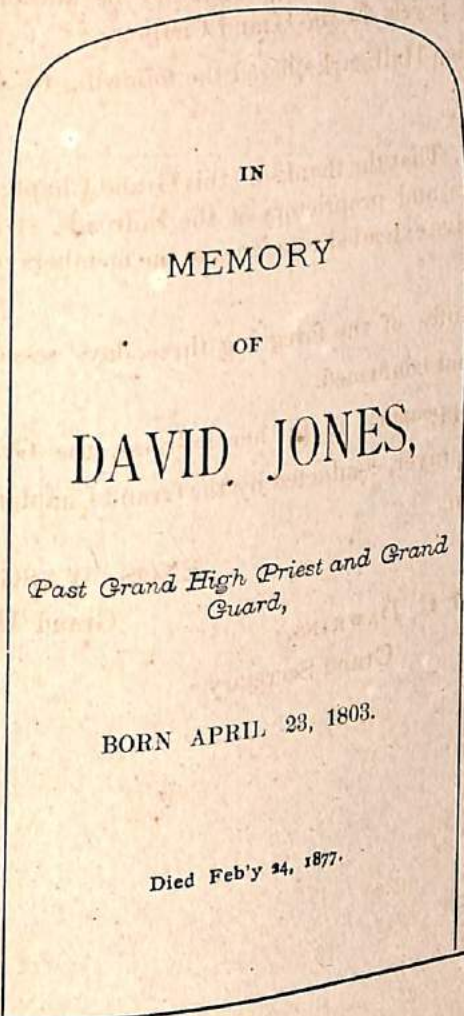
Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the owners and proprietors of the railroads, steamboats and hotels that have extended courtesies to the members of this Grand Chapter.

The minutes of the foregoing three days' session, were severally read and confirmed.

There appearing no further business, the Grand Chapter, with devout prayer, conducted by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in ample form.

ENOS WASGATE,
Grand High Priest.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.



A CROWN OF LIFE FOR THE FAITHFUL.

IN
MEMORY
OF
EDMUND P. JORDAN,

Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

DIED SEPTEMBER 13, 1877.

"DEATH LOVES A SHINING MARK."

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EDMUND P. JORDAN,

Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

DIED SEPTEMBER 13, 1877.

"DEATH LOVES A SHINING MARK."

APPENDIXES

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REGISTRY OF CHAPTERS.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.

Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Friday before the last Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

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| 1. Samuel Pasco, H. P., | 7. H. H. Perry, P. S., |
| 2. Jesse D. Cole, K., | 8. Joseph Weil, R. A. C., |
| 3. J. R. Atkinson, S., | 9. George W. Turner, M. 3d V., |
| 4. J. D. Palmer, Treas., | 10. T. F. Johnson, M. 2d V., |
| 5. D. L. Oakley, Sec'y, | 11. J. B. Collins, M. 1st V., |
| 6. Henry Bernhard, C. H., | 12. T. J. Chace, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS:

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| 13. Abbott, W. W. | 24. Jordan, J. W. | 34. Simon, S. |
| 14. Arendell, W. H. | 25. Leob, A. | 35. Smith, C. W. |
| 15. Bostwick, W. W. | 26. Miller, A. J. | 36. Stebbins, Charles |
| 16. Bryan, D. H. | 27. Morris, Harmon | 37. Surles, Calvin |
| 17. Carter, James F. | 28. Morris, Joel M. | 38. Tucker, W. W. |
| 18. Core, D. W. | 29. Oliver, F. N. B. | 39. Turbull, Junius |
| 19. Davis, W. W. | 30. Partridge, W. K. | 40. Turbull, Sam'l J. |
| 20. Denmark, R. J. | 31. Phillips, H. S. | 41. Wethington, A |
| 21. Gilbert, R. M. | 32. Roach, J. B. | 42. Woods, William. |
| 22. Hamilton, W. E. | 32. Scott, Robert | |
| 23. Horton, W. H. | 33. Simkins, E. J | |

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.

Milton, Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

1. John G. Ellis, H. P.,
2. Robert R. Sheppard, K.,
3. William A. C. Benbow, S.,
4. James A. Chaffin, Treas.,
5. John Carlowitz, Secy.,
6. John G. Ward, C. H.,
7. Henry W. Sindorf, P. S.,
8. Charles R. Johnston, R. A. C.,
9. Frederick Fisher, M. 3d V.,
10. William F. Lewis, M. 2d V.,
11. John R. Eddins, M. 1st V.,
12. Shadneck R. Howell, Guard.

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.

Warrington, Escambia County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

1. Alfred L. Williams, H. P.,
2. James Massey, K.,
3. James A. McDonald, S.,
4. Barton A. Philbert, Treas.,
5. George S. Hallmark, Secy.,
6. Charles H. Thompson, C. H.,
7. Christian Allendorf, P. S.,
8. Geo. Wm. LeGallais, R. A. C.,
9. Coelius A. Higgins, M. 3d V.,
10. Elisha E. Brown, M. 2d V.,
11. George Gentry, M. 1st V.,
12. Hugh Simmons, Guard.

CHAPTERS

OTHER MEMBERS:

13. Gibney, Pat. J.
14. Kelley, Edw'd E.
15. Morrill, William
16. Orting, C. McK.
17. Park, Edward G.
18. Stearns, Thomas
19. Strout, Albion S.
20. Underhich, F. W.

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.

Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Last Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

1. William A. McLean, H. P.,
2. Franklin Jordan, K.,
3. Jonathan C. Greeley, S.,
4. Henry Koopman, Treas.,
5. William A. Young, Secy.,
6. Thomas A. Willson, C. H.,
7. John E. Wandell, P. S.,
8. Theodore Ball, R. A. C.,
9. Otis L. Keene, M. 3d V.,
10. Rich'd K. Taylor, M. 2d V.,
11. James F. Clark, M. 1st V.,
12. Milton N. Parcells, Guard.

OTHER MEMBERS:

13. Barnett, W. B.
14. Bowes, Michael
15. Brown, Charles
16. Brush, Louis J.
17. Bucky, J. D.
18. Conant, Sherman
19. Cook, A. W.
20. Dawkins, D. C.
21. Douglass, W. W.
22. Driggs, John S.
23. Eihott, Chas. G.
24. Emery, Chas. S.
25. Fehrenbach, H. H.
26. Fitzgerald, J. W.
27. Ford, George
28. Fuller, M. A.
29. Gillis, Calvin
30. Hewlett, Henry
31. Houston, S. L.
32. Jones, George R.
33. Kane, Henry
34. Love, David G.
35. Markens, Isaac
36. McConihe, L.
37. McLaughlin, R.
38. Pond, Frank
39. Rich, William
40. Russell, Albert J.
41. Sammis, John S.
42. Smith, Daniel P.
43. Smith, Joseph H.
44. Swain, Jacob W.
45. Tahaferro, J. P.
46. Tison, Henry C.
47. Turner, Edwin
48. Wasgate, Enos
49. Webster, B. H.
50. Whitney, J. W.
51. Witharth, T. S.
52. Zacharias, A.

PROVIDENCE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 20.

Providence, Bradford County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

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| 1. W. T. Weeks, H. P., | 7. J. R. Richard, P. S., |
| 2. W. O. Tison, K., | 8. N. T. King, R. A. C., |
| 3. D. M. Tolbert, S., | 9. W. W. Kearce, M. 3d V., |
| 4. A. C. Odom, Treas., | 10. W. C. Kearce, M. 2d V., |
| 5. J. W. Perry, Sec'y, | 11. W. J. Feagle, M. 1st V., |
| 6. J. M. Tolbert, C. H., | 12. T. J. Rowe, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS:

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| 13. Anders, J. R. | 20. Niblack, J. F. | 27. Vinzant, W. B. |
| 14. Bunch, J. J. | 21. Osteen, Elias | 28. Weeks, J. H. |
| 15. Dees, L. B. | 22. Phillips, S. E. | 29. Wills, W. W. |
| 16. Hodges, S. J. | 23. Sasser, John | 30. Williams, W. F. |
| 17. Lamb, J. J. | 24. Simmons, L. W. | 31. Witt, Jacob |
| 18. Martin, R. C. | 25. Taylor, J. G. | |
| 19. Milton, H. R. | 26. Townsend, W. H. L. | |

ISLAND R. A. CHAPTER, No. 21.

Key West, Monroe County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second and Fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

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| 1. Robert J. Perry, H. P., | 7. Joseph F. Albury, P. S., |
| 2. William McClintock, K., | 8. George D. Warren, R. A. C., |
| 3. John Williams, S., | 9. Edward B. Rawson, M. 3d V., |
| 4. John W. Sawyer, Treas., | 10. Alfred Brost, M. 2d V., |
| 5. Geo. B. Phillips, Sec'y, | 11. Joseph H. Moss, M. 1st V., |
| 6. John S. Delaney, C. H., | 12. John J. Canfield, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS:

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| 13. Adams, John H. | 23. Ingalls, James M. | 36. Porter, Joseph Y. |
| 14. Albury, Benj. | 24. Johnson, Chas. S. | 37. Pyfrom, Thos. A. |
| 15. Archer, Wm. D. | 25. Johnson, F. W. | 38. Rain, Jacob |
| 16. Baron, Charles S. | 26. Ledwitch, Wm. | 39. Randolph, W. B. |
| 17. Bethel, Livi'n W. | 27. Lowe, Samuel | 40. Roberts, Amos E. |
| 18. Bocker, Geo. H. | 28. Maslin, Geo. W. | 41. Roberts, J. H. A. |
| 16. Cash, William D. | 29. Matley, Jon. M. | 42. Steele, J. La'rence |
| 17. Coleman, John H. | 30. Murray, Rob't D. | 43. St. John, Charles |
| 18. Ferguson, Geo. F. | 31. Otto, Joseph | 44. Vance, Wm. G. |
| 19. Filer, Frederick | 32. Page, Edwin | 45. Weatherford, J. H. |
| 20. Filer, Samuel | 33. Peacon, Benj. | 46. Williams, P. A. |
| 21. Fogarty, Jere'iah | 34. Philbrick, Jno. J. | 47. Wolf, Samuel |
| 22. Graham, John | 35. Pinder, Sylvanus | |

MOUNT MORIAH R. A. CHAPTER, No. 24.

Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

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| 1. George E. Wentworth, H. P., | 7. W. E. Anderson, P. S., |
| 2. James McCullough, K., | 8. W. D. Maclay, R. A. C., |
| 3. H. C. Cushman, S., | 9. Leon Meyer, M. 3d V., |
| 4. G. Forscheimer, Treas., | 10. J. W. Kohler, M. 2d V., |
| 5. C. H. Bithorn, Sec'y, | 11. A. Goldstucker, M. 1st V., |
| 6. W. W. Carr, C. H., | 12. G. M. Cohen, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS:

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| 13. Garrett, Robert | 16. Roberts James B. | 19. Whitmire, E. |
| 14. Hilliard, J. P. | 17. Scott, J. J. | 20. Van Kirk, W. J. |
| 15. O'Neal, G. H. | 18. Walker, John A. | |

AT REST.

DAVID JONES—Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12.....February 24, 1877.
EDMUND P. JORDAN—Nassau Royal Arch Chapter, No. 23.....September 13, 1877.
THOMAS J. CHACE, Jr.—Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 15...November 24, 1877.
CLAUDE BABCOCK—Island Royal Arch Chapter, No. 21.....February 1, 1877.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTERS.	No.	HIGH PRIESTS.	SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
*Florida.....	1		W. M. McIntosh...	Tallahassee.
Jefferson.....	5	S. Pasco.....	D. L. Oakley.....	Monticello.
Santa Rosa.....	6	John G. Ellis.....	John Carlovitz...	Milton.....
*Olive.....	10	C. J. Allred.....	Charles A. Crowson.	Ocala.....
Mount Horeb.....	11	A. L. Williams.....	George S. Hallmark.	Warrington...
Jacksonville.....	12	W. A. McLenn.....	W. A. Young.....	Jacksonville...
*Greenwood.....	15		S. J. Erwin.....	Marianna.....
*Micanopy.....	16	John T. Miller.....	George S. Riggs...	Micanopy.....
*Tampa.....	17	E. A. Clark.....	Thomas P. Kennedy	Tampa.....
*Concord.....	18	N. T. Scott.....	W. B. Kemp.....	Concord.....
Providence.....	20	W. T. Weeks.....	J. W. Perry.....	Providence...
Island.....	21	R. J. Perry.....	George B. Phillips.	Key West.....
*Thomas Brown.....	22		W. H. Pearce.....	Bartow.....
Mount Moriah.....	24	George E. Wentworth.	C. H. Bithorn.....	Pensacola.....

*No returns; old officers.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTERS.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
John Lockie, Washington.....	District of Columbia.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls.	Kansas.....	The'dore Ball, Jacksonville.
J. C. Batchelor, New Orleans...	Louisiana.....	William Morrill, Milton.
Henry L. Paine, Portland.....	Maine.....	Enos Wasgate, Jacksonville.
Alex. K. Bryer.....	Massachusetts.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
B. H. Langley.....	Minnesota.....	Wm. B. Taylor, Live Oak.
J. L. Power, Jackson.....	Mississippi.....	
	Missouri.....	D. L. Oakley, Monticello.
John B. McCabe.....	Nebraska.....	H. W. Long, Cotton Plant.
Rees G. Williams, Utica.....	New York.....	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
James Gossip, Halifax.....	Nova Scotia.....	W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
A. G. Adams.....	Quebec.....	Robert J. Perry, Key West.
Augustin T. Smythe, Charleston.	South Carolina.....	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
E. C. Houghton, N. Bennington.	Vermont.....	John Carlovitz, Milton.

GRAND CHAPTERS
IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,
WITH NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCE
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Charles L. Wiggin.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Daniel Spry.....	Toronto, Ont.
Colorado.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Connecticut.....	John P. Almond.....	Wilmington.
Delaware.....	Ed. C. Parnalee.....	Georgetown.
District of Columbia.....	C. W. Hancock.....	Washington.
Georgia.....	J. E. Blackshear, M. D.,	Macon.
Illinois.....	James H. Miles.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	William B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
Kansas.....	Erasmus T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	Joseph H. Branham.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	William A. Wentz.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Z. H. Thomas, Jr.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	William P. Innis.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	John W. Luke.....	St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	William R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	Samuel W. Chubbuck.....	Gold Hill.
New Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas J. Carson.....	Trenton.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia.....	James Gossip.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	James Nesbit.....	Troy.
Oregon.....	R. P. Earhart.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	James T. McMinn.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	J. C. Burke.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Robert Brewster.....	Houston.
Vermont.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	W. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
West Virginia.....	O. S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull.....	Milwaukee.
United States.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual Grand Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of three o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of January, A. I. 2409, A. D. 1879.

- PRESENT:
- M. E.: ENOS WASGATE Grand High Priest;
 - R. E.: ROBERT J. PERRY Deputy Grand High Priest;
 - “ GEO. E. WESTWORTH Grand King;
 - “ GEO. S. HALLMARK Grand Scribe;
 - “ LUTHER MCCONNIE Grand Treasurer;
 - “ DEWITT C. DAWKINS Grand Secretary;
 - R. Rev. JOHN PENNY Grand Chaplain;
 - “ JEREMIAH FOGARTY Grand Captain of the Host;
 - “ HUGH A. CORLEY as Grand Principal Sojourner;
 - “ THEODORE BALL as Grand Royal Arch Captain;
 - “ C. J. KENWORTHY as Grand Master Third Vail;
 - “ GEO. W. EPPERSON as Grand Master Second Vail;
 - “ W. B. BARNETT Grand Master First Vail;
 - “ MILTON N. PARCELLS Grand Guard.

On Accounts—G. E. Wentworth, W. B. Barnett and J. Fogarty.

The M. E. ENOS WASGATE, Grand High Priest, read the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

We have again assembled in Grand Convocation to deliberate on the condition of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and it gives me pleasure to greet so many Companions who were here last year. Believing that this speaks well for the prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction, I will, according to constitutional requirement, communicate a statement of my official acts during the past year, which are very few, having been absent from the jurisdiction from May until December—six months.

On the first of May, after much trouble and delay in getting the proper dimitts, certificates and other papers correctly, a dispensation was granted to a constitutional number of Companions to meet and confer the Chapter degrees at Gainesville, under the title of Gainesville Chapter, U. D. They will present their record for your inspection, and if you find them correct, I have no doubt you will grant them a charter.

On the 17th of December, a dispensation was granted to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to hold their annual meeting on the 26th inst., instead of the 27th December last, for the reason that they could not occupy the Chapter room for several days after that time, and it was necessary that the business of the year should be completed. Due notice to all the Companions given.

On the 17th of December, a dispensation was granted to Santa Rosa Chapter No. 6, to elect and install officers at their earliest convenience, which was accomplished, and the returns forwarded in due season.

On the 11th of January, a dispensation was granted to Florida Chapter No. 1, to elect and install officers at their

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

D. C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P.; H. A. CORLEY, P. D. G. H. P.; T. BAIT, P. G. S.; W. A. YOUNG, P. G. T.; H. A. CORLEY, P. G. S.

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

J. FOGARTY, GEO. S. HALLMARK and WM. E. ANDERSON.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Quebec, South Carolina.

CHAPTERS:

Nos. 1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 19, 21, 24—8.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with an invocation to the Supreme High Priest, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented a list of the Grand Officers and Members present, from which the Grand High Priest appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Returns and Credentials—J. Fogarty and W. B. Barnett.

On Dispositions and By-Laws—G. S. Hallmark, G. E. Wentworth and J. Fogarty.

On Propositions and Grievances—G. R. Jones, G. S. Hallmark and J. C. Greeley.

On Unfinished Business—J. Fogarty and G. S. Hallmark.

On Memorials—W. A. McLean and John Penny and G. E. Wentworth.

E. Wentworth.

earliest convenience, which was accomplished after two unsuccessful attempts. There is a fine prospect now that the old original Florida will take her place again among the working Chapters in this jurisdiction.

On the 15th of January, a dispensation was granted to Jefferson Chapter No. 5. to meet, elect and install their officers, they having failed to do so at the time prescribed in the Grand Chapter Constitution. Due notice to members.

The following Companions have been appointed Representatives near other Grand Chapters, to-wit:

July 5th, Companion Charles R. Cutler, Warren, Rhode Island.

June 11th, Companion Frederick Ring, Jr., La Crosse, Wisconsin.

August 20th, Companion Edward L. Tillou, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

December 23d, Companion Roger W. Woodbury, Denver, Colorado.

And now, Companions, before closing, I desire to discourse to you somewhat on Chapter work, and the conferring of Chapter degrees.

The ceremonies to me, if properly rendered, are purely sublime. I see in them a symbolic language, expressing ideas which reach from earth to heaven. But I have seen this work done in a way that destroyed entirely the symbolism, and rendered the ceremony an entire farce. When a Companion stoops so low as to do this work in a way to make sport for himself or others, or for any other purpose not intended in the ritual, he not only destroys the symbolism, but prostitutes a solemn and impressive ceremony to base and unnatural purposes.

This is not the only jurisdiction where this innovation has been introduced. I will quote from the address of the Grand High Priest of Maine, under date of May 7, A. I. 2408, and adopt his language for my own:

"Companions, remember that those who intrust themselves to our hands do so in the belief that they are to be treated in such a manner as will show that we respect not only

them, but ourselves. Remember that when we stoop to levity in this beautiful degree, we give warrant for the assumption that this belief has not been well founded, and that we are not exemplifying that 'rectitude of conduct which ought to actuate all those who pass the white veil of the sanctuary.' Let us, then, who are gathered here as representatives of the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, solemnly determine that henceforth we will use our utmost exertions to reform our respective Chapters in this respect; and that we will not rest until this blot upon our escutcheon has been washed away."

At the annual Convocation of Texas, December, 1877, M. E. Companion W. F. Swaim thus discourses on *Work*: "As I have done in visits, so let me here impress upon you, and through you the Companions of your Chapters, the necessity of discountenancing that senseless—not to say inhuman—practice, which so mars the beauty and sublimity of the Royal Arch degree. Our ritual does not teach it, decency forbids it, cultivated taste abhors it, and to gentlemen of good breeding it is disgusting. The recipient expects to be exalted to the sublime; let him not be degraded to the ridiculous.

