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THE BEQUEST OF  
DANIEL MURRAY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
1925

Knights of Pythias, Georgia, Grand  
" Lodge.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

**THE GRAND LODGE K. OF P.**

N. A., S. A., E., A., A., and A.,



**JURISDICTION OF GEORGIA.**

—HELD AT—

BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA, JULY 9th and 10th, 1901.

" And of the Pythian Period the Thirty-Seventh. "

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO  
THE MEMORY OF OUR

**Departed Dead.**



WILLIAM STARKS,  
CHARLES S. HUGHES,  
ED. ROBERTS,  
C. C. MCCREARY,  
SAMUEL FERGUSON,  
ASHBURY STRICKLAND,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
JAMES MCCOY,  
H. REYNOLDS,  
W. L. HOOLEY,  
CHAS. ELLISON,  
JOHN HOWARD,  
J. W. GILBERT,  
MACUS HARRIS,  
LEWIS WILLIAMS,  
JOSEPH HAGGRA,  
CHARLEY WILLIAMS,

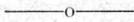
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ELIAS ANDERSON,

REUBEN MACK,

ROBERT WHITE,

WM. T. WALKER,

W. E. TERRY,

R. WASHINGTON,

ROBERT CLAYTON,

WASHINGTON FAULK,

J. P. CONNALLY,

F. F. PIERCE,

S. A. JONES,

W. T. BURNS,

JOSEPH RIVERS,

ANDREW JACKSON,

PATRICK WANSLOW,

JORDAN WILLIAMS.

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GRAND LODGE ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 1901-1902.—CONTINUED.

R. C. Cody,	J. L. Grant,	Willie Young,	G. R. Jackson
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R. C. Cheney,	E. E. Lyons,	J. H. Hillman,	Arthur Kendrick,
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J. J. Davis,	J. J. Corbin,	O. R. Reid,	T. B. Irvin,
J. J. Bolen,	Jas. Montgomery,	H. B. Collins,	S. M. Albritton,
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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 1901-1902.

- P. G. C.—Sir E. W. Rhodes, Cuthbert, Ga.  
 G. C.—Sir C. D. Creswill, P. O. box 236, Macon, Ga.  
 G. V. C.—Sir J. W. Russell, Americus, Ga.  
 G. P.—Rev. J. A. Woods, Valdosta, Ga.  
 G. M. of E.—Sir F. M. Cohen, P. O. box 256, Savannah, Ga.  
 G. K. of R. & S.—Sir E. J. Mathews, P. O. box 142, Dawson, Ga.  
 G. M. R.—Sir H. R. Butler, M. D., 184 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.  
 G. M. at A.—Sir G. W. Brown, Albany, Ga.  
 G. L.—Sir G. R. Hutto, Bainbridge, Ga.  
 G. I. G.—Sir E. B. Barco, Cordele, Ga.  
 G. O. G.—M. J. Reynolds, Jr., Lumber City, Ga.  
 S. R.—Dr. T. James Davis, Savannah, and C. A. Shaw, Brunswick.

ENDOWMENT BOARD.

