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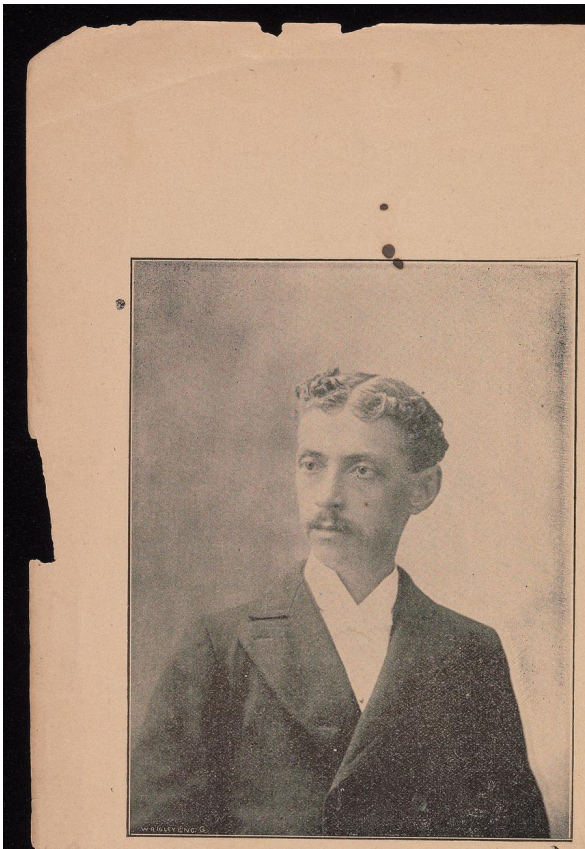

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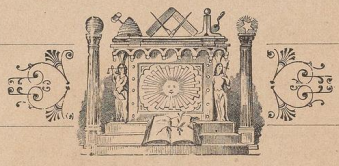

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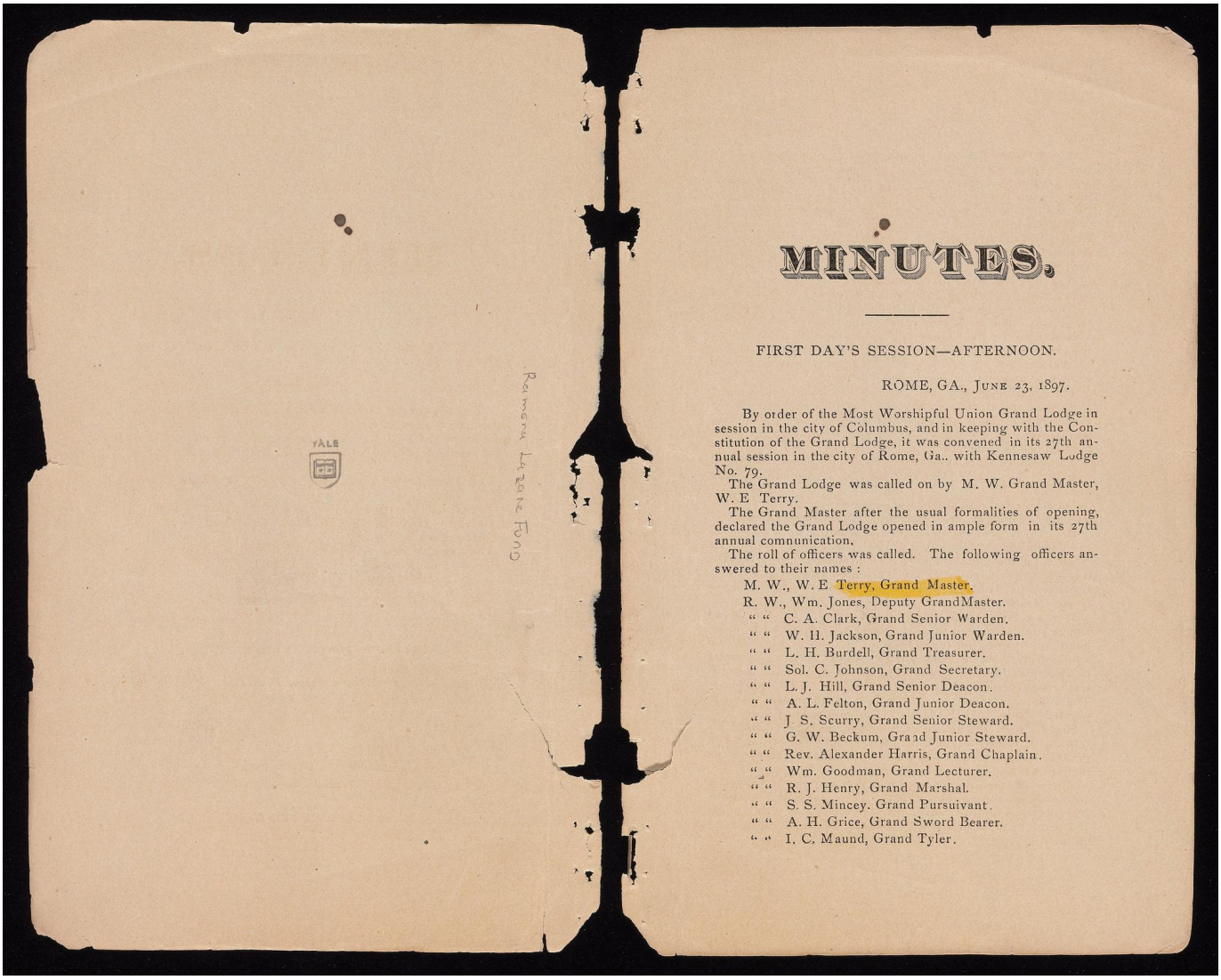

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION—AFTERNOON.

ROME, GA., JUNE 23, 1897.

By order of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge in session in the city of Columbus, and in keeping with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, it was convened in its 27th annual session in the city of Rome, Ga.. with Kennesaw Lodge No. 79.

The Grand Lodge was called on by M. W. Grand Master, W. E Terry.

The Grand Master after the usual formalities of opening, declared the Grand Lodge opened in ample form in its 27th annual comunication,

The roll of officers was called. The following officers answered to their names :

M. W., W. E Terry, Grand Master.
R. W., Wm. Jones, Deputy GrandMaster.
" " C. A. Clark, Grand Senior Warden.
" " W. H. Jackson, Grand Junior Warden.
" " L. H. Burdell, Grand Treasurer.
" " Sol. C. Johnson, Grand Secretary.
" " L. J. Hill, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " A. L. Felton, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " J. S. Scurry, Grand Senior Steward.
" " G. W. Beckum, Grand Junior Steward.
" " Rev. Alexander Harris, Grand Chaplain.
" " Wm. Goodman, Grand Lecturer.
" " R. J. Henry, Grand Marshal.
" " S. S. Mincey. Grand Pursuivant.
" " A. H. Grice, Grand Sword Bearer.
" " I. C. Maund, Grand Tyler.

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A constitutional number of lodges being present, the Grand Master proceeded to business. The committee on Finance and Returns was ordered to attend to their duties and to report as soon as practicable. The committee was increased by the addition of Brethren H. L. Felton and Wm. Williams

The Grand Master then ruled that only those masons who have served a full year as Worshipful Master of a lodge and received the degree of Past Master would be recognized as a Past Master.

Awaiting the report of the committee on finance and returns, the grand lodge took a recess for half an hour. The committee now being ready to make a partial report the grand lodge was called on. The report of the committee was read.

Resolution by Bro Dent naming the time for the session of the grand lodge was ruled out by the grand master on account of the membership of the grand lodge not being at present known so as to decide any question legally.

The grand lodge was then called off until 8 o'clock at night.

At the appointed time the grand lodge was called on by Grand Master Terry. The motion of P. G. M, J. H Deveaux ordering the minutes of the last grand lodge session to be read was adopted.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary, and upon motion of Bros. F. W. McCarthy and M. H. Cobb, they were approved.

On account of the absence of some of the members of the various committees, the following brethren were added :

Bros. T. B. McConnell and F H. Crumbly were added to the Committee on Memorials; Bros J. S. Flipper and Floyd Snelson to the Committee on Jurisprudence; Bro. W. D Savage to the Committee on Warrants, Bros. F. W. McCarthy, G. R. Hutto, and R. B. Burney were appointed on Grand Master's Address.

It was then motioned by Bro. Crumbly that the Grand Lodge endorse the report of the Local Committee in securing board and lodging for the delegates This was amended by a motion by P. G M Deveaux to the effect that a committee be appointed from the grand lodge to assist the local committee in the settlement of board and lodging of the delegates. The motion prevailed, and the following committee was appointed : Bros. J. H. Hall, W. J Norman, S. O. Cherry.

Bro. L. A. Reilly of Keystone Lodge, failing to bring his returns, Bro. Snelson motioned that the lodge be requested to get the money here in 24 hours. After much discussion the motion was laid on the table.

The G. M. then turned the gavel over to P G. M. Deveaux who presided during his absence. The time for the sessions was placed as follows : Meet at 8 a. m., call off at 12 m. ; meet at 2 p. m.; call off at 5 p. m.; meet at 8 p. m. ; call off ad libitum.

The grand master returned and assumed his station. He stated to the brethren that he was ready to render his report and asked if it was the pleasure of the craft for him to read the same. It was by motion laid over until the following session. The G. L. was then called off.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Rome, Ga., June 24, 1897.

At the appointed time the gavel was sounded and G. M. Terry called the grand lodge on in ample form.

At this juncture the grand master retired to go before a committee and Deputy Grand Master Jones presided.

Attention was called to Article XVII, Section 1, which caused much discussion. The Grand Master ruled that an affiliated mason was one who could go to any lodge without a demit, and who proved himself to be a mason.

Bro. Z. C. Solomon spoke of a grievance he had against Phœnix Lodge.

A resolution by Past Grand Master, Jno. D. Campbell and P. M., F. H. Crumbly, concerning suspended masons was read, and then referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The grand lodge was then called off until 1:30 p. m., for parade and public installation,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the appointed time the grand lodge was called on by D. G. M., Wm Jones. The procession was formed, and headed by a brass band marched through the principal streets to Nevin Opera House where the following program was carried out :

1 Music.....Opening Ode
2 Invocation . . Rev. Alexander Harris, R. W. G. Chaplain
3 Instrumental Solo.....Miss Dickie Terry, of Columbus
4 Welcome Address on the part of the Citizens of Rome....
Hon. S. S. King, Mayor of the city of Rome
5 Welcome Address on the part of Kennesaw Lodge.....
Col. M. C. Parker, S. W Kennesaw Lodge
6 Vocal Solo—"Still as the Night". . . Miss Mary Cathran
7 Responsive Address on the part of the Grand Lodge.....
Col. J. H. Deveaux, of Savannah, R. W. P. G. M.
8 Music ..... East Rome Band
9 Annual Oration, R. W. P. G. Sec'y, of Jurisdiction of Ala.,
W. G. Alexander, D. D.
10 Music ..... .Gresham's Silver Cornet Band

After the exercises at the opera house, the Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room.

It was motioned by P. M., F. H. Crumbly, that a vote of thanks be extended Dr. Alexander, the Mayor of the

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city, Col. J. H. Deveaux and the young ladies. who so ably assisted in the program ; an amendment was offered that the addresses be spread on the minutes. It was carried.

The following resolution by Bro G. W Allen was approved:

Whereas, Miss D. F. Terry of Columbus, Ga , has graced the seat of meeting of the Grand Lodge with her presence, and has honored our celebration with a most excellent piano solo, and

Whereas, It is the custom of all deliberate bodies to show that a visit, by any female relative of the executive head is appreciated, Therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend to her our appreciation and commendation for being present and allowing us to enjoy her sweet music.

At this point the following telegram was received by the grand master :

Macon, Ga., June 24, 1897.

To Mr. W. E Terry, Rome, Ga. :—Woman's Christian Temperance Union sends greeting to Grand United Order of Masons, and commends noble steps taken forward for the establishment of a home for the helpless of our race.

The same was read, acknowledged and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The next order of business was the Grand Master's address. It was read, and upon motion of Bros Cherry and Coats that it be received, commended for its many excellent points and information and refered to the committee on Grand Master's Address. The following is the address :

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN :—

By the kind permission of the Grand Architect of the universe we have assembled here in this our twenty-seventh annual communication ; therefore let us sing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow," and join in with our R. W. G. Chaplain while he invokes God's blessings on what has been wrought in behalf of the craft, and for His guidance in our labors here

Brethren, the privilege of coming together in these annual sessions is a privilege that we should feel grateful for, and prize very highly, for it gives us an opportunity of meeting each other face to face and feeling the fraternal grip that all are not favored with. Therefore, since it has pleased God to conduct us safely over the many miles that some of us have traveled, let us then endeavor to render such service as will solicit a smile of approval from Him ; remembering that the All Seeing Eye is ever upon us.

In these annual communications much can be accomplished that will redound to the good name of this honored institution ; much can be done toward the uplifing of falling humanity ; much can be done toward uplifting masonry in Georgia to that high plane of usefulness in which our ancestors delighted to dwell, thereby contributing largely to wants, and helping to make the world better.

No man can reasonably expect to live for himself alone. He was put here for a purpose, but what that purpose is it seems many of us have failed to learn, but we should continue "to travel" and while in search of what seems to be lost, let us adopt as a substitute and motto "Helping our Widows and Orphans," until the original is found, for no man can be more honored than when he who lives up to his obligations ; therefore let me first invite your attention to our

BUREAU OF ENDOWMENT.

This branch (and yet I do not like to say branch) of our institution, while yet in its incepiancy, is wielding a wonderful influence in the community and is bringing joy and happiness to many saddened hearts : made sad by reason

of the fact that some dear one has fallen, only to awake in that temple not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.

The endowment to our widows and orphans, so kindly and willingly donated by the brethren, has been the source of much comfort and made many sad hearts rejoice when nothing else could. It has been your humble servant's duty and duty most willingly performed, to convey this endowment money to the beneficiaries, and while I am always glad of an opportunity to relieve suffering humanity, the presenting of this money to our widows and orphans is often sad indeed, for there are a few men, though strong they be, that would not melt in tears at the scene I have witnessed at some of these occasions, while the widows and orphans would shed tears of joy, the thought of him by whose death this money came was more than they could stand for the time being. However, necessity and the hungry wolf at the door would not let the river of tears flow but a few moments. The old adage is "Necessity knows no law," and it is a true one, and my regret is that I have not been able to run more wolves from the doors of our widows than we have. How some masons can halt and hesitate about paying into their lodge the small amount of 11c for the benefit of some mason's wife or children is a mystery to me. To relieve suffering humanity should be the highest ambition of a mason, yes, not only of a mason, but of every true man, for

"Tenderly the shepherd o'er the mountains goes to bring
The lost one back to the fold,
Patiently the owner seeks with earnest care
In the dust and darkness her treasure rare ;
Lovingly the Father sends the news around,
He once dead now liveth, once lost now found."
"Seeking to save, seeking to save,
Lost ones, 'tis Jesus seeking to save"

And, thus far, through you, my brethren, 'tis Jesus seeking to save these dear widows and orphans from hunger and cold. Then let us continue this good work and never get weary in well doing, for none of us know how soon we may fall asleep, and others will be called on to do for our dear ones what we have done for others. While our Bureau of Endowment has many features about it that makes it one of the best institutions in the state, yet, in my opinion, there is room for much improvement in the laws and rules of this department, and I trust that this grand lodge will not take a recess without paying special attention to some of the weak places in the governing of the endowment.

However, before I enter into the jurisprudence of this department I beg to call your attention to one of the most (if not the most) important questions in the history of the grand lodge. At our last grand session and even before, the grand lodge convened a request was made by your humble servant that each lodge fill out a blank that was placed in each lodge. This blank was asking how many widows and orphans have you on your roll ? An answer came back from each lodge, and when the answers were summed up and the total number obtained, it revealed the sad fact that there were 59 widows and 720 orphan children in this jurisdiction. While it is best that we know as much about our brother masons, their widows and orphans as possible, I must say that I fear this is not welcome news to many of us, yet it is true, for I have here with me for your inspection the certificates of the different lodges that furnish this information.

Brother masons, the masons of Georgia have slept too long; slept over their own interest, slept over their obligations. Had the masons of this state turned their attention to the things that interest us now instead of there being a hundred and fifty-eight lodges in this jurisdiction, we would be numbered by five times that figure.

But what was the object in seeking this information ? Why did we want to show how many widows and how many orphans were there depending on the masons of Georgia? Was it that we might be heralded to the world that we had all this responsibility on our hands, and it was the easiest thing in the world to take care of them, and that is simply by letting them alone ; by leaving them exposed to the world, never go seeking to save them from hunger

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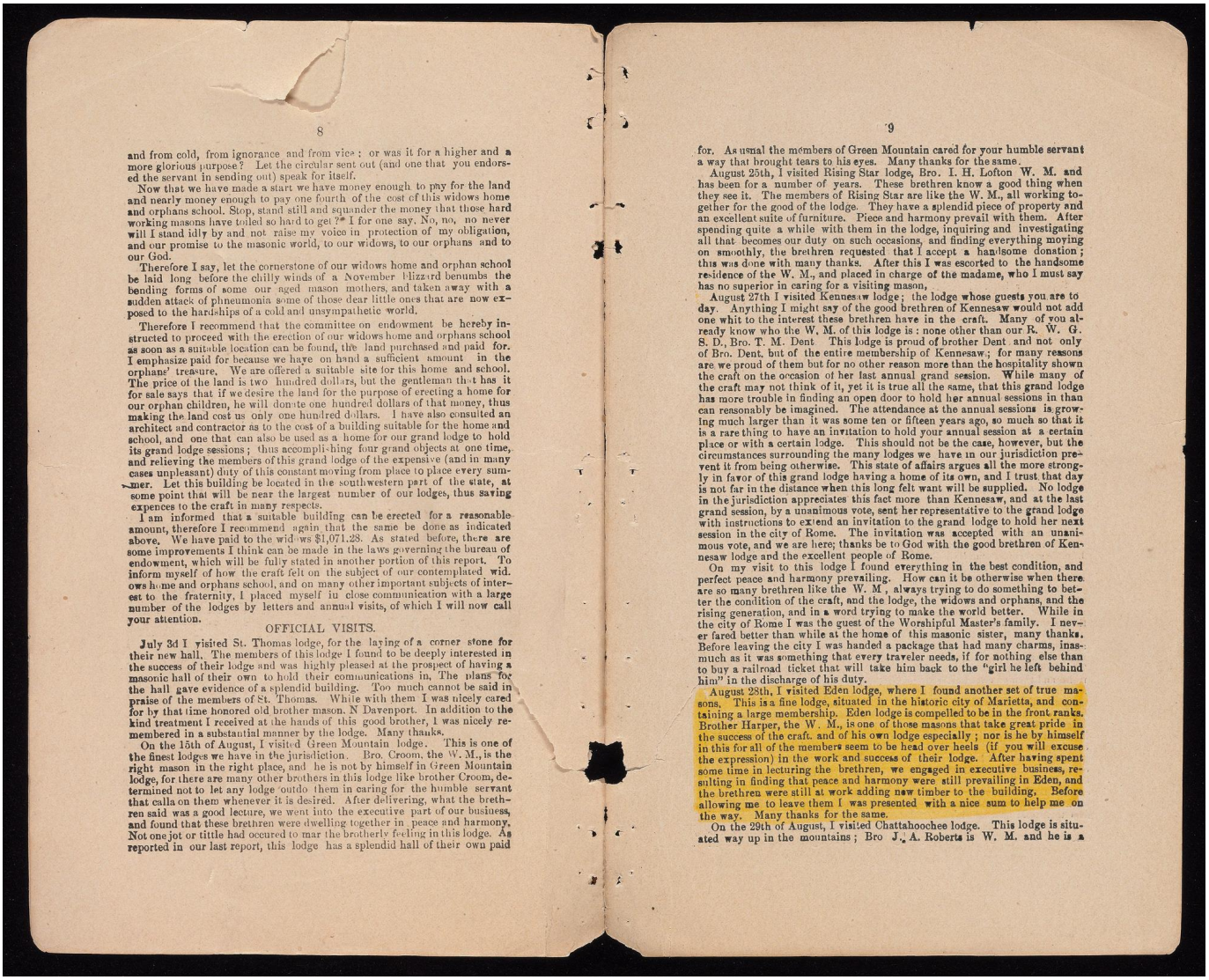

and from cold, from ignorance and from vice; or was it for a higher and a more glorious purpose? Let the circular sent out (and one that you endorsed the servant in sending out) speak for itself.

Now that we have made a start we have money enough to pay for the land and nearly money enough to pay one fourth of the cost of this widows home and orphans school. Stop, stand still and squander the money that those hard working masons have toiled so hard to get?* I for one say, No, no, no never will I stand idly by and not raise my voice in protection of my obligation, and our promise to the masonic world, to our widows, to our orphans and to our God.

Therefore I say, let the cornerstone of our widows home and orphan school be laid long before the chilly winds of a November blizzard benumbs the bending forms of some our aged mason mothers, and taken away with a sudden attack of phneumonia some of those dear little ones that are now exposed to the hardships of a cold and unsympathetic world.

Therefore I recommend that the committee on endowment be hereby instructed to proceed with the erection of our widows home and orphans school as soon as a suitable location can be found, the land purchased and paid for. I emphasize paid for because we have on hand a sufficient amount in the orphans' treasure. We are offered a suitable site for this home and school. The price of the land is two hundred dollars, but the gentleman that has it for sale says that if we desire the land for the purpose of erecting a home for our orphan children, he will donate one hundred dollars of that money, thus making the land cost us only one hundred dollars. I have also consulted an architect and contractor as to the cost of a building suitable for the home and school, and one that can also be used as a home for our grand lodge to hold its grand lodge sessions; thus accomplishing four grand objects at one time, and relieving the members of this grand lodge of the expensive (and in many cases unpleasant) duty of this constant moving from place to place every summer. Let this building be located in the southwestern part of the state, at some point that will be near the largest number of our lodges, thus saving expences to the craft in many respects.

I am informed that a suitable building can be erected for a reasonable amount, therefore I recommend again that the same be done as indicated above. We have paid to the widows $1,071.28. As stated before, there are some improvements I think can be made in the laws governing the bureau of endowment, which will be fully stated in another portion of this report. To inform myself of how the craft felt on the subject of our contemplated wid. own home and orphans school, and on many other important subjects of interest to the fraternity, I placed myself in close communication with a large number of the lodges by letters and annual visits, of which I will now call your attention.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

July 3d I visited St. Thomas lodge, for the laying of a corner stone for their new hall. The members of this lodge I found to be deeply interested in the success of their lodge and was highly pleased at the prospect of having a masonic hall of their own to hold their communications in. The plans for the hall gave evidence of a splendid building. Too much cannot be said in praise of the members of St. Thomas. While with them I was nicely cared for by that time honored old brother mason, N Davenport. In addition to the kind treatment I received at the hands of this good brother, I was nicely remembered in a substantial manner by the lodge. Many thanks.

On the 15th of August, I visited Green Mountain lodge. This is one of the finest lodges we have in the jurisdiction. Bro. Croom, the W. M., is the right mason in the right place, and he is not by himself in Green Mountain lodge, for there are many other brothers in this lodge like brother Croom, determined not to let any lodge outdo them in caring for the humble servant that calls on them whenever it is desired. After delivering, what the brethren said was a good lecture, we went into the executive part of our business, and found that these brethren were dwelling together in peace and harmony. Not one jot or tittle had occured to mar the brotherly feeling in this lodge. As reported in our last report, this lodge has a splendid hall of their own paid

for. As usual the members of Green Mountain cared for your humble servant a way that brought tears to his eyes. Many thanks for the same.

August 25th, I visited Rising Star lodge, Bro. I. H. Lofton W. M. and has been for a number of years. These brethren know a good thing when they see it. The members of Rising Star are like the W. M., all working together for the good of the lodge. They have a splendid piece of property and an excellent suite of furniture. Piece and harmony prevail with them. After spending quite a while with them in the lodge, inquiring and investigating all that becomes our duty on such occasions, and finding everything moving on smoothly, the brethren requested that I accept a handsome donation; this was done with many thanks. After this I was escorted to the handsome residence of the W. M., and placed in charge of the madame, who I must say has no superior in caring for a visiting mason,

August 27th I visited Kennesaw lodge; the lodge whose guests you are today. Anything I might say of the good brethren of Kennesaw would not add one whit to the interest these brethren have in the craft. Many of you already know who the W. M. of this lodge is: none other than our R. W. G. S. D., Bro. T. M. Dent This lodge is proud of brother Dent and not only of Bro. Dent, but of the entire membership of Kennesaw; for many reasons are we proud of them but for no other reason more than the hospitality shown the craft on the occasion of her last annual grand session. While many of the craft may not think of it, yet it is true all the same, that this grand lodge has more trouble in finding an open door to hold her annual sessions in than can reasonably be imagined. The attendance at the annual sessions is growing much larger than it was some ten or fifteen years ago, so much so that it is a rare thing to have an invitation to hold your annual session at a certain place or with a certain lodge. This should not be the case, however, but the circumstances surrounding the many lodges we have in our jurisdiction prevent it from being otherwise. This state of affairs argues all the more strongly in favor of this grand lodge having a home of its own, and I trust that day is not far in the distance when this long felt want will be supplied. No lodge in the jurisdiction appreciates this fact more than Kennesaw, and at the last grand session, by a unanimous vote, sent her representative to the grand lodge with instructions to extend an invitation to the grand lodge to hold her next session in the city of Rome. The invitation was accepted with an unanimous vote, and we are here; thanks be to God with the good brethren of Kennesaw lodge and the excellent people of Rome.

On my visit to this lodge I found everything in the best condition, and perfect peace and harmony prevailing. How can it be otherwise when there are so many brethren like the W. M, always trying to do something to better the condition of the craft, and the lodge, the widows and orphans, and the rising generation, and in a word trying to make the world better. While in the city of Rome I was the guest of the Worshipful Master's family. I never fared better than while at the home of this masonic sister, many thanks. Before leaving the city I was handed a package that had many charms, inasmuch as it was something that every traveler needs, if for nothing else than to buy a railroad ticket that will take him back to the "girl he left behind him" in the discharge of his duty.

August 28th, I visited Eden lodge, where I found another set of true masons. This is a fine lodge, situated in the historic city of Marietta, and containing a large membership. Eden lodge is compelled to be in the front ranks. Brother Harper, the W. M., is one of those masons that take great pride in the success of the craft, and of his own lodge especially; nor is he by himself in this for all of the members seem to be head over heels (if you will excuse the expression) in the work and success of their lodge. After having spent some time in lecturing the brethren, we engaged in executive business, resulting in finding that peace and harmony were still prevailing in Eden, and the brethren were still at work adding new timber to the building. Before allowing me to leave them I was presented with a nice sum to help me on the way. Many thanks for the same.

On the 29th of August, I visited Chattahoochee lodge. This lodge is situated way up in the mountains; Bro J. A. Roberts is W. M. and he is a

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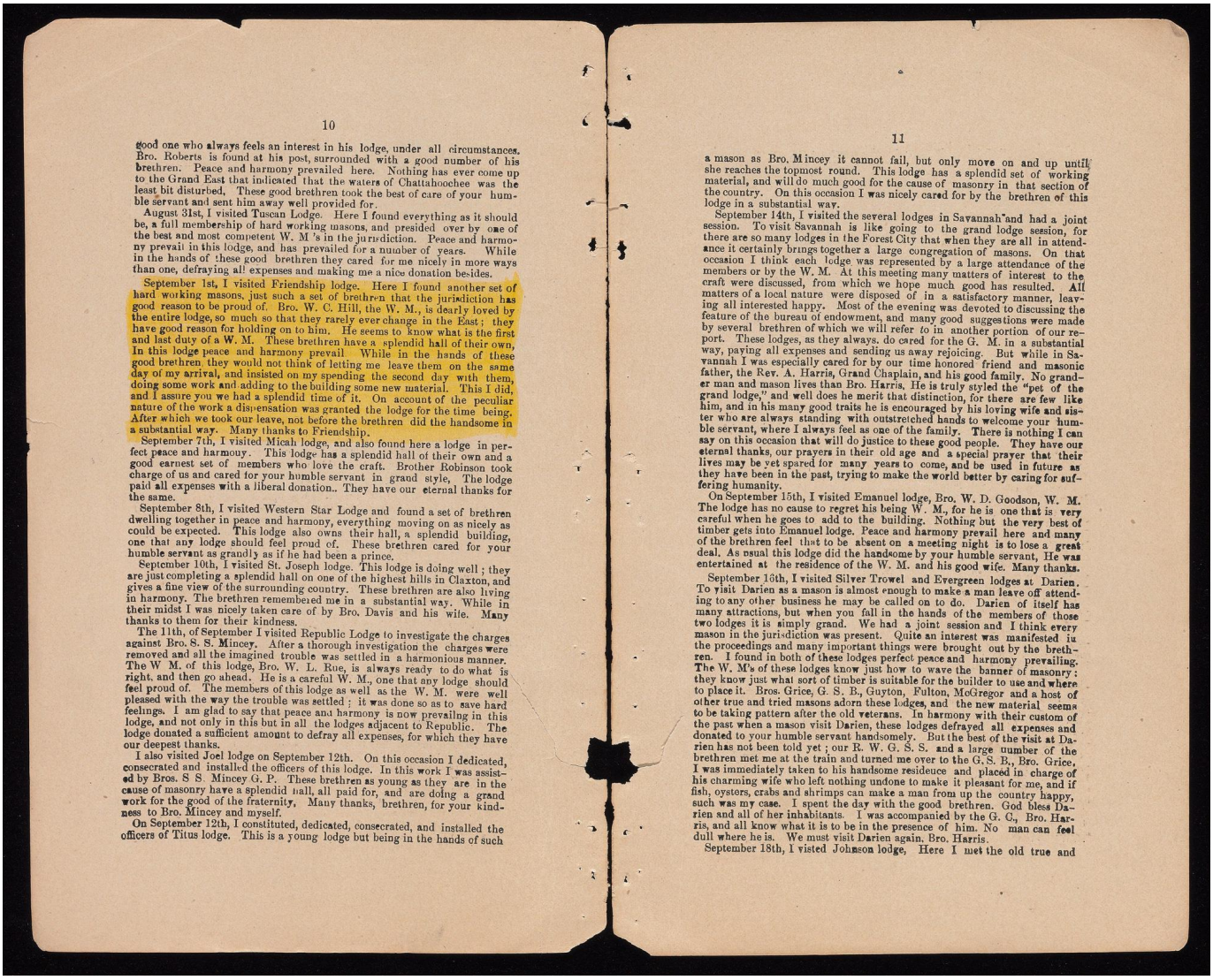

good one who always feels an interest in his lodge, under all circumstances. Bro. Roberts is found at his post, surrounded with a good number of his brethren. Peace and harmony prevailed here. Nothing has ever come up to the Grand East that indicated that the waters of Chattahoochee was the least bit disturbed, These good brethren took the best of care of your humble servant and sent him away well provided for.

