

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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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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.
" H. J. STEWART,	Grand Prin. Sojourner.
" 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 \$656.00.

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 Colum- bia, 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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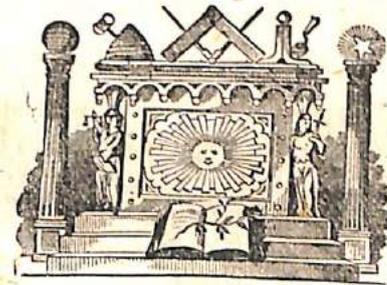
Grand Chapter

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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.

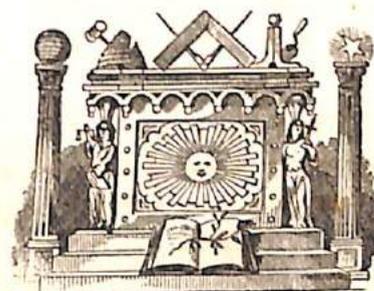
Comp. Dawkins also offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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
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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

\$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,	Chas. H. Hopkins, M. M. M.,
Thomas J. Roberts,	John L. Taylor, "
Joshua Saunders,	Theodore Ball, "
Ephraim Saunders,	

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,	Elias Whitner,
Charles B. DeCaussey,	W. B. Taylor,
Martin St. John,*	Thomas J. Chace, Jr.,
W. H. Horton,	J. D. Turner,
J. J. Collins,	J. L. Brooks,
Joel B. Collins,	G. W. Beal,
Pickens B. Byrd,*	R. J. Denmark,
F. A. Dawkins,	T. F. McMullen, M. E. M.,
D. L. Oakley,	S. J. Turnbull, P. M.,
Calvin Surles,	W. W. Davis, M. E. M.,
D. M. LaFitte,	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:

Thomas M. Anderson, R. A. M.	James L. Moseley, R. A. M.,
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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. Lockety, 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.,
A. Scott,
Allen H. Bush,
N. O. J. Staley,
James L. Robinson,
J. M. F. Erwin,
Benjamin F. Parker,
W. J. Robinson,
T. S. Stapleton,
A. H. Blount,
Rev. D. P. Everett,
J. W. Johnson,
A. McMillan,
Rev. L. R. Sims,
J. M. Stringer,
J. A. Robinson,

Rev. W. R. Tally, R. A. M.,
Rev. E. J. Rentz,
Rev. J. W. Coppage,
A. B. Hamilton,
J. V. Dansby,
D. H. Robinson,
W. H. Robinson,
W. L. Davis,
S. S. Cawthron,
C. C. Barber,
James McClellan,
S. A. Calhoun,
Rev. Geo. W. Underwood,
David Bird, M. M. M.,
H. W. Pickett, M. M. M.

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.,
Madison Post,
J. P. McMullen,
J. L. Lockhart,
W. J. Turner,
C. Q. Crawford,
Wm. Blakeney,
E. A. Clarke,
W. B. Hooker,
M. L. Shannahan,*
Josiah Gates,
W. B. Henderson,
W. Mansell,
F. B. Hagan,

A. P. Hampton, R. A. M.,
Robert B. Thomas,
J. W. Tompkins,*
R. M. Wells,
H. E. Martin,
J. S. Martin,
J. Robles,
Hamlin V. Snell,
Samuel E. Hope, P. M.,
John Pierce, P. M.,
Ezekiel Glazier, M. M. M.,
Joseph Casey, "
Daniel Gillett, "

*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.

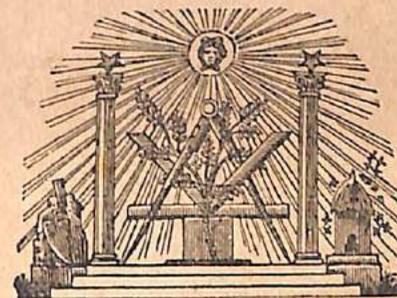
Whereupon the Convention of High Priesthood was closed in Ancient Form until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, unless sooner assembled by order of the President.

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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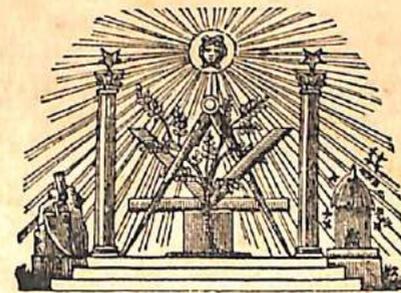
GRAND CHAPTER

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 vails 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 Regenburg, 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. EBENEZER 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. Weimer, 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.