C. D. Creswill, Chairman; F. M. Cohen, Secretary and Treasurer; J. W. Russell, E. J. Mathews, C. A. Clark.

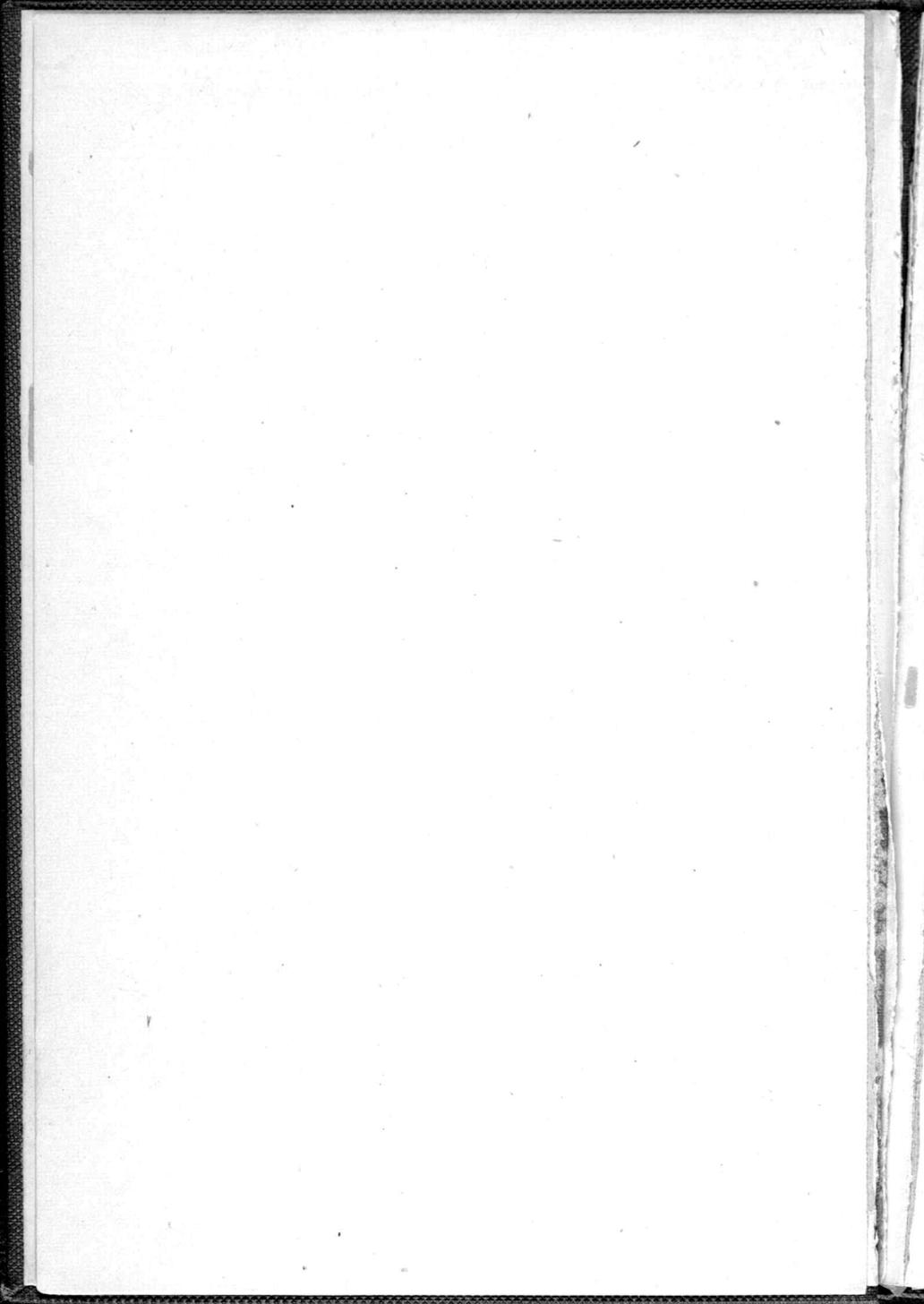
## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS FOR 1901--1902.