"As another has beautifully expressed it, 'In teaching the lesson of humility, a candidate should never be reduced to the reptile's vile crawling. Man, of all God's creatures, was made to walk erect, and thus is displayed his royalty over all animate beings. To "stoop low" it is not necessary to degrade. Every High Priest should be careful and swift to rebuke any attempt to trifle with a candidate. There is a mock kind of humility, which is to be reprobated as much as the most pharisaical haughtiness. However humble a man should be before his God, he should have enough of self-respect to enable him to carry his head erect along the pathways of life, never bowing it except in those gentle courtesies which characterize the finest social amenities. We have seen some practices in the abuse of Masonry that were as disgusting as the blasphemy of administering baptism to a dog, and as ill-befitting our solemn rites as would be the performance of a mountebank in the sacred desk.

"Where natures have obtruded themselves, so lost to the refinements of ceremonials, as to be willing to debase them to the temporary discomfort of a candidate, merely to afford a coarse amusement to those who participate in them, they should receive the withering frown of authority to such an extent that the offender does not repeat them. * * *

"Too well we know that our rolls are cumbered with members who claim to be Royal Arch Masons, but who are totally unable to prove it; members who seldom honor the Chapter with their presence, and, if they come at all, it is with that same cold indifference that kept them away; members who grudgingly pay their dues through fear of discipline; members who have sought admission from motives other than those named in their petition. Having secured the name, they are content to drop into obscurity, never aspiring to those 'rights, light and benefits' which illumine the true Mason.

"They have walked the courts of our tabernacles, but never have they breathed the pure incense from the censor; they have knelt at our altars, but their worship is at the shrine of mammon. In our impressive symbols they have seen naught but a series of unmeaning rites; they have listened to our beautiful ritual, but never have its sublime teachings inspired them with purer motives or loftier aspirations. In short, they are not such work as is required for the completion of the Temple, and must sooner or later be hove over among the rubbish. Masonry is not benefitted by those who hide beneath their own selfish individuality. He that would keep alive his zeal, and impart warmth and life to others, must himself come within the glow of the altar fires. He that would be enlightened, and would dispense true Masonic light to others, must himself come to the light."

I think I can discover the cause of this lethargy in the membership of the Chapters in our sister jurisdictions and our own. Any departure from the symbolic work, either in Lodge or Chapter, has a tendency to disgust the refined, sensitive, upright and honorable; and in a very short time the symbolism is entirely lost sight of, and then the work ceases

to be interesting. The members cease to attend their meetings, and very soon the meetings die out entirely.

Circumstances have been brought to my attention of the abuse of the ritual, of which I will mention. A gentleman of refinement got all the Masonry he wanted in the Apprentice degree by the abuse of the ritual; and the institution lost a man who would have been an ornament to the fraternity anywhere. His simple expression, "I thought I was among gentlemen," ought to have been a standing rebuke to all such workers of iniquity. This will also apply to the Royal Arch degree. I know a very fine gentleman who got all the Royal Arch Masonry he wanted when he received the degree, and never honors the Chapter with his presence. * *

I am only surprised that these Chapters have lasted so long, and I can only account for it by supposing that there are many of their members who look above those grovelling practices, and are hoping at some time to assist in elevating their Chapters above the present standard.

Companions, it does not surprise me that so many Chapters have forfeited their standing in the Grand Chapter, and I urge it upon you who are here to-day to use your utmost endeavors to remedy this evil. A judicious use of the dark-ballot has not been practiced in many of the Chapters, in consequence of which a disease has been incurred which eats away the life of the Chapters, and no doubt causes much of the evil which I have mentioned.

Companions, we have assembled around our sacred altar, and with our venerable Chaplain have returned thanks to the Great "I Am" for mercies past; we have asked His assistance in our present deliberations. Let us reflect a moment before we proceed farther. Have we exercised that *friendship* and *benevolence* toward our fellow men, as well as our brethren in Masonry, which is demonstrated in the teachings of our institution? Has that *union* of hearts, as well as hands, pervaded our jurisdiction in all the affairs of life? Have we manifested that *fervecy* and *zeal* in the Master's cause, incumbent on us as Royal Arch Masons? Have we come up to that standard of *purity* of life and *rectitude* of

conduct, as to show to the world that the teachings of our institution are something more than idle words and meaningless phrases? Can we review the past year, day by day, and say that no act of ours has deteriorated from our profession? I leave these questions for each individual Companion to decide for himself, not doubting but that the reflection will be well applied and profitably.

And now, Companions, in returning to you the emblem of authority, with which by your partiality I was invested one year ago, I am pleased to believe that you will elect as my successor one who is every way worthy to be exalted to this high station, and well qualified to perform its duties. I am aware that I have the best wishes of the entire membership of the Grand Chapter, but I have not been able to perform its duties acceptably to myself during the past year, and am well aware that I could not be in the future, and therefore could not, under any consideration, allow my name to be used for a re-election. If in the performance of my duties I have unwittingly offended any, I can only say I have always intended to do my duty faithfully, and never to injure a Companion's feelings, but have always tried to keep in view this petition, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

R. E. ROBERT J. PERRY, D. G. H. P., read the following report:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of Florida:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:

I regret exceedingly that a report so meagre and so nearly devoid of evidence of official activity on my part is herewith presented.

During the temporary absence of the Grand High Priest from the jurisdiction, I was called upon to grant two dispensations of even date, November 8th, respectively, to Mount Moriah Chapter No. 24, and Jacksonville No. 12, for the suspension of a by-law of said Chapters, in order that some appli-

cations for the Chapter degrees might be considered and acted upon without the usual delay made and provided for in such cases. These dispensations issued on account of reasons satisfactorily set forth that the interest of these Chapters would thereby be enhanced, and without detriment to the Royal Craft, and there being no prohibitory clause or provision in the constitution or regulations of our Grand Chapter.

It has been my good fortune to have been in almost constant attendance upon the convocations of Island Chapter No. 21, located at Key West, and it affords me great satisfaction to bear witness to her efficiency and good square work. On December 27th, last, I installed her officers for the present year.

On Saturday evening, the 18th instant, I had the pleasure of making an official visit to Gainesville Chapter, U. D., located at Gainesville. And for general intelligence, fervency and zeal, although laboring under severe embarrassments and hindrances, the Companions of this Chapter deserve special mention, and I sincerely trust that at this Grand Convocation it may be deemed right and proper to issue to them a charter for the further promotion of the Royal Art.

Yours in Fervency and Zeal,
R. J. PERRY, D. G. H. P.

The foregoing addresses of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Companions Hugh A. Corley, Wm. A. McLean and C. McK. Oerting.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials reported the following tabular abstract, which was received and adopted:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Were received with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, as follows:

- For Grand Chapter of Canada in Florida, R. J. Perry.
- For Grand Chapter of Rhode Island in Florida, Geo. E. Wentworth.
- For Grand Chapter of New Jersey in Florida, R. J. Perry.

Mount Horeb Chapter No. 11, on motion adopted, was authorized and instructed to elect and install a Scribe of said Chapter, the regularly elected officer having become disqualified to hold that office.

On motion, adopted, the Grand Chapter proceeded to elect Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, with the following result:

- ROBERT J. PERRY was elected Grand High Priest, Dep. Grd High Priest.
 - Geo. E. Wentworth
 - Geo. S. Hallmark
 - Hugh A. Corley
 - Luther McConihe
 - DE WITT C. DAWKINS
 - JOHN PENNY
- The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 8:30 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

CHAPTERS.	Numbers.	REPRESENTED BY	MEMBERSHIP LAST YEAR.											REMARKS.		
			Ministers Exempt.	Rejected.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Dimitted.	Deaths.	Reinstated.	Abillated.	Exalted.	Membership Last Year.				
Florida	1	Hugh A. Corley, H. P.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Correct.
Jacksonville	2	Samuel Pasco, H. P.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Correct.
Mount Horeb	3	Charles McK. Oerting, H. P.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Correct.
Mount Horeb	4	W. A. McLean, H. P., W. R. Barnett, Scribe	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Correct.
Lake Butler	5	George W. Epperson, proxy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Correct.
Island	6	L. W. Beibel, pr. for H. P. & K. J. Fogarty, Scribe	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Correct.
Mount Moriah	7	George E. Wentworth, H. P.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Correct.
			25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
			238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	
			\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	\$211.00	
			\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	\$249.00	

ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

2409, JANUARY 22, 3:30 P. M.

Present: M.:E.: ENOS WASGATE, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The Special Committee on the address of the Grand High Priest presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Addresses of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, report, that they have considered those documents, and recommend that so much thereof as relates to dispensations be referred to the Standing Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws. Finding no other matters therein contained requiring special reference, we recommend a general approval.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
W. A. McLEAN,
C. MCKENZIE OERTING, } Committee.

The Standing Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the application of Gainesville Chapter, U. D., for a Charter, report, that we have considered the same, and while the books are not perfectly kept, their general appearance indicates that there is a disposition to learn and improve, and we recommend that a Charter be granted, with Edwin P. Carter as High Priest, Marcus Endel as King, and Stephen R. Beville as Scribe. The By-Laws submitted to us are found to be very crude and imperfect, and before the Charter be issued, we suggest that the Companions be directed to prepare a new Code and submit it to the Grand High Priest for his approval.

It appears from the papers submitted to us, that Seth H. Bunker was tried and expelled by Gainesville Chapter, U. D., This is an innovation upon the usage that has prevailed in this jurisdiction; a Chapter U. D. having no such power. But the accused plead guilty to the charges, which are of very flagrant character, and expulsion being a just penalty, we recommend that the action of the Chapter, with the silent acquiescence of the Grand High Priest, be adopted as the act of competent authority, and hence approved.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. HALLMARK,
GEO. E. WENTWORTH, } Committee.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and concurred in:

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances report, that no matter has been referred to us, and we have nothing therefore to report.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. HALLMARK, Chairman.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and concurred in:

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to respectfully state, that no business requiring its consideration has been referred to it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,
R. J. PERRY,
GEO. E. WENTWORTH, } Committee.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, as follows, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

The proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, 500 copies, were printed at a cost of \$56.00, and disposed of as usual.