August 31st, I visited Tuscan Lodge. Here I found everything as it should be, a full membership of hard working masons, and presided over by one of the best and most competent W. M 's in the jurisdiction. Peace and harmony prevail in this lodge, and has prevailed for a number of years. While in the hands of these good brethren they cared for me nicely in more ways than one, defraying all expenses and making me a nice donation besides.

September 1st, I visited Friendship lodge. Here I found another set of hard working masons, just such a set of brethren that the jurisdiction has good reason to be proud of. Bro. W. C. Hill, the W. M., is dearly loved by the entire lodge, so much so that they rarely ever change in the East; they have good reason for holding on to him. He seems to know what is the first and last duty of a W. M. These brethren have a splendid hall of their own, In this lodge peace and harmony prevail. While in the hands of these good brethren they would not think of letting me leave them on the same day of my arrival, and insisted on my spending the second day with them, doing some work and adding to the building some new material. This I did, and I assure you we had a splendid time of it. On account of the peculiar nature of the work a dispensation was granted the lodge for the time being. After which we took our leave, not before the brethren did the handsome in a substantial way. Many thanks to Friendship.

September 7th, I visited Micah lodge, and also found here a lodge in perfect peace and harmony. This lodge has a splendid hall of their own and a good earnest set of members who love the craft. Brother Robinson took charge of us and cared for your humble servant in grand style, The lodge paid all expenses with a liberal donation.. They have our eternal thanks for the same.

September 8th, I visited Western Star Lodge and found a set of brethren dwelling together in peace and harmony, everything moving on as nicely as could be expected. This lodge also owns their hall, a splendid building, one that any lodge should feel proud of. These brethren cared for your humble servant as grandly as if he had been a prince.

September 10th, I visited St. Joseph lodge. This lodge is doing well; they are just completing a splendid hall on one of the highest hills in Claxton, and gives a fine view of the surrounding country. These brethren are also living in harmony. The brethren remembered me in a substantial way. While in their midst I was nicely taken care of by Bro. Davis and his wife. Many thanks to them for their kindness.

The 11th, of September I visited Republic Lodge to investigate the charges against Bro. S. S. Mincey. After a thorough investigation the charges were removed and all the imagined trouble was settled in a harmonious manner. The W M. of this lodge, Bro. W. L. Rue, is always ready to do what is right, and then go ahead. He is a careful W. M., one that any lodge should feel proud of. The members of this lodge as well as the W. M. were well pleased with the way the trouble was settled; it was done so as to save hard feelings. I am glad to say that peace and harmony is now prevailing in this lodge, and not only in this but in all the lodges adjacent to Republic. The lodge donated a sufficient amount to defray all expenses, for which they have our deepest thanks.

I also visited Joel lodge on September 12th. On this occasion I dedicated, consecrated and installed the officers of this lodge. In this work I was assisted by Bros. S S. Mincey G. P. These brethren as young as they are in the cause of masonry have a splendid hall, all paid for, and are doing a grand work for the good of the fraternity, Many thanks, brethren, for your kindness to Bro. Mincey and myself.

On September 12th, I constituted, dedicated, consecrated, and installed the officers of Titus lodge. This is a young lodge but being in the hands of such

a mason as Bro. Mincey it cannot fail, but only move on and up until she reaches the topmost round. This lodge has a splendid set of working material, and will do much good for the cause of masonry in that section of the country. On this occasion I was nicely cared for by the brethren of this lodge in a substantial way.

September 14th, I visited the several lodges in Savannah and had a joint session. To visit Savannah is like going to the grand lodge session, for there are so many lodges in the Forest City that when they are all in attendance it certainly brings together a large congregation of masons. On that occasion I think each lodge was represented by a large attendance of the members or by the W. M. At this meeting many matters of interest to the craft were discussed, from which we hope much good has resulted. All matters of a local nature were disposed of in a satisfactory manner, leaving all interested happy. Most of the evening was devoted to discussing the feature of the bureau of endowment, and many good suggestions were made by several brethren of which we will refer to in another portion of our report. These lodges, as they always. do cared for the G. M. in a substantial way, paying all expenses and sending us away rejoicing. But while in Savannah I was especially cared for by our time honored friend and masonic father, the Rev. A. Harris, Grand Chaplain, and his good family. No grander man and mason lives than Bro. Harris. He is truly styled the "pet of the grand lodge," and well does he merit that distinction, for there are few like him, and in his many good traits he is encouraged by his loving wife and sister who are always standing with outstretched hands to welcome your humble servant, where I always feel as one of the family. There is nothing I can say on this occasion that will do justice to these good people. They have our eternal thanks, our prayers in their old age and a special prayer that their lives may be yet spared for many years to come, and be used in future as they have been in the past, trying to make the world better by caring for suffering humanity.

On September 15th, I visited Emanuel lodge, Bro. W. D. Goodson, W. M. The lodge has no cause to regret his being W. M., for he is one that is very careful when he goes to add to the building. Nothing but the very best of timber gets into Emanuel lodge. Peace and harmony prevail here and many of the brethren feel that to be absent on a meeting night is to lose a great deal. As usual this lodge did the handsome by your humble servant, He was entertained at the residence of the W. M. and his good wife. Many thanks.

September 16th, I visited Silver Trowel and Evergreen lodges at Darien. To visit Darien as a mason is almost enough to make a man leave off attending to any other business he may be called on to do. Darien of itself has many attractions, but when you fall in the hands of the members of those two lodges it is simply grand. We had a joint session and I think every mason in the jurisdiction was present. Quite an interest was manifested in the proceedings and many important things were brought out by the brethren. I found in both of these lodges perfect peace and harmony prevailing. The W. M's of these lodges know just how to wave the banner of masonry; they know just what sort of timber is suitable for the builder to use and where to place it. Bros. Grice, G. S. B., Guyton, Fulton, McGregor and a host of other true and tried masons adorn these lodges, and the new material seems to be taking pattern after the old veterans. In harmony with their custom of the past when a mason visit Darien, these lodges defrayed all expenses and donated to your humble servant handsomely. But the best of the visit at Darien has not been told yet; our R. W. G. S. S. and a large number of the brethren met me at the train and turned me over to the G. S. B., Bro. Grice, I was immediately taken to his handsome residence and placed in charge of his charming wife who left nothing undone to make it pleasant for me, and if fish, oysters, crabs and shrimps can make a man from up the country happy, such was my case. I spent the day with the good brethren. God bless Darien and all of her inhabitants. I was accompanied by the G. C., Bro. Harris, and all know what it is to be in the presence of him. No man can feel dull where he is. We must visit Darien again, Bro. Harris.

September 18th, I visted Johnson lodge, Here I met the old true and

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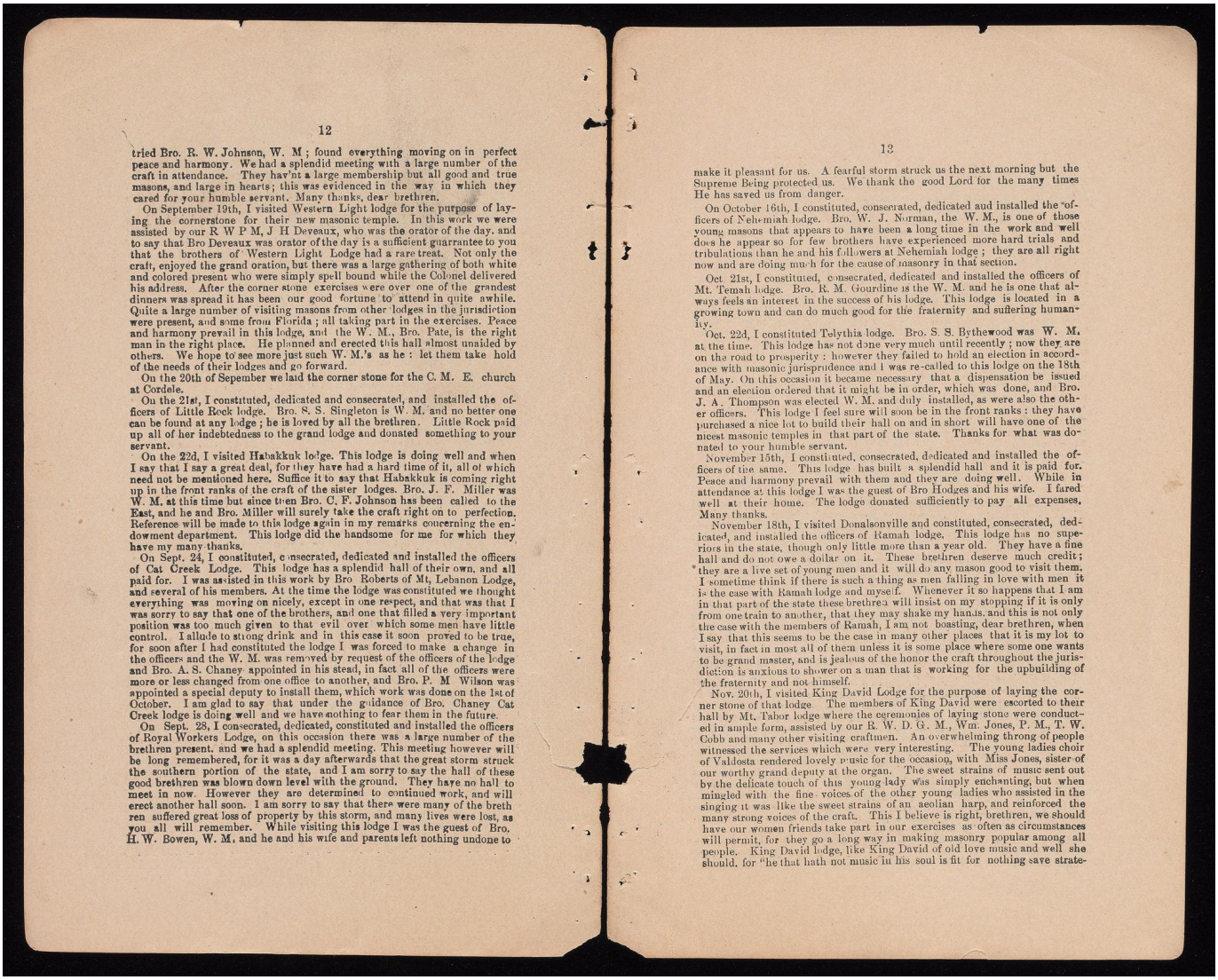

tried Bro. R. W. Johnson, W. M; found everything moving on in perfect peace and harmony. We had a splendid meeting with a large number of the craft in attendance. They hav'nt a large membership but all good and true masons, and large in hearts; this was evidenced in the way in which they cared for your humble servant. Many thanks, dear brethren.

On September 19th, I visited Western Light lodge for the purpose of laying the cornerstone for their new masonic temple. In this work we were assisted by our R W P M, J H Deveaux, who was the orator of the day. and to say that Bro Deveaux was orator of the day is a sufficient guarrantee to you that the brothers of Western Light Lodge had a rare treat. Not only the craft, enjoyed the grand oration, but there was a large gathering of both white and colored present who were simply spell bound while the Colonel delivered his address. After the corner stone exercises were over one of the grandest dinners was spread it has been our good fortune to attend in quite awhile. Quite a large number of visiting masons from other lodges in the jurisdiction were present, and some from Florida; all taking part in the exercises. Peace and harmony prevail in this lodge, and the W. M., Bro. Pate, is the right man in the right place. He planned and erected this hall almost unaided by others. We hope to see more just such W. M.'s as he: let them take hold of the needs of their lodges and go forward.

On the 20th of Sepember we laid the corner stone for the C. M. E. church at Cordele.

On the 21st, I constituted, dedicated and consecrated, and installed the officers of Little Rock lodge. Bro. S. S. Singleton is W. M. and no better one can be found at any lodge; he is loved by all the brethren. Little Rock paid up all of her indebtedness to the grand lodge and donated something to your servant.

On the 22d, I visited Habakkuk lodge. This lodge is doing well and when I say that I say a great deal, for they have had a hard time of it, all of which need not be mentioned here. Suffice it to say that Habakkuk is coming right up in the front ranks of the craft of the sister lodges. Bro. J. F. Miller was W. M. at this time but since then Bro. C. F. Johnson has been called to the East, and he and Bro. Miller will surely take the craft right on to perfection. Reference will be made to this lodge again in my remarks concerning the endowment department. This lodge did the handsome for me for which they have my many thanks.

On Sept. 24, I constituted, consecrated, dedicated and installed the officers of Cat Creek Lodge. This lodge has a splendid hall of their own, and all paid for. I was assisted in this work by Bro Roberts of Mt, Lebanon Lodge, and several of his members. At the time the lodge was constituted we thought everything was moving on nicely, except in one respect, and that was that I was sorry to say that one of the brothers, and one that filled a very important position was too much given to that evil over which some men have little control. I allude to strong drink and in this case it soon proved to be true, for soon after I had constituted the lodge I was forced to make a change in the officers and the W. M. was removed by request of the officers of the lodge and Bro. A. S. Chaney appointed in his stead, in fact all of the officers were more or less changed from one office to another, and Bro. P. M Wilson was appointed a special deputy to install them, which work was done on the 1st of October. I am glad to say that under the guidance of Bro. Chaney Cat Creek lodge is doing well and we have nothing to fear them in the future.

On Sept. 28, I consecrated, dedicated, constituted and installed the officers of Royal Workers Lodge, on this occasion there was a large number of the brethren present, and we had a splendid meeting. This meeting however will be long remembered, for it was a day afterwards that the great storm struck the southern portion of the state, and I am sorry to say the hall of these good brethren was blown down level with the ground. They have no hall to meet in now. However they are determined to continued work, and will erect another hall soon. I am sorry to say that there were many of the brethren suffered great loss of property by this storm, and many lives were lost, as you all will remember. While visiting this lodge I was the guest of Bro. H. W. Bowen, W. M., and he and his wife and parents left nothing undone to

make it pleasant for us. A fearful storm struck us the next morning but the Supreme Being protected us. We thank the good Lord for the many times He has saved us from danger.

On October 16th, I constituted, consecrated, dedicated and installed the officers of Nehemiah lodge. Bro. W. J. Norman, the W. M., is one of those young masons that appears to have been a long time in the work and well does he appear so for few brothers have experienced more hard trials and tribulations than he and his followers at Nehemiah lodge; they are all right now and are doing much for the cause of masonry in that section.

Oct. 21st, I constituted, consecrated, dedicated and installed the officers of Mt. Temah lodge. Bro. R. M. Gourdine is the W. M. and he is one that always feels an interest in the success of his lodge. This lodge is located in a growing town and can do much good for the fraternity and suffering humanity.

Oct. 22d, I constituted Telythia lodge. Bro. S. S. Bythewood was W. M. at the time. This lodge has not done very much until recently; now they are on the road to prosperity: however they failed to hold an election in accordance with masonic jurisprudence and I was re-called to this lodge on the 18th of May. On this occasion it became necessary that a dispensation be issued and an election ordered that it might be in order, which was done, and Bro. J. A. Thompson was elected W. M. and duly installed, as were also the other officers. This lodge I feel sure will soon be in the front ranks: they have purchased a nice lot to build their hall on and in short will have one of the nicest masonic temples in that part of the state. Thanks for what was donated to your humble servant.

November 15th, I constituted, consecrated, dedicated and installed the officers of the same. This lodge has built a splendid hall and it is paid for. Peace and harmony prevail with them and they are doing well. While in attendance at this lodge I was the guest of Bro Hodges and his wife. I fared well at their home. The lodge donated sufficiently to pay all expenses. Many thanks.

November 18th, I visited Donalsonville and constituted, consecrated, dedicated, and installed the officers of Ramah lodge. This lodge has no superiors in the state, though only little more than a year old. They have a fine hall and do not owe a dollar on it. These brethren deserve much credit; they are a live set of young men and it will do any mason good to visit them. I sometime think if there is such a thing as men falling in love with men it is the case with Ramah lodge and myself. Whenever it so happens that I am in that part of the state these brethren will insist on my stopping if it is only from one train to another, that they may shake my hands, and this is not only the case with the members of Ramah, I am not boasting, dear brethren, when I say that this seems to be the case in many other places that it is my lot to visit, in fact in most all of them unless it is some place where some one wants to be grand master, and is jealous of the honor the craft throughout the jurisdiction is anxious to shower on a man that is working for the upbuilding of the fraternity and not himself.

Nov. 20th, I visited King David Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner stone of that lodge. The members of King David were escorted to their hall by Mt. Tabor lodge where the ceremonies of laying stone were conducted in ample form, assisted by our R. W. D. G. M., Wm. Jones, P. M., T. W. Cobb and many other visiting craftmen. An overwhelming throng of people witnessed the services which were very interesting. The young ladies choir of Valdosta rendered lovely music for the occasion, with Miss Jones, sister of our worthy grand deputy at the organ. The sweet strains of music sent out by the delicate touch of this young lady was simply enchanting, but when mingled with the fine voices of the other young ladies who assisted in the singing it was like the sweet strains of an aeolian harp, and reinforced the many strong voices of the craft. This I believe is right, brethren, we should have our women friends take part in our exercises as often as circumstances will permit, for they go a long way in making masonry popular among all people. King David lodge, like King David of old love music and well she should, for "he that hath not music in his soul is fit for nothing save strate-

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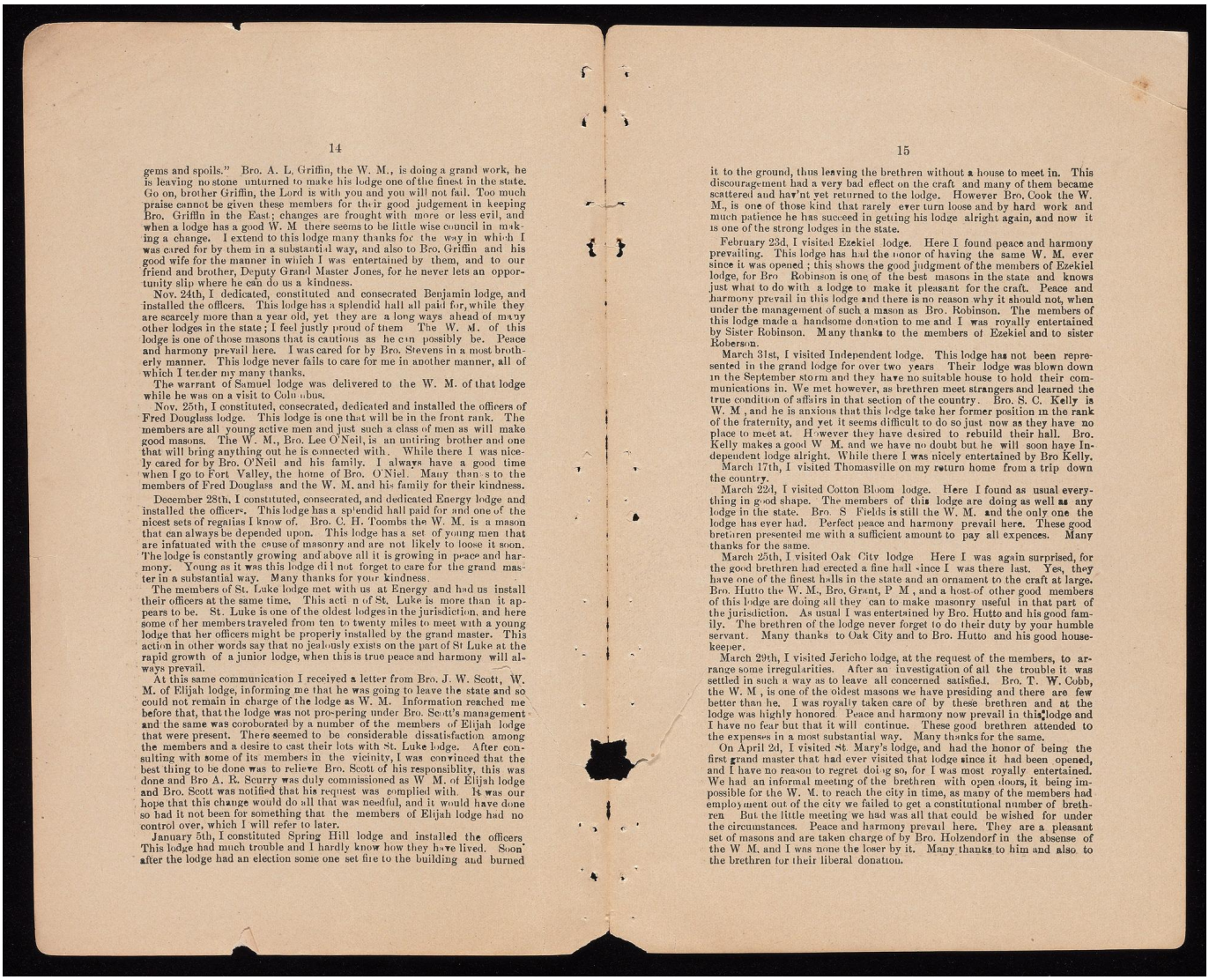

gems and spoils." Bro. A. L. Griffin, the W. M., is doing a grand work, he is leaving no stone unturned to make his lodge one of the finest in the state. Go on, brother Griffin, the Lord is with you and you will not fail. Too much praise cannot be given these members for their good judgement in keeping Bro. Griffin in the East; changes are frought with more or less evil, and when a lodge has a good W. M there seems to be little wise council in making a change. I extend to this lodge many thanks for the way in which I was cared for by them in a substantial way, and also to Bro. Griffin and his good wife for the manner in which I was entertained by them, and to our friend and brother, Deputy Grand Master Jones, for he never lets an opportunity slip where he can do us a kindness.

Nov. 24th, I dedicated, constituted and consecrated Benjamin lodge, and installed the officers. This lodge has a splendid hall all paid for, while they are scarcely more than a year old, yet they are a long ways ahead of many other lodges in the state; I feel justly proud of them The W. M. of this lodge is one of those masons that is cautious as he can possibly be. Peace and harmony prevail here. I was cared for by Bro. Stevens in a most brotherly manner. This lodge never fails to care for me in another manner, all of which I tender my many thanks.

The warrant of Samuel lodge was delivered to the W. M. of that lodge while he was on a visit to Columbus.

Nov. 25th, I constituted, consecrated, dedicated and installed the officers of Fred Douglass lodge. This lodge is one that will be in the front rank. The members are all young active men and just such a class of men as will make good masons. The W. M., Bro. Lee O'Neil, is an untiring brother and one that will bring anything out he is connected with. While there I was nicely cared for by Bro. O'Neil and his family. I always have a good time when I go to Fort Valley, the home of Bro. O'Niel. Many thanks to the members of Fred Douglass and the W. M. and his family for their kindness.

December 28th, I constituted, consecrated, and dedicated Energy lodge and installed the officers. This lodge has a splendid hall paid for and one of the nicest sets of regalias I know of. Bro. C. H. Toombs the W. M. is a mason that can always be depended upon. This lodge has a set of young men that are infatuated with the cause of masonry and are not likely to loose it soon. The lodge is constantly growing and above all it is growing in peace and harmony. Young as it was this lodge did not forget to care for the grand master in a substantial way. Many thanks for your kindness.

The members of St. Luke lodge met with us at Energy and had us install their officers at the same time. This action of St. Luke is more than it appears to be. St. Luke is one of the oldest lodges in the jurisdiction, and here some of her members traveled from ten to twenty miles to meet with a young lodge that her officers might be properly installed by the grand master. This action in other words say that no jealously exists on the part of St Luke at the rapid growth of a junior lodge, when this is true peace and harmony will always prevail.

At this same communication I received a letter from Bro. J. W. Scott, W. M. of Elijah lodge, informing me that he was going to leave the state and so could not remain in charge of the lodge as W. M. Information reached me before that, that the lodge was not prospering under Bro. Scott's management and the same was coroborated by a number of the members of Elijah lodge that were present. There seemed to be considerable dissatisfaction among the members and a desire to cast their lots with St. Luke lodge. After consulting with some of its members in the vicinity, I was convinced that the best thing to be done was to relieve Bro. Scott of his responsiblity, this was done and Bro A. R. Scurry was duly commissioned as W M. of Elijah lodge and Bro. Scott was notified that his request was complied with. It was our hope that this change would do all that was needful, and it would have done so had it not been for something that the members of Elijah lodge had no control over, which I will refer to later.

January 5th, I constituted Spring Hill lodge and installed the officers This lodge had much trouble and I hardly know how they have lived. Soon after the lodge had an election some one set fire to the building and burned

it to the ground, thus leaving the brethren without a house to meet in. This discouragement had a very bad effect on the craft and many of them became scattered and hav'nt yet returned to the lodge. However Bro. Cook the W. M., is one of those kind that rarely ever turn loose and by hard work and much patience he has succeed in getting his lodge alright again, and now it is one of the strong lodges in the state.

February 23d, I visited Ezekiel lodge. Here I found peace and harmony prevailing. This lodge has had the honor of having the same W. M. ever since it was opened; this shows the good judgment of the members of Ezekiel lodge, for Bro Robinson is one of the best masons in the state and knows just what to do with a lodge to make it pleasant for the craft. Peace and harmony prevail in this lodge and there is no reason why it should not, when under the management of such a mason as Bro. Robinson. The members of this lodge made a handsome donation to me and I was royally entertained by Sister Robinson. Many thanks to the members of Ezekiel and to sister Roberson.

March 31st, I visited Independent lodge. This lodge has not been represented in the grand lodge for over two years Their lodge was blown down in the September storm and they have no suitable house to hold their communications in. We met however, as brethren meet strangers and learned the true condition of affairs in that section of the country. Bro. S. C. Kelly is W. M, and he is anxious that this lodge take her former position in the rank of the fraternity, and yet it seems difficult to do so just now as they have no place to meet at. However they have desired to rebuild their hall. Bro. Kelly makes a good W M. and we have no doubt but he will soon have Independent lodge alright. While there I was nicely entertained by Bro Kelly.

March 17th, I visited Thomasville on my return home from a trip down the country.

March 22d, I visited Cotton Bloom lodge. Here I found as usual everything in good shape. The members of this lodge are doing as well as any lodge in the state. Bro. S Fields is still the W. M. and the only one the lodge has ever had. Perfect peace and harmony prevail here. These good brethren presented me with a sufficient amount to pay all expences. Many thanks for the same.

March 25th, I visited Oak City lodge Here I was again surprised, for the good brethren had erected a fine hall since I was there last. Yes, they have one of the finest halls in the state and an ornament to the craft at large. Bro. Hutto the W. M., Bro. Grant, P M, and a host of other good members of this lodge are doing all they can to make masonry useful in that part of the jurisdiction. As usual I was entertained by Bro. Hutto and his good family. The brethren of the lodge never forget to do their duty by your humble servant. Many thanks to Oak City and to Bro. Hutto and his good housekeeper.

March 29th, I visited Jericho lodge, at the request of the members, to arrange some irregularities. After an investigation of all the trouble it was settled in such a way as to leave all concerned satisfied. Bro. T. W. Cobb, the W. M, is one of the oldest masons we have presiding and there are few better than he. I was royally taken care of by these brethren and at the lodge was highly honored Peace and harmony now prevail in this lodge and I have no fear but that it will continue. These good brethren attended to the expenses in a most substantial way. Many thanks for the same.

On April 2d, I visited St Mary's lodge, and had the honor of being the first grand master that had ever visited that lodge since it had been opened, and I have no reason to regret doing so, for I was most royally entertained. We had an informal meeting of the brethren with open doors, it being impossible for the W. M. to reach the city in time, as many of the members had employment out of the city we failed to get a constitutional number of brethren But the little meeting we had was all that could be wished for under the circumstances. Peace and harmony prevail here. They are a pleasant set of masons and are taken charge of by Bro. Holzendorf in the absense of the W M. and I was none the loser by it. Many thanks to him and also to the brethren for their liberal donation.

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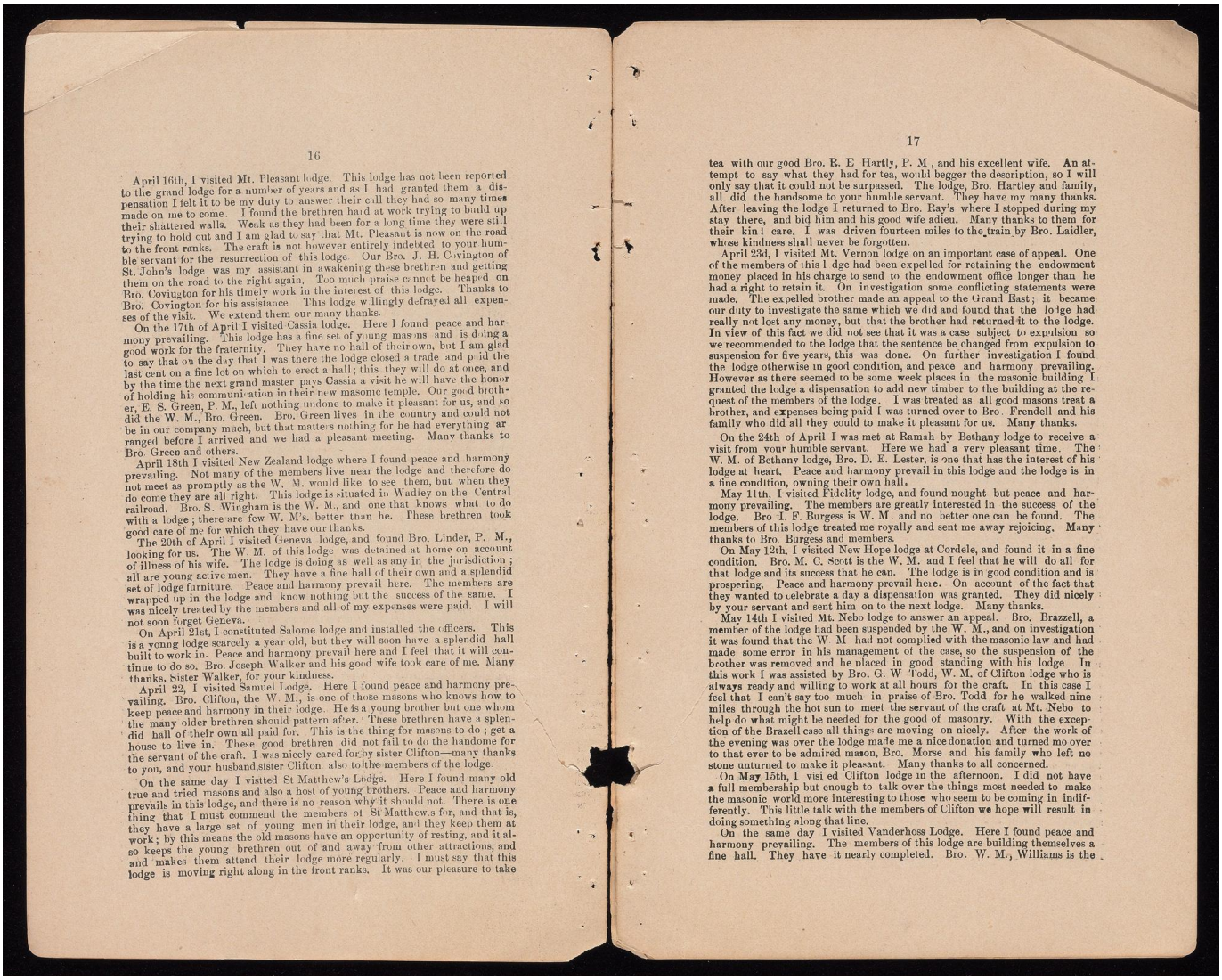

April 16th, I visited Mt. Pleasant lodge. This lodge has not been reported to the grand lodge for a number of years and as I had granted them a dispensation I felt it to be my duty to answer their call they had so many times made on me to come. I found the brethren hard at work trying to build up their shattered walls. Weak as they had been for a long time they were still trying to hold out and I am glad to say that Mt. Pleasant is now on the road to the front ranks. The craft is not however entirely indebted to your humble servant for the resurrection of this lodge. Our Bro. J. H. Covington of St. John's lodge was my assistant in awakening these brethren and getting them on the road to the right again. Too much praise cannot be heaped on Bro. Covington for his timely work in the interest of this lodge. Thanks to Bro. Covington for his assistance. This lodge willingly defrayed all expenses of the visit. We extend them our many thanks.