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1. R. R. Mobley, No. 52, Abbeville, Ga.—Wilcox county.
2. I. W. Nelson, No. 40, Baxley, Ga.—Appling, Pierce and Wayne.
3. C. A. Clark, No. 7, Brunswick, Ga.—Glynn, Camden and Charlton.
4. F. L. Thompson, No. 24, Valdosta, Ga.—Lowndes, Clinch and Echols.
5. T. T. Thompson, No. 48, Moultrie, Ga.—Colquitt county.
6. S. E. Monroe, No. 60, Quitman, Ga.—Brooks county.
7. W. S. Reeves, No. 35, Dawson, Ga.—Lee and Webster.
8. C. A. Scott, No. 35, Dawson, Ga.—Terrell county.
9. Prof. A. L. Roseborough, No. 37, Cuthbert, Ga.—Randolph, Clay and Quitman.
10. C. W. Oliver, No. 16, Columbus, Ga.—Tolbott and Chattahoochee.
11. M. C. Hawkins, No. 8, Americus, Ga.—Sumter and Macon.
12. E. B. Barco, No. 22, Cordele, Ga.—Houston, Pulaski, Telfair, Dodge, Montgomery and Irvin.
13. J. D. Ayers, No. 34, Arabi, Ga.—Dooly county.
14. Dr. E. J. Turner, No. 53, Columbus, Ga.—Harris, Muscogee and Troup.
15. John J. Bolen, No. 2, Savannah, Ga.—Chatham, Effingham, Bullock and Scriven.
16. F. J. Hilton, No. 10, Savannah, Ga.—Bryan, Tatnall and Emanuel.
17. Jas. L. Grant, No. 11, Darien, Ga.—McIntosh and Liberty.
18. M. P. Pearson, No. 45, Bainbridge, Ga.—Mitchell and Baker.
19. J. R. Thornton, No. 49, Donaldsonville, Ga.—Decatur and Miller.
20. W. C. Thomas, No. 49, Donaldsonville, Ga.—Early and Calhoun.
21. J. C. Daniels, No. 61, Lumpkin, Ga.—Stewart county.
22. W. J. Richardson, No. 41, Nicholls, Ga.—Coffee county.
23. Prof. W. C. Green, No. 18, Albany, Ga.—Worth, Berrien and Ware.
24. W. H. E. Carter, No. 1, Augusta, Ga.—Taliaferro, Columbia, McDuffie, Lincoln and Wilkes.
25. Wm. Branson, No. 1, Augusta, Ga.—Richmond, Warren, Burke, Jefferson and Glascock.
26. Dr. R. E. Grier, No. 18, Albany, Ga.—Dougherty county.
27. Col. J. H. Dismukes, No. 38, Americus, Ga.—Marion and Schley.
28. W. H. Irving, No. 39, Macon, Ga.—Bibb, Twiggs and Jones.
29. Dr. C. McCarthy, No. 5, Macon, Ga.—Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam and Jasper.
30. G. P. Heath, No. 23, Thomasville, Ga.—Thomas county.
31. F. M. Cohen, No. 2, Savannah, Ga.—Clarke county.
32. Dr. H. R. Butler, No. 14, Atlanta—Fulton and all counties north and northeast.
33. Laurens county, assigned to the G. C.
34. All other counties in the state assigned to the G. K. of R & S.

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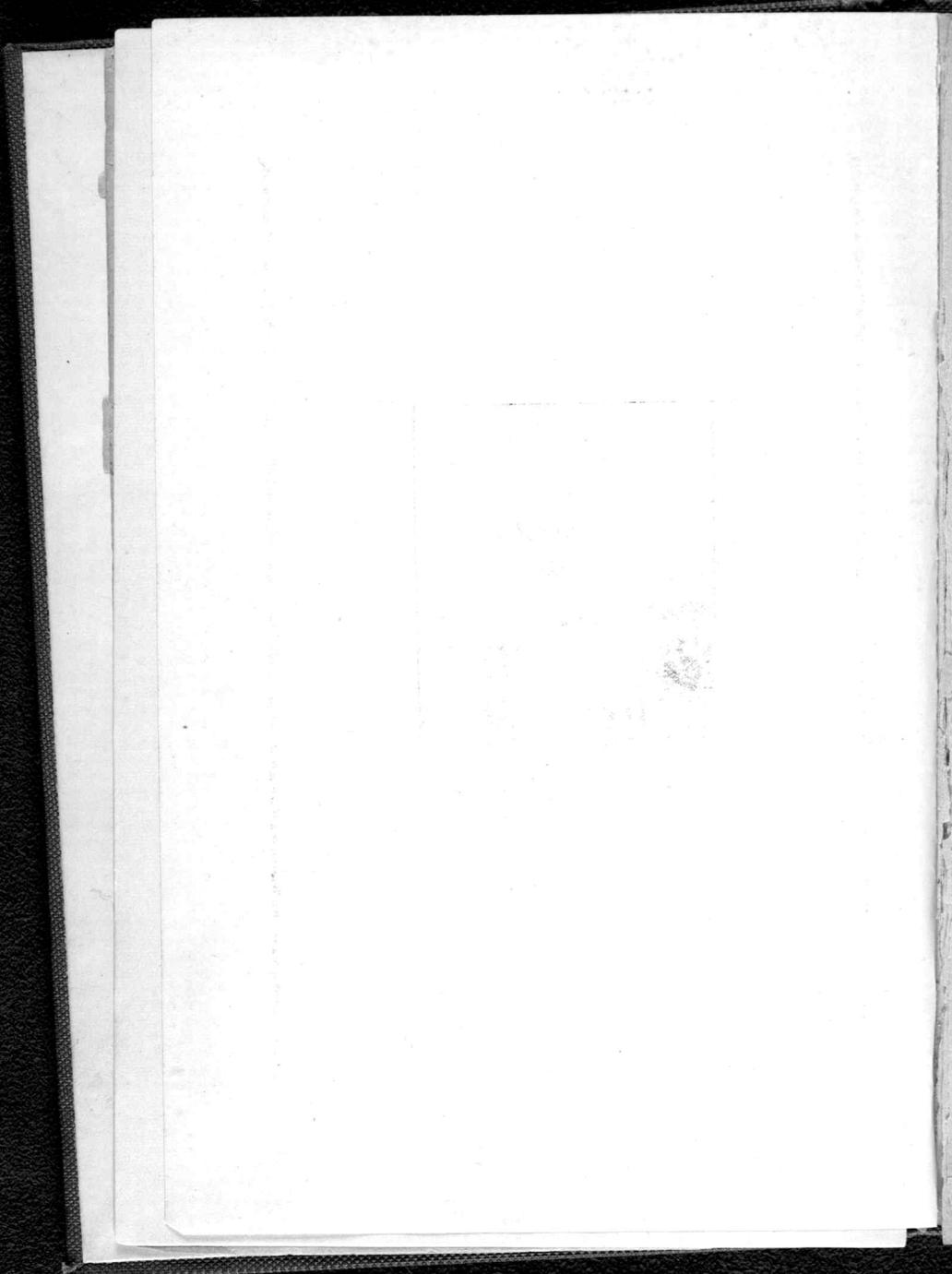