—o—
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.

—o—
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, PHP & PGHP,
T Hayward, PHP & PGHP,
J Wayles Baker, PGHP,
David S Walker, PHP,
T Preston Tatum, PHP,
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,
Edward Bradford, Jr, K,
Charles K Sparhawk, S,
Charles H Hopkins, Treasurer
John L Taylor, Secretary.

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,
B S Fuller, K,
Thomas J Chace, S,
Henry H. Berry, Treasurer,
W O Girardeau, Secretary,
Thomas J. Chace, Jr, Guard.

COMPANIONS :

W W Abbott,
Wm H Arendell,
J R Atkinson,
John A Barco,
G W Beal,
J S Benton,
W W Boyd,*
J A Brooks,
J L Brooks,
F T Buchanan,
Jas F Carter,
D C Clark,
W B Clark,
J T Collins,
James Collins,
Joel B Collins,
Aaron Daniel,
Calvin Davis,
W W Davis,
Chas B DeCaussey,
R J Denmark,
James W DeWitt,
Wm S Dilworth,
Jabez Martin,
G F McMullen,
A R J Miller,
Frank A Monroe,
Harmon Morris,
Joel Morris,
Daniel L Oakley,
F N B Oliver,
Samuel Pasco,
Thomas J Porter,
J B Ponder,
W B Ponder, †
R Scott,
Charles H Stebbins,
Calvin Surles,
Joshua Taylor,
Wm B Taylor,
John A Townsend,
William W Tucker,
Junius Turnbull,
Samuel J Turnbull,
Jos D Turner,
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,
B S Fuller, K,
Thomas J Chace, S,
James Collins, Treasurer,
Samuel Pasco, Secretary.

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,
J J Williams, K,
C A Gee, S,
Thos B Nathans, Treasurer,
Chas D Towers, Secretary.

COMPANIONS :

T Y Henry, PHP & PGHP,
SB Stephens, PHP & PGHP,
A Alderman, R A M,
C Burghard,
M Burghard,
M B Floyd,
T E Gibson,
Jason Gregory,
C A Hentz,
C A Huntington,
Samuel B Love,
E C Love,
O E McKeon,
Arch'd Nicholson,
A M Nathans,
W C Rawls,
John P Scott,
A W Smith,
Gabe Smith,
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. Rejected, 1. Died,† 1.

Regular meetings, last Friday in each month. Fees for Chapter 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, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Quincy,	7	Quincy,	35	6	..	..	..	..	1	39	No Returns.
Madison,	8	Madison, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Columbia,	9	Lake City,	58	7	..	..	..	5	2	60	No Returns.
Olive,	10	Ocala, . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Horeb,	11	Warrington, . . .	26	12	..	..	3	..	..	38	..
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	..
Micanopy,	16	Micanopy,	45	9	..	..	..	..	..	49	..
Tampa,	17	Tampa,	33	5	..	..	2	1	..	36	..
Concord,	18	Concord,	40	23	..	..	..	..	..	62	..
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.

Newmansville 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. Maerae,*
1848	John P. Duval.*	Isaac H. Bronson,*	George W. Maerae,*	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,*	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. Hutchingson.

*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 L Taylor, Secretary,
Isaac W. Bowen, C H,
William P. Slusser, P S,
Hugh A Corley, R A C,
John Pratorious, M 3d Vail,
John B Galbraith, M 2d Vail,
Edward M West, M 1st V,
Theodore Ball, Guard.

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 Dzialynski,
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,

E L Cope*
James P Crichlow,
John P DuVal,

Burfort 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, H P,
Peres B Brokaw, K,
John Pratorious, S,

Chas H Hopkins, Treasurer,
John L Taylor, Secretary.