On the 17th of April I visited Cassia lodge. Here I found peace and harmony prevailing. This lodge has a fine set of young masons and is doing a good work for the fraternity. They have no hall of their own, but I am glad to say that on the day that I was there the lodge closed a trade and paid the last cent on a fine lot on which to erect a hall; this they will do at once, and by the time the next grand master pays Cassia a visit he will have the honor of holding his communication in their new masonic temple. Our good brother, E. S. Green, P. M., left nothing undone to make it pleasant for us, and so did the W. M., Bro. Green. Bro. Green lives in the country and could not be in our company much, but that matters nothing for he had everything arranged before I arrived and we had a pleasant meeting. Many thanks to Bro. Green and others.

April 18th I visited New Zealand lodge where I found peace and harmony prevailing. Not many of the members live near the lodge and therefore do not meet as promptly as the W. M. would like to see them, but when they do come they are all right. This lodge is situated in Wadley on the Central railroad. Bro. S. Wingham is the W. M., and one that knows what to do with a lodge; there are few W. M's. better than he. These brethren took good care of me for which they have our thanks.

The 20th of April I visited Geneva lodge, and found Bro. Linder, P. M., looking for us. The W. M. of this lodge was detained at home on account of illness of his wife. The lodge is doing as well as any in the jurisdiction; all are young active men. They have a fine hall of their own and a splendid set of lodge furniture. Peace and harmony prevail here. The members are wrapped up in the lodge and know nothing but the success of the same. I was nicely treated by the members and all of my expenses were paid. I will not soon forget Geneva.

On April 21st, I constituted Salome lodge and installed the officers. This is a young lodge scarcely a year old, but they will soon have a splendid hall built to work in. Peace and harmony prevail here and I feel that it will continue to do so. Bro. Joseph Walker and his good wife took care of me. Many thanks, Sister Walker, for your kindness.

April 22, I visited Samuel Lodge. Here I found peace and harmony prevailing. Bro. Clifton, the W. M., is one of those masons who knows how to keep peace and harmony in their lodge. He is a young brother but one whom the many older brethren should pattern after. These brethren have a splendid hall of their own all paid for. This is the thing for masons to do; get a house to live in. These good brethren did not fail to do the handome for the servant of the craft. I was nicely cared for by sister Clifton—many thanks to you, and your husband, sister Clifton also to the members of the lodge.

On the same day I visited St Matthew's Lodge. Here I found many old true and tried masons and also a host of young brothers. Peace and harmony prevails in this lodge, and there is no reason why it should not. There is one thing that I must commend the members of St Matthews for, and that is, they have a large set of young men in their lodge, and they keep them at work; by this means the old masons have an opportunity of resting, and it also keeps the young brethren out of and away from other attractions, and and makes them attend their lodge more regularly. I must say that this lodge is moving right along in the front ranks. It was our pleasure to take

tea with our good Bro. R. E Hartly, P. M., and his excellent wife. An attempt to say what they had for tea, would begger the description, so I will only say that it could not be surpassed. The lodge, Bro. Hartley and family, all did the handsome to your humble servant. They have my many thanks. After leaving the lodge I returned to Bro. Ray's where I stopped during my stay there, and bid him and his good wife adieu. Many thanks to them for their kind care. I was driven fourteen miles to the train by Bro. Laidler, whose kindness shall never be forgotten.

April 23d, I visited Mt. Vernon lodge on an important case of appeal. One of the members of this lodge had been expelled for retaining the endowment money placed in his charge to send to the endowment office longer than he had a right to retain it. On investigation some conflicting statements were made. The expelled brother made an appeal to the Grand East; it became our duty to investigate the same which we did and found that the lodge had really not lost any money, but that the brother had returned it to the lodge. In view of this fact we did not see that it was a case subject to expulsion so we recommended to the lodge that the sentence be changed from expulsion to suspension for five years, this was done. On further investigation I found the lodge otherwise in good condition, and peace and harmony prevailing. However as there seemed to be some week places in the masonic building I granted the lodge a dispensation to add new timber to the building at the request of the members of the lodge. I was treated as all good masons treat a brother, and expenses being paid I was turned over to Bro. Frendell and his family who did all they could to make it pleasant for us. Many thanks.

On the 24th of April I was met at Ramah by Bethany lodge to receive a visit from your humble servant. Here we had a very pleasant time. The W. M. of Bethany lodge, Bro. D. E. Lester, is one that has the interest of his lodge at heart. Peace and harmony prevail in this lodge and the lodge is in a fine condition, owning their own hall.

May 11th, I visited Fidelity lodge, and found nought but peace and harmony prevailing. The members are greatly interested in the success of the lodge. Bro I. F. Burgess is W. M. and no better one can be found. The members of this lodge treated me royally and sent me away rejoicing. Many thanks to Bro Burgess and members.

On May 12th. I visited New Hope lodge at Cordele, and found it in a fine condition. Bro. M. C. Scott is the W. M. and I feel that he will do all for that lodge and its success that he can. The lodge is in good condition and is prospering. Peace and harmony prevail here. On account of the fact that they wanted to celebrate a day a dispensation was granted. They did nicely by your servant and sent him on to the next lodge. Many thanks.

May 14th I visited Mt. Nebo lodge to answer an appeal. Bro. Brazzell, a member of the lodge had been suspended by the W. M., and on investigation it was found that the W. M had not complied with the masonic law and had made some error in his management of the case, so the suspension of the brother was removed and he placed in good standing with his lodge. In this work I was assisted by Bro. G. W Todd, W. M. of Clifton lodge who is always ready and willing to work at all hours for the craft. In this case I feel that I can't say too much in praise of Bro. Todd for he walked nine miles through the hot sun to meet the servant of the craft at Mt. Nebo to help do what might be needed for the good of masonry. With the exception of the Brazell case all things are moving on nicely. After the work of the evening was over the lodge made me a nice donation and turned me over to that ever to be admired mason, Bro. Morse and his family who left no stone unturned to make it pleasant. Many thanks to all concerned.

On May 15th, I visited Clifton lodge in the afternoon. I did not have a full membership but enough to talk over the things most needed to make the masonic world more interesting to those who seem to be coming in indifferently. This little talk with the members of Clifton we hope will result in doing something along that line.

On the same day I visited Vanderhoss Lodge. Here I found peace and harmony prevailing. The members of this lodge are building themselves a fine hall. They have it nearly completed. Bro. W. M., Williams is the

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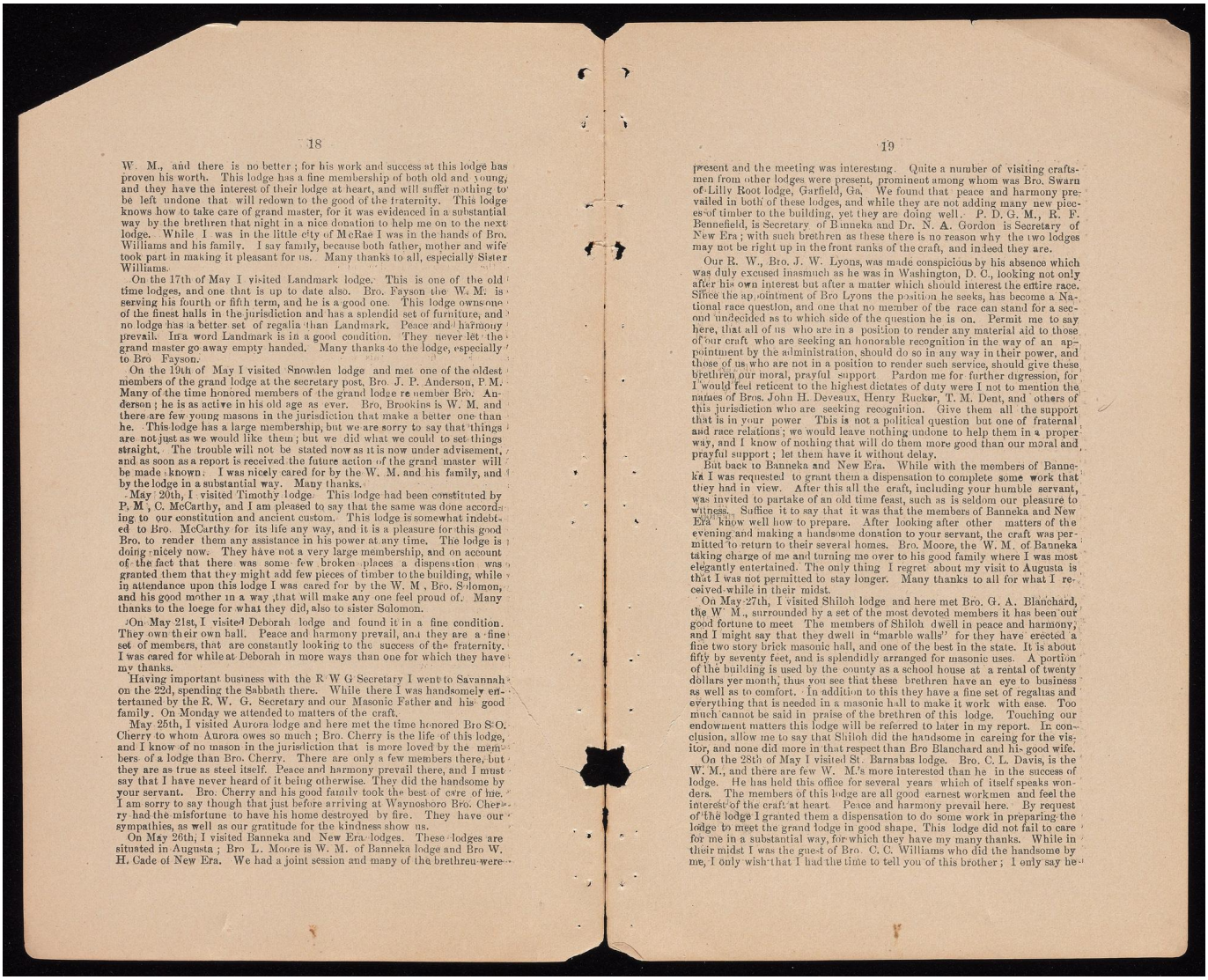

W. M., and there is no better; for his work and success at this lodge has proven his worth. This lodge has a fine membership of both old and young, and they have the interest of their lodge at heart, and will suffer nothing to be left undone that will redown to the good of the fraternity. This lodge knows how to take care of grand master, for it was evidenced in a substantial way by the brethren that night in a nice donation to help me on to the next lodge. While I was in the little city of McRae I was in the hands of Bro. Williams and his family. I say family, because both father, mother and wife took part in making it pleasant for us. Many thanks to all, especially Sister Williams.

On the 17th of May I visited Landmark lodge. This is one of the old time lodges, and one that is up to date also. Bro. Fayson the W. M. is serving his fourth or fifth term, and he is a good one. This lodge owns one of the finest halls in the jurisdiction and has a splendid set of furniture, and no lodge has a better set of regalia than Landmark. Peace and harmony prevail. In a word Landmark is in a good condition. They never let the grand master go away empty handed. Many thanks to the lodge, especially to Bro Fayson.

On the 19th of May I visited Snowden lodge and met one of the oldest members of the grand lodge at the secretary post, Bro. J. P. Anderson, P. M. Many of the time honored members of the grand lodge remember Bro. Anderson; he is as active in his old age as ever. Bro. Brookins is W. M. and there are few young masons in the jurisdiction that make a better one than he. This lodge has a large membership, but we are sorry to say that things are not just as we would like them; but we did what we could to set things straight. The trouble will not be stated now as it is now under advisement, and as soon as a report is received the future action of the grand master will be made known. I was nicely cared for by the W. M. and his family, and by the lodge in a substantial way. Many thanks.

May 20th, I visited Timothy lodge. This lodge had been constituted by P. M. C. McCarthy, and I am pleased to say that the same was done according to our constitution and ancient custom. This lodge is somewhat indebted to Bro. McCarthy for its life any way, and it is a pleasure for this good Bro. to render them any assistance in his power at any time. The lodge is doing nicely now. They have not a very large membership, and on account of the fact that there was some few broken places a dispensation was granted them that they might add few pieces of timber to the building, while in attendance upon this lodge I was cared for by the W. M., Bro. Solomon, and his good mother in a way ,that will make any one feel proud of. Many thanks to the loege for what they did, also to sister Solomon.

On May 21st, I visited Deborah lodge and found it in a fine condition. They own their own hall. Peace and harmony prevail, and they are a fine set of members, that are constantly looking to the success of the fraternity. I was cared for while at Deborah in more ways than one for which they have my thanks.

Having important business with the R W G Secretary I went to Savannah on the 22d, spending the Sabbath there. While there I was handsomely entertained by the R. W. G. Secretary and our Masonic Father and his good family. On Monday we attended to matters of the craft.

May 25th, I visited Aurora lodge and here met the time honored Bro S. O. Cherry to whom Aurora owes so much; Bro. Cherry is the life of this lodge, and I know of no mason in the jurisdiction that is more loved by the members of a lodge than Bro. Cherry. There are only a few members there, but they are as true as steel itself. Peace and harmony prevail there, and I must say that I have never heard of it being otherwise. They did the handsome by your servant. Bro. Cherry and his good family took the best of care of me. I am sorry to say though that just before arriving at Waynosboro Bro. Cherry had the misfortune to have his home destroyed by fire. They have our sympathies, as well as our gratitude for the kindness show us.

On May 26th, I visited Banneka and New Era lodges. These lodges are situated in Augusta; Bro L. Moore is W. M. of Banneka lodge and Bro W. H. Cade of New Era. We had a joint session and many of the brethren were present and the meeting was interesting. Quite a number of visiting craftsmen from other lodges were present, prominent among whom was Bro. Swarn of Lilly Root lodge, Garfield, Ga. We found that peace and harmony prevailed in both of these lodges, and while they are not adding many new pieces of timber to the building, yet they are doing well. P. D. G. M., R. F. Bennefield, is Secretary of Banneka and Dr. N. A. Gordon is Secretary of New Era; with such brethren as these there is no reason why the two lodges may not be right up in the front ranks of the craft, and indeed they are.

Our R. W., Bro. J. W. Lyons, was made conspicious by his absence which was duly excused inasmuch as he was in Washington, D. C., looking not only after his own interest but after a matter which should interest the entire race. Since the appointment of Bro Lyons the position he seeks, has become a National race question, and one that no member of the race can stand for a second undecided as to which side of the question he is on. Permit me to say here, that all of us who are in a position to render any material aid to those of our craft who are seeking an honorable recognition in the way of an appointment by the administration, should do so in any way in their power, and those of us who are not in a position to render such service, should give these brethren our moral, prayful support. Pardon me for further digression, for I would feel reticent to the highest dictates of duty were I not to mention the names of Bros. John H. Deveaux, Henry Rucker, T. M. Dent, and others of this jurisdiction who are seeking recognition. Give them all the support that is in your power. This is not a political question but one of fraternal and race relations; we would leave nothing undone to help them in a proper way, and I know of nothing that will do them more good than our moral and prayful support; let them have it without delay.

But back to Banneka and New Era. While with the members of Banneka I was requested to grant them a dispensation to complete some work that they had in view. After this all the craft, including your humble servant, was invited to partake of an old time feast, such as is seldom our pleasure to witness. Suffice it to say that it was that the members of Banneka and New Era know well how to prepare. After looking after other matters of the evening and making a handsome donation to your servant, the craft was permitted to return to their several homes. Bro. Moore, the W. M. of Banneka taking charge of me and turning me over to his good family where I was most elegantly entertained. The only thing I regret about my visit to Augusta is that I was not permitted to stay longer. Many thanks to all for what I received while in their midst.

On May 27th, I visited Shiloh lodge and here met Bro. G. A. Blanchard, the W. M., surrounded by a set of the most devoted members it has been our good fortune to meet. The members of Shiloh dwell in peace and harmony, and I might say that they dwell in "marble walls" for they have erected a fine two story brick masonic hall, and one of the best in the state. It is about fifty by seventy feet, and is splendidly arranged for masonic uses. A portion of the building is used by the county as a school house at a rental of twenty dollars per month, thus you see that these brethren have an eye to business as well as to comfort. In addition to this they have a fine set of regalias and everything that is needed in a masonic hall to make it work with ease. Too much cannot be said in praise of the brethren of this lodge. Touching our endowment matters this lodge will be referred to later in my report. In conclusion, allow me to say that Shiloh did the handsome in careing for the visitor, and none did more in that respect than Bro Blanchard and his good wife.

On the 28th of May I visited St. Barnabas lodge. Bro. C. L. Davis, is the W. M., and there are few W. M.'s more interested than he in the success of lodge. He has held this office for several years which of itself speaks wonders. The members of this lodge are all good earnest workmen and feel the interest of the craft at heart. Peace and harmony prevail here. By request of the lodge I granted them a dispensation to do some work in preparing the lodge to meet the grand lodge in good shape. This lodge did not fail to care for me in a substantial way, for which they have my many thanks. While in their midst I was the guest of Bro. C. C. Williams who did the handsome by me, I only wish that I had the time to tell you of this brother; I only say he

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is a business man that is a credit to the race. Many thanks to him and his family for courtesies shown me.

June 14th, I visited Jeptha lodge of which Bro. H. J. Harris is the W. M. This lodge has a large membership and are all good honest masons. Peace and harmony prevail in this lodge, however there is a brother who is not a member of Jeptha who has given the lodge more or less annoyance from time to time, so much so that I thought it advisable that the brother be brought before this grand lodge and show reasons why he should not be suspended. I allude to Bro. G. L. Scruggs of Mt. Lebanon lodge. While at Jeptha I was the guest of Bro. Smith and family who treated me nicely. The brethren of Jeptha remembered me in a most substantial manner. Many thanks for the same. The W. M. of Habakkuk lodge, Bro C. F. Johnson, and a number of brethren from other lodges were present.

June 15th, I had a lay over of a night at Tifton as the guest of Bro. R. C. Ellison, a most excellent brother mason. He is well fixed in this world goods and knows how to enjey it. Many thanks to Bro. Elison for his kindness and to Bro. Sanders who endeavored to render happiness to your humble servant.

June 16th, I visited Sheridan lodge. I had been informed that the so-called "York Kite" or in other words some of the W. D. Matthews followers had entered that lodge and influenced a large number of the members to turn over (as they called it) to this so called crowd of masons. I am sorry to say that I found the report to be true in a large measure, so that I was compelled to suspend the W. M. and all who had been influenced in that direction. After suspending them I appointed Bro G. W. Robinson, W. M.; Bro. Y. Law, S. W.; and Bro. Thomas Quinn, J. W. and also filled the other offices. I took charge of the warrant and paraphanalias and placed them in charge of the newly appointed officers. I have not given the names of those that I have suspended. Their names will appear in the minutes, unless they are reinstated before going to press.

On the same night I visited Johnston lodge. I am sorry to say that I had been requested to visit this lodge sometime before and investigated a matter that had caused considerable dissatisfaction and left the proper instructions which I am sure if followed will have all matters in this lodge moving on as smoothly as ever. I had to change the name of the lodge that it might be in harmony with the Constitution of this jurisdiction. I changed the name from Johnston to "Hour Glass." While visiting this lodge I was taken care of by Bro. Burney and his family in a pleasant manner. The W. M., Bro. McKay was not present; he was engaged teaching school at Chauney.

On June 17th I visited Zerubbabel lodge. Bro. J. W. Hardee is the W. M. of this lodge, and he is a first class mason and W. M. This lodge has a splendid set of members who feel a great interest in the success of the craft. Peace and harmony is prevailing here in such a stream of brotherly love as would make a man feel glad to be a mason. Bro. Hardee and family entertained me royally. He is well fixed in this world's goods. After the lodge was called off Bro. Hardee took me at 12 o'clock that night and drove me 18 miles to the railroad. Zerubbabel lodge made me a donation, for which I am thankful.

June 18th, I missed connection at Jesup and was detained there for several hours. While there I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. H. Sharp, W. M. of Mt. Olive lodge and several brethren of the lodge, among whom was Bro. T. B. McConnell, P. M. Bros. McConnell and Sharp took charge of me and by these two old masonic veterans I was most royally entertained at the residence of Mrs. Sykes, a relative of Bro McConnell, the headquarters of the craft in Jesup. We did not call on the lodge for want of time. Long live the members of Mt. Olive.

ENDOWMENT.

Referring again to the Bureau of Endowment, permit me to say that when our grand lodge was in session last June it was ordered by resolution the endowment go into effect sixty days after the minutes were printed and distributed, it being the impression at the time that the minutes would be printed within thirty days, (an almost impossibility.) To have waited ninety days before asking the brethren for the assistance for these distressed widows and

orphans, and then waiting thirty or sixty days longer so as to give the lodge s time to collect in the money, would be in compliance with the letter of th resolution. but not with the spirit of the resolution, with the object of the endowment, or with the needs of our suffering sisters or children, for while we were waiting on technicalities the Death Angel was on his way to the homes of our brethren, and the notices of masons being called from labor to rest were being constantly received. The committee was consulted on this state of affairs and it was thought best to put the endowment law in operation, therefore on the 24th of August 1897, at our request the secretary of the B. O. E. sent out his first assessment notice. The grand lodge in adopting the law governing the endowment failed to enact any law that place a limit as to the time a lodge would have to pay in her assessment fee or to place any restriction around the lodges that paid in their donations within the time mentioned in the endowment law, therefore in order to remedy this oversight I cause to circulate among the craft the following edict on the 24th of Aug st, 1897:

TO THE CRAFT AT LARGE.

Greeting:—By virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution (See Art. VII Section 1,) it is hereby DECLARED that any Subordinate Lodge failing to comply with the request of the Bureau of Endowment, will forfeit the right of each member of the said lodge, to participate in the benefits of this Bureau of Endowment and the same shall remain forfeited until all arrears are paid, but on the payment of all arrears the said lodge will immediately be reinstated and become a member and beneficiary of the Endowment Fund.

I am glad to say that this action was highly endorsed by the lodges throughout the jurisdiction with a few exceptions. However, soon after the notice went out I received a notice from Cornerstone Lodge No. 8, and Keystone No 24, of Brunswick, stating that the lodges in Brunswick would not take any part in the B. O. E. This I regretted, but knew of no way by which I could make it otherwise. To have entered into a question of law as to the power of one or more lodges putting the grand master on notice that they did not intend to comply with the law governing the B. O. E., which had just a few months been unanimously adopted by the grand lodge, and that in the presence of these lodges and neither of them casting a negative vote, to my knowledge, would have caused considerable amount of writing and explaining, therefore I desired to wait, hoping that I would have an opportunity of visiting these lodges and then we could say more about the endowment; failing to get this much desired privilege or oportunity, the subject rested until the 21st of January 1897, when I received a communication from Cornerstone's W. M., stating that the lodge had desired to take part in the endowment, and further desiring to know if the lodge paid up all back assessments could that lodge receive benefits for Bro. Taylor's family, Bro. Taylor having died on the 23d of December 1897. In reply to the W. M. I stated that I would refer the request of the lodge to the committee on endowment and report to him the decision of the said committee. This was done and on the 10th of March I informed the W. M. of Cornerstone that a majority of the committee did not think that the request could be complied with and at the same time do justice to the other lodges that had been paying their assessments from the first, but I would further refer the request to the grand lodge for a final decision: therefore I now call your attention to Cornerstone Lodge and ask that you pass on the same. Permit me to say that this is an important question and much depends on your answer.

It has been my custom since the endowment has been in operation to request the Secretary of the B. O. E. to issue the assessment notices as they came in regular order, if there was no doubt in the legality of the claim but whenever there is a claim that there is any doubt about to refer it to all the members of the committee on endowment. This has been complied with strictly and the following claims with all the papers attached to them you are fraternally asked to pass upon: Bro. Fortune Clark of Habbakuk Lodge, died June 28, 1896; Bro. Peter Smith of Jeptha Lodge, died June 30, 1896; Bro. James Baker of Beth-Eden Lodge, died January 20, 1896.

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The above named persons having died before the endowment had been put in operation, the committee deemed it best to refer it to the grand lodge.

The theee claims mentioned above are equally peculiar. Bro. Baker's death having occured long before the endowment was amended, and while he holds a policy from the old endowment association, I cannot see how this B. O. E. can be asked to pay it or even think of doing so, yet it was our duty to refer it to the grand lodge. The claim of Habakkuk lodge is somewhat different, Bro Clark died on the 28th of June, and the endowment law was adopted on the 16th, and the minutes were read and approved by the grand master in August, '97. The claim of Jeptha lodge is very similar, Bro. Smith having died on the 30th of June. In both of these the committee was of the opinion that they would not be justified in issuing an assessment.

The claims together with the report of the Secretary of the B. O. E. are refered to the grand lodge, which the standing of the lodges with the B. O. E. at the time of each brother's death. The secretary's report will also show the claims that have been passed upon by the committee, and find no reason why there should not be an assessment issued for them in regular order, and have so ordered.

I now recommend that all legislation and dissention relating to the B O E, except the empowering of the committee to go forward and erect our Widows Home and Orphans School, be refered to the last day in this present grand lodge session, and that there be a committee of five appointed to whom all amendments and resolutions on B O E shall be referred.

Now by the foregoing references it will be observed that something must be done to provide a way by which the large number of lodges now holding claims can become beneficiries, or become members of the endowment from date without benefits; for those that died while the lodge was in arrears I fraternally recommend that the former be done. There is another class of lodges, I refer to those that have not taken part with the endowment, neither have they lost any member by death. The law governing the endowment should be so amended as to provide for the admission of these lodges also, and I recommend that the same be done.

I am aware of the fact that the pro rata system of raising the money for the endowment is somewhat difficult to understand and that there is some objection to this plan. There should be some plan adopted that would be more simple and easier to understand. A plan that would be entirely free from a complication. Therefore, I recommend that each lodge pay into the endowment fund two dollars on each death or two dollars whenever an assessment is issued by the secretary of the endowment. This I think will overcome all trouble. I further recommend that each lodge pay that amount direct from the treasurer of the lodge, just as the lodge would pay any other account. The lodge can then adopt any plan of selection to replace this money. If this is done each lodge will be able to keep up with her account with the B O E, and each brother will always be square with the endowment as long as he is square with his lodge.

The maxim amount that was set at our last grand session to be paid to the heirs of a deceased mason was three hundred and fifty dollars. We have never been able to reach that amount yet. This convinces me that we should endeavor to reduce the amount promised; set a sum that we may be able to pay. Now if the sum of two dollars from each lodge would enable the B. O. E. to pay at least two hundred or two hundred and fifty dollars, then I recommend that the sum of two hundred or two hundred and fifty dollars be the amount set for the heirs of each deceased mason. If this plan is adopted, and there being at least a hundred and sixty lodges in the jurisdiction, it would enable the B O. E. to pay off all of the unpaid claims in a very short time, and it would not be a great while before the B. O. E. would be able to pay a death claim without issuring an assessment.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with the foreign grand bodies is all that may be desired. We are exchanging fraternal representatives with most of the grand lodges of the United States, and I feel sure that as soon as our R. W. Chairman of C. F. C. place our proceedings of the last grand session in the hands of our foreign

brethren there will not be a grand lodge in America or the foreign countries that this grand lodge will not be exchanging fraternal relations with. Your attention is therefore called to the very able report of the chairman and his associates on the C. F. C.

However, while on this subject, I beg leave to call your attention to the fact that there are still some would be masons trying to establish what they are pleased to call masonic lodges in the state These so-called lodges hold out many inducements to the uninformed and within the walls of these societies there seem to be an extra inducement, often to the many suspended masons of our jurisdiction; masons who get in arrears with their lodges and force upon themselves suspension or expulsion, and then curl their tails as they go out and set on the old dodge, that misery likes company endeavor to drag as many with them as possible, thus not only deceiving their former lodge but practicing an injury on them that are not informed. While there are possibly honest and true men connected with these so called institutions, yet it cannot be denied that a large number of its following is of men who are on record as expelled or suspended from lodges in this jurisdiction. Now, this fact of itself seems to be sufficient to convince any mason that there must be something "rotten in Denmark," and if this be true, then it becomes our duty to sound the alarm against this set of would be masons and warn the unsuspecting. All masons in this jurisdiction must treat them only as strangers. I have endeavored to impress this upon our craft throughout the state, and wherever it is known that any of our members attempt to affiliate with this society on any other terms than that of a stranger I have requested that his lodge suspend him, or them, for no man or mason can drink from both sides of the branch at the same time. However there is a duty we owe to all, and that is wherever we see members of our race who have been misled by these so called masons, manifesting a regret that they have fallen into a trap or something worse, and desire to enter in at the straight gate, it is our duty to point to the road that all true brethren have traveled, and when they arrive at the door in search of life light; let that light be received by making them true obligated masons. I am glad to say that this has been done in many instances. Just the other day I had the pleasure of saving a whole lodge with the exception of a few who were doubtless recipients of greater inducements. I am glad to say also that one of the first so called lodges set up in this state by the W. D. Matthews faction has seen the mistake they made and are now endeavoring to leave it in search of light. The first presiding officer they ever had has proven the true light and the last one has done likewise only to be followed by a large number of their misguided brethren, and, brethren, this is being done in all parts of our jurisdiction as soon as they learn of the error they have made. I feel safe in saying to this craft that the day is not far off when this invader and enemy to true masonry will be routed from the Empire State of the South, as has been and is now being done in every state they have dared to lift up their heads.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Bro. J C. Simmons, Chairman of the late endowment, it will be remembered, came before this grand session and asked that he be allowed until the first of October 1896, to settle up the discrepancies that he alone was responsible for. Our R W. Chaplain was appointed a special deputy to collect this money from Bro. Simmons. The chaplain made repeated calls on Bro. Simmons for this money but was unable to collect it, therefore I called on the brother while in Savannah. Bro Simmons stated to me that he would arrange and pay the full amount due by him to the widows of the late endowment at the present session of this M. W. Grand Lodge; upon which I could do nothing but accept of the proposition feeling somewhat he would do so. This matter has become somewhat of an elephant, as the following correspondence will show:

Hoboken, N. J., May 2, 1897.