The sum of \$35.98 has been expended for postage and stationery, including a circular sent to delinquent Chapters.

There are now upon the roll of Chapters, Florida No. 1, Jefferson No. 5, Santa Rosa No. 6, Madison No. 8, Mount Horeb No. 11, Jacksonville No. 12, Micanopy No. 16, Lake Butler No. 19, Providence No. 20, Island No. 21, and Mount Moriah No. 24; making in all eleven Chapters.

Of these, Nos. 1, 6, 11, 12, 19, 21 and 24 have made returns to this Grand Convocation, and all paid their dues for last year except No. 6, which will probably be forthcoming soon. No. 5 is three years in arrears for dues, and has sent no returns for 1878. There is not a single return in the Grand Secretary's office from No. 8, and hence we have a curiosity as to how such a document would look. No. 16 owes \$18.00 for 1875, and no return is received for 1878. No. 20 owes \$24.00 for 1876, and no return is received for last year.

I have not yet been able to procure the Charters and other property of the defunct Chapters.

My account current is herewith appended.

Faternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

D. C. Dawkins, Gr. Sec'y, in account with Gr. Chapter.

		DR.		
1878.	Jan'y 9,	For dues of Lake Butler Chapter No. 19,	\$	57.00
	" 22,	" Mount Moriah " " 24,		15.00
	" 23,	" Santa Rosa " " 6,		43.00
1879.	Jan'y 11,	" Mount Moriah " " 24,		19.00
	" 18,	" Jacksonville " " 12,		60.00
	" 20,	" Mount Horeb " " 11,		21.00
	" 20,	" Island " " 21,		60.00
	" 21,	" Lake Butler " " 19,		27.00
	" 21,	" Florida " " 1,		24.00
				\$326.00

		CR.	
1878.	Jan'y 9,	By paid Grand Treas., Vr. No. 1,	\$ 57.00
1879.	Jan'y 21,	" " " Vr. No. 2,	269.00—\$326.00

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, as follows, which was received and referred to the Committee on Accounts:

To the M.:E.: Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

I herewith present my report as Grand Treasurer:

		DR.	
1878.	Jan'y 8,	To cash received from Gr. Sec'y	\$267.00
	" 10,	" " " "	57.00
1879.	Jan'y 21,	" " " "	269.00—\$593.00

		CR.		
1878.	Jan'y 10,	By paid Grand Chaplain.... Vr. 1,	\$ 10.00	
	" 10,	" R. J. Perry..... Vr. 2,	20.00	
	" 18,	" Grand Secretary.... Vr. 3,	150.00	
	" 18,	" Grand Guard..... Vr. 4,	10.00	
	" 18,	" Dennis & Gibson... Vr. 5,	48.00	
	" 19,	" Grand Secretary... Vr. 6,	17.23	
	" 8,	" Grand Secretary... Vr. 7,	60.00— 315.23	
				\$277.77

Amount of cash in hands of Treasurer.....
All of which is respectfully submitted,
L. McCONIHE, Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:
Your Committee on Unfinished Business report, that at the Annual Convocation of 1876, Companion Pasco proposed an amendment to the Constitution (see Proc. 1876, page 180), which was as follows, to-wit: "Add to Section 29 these words

'Provided, that when a Chapter shall, in its annual returns, report an aged or infirm Companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for Ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the laws thereof.'

There having been no final action taken upon the said proposed amendment, we recommend that it be set down for such final action at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

We observe nothing else which duty requires us to bring to your attention.

Fraternally submitted,

J. FOGARTY, } Committee.
GEO. S. HALLMARK, }

On motion adopted, the Grand Secretary was authorized and instructed to procure a seal for the office of Grand High Priest.

M.:E.: ENOS WASGATE, Grand High Priest, duly installed Companion ROBERT J. PERRY into the office of Grand High Priest.

M.:E.: ROBERT J. PERRY, Grand High Priest, then duly installed the following duly elected Grand Officers, to-wit:

- GEO. E. WENTWORTH, Deputy Grand High Priest;
- GEO. S. HALLMARK, Grand King;
- HUGH A. CORLEY, Grand Scribe.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers:

- JEREMIAH FOGARTY, Grand Captain of the Host;
- C. MCKENZIE OERTING, Grand Principal Sojourner;
- GEORGE W. EPPERSON, Grand Royal Arch Captain;
- MARCUS ENDEL, Grand Master Third Vail;

- JULIUS STARK, Grand Master Second Vail;
- JOHN O. BOAG, Grand Master First Vail;
- MILTON N. PARCELLS, Grand Guard.

And duly installed all of them who were not re-appointed into their respective offices.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M.:E.: Grand Chapter:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, report that they have examined the same and find them correct; and we recommend that the following appropriations be made as against the balance on hand:

For salary of Grand Secretary.....	\$150.00
Postage and stationery.....	35.98
Printing proceedings of 1878	56.00
To Grand Chaplain.....	10.00
To Grand Guard.....	10.00

And we further recommend that an appropriation of \$15.00 be made to Companion Bethel, of Island Chapter No. 21, he being a representative from that distant Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE E. WENTWORTH,
For the Committee.

On motion adopted, an appropriation of \$20.00 was made to Companion George E. Wentworth, of Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until three o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

5879, JANUARY 23, 3 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT:

M.:E.: ROBERT J. PERRY, Grand High Priest ;
 R.:E.: GEORGE E. WENTWORTH, Deputy Grand High Priest ;
 " GEORGE S. HALLMARK Grand King ;
 " H. A. CORLEY Grand Scribe ;
 " L. McCONHIE Grand Treasurer ;
 " D. C. DAWKINS Grand Secretary ;
 Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY Grand Chaplain ;
 E.: J. FOGARTY Grand Captain of the Host ;
 " C. McK. OERTING Grand Principal Sojourner ;
 " G. W. EPPERSON Grand Royal Arch Captain ;
 " J. F. CLARK as Grand Master Third Vail ;
 " JULIUS STARK Grand Master Second Vail ;
 " J. O. BOAG Grand Master First Vail ;
 " M. N. PARCELLS Grand Guard.
 And P. G. H. P. ENOS Wasgate and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Companion Wasgate offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the owners and proprietors of the railroads, steam boats and hotels that have extended courtesies to the members of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Hallmark offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jacksonyille, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., on the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1880.

The foregoing minutes of this Grand Convocation were read and confirmed.

There being no further business, the Grand Chapter, with devout prayer to Almighty God, conducted by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in ample form.

ROBERT J. PERRY,
 Grand High Priest.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
 Grand Secretary.

APPENDICES.

REGISTRY OF CHAPTERS.

JEFFERSON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 5.

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second and Fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS:

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| 1. Hugh A. Corley, H. P., | 7. William P. Slusser, P. S. |
| 2. Alfred A. Fisher, K., | 8. George Damon, R. A. C., |
| 3. Robert Gamble, Jr., S., | 9. John Pratorius, M. 3d V., |
| 4. Nicholas W. Eppes, Treas'r, | 10. Charles E. Dyke, M. 2d V., |
| 5. William M. McIntosh, Sec'y, | 11. David S. Walker, M. 1st V., |
| 6. William H. Worrell, C. H., | 12. Edward M. West, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS:

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| 13. Blake, E. L. T., | 18. Edmondson, J. A. | 22. Taylor, James L. |
| 14. Bond, John S. | 19. Maize, John N. | 23. Taylor, John L. |
| 15. Bunker, F. M., | 20. Purdy, James E. | 24. Van Brunt, R. |
| 16. Byrd, Leonidas, | 21. Roberts, Thos. J. | 25. Wilson, Jr., D. C. |
| 17. Duval, Lucien S. | | |

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.

Milton, Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

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| 1. John G. Ellis, H. P., | 3. Lewis S. Hemphill, S., |
| 2. John Chain, K., | 4. James A. Chaffin, Treas'r, |

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| 5. John Carlovitz, Sec'y, | 9. Frederick Fisher, M. 3d V. |
| 6. John Hoodless, C. H. | 10. Wm. F. Lewis, M. 2d V., |
| 7. Henry W. Sindorf, P. S., | 11. John R. Eddins, M. 1st V., |
| 8. Chas. R. Johnston, R.A.C., | 12. *Wm. J. Armistead, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS :

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| 12. Allen, Henry W. | 20. Hodgkins, D. P. | 28. Mims, James R. |
| 13. Benbow, W.A.C. | 21. Holland, Wm. | 29. Newnan, George, |
| 14. Betts, Wm. G. | 22. Jones, Allen R. | 30. Overman, Benj. |
| 15. Caulkins, A.P. N. | 23. Jones, Chas. W. | 31. Peterson, Chas. F. |
| 16. Chadwick, Enoch | 24. Landrum, A. C. | 32. Sheppard, R. R. |
| 17. Frater, John W. | 25. Landrum, Jas. M. | 33. Ward, John G. |
| 18. Golson, Dixon H. | 26. Mayo, Lawr'e G. | 34. Wilson, Pallas N. |
| 19. Harrison, W.W. | 27. Milligan, Rufus. | |

*Not a member of this Chapter.

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.

Warrington, Escambia County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS :

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| 1. C. McK. Oerting, H. P., | 7. Geo. W. LeGallais, R.A.C., |
| 2. James A. McDonald, K., | 8. James Massey, M. 3d V., |
| 3. Barton A. Philibert, Treas'r, | 9. William H. Diffin, M. 2d V., |
| 4. George S. Hallmark, Sec'y, | 10. George Genny, M. 1st V., |
| 5. Charles H. Thompson, C. H. | 11. Hugh Simmons, Guard. |
| 6. Alfred L. Williams, P. S., | |

OTHER MEMBERS :

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| 12. Allendorf, Chris. | 15. Kelley, Edw'd E. | 18. Stearns, Thos. |
| 13. Gibney, Patrick, | 16. Morrill, William, | 19. Wunderlick, F. W. |
| 14. Higgins, C. A. | 17. Park, Edw'd G. | |

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.

Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Last Friday in each month.