COL. C. D. CRESWILL, G. C.

MACON, GEORGIA.

1900-1902.



## PROCEEDINGS.

### Of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E., A. and A., Jurisdiction of Georgia.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 9th, 1901.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Georgia assembled in its twelfth annual session in the city opera house promptly at 9:30 o'clock, a. m. Grand Chancellor C. D. Creswell called the meeting to order and opened in due form in the Knight rank.

Roll of officers was called. All present and filling their stations. Sir W. H. Irving was appointed assistant to G. K. of R. and S. Following committees were appointed:

ON CREDENTIALS.—E. J. Mathews, Dawson; F. M. Cohen, Savannah; A. L. Lockett, Columbus.

ON FINANCE.—J. C. Ross, Savannah; W. H. Irving, Macon; A. Jay Gentile, Augusta.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—C. A. Shaw, Brunswick; G. R. Hutto, Bainbridge, B. W. Warren, Americus.

ON LAWS AND SUPERVISION.—Dr. H. R. Butler, Atlanta; Dr. T. James Davis, Savannah; C. A. Clarke, Brunswick.

ON STATE OF ORDER.—Dr. R. E. Grier, Albany; E. W. Rhodes, Cuthbert; W. S. Reeves, Dawson.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—J. R. Thornton, Bainbridge; R. H. Hall, Atlanta; J. W. C. Hawkins, Americus.

ON PRINTING.—Rev. J. W. Roberts, Savannah; S. E. Monroe, Quitman; J. N. C. Bryan, Cordele.

ON OBITUARY.—Rev. J. A. Woods, D. D., Valdosta; Rev. G. R. Jackson, St. Simons Mill; Rev. A. C. Staley, Americus.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—J. D. Ayers, Arabi; J. C. Daniels, Lumpkin; M. C. Davies, Thomasville.

ON TIME AND PLACE.—Dr. H. R. Butler, Atlanta; Rev. W. D. Johnson, Jr., Bainbridge; C. A. Scott, Dawson; Lieutenant Henry Wynn, Jr., Macon.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—J. J. Bolen, Savannah; W. T. Ellis, Albany; Dr. E. J. Turner, Columbus.

Grand Chancellor declared recess 30 minutes.

At 10:30 meeting was again called to order.

Committee on credentials reported. (See report). By motion report was adopted.