Mr. W. E. Terry,—Dear Sir:

I wrote to you the last of January in reference to the money that was due my mother from the masons. In your reply you said the money had been paid to Capt. J. C. Simmons of Savannah, Ga., in 1895, for me to write to

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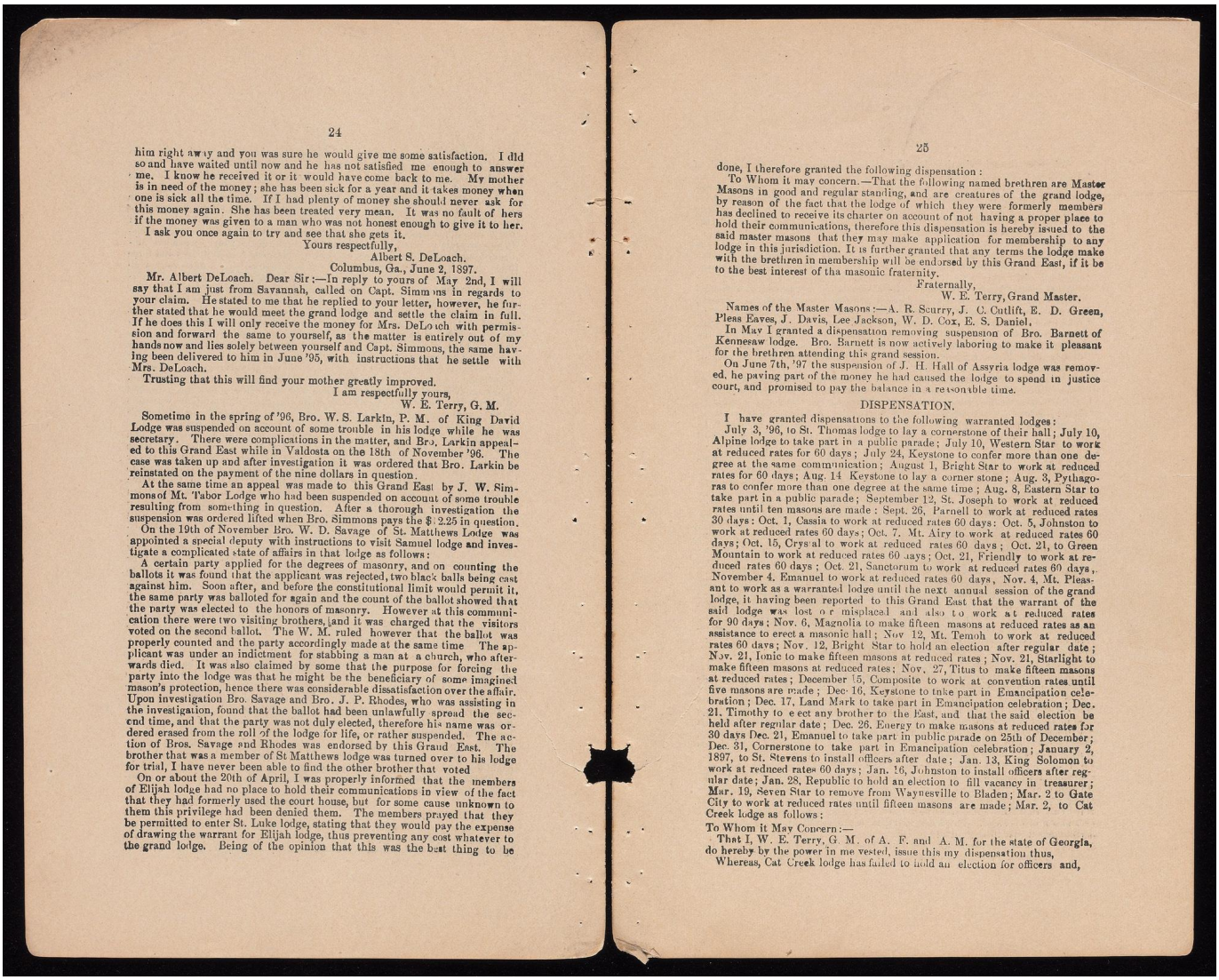

him right away and you was sure he would give me some satisfaction. I did so and have waited until now and he has not satisfied me enough to answer me. I know he received it or it would have come back to me. My mother is in need of the money; she has been sick for a year and it takes money when one is sick all the time. If I had plenty of money she should never ask for this money again. She has been treated very mean. It was no fault of hers if the money was given to a man who was not honest enough to give it to her.

I ask you once again to try and see that she gets it.

Yours respectfully,

Albert S. DeLoach.

Columbus, Ga., June 2, 1897.

Mr. Albert DeLoach. Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of May 2nd, I will say that I am just from Savannah, called on Capt. Simmons in regards to your claim. He stated to me that he replied to your letter, however, he further stated that he would meet the grand lodge and settle the claim in full. If he does this I will only receive the money for Mrs. DeLoach with permission and forward the same to yourself, as the matter is entirely out of my hands now and lies solely between yourself and Capt. Simmons, the same having been delivered to him in June '95, with instructions that he settle with Mrs. DeLoach.

Trusting that this will find your mother greatly improved.

I am respectfully yours,

W. E. Terry, G. M.

Sometime in the spring of '96, Bro. W. S. Larkin, P. M. of King David Lodge was suspended on account of some trouble in his lodge while he was secretary. There were complications in the matter, and Bro. Larkin appealed to this Grand East while in Valdosta on the 18th of November '96. The case was taken up and after investigation it was ordered that Bro. Larkin be reinstated on the payment of the nine dollars in question.

At the same time an appeal was made to this Grand East by J. W. Simmons of Mt. Tabor Lodge who had been suspended on account of some trouble resulting from something in question. After a thorough investigation the suspension was ordered lifted when Bro. Simmons pays the $2.25 in question.

On the 19th of November Bro. W. D. Savage of St. Matthews Lodge was appointed a special deputy with instructions to visit Samuel lodge and investigate a complicated state of affairs in that lodge as follows:

A certain party applied for the degrees of masonry, and on counting the ballots it was found that the applicant was rejected, two black balls being cast against him. Soon after, and before the constitutional limit would permit it, the same party was balloted for again and the count of the ballot showed that the party was elected to the honors of masonry. However at this communication there were two visiting brothers, and it was charged that the visitors voted on the second ballot. The W. M. ruled however that the ballot was properly counted and the party accordingly made at the same time The applicant was under an indictment for stabbing a man at a church, who afterwards died. It was also claimed by some that the purpose for forcing the party into the lodge was that he might be the beneficiary of some imagined mason's protection, hence there was considerable dissatisfaction over the affair. Upon investigation Bro. Savage and Bro. J. P. Rhodes, who was assisting in the investigation, found that the ballot had been unlawfully spread the second time, and that the party was not duly elected, therefore his name was ordered erased from the roll of the lodge for life, or rather suspended. The action of Bros. Savage and Rhodes was endorsed by this Grand East. The brother that was a member of St Matthews lodge was turned over to his lodge for trial, I have never been able to find the other brother that voted

On or about the 20th of April, I was properly informed that the members of Elijah lodge had no place to hold their communications in view of the fact that they had formerly used the court house, but for some cause unknown to them this privilege had been denied them. The members prayed that they be permitted to enter St. Luke lodge, stating that they would pay the expense of drawing the warrant for Elijah lodge, thus preventing any cost whatever to the grand lodge. Being of the opinion that this was the best thing to be

done, I therefore granted the following dispensation:

To Whom it may concern.—That the following named brethren are Master Masons in good and regular standing, and are creatures of the grand lodge, by reason of the fact that the lodge of which they were formerly members has declined to receive its charter on account of not having a proper place to hold their communications, therefore this dispensation is hereby issued to the said master masons that they may make application for membership to any lodge in this jurisdiction. It is further granted that any terms the lodge make with the brethren in membership will be endorsed by this Grand East, if it be to the best interest of the masonic fraternity.

Fraternally,

W. E. Terry, Grand Master.

Names of the Master Masons:—A. R. Scurry, J. C. Cutlift, E. D. Green, Pleas Eaves, J. Davis, Lee Jackson, W. D. Cox, E. S. Daniel.

In May I granted a dispensation removing suspension of Bro. Barnett of Kennesaw lodge. Bro. Barnett is now actively laboring to make it pleasant for the brethren attending this grand session.

On June 7th, '97 the suspension of J. H. Hall of Assyria lodge was removed, he paying part of the money he had caused the lodge to spend in justice court, and promised to pay the balance in a reasonable time.

DISPENSATION.

I have granted dispensations to the following warranted lodges:

July 3, '96, to St. Thomas lodge to lay a cornerstone of their hall; July 10, Alpine lodge to take part in a public parade; July 10, Western Star to work at reduced rates for 60 days; July 24, Keystone to confer more than one degree at the same communication; August 1, Bright Star to work at reduced rates for 60 days; Aug. 14 Keystone to lay a corner stone; Aug. 3, Pythagoras to confer more than one degree at the same time; Aug. 8, Eastern Star to take part in a public parade; September 12, St. Joseph to work at reduced rates until ten masons are made: Sept. 26, Parnell to work at reduced rates 30 days: Oct. 1, Cassia to work at reduced rates 60 days: Oct. 5, Johnston to work at reduced rates 60 days; Oct. 7. Mt. Airy to work at reduced rates 60 days; Oct. 15, Crystal to work at reduced rates 60 days; Oct. 21, to Green Mountain to work at reduced rates 60 days; Oct. 21, Friendly to work at reduced rates 60 days; Oct. 21, Sanctorum to work at reduced rates 60 days, November 4. Emanuel to work at reduced rates 60 days, Nov. 4, Mt. Pleasant to work as a warranted lodge until the next annual session of the grand lodge, it having been reported to this Grand East that the warrant of the said lodge was lost or misplaced and also to work at reduced rates for 90 days; Nov. 6, Magnolia to make fifteen masons at reduced rates as an assistance to erect a masonic hall; Nov 12, Mt. Temoh to work at reduced rates 60 days; Nov. 12, Bright Star to hold an election after regular date; Nov. 21, Ionic to make fifteen masons at reduced rates; Nov. 21, Starlight to make fifteen masons at reduced rates; Nov. 27, Titus to make fifteen masons at reduced rates; December 15, Composite to work at convention rates until five masons are made; Dec. 16, Keystone to take part in Emancipation celebration; Dec. 17, Land Mark to take part in Emancipation celebration; Dec. 21, Timothy to elect any brother to the East, and that the said election be held after regular date; Dec. 25, Energy to make masons at reduced rates for 30 days Dec. 21, Emanuel to take part in public parade on 25th of December; Dec. 31, Cornerstone to take part in Emancipation celebration; January 2, 1897, to St. Stevens to install officers after date; Jan. 13, King Solomon to work at reduced rates 60 days; Jan. 16, Johnston to install officers after regular date; Jan. 28, Republic to hold an election to fill vacancy in treasurer; Mar. 19, Seven Star to remove from Waynesville to Bladen; Mar. 2 to Gate City to work at reduced rates until fifteen masons are made; Mar. 2, to Cat Creek lodge as follows:

To Whom it May Concern:—

That I, W. E. Terry, G. M. of A. F. and A. M. for the state of Georgia, do hereby by the power in me vested, issue this my dispensation thus,

Whereas, Cat Creek lodge has failed to hold an election for officers and,

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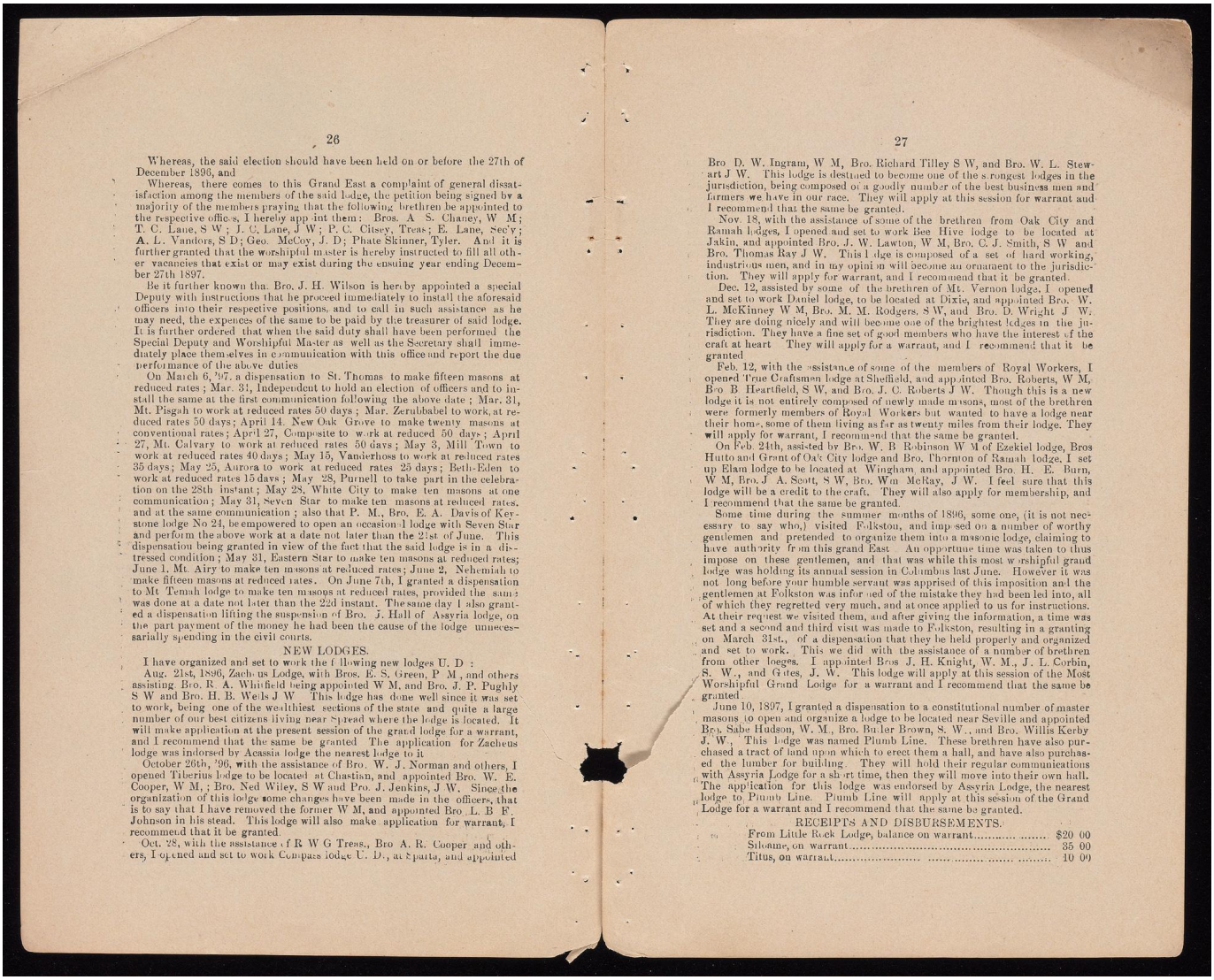

Whereas, the said election should have been held on or before the 27th of December 1896, and

Whereas, there comes to this Grand East a complaint of general dissatisfaction among the members of the said lodge, the petition being signed by a majority of the members praying that the following brethren be appointed to the respective offices, I hereby appoint them: Bros. A S. Chaney, W M; T. C. Lane, S W; J. C. Lane, J W; P. C. Citsey, Treas; E. Lane, Sec'y; A. L. Vandors, S D; Geo. McCoy, J. D; Phate Skinner, Tyler. And it is further granted that the worshipful master is hereby instructed to fill all other vacancies that exist or may exist during the ensuing year ending December 27th 1897.

Be it further known tha. Bro. J. H. Wilson is hereby appointed a special Deputy with instructions that he proceed immediately to install the aforesaid officers into their respective positions, and to call in such assistance as he may need, the expences of the same to be paid by the treasurer of said lodge. It is further ordered that when the said duty shall have been performed the Special Deputy and Worshipful Master as well as the Secretary shall immediately place themselves in communication with this office and report the due performance of the above duties

On March 6, '97, a dispensation to St. Thomas to make fifteen masons at reduced rates; Mar. 31, Independent to hold an election of officers and to install the same at the first communication following the above date; Mar. 31, Mt. Pisgah to work at reduced rates 50 days; Mar. Zerubbabel to work at reduced rates 50 days; April 14. New Oak Grove to make twenty masons at conventional rates; April 27, Composite to work at reduced 50 days; April 27, Mt. Calvary to work at reduced rates 50 days; May 3, Mill Town to work at reduced rates 40 days; May 15, Vanderhoss to work at reduced rates 35 days; May 25, Aurora to work at reduced rates 25 days; Beth-Eden to work at reduced rates 15 days; May 28, Purnell to take part in the celebration on the 28th instant; May 28, White City to make ten masons at one communication; May 31, Seven Star to make ten masons at reduced rates, and at the same communication; also that P. M., Bro. E. A. Davis of Keystone lodge No 24, be empowered to open an occasional lodge with Seven Star and perform the above work at a date not later than the 21st of June. This dispensation being granted in view of the fact that the said lodge is in a distressed condition; May 31, Eastern Star to make ten masons at reduced rates; June 1. Mt. Airy to make ten masons at reduced rates; June 2. Nehemiah to make fifteen masons at reduced rates. On June 7th, I granted a dispensation to Mt Temah lodge to make ten masons at reduced rates, provided the same was done at a date not later than the 22d instant. The same day I also granted a dispensation lifting the suspension of Bro. J. Hall of Assyria lodge, on the part payment of the money he had been the cause of the lodge unnecessarially spending in the civil courts.

NEW LODGES.

I have organized and set to work the following new lodges U. D:

Aug. 21st, 1896, Zachæus Lodge, with Bros. E. S. Green, P M, and others assisting Bro. R A. Whitfield being appointed W M, and Bro. J. P. Pughly S W and Bro. H. B. Wells J W. This lodge has done well since it was set to work, being one of the wealthiest sections of the state and quite a large number of our best citizens living near Spread where the lodge is located. It will make application at the present session of the grand lodge for a warrant, and I recommend that the same be granted The application for Zacheus lodge was indorsed by Acassia lodge the nearest lodge to it

October 26th, '96, with the assistance of Bro. W. J. Norman and others, I opened Tiberius lodge to be located at Chastian, and appointed Bro. W. E. Cooper, W M, ; Bro. Ned Wiley, S W and Pro. J. Jenkins, J W. Since the organization of this lodge some changes have been made in the officers, that is to say that I have removed the former W M, and appointed Bro L. B F. Johnson in his stead. This lodge will also make application for warrant, I recommend that it be granted.

Oct. 28, with the assistance of R W G Treas., Bro A. R. Cooper and others, I opened and set to work Compass lodge U. D., at Sparta, and appointed

Bro D. W. Ingram, W M, Bro. Richard Tilley S W, and Bro. W. L. Stewart J W. This lodge is destined to become one of the strongest lodges in the jurisdiction, being composed of a goodly number of the best business men and farmers we have in our race. They will apply at this session for warrant and I recommend that the same be granted.

Nov. 18, with the assistance of some of the brethren from Oak City and Ramah lodges, I opened and set to work Bee Hive lodge to be located at Jakin, and appointed Bro. J. W. Lawton, W M, Bro. C. J. Smith, S W and Bro. Thomas Ray J W. This lodge is composed of a set of hard working, industrious men, and in my opinion will become an ornament to the jurisdiction. They will apply for warrant, and I recommend that it be granted.

Dec. 12, assisted by some of the brethren of Mt. Vernon lodge, I opened and set to work Daniel lodge, to be located at Dixie, and appointed Bro. W. L. McKinney W M, Bro. M. M. Rodgers, S W, and Bro. D. Wright J W. They are doing nicely and will become one of the brightest lodges in the jurisdiction. They have a fine set of good members who have the interest of the craft at heart They will apply for a warrant, and I recommend that it be granted

Feb. 12, with the assistance of some of the members of Royal Workers, I opened True Craftsmen lodge at Sheffield, and appointed Bro. Roberts, W M, Bro B Heartfield, S W, and Bro. J. C. Roberts J W. Though this is a new lodge it is not entirely composed of newly made masons, most of the brethren were formerly members of Royal Workers but wanted to have a lodge near their home, some of them living as far as twenty miles from their lodge. They will apply for warrant, I recommend that the same be granted.

On Feb. 24th, assisted by Bro. W. B Robinson W M of Ezekiel lodge, Bros Hutto and Grant of Oak City lodge and Bro. Thornton of Ramah lodge, I set up Elam lodge to be located at Wingham, and appointed Bro. H. E. Burn, W M, Bro. J A. Scott, S W, Bro. Wm McKay, J W. I feel sure that this lodge will be a credit to the craft. They will also apply for membership, and I recommend that the same be granted.

Some time during the summer months of 1896, some one, (it is not necessary to say who,) visited Folkston, and imposed on a number of worthy gentlemen and pretended to organize them into a masonic lodge, claiming to have authority from this grand East. An opportune time was taken to thus impose on these gentlemen, and that was while this most worshipful grand lodge was holding its annual session in Columbus last June. However it was not long before your humble servant was apprised of this imposition and the gentlemen at Folkston was informed of the mistake they had been led into, all of which they regretted very much, and at once applied to us for instructions. At their request we visited them, and after giving the information, a time was set and a second and third visit was made to Folkston, resulting in a granting on March 31st., of a dispensation that they be held properly and organized and set to work. This we did with the assistance of a number of brethren from other lodges. I appointed Bros J. H. Knight, W. M., J. L. Corbin, S. W., and Gates, J. W. This lodge will apply at this session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for a warrant and I recommend that the same be granted

June 10, 1897, I granted a dispensation to a constitutional number of master masons to open and organize a lodge to be located near Seville and appointed Bro. Sabe Hudson, W. M., Bro. Butler Brown, S. W., and Bro. Willis Kerby J. W., This lodge was named Plumb Line. These brethren have also purchased a tract of land upon which to erect them a hall, and have also purchased the lumber for building. They will hold their regular communications with Assyria Lodge for a short time, then they will move into their own hall. The application for this lodge was endorsed by Assyria Lodge, the nearest lodge to Plumb Line. Plumb Line will apply at this session of the Grand Lodge for a warrant and I recommend that the same be granted.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

From Little Rock Lodge, balance on warrant	$20 00
Silome, on warrant	35 00
Titus, on warrant	10 00

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Joel, on warrant	27 00
Energy, on warrant	12 00
Royal Workers, on warrant	28 00
Timothy, on warrant	10 00
Elijah, on warrant	5 00
Mt. Temah,	5 00
Dispensations	135 00
Total Receipts	$287 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Grand Master on account	$10 00
Preparing hall for Grand Lodge in '96	21 00
Marshal's Horse	1 00
Printing Blank Warrants	15 00
Printing Minutes	125 00
Exchange on New York	50
Grand Secretary to distributing minutes	15 00
Printing Programs for Grand Session at Rome	1 25
Letter heads and envelopes for Grand Master	15 75
Other Stationary	7 00
Traveling Board Incidential and other expences for G. M.	109 25
Grand Secretary on account	10 00
On Dispensations	27 00
Postage, money orders, registered letters	89 11
Telephones and telegrams	22 97
Telegram, express and drayage	75
Total Expences	$470 57
	$287 50
Balance due Disbursements	$183 07

RECOMMENDATIONS AND MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GRAND LODGE.

In view of the fact that so many of the members of subordinate Lodges are constantly moving their place of residence thus placing themselves almost completely out of reach of their respective lodges, making it a little difficult to make remittances for their dues and other indebtedness to their lodges thus causing them to be suspended, and in many cases not being aware of the suspension themselves, but at the same time continue to visit lodges that may be near where they live, and doing so while under suspension,

Therefore, I recommend that each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be required to have for each member a financial card, and that the secretary of each lodge be required to furnish each member with a card, the same to have the said member's dues and credits properly entered on the card, thus protecting the craft from imposters.

In traveling through the jurisdiction I find a number of brethren who have neglected to keep square with their lodges, not that they are less interested in the success of the Order, but being engaged in preaching the Gospel they seem to forget that they are gradually getting unfinancial with their respective lodges,

Therefore, I hereby renew a former recommendation, to wit: That all ministers of the Gospel, or rather those of them that are constantly moving from place to place, be permitted to obtain from their lodge a diploma, if they wish to do so.

In view of the fact that quite a number of the brethren of this jurisdiction are hard working farmers, and only receive their money in the fall, at which time they are in the habit of paying their dues, however to do that they subject themselves to suspension, inasmuch as the constitution says that when a member of a subordinate lodge become six months in arrears he shall be suspended. This in my opinion is a hardship on a large class of some of our

most worthy brethren, and is calculated to work a hardship and an injury to the craft at large,

Therefore I recommend that the laws of subordinate lodges be so amended as to avoid this seemingly hardship, to wit: That whereas the word six months appears the same be stricken out and twelve months be inserted, in lieu thereof see (Sec. 16 of By-Laws.)

Whereas, Mt. Pleasant Lodge has no warrant, the same having been either stolen or misplaced,

Therefore, I recommend that a new warrant be granted said lodge, the lodge paying the cost of drawing the same.

On May 22d, I was informed by the W. M. of St. James lodge, that some one had misplaced the warrant of that lodge, and asking that a dispensation be granted that the lodge may continue to work until their warrant was found or the grand lodge grant them a duplicate. This request was complied with. Now I recommend that in the event the lost warrant of St. James lodge is not found, that a duplicate warrant be issued to said lodge, the said lodge paying the Grand Secretary's fees for drawing up the same.

My attention has also been called to account held against some of the members of the jurisdiction by Bro. C. L. Lane of Savannah. I recommend that this account be referred to the Committee on Welfare and Grievances for investigation, for I am informed by some of the brethren that there is considerable number of mistakes in the account. (See account.)

Savannah, Ga., Ju'y 1st.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Georgia:

To C. L. Lane, Dr.

For board of delegates, June 1895.

David Beckly $3.00: H. A. Williams 3.00; Jacob Joseph 3.00; H. R. James, M. D., 3.00; W. H. Woodson, 3.00; S. P. Singleton 3.00; H. M. Bornes 3.00; R. D. Cornish, 3.00, Brove Pears, 3.00; J. M. Ross 3.00; A M Oliver, 3.00; F. E. Haynes, 3.00 Pd. 2.25, Bal. .75; W. Serrancy, 3.00, Pd. .25, Bal, 2.75; J. McDew, 3.00, Pd. .25, Bal. 2.75; J. M. Blount, 3.00, Pd 1.50, Bal. 1.50; A. B. Blossom, 3.00, Pd. 1.50 Bal. 1.50; G. W. Beckum 3.00 Pd. 2.25, Bal. .75; H. G. Porche, 3 00, Pd. 2.25, Bal. .75; W. G. Singleton 3.00, Pd. 75, Bal, 2.25; A. Campbell, 3.00, Pd. .25 Bal. 2.25; C. B. Bornes 3,00, Pd. 2 25, Bal. .75; O. J. Mears, 3.00, Pd. 2.25, Bal .75; L. C. Cooper, 3.00, Pd. 1.50 Bal. 1.50; G. W. Hardee, 3.00, Pd. 1.50, Bal. 1.50; Chas. C. Hill, 3.00, Pd. 1.50, Bal. 1.50; G. O. Smith, 3.00, Pd .25, Bal. 2.75; E. D. Lawman, 3.00, Pd. .75 Bal. 2.25; S M. Scarlett, 3.00, Pd. .80, Bal. 2.20; C. Alexander. 3.00, Pd. 25 cents, Bal. 2.75.—Total, $64.70.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That there be some limit to the distance a member of a lodge should reside before he is elected to the important office of worshipful master of a lodge, as it would not be advisable to have a member for W. M., who resides a great distance as the lodge does not hold her regular commudications, and in some cases much harm is done.

I recommend that the act creating the endowment become a constitutional law, so as to make it a fixed part of this craft.

Does the fee of $3.50 apply to a non-affiliated brother that wishes to eturn his demit to the lodge from which he obtained it?

There seems to be a growing desire in many of the lodges to have what is called anniversary sermons preached at times other than the masonic feast days, and the said lodges generally ask for dispensatcns that they have a public parade on these occasions. I see no reason why such requests should not be granted. However, I fraternally ask that this Grand Lodge consider this important question and pass upon it.

At our last Grand Communication your attention was called to the following important questions and ask for an expression on the same. This however was by some means passed by without an expression of this Grand Lodge

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Your attention is again called to this important subject- We have good reasons for so doing, and most fraternaly ask that you pass upon it at this session :

Among the many questions that have been submitted to your humble servant I submit the following and respectfully ask your discussion on the same :

1st., if a member of this craft leave his wife and that wife is the mother of one or more children of which the said member is the father, what relation does that wife and children retain to the craft ?

2nd , what should be the masonic standing of a member of this craft that leaves his wife and children (except for the cause of adultery) and turns them back to their parents or to the open world for support ?

3rd., if a member of this craft should die, that had deserted his wife and children, is that wife the widow of the craft, and the children orphans of the craft ?

ONE OF THE NEEDS OF THE CRAFT.

In every up to date masonic jurisdiction there is some well arranged medium by which the masonic world becomes apprised of what is going on and being done in each jurisdiction, especially in their own jurisdiction. I often see good wholesome communications either in masonic journals or in newspapers; and in some of these papers that are not strictly masonic journals, there are certain departments set aside for masonic literature, in which there is often good instruction and information furnished to the brethren, that is very beneficial to all. We have nothing of that kind in our jurisdiction, I am sorry to say, but nevertheless it is a long felt want and very much needed.

