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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The Mark Degree is worked under the Chapter, but not the Past Master nor Most Excellent Master.

ALABAMA.

Held at Montgomery, December 4th, 1877.

M. E. Comp. James E. Cobb, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 37; represented, 29; exalted, 47; members, 1,059; receipts, \$1,260.75. Annual Convocation, 51st.

The address of the Grand High Priest intimates a more favorable condition than obtained last year. Better days for the Craft in Alabama nearer at hand, and it is hoped that their long depression is now passing away. Comp. Cobb reports the revival of one Chapter, and says:—

"It gratifies me to state that, from intercourse with Companions, official and otherwise, I deem the prospects of the Order, in this jurisdiction, at least encouraging.

"I am informed that steps are being taken to have restored to their places on our roll, Chapters whose charters were forfeited under the pressure of financial embarrassments, and the demoralization of disturbed political and social relations. Individual Companions, too, under the influence of that more healthful tone pervading society everywhere, are experiencing a rekindling of their Masonic zeal, which the unrelenting necessities of poverty, and the forebodings of a future which seemed to hold a "still lower deep," repressed.

"These are omens of cheer. But much remains to be done. There is still laxity in discipline to be corrected; remissness and neglect of duty to be rebuked; and reviving hopes to be encouraged and strengthened; and it behooves you, assembled in Grand Convocation, to determine what may be done to the attainment of these desired ends."

Another Chapter, not represented since 1873, and one whose charter had been forfeited, were reinstated by the Grand Chapter.

Quebec was recognized.

Comp. P. J. Pillans reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876 and 1877.

M. E. Comp. James E. Cobb (Tuskegee), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre (Montgomery), Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Held at Little Rock, October 4th, 1877.

R. E. Comp. J. W. Rison, Deputy (Acting) Grand High Priest.

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