OFFICERS :

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| 1. William A. McLean, H. P., | 7. Franklin Jordan, P. S., |
| 2. Jonathan C. Greeley, K., | 8. James F. Clarke, R. A. C., |
| 3. W. B. Barnett, S., | 9. M. A. Fuller, M. 3d V., |
| 4. Henry Koopman, Treas'r, | 10. J. O. Boag, M. 2d V., |
| 5. William A. Young, Sec'y, | 11. J. L. Adams, M. 1st V., |
| 6. Charles G. Elliott, C. H., | 12. Milton N. Parcels, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS :

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| 13. Ball, Theodore, | 28. Ford, George W. | 43. Sawyer, Asa, |
| 14. Billings, R. J. | 29. Gillis, Calvin, | 44. Smith, D. P. |
| 15. Bowes, Michael, | 30. Hewlett, Henry, | 45. Smith, J. H. |
| 16. Brown, Charles, | 31. Houston, S. L. | 46. Swaim, J. W. |
| 17. Brush, Louis J. | 32. Jones, George R. | 47. Swaim, Thos. S. |
| 18. Bucky, Jacob D. | 33. Keene, Otis L. | 48. Taliaferro, J. P. |
| 19. Conant, Sherman | 34. Kenworthy, C.J. | 49. Taylor, R. K. |
| 20. Cook, A. W. | 35. Love, David G. | 50. Turner, Edwin, |
| 21. Dawkins, D. C. | 36. Markens, Isaac | 51. Tyson, H. C. |
| 22. Douglass, W.W. | 37. McConihe, L. | 52. Wandell, J. E. |
| 23. Driggs, John S. | 38. McLaughlin, R. | 53. Wasgate, Enos, |
| 24. Dzialynski, M.A. | 39. Pond, Frank R. | 54. Webster, B. H. |
| 25. Emery, Chan! S. | 40. Rich, William, | 55. Whitney, J. W. |
| 26. Fehrenbach, H.H. | 41. Russell, A. J. | 56. Wilmarth, T. S. |
| 27. Fitzgerald, J.W. | 42. Sammis, Jno. S. | 57. Wilson, Thos. A. |

LAKE BUTLER R. A. CHAPTER, No. 19.

Lake Butler, Bradford County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

1. M. L. McKinney, H. P.,
2. E. J. Wainright, K.,
3. W. F. Malphurs, S.,
4. W. A. Cone, Treas'r,
5. Henry F. York, Sec'y,
6. G. W. Epperson, C. H.,
7. L. B. Rhodes, P. S.,
8. T. E. Dekle, R. A. C.,
9. A. J. McKinney, M. 3d V.,
10. F. M. Byrd, M. 2d V.,
11. Sol. M. 1st V.,
12. I. W. Cone, Guard.

OTHER MEMBERS:

13. Cason, J. A.
14. Crews, P. S.
15. Crosby, Abra'm,
16. Epperson, H. W.
17. Jones, J. A.
18. Knight, E. J.
19. McKinney, J. A.
20. Murree, F. M.
21. Pinholster, J. W.
22. Rivers, F. M.
23. Roberts, Uriah,
24. Roberts, W. N.
25. Sweat, F. W.
26. Tison, A.
27. Wainright, N. C.
28. Walters, J. H.
29. Walton, O. B.
30. Weeks, Silas.

ISLAND R. A. CHAPTER, No. 21.

Key West, Monroe County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second and Fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS:

1. John Williams, H. P.,
2. Joseph F. Albury, K.,
3. John J. DeLaney, S.,
4. John W. Sawyer, Treas'r,
5. William H. Williams, Sec'y,
6. Samuel Wolf, C. H.,
7. Charles St. John, P. S.,
8. Thomas A. Pyfrom, R. A. C.,
9. Alfred Brost, M. 3d V.,
10. J. W. V. B. Plummer, M. 2d V.,
11. Benj. Albury, M. 1st V.,
12. John J. Canfield, Guard.

OTHER MEMBERS:

13. Adams, John H.
14. Areher, Wm. D.
15. Bethel, L. W.
16. Boeker, Geo. H.
17. Baron, Chas. S.
18. Blake, Thomas,
19. Cash, Wm. D.
20. Coleman, Jno. H.
21. Escassi, Man'l M.
22. Filer, Frederick,
23. Filer, Samuel,
24. Fogarty, Jere
25. Hener, Wm. H.
26. Ingalls, Jas. M.
27. Johnson, Chas. S.
28. Johnson, Fred. W.
29. Ledwitch, Wm.
30. Lowe, Samuel,
31. Maslin, Geo. W.
32. Matley, J. M.
33. McClintock, W.
34. Moss, Jos. H.
35. Murray, Robt. D.
36. Otto, Joseph,
37. Page, Edwin,
38. Peacon, Benj.
39. Perry, Robert J.
40. Pinder, Sylvanus,
41. Philbrick, Jno. J.
42. Phillips, Geo. B.
43. Porter, Jos. Y.
44. Rain, Jacob,
45. Rawson, E. B.
46. Roberts, Amos E.
47. Roberts, J. H. A.
48. Thompson, Con'd
49. Warren, Geo. D.
50. Weatherford, J. H.
51. Williams, P. A.

MOUNT MORIAH R. A. CHAPTER, No. 24.

Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida.

Regular Convocations, Second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

1. Geo. E. Wentworth, H. P.,
2. James McCullough, K.,
3. H. C. Cushman, S.,
4. G. Forheimer, Treas'r,
5. Leon Meyer, Sec'y,
6. W. W. Carr, C. H.,
7. Wm. E. Anderson, P. S.,
8. W. D. Maclay, R. A. C.,
9. Chas. H. Bichorn, M. 3d V.,
10. J. W. Kibler, M. 2d V.,
11. A. G. L. Tucker, M. 1st V.,
12. G. M. Cohen, Guard.

OTHER MEMBERS:

13. Garrett, Robert,
14. Hilliard, J. P.
15. O'Neal, G. H.
19. Roberts, Jas. B.
17. Scott, J. J.
18. Vankirk, W. J.
19. Walker, John A.
20. Whitmore, E.

AT REST.

ELISHA E. BROWN—Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 19, December 3d, 1878.
JOHN GRAHAM—Island Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, June 23d, 1878.
J. LAWRENCE STEELE—Island Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, October 13th, 1878.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTER.	No.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Florida	1	Hugh A. Corley.....	Wm. M. McIntosh...	Tallahassee.
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Mount Horeb.....	11	C. McK. Oertling....	Geo. S. Hallmark....	Warrington.
Jacksonville.....	12	Wm. A. McLean.....	Wm. A. Youg.....	Jacksonville.
Lake Butler.....	19	M. L. McKinney.....	Henry F. Perry.....	Lake Butler.
*Providence.....	20	W. T. Weeks.....	J. W. Perry.....	Providence.
Island.....	21	John Williams.....	W. H. Williams.....	Key West.
Mount Moriah ..	24	Geo. E. Wentworth...	Leon Meyer.....	Pensacola.

*No returns; old officers.

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E. D. Hillyer, Washington ..	District of Columbia ..	Theodore Ball,
J. C. Batchelor, Grasshopper Falls.	Kansas	William Morrill, Milton.
Henry L. Palne, Portland	Louisiana	Enos Wasgate, Jacksonville.
Alex. K. Bryer	Maine	D. C. Dawkins,
B. H. Langley, Winona	Massachusetts.....	Wm. B. Taylor, Live Oak.
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John B. McCabe.....	Mississippi.....	Robert J. Perry, Key West.
Edward L. Tillou, Elizabeth ..	Nebraska.....	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Rees G. Williams, Utica.....	New Jersey.....	W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
James Gossip, Halifax	New York.....	Robert J. Perry, Key West.
A. G. Adams	Nova Scotia.....	G. E. Wentworth, Pensacola.
Charles R. Cutler, Warren.....	Quebec	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Augustin T. Smythe, Charleston	Rhode Island.....	John Carlovitz, Milton.
E. C. Houghton, N. Bennington.	South Carolina.....	Geo. R. Jones, Jacksonville
Fred. Ring, Jr., LaCrosse.....	Vermont.....	
	Wisconsin.....	

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Connecticut.....	Jos. K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	George W. Stone.....	Wilmington.
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Georgia.....	J. E. Blackshear, M.D.	Macon.
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Indiana.....	John M. Branwell....	Indianapolis.
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Kansas.....	John M. Price.....	Atchison.
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Ohio.....	James Nesbitt.....	Troy.
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Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Philadelphia.
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South Carolina.....	J. E. Burke.....	Charleston.
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West Virginia.....	Odell S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull...	Milwaukee.
Gen'l Grand Chapter.	Christopher G. Fox...	Buffalo.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF

FLORIDA.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

1880.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual Grand Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of three o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, the twentieth day of January, A. I. 2410, A. D. 1880.

PRESENT :

M. : E. :	ROBERT J. PERRY.....	Grand High Priest
R. : E. :	WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....	as Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....	Grand King.
"	WILLIAM W. TUCKER.....	as Grand Scribe
"	LUTHER McCONIHE.....	Grand Treasurer.
"	DEWITT C. DAWKINS.....	Grand Secretary.
Rt. Rev.	JOHN PENNY.....	Grand Chaplain.
E. :	ENOS WASGATE.....	as Grand Captain of the Host.
"	C. MCKENZIE OERTING.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
"	MANUEL M. ESCASSI.....	as Grand Royal Arch Captain.
"	MARCUS ENDEL.....	Grand Master Third Vail.
"	WARREN F. SCOTT.....	as Grand Master Second Vail.
"	JOHN O. BOAG.....	Grand Master First Vail.
"	MILTON N. PARCELLS.....	Grand Guard.

And Representatives of constituent Chapters bearing the following Nos., to wit: 2, 6, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24—9.

Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Canada, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Quebec and South Carolina.

- Past Grand High Priests—D. C. DAWKINS and ENOS WASGATE.
- Past Deputy Grand High Priest—SAMUEL PASCO.
- Past Grand King—W. W. TUCKER.
- Past Grand Scribe—W. W. TUCKER.
- Past Grand Treasurer—WM. A. YOUNG.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion, adopted, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Grand Convocation was dispensed with.

Companion Hallmark introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That all Royal Arch Masons, who are members in good standing of regular Chapters, be invited to attend this Grand Convocation.

The Grand High Priest, from a list of officers and members present, furnished by the Grand Secretary, appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Returns and Credentials—C. MCK. OERTING, JAMES F. CLARK, W. E. ANDERSON.