Our white brethren have the Masonic Herald in which I have read a number of letters of instruction that did my very soul good. Therefore inasmuch as there is no paper published in this state that claims to be strictly masonic, I recommend that this Grand Lodge by resolution adopt some plan by which we may place ourselves properly and instructively before the masonic world, and especially in our own jurisdiction. I recommend that space be secured in some journal published by some member of the race and craftsman, and that those of our brethren who are capable of doing so be invited to write communications from time to time, for publication, and the editor of the paper be requested to publish such clippings as he may think beneficial to the craft. I further recommend that the brethren be urged to subscribe for the said paper, and that each lodge take one or more copies for the benefit of the lodge, the same to be yearly subscriptions. As this Grand Lodge has adopted THE SAVANNAH TRIBUNE as the organ of the above, and that the same be paid for from the funds of this Grand Lodge. The said space to be used for publishing notices to the craft, whenever there is need of such publications being made by the Grand Secretary, Secretary of the B. O. E. or by the G. Master

Now brethren, before concluding the report of my stewardship for the masonic year, ending on the calling off of this grand session let me extend to you brother officers, for your support and co-operation in my efforts to regain for the masons of Georgia, the confidence that was at one time supposed to have been "forever lost." my grateful thanks for the many acts of kindness you have so often shown me, and for your hearty support during the past twelve months. Many of you well remember some of our trials and hair breadth escapes during the past year that we have had. In some of them, one or more of you were with me and suffered alike : in others I was alone, but in all of these dangers I rejoice to know that I had your prayers and the God of Heaven was protecting us, and who knows but that it was in answer to your earnest appeals to Him, the Author of all good gifts. I have spent many happy hours with many of you, and as you know, some of the communications in which we met were highly favored with showers of blessings from on high. Such blessings none but the truly initiated can experience.

Time will not permit me to speak longer of our year's work. If I have written well and proven true to my trust I believe you will indicate the same at this grand session, by saying "Well done now continue and do as well again, and better, if possible." It is true many of us may never again meet in this capacity, may never see each other face to face, never feel the Grip, hear the

Word or see the Sign, on this earth, and should such be our lot, God grant that we may see each other face to face, feel the Grip, hear the Word and see the Sign in that Temple not made with hands but eternal in the heavens."

"Where the faded flowers shall freshen,
Freshen nevermore to fade,
Where the shaded sky shall brighten,
Brighten nevermore to shade,
Where the sun's blaze never scorches,
Where the star beams never chill,
Where no tempest stirs the echoes
Of the wood or wave or hill ;
Where the morn shall wake in gladness,
And the moon the joy prolong ;
Where the daylight dies in fragrance
'Mid the burst of holy song—
Brother we shall meet and rest
'Mid the holy and the blest.
Where no shadow shall bewilder
Where life's vain parade is over,
Where the sleep of sin is broken,
And the dreamer dreams no more.
Where the bond is never severed
Partings, claspings, sob and morn ;
Midnight waking, twilight weeping,
Heavy noontide—all are done ;
Where the child has found its mother,
Where the mother finds the child.
Where dear families are gathered,
That were scattered on the wild.
Brother, we shall meet and rest
'Mid the holy and the blest."

Fraternally,

W. E. TERRY, G. M.

It was motioned by Bro. Whaley that the time be extended to hear the report of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and to transact such other business that may be properly presented. The motion was ruled out.

The Grand Lodge was then called off.



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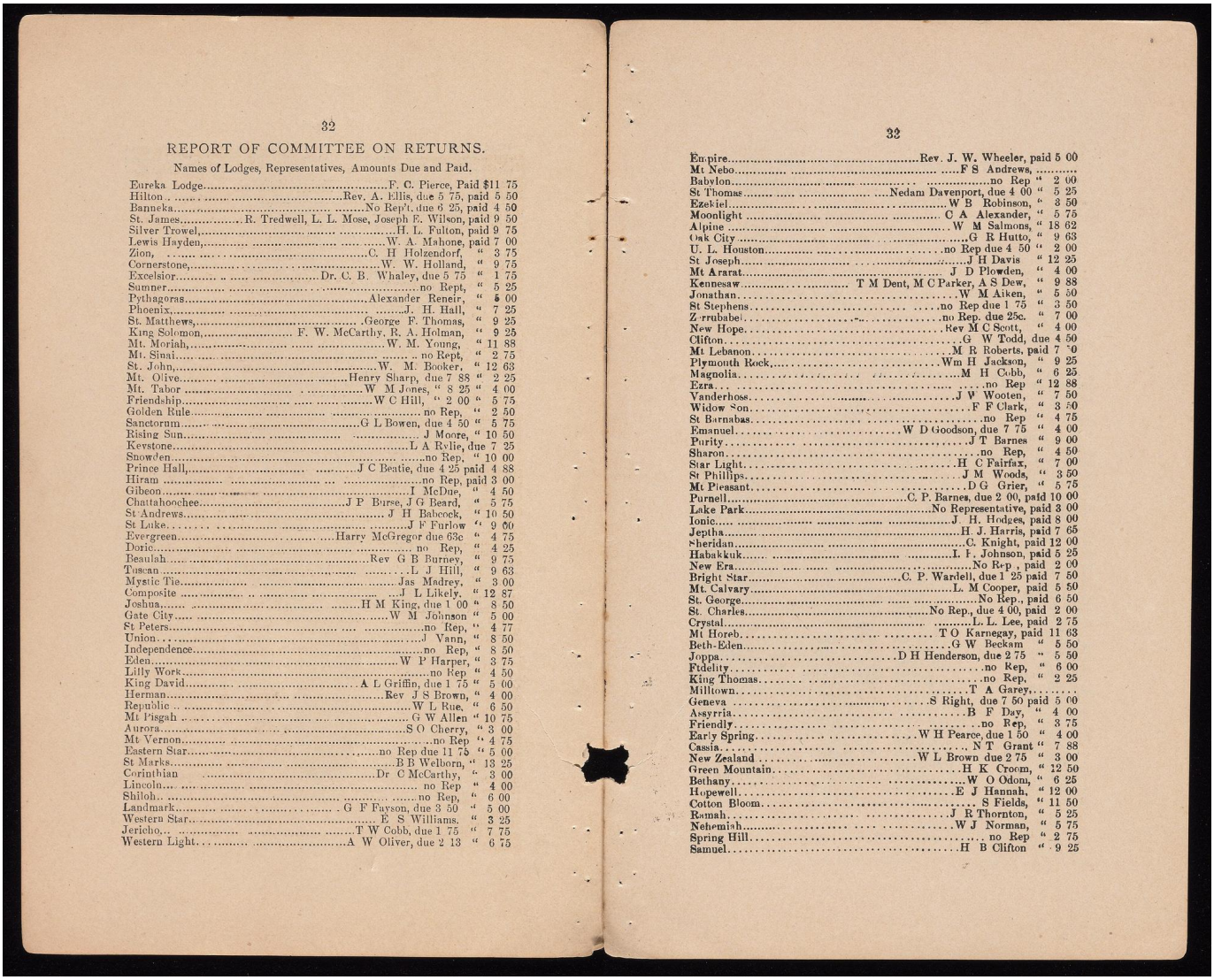

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Names of Lodges, Representatives, Amounts Due and Paid.

Eureka Lodge	F. C. Pierce, Paid	$11	75
Hilton	Rev. A. Ellis, due 5 75, paid	5	50
Banneka	No Rep't. due 6 25, paid	4	50
St. James	R. Tredwell, L. L. Mose, Joseph E. Wilson, paid	9	50
Silver Trowel	H. L. Fulton, paid	9	75
Lewis Hayden	W. A. Mahone, paid	7	00
Zion	C. H Holzendorf, "	3	75
Cornerstone	W. W. Holland, "	9	75
Excelsior	Dr. C. B. Whaley, due 5 75 "	1	75
Sumner	no Rept, "	5	25
Pythagoras	Alexander Reneir, "	5	00
Phoenix	J. H. Hall, "	7	25
St. Matthews	George F. Thomas, "	9	25
King Solomon	F. W. McCarthy, R. A. Holman, "	9	25
Mt. Moriah	W. M. Young, "	11	88
Mt. Sinai	no Rept, "	2	75
St. John	W. M. Booker, "	12	63
Mt. Olive	Henry Sharp, due 7 88 "	2	25
Mt. Tabor	W M Jones, " 8 25 "	4	00
Friendship	W C Hill, " 2 00 "	5	75
Golden Rule	no Rep, "	2	50
Sanctorum	G L Bowen, due 4 50 "	5	75
Rising Sun	J Moore, "	10	50
Keystone	L A Rylie, due 7 25		
Snowden	no Rep, "	10	00
Prince Hall	J C Beatie, due 4 25 paid	4	88
Hiram	no Rep, paid	3	00
Gibeon	I McDue, "	4	50
Chattahoochee	J P Burse, J G Beard, "	5	75
St Andrews	J H Babcock, "	10	50
St Luke	J F Furlow "	9	00
Evergreen	Harry McGregor due 63c "	4	75
Doric	no Rep, "	4	25
Beaulah	Rev G B Burney, "	9	75
Tuscan	L J Hill, "	9	63
Mystic Tie	Jas Madrey, "	3	00
Composite	J L Likely. "	12	87
Joshua	H M King, due 1 00 "	8	50
Gate City	W M Johnson "	5	00
St Peters	no Rep, "	4	77
Union	J Vann, "	8	50
Independence	no Rep, "	8	50
Eden	W P Harper, "	3	75
Lilly Work	no Rep "	4	50
King David	A L Griffin, due 1 75 "	5	00
Herman	Rev J S Brown, "	4	00
Republic	W L Rue, "	6	50
Mt Pisgah	G W Allen "	10	75
Aurora	S O Cherry, "	3	00
Mt Vernon	no Rep "	4	75
Eastern Star	no Rep due 11 75 "	5	00
St Marks	B B Welborn, "	13	25
Corinthian	Dr C McCarthy, "	3	00
Lincoln	no Rep "	4	00
Shiloh	no Rep, "	6	00
Landmark	G F Fayson, due 3 50 "	5	00
Western Star	E S Williams. "	3	25
Jericho	T W Cobb, due 1 75 "	7	75
Western Light	A W Oliver, due 2 13 "	6	75

Empire	Rev. J. W. Wheeler, paid	5	00
Mt Nebo	F S Andrews,		
Babylon	no Rep "	2	00
St Thomas	Nedam Davenport, due 4 00 "	5	25
Ezekiel	W B Robinson, "	3	50
Moonlight	C A Alexander, "	5	75
Alpine	W M Salmons, "	18	62
Oak City	G R Hutto, "	9	63
U. L. Houston	no Rep due 4 50 "	2	00
St Joseph	J H Davis "	12	25
Mt Ararat	J D Plowden, "	4	00
Kennesaw	T M Dent, M C Parker, A S Dew, "	9	88
Jonathan	W M Aiken, "	5	50
St Stephens	no Rep due 1 75 "	3	50
Zerrubabel	no Rep. due 25c. "	7	00
New Hope	Rev M C Scott, "	4	00
Clifton	G W Todd, due	4	50
Mt Lebanon	M R Roberts, paid	7	50
Plymouth Rock	Wm H Jackson, "	9	25
Magnolia	M H Cobb, "	6	25
Ezra	no Rep "	12	88
Vanderhoss	J W Wooten, "	7	50
Widow Son	F F Clark, "	3	50
St Barnabas	no Rep "	4	75
Emanuel	W D Goodson, due 7 75 "	4	00
Purity	J T Barnes "	9	00
Sharon	no Rep, "	4	50
Star Light	H C Fairfax, "	7	00
St Phillips	J M Woods, "	3	50
Mt Pleasant	D G Grier, "	5	75
Purnell	C. P. Barnes, due 2 00, paid	10	00
Lake Park	No Representative, paid	3	00
Ionic	J. H. Hodges, paid	8	00
Jeptha	H. J. Harris, paid	7	65
Sheridan	C. Knight, paid	12	00
Habakkuk	I. F. Johnson, paid	5	25
New Era	No Rep , paid	2	00
Bright Star	C. P. Wardell, due 1 25 paid	7	50
Mt. Calvary	L. M Cooper, paid	5	50
St. George	No Rep., paid	6	50
St. Charles	No Rep., due 4 00, paid	2	00
Crystal	L. L. Lee, paid	2	75
Mt Horeb	T O Karnegay, paid	11	63
Beth-Eden	G W Beckam "	5	50
Joppa	D H Henderson, due 2 75 "	5	50
Fidelity	no Rep, "	6	00
King Thomas	no Rep, "	2	25
Milltown	T A Garey,		
Geneva	S Right, due 7 50 paid	5	00
Assyria	B F Day, "	4	00
Friendly	no Rep, "	3	75
Early Spring	W H Pearce, due 1 50 "	4	00
Cassia	N T Grant "	7	88
New Zealand	W L Brown due 2 75 "	3	00
Green Mountain	H K Croom, "	12	50
Bethany	W O Odom, "	6	25
Hopewell	E J Hannah, "	12	00
Cotton Bloom	S Fields, "	11	50
Ramah	J R Thornton, "	5	25
Nehemiah	W J Norman, "	5	75
Spring Hill	no Rep "	2	75
Samuel	H B Clifton "	9	25

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Benjamin	A B L Gillis, paid	17 50
Fred Douglass	Rev Lee O'Neal, "	3 25
Royal Worker	no Rep due	2 50
Energy	W H Bradley, due 3 75 paid	3 00
Midway	J L Paulk "	4 75
Nathan	no Rep "	4 25
Joel	Wm Reeves "	9 00
Isaiah	no Rep due 25c "	2 25
White City	no Rep due 3 00 "	8 50
Titus	S S Mincey "	8 50
Telythia	Rev J A Thompson "	8 25
Timothy	C C Solomon due 3 25 "	1 00
Little Rock	no Rep "	2 75
Siloam	no Rep "	3 50
Demascus	no Rep "	3 50
Mt Temah	R M Gourdine, "	4 75

The following amounts were received by the Grand Master through mail after the Grand Lodge was called off: Babylon lodge $5, Nebuchadnezza $5, Shiloh $5, Mt Airy $5.

PAST MASTERS PRESENT.

W E Terry,	John H Deveaux	A B L Gillis	Rev Alex Ellis
John D Campbell	F H Crumbly	P H Hurst	T O Kornegy
C Bryant Whaley, M D	S L Linder	E S Williams	R M Gourdine
J R Thornton	B F Day	P L Likely	S Fields
A J Johnson	J R Paulk	S O Cherry	G S Sherrod
Rev Alex Harris	A L Griffin	J M Woods	T M Dent
T A Gary	C McCarthy, M D	M A Taylor	C McCurdy
R J Henry	Rev L W Coats	C Knight	W D Savage
J A Grant	T S Price	J P Rhodes	Wm Salmons
L H Burdell	W B Robinson	James Madrey	J S Scurry
Rev J S Flipper	Z C Solomon	F S Andrews	Rev G B Burney
J C Mannd	W L Brown	Rev M E Scott	M R Roberts
H B Clifton	B B Wellborn	Wm Jones	J T Barnes
N T Grant	J F Johnson	N Davenport	Wm H Spencer
A L Felton	I McDew	Wm Goodman	Wm Williams
J S Brown	J Vaughn	Wm Johnson	C A Clark
F C Pierce	J H Babcock	J H Hall	W C Hill
Rev Lee O'Niel	L J Hill	B Birch	W H Jackson
C H Holzendorf	H K Croom	G W Beckam	A H Grice
W J Norman	K Treadwell	W H Pierce	G F Faison
F W McCarthy	Willie Young	F F Clark	G W Wheeler
R B Burney	W A Mahone	H H Williams	H N King
H Sharpe	G W Allen	A Ranier	G L Bowens
S W Treadwell	J H Hodges	J H Davis	F Snelson
W D Goodson	C I Cain, M D	E A Davis	Alex Jones
W P Harper	Prof G R Hutto	A W Oliver	L A Riley
H McGregor	M H Cobb, M D	Sol C Johnson	T W Cobb
W A Barnett	W L Rue	Wm Aikin	S Riley
Geo W Wayne	E J Hanna	C P Waddell	G W Todd
J Moore	L M Cooper	J C Beatie	D W Ingram
J E Whiteman	J H Covington	J S Adrian	Rev J Thompson
T B McConnell	H J Harris		

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Rome, Ga., June 25, 1897

The Grand Lodge was called on by M. M., W. E. Terry. After the usual preleminaries the following report of the Grand Secretary was read and upon motion of Bros. S. O. Cherry and Coates, the same was unanimously adopted :

SAVANNAH, GA., June 24, 1897.

To the M. W. U. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Georgia :—

Brethren :—My report for the past year is hereby submitted. By resolution of the Grand Lodge, the minutes were to have been printed in thirty days after the last session. Brethren W. H Spencer and C. McCarthy were to assist in its computation. On account of circumstances the resolutions could not be carried out.

The minutes were compiled soon afterwards though, and ready for publication.

I find that some of the lodges pay but very little attention to the forwarding to the Grand Secretary the result of the annual election of officers, and post office addresses of the Worshipful Masters of the various lodges, expulsions, etc. If the Worshipful Masters of the various lodges would read Section 6th of Article 12, they will find the necessity of making this report.

The following are the amounts collected disbursed and the liabilities to this office :

RECEIVED.

Pythagoras Lodge	$5 00
From G. M. for Minutes (postage)	15 00
From G. M. for Rising Star Lodge	12 00
By Cash	5 25
Total	$38 25

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Postage on Minutes	$13 50
Postage on Suspended List	4 80
Postage, Communications, etc	5 60
Express charges on Minutes	40
Telegrams	1 25
Letter Heads	3 00
Envelopes	3 50
Stationary and Sundries for G L	1 50
Total	$33 55
Total Collected	$38 25
Total Expended	$33 55
Balance on hand	$4 70

LIABILITIES.

Due from Last Year	$97 00
Due for Warrants	70 00
Total	$167 00

Respectfully submitted,
SOL. C. JOHNSON, G. Sec'y.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was read and adopted by motion of Bros. F. Snelson and Bowens. Following is the report :

ROME, GA., June 24, 1898.

To the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, of A. F. and A. M. for the State of Georgia :

The undersigned begs leave to submit to you his annual report for the

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year ending June 24, '97.--Having been duly elected Grand Treasurer of said Grand Lodge for the past year, and having filed my bond with the G. Master, according to the usages of the Order, and he having accepted the same, it is with reluctance that I have to report that on account of the expenses of last session, no monies have been turned over to me from June 24th, 1896, to the date of this report.

Fraternally,
L. H. BURDELL, Grand Treasurer.

On account of the great length of the report of the committee on Returns, by motion of Bro. Cherry, that, that portion of the report of the committee appertaining to the representatives be only read. It was approved. The list of Past Masters, by motion of Bro Burdell was also adopted.

It was motioned by Bros. Beatie and Crumbly that the list of Past Masters be published in the minutes. The Grand Master ruled that only those Past Masters who have served fully one year are entitled to cast a vote as a past master.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers.

Grand Master Terry was placed in nomination by a very eloquent and practical speech by Rev. J. S. Flipper. It was seconded by Bros. J. C. Beatie and Rev. T. W. Cobb It was motioned by Bro J. H. Covington that the rules be suspended and the grand master be elected by a rising vote. This was ordered and unanimously carried Grand Master Terry was escorted to his seat and returned thanks for the confidence reposed in him.

Bro. C. A. Clark was placed in nomination by Bro. R. J. Henry, for Grand Senior Warden. In a very complimentary speech Bro. Dent placed in nomination Bro. Wm Goodman. Bro Clark declined and it was motioned by Bro. Henry that Bro. Goodman be elected by acclamation. This was done after complimentary remarks by P. G. M., Alex. Harris.

Bro. W. H Jackson was placed in nomination by Bro. G. W. Wayne and seconded by Bro. Henry. In a complimentary manner Bro. Snelson placed in nomination Bro J. H. Covington for Grand Junior Warden It was seconded by Bro. Cherry. At this juncture there being some great objection, and Bro. Jackson declined, it was motioned by Bro. Ellis that the rules be suspended and Bro. Covington be elected by acclamation. An amendment was offered by P. G. M., Deveaux that this also apply to the other two officers just elected. Bro. Covington was unanimously elected Grand Junior Warden.

Bro. L. H. Burdell was nominated by Bro. Covington for Grand Treasurer. Bro. Spencer motioned that the rules be suspended and Bro. Burdell be elected by acclamation. There being opposition the motion was ruled out and Bros. Flipper, Whaley and Goodman were appointed tellers. Bro Burdell was re-elected Grand Treasurer by a vote of 270; Bro. G. L. Bowen receiving 84 votes, C. McCarthy 8.

Bro. F. H. Crumbly placed in nomination Bro. Sol. C. John-



R. W., SOL. C. JOHNSON, GRAND SECRETARY.

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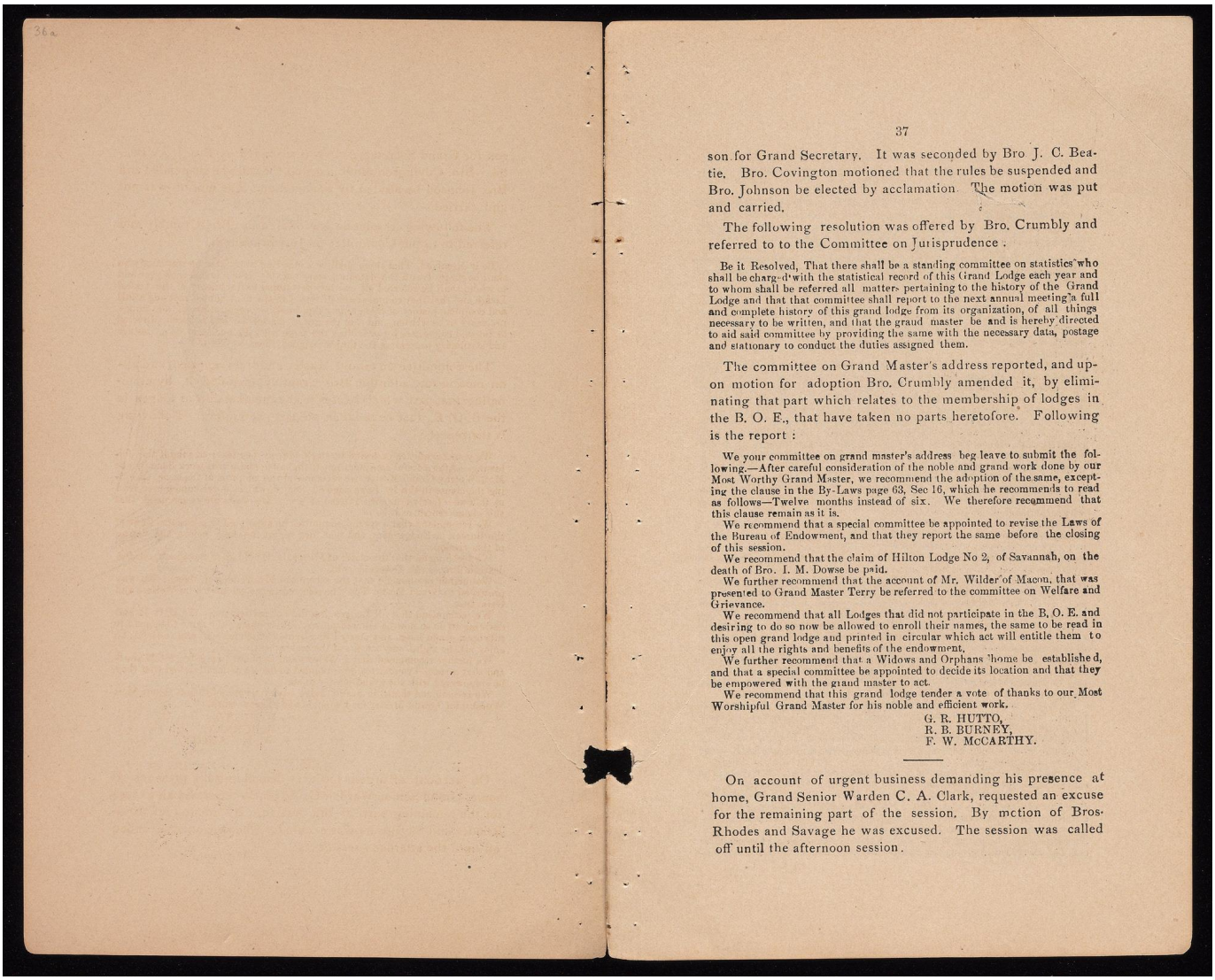

son for Grand Secretary. It was seconded by Bro J. C. Beatie. Bro. Covington motioned that the rules be suspended and Bro. Johnson be elected by acclamation. The motion was put and carried.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Crumbly and referred to to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Be it Resolved, That there shall be a standing committee on statistics who shall be charged with the statistical record of this Grand Lodge each year and to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to the history of the Grand Lodge and that that committee shall report to the next annual meeting a full and complete history of this grand lodge from its organization, of all things necessary to be written, and that the grand master be and is hereby directed to aid said committee by providing the same with the necessary data, postage and stationary to conduct the duties assigned them.

The committee on Grand Master's address reported, and upon motion for adoption Bro. Crumbly amended it, by eliminating that part which relates to the membership of lodges in the B. O. E., that have taken no parts heretofore. Following is the report:

We your committee on grand master's address beg leave to submit the following.—After careful consideration of the noble and grand work done by our Most Worthy Grand Master, we recommend the adoption of the same, excepting the clause in the By-Laws page 63, Sec 16, which he recommends to read as follows—Twelve months instead of six. We therefore recommend that this clause remain as it is.

We recommend that a special committee be appointed to revise the Laws of the Bureau of Endowment, and that they report the same before the closing of this session.

We recommend that the claim of Hilton Lodge No 2, of Savannah, on the death of Bro. I. M. Dowse be paid.

We further recommend that the account of Mr. Wilder of Macon, that was presented to Grand Master Terry be referred to the committee on Welfare and Grievance.

We recommend that all Lodges that did not participate in the B. O. E. and desiring to do so now be allowed to enroll their names, the same to be read in this open grand lodge and printed in circular which act will entitle them to enjoy all the rights and benefits of the endowment.

We further recommend that a Widows and Orphans home be established, and that a special committee be appointed to decide its location and that they be empowered with the grand master to act.

We recommend that this grand lodge tender a vote of thanks to our Most Worshipful Grand Master for his noble and efficient work.

G. R. HUTTO,
R. B. BURNEY,
F. W. McCARTHY.

On account of urgent business demanding his presence at home, Grand Senior Warden C. A. Clark, requested an excuse for the remaining part of the session. By motion of Bros. Rhodes and Savage he was excused. The session was called off until the afternoon session.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called on at the appointed time and in ample form.

Bro. J. C. Beatie read a resolution which was referred to the committee on B. O. E.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. J. C. Beatie and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That so much of Section 9 and 10 of the By-Laws for subordinate lodges that exempt the treasurer and tyler from lodge dues be repealed and that the matter be left to the subordinate lodges.

The report of D. D Grand Master F. H. Crumbly was read and referred to the committee on Jurisprudence and Welfare and Grievance. Following is the report :

BRETHREN:—

As District Deputy Grand Master, I have he honor to report that I have corresponded with many lodges located in North Georgia and have been of such necessary service as my ability would admit and their necessities required. The craft has been favorably blessed during the year; peace and harmony prevailed everywhere except in the city of Atlanta in St James Lodge No. 5. In this lodge there occurred a defalcation on the part of the treasurer Bro. J. R. Steele in the sum of $400.80 more or less. Bro. Steele had been, treasurer of St. James lodge for the past ten years, as such he had never executed a bond or gave any security for the faithful discharge of his duty as treasurer; he had been allowed to go on in that reckless and ungarded and almost illegal way for all these years in the face of other defalcations, bank failures and financial stringencies on every hand. When the shortage became known investigation revealed the fact that there was little or no means by which the lodge might recover its money.

Treasurer Steele appeared before the lodge, made confession and offered to refund the money in monthly or quarterly payments ; this the lodge declined to accept and although the treasurer was already exhausted, rent and gas bills being due and unpaid, the master employed legal counsel at an expense of $100.00 with no money in the treasury to pay actual running and current expenses. I wrote the grand master for advice in the premises and received a letter from him directing me to lend all possible aid in my official capacity as D. D. G M. to the best interest of St. James lodge, I attempted to council with the master, Bro. R. Treadwell, and was not by him treated with the courtesy which I thought the position I occupied required of him. The brother was bent on legal criminal prosecution or the cash and seemed more inclined to prosecution which I felt was not the best remedy under all the circumstances. Steele proposed to give notes payable $15.00 per month and later on to pay the money in sums of $50.00 per quarter. He owned a piece of property on Butler street, title to which was vested in his wife and children hence the property could not be used to raise the necessary money.

On March 4th, Bro. Treadwell, W. M., swore out a warrant, Steele was arrested. Our Bro. Treadwell published a card in the Atlanta Journal, an evening paper of that city, to which J. R. Steele replied. Seeing that the personal feeling of these two men was calculated to do injury to our Order on March 6th I published a reply to Steel's card of March 5th, which practically ended all newspaper controversy.

I would respectfully recommend to this grand lodge that all treasurers of subordinate lodges be placed under bonds not less than $500.00 each.

On February 25, 1897, there occurred in the city of Atlanta the death of Bro. Fair of Gate City Lodge. Just a few weeks prior the same lodge had lost a worthy brother, the treasury being unable to bury him, which was his request and the practice of the lodge, the W. M., a worthy young mason Bro. Johnson, had to the injury of his family advanced the lodge all his available cash and succeeded in giving the first brother who died a very creditable burial ; but in the case of the second brother who died, Bro. Fair, the lodge nor the master was able to give prompt burial, the brother was not entered for three days after death ; this provoked some very harsh comment on our Order, but it could not be helped, the master who is representative to this grand lodge, did his full duty and caused the body to be buried as soon as possible.

The Gate City Lodge is now in excellent condition as you will see from the lodge returns.

March 2nd, I visited South Atlanta by invitation where I found a number of persons assembled for the purpose of organizing a masonic lodge. These men had been directed by others than those of our Order ; the price of $3.00 had been offered for conferring three degrees. I made them a talk and succeeded in staying action for a short while. They finally accepted the $3 00 proposition and did not call on me again. I would respectfully invite your attention to this kind of work now being done in some parts of the state.