Communication from Sir B. J. Caruthers of St. Louis, Mo., was read. By motion of Sir T. J. Helton, Sir Caruthers' request was granted and the communication entered on the minutes.

Doors opened to the public at 11 a. m.

Introduction of the Rev. W. L. Richards by Mr. B. H. Nusbaum.

Welcome address by Rev. W. L. Richards, whose instructive words were timely and in place.

Response by Sir B. W. Warren.

Welcome address on behalf of Lucullus, Spring Creek and Thornton Lodges by Rev. Sir William D. Johnson, Jr.

Response by ex-Supreme Chancellor J. C. Ross.

Welcome address on behalf I. O. O. C., Miss Joanna Greenleaf.

Response by Mrs. James L. Grant.

Annual address by Rev. Sir A. S. Staley.

Music by the band.

Rev. J. W. Roberts of Savannah spoke of the Georgia State Fair in his city in October next and solicited exhibits.

Meeting adjourned to reassemble at Castle Hall, 2 p. m.

#### Afternoon Session.

Promptly at 2:30 p. m. Grand Chancellor Creswell called the meeting to order and opened in due form.

Ex-Supreme Chancellor J. C. Ross conferred the Past Chancellor Degree on candidates in waiting. (See roll.)

Minutes of morning session read and adopted.

Reports of officers heard.

Grand Chancellor's report read. By motion of Sir J. C. Ross report was referred to proper committee.

Report of G. K. of R. and S. read. By motion of Sir L. E. Wise report was referred to proper committee.

Report of G. M. of E. read. By motion of Sir J. C. Ross report was referred to proper committee.

Notice of indebtedness of lodges as follows :

McIntosh due \$1.00, endowment ; Magnolia \$6.25, endowment.

G. M. R. report read. By motion of Sir J. H. Hall report was referred to proper committee.

Grand Lodgè adjourned for parade and to assemble at A. M. E. church for memorial service at 8 p. m.

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### Memorial Service.

8:30 o'clock p. m. at Wilson Chapel, A. M. E. Church. Services opened by singing "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come," by the choir.

The Grand Prelate selected and sang hymn No. 475, "And am I born to die," etc.

Prayer offered by Rev. H. R. Bryant.

Choir sang "Shall we meet beyond the river."

Rev. A. S. Staley arose and very solemnly read the report of the committee on obituary. (See report).

Rev. J. A. Wood led in singing "Say brother, will you meet me?" which was joined in by the whole congregation.

Eulogies on the lives of the departed Sir Knights were made as follows :

Sir B. W. Warren of Star Lodge spoke of Sirs Stark and Hughes ; Sir E. B. Barco of Rathbone spoke of Sir Ed Roberts ; Sir F. M. Smith of Keystone spoke of Sir C. C. McCreary ; Sir L. E. Wise of Eureka spoke of Sirs Connelly, Strickland and Ferguson ; Sir C. A. Shaw spoke of Sirs Reynolds and Hooley of Atlantic lodge ; Sir L. V. Kellogg of Pythagoras spoke of Sir Ellison ; Sir S. E. Monroe spoke on the life of Sir John Howard of Dionysious lodge ; Sir J. D. Ayers of Friendship spoke on the life of Sir J. W. Gilbert ; remarks on the lives of Sirs Williams and Jackson of Oriental were made by Sir W. J. Lotte ; Sir Thomas F. Gray of Damon spoke of Sir M. Harris ; Sir J. C. Ross spoke of Sir Lewis Gray of Crescent ; Sir G. H. Griswold of Defender spoke of Sir Charles Williams ; Sir W. T. Ellis of Artesian lodge spoke on the lives of Sirs Jackson,

Anderson and Mack; Sir A. L. Lockett of King Solomon spoke of Sir William J. Walker; Sir E. J. Turner of Lincoln spoke of Sirs W. E. Terry and R. Washington; remarks were made by Sir J. C. Daniels on the life of Sir Robert Clayton of Evergreen; Dr. I. S. Stafford spoke of Sir Washington Faulk of Pythias lodge; remarks by Sir A. Jay Gentile on the lives of Sirs Pierce and Williams of Fidelity; Sir J. W. McRae of St. Paul spoke of the life of Sir S. A. Jones; Sir Alexander of Spring Creek spoke of Sir J. Rivers; Sir R. L. Fletcher of Colquitt-Enterprise spoke of Sir P. Wanslow; Sir Henry Wynn, Jr., of Defiance lodge spoke of the life of Sir Andrew Jackson.