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

OFFICERS :

James Ellenwood, H P,
B S Fuller, K,
Thomas J Chace, Sr, S,
James Collins, Treasurer,
Samuel Pasco, Secretary,
W O Girardeau, C H,

Henry H Berry, P S,
Wm H 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,
R. J. Denmark,
William Ellis,
John W Eppes,
Israel Folsom,
R M Gilbert,
William E Hamilton,
George W Herring,
Whit H Horten,
J M Johns,
M G W Jordan,
W L Kennedy,
Simon Katzenberg†

Calvin Sarles,
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 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 Golson, 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,
James W S Crowson, K,
Daniel A Vogt, S,
William H Howard, Treasurer,
Samuel O Howse, Secretary,

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, No. 11.—*Warrington.*

OFFICERS :

William Morrill, H P,
Austin F Clapp, K,
Thomas Devery, S,
William Pollock, Treasurer,
Eugene McComin, Secretary,
James Walsh, C H,

J Leslie Porter, P S,
A L Williams, R A C,
James A McCoy, M 3d Vail,
Joseph Marthon,* M 2d Vail,
Neil Matthison, M 1st Vail,
Hugh Simmons, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Christian Allendorf,
William H Anderson,
A R Baker,*
William H Bolton,*
Paul Bryden,
Elisha E Brown,
William A Cooper,
Thomas D Crosby,
William D Duffen,
J K L Duncan,
B Frank Elliott,
Gershon Forcheimer,

James McDonald,
Thomas McMahan,
James W Mellor,
George W Melville,*
D F Metcalf,
William A Mills,
Carl McK Oerting,
Wm McK Oerting,
George H O'Neal,
Edward G Park,
Isaac D Pergrin,
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,
Eugene McComin, K,
Charles H Thompson, S,
Neil Matthison, Treasurer,
George S Hallmark, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 12.—*Jacksonville.*

OFFICERS :

Charles Slager, H P,
John P Sanderson, K,
James M Baker, S,
John S Sammis, Treas,
William Grothe, Sec'y,
Theodore Hartridge, C H,

A J Russell, P S,
Joseph D Mitchell, R A C,
Michael Bows, M 3d Vail,
James S Higgins, M 2d Vail,
T E Buckman, M 1st Vail,
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,
James Love, K,
William W Scott, S,
Llewellyn Williams, Treas,
David W Price, Secretary,
Thomas P McHenry, C H,

Henry Bradford, P S,
Thomas A Bradford, R A C,
B M Williams, M 3d Vail,
Wm B Wimberly, M 2d Vail,
John W Burnett, M 1st Vail,
Philip Dell, Guard.

MEMBERS :

Jesse T Bernard,
John R Bevill,
Stephen C Bevill,
Stephen Bryan,
Samuel W Burnett,

Thomas F Jones,
William H Kennedy,
Edward King,
R P Lewis,
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,
A H Mathers, K,
J A Stewart, S,
J H Simonton, Treas,
G L Denton, Sec'y,
J T Miller, C H,

J D Colding, P S,
J L Binicker, R A C,
A W Cook, M 3d Vail,
J M Arnow, M 2d Vail,
George W Means, M 1st Vail,
Samuel Lowman, Guard.

MEMBERS :

John C Ley, P H P,
G L Price, P H P,
J S Bauknight,
R H Bevill,
David Black,

E L King,
Abner H McCormick,
Paul McCormick,
C W Merry,
J J Mickle,

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,
John A Henderson, M 3d Vail,
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,

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:

Franklin 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,

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 num-
ber of Companions, 43.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

Name of Chapter.	Number.	Membership last year.	Exaltations.	Admissions.	Reinstatements.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Present Mem- bership.	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.	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.	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.	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.	"	"	"	"
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.	T. I. M.	"	I. H. A. B.	P. C. W.
New Jersey,	M. P. G. M.	"	"	"	T. I. G. M.	I. H. T.	P. C. W.	P. C. W.
New York,	M. P. G. M.	T. I. D. G. M.	"	I. G. P. C. W.	T. I. G. M.	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.	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.	"	"
Pennsylvania,	"	D. P. G. M.	I. G. M.	G. P. C. W.	"	"	"	"
Rhode Island,	"	D. M. P. G. M.	"	"	"	"	"	"
Tennessee,	"	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.
Texas,	"	P. D. G. M.	T. I. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	T. I. G. M.	R. I. G. M.	"	"
Vermont,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wisconsin,	"	R. P. D. G. M.	R. P. G. T. I.	R. P. G. P. C.	"	"	"	"