During the year there were two demits presented to Rising Sun Lodge No. 23, located at Atlanta, that of Bro Turner and Bro D B Gullins of Mt Pisgah Lodge, these two brethren having moved to Atlanta and there taken up permanent abode with their families, were desirous of moving their membership to the city of their residence. Being financial and in good standing they applied to their respective lodges for demits for the purpose of depositing the same in Rising Sun Lodge ; the demits were granted in both cases and in less than ten days after date thereof were before the lodge into which the new membership was being sought. In each of these cases Sec. 1 of Art. 22, was applied, requiring a fee of $3.50 on each demit—the demits being vouched for by me as a member of Rising Sun lodge, and I held that the brethren were not liable for a fee of $3 50 because they had not been out of their lodges for even thirty days and could not be classed as non-affiliating masons ; that the law as given in Art. 22, Sec. 1, applied to masons who had held in their possession for an almost indefinite time demits from their lodges and had been continuing to seek the benefits and privileges of the Order. The opinion of your D. D. G. M., however, was disregarded and one of the brethren, Bro. Turner, had his demit returned to him, while Bro. Gullins of Mt. Pisgah lodge was required to pay the sum of $3 50. The ruling of the committee on jurisprudence on this subject is respectfully solicited.

Fraternally,

F. H. CRUMBLY, D. D. G. M.

The following resolution by Bro. J. Moore was referred to the committee on jurisprudence :

Whereas, we believe it will be for the best interest of the craft, and for the good of the Order in general and inasmuch as subordinate lodges are imposed upon under the existing law, therefore be it

Resolved, That Article 20, Section 18 of the By-Laws governing subordinate lodges be changed to read as follows :

That any mason allowing himself to become more than three months in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of the lodge.

The resolution read by Bro. H. McGregor was referred to the committee on jurisprudence.

The resolution on board and lodging by Bro Dent, to the effect that every mason attending the grand lodge show their receipt of their board to the committee on board was adopted.

Remarks by Dr. W. G. Alexander ; it was moved that a vote of thanks be tendered him.

The following report on foreign correspondence was read and adopted :

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge :—

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had but little matters to engage its attention during the year. We have had no proceedings or printed roosters to exchange with the sisterhood of Grand Lodge and are therefore

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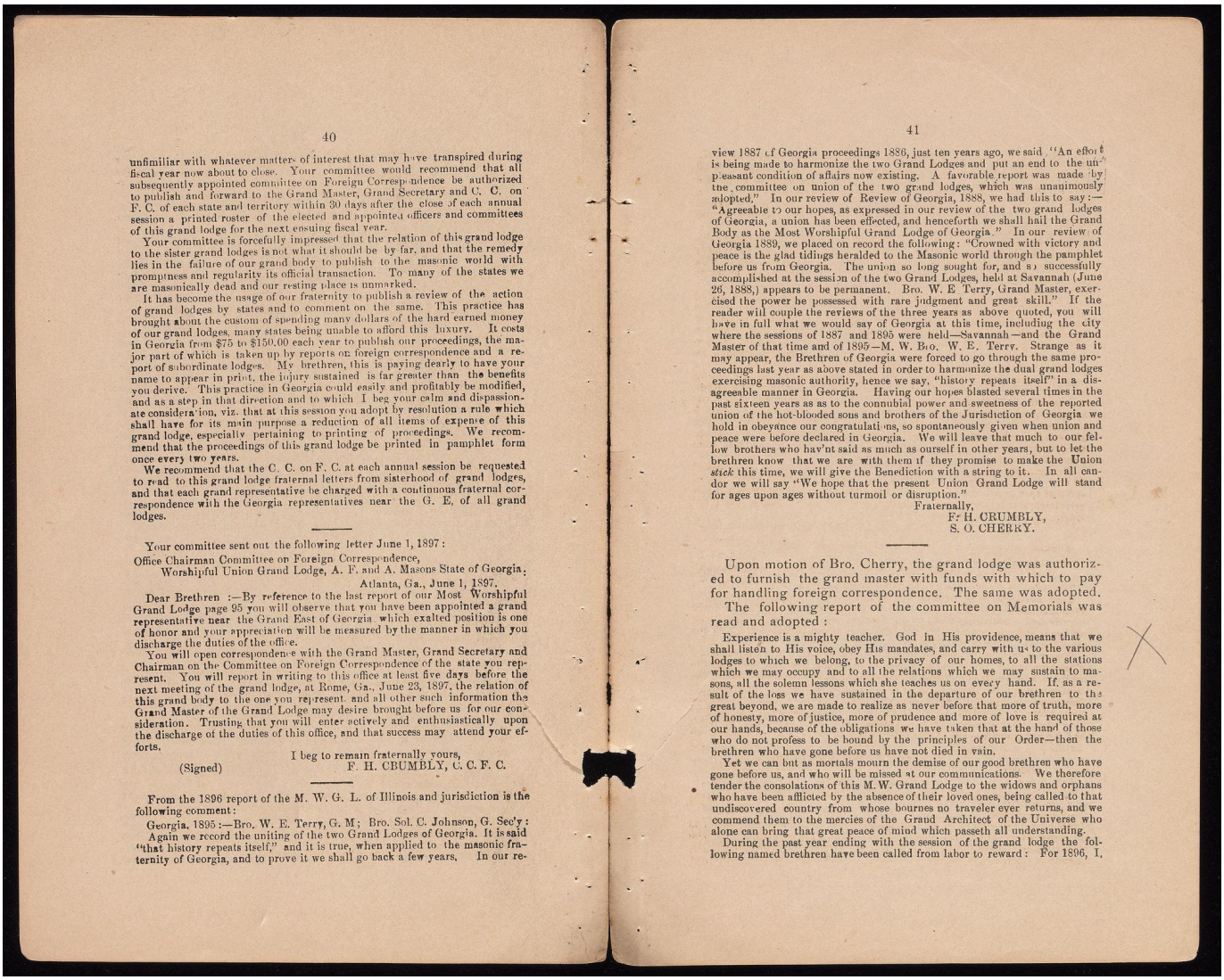

unfimiliar with whatever matters of interest that may have transpired during fiscal year now about to close. Your committee would recommend that all subsequently appointed committee on Foreign Correspondence be authorized to publish and forward to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and C. C. on F. C. of each state and territory within 30 days after the close of each annual session a printed roster of the elected and appointed officers and committees of this grand lodge for the next ensuing fiscal year.

Your committee is forcefully impressed that the relation of this grand lodge to the sister grand lodges is not what it should be by far, and that the remedy lies in the failure of our grand body to publish to the masonic world with promptness and regularity its official transaction. To many of the states we are masonically dead and our resting place is unmarked.

It has become the usage of our fraternity to publish a review of the action of grand lodges by states and to comment on the same. This practice has brought about the custom of spending many dollars of the hard earned money of our grand lodges, many states being unable to afford this luxury. It costs in Georgia from $75 to $150.00 each year to publish our proceedings, the major part of which is taken up by reports on foreign correspondence and a report of subordinate lodges. My brethren, this is paying dearly to have your name to appear in print, the injury sustained is far greater than the benefits you derive. This practice in Georgia could easily and profitably be modified, and as a step in that direction and to which I beg your calm and dispassionate consideration, viz. that at this session you adopt by resolution a rule which shall have for its main purpose a reduction of all items of expense of this grand lodge, especially pertaining to printing of proceedings. We recommend that the proceedings of this grand lodge be printed in pamphlet form once every two years.

We recommend that the C. C. on F. C. at each annual session be requested to read to this grand lodge fraternal letters from sisterhood of grand lodges, and that each grand representative be charged with a continuous fraternal correspondence with the Georgia representatives near the G. E. of all grand lodges.

Your committee sent out the following letter June 1, 1897:

Office Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence,
Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. Masons State of Georgia:

Atlanta, Ga., June 1, 1897.

Dear Brethren :—By reference to the last report of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge page 95 you will observe that you have been appointed a grand representative near the Grand East of Georgia which exalted position is one of honor and your appreciation will be measured by the manner in which you discharge the duties of the office.

You will open correspondence with the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Chairman on the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the state you represent. You will report in writing to this office at least five days before the next meeting of the grand lodge, at Rome, Ga., June 23, 1897, the relation of this grand body to the one you represent and all other such information the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge may desire brought before us for our consideration. Trusting that you will enter actively and enthusiastically upon the discharge of the duties of this office, and that success may attend your efforts.

I beg to remain fraternally yours,
(Signed) F. H. CRUMBLY, C. C. F. C.

From the 1896 report of the M. W. G. L. of Illinois and jurisdiction is the following comment:

Georgia, 1895:—Bro. W. E. Terry, G. M.; Bro. Sol. C. Johnson, G. Sec'y:

Again we record the uniting of the two Grand Lodges of Georgia. It is said "that history repeats itself," and it is true, when applied to the masonic fraternity of Georgia, and to prove it we shall go back a few years. In our review 1887 of Georgia proceedings 1886, just ten years ago, we said "An effort is being made to harmonize the two Grand Lodges and put an end to the unpleasant condition of affairs now existing. A favorable report was made by the committee on union of the two grand lodges, which was unanimously adopted." In our review of Review of Georgia, 1888, we had this to say:—"Agreeable to our hopes, as expressed in our review of the two grand lodges of Georgia, a union has been effected, and henceforth we shall hail the Grand Body as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia." In our review of Georgia 1889, we placed on record the following: "Crowned with victory and peace is the glad tidings heralded to the Masonic world through the pamphlet before us from Georgia. The union so long sought for, and so successfully accomplished at the session of the two Grand Lodges, held at Savannah (June 26, 1888,) appears to be permanent. Bro. W. E. Terry, Grand Master, exercised the power he possessed with rare judgment and great skill." If the reader will couple the reviews of the three years as above quoted, you will have in full what we would say of Georgia at this time, including the city where the sessions of 1887 and 1895 were held—Savannah—and the Grand Master of that time and of 1895—M. W. Bro. W. E. Terry. Strange as it may appear, the Brethren of Georgia were forced to go through the same proceedings last year as above stated in order to harmonize the dual grand lodges exercising masonic authority, hence we say, "history repeats itself" in a disagreeable manner in Georgia. Having our hopes blasted several times in the past sixteen years as as to the connubial power and sweetness of the reported union of the hot-blooded sons and brothers of the Jurisdiction of Georgia we hold in obeyance our congratulations, so spontaneously given when union and peace were before declared in Georgia. We will leave that much to our fellow brothers who hav'nt said as much as ourself in other years, but to let the brethren know that we are with them if they promise to make the Union *stick* this time, we will give the Benediction with a string to it. In all candor we will say "We hope that the present Union Grand Lodge will stand for ages upon ages without turmoil or disruption."

Fraternally,
F. H. CRUMBLY,
S. O. CHERRY.

Upon motion of Bro. Cherry, the grand lodge was authorized to furnish the grand master with funds with which to pay for handling foreign correspondence. The same was adopted.

The following report of the committee on Memorials was read and adopted:

Experience is a mighty teacher. God in His providence, means that we shall listen to His voice, obey His mandates, and carry with us to the various lodges to which we belong, to the privacy of our homes, to all the stations which we may occupy and to all the relations which we may sustain to masons, all the solemn lessons which she teaches us on every hand. If, as a result of the loss we have sustained in the departure of our brethren to the great beyond, we are made to realize as never before that more of truth, more of honesty, more of justice, more of prudence and more of love is required at our hands, because of the obligations we have taken that at the hand of those who do not profess to be bound by the principles of our Order—then the brethren who have gone before us have not died in vain.

Yet we can but as mortals mourn the demise of our good brethren who have gone before us, and who will be missed at our communications. We therefore tender the consolations of this M. W. Grand Lodge to the widows and orphans who have been afflicted by the absence of their loved ones, being called to that undiscovered country from whose bournes no traveler ever returns, and we commend them to the mercies of the Grand Architect of the Universe who alone can bring that great peace of mind which passeth all understanding.

During the past year ending with the session of the grand lodge the following named brethren have been called from labor to reward: For 1896, I.

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M. Dowse, Hilton Lodge, Nov 13; L. M. Fisher, Alpine, November 26; J. J. Mack, Lilly Rook, Oct 1; J. W. Williams, Purnell, Dec 18; Robert Cowell, Plymouth, Rock, Dec 21; Ed Taylor, Corner Stone, Dec. 23; R. Livingston, Sanctorum Aug. 10; R. Barnes, Green Mountain, Sept. 15; Daniel Nixon, Habakuk, Jul 16; for '97 A. Cobb, Composite, June 18; J B Demery, Prince Hall Mar 18; George Hendricks, Western Star, Dec 13; R'bt Jones, Zion Jan 6; Reuben Miller, Mt Ararat, Jan. 15; Hawkins Harris, Republic, Jan 20; Handy Powell, St Luke, Feb. 23; Fred Robinson, Land Mark, Mar. 25; Julius Gardner, Mt. Pisgah, Jan. 12, Alonza Nixon, Fred Douglass, May 30; Augustus Hart, Corinthian, April 11; George Thompson, Oak City, May 22; Sidney Grice, Starlight, Dec 30; D. J. Johnson, Jericho Mar 8; J. R. Dennis, Lilly Work, Mar 20; M C. Greggs, Pythagoras; J. W. Watson, Enigma lodge.

T. B. McCONNELL,
G. S. SHERROD,
J. D CAMPBELL,
F. H. CRUMBLY,
J. H. DEVEAUX, Chairman.

The following resolution by Bro. F. W. McCarthy was read and adopted:

Resolved, That each lodge in the jurisdiction be taxed five dollars for the purpose of raising sufficient money to build the Widows Home and Orphans School and each lodge shall be required to pay said five dollars in ninety days after receiving notice of the same, Amended by Bro. Terry that a committee be appointed to solicit articles for orphans home.

The following committee on revision of the B. O. E. By-Laws was appointed:—Bros C. B. Whaley, F. H. Crumbly and C R. Holman.

The Committee on Welfare and Grievance reported as follows; the same was adopted:

We the Committee on Welfare and Grievance, beg to report as follows:—

In the case of Bro. M. H. Cobb, vs Friendly Lodge No. 19, we recommend that the case be continued until the next session of the grand lodge, unless it can be settled by the grand master and all debts canceled.

In the case of Seven Star Lodge No 122, asking that the location be changed to Bladen Ga., the committee recommend that the same be granted.

In the case of Sister Jane Leibride, widow of Bro. Leibride, a deceased member of Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 78, asking aid of the grand lodge, we recommend that this grand lodge aid said sister as it sees fit.

In the case of Assyria Lodge No. 124 vs Stillmore Lodge, claiming $46.40 for assisting, one of their brothers who was in distress, we recommend that the said lodge refund to Assyria lodge the amount claimed.

In the case of Silver Trowel Lodge in suspending Rev. Prince Watson, for misappropriating funds, we recommend that the suspension be sustained.

In the case of Ezekiel Lodge No 71, asking aid for Sister Ella C. Mickson, widow of a deceased member of that lodge, we recommend the matter to the grand lodge for action.

In the case of Milltown Lodge No. 121, applying for a new charter the old one being destroyed by fire, we recommend that the grand lodge grant the same free of charge save the secretary's fee.

In the case of Bro. J. R. Steele, a member of St. James Lodge No. 4, who is charged with larceny after trust, we find that Bro. Steele has been unlawfully suspended from his lodge. Second, we do not consider that he willfully misappropriated the money placed in his charge. We the committee therefore recommend that he be allowed, according to his argument, to replace said money in the sums of $15 per month, his note to be indorsed by good and proper security and the first payment to be made July 15, 1897. We further

recommend that the suspension of Bro Steele be raised and he be restored to his lodge and that said lodge withdraw the case from the court.

In the case of Shiloh Lodge No. 63, asking the loan of two hundred dollars, we the committee regret to say that the grand lodge has no money to lend at this time.

In the case of Prince Hall Lodge No. 28 vs Bro. J. C. Simmons, charging him with receiving and using money belonging to said lodge, in the sum of $23, we the committee recommend that the said lodge present their claim to Bro Simmons and he be required to pay the same immediately or show cause why he should not.

In the case of Sister C. M. Wilson, widow of Bro. M. R. Wilson of Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 98, charging them with neglecting her, the committee recommend that said lodge pay adherance to the said sister's call and aid her anuually according to their ability.

Respectfully,
J. H. COVINGTON,
S. W. TREADWELL,
J. A. GRANT,
T. S. PRICE,
J. E. WHITEMAN.

The report of the Secretary of the Endowment Committee was read and unanimously adopted. Following is the report:

June 23, 1897.

To the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Brethren:—I submit my report for the past year. As I have from time to time, made an itemized report to each lodge during the year, I now present this in a more condensed form:

Collected.

For Assessments 1, 2, and 3	$756 42
For Assessments 4 and 5	403 00
For Assessments 6, 7, and 8	492 00
For Assessments 9 and 10	

Disbursements.

To Widow of Brother John W. Dobbs	$252 14
" " W. L. Williams	252 14
" " Willis Brown	201 50
" " Samuel Brooks	201 50
" " Pat Williams	164 00
" " A. B Bush	
" " W. E. Newsome	

To Orphans' Fund.

From Bro. Scott Adams, no heirs	$252 14
Bro. Edmond Barnes, no heirs	164 00
Bro. Moses C. Gregg, no heirs	164 00
Back dues	147 01
Total	$727 15

Disbursement from Orphan's Department.

To Assyria Lodge:	
Expenses for Bro. Scott Adams	$31 70
F. H. Henderson, tuition for Annie B. Young, orphan	3 00
A. H. Grice, for four orphans	6 50
To Pythagoras Lodge:	
Expenses for Moses Gregg	52 90
Printing reports, etc	5 00
Total	$99 10
Total Collected for Orphans	$727 15
Disbursement from Orphans' Fund	99 10
Balance on Hand	$628 05

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General Expenses for this Department for the Year.

Printing reports stationary, stamps, etc.	$74 63
Secretary	38 45
Total	$113 08
Balance due Secretary	25 00

Non-Financial Time of Death.

T. M. Dowse, Hilton Lodge, Nov 13; L. M. Fisher, Alpine, Nov. 26; J. J. Mack, Lilly Rook, Oct 1; J. W. Williams, Purnell, Dec 18; Robert Cowell, Plymouth Rock, Dec 21; Alonza Nixon, Fred Douglass, May 30 1897; Julius Gardner, Mt. Pisgah, Jan. 12, 1897.

The following, Financial at the time of death, will be sent out in their regular order:

George Hendricks, Western Star, Dec 13, '96; for '97, R'bt Jones, Zion Jan 6; Reuben Miller, Mt Ararat, Jan. 15; Hawkins Harris, Republic, Jan 20; Handy Powell, St Luke, Feb. 23; Fred Robinson, Land Mark, Mar. 25; Augustus Hart, Corinthian, Apr. 11; George Thompson, Oak City, May 22; Sidney Grice, Starlight, Dec 30; D. J. Johnson, Jericho Mar 8; J. R. Dennis, Lilly Work, Mar 20.

The following amounts have been received, and, after deducting expenses, have been placed to the credit of the Orphans' Department:

Nebuchadnezzar Lodge $2 42; Empire 5 06; Prince Hall 6 27; Hilton 6 93; Jericho 3 96; Timothy 4 29; Johnston 5 30; Alpine 15 84; St Charles 2 64, Zion 2 64; Golden Rule 4 62; U. L. Houston 1 32; Mt. Olive 2 64; Fidelity 6 38: Assyria 3 86; Evergreen 3 96; Mt Tabor 5 00; Widows' Son 6 27: New Era 6 00; Hiram 7 55: Mt. Moriah 94c; St. Paul 64c; Joppa 12 10: St, James 9 02; Ramah 3 30; Mt. Ararat 3 63; Assyria 3 75; Lilly Root 12 50; Elijah 2 97; Mt. Airy 5 28; Empire 5 06; Chattahoochee 5 61; Widows' Son 6 60; St. James 9 02; Stone Square 8 25; Magnolia 3 30; Deborah 4 78; Fred Douglass 9 80; Cotton Bloom 7 28; Eureka 13 75. Total, $147 01.

Respectfully,
W. H. SPENCER, Sec'y.

The grand lodge was then called off until 8 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

This session was called on by D. G M. Jones, after which the grand master arrived and assumed his station.

It was motioned by Bros. Snelson and Fulton, that all matters not acted upon by the grand lodge, relative to the B.O.E. be referred to the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws of the B. O. E, and amended to the effect that the report of the grand master be returned to the committee on grand master's address. It was motioned by Bro. Snelson that the amendment be tabled. This was adopted. The original motion was then put and carried.

The committee on revision of B. O. E. By-Laws begged for an extension of time to report but afterwards withdrew the request.

The Committee on Warrants reported as follows and the report was adopted.

We the committee on Warrants and Constitution beg leave to report:

We find the following lodges in need of Numbers:—John Wesley, Elm, Plumbline, Zacheus, Tiberius, Beehive, True Craftsman, Daniel, Euclid.

We recommend that numbers be given according to the regular order.

We recommend that the following lodges be given warrants;—Compass, Sparta, paid $30 00; John Wesley, Excelsior, paid 30 00: True Craftsman, Sheffield, paid 30 00; Tiberius, Chastian, paid 30 00; Zacheus, Spread, paid 21 00; Elm, Wigham, paid 20 00: Beehive, Jakin, paid 14 00; Plumbline, Tippittsville, paid 11 00; Euclid, Folkston, paid 10 00; Baldwin, Milledgeville, paid 10 00; Daniel, Dixie, paid 2 25.

All lodges that have not paid full amounts to be granted warrants upon the payment of balance.

T. M. DENT, Chairman,
G. W. WAYNE,
W. D. SAVAGE,
G. W. TODD.
G. W. ALLEN.

The following report of D. D. G. M., Whaley of Savannah, was read and adopted:

Rome, Ga., June 25, 1897.

To the M. W. G. M., Officers and Brethren:

Your humble D. D. G. M. of Savannah, beg leave to report as follows:—

There being no serious difficulties arising in the district over which we preside our official acts have been few.

Under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, we settled amicably a grievance of the secretary of Sanctorum Lodge No. 22. We also investigated complaints against the B. O. E., and in each instance all parties concerned were satisfied. Under the direction of the grand master, we dispensated Sanctorum lodge and returned the same to the grand master's office.

The lodges in our district, with one or two exceptions, are in a good healthy condition.

In the case of the unhealthy lodges we would recommend that the grand master invest my successor in office with the power to arrange these one or two lodges to unite and join one lodge at the direction of the grand master.

Respectfully submitted,
C. BRYANT WHALEY, M. D., D. D. G. M.

A supplimentary report of D. D. G. M., Crumbly was made and adopted.

Bro. Covington made a statement concerning the location of the Orphans' Home.

The report of the committee on revision of B. O. E. By-Laws was read and upon motion approved; amended by Bro Dent that it be adopted by sections. Report was adopted.

Following is the report:

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE B. O. E.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The officers of this B. O. E. shall be the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary, who shall be the Financial Secretary of the B. O. E., and one other member. The last two named to be appointed by the Grand Master.

Sec. 2 The assistant secretary shall be the Secretary of the B. of E. He shall five sufficient bond and security of Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. Within gve (5) days after the death of a master mason in good standing in his lodge, evidence of which being established beyond a doubt, the secretary of the B. of E. shall be notified of the same and he shall immediately forward to said lodge a printed blank death certificate. This certificate is to be properly filled out and attested by a notary public, justice of the peace, court or county officer, with the seal of his office attached. Said certificate to be returned to the secretary of the B. of E., within thirty (30) days from re-

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ceipt of same otherwise said claim will be forwarded. All correspondence pertaining to this section shall be by registered letter.

Sec. 2 On or before the first (1) day of each month, beginning August 1 1897, each lodge shall forward to the secretary B. of E. Ten (10) Cents for every master mason in good standing in said lodge. Any lodge failing to comply with this section shall be suspended.

Sec. 2 Upon the death of a member of the B. of E., whose lodge has complied with all rules and regulations herein set forth, his widow or minor children shall receive an amount not less than One Hundred and Fifty ($150.00) Dollars, nor more than Two Hundred ($200.00) Dollars, said amount to be paid within ninety [90] days after satisfactory proof of claim has been secured at the office of the secretary of the B. of E.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1 The B. of E. shall prepare a form of policy for its members and each master mason shall have the right to name thereon who shall be his, beneficiary. Provided however that no policy shall be considered valid, that may interfere with the rights of his widow or children should he be married and have children.

Sec. 2 Every master mason of this jurisdiction shall fill out a policy, and forward said policy to the secretary of B of E. who shall record the same in a book provided therefore, and then return said policy to the master mason whose name appears upon the the face of the same. The cost of said policy to be borne by the policy holder.

Sec. 3 The above mentioned policy upon the death of a member of the B. of E. shall accompany the approved death certificate, signed by the beneficiary

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1 Ten [10] per cent of all moneys collected in this department shall be retained as a reserve fund to be used exclusively for orphans or deceased master masons, said moneys so accruing, to be expended under the direction of the grand master.

Sec. 2 The secretary of the B. of E. shall receive for the faithful discharge of his duties herein set forth five [5] per cent of the pet collections of this department.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1 All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall constitute the membership of this B. of E. and each and every lodge of this masonic jurisdiction is hereby made a part and parcel of the same.

Sec. 2 All existing laws and parts thereof conflicting with these rules and regulations are hereby repealed.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We your committee recommend the payment of the following claims in their regular order, which was adopted by the grand lodge:—F. C. Clark, Habakkuk lodge; Peter Smith, Jeptha; L. M. Fisher, Alpine; J. J. Mack, Lilly Root; Robert Cowell, Plymouth Rock; Julius Gardner, Mt. Pisgah; Alonza Nixon, Fred Douglass.

We further recommend that the claim of J. W. Williams, alias Ashley, be referred to the Grand Master, and settled as he may direct.

Respectfully submitted.
C. BRYANT WHALEY, M. D., Chairman,
F. H. CRUMBLY,
R. A. HOLMAN.

The grand master was ordered to have circulars printed to notify the lodges about the same.

The session was called off until Saturday 8 a. m.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

Rome, Ga., June 26, 1897.

The grand lodge was called on in ample form by deputy grand master, Jones.

Complaints were made about the too frequent visits to the

bar rooms by the delegates. It was motioned by Bro. Snelson that a committee be appointed to investigate rumors about certain brothers. The following committee on the same was appointed :—Bros. F. Snelson, J. S. Scurry, F. S. Andrews, H. L. Fulton, and G. S. Sherrod.

The chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence presented the representatives of this Grand East to the Foreign Grand East, and read a report of the same. By motion the report was approved. The representatives were admonished to keep up their work and the delegates were requested to speak of the report to their lodges. Following are the representatives :

FOR GEORGIA.	STATES.	FROM GEORGIA.
Bro. H. C. Binford	Alabama.	Bro. G. W. Allen,
" J. C. Corbin	Arkansas	" W. H. Spencer,
" J. C. Jenkins	California	" F. H. Crumbly.
" James H. Martin	Connecticut.	" H. H. Williams,
" L. C. Cornell	Colorado.	" T. S. Price,
" J. H. Lee	Dis Columbia.	" J. W. Lyons,
" R. H. Lewis	Delaware	" R J. Henry,
" W. A. Glover	Florida	" W. P. Harper,
" D. W. Dempsy	Illinois	" Alex. Harris,
	Indiana.	" Jerry Moore,
" Austin A. Bland	Iowa	" W E. Terry,
	Kansas.	" J E. Whiteman
	Kentucky	" F. W. McCarthy,
" F. R. Wright	Louisiana	" W. C. Thomas,
" C M. Manning	Liberia	" G. L. Bowen,
" J. C. Chappelle	Massachuset's	" J. H. Deveaux,
" Thos. I. Jones	Michigan	" J. H. Covington,
" E. W. Lampton	Mississippi.	" C. A. Clark,
	Maryland.	" T. M. Dent,
	Missouri	" A. L. Felton,
" E. R. Spaulding	New York-	" H. R. Butler,
	New Jersey	" H. A. Rucker,
" J. T. Howe	N. Carolina	" C. A. Shaw,
" Charles Marshal	Ohio	" C. McCarthy,
J. C. Richards	Ontario	" J. C. Beatie,
" W. A. Fassett,	Pennsylvania	" A. Ellis,
	Rhode Island	" R. F. Benefield,
" E. J. Sawyer	S. Carolina.	" S. G. Webster,
" S. J. Leonard	Texas.	" A. C. Steward,
" W. S. Williams	Tennessee.	" S. S. Mincey,
" A. B. Campbell	Virginia.	" L. H. Burdell,
" J. F. Dixon	W. Virginia.	" Sol. C Johnson,
" D. D Moore	Wyoming.	" J. P. Rhodes,

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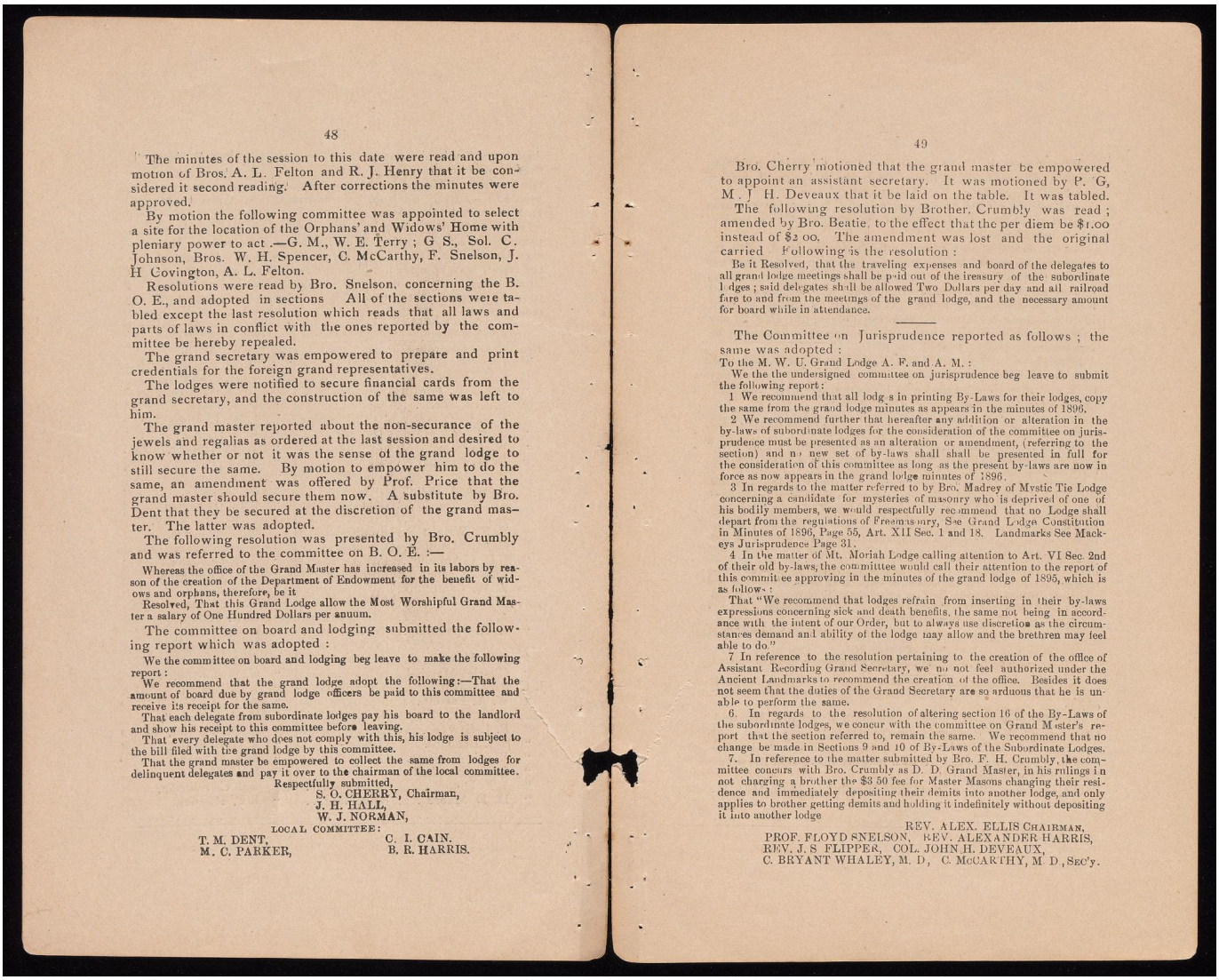

The minutes of the session to this date were read and upon motion of Bros. A. L. Felton and R. J. Henry that it be considered it second reading. After corrections the minutes were approved.