At the conclusion of eulogies the Grand Prelate led in singing "Why should you start and fear to die?"

Report adopted.

Grand Chancellor asked a collection for the church. Collected \$7.36.

Claims paid as follows: Sir Charles Williams, Macon, \$300.00; Sir Samuel Ferguson, Atlanta, \$100.00.

There being no further business the session adjourned to reassemble at Castle Hall at 8 o'clock, a. m., July 10th.

### Wednesday Morning Session.

CASTLE HALL, 8 a. m., July 10.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Grand Chancellor Sir C. D. Creswell called the meeting to order and opened in due form.

Minutes read and approved.

Heard report of Grand Lecturer. Report received and recommendations referred to the proper committee.

Heard and adopted report on law and supervision.

Claim of \$100.00 due the estate of Sir John Howard of Dionysious Lodge No. 60, Quitman, Ga., was paid to Sir S. E. Monroe, administrator.

Brethren were allowed to sit in the lodge room with coats off.

Heard and adopted report on state of the order.

Heard and adopted report on dispensation and charter.

Heard and adopted report on foreign correspondence.

Heard and adopted report on resolutions by sections.

Ruling by Grand Chancellor: No deputy shall be allowed to institute a new lodge until the medical certificates are approved by

the G. M. R. and he be in possession of the charter."

Heard and adopted report of committee on finance.

Recess taken until 3.30 o'clock.

#### Afternoon Session.

Meeting called to order at 3.30 o'clock. Opened in due form.

Report on printing read. Motion of Dr. R. E. Grier to adopt report.

Amended by Sir A. S. Staley that the printing be left to G. K. of R. and S. Amendment Prevailed. By motion of Sir A. S. Staley annual reports of officers shall not be printed till approved by Grand Lodge. Motion prevailed.

Report of committee on printing adopted as amended.

Report of committee on time and place heard.

By motion of M. C. Hawkins report adopted.

By motion of T. J. Davis a committee of three was appointed to confer with R. R. Passenger Association on fare to Grand Lodge. Committee: Dr. R. H. Butler and L. Wise, of Atlanta, and C. D. Creswell, of Macon.

Communication from Sir E. Wansley read, requesting a contribution. The amount of \$14.00 was raised and forwarded by motion of G. W. Brown by Sir J. G. Perry.

By motion of Dr. H. R. Butler a committee of three was appointed to investigate complaint from Oriental Lodge No. 38. Committee: Dr. H. R. Butler, Dr. J. C. Atkinson and E. B. Barco.

By motion of Dr. J. W. Roberts, Grand Lodge donated the G. M. at A. railroad fare both ways on account of his having lost his purse and contents and railroad certificate.

Report of Committee on appeals and grievances heard. Motion of M. C. Hawkins report adopted.

By motion of Rev. J. W. Roberts, Grand Lodge extended vote of thanks to committee on appeals and grievances.

Brother Stewart Brown was unable to pay a fine of \$2.50. Grand Chancellor ruled that Brother Brown be restored when fine is paid. He was given 30 days.

By motion of Dr. T. J. Davis a resolution of thanks to the Lucullus Lodge and the citizens of Bainbridge offered by Dr. R. E. Grier was adopted.

Past Supreme Chancellor J. C. Ross took the chair and announced the election of officers in order.

Rev. W. D. Johnson, Jr., rose and after making a speech complimenting the officers for their faithfulness, moved the suspension of the rules and that the G. M. at Arms cast the unanimous vote of the G. L. for the present officers. The motion was put and carried amid deafening applause. The G. M. at Arms having cast the vote, the P. S. C. declared the present officers re-elected and announced that they would be installed to-night at the banquet.

For Suprême Representative Sir E. B. Barco nominated Sir C. A. Shaw and Sir F. M. Smith nominated Dr. T. J. Davis. Tellers: Dr. H. R. Butler and Sir Henry Wynn, Jr.