On Dispensations and By-Laws—W. A. McLEAN, L. McCONIHE, R. R. SHEPPARD.

On Propositions and Grievances—E. WASGATE, G. S. HALLMARK, M. ENDEL.

On Unfinished Business—W. B. BARNETT, W. T. WEEKS, W. F. SCOTT.

On Jurisprudence—E. WASGATE, D. C. DAWKINS, W. A. McLEAN.

On Accounts—W. W. TUCKER, H. E. DAY, W. E. ANDERSON.

On Memorials—JOHN PENNY, M. M. ESCASSI, W. A. McLEAN.

Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, was, on motion, adopted, allowed further time to make returns.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until three o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 21, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Robert J. Perry, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. Priest, Officers and Companions of the G. R. A. Chapter of Florida:

COMPANIONS—Your Committee on Returns and Credentials fraternally report that they have examined the returns of 7 Chapters—all that have come in—and find them correct, with the exception of Providence, No. 20, which is incorrect in reporting an emeritus member without the authority of the Chapter.

C. MCKENZIE OERTING,
J. F. CLARK,
W. E. ANDERSON.
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest read the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Companions of the G. C. of Florida: The tide of the River of Time, in its ceaseless flow, has borne us irresistibly and irrevocably to the close of another Masonic year. This tide now ebbs; its current is ever onward, either upward or downward. How suggestive the thought. With what sounds are our ears greeted, in a retrospection of our thoughts and words and deeds since last we met? Do our eyes brighten at the beautiful pictures of charitable deeds done, of kindly words spoken to those not so fortunate as we? Are our hearts in the right place?

Oh! a wonderful stream is the River of Time,
As it runs through the realm of tears,
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme,
And a broader sweep and a surge sublime,
And blends with the ocean of years.

It was a good custom among the Jews, our ancient brethren, and other nations, to set up stones as a memorial of a covenant, or any other remarkable transaction; these structures never failed to call the circumstances up in the mind of the passers by. The father told the son, and thus the story was conveyed from generation to generation. It long as the same people had possession of the country. It was a good custom to write the maxims of the law or moral sentences on pillars of stone by the highway, on the gate posts, and on household utensils, so that those going in and coming out might be in the way of instruction. Of what do our footprints in the sands of time speak? What impress have our distinctive marks left upon the minds and hearts of those who have come in and gone out under us in the Chapter room and out of it? Have we encouraged each other in the works of charity and benevolence, the unchangeable basis of our noble order? Have we convinced the world, or any part of it, that we are

TABULAR ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS, A. D. 1880-A. T. 2100.

CHAPTERS	No	REPRESENTED BY	MEMBERSHIP										REMARKS		
			Present Membership	Amount Paid	Amount of Dues	Ministers Exempt	Rejected	Expelled	Suspended	Dimitted	Deaths	Reinstated		Affiliated	Exalted	Membership last Year
Florida.....	1	H. E. Day, K.....	50	20 00	20 00	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	257
Gainesville.....	2	R. H. Sheppard, K.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	
Santa Rosa.....	6	C. M. Escassi, P.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mount Hope.....	11	W. A. Melann, H. P., W. B. Barnett, K., J. F. Clark, S.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Jacksonville.....	12	M. L. McKinney, H. P.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lake Butler.....	19	W. T. Weeks, H. P.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Providence.....	20	M. M. Escassi, Proxy.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Island.....	21	Warren F. Scott, K.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
*Nassau.....	23	W. E. Anderson, Proxy for H. P.....	30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
†Mount Moriah.....	24		30	30 00	30 00	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

*Reorganized December 29, 1879.
†Received since close of Grand Chapter.

Masons, because we are good men and true, honest and faithful to our engagements, Masonic and otherwise?

I do not propose to weary you, Companions, with details of the excellencies of our Royal Arch. With these you are supposed to be familiar; but there are a few reflections to which I desire to give utterance.

To you, Most Excellent Companions, who have been called to the dignity, honor and responsibility of the government of Chapters, it belongs, in an especial manner, to watch over and correct the errors and abuses and vices, if such there be, of your subordinate officers and members, and to do this, it is indispensably necessary that you be vigilant, not only in comprehending your duty, but in its faithful performance. If the watchman of the Tower sleeps, there is but little security for the keepers of the Treasure. It is your duty, possessing a knowledge of the great and glorious outlines and landmarks of Masonry, its designs and tendencies, to harmonize the mind, root out superstitions and vulgar opinions, and implant in their room just and liberal conceptions of God, our neighbor and ourselves. Representing the point within the circle of light and truth, it is your peculiar duty and high privilege to spread and communicate light and instruction to the Companions of your Chapter.

Be ye not content with the title of High Priest, which, in itself, is immaterial; fulfill its duties as the surest means of guarding your own rights and dignity and character, and of stopping the mouth of detraction and calumny. In unveiling the eyes of the blind and conducting them in paths they have not known, let it be your highest aim to disclose, in the most impressive manner, the sublime mysteries and principles of our Royal Arch. Be careful that the abuse of its various mystic rights and ceremonies leads not to a gross repugnance of the entire fabric, or mar its symmetrical proportions. Do you fully comprehend our profession? If not, your work will be imperfect in all its

parts, and dangerous to those who assist in its construction, whether as apprentices or skilled laborers.

And suffer me to add one piece of advice, which, I am persuaded, you will find no less advantageous for the good government of your Chapters, than what I have already said, and that is, that all of us be exceeding careful in the admission of new members. We have all, perhaps, been too eager in this respect. When an applicant presents his petition, let us seriously consider whether his conduct in and attention to Blue Lodge be such as may, or may not, have a tendency to diminish the credit and honor of our Chapters. We are not respectable by reason of our numerical strength, but by the quality of the material with which we build. It is just as absurd to imagine that respectability consists in numbers, as that greatness consists in size or dimensions. There is, my Companions, an evil common in our fraternity, shameful in its practice, and disgraceful in its tendencies. I mean the detestable practice of swearing by and invoking the solemn name of the Great and Glorious God on the most trifling occasions. This vice, my Companions, has not one motive or inducement that I know of, to support the practice of it. The practice is vulgar, ungentlemanly, and devoid of the slightest excuse. Another point. There is a tendency towards knowledge in every mind. The reason of man is active and fruitful, still in pursuit of wisdom and fitted for generous and enlarged ideas; it behooves us, therefore, to be *reading* Masons. No man can live within himself and be a man. He must know the world's estimate of a man and his character, or he at once argues his own ignorance in matters of vital importance to himself. By this, I do not mean that you be simply conversant with the Masonic doings of your own jurisdiction, but provide yourselves with as many Masonic Magazines, Papers, &c., as you can pay for, and when you get them, read them, and read them carefully, and you will be amply repaid.

One other matter, and of great moment, to which I would direct your attention. Be careful how you recommend the formation of a new Chapter. Be sure that those applying for dispensation or charter, are in every way competent to properly discharge all the duties. If we are to be judged by our fruits, let us be careful how we plant.

My official acts during the year have been few. On the 16th of July, I caused a duplicate charter to be issued to Nassau Chapter, No. 23, at Fernandina, to certain Companions praying for the same, the original having been destroyed by fire, and they were authorized to meet, elect officers and proceed with the regular business of said Chapter. The returns of the same are doubtless before you.

On July 2, 1879, I appointed E. Companion James W. Staton, of Brooksville, Ky., a Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and caused a commission to be issued and forwarded.

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of M. E. Companion Wm. Morrill, P. G. H. P., of this Grand Chapter. He was ripe in years and usefulness, and his masonic labors and virtues, continued through so many years, enshrine him in our hearts as one of the bright exemplars of our Royal Arch. He rests from his labors, but his memory yet lingers like the dew when the bright sun is set. This mournful event occurred June 7, 1879.

I have also the painful duty to inform you of the death of E. Companion H. H. Berry, Past Grand King of this Grand Chapter. At his advanced age, his demise was not unexpected, yet his many virtues were such as to impress us with the great loss we sustain. The many important trusts confided to our deceased Companion in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, fully attest his masonic worth. Let us cherish his memory as a sacred heritage.

Our sister Grand Jurisdiction, New Jersey, has also been called upon to part with one of her prominent *mile stones* in the journey of life, P. G. H. P. Thos. J. Corson, than

whom probably none in our fraternity enjoyed a more unsullied character as man and Mason. He was more widely and appreciatively known as the Chairman of Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Chapter. We shall sadly miss him. He died May 10, 1879.

And now, my Companions, I return to you the trust so confidently reposed in me one year ago. I regret that opportunity has been given me for the accomplishment of so little good in the advancement of our Grand Chapter, confidently hoping that he who succeeds me in this high office may prove more worthy of your appreciation, if not in willingness to work, at least in its accomplishment.

ROBERT J. PERRY, G. H. P.

On motion, adopted, the foregoing address was referred to a committee consisting of Companions Wasgate, Oertling and Anderson, for distribution of subjects.

Grand Representatives were received with the grand honors of Royal Arch Masonry, as follows: For Grand Chapter of Louisiana in Florida, William A. McLean; for Grand Chapter of Kentucky, in Florida, Wm. McClintock.

A communication from Companion M. M. T. Hutchinson, relative to the restoration of the charter of the late Columbia Chapter, No. 29, was received and referred to the Grand High Priest for action *ad interim*.

On motion of Companion Hallmark, the Grand Chapter went into an election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, to wit:

ROBERT J. PERRY was re-elected Grand High Priest.
 GEORGE S. HALLMARK was elected Deputy Grand High Priest.
 WILLIAM E. ANDERSON was elected Grand King.
 WILLIAM A. McLEAN was elected Grand Scribe.
 LUTHER McCONIHE was re-elected Grand Treasurer.
 DEWITT C. DAWKINS was re-elected Grand Secretary.
 JOHN PENNY was re-elected Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers :

C. MCKENZIE OERTING Grand Captain of the Host.
 HENRY E. DAY Grand Principal Sojourner.
 ROBERT R. SHEPPARD Grand Royal Arch Captain.
 MANUEL M. ESCASSI Grand Master Third Vail.
 WARREN F. SCOTT Grand Master Second Vail.
 W. T. WEEKS Grand Master First Vail.
 MILTON N. PARCELLS Grand Guard.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

To M. E. GRAND CHAPTER—

Your Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, recommend that so much of the address as refers to the doings of the Grand High Priest, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; so much as refers to the fraternal dead, be referred to the Committee on Memorials, and the balance of the address be adopted as the sentiments of this Grand Chapter, hoping that the ideas so beautifully expressed by our chief will be read in all the Chapters and practiced by all its members, and believe that lasting benefit would result, not only to the Chapters, but to the communities where they are located.