By motion the following committee was appointed to select a site for the location of the Orphans' and Widows' Home with pleniary power to act .—G. M., W. E. Terry ; G S., Sol. C. Johnson, Bros. W. H. Spencer, C. McCarthy, F. Snelson, J. H Covington, A. L. Felton.

Resolutions were read by Bro. Snelson, concerning the B. O. E., and adopted in sections All of the sections were tabled except the last resolution which reads that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the ones reported by the committee be hereby repealed.

The grand secretary was empowered to prepare and print credentials for the foreign grand representatives.

The lodges were notified to secure financial cards from the grand secretary, and the construction of the same was left to him.

The grand master reported about the non-securance of the jewels and regalias as ordered at the last session and desired to know whether or not it was the sense of the grand lodge to still secure the same. By motion to empower him to do the same, an amendment was offered by Prof. Price that the grand master should secure them now. A substitute by Bro. Dent that they be secured at the discretion of the grand master. The latter was adopted.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Crumbly and was referred to the committee on B. O. E. :—

Whereas the office of the Grand Master has increased in its labors by reason of the creation of the Department of Endowment for the benefit of widows and orphans, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge allow the Most Worshipful Grand Master a salary of One Hundred Dollars per anuum.

The committee on board and lodging submitted the following report which was adopted :

We the committee on board and lodging beg leave to make the following report :

We recommend that the grand lodge adopt the following:—That the amount of board due by grand lodge officers be paid to this committee and receive its receipt for the same.

That each delegate from subordinate lodges pay his board to the landlord and show his receipt to this committee before leaving.

That every delegate who does not comply with this, his lodge is subject to the bill filed with the grand lodge by this committee.

That the grand master be empowered to collect the same from lodges for delinquent delegates and pay it over to the chairman of the local committee.

Respectfully submitted,
S. O. CHERRY, Chairman,
J. H. HALL,
W. J. NORMAN,

LOCAL COMMITTEE:

T. M. DENT, C. I. CAIN.
M. C. PARKER, B. R. HARRIS.

Bro. Cherry motioned that the grand master be empowered to appoint an assistant secretary. It was motioned by P. G, M. J H. Deveaux that it be laid on the table. It was tabled.

The following resolution by Brother. Crumbly was read ; amended by Bro. Beatie, to the effect that the per diem be $1.00 instead of $2 00. The amendment was lost and the original carried Following is the resolution :

Be it Resolved, that the traveling expenses and board of the delegates to all grand lodge meetings shall be paid out of the treasury of the subordinate Lodges ; said delegates shall be allowed Two Dollars per day and all railroad fare to and from the meetings of the grand lodge, and the necessary amount for board while in attendance.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows ; the same was adopted :

To the M. W. U. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. :

We the the undersigned committee on jurisprudence beg leave to submit the following report :

1 We recommend that all lodges in printing By-Laws for their lodges, copy the same from the grand lodge minutes as appears in the minutes of 1896.

2 We recommend further that hereafter any addition or alteration in the by-laws of subordinate lodges for the consideration of the committee on jurisprudence must be presented as an alteration or amendment, (referring to the section) and no new set of by-laws shall shall be presented in full for the consideration of this committee as long as the present by-laws are now in force as now appears in the grand lodge minutes of 1896.

3 In regards to the matter referred to by Bro. Madrey of Mystic Tie Lodge concerning a candidate for mysteries of masonry who is deprived of one of his bodily members, we would respectfully recommend that no Lodge shall depart from the regulations of Freemasonry, See Grand Lodge Constitution in Minutes of 1896, Page 55, Art. XII Sec. 1 and 18. Landmarks See Mackeys Jurisprudence Page 31.

4 In the matter of Mt. Moriah Lodge calling attention to Art. VI Sec. 2nd of their old by-laws, the committee would call their attention to the report of this committee approving in the minutes of the grand lodge of 1895, which is as follows :

That "We recommend that lodges refrain from inserting in their by-laws expressions concerning sick and death benefits, the same not being in accordance with the intent of our Order, but to always use discretion as the circumstances demand and ability of the lodge may allow and the brethren may feel able to do."

7 In reference to the resolution pertaining to the creation of the office of Assistant Recording Grand Secretary, we do not feel authorized under the Ancient Landmarks to recommend the creation of the office. Besides it does not seem that the duties of the Grand Secretary are so arduous that he is unable to perform the same.

6. In regards to the resolution of altering section 16 of the By-Laws of the subordinate lodges, we concur with the committee on Grand Master's report that the section referred to, remain the same. We recommend that no change be made in Sections 9 and 10 of By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges.

7. In reference to the matter submitted by Bro. F. H. Crumbly, the committee concurs with Bro. Crumbly as D. D. Grand Master, in his rulings in not charging a brother the $3 50 fee for Master Masons changing their residence and immediately depositing their demits into another lodge, and only applies to brother getting demits and holding it indefinitely without depositing it into another lodge

REV. ALEX. ELLIS CHAIRMAN,
PROF. FLOYD SNELSON, REV. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
REV. J. S FLIPPER, COL. JOHN H. DEVEAUX,
C. BRYANT WHALEY, M. D, C. McCARTHY, M. D, SEC'y.

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By a motion the U. D Lodges were considered on a footing with the Warranted Lodges so far as the endowment feature is concerned

An invitation from Evergreen lodge of Darien for the next session of the grand lodge to convene in said city was received as information.

The Committee on Finance and Returns reported. The report was received as information, and upon motion of Brother Cherry that the committee having reported bills to the excess of receipts, that the committee retire and pro-rate expense not already paid according to receipts on hand ; amended by Bro. Hall that those brethren representing lodges, not able to pay expense back home be aided and the lodges they represent be billed for the same. It was adopted.

It was motioned by Bro. Cherry thar $50 of the amount collected at this session be reserved in the treasury for emergency fund, and that no additional bills be presented after the committee leaves this room.

The special committee appointed to investigate the charges against Bro. L. J. Hill et al, reported as follows :

We your committee appointed to investigate the conduct of some of our brothers as reported to this worshipful grand lodge, do most respectfully submit the following :

We learn through Bros. J. S. Scurry and J. A. Grant that Bro. L. J. Hill of Tuscan Lodge No. 38, has been seen on the street, at the depot and in a bar room under the influence of whiskey, conducting himself in a disgraceful, shameful and unmasonic way; this too, in company with a number of ruffians who were speculating upon his conduct as a mason We also learn that Bro. Hill is still in this city because by being under the influence of liquor he was unable to board the train. We have endeavored to get him before us but failed, and in view of the fact he is the W. M. of the lodge and has conducted himself so as to reflect seriously upon the high reputation of this grand lodge, therefore we do most respectfully recommend that he be suspended from the official position of his lodge for such a time as the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall deem sufficient for the offence which he has committed.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. FLOYD SNELSON, CHAIRMAN,
H. L. FULTON,
GUY SHERROD,
F. S. ANDREWS, SEC'Y

By motion of Bro. J. H. Covington that the report be adopted.

Bro. Crumbly offered a substitute motion that Bro Hill and all others guilty of said offense be suspended for 3 years. It was amended by P. G. M. Deveaux that suspension be limited only to this special case. After a lengthy discussion the original motion was adopted.

The following officers were then installed by P. G. M. J. H. Deveaux :

G. M., W. E. Terry.
D. G. M., C. A. Clark.
G. S. W., Wm. Goodman.

G. J. W., J. H Covington.
G. Treas., L. H. Burdell.
G Sec'y., Sol. C Johnson.
G. Chaplain, Rev Alex. Harris.
G. S. D., T. M. Dent.
G. J. D., A. L. Felton.
G. S. S., J. P. Rhodes.
G. J. S, A. L Griffin.
G. Marshal, R. J. Henry.
G. Persuivant, S. S. Mincey.
G. Tyler, I. C. Maund.
G. Sword Bearer, A. H. Grice.

The following Grand Lodge Committee was then appointed : Committee on Jurisprudence :—A. Ellis. Alex. Harris, Wm. Jones, J. S. Flipper, C. McCarthy, J. H. Deveaux, J. W. Lyons.

Committee on Warrants .—T. M. Dent, G. W. Allen, G. W. Wayne, G. W. Todd, T. O. Karnegy, Z. C. Solomon.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence :—F. H. Crumbly, S. O. Cherry, L L. Lee.

Committee to be added to endowment committee to select and locate the Widows and Orphans Home :—Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Secretary of Bureau of Endowment, C. McCarthy, Floyd Snelson, A. L. Felton.

Committee on Returns and Finance:—W. H. Spencer, H. H. Williams, F. W. McCarthy, G R. Hutto, M. H. Cobb.

Committee on Welfare ahd Grievances :—T. S. Price, J. E. Whiteman, J. A. Grant, S. W. Treadwell, W. B. Robinson.

Committee on Memorials:—J. H. Deveaux, J. H. Hall, Chas. Holzendorf, G S. Sherrod, T. B. McConnall.

D. D. G. M.'s ;—City of Atlanta, J. S. Flipper, City of Savannah, C. Bryant Whaley.

P. G. M., J. H. Deveaux motioned that this Grand Lodge extend a vote of thanks to the members of Kennesaw Lodge, the citizens at large, the newspapers and the Railroad officials for courtesies extended. This was adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Lodge was then called off in ample form.

M.·.W.·.W. E. TERRY,
GRAND MASTER.

ATTEST :—SOL. C. JOHNSON, GRAND SEC'Y.



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS AND FINANCE.

Rome, Ga., June 25, 5897.

To the M. W. U. G. L. of the State of Georgia:

We your committee on Returns and Finance beg to submit our final report.

We have received returns from 135 lodges, 11 lodges failing to report.

Received from Committee on Warrants	$208 25
From Returns	846 38
Grand Total	$1,054 63

After disbursing a portion of the money it was discovered that we would not have enough to meet all bills, therefore in order to partially meet all bills it became necessary to prorate what was still in the hands of the committee.

	DUE	PAID
C B Whaley	$27 37	$15 05
T S Price	20 60	11 30
J H Covington	21 80	12 00
J E Whiteman	27 70	14 85
J A Grant	25 07	13 75
S W Treadwell	16 94	9 30
J S Scurry	24 63	13 50
J P Rhodes	21 77	11 95
A L Felton	22 80	12 55
T B McConnell	23 27	12 80
G W Wayne	12 00	6 60
W D Savage	21 28	11 70
R J Henry	15 00	8 25
Rev A Harris	27 07	14 85
S S Mincey	14 00	7 80
J H Deveaux	25 07	13 75
S O Cherry	22 00	12 10
C McCarthy	8 00	4 40
A H Grice	27 67	15 20
F Snelson	24 92	13 70
W H Spencer	24 50	13 45
G S Sherrod	21 14	11 60
Wm Williams	23 50	12 90
Wm Jones	25 35	13 90
Wm Goodman	25 00	13 70
L H Burdell	21 92	12 60
T M Dent	8 00	4 40
Book lost	2 00	1 10
Sol C Johnson	254 07	139 75
G W Beckum	00 00	6 30
	$833 81	$471 08

DISBURSEMENTS PRORATED.

Money not prorated as amount on hand was not known at this time.

C. McCarthy	15 00
I C Maund	22 55
J D Campbell	25 90
C A Clark	24 50
Savannah Tribune	36 75
J S Flipper	11 25
F H Crumbly	25 45
Rev W G Alexander, Orator of the day	20 00
W A Mahone	5 90
H H Williams	24 50
G. M., W. E. Terry, balance due, expenses, etc	259 25
T M Dent, G. L. expense at Rome	32 30
W H Spencer, Secretary of B. O. E	25 00
L H Burdell, balance for Treasury	50 00

Total prorated.....583 55

Total Disbursed.....$1,054 63

Very respectfully submitted.

W. H. SPENCER, CHAIRMAN,
WM. GOODMAN,
H. L. FULTON,
H. H. WILLIAMS,
A. L. FELTON,
WM. WILLIAMS,
J. P. RHODES, SEC'Y.

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, every Grand Lodge possesses the inherent right to form a Constitution as the fundamental law of its masonic action and to enact such By-Laws from time to time as it may deem necessary for its own government and to make such rules and prescribe such regulations of its subordinate lodges as will insue the prosperity of the craft thereof and to promote the general good of masonry, and,

Whereas, every Grand Lodge is the representation of all the fraternity in communication therewith and is in that capacity or behalf an absolute and independent body, endowed with supreme legislature, judicial and executive authority, provided always that the Ancient Landmark of the Order be held involate;

Therefore upon these principles which have never been disputed the M. W. U. G. Lodge of the State of Georgia and its Jurisdiction do hereby ordain, establish and promulgate the following Constitution for its future government:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name and style of "The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia and its Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of all the regular lodges and all actual past masters under this jurisdiction and shall consist of the following officers:

Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Senior Warden.
Grand Junior Warden.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Senior Deacon.
Grand Junior Deacon.
Grand Senior Steward.
Grand Junior Steward.
Grand Tyler.
Grand Chaplain.
Grand Marshal.
Grand Persnviant.
Grand Sword Bearer.

Sec 2. No brother shall be eligible to any office in this grand lodge who is not a past master by actual service.

Sec. 3. No brother who is a Past Master and hailing as such from another jurisdiction shall be eligible to membership in this G. L., unless he has served as W. M. of a lodge in this jurisdiction by election.

Sec. 4 All matters in this G. L. shall be determined by a majority of votes; but in the election of officers each lodge shall be entitled to three votes; if only the Master is present he may cast the entire vote of the lodge, but if a Warden is present he is not deprived of his rights to vote, and all Past Mas-

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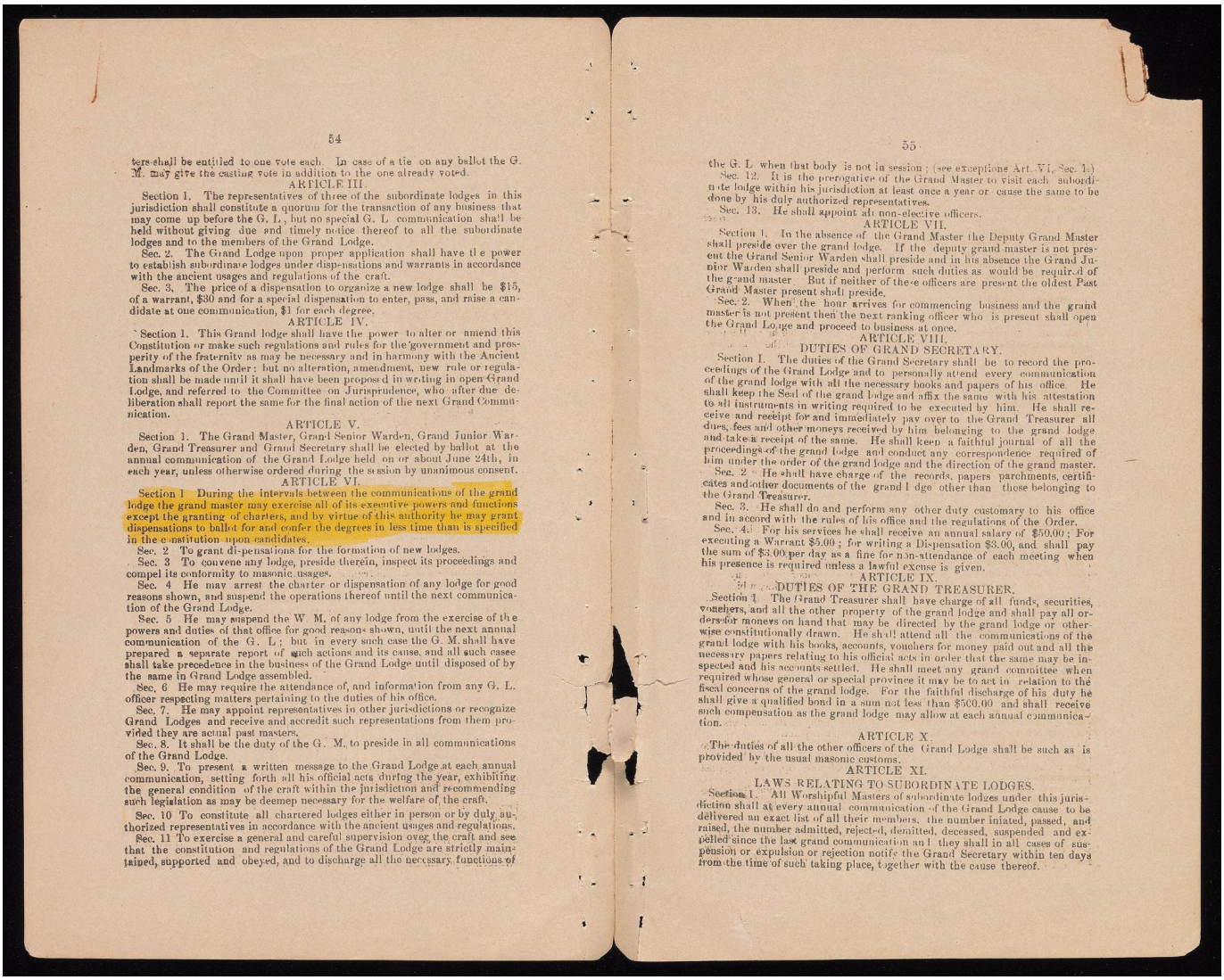

ters shall be entitled to one vote each. In case of a tie on any ballot the G. M. may give the casting vote in addition to the one already voted.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The representatives of three of the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business that may come up before the G. L., but no special G. L communication shall be held without giving due and timely notice thereof to all the subordinate lodges and to the members of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. The Grand Lodge upon proper application shall have the power to establish subordinate lodges under dispensations and warrants in accordance with the ancient usages and regulations of the craft.

Sec. 3. The price of a dispensation to organize a new lodge shall be $15, of a warrant, $30 and for a special dispensation to enter, pass, and raise a candidate at one communication, $1 for each degree.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. This Grand lodge shall have the power to alter or amend this Constitution or make such regulations and rules for the government and prosperity of the fraternity as may be necessary and in harmony with the Ancient Landmarks of the Order: but no alteration, amendment, new rule or regulation shall be made until it shall have been proposed in writing in open Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who after due deliberation shall report the same for the final action of the next Grand Communication.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. The Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge held on or about June 24th, in each year, unless otherwise ordered during the session by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1 During the intervals between the communications of the grand lodge the grand master may exercise all of its executive powers and functions except the granting of charters, and by virtue of this authority he may grant dispensations to ballot for and confer the degrees in less time than is specified in the constitution upon candidates.

Sec. 2 To grant dispensations for the formation of new lodges.

Sec. 3 To convene any lodge, preside therein, inspect its proceedings and compel its conformity to masonic usages.

Sec. 4 He may arrest the charter or dispensation of any lodge for good reasons shown, and suspend the operations thereof until the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5 He may suspend the W. M. of any lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of that office for good reasons shown, until the next annual communication of the G. L; but in every such case the G. M. shall have prepared a separate report of such actions and its cause, and all such casee shall take precedence in the business of the Grand Lodge until disposed of by the same in Grand Lodge assembled.

Sec. 6 He may require the attendance of, and information from any G. L. officer respecting matters pertaining to the duties of his office.

Sec. 7. He may appoint representatives in other jurisdictions or recognize Grand Lodges and receive and accredit such representations from them provided they are actual past masters.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the G. M. to preside in all communications of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 9. To present a written message to the Grand Lodge at each annual communication, setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of the craft within the jurisdiction and recommending such legislation as may be deemep necessary for the welfare of the craft.

Sec. 10 To constitute all chartered lodges either in person or by duly authorized representatives in accordance with the ancient usages and regulations.

Sec. 11 To exercise a general and careful supervision over the craft and see that the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed, and to discharge all the necessary functions of

the G. L when that body is not in session; (see exceptions Art. VI, Sec. 1.)

Sec. 12. It is the prerogative of the Grand Master to visit each subordinate lodge within his jurisdiction at least once a year or cause the same to be done by his duly authorized representatives.

Sec. 13. He shall appoint all non-elective officers.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. In the absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master shall preside over the grand lodge. If the deputy grand master is not present the Grand Senior Warden shall preside and in his absence the Grand Junior Warden shall preside and perform such duties as would be required of the grand master But if neither of these officers are present the oldest Past Grand Master present shall preside.

Sec. 2. When the hour arrives for commencing business and the grand master is not present then the next ranking officer who is present shall open the Grand Lodge and proceed to business at once.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Section 1. The duties of the Grand Secretary shall be to record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and to personally attend every communication of the grand lodge with all the necessary books and papers of his office. He shall keep the Seal of the grand lodge and affix the same with his attestation to all instruments in writing required to be executed by him. He shall receive and receipt for and immediately pay over to the Grand Treasurer all dues, fees and other moneys received by him belonging to the grand lodge and take a receipt of the same. He shall keep a faithful journal of all the proceedings of the grand lodge and conduct any correspondence required of him under the order of the grand lodge and the direction of the grand master.

Sec. 2 He shall have charge of the records, papers parchments, certificates and other documents of the grand lodge other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer.

Sec. 3. He shall do and perform any other duty customary to his office and in accord with the rules of his office and the regulations of the Order.

Sec. 4. For his services he shall receive an annual salary of $50.00; For executing a Warrant $5.00; for writing a Dispensation $3.00, and shall pay the sum of $3.00 per day as a fine for non-attendance of each meeting when his presence is required unless a lawful excuse is given.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

Section 1 The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all funds, securities, vouchers, and all the other property of the grand lodge and shall pay all orders for moneys on hand that may be directed by the grand lodge or otherwise constitutionally drawn. He shall attend all the communications of the grand lodge with his books, accounts, vouchers for money paid out and all the necessary papers relating to his official acts in order that the same may be inspected and his accounts settled. He shall meet any grand committee when required whose general or special province it may be to act in relation to the fiscal concerns of the grand lodge. For the faithful discharge of his duty he shall give a qualified bond in a sum not less than $500.00 and shall receive such compensation as the grand lodge may allow at each annual communication.

ARTICLE X.

The duties of all the other officers of the Grand Lodge shall be such as is provided by the usual masonic customs.

ARTICLE XI.

LAWS RELATING TO SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Section 1. All Worshipful Masters of subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction shall at every annual communication of the Grand Lodge cause to be delivered an exact list of all their members, the number iniated, passed, and raised, the number admitted, rejected, demitted, deceased, suspended and expelled since the last grand communication and they shall in all cases of suspension or expulsion or rejection notify the Grand Secretary within ten days from the time of such taking place, together with the cause thereof.

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Sec. 2. No Worshipful Master or Warden or any other representative to the grand lodge shall appear therein without the jewels he should wear in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member.

Sec. 3. All subordinate lodges shall be represented in the grand lodge by the worshipful master and wardens either or both. But in case neither the W. M. nor wardens can attend, the lodge may nominate and elect a representative from among the Past Masters or Past Wardens, the same to be members of the lodge, as representatives to the grand lodge and the same shall be supplied with the proper jewels of his position as representative to the grand lodge. But no lodge shall be entitled to representation in this grand lodge until its officers have been duly installed under its warrant of constitution.

Sec. 4. Every brother attending the grand lodge shall appear therein in decent apparel according to manual and with proper masonic regalia and jewels, and the Tyler is strictly forbidden to report any brother without proper masonic clothing

Sec. 5. The majority of every lodge when duly assembled have the privilege of instructing their representative to the grand lodge at the annual communication.

ARTICLE XII.

Section 1. No person shall be admitted a member of any lodge unless he be of mature age, industrious habits, of good report, of sufficient natural endowments and with some visible means or way of acquiring an honest livelihood. He must be upright in body and not deformed at the time of making,

Sec. 2. All applications for initiation into any subordinate lodge must be presented on the regular meeting night viz, the first meeting in the month, at least one month prior to the balloting for same except in case of emergency when a dispersation must be obtained from the Grand Master.

Sec 3. No subordinate lodge shall initiate, pass or raise more than five persons at one communication unless by special dispensation from the G. M. nor shall any candidate receive more than one degree a month, except in case of emergency when a dispensation must first be obtained from the G. M.

Sec. 4. Every subordinate lodge shall pay to the G. L. an annual tax of twenty five cents, for each member in good standing, said tax shall be payable on or about June 24, of each year.

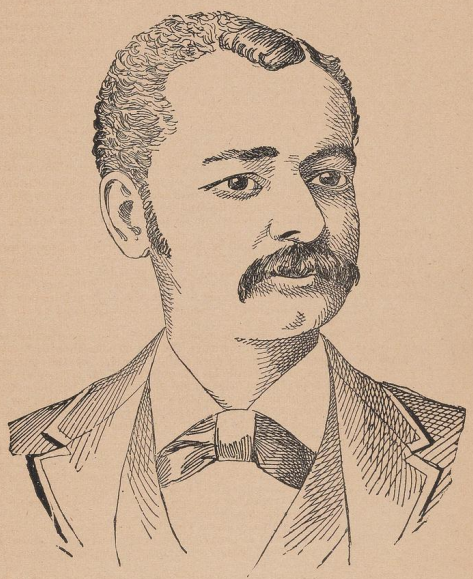
Sec 5. No subordinate lodge shall receive and initiate any person who has ever been charged with and found guilty of any misdemeanor or criminal offense. Nor shall any lodge receive and retain as a member thereof any man who is a common profane swearer, a gambler, a reputed libertine, a bigamist, an excessive drinker or is guilty of or is generally charged with any demoralizing practice; and no subordinate lodge having balloted for and rejected such a candidate, shall recieve his petition or elect him a member thereof within six months from the time of such rejection; nor shall such rejected applicant be received in any other subordinate lodge within this jurisdiction only under the same conditions as above.

Sec. 6. In all cases where candidates are rejected it shall be the duty of the secretary wherein they have been rejected, to give a written notice to the secretary of the G. L. within ten days of the time of such rejection taking place, and said grand secretary to notify each subordinate lodge each month of all rejections; and the secretary of each subordinate lodge shall also notify the grand secretary of the suspension or expulsion of any of its members immediately after such suspension or expulsion has taken place.

Sec. 7. Any person petitioning to become a member of a subordinate lodge shall have a right to withdraw his petition at any time before it has been balloted for, but after it has been balloted for, a single vote appearing against him, the petition cannot be withdrawn.

Sec. 8. All subordinate lodges shall elect their officers annually in the month of December, and said officers shall be installed on or before the 27th day of the same month; and any lodge failing to meet for one year, its charter shall be forfeited.

Sec. 9. All subordinate lodges neglecting to make their regular annual report and to pay their regular annual dues for two successive years, their warrants, impliments, papers and jewels shall be turned over to the G. L., and



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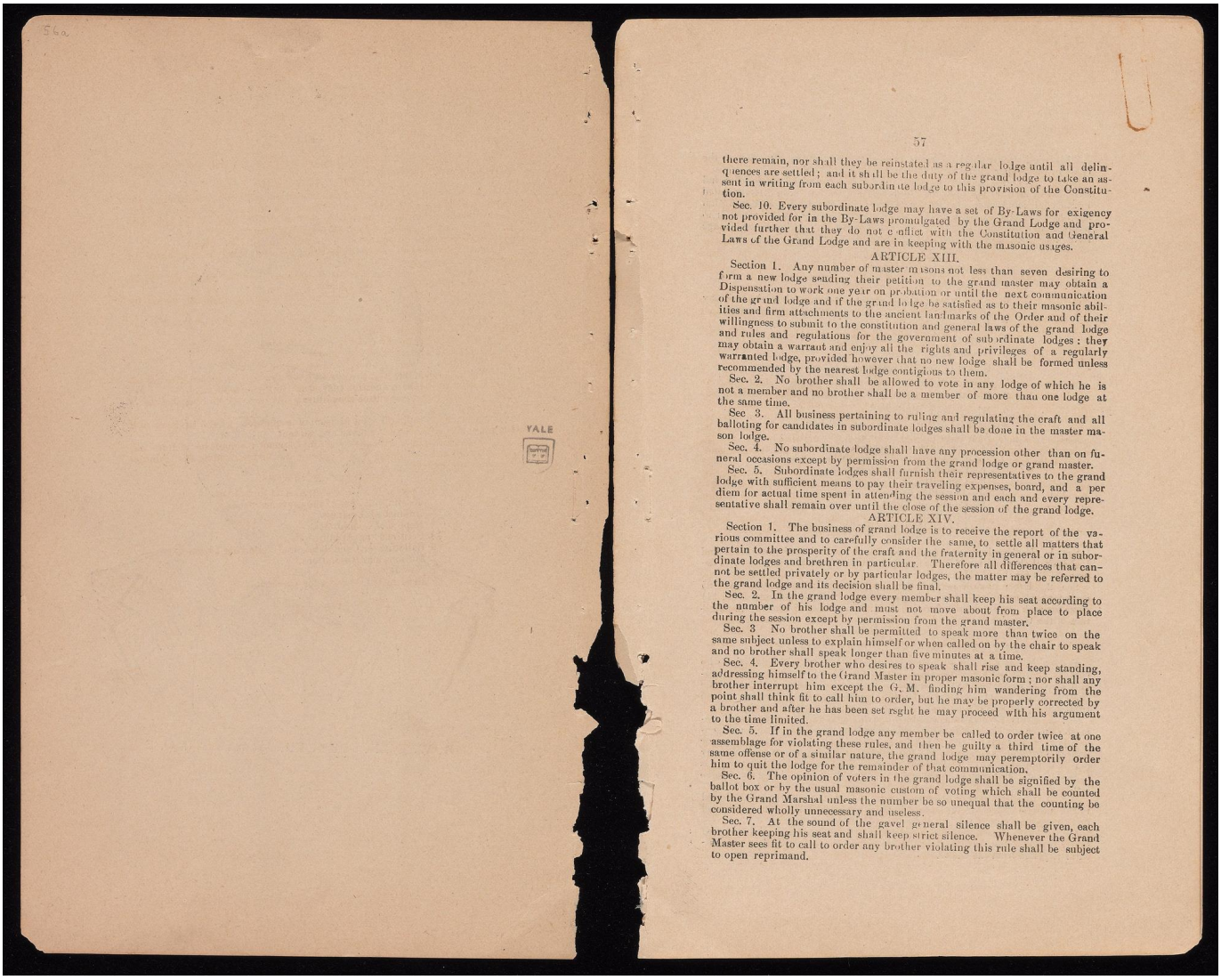

there remain, nor shall they be reinstated as a regular lodge until all delinquences are settled; and it shall be the duty of the grand lodge to take an assent in writing from each subordinate lodge to this provision of the Constitution.