Votes cast, Shaw 35, Davis 71.

Sir Clark moved to make the election of Dr. Davis unanimous; carried. It was found that we, having over 2000 members in this jurisdiction, were entitled to four representatives. On motion of Sir C. A. Clark, Sir C. A. Shaw was elected the 4th supreme representative.

The Grand Chancellor delivered the semi-annual pass word to the representatives present.

Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in the city of Atlanta as the guest of Eureka, Richard Allen and Zenith Lodges on the second Tuesday in July, 1902.

C. D. CRESWILL, G. C.

E. J. MATHEWS, G. K. of R. & S.

W. H. IRVING, Ass't. G. K. of R. & S.



## OFFICERS' REPORTS.

### Annual Address of Sir C. D. Creswill, Grand Chancellor.

To the Officers, Grand Representatives, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Georgia,  
Knights of Pythias of N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A.

BROTHERS AND SIR KNIGHTS:—

We meet to-day in our Twelfth Annual Session for the purpose of reviewing the work done since July 1, 1901.

I do not believe that we have a brother on our roster who is so narrow but what he will admit that greater work we have never done. When we look upon the past and see how we have succeeded in tiding over the worst trouble we should rejoice one with another, and "praise God from whom all blessings flow." Who are we to thank for this grand success? The great God and those used by him. Now that we have been doing a great work in Georgia, let us meet with joyful hearts.

Since last July I have endeavored to do my whole duty; I have left nothing undone which I thought would be beneficial to the Order. I may have made some mistakes in my decisions, but I assure you, dear brethren, that they were made with an earnest uplifting intention. Show me a man without faults, and I will show you a mass of hidden corruption. I have had a great duty to perform, that of looking after the widows and orphans. No one can say that I have neglected them. You will find in my endowment rank that I have paid 35 claims in full and one in part. Some of you may think that it has been an easy task, but a more difficult task has never been placed upon me. To succeed in keeping a band of members together and have them meet their obligations promptly, and performing the other duties of this office, is a trait. Office seeking is not all; you must lay aside your personal matters if you intend to raise the Order to a higher standard.

On July 1, 1900, we owed a balance of \$1,180.00 on claims, and I had hoped to report in this session that we were clear of debt, but unfortunately on account of legal proceedings I have been unable to settle the Allen Crouch claim, on which there is a balance of \$105.00 still due. All other claims have been paid in full except five, which I shall pay to-night at the Memorial Services, and which will leave a cash balance on hand of \$345.75.

With profound sorrow I report the death of 34 brothers, who have been prominent and useful. These brothers since last session have passed from labor to reward. Though it is our loss, we trust it is Heaven's gain.

We have added 9 new lodges since last session, as follows:

Zenith, No. 59, Atlanta, Ga.	Olive Branch, No. 63, McRae, Ga.
Dionysius, No. 60, Quitman, Ga.	Armour, No. 64, Macon, Ga.
Ever Green, No. 61, Lumpkin, Ga.	Ocilla, No. 65, Ocilla, Ga.
Magnolia, No. 62, Fitzgerald, Ga.	Magic City, No. 66, Cordele, Ga.
Union Hope, No. 67, Vienna, Ga.	

For which credit is due D. G. C.'s Dr. H. R. Butler, J. C. Martin, W. S.

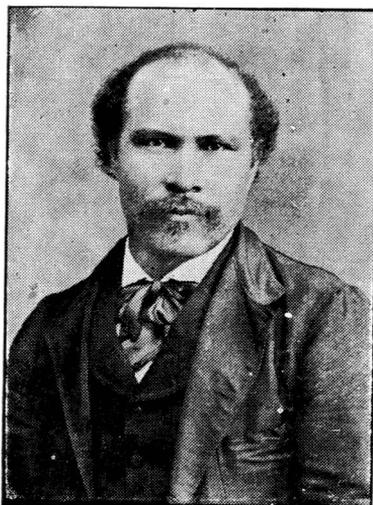
Reeves, F. L. Thompson and E. B. Barco.

Our membership last session was 1,700. Present membership 2,400. Increase, 700. Suspended, 1, (Diligent, No. 56, Ft. Gaines, Ga.)