ENOS WASGATE,
 W. E. ANDERSON,
 C. McK. OERTING,
 Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

JANUARY 22, 3 P. M.

PRESENT.

M. E.: Robert J. Perry, Grand High Priest, and others as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary presented the following Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts :

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary, in account with Grand Chapter.

1879.	Dr.	\$38 00
August 20.	For dues of Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6,	20 00
1880.		27 00
January 14.	For dues of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11,	60 00
" 19.	For dues of Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19,	55 00
" 19.	For dues of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12,	21 00
" 19.	For dues of Island Chapter, No. 21,	20 00
" 20.	For dues of Providence Chapter, No. 20,	
" 20.	For dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 21,	\$241 00

1879.	Cr.	\$20 00
March 10.	By paid Grand Treasurer, Voucher No. 1,	221 00
1880.		\$241 00
Jan'y. 22.	By paid Grand Treasurer, Voucher No. 2,	

The Grand Treasurer presented the following Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts :

L. McCONIHE, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Chapter.

1879.	Dr.	\$277 77
March 10.	Balance on hand,	20 00
1880.	Received from Grand Secretary,	221 00—\$518 77
Jan'y. 22.	Received from Grand Secretary,	
1879.	Cr.	\$15 00
Jan'y. 22.	By paid L. W. Bethel, Voucher No. 1,	10 00
" 23.	By paid John Penny, Voucher No. 2,	20 00
" 23.	By paid G. E. Wentworth, Voucher No. 3,	10 00
" 24.	By paid M. N. Parcells, Voucher No. 4,	56 00
Feb. —	By paid bill Sun & Press, Voucher No. 5,	150 00
March 10.	By paid G. Sec., for salary, Voucher No. 6,	35 98
" 10.	By paid G. Sec., postage, &c., Vou'r. No. 7,	221 79—\$518 77
	Balance on hand,	

A communication received from Providence R. A. Chap-

ter, No. 20, asking that the said Chapter be removed to Pasco, was referred to a special committee, upon whose recommendation the said request was granted.

All the dues of Providence Chapter, No. 20, prior to December 27, 1878, were remitted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M. E. GRAND CHAPTER—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence report that we approve the doings of the M. E. G. H. P., and recommend his zeal as worthy of imitation by High Priests of Chapters throughout the jurisdiction.

E. WASGATE,
D. C. DAWKINS,
W. A. McLEAN,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M. E. GRAND CHAPTER—

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them to be correct. We recommend that the following appropriations be made, to-wit—

For Printing Proceedings of 1879, - - - - -	\$56 00
For Postage and Stationery, - - - - -	20 30
To Grand Chaplain, - - - - -	10 00
To Grand High Priest, - - - - -	10 00
To Grand Guard, - - - - -	10 00
To Companion Escassi, - - - - -	10 00
To Grand Secretary for salary, - - - - -	125 00
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	\$241 30

Fraternally submitted.

W. W. TUCKER,
H. E. DAY,
W. E. ANDERSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To M. E. GRAND CHAPTER—

The "Fell Destroyer" has again stricken from our ranks one of our brightest jewels, leaving a grief-stricken family, a sorrowful community,

and a condoling fraternity to mourn the loss. On the fifteenth of last October, the spirit of Companion Henry H. Berry took its happy exit from its frail earthly tenement, and, willing to yield ready obedience when summoned to return to its Giver, soared aloft to realms of eternal bliss. Companion Berry was Grand King of this Grand Chapter in 1869, and has held many positions of honor and trust in both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. While we bow meekly to this decree of the G. A. O. T. U., we deplore the loss of our beloved companion deeply, and recommend that a page in our annals be devoted to his memory, and that a copy of the printed Proceedings be forwarded to his bereaved family.

Again has our Golden Chain been broken, and one of its oldest and brightest links has returned whence it came. The G. H. P. above has seen fit to replenish his garner by plucking one of our brightest jewels from among us. Companion William Morrill, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, died at his home at Milton, on the 7th day of June, 1879. The many other offices of masonic trust which he has, from time to time, held, is the best attestation of his worth and ability as a man and Mason, and the unswerving zeal and fidelity with which he performed his allotted tasks, is the fittest emblem of an exemplary Mason. For several years past, he has been unable to attend the Grand Chapter convocations on account of his old age, but he continued to verify its principles and to take great interest in capitular masonry up to his death. We recommend that a page of our Records be devoted to his memory.

On May 10th, 1879, the sad news of the death of Companion Thomas J. Corson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, was swiftly wafted all over the Masonic world. He fell a victim to that dreadful disease, consumption. His death will be mourned deeply, and although in his impaired state of health, his demise was not altogether unlooked for, yet we cannot refrain from expressing our deep sympathy to our sister Grand Jurisdiction in her deep affliction at the loss of so good, so prominent a Mason. New Jersey's loss is that also of the Fraternity throughout the world.

JOHN PENNY,
M. M. ESCASSI,
WM. A. McLEAN,
Committee.

M. E. Robert J. Perry, Grand High Priest, then installed the following Grand Officers:

George S. Hallmark.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
William E. Anderson.....	Grand King.
William A. McLean.....	Grand Scribe.
C. McK. Oerting.....	Grand Captain of the Host.
Henry E. Day.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.

R. R. Sheppard.....Grand Royal Arch Captain.
 Manuel M. Escassi.....Grand Master Third Vail.
 Warren F. Scott.....Grand Master Second Vail.
 William T. Weeks.....Grand Master First Vail.

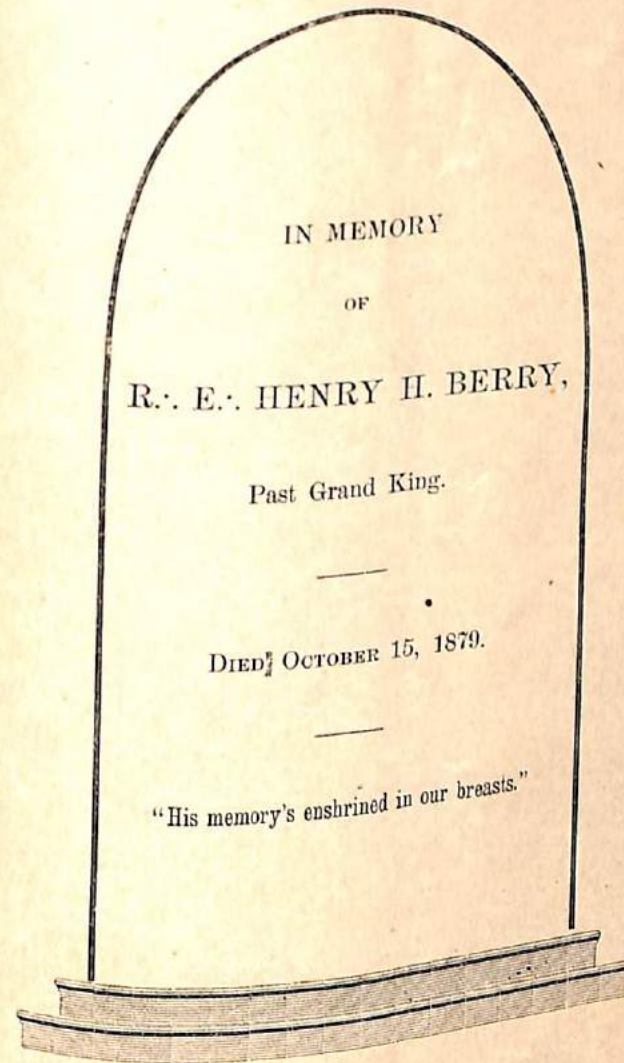
On motion, adopted, the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1881.

On motion, adopted, the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to the owners and proprietors of the various railroads, steamboats and hotels for courtesies extended to members of this Grand Chapter.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

The Grand Chapter, with devout prayer to Almighty God, conducted by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in ample form.

ROBERT J. PERRY, Grand High Priest.
 DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.



IN MEMORY

OF

M. E. WILLIAM MORRILL,

Past Grand High Priest.

DIED JUNE 7, 1879.

He was faithful unto death.
Rest, Venerable Companion.

APPENDICES.

REGISTRY OF CHAPTERS.

GAINESVILLE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 2.

GAINESVILLE, ALACHUA COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations, Second Tuesday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 E. P. Cater, H. P. | 7 M. F. Miller, P. S. |
| 2 H. E. Day, K. | 8 Julius Stark, R. A. C. |
| 3 C. V. Waugh, S. | 9 H. Glogowski, M. 3d V. |
| 4 W. H. Geiger, Treasurer. | 10 A. D. Jernigan, M. 2d V. |
| 5 McK. F. McCook, Secretary. | 11 R. F. Taylor, M. 1st V. |
| 6 Marcus Endel, C. H. | 12 F. Miaskowski, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Beville, John R. | 16 Evertson, A. E. | 19 Lohman, A. W. |
| 14 Beville, S. P. | 17 Foster, Thad. | 20 Roper, J. H. |
| 15 Beville, S. C. | 18 Halliday, S. F. | 21 Sherman, Geo. H. |
- (The Return says one dimitted, but does not say who. Gr. Secretary.)

SANTA ROSA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.

MILTON, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations Second Wednesday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 John G. Ellis, H. P. | 7 Henry W. Sindorf, P. S. |
| 2 Robert R. Sheppard, K. | 8 Charles R. Johnston, R. A. C. |
| 3 John R. Eddins, S. | 9 Frederick Fisher, M. 3d V. |
| 4 James A. Chaffin, Treasurer. | 10 George H. Webb, M. 2d V. |
| 5 John Carlovitz, Secretary. | 11 James A. Chadwick, M. 1st V. |
| 6 John Hoodless, C. H. | 12 *William J. Armistead, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Benbow, Wm. A. C. | 20 Jones, Allen R. | 27 Mims, James R. |
| 14 Chadwick, Enoch. | 21 Jones, Charles W. | 28 Newman, George |
| 15 Chain, John | 22 Landrum, James M. | 29 Overman, Benj. |
| 16 Harrison, Wm. W. | 23 Lewis, William F. | 30 Peterson, Charles F. |
| 17 Hemphill, Louis L. | 24 Mayo, Lawrence G. | 31 Wilson, Pallas N. |
| 18 Hodgkins, David P. | 25 Milligan, Rufus. | |
| 19 Holland, William. | 26 Milligan, William F. | |

*Not a member of this Chapter.