Sec. 10. Every subordinate lodge may have a set of By-Laws for exigency not provided for in the By-Laws promulgated by the Grand Lodge and provided further that they do not conflict with the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Lodge and are in keeping with the masonic usages.

ARTICLE XIII.

Section 1. Any number of master masons not less than seven desiring to form a new lodge sending their petition to the grand master may obtain a Dispensation to work one year on probation or until the next communication of the grand lodge and if the grand lodge be satisfied as to their masonic abilities and firm attachments to the ancient landmarks of the Order and of their willingness to submit to the constitution and general laws of the grand lodge and rules and regulations for the government of subordinate lodges; they may obtain a warrant and enjoy all the rights and privileges of a regularly warranted lodge, provided however that no new lodge shall be formed unless recommended by the nearest lodge contigious to them.

Sec. 2. No brother shall be allowed to vote in any lodge of which he is not a member and no brother shall be a member of more than one lodge at the same time.

Sec 3. All business pertaining to ruling and regulating the craft and all balloting for candidates in subordinate lodges shall be done in the master mason lodge.

Sec. 4. No subordinate lodge shall have any procession other than on funeral occasions except by permission from the grand lodge or grand master.

Sec. 5. Subordinate lodges shall furnish their representatives to the grand lodge with sufficient means to pay their traveling expenses, board, and a per diem for actual time spent in attending the session and each and every representative shall remain over until the close of the session of the grand lodge.

ARTICLE XIV.

Section 1. The business of grand lodge is to receive the report of the various committee and to carefully consider the same, to settle all matters that pertain to the prosperity of the craft and the fraternity in general or in subordinate lodges and brethren in particular. Therefore all differences that cannot be settled privately or by particular lodges, the matter may be referred to the grand lodge and its decision shall be final.

Sec. 2. In the grand lodge every member shall keep his seat according to the number of his lodge and must not move about from place to place during the session except by permission from the grand master.

Sec. 3 No brother shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject unless to explain himself or when called on by the chair to speak and no brother shall speak longer than five minutes at a time.

Sec. 4. Every brother who desires to speak shall rise and keep standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master in proper masonic form; nor shall any brother interrupt him except the G. M. finding him wandering from the point shall think fit to call him to order, but he may be properly corrected by a brother and after he has been set right he may proceed with his argument to the time limited.

Sec. 5. If in the grand lodge any member be called to order twice at one assemblage for violating these rules, and then be guilty a third time of the same offense or of a similar nature, the grand lodge may peremptorily order him to quit the lodge for the remainder of that communication.

Sec. 6. The opinion of voters in the grand lodge shall be signified by the ballot box or by the usual masonic custom of voting which shall be counted by the Grand Marshal unless the number be so unequal that the counting be considered wholly unnecessary and useless.

Sec. 7. At the sound of the gavel general silence shall be given, each brother keeping his seat and shall keep strict silence. Whenever the Grand Master sees fit to call to order any brother violating this rule shall be subject to open reprimand.

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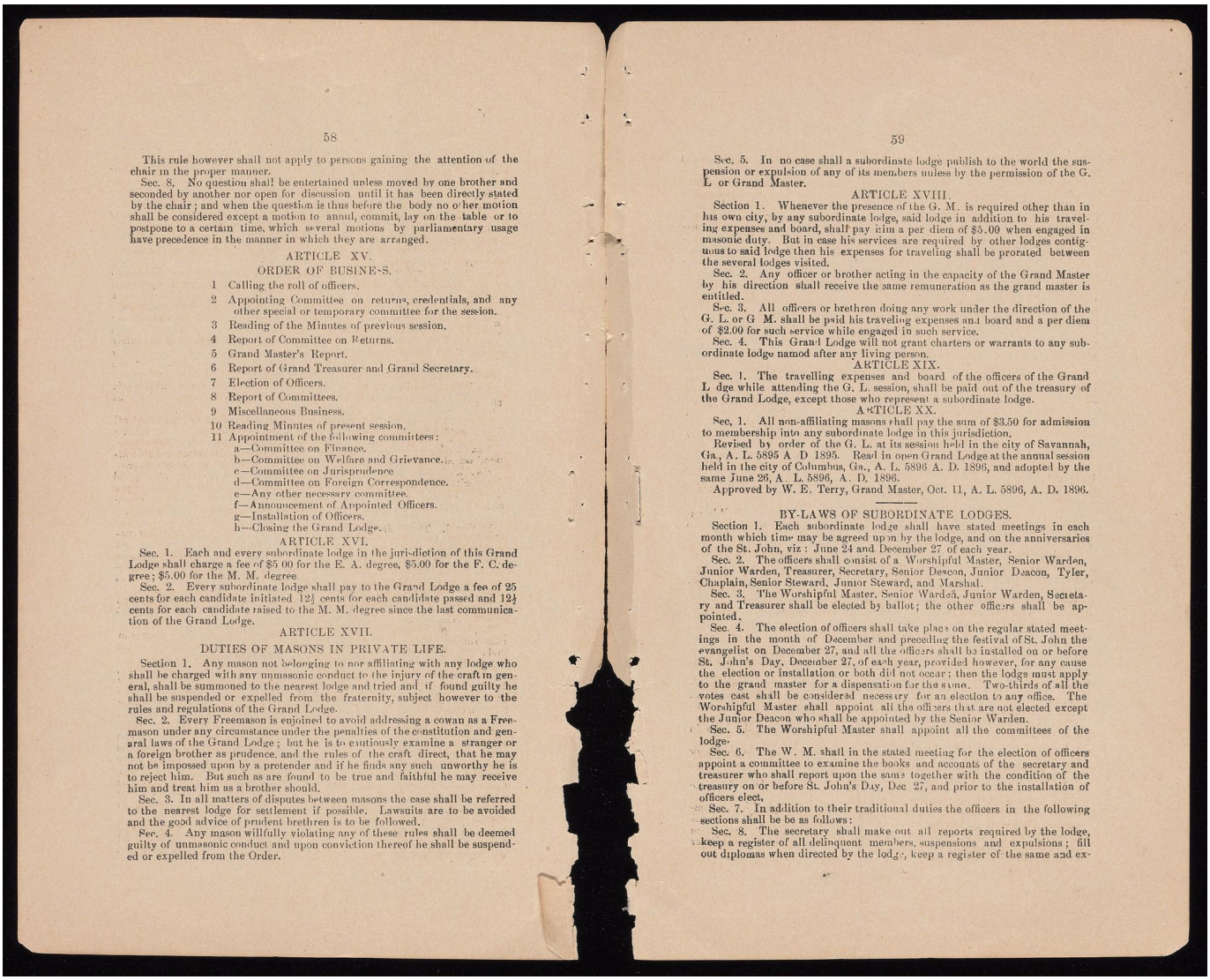

This rule however shall not apply to persons gaining the attention of the chair in the proper manner.

Sec. 8. No question shall be entertained unless moved by one brother and seconded by another nor open for discussion until it has been directly stated by the chair; and when the question is thus before the body no other motion shall be considered except a motion to annul, commit, lay on the table or to postpone to a certain time, which several motions by parliamentary usage have precedence in the manner in which they are arranged.

ARTICLE XV.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Calling the roll of officers.
2 Appointing Committee on returns, credentials, and any other special or temporary committee for the session.
3 Reading of the Minutes of previous session.
4 Report of Committee on Returns.
5 Grand Master's Report.
6 Report of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
7 Election of Officers.
8 Report of Committees.
9 Miscellaneous Business.
10 Reading Minutes of present session.
11 Appointment of the following committees:
a—Committee on Finance.
b—Committee on Welfare and Grievance.
c—Committee on Jurisprudence
d—Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
e—Any other necessary committee.
f—Announcement of Appointed Officers.
g—Installation of Officers.
h—Closing the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XVI.

Sec. 1. Each and every subordinate lodge in the juri-diction of this Grand Lodge shall charge a fee of $5 00 for the E. A. degree, $5.00 for the F. C. degree; $5.00 for the M. M. degree.

Sec. 2. Every subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge a fee of 25 cents for each candidate initiated 12½ cents for each candidate passed and 12½ cents for each candidate raised to the M. M. degree since the last communication of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XVII.

DUTIES OF MASONS IN PRIVATE LIFE.

Section 1. Any mason not belonging to nor affiliating with any lodge who shall be charged with any unmasonic conduct to the injury of the craft in general, shall be summoned to the nearest lodge and tried and if found guilty he shall be suspended or expelled from the fraternity, subject however to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. Every Freemason is enjoined to avoid addressing a cowan as a Freemason under any circumstance under the penalties of the constitution and general laws of the Grand Lodge; but he is to cautiously examine a stranger or a foreign brother as prudence, and the rules of the craft direct, that he may not be impossed upon by a pretender and if he finds any such unworthy he is to reject him. But such as are found to be true and faithful he may receive him and treat him as a brother should.

Sec. 3. In all matters of disputes between masons the case shall be referred to the nearest lodge for settlement if possible. Lawsuits are to be avoided and the good advice of prudent brethren is to be followed.

Sec. 4. Any mason willfully violating any of these rules shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and upon conviction thereof he shall be suspended or expelled from the Order.

Sec. 5. In no case shall a subordinate lodge publish to the world the suspension or expulsion of any of its members unless by the permission of the G. L or Grand Master.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Section 1. Whenever the presence of the G. M. is required other than in his own city, by any subordinate lodge, said lodge in addition to his traveling expenses and board, shall pay him a per diem of $5.00 when engaged in masonic duty. But in case his services are required by other lodges contiguous to said lodge then his expenses for traveling shall be prorated between the several lodges visited.

Sec. 2. Any officer or brother acting in the capacity of the Grand Master by his direction shall receive the same remuneration as the grand master is entitled.

Sec. 3. All officers or brethren doing any work under the direction of the G. L. or G M. shall be paid his traveling expenses and board and a per diem of $2.00 for such service while engaged in such service.

Sec. 4. This Grand Lodge will not grant charters or warrants to any subordinate lodge namod after any living person.

ARTICLE XIX.

Sec. 1. The travelling expenses and board of the officers of the Grand L dge while attending the G. L. session, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, except those who represent a subordinate lodge.

ARTICLE XX.

Sec, 1. All non-affiliating masons shall pay the sum of $3.50 for admission to membership into any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction.

Revised by order of the G. L. at its session held in the city of Savannah, Ga., A. L. 5895 A D 1895. Read in open Grand Lodge at the annual session held in the city of Columbus, Ga., A. L. 5896 A. D. 1896, and adopted by the same June 26, A. L. 5896, A. D. 1896.

Approved by W. E. Terry, Grand Master, Oct. 11, A. L. 5896, A. D. 1896.

BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Section 1. Each subordinate lodge shall have stated meetings in each month which time may be agreed upon by the lodge, and on the anniversaries of the St. John, viz: June 24 and December 27 of each year.

Sec. 2. The officers shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Tyler, Chaplain, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, and Marshal.

Sec. 3. The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot; the other officers shall be appointed.

Sec. 4. The election of officers shall take place on the regular stated meetings in the month of December and preceding the festival of St. John the evangelist on December 27, and all the officers shall be installed on or before St. John's Day, December 27, of each year, provided however, for any cause the election or installation or both did not occur; then the lodge must apply to the grand master for a dispensation for the same. Two-thirds of all the votes cast shall be considered necessary for an election to any office. The Worshipful Master shall appoint all the officers that are not elected except the Junior Deacon who shall be appointed by the Senior Warden.

Sec. 5. The Worshipful Master shall appoint all the committees of the lodge.

Sec. 6. The W. M. shall in the stated meeting for the election of officers appoint a committee to examine the books and accounts of the secretary and treasurer who shall report upon the same together with the condition of the treasury on or before St. John's Day, Dec 27, and prior to the installation of officers elect.

Sec. 7. In addition to their traditional duties the officers in the following sections shall be be as follows:

Sec. 8. The secretary shall make out all reports required by the lodge, keep a register of all delinquent members, suspensions and expulsions; fill out diplomas when directed by the lodge, keep a register of the same and ex-

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hibit a statement of the accounts of each delinquent member at the stated meeting for the election of officers, and shall make a quarterly report of his receipts for the lodge, and as a compensation for his services he shall be exempt from monthly dues and shall receive such other compensation as the lodge may direct.

Sec. 9 The Treasurer shall report his receipts and disbursements at the stated meetings for the election of officers and have his accounts ready for settlement at the expiration of his term of office and should make a quarterly report of all his receipts and disbursements, and shall deliver to his successor all moneys, accounts, vouchers, documents and any other property in his possession belonging to the lodge which said report shall be filed away in the archives of the lodge. And for the faithful discharge of his duties he shall execute such bonds as in the judgment of the lodge is sufficient for its protection and he shall be exempt from dues.

Sec. 10. The Tyler shall serve all summons upon members when so ordered by the W. M. to attend any and all special meetings of the lodge, and he shall be exempt from monthly dues.

Sec. 11. All officers herein exempt from monthly dues by the lodge shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of the lodge while in office.

Sec. 12. If a candidate for initiation or advancement whose petition has been acted upon by the committee on petitions and reported favorably upon and balloted for and resulting in his election, and for any cause on his part he does not receive the degrees, within six months his election shall be void and a new ballot be taken

Sec. 13. All candidates shall be balloted for, for each degree seperately previous to his advancement.

Sec. 14. The fees for degrees conferred shall be: For the Entered Apprentice Degree $5.00, for the Fellow Craftsman Degree $5.00; for the Master Mason Degree $5.00 which sums must be paid in advance to initiation

Sec. 15. Each member shall pay into his lodge such sums as the lodge may direct as monthly dues.

Sec. 16. No member who is in arrears for dues for six months shall be entitled to any of the benefits of the lodge, and any member allowing himself to become six months in arrears for dues shall be notified by the secretary of the same, and upon failue to settle his accounts the W. M. may order him to be summoned to appear at the lodge within thirty days and pay the same, and upon further failure he shall be suspended; provided however that any master mason in good standing unable to contribute may be relieved from this restriction by appearing before the lodge and so explain his condition. In such cases the lodge shall be the judge.

Sec. 17. All master masons in good standing are entitled to a demit from the lodge of which he is a member by making an application thereto in writing accompanied by the secretary's receipt in full for all dues and assessments.

Sec. 18. In all cases except in balloting or as otherwise provided for a majority vote shall govern, and in case of a tie the W. M. shall give the casting vote in addition to the vote already given.

Sec. 19. Any non-affiliated mason who shall refuse to contribute annually to the funds of a lodge an amount equal to the ordinary lodge dues, shall not be entitled to the rights, benefits or privileges of the lodge whose jurisdiction he may be under viz:

1 The right to visit and associate with the regular members of the lodge in masonic meetings.

2 The right to ask and demand relief and pecuniary aid from the lodge or its members for himself or his family.

3 The right to move in or join a masonic procession.

4 The right to masonic burial. (Exceptions see Sec. 16 as heretofore provided.)

Sec. 20. The W. M. shall appoint a committee of three on petitions, a committee of three on relief, a committee of three on widows and orphans, a committee on complaints and offenses, and any other committee he may deem necessary for the best interest of the craft and where a committee can better do the work required than the entire lodge.

Sec. 21. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of votes at any session of the Grand Lodge

RULES OF ORDER.

1 Any brother wishing to speak in the lodge shall rise and address the Worshipful Master in a respectful manner and with the proper masonic form.

2 No brother shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by the consent of the Worshipful Master.

3 All debate shall be courteous and pertinent and to the subject.

4 On all questions submitted to the lodge its sense shall be ascertained by the usual voting sign

5 When two or more brethren rise at the same time in debate the W. M. shall name the brother who shall speak.

6 Before any motion is put on any question it shall be distinctly stated by the chair.

7 No motion shall be put unless it has been properly seconded, and if required it shall be put in writing.

8 A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

9 A motion to adjourn cannot be entertained.

10 No motion for the previous question can be admitted.

11 When an amendment is proposed to any question a member who has already spoken to the main question may speak to the amendment.

12 A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of its business.

13 Any member may call for a division of a question which division will take place if a majority of the members consent.

14 No alarms shall be attended to at the door nor members or visitors admitted during the time of opening or closing the lodge, reading the minutes or conferring degrees.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Opening Lodge with the usual formalities.
2 Reading minutes of the previous meeting.
3 Unfinished Business.
4 Report of Committees.
5 Petitions and Applications.
6 Balloting for Candidates, and Conferring Degrees.
7 Motions and Resolutions.
8 New Business
9 Reading the Minutes for correction.

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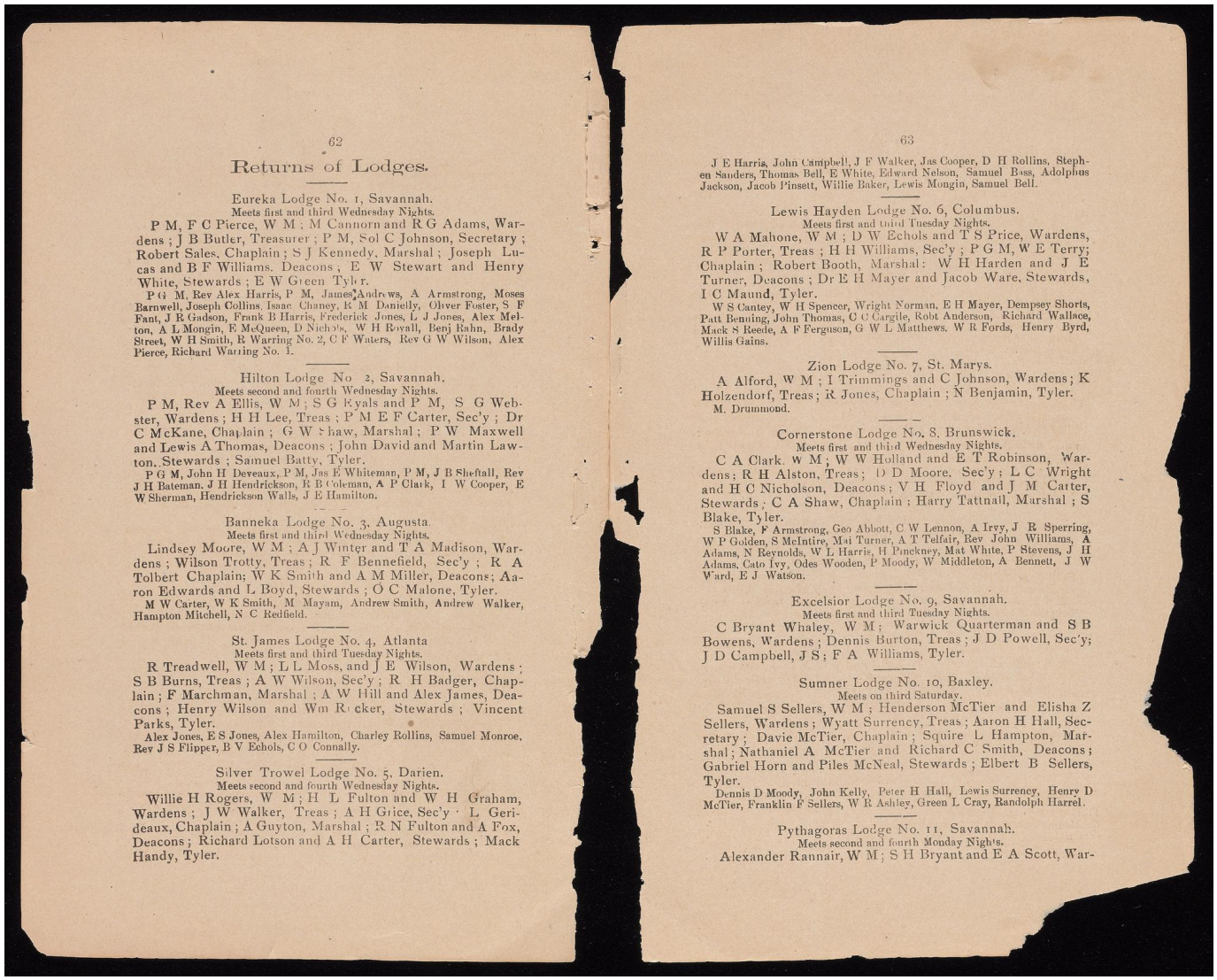

Returns of Lodges.

Eureka Lodge No. 1, Savannah.
Meets first and third Wednesday Nights.

P M, F C Pierce, W M ; M Cannorn and R G Adams, Wardens ; J B Butler, Treasurer ; P M, Sol C Johnson, Secretary ; Robert Sales, Chaplain ; S J Kennedy, Marshal ; Joseph Lucas and B F Williams, Deacons ; E W Stewart and Henry White, Stewards ; E W Green Tyler.

P G M, Rev Alex Harris, P M, James Andrews, A Armstrong, Moses Barnwell, Joseph Collins, Isaac Chaney, R M Danielly, Oliver Foster, S F Fant, J R Gadson, Frank B Harris, Frederick Jones, L J Jones, Alex Melton, A L Mongin, F McQueen, D Nichols, W H Royall, Benj Rahn, Brady Street, W H Smith, R Warring No. 2, C F Waters, Rev G W Wilson, Alex Pierce, Richard Warring No. 1.

Hilton Lodge No 2, Savannah.
Meets second and fourth Wednesday Nights.

P M, Rev A Ellis, W M ; S G Ryals and P M, S G Webster, Wardens ; H H Lee, Treas ; P M E F Carter, Sec'y ; Dr C McKane, Chaplain ; G W Shaw, Marshal ; P W Maxwell and Lewis A Thomas, Deacons ; John David and Martin Lawton, Stewards ; Samuel Batty, Tyler.

P G M, John H Deveaux, P M, Jas E Whiteman, P M, J B Sheftall, Rev J H Bateman. J H Hendrickson, R B Coleman, A P Clark, I W Cooper, E W Sherman, Hendrickson Walls, J E Hamilton.

Banneka Lodge No. 3, Augusta.
Meets first and third Wednesday Nights.

Lindsey Moore, W M ; A J Winter and T A Madison, Wardens ; Wilson Trotty, Treas ; R F Bennefield, Sec'y ; R A Tolbert Chaplain; W K Smith and A M Miller, Deacons; Aaron Edwards and L Boyd, Stewards ; O C Malone, Tyler.

M W Carter, W K Smith, M Mayam, Andrew Smith, Andrew Walker, Hampton Mitchell, N C Redfield.

St. James Lodge No. 4, Atlanta
Meets first and third Tuesday Nights.

R Treadwell, W M ; L L Moss, and J E Wilson, Wardens ; S B Burns, Treas ; A W Wilson, Sec'y ; R H Badger, Chaplain ; F Marchman, Marshal ; A W Hill and Alex James, Deacons ; Henry Wilson and Wm Rucker, Stewards ; Vincent Parks, Tyler.

Alex Jones, E S Jones, Alex Hamilton, Charley Rollins, Samuel Monroe, Rev J S Flipper, B V Echols, C O Connally.

Silver Trowel Lodge No. 5, Darien.
Meets second and fourth Wednesday Nights.

Willie H Rogers, W M ; H L Fulton and W H Graham, Wardens ; J W Walker, Treas ; A H Grice, Sec'y · L Gerideaux, Chaplain ; A Guyton, Marshal ; R N Fulton and A Fox, Deacons ; Richard Lotson and A H Carter, Stewards ; Mack Handy, Tyler.

J E Harris, John Campbell, J F Walker, Jas Cooper, D H Rollins, Stephen Sanders, Thomas Bell, E White, Edward Nelson, Samuel Bass, Adolphus Jackson, Jacob Pinsett, Willie Baker, Lewis Mongin, Samuel Bell.

Lewis Hayden Lodge No. 6, Columbus.
Meets first and third Tuesday Nights.

W A Mahone, W M ; D W Echols and T S Price, Wardens, R P Porter, Treas ; H H Williams, Sec'y ; P G M, W E Terry; Chaplain ; Robert Booth, Marshal: W H Harden and J E Turner, Deacons ; Dr E H Mayer and Jacob Ware, Stewards, I C Maund, Tyler.

W S Cantey, W H Spencer, Wright Norman, E H Mayer, Dempsey Shorts, Patt Benning, John Thomas, C C Cargile, Robt Anderson, Richard Wallace, Mack S Reede, A F Ferguson, G W L Matthews. W R Fords, Henry Byrd, Willis Gains.

Zion Lodge No. 7, St. Marys.

A Alford, W M ; I Trimmings and C Johnson, Wardens; K Holzendorf, Treas; R Jones, Chaplain ; N Benjamin, Tyler.

M. Drummond.

Cornerstone Lodge No. 8, Brunswick.
Meets first and third Wednesday Nights.

C A Clark. W M ; W W Holland and E T Robinson, Wardens; R H Alston, Treas; D D Moore, Sec'y; L C Wright and H C Nicholson, Deacons; V H Floyd and J M Carter, Stewards ; C A Shaw, Chaplain ; Harry Tattnall, Marshal ; S Blake, Tyler.

S Blake, F Armstrong, Geo Abbott, C W Lennon, A Irvy, J R Sperring, W P Golden, S McIntire, Mai Turner, A T Telfair, Rev John Williams, A Adams, N Reynolds, W L Harris, H Pinckney, Mat White, P Stevens, J H Adams, Cato Ivy, Odes Wooden, P Moody, W Middleton, A Bennett, J W Ward, E J Watson.

Excelsior Lodge No. 9, Savannah.
Meets first and third Tuesday Nights.

C Bryant Whaley, W M; Warwick Quarterman and S B Bowens, Wardens ; Dennis Burton, Treas ; J D Powell, Sec'y; J D Campbell, J S; F A Williams, Tyler.

Sumner Lodge No. 10, Baxley.
Meets on third Saturday.

Samuel S Sellers, W M ; Henderson McTier and Elisha Z Sellers, Wardens ; Wyatt Surrency, Treas ; Aaron H Hall, Secretary ; Davie McTier, Chaplain ; Squire L Hampton, Marshal ; Nathaniel A McTier and Richard C Smith, Deacons ; Gabriel Horn and Piles McNeal, Stewards ; Elbert B Sellers, Tyler.

Dennis D Moody, John Kelly, Peter H Hall, Lewis Surrency, Henry D McTier, Franklin F Sellers, W R Ashley, Green L Cray, Randolph Harrel.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 11, Savannah.
Meets second and fourth Monday Nights.

Alexander Rannair, W M ; S H Bryant and E A Scott, War-

dens; Jas H Hooker, Treas; A G McDowell, Sec'y; A H Gaston, Chaplain; E B Roberts, Marshal; C J Woodard and T W Theus Deacons; Geo Washington and Soloman Scott, Stewards; Chas Franklin, Tyler.

Aaron Woodword, Floyd Robinson, Jesse Randall, Scott B Saunders, Toby Lloyd, Albert W White, Geo Lovett.

Phœnix Lodge No. 12, Macon.

Meets first and last Tuesday Nights.

J H Hall, W M; R E Brown and Jesse Robinson, Wardens; John Roberts, Treas; R W Lamar, Sec'y; J F Reeves and W O Coleman, Deacons; J A Rollins and L A Jones, Stewards; T E Turner, Chaplain; Sam Sercy Marshal; J C Chapman, Tyler.

L H Burdell, J W Brooks, W M Rand, L C Wilder, J D Wilder, H S Lumkin, J H McCants, Jerry Bennett, A L Carter, E J Tatum, Rollin Hutchins, T B Stewart, Joe Wheeler, Edd Booker, Peter Hooks, B J Bowman, Jno Mitchell.

St Matthews Lodge No. 13, Hawkinsville.

Meets second and fourth Friday Nights.

J P Rhodes, W M; P B Pate and J R Jackson, Wardens; W D Savage, Treas; Geo F Thomas, Sec'y; H D Dewhart and E W Laidler, Deacons; K Colsey and Wm Jones, Stewards: H Way, Chaplain; R E Hartley, Marshal; E W Foremant, Tyler.

S Bridges, B Bradshaw, S Fitzgerald, M H Holmes, P Mayo, S Butler, Moses Nobles, F M Simmons, O O Gilliard, J W Oliver, A J Miller, R M Miller, H H Miller, C B Bridges, C D Dyches, Floyd Hill, Dave Butler, B Wrentz, S H Brantley, T W Booker.

King Solomon Lodge No. 14, Albany.

Meets first and third Monday Nights.

F W McCarthy, W M; J H Lee and Jos H Watson, Wardens; Henry Hall, Treas, R W Paine, Sec'y; Luke Towns, Chaplain; H J Bryant, Marshal; A B Sheffield and J F Duncan, Deacons; H Asberry and A McCarthy, Stewards; Madison Hardy, Tyler.

D Mosely, A T Adams, G T Johnston, Robt Holman, W C Green, A Calaway, L C Steward, C H McCarthy, Paul Oliver, Mack Thompson, Henry Thomas, Rev E K Love, Brown Lemon, J A Pritchard, George Ellsott, Deal Jackson.

Mt. Moriah Lodge, No 15, Savannah.

Meets first and third Friday Nights.

W M Young, W M; Thos Screven and Prince Kelly, Wardens. Abraham, Barnard, Treas. Stephen Johnson, Sec'y: C Brinson, Chaplain: P M Hunter, Marshal: Dan Forshea, and John W Campbell Deacons; Wm Slee and Wm Lloyd, Stewards: Jesse, Fugerson, Tyler.

Wm Bowens, Frank Bryan, Peter Johnson. Henry Middleton, Robt Noles, Edward N Sullivan, Wm Gray, J B Brown, Wm A Johnson, Rev G W Griffin, Monroe P Grant, W E Jackson, Jerry Davis, Geo W Carter, Edward Anderson, William Willis, Wesley Williams, Samuel Hilaway, Jno W Coates,

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