[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,	Chas. Slager,	D. C. Dawkins,
1862	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Green H. Hunter,	William H. Arcadell,
1863	George F. Baltzell,	James Ellenwood,	Thos. K. Leonard,	Elias Earle.
1864	George F. Baltzell,	D. C. Dawkins.	B. S. Fuller.	A. J. Lee.
1865	David Jones.	D. C. Dawkins.	Elias Earle.	Charles K. Sparhawk.
1866	David Jones.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	M. M. T. Hutchinson.
1867	James Ellenwood.	William Morrill.	Charles Slager.	Michael Bowes.
1868	D. C. Dawkins.	M. M. T. Hutchinson.	Il. H. Berry.	
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,
S W Chester,
J Q Cromartie,
M B Courtney,
Wm Dalton,
Solomon Daniels,
Wiley Ganey,
J A Hall,
B F Hinson,
W F Hargrove,
M Harrison,
S H Harrison,
D R Ingram,

J W Reeves,
W C Rawls,
W C Sweet,
P Vallandigham,
A T Scott,
O E Anders,
Thomas Harrison,
J C Rawls,
A Bowen,
A Alderman,
D Patterson,
W Powell,
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,
Charles E Jones, K,
Thomas E Dekle, S,

John Sasser, Treas,
Thomas R King, Sec'y.

MEMBERS:

Alvin Branning,
Benjamin Branning,
John W Beiling,
John A Brooks,
W G W Brooks,
James A Cason,
John B Cason,
Jesse Carter,
Hope H Colson,
Joseph Cone,
Charles Craft,
Sam B Dampier,
R P Hamilton,
J C Harrell,
James E Harrison,

J A Jones,
Jacob Johns,
J M Johns,
Robert Kite,
W W Kelly,
John E Mathews,
W W Mathews,
M L McKinney,
Isaiah F Millisons,
Alfred Newbern,
Solomon Newsom,
W F Reid,
I R Richard,
L B Rhodes,
Daniel B Sheffield,

Judge R Hodges,
S J Hodges,
Edwin D Hodges,
John S Hopson,
Charles F Hiers,
Thos F Jones,

Wm Strickland,
E P Ward,
Silas W Weeks,
Henry F York,
Pliny S Crews.

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	
Jefferson.....	5	69	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	72	72	
Santa Rosa.....	6	20	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	38	
Quincy.....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	19	No Returns.
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	No Returns.
Alachua.....	13	48	4	1	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Centreville.....	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Greenwood.....	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Returns.
Micanopy.....	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	
Tampa.....	17	21	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	48	
Concord.....	18	44	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	47	51	
Lake Butler.....	19	43	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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 wishes 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.

The addresses of M. E. Hy. Regensburg, G. H. P., and R. E. H. P. Buckley, D. G. H. 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

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, 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 special 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 our beloved 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 loose their magna parchment. That's so. The M. E. seems to entertain some doubts as to the legal propriety of somejments-

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. L. 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.

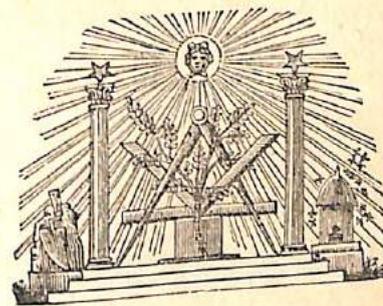
The officers elect were then installed.

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

OF THE

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,.....	
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		\$503 00
1869.	CR.	\$74 00
Jan'y 21.—	By T. P. Tatum, G. Treas. Vo. No. 1,	38 00
Feb'y 20.—	" " " " 2,	
1870.	" " " " 3,	391 00
Jan'y 11.—	" " " " 3,	<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 Vail,
George Damon, G M 2d Vail,
Charles Mundee, G M 1st Vail,
Edward M West, Guard.

MEMBERS :

C E Dyke,
J B Galbraith,*
D W Owynn,
M A Dzialynski,
Theodore Ball,
Wm 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 Worrill,

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, 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,

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. Dimitted, 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 uniguity 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 Milwaukie, 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., Milwaukie. R. E. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary, Milwaukie.

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 Regenburg, 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 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.

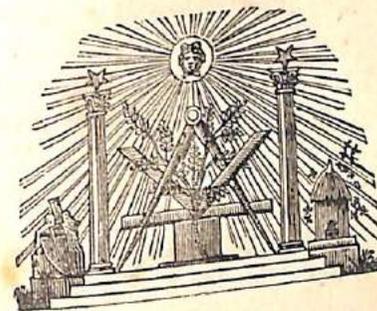
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.



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.

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