REGISTRY OF

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.

WARRINGTON, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations Third Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 Charles McK. Oerting, H. P. | 7 Geo. W. LeGallais, P. S. |
| 2 James A. McDonald, K. | 8 James Massey, R. A. C. |
| 3 Thomas Stearnes, S. | 9 William H. Diffen, M. 3d V. |
| 4 Barton A. Philibert, Treas. | 10 George Genney, M. 2d V. |
| 5 George S. Hallmark, Sec. | 11 Christian Allendoff, M. 1st V. |
| 6 Charles H. Thompson, C. H. | 12 Hugh Simmons, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Gibney, Pat. J. | 15 Park, Edward G. |
| 14 Kelly, Ed. E. | 16 Wunderlich, F. W. |

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.

JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations, Last Friday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 William A. McLean, H. P. | 7 M. A. Fuller, P. S. |
| 2 William B. Barnett, K. | 8 T. S. Wilmarth, R. A. C. |
| 3 James F. Clark, S. | 9 John O. Boag, M. 3d V. |
| 4 Henry Koopman, Treas. | 10 M. A. Dzialynski, M. 2d V. |
| 5 William A. Young, Sec. | 11 Thomas S. Swaim, M. 1st V. |
| 6 Charles G. Elliott, C. H. | 12 M. N. Parcels, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Adams, J. L. | 26 Gillis, Calvin. | 39 Rich, William. |
| 14 Ball, Theodore | 27 Greeley, J. C. | 40 Russell, Albert J. |
| 15 Billings, R. J. | 28 Hallows, Mungin. | 41 Sammis, John S. |
| 16 Brown, Charles H. | 29 Hewlett, Henry. | 42 Sawyer, Asa. |
| 17 Brush, Louis J. | 30 Houston, S. L. | 43 Smith, Daniel P. |
| 18 Bucky, Jacob D. | 31 Jones, George R. | 44 Smith, Joseph H. |
| 19 Conant, Sherman. | 32 Jordan, Franklin. | 45 Swaim, J. W. |
| 20 Cook, A. W. | 33 Keene, Otis L. | 46 Tison, Golphin N. |
| 21 Dawkins, DeWitt C. | 34 Kenworthy, C. J. | 47 Tison, H. C. |
| 22 Douglass, W. W. | 35 Love, David G. | 48 Turner, Edwin. |
| 23 Driggs, John S. | 36 McConibe, Luther | 49 Wasgate, Enos. |
| 24 Emery, Chandler S. | 37 McLaughlin, R. | 50 Willson, Thomas A. |
| 25 Fitzgerald, J. W. | 38 Pond, Frank R. | |

CHAPTERS.

PROVIDENCE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 20.

PROVIDENCE, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations, Second Thursday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 Joseph M. Tolbert, H. P. | 7 S. A. Wanchope, P. S. |
| 2 J. Potsdamer, K. | 8 W. T. Weeks, R. A. C. |
| 3 John F. Niblack, S. | 9 J. H. Weeks, M. 3d V. |
| 4 A. C. Odom, Treas. | 10 D. M. Tolbert, M. 2d V. |
| 5 W. H. L. Townsend, Sec. | 11 W. C. Kearce, M. 1st V. |
| 6 W. O. Tison, C. H. | 12 T. J. Rowe, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Bunch, J. J. | 19 Martin, R. C. | 25 Taylor, J. G. |
| 14 Dees, L. B. | 20 Milton, H. R. | 26 Vinzant, W. B. |
| 15 Feagle, W. J. | 21 Osteen, Elias. | 27 Williams, W. F. |
| 16 Hodges, S. J. | 22 Perry, J. W. | 28 Wills, W. W. |
| 17 Kearce, W. W. | 23 Richard, J. R. | 29 Witt, Jacob. |
| 18 King, N. T. | 24 Simmons, L. W. | |

ISLAND R. A. CHAPTER, No. 21.

KEY WEST, MONROE COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations, Second and Fourth Wednesdays in each Month.

OFFICERS.

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| 1 John Williams, H. P. | 7 Joseph H. Moss, P. S. |
| 2 Joseph F. Albury, K. | 8 John H. A. Roberts, R. A. C. |
| 3 Joseph W. V. R. Plummer, S. | 9 William Ledwith, M. 2d V. |
| 4 Frederick Filer, Treas. | 10 Frederick W. Johnson, M. 2d V. |
| 5 William H. Williams, Sec. | 11 Martin L. Hellings, M. 1st V. |
| 6 William McClintock, C. H. | 12 John J. Camfield, Guard. |

OTHER MEMBERS.

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| 13 Adams, John H. | 22 Cash, William D. | 31 Lowe, Samuel |
| 14 Albury, Benjamin | 23 Coleman, John H. | 32 Maslin, George W. |
| 15 Archer, Wm. D. | 24 Delaney, John J. | 33 Matley, J. M. |
| 16 Bethel, L. W. | 25 Escassi, Manuel M. | 34 Otto, Joseph |
| 17 Baron, Charles S. | 26 Filer, Samuel | 35 Page, Edwin |
| 18 Billbery, George R. | 27 Fogarty, Jeremiah | 36 Peacon, Benjamin |
| 19 Blake, Thomas | 28 Hener, William H. | 37 Perry, Robert J. |
| 20 Bocker, George H. | 29 Ingalls, James H. | 38 Phillips, George B. |
| 21 Brost, Alfred | 30 Johnson, Charles S. | 39 Philbrick, John J. |

REGISTRY OF

40 Pinder, Sylvanus	45 Roberts, Amos	50 Warren, George D
41 Porter, Joseph Y	46 Roberts, John H A	51 Wetherford, Jas H
42 Pyfrom, Thomas A	47 Sawyer, John W	52 Williams, Peter A
43 Rain, Jacob	48 St Johns, Charles	53 Wolf, Samuel
44 Rawson, Edward B	49 Thompson, Conrad	

NASSAU R. A. CHAPTER, No. 23.

FERNANDINA, NASSAU COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations, Thursdays (after meeting of Amelia Lodge) in each Month.

OFFICERS.

1 William Lawtey, H P	7, P S
2 Warren F Scott, K	8 A W Lohman, R A C
3 A O McDonell, S	9 Robert Harrison, M 3d V
4 Peter Cone, Treas	10 George S Brown, M 2d V
5 William O Jeffreys, Sec	11, M 1st V
6 Webster W Farmer, C H	12, Guard

OTHER MEMBERS.

13 Brian, Charles T	14 Galphin, J M
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MOUNT MORIAH R. A. CHAPTER, No. 24.

PENSACOLA, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLA.

Regular Convocations, Second Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

1 J J Scott, H P	7 W E Anderson, P S
2 James McCullough, K	8 W D Maclay, R A C
3 H C Cushman, S	9 A Goldstucker, M 3d V
4 G Forcheimer, Treas	10 W W Carr, M 2d V
5 E Montizambert, Sec	11 Henry White, M 1st V
6 Albion S Strout, C A	12 G M Cohen, Guard

OTHER OFFICERS.

13 Bennet, L C	19 Kohler, J W	25 Vankirk, W J
14 Bithorn, C H	20 Meyer, Leon	26 Walker, John A
15 Garrett, Robert	21 Oneal, G H	27 Wentworth, G E
16 Harvey, S S	22 Petterson, J C	28 Whitmire, E
17 Hilliard, J P	23 Ranch, A	29 Whitney, J C
18 Knowles, L P	24 Roberts, Jas B	

AT REST.

DIXON H. GOLSON,

SANTA ROSA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 16.
May 10th, 1879.

WILLIAM MORRILL,

MOUNT HOREB ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 11.
June 7th, 1879.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTER.	No.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
*Florida.....	1	Hugh A. Corley.....	Wm. M. McIntosh.	Tallahassee.
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Santa Rosa.....	6	John G. Ellis.....	John Carlovitz.....	Milton.
Mount Horeb.....	11	C. McK. Oerting.....	Geo. S. Hallmark...	Warrington.
Jacksonville.....	12	William A. McLean.	Wm. A. Young.....	Jacksonville.
*Lake Butler.....	19	M. L. McKinney.....	Henry F. York.....	Lake Butler.
Providence.....	20	Joseph M. Tolbert...	W. H. L. Townsend	Providence.
Island.....	21	John Williams.....	Wm. H. Williams...	Key West.
Nassau.....	23	William Lawtey.....	Wm. O. Jeffreys...	Fernandina.
Mount Moriah.....	24	J. J. Scott.....	E. Montizambert...	Fensaola

*Old officers.

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Georgia.....	J. E. Blackshear, M. D.	Macon.
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Louisiana.....	James C. Eatchelor, M. D.	Box 872 New Orleans.
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Maryland.....	Geo. L. McCahan.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Zeph. H. Thomas.....	Cambridge.
Michigan.....	William P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	William H. Mayo.....	St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	William R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John D. Hammond....	Carson City.
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New Jersey.....	George B. Edwards....	Jersey City.
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North Carolina.....	Donald W. Pain.....	Faleigh.
Nova Scotia.....	James Gassip.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	Rocky P. Earhart....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Masonic Temple, Phila.
Quebec.....	Angus Grant.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	J. E. Burke.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Robert Brewster....	Houston.
Vermont.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb...	Burlington.
Virginia.....	William B. Isaacs....	Richmond.
West Virginia.....	Odell S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull....	Milwaukee.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox....	Buffalo.

DIRECTORIES.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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John Lockie, Washington.....	Colorado.....	D. C. Dawkins, Jack'sville.
E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls.....	Dist. of Columbia.....	
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	Wisconsin.....	G. R. Jones, Jacksonville.