I have rendered some decisions from which there have been some appeals to this session, which will be referred to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Endowment Receipts and Disbursements from July 1, 1900, to July 30, 1901.

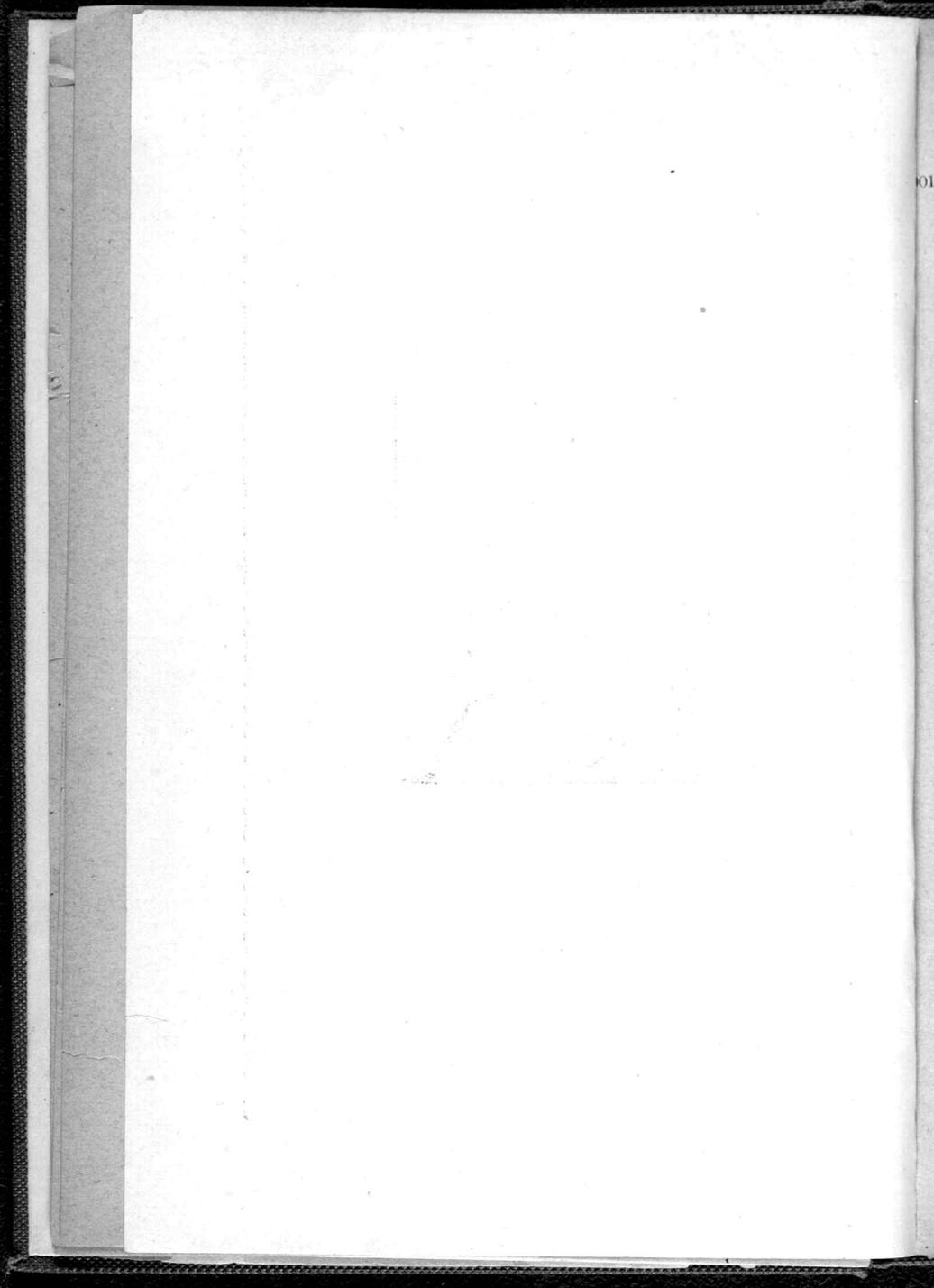
1900—July 1.	To Cash balance.....	\$ 38.35	
July 31.	Endowment receipts.....	421.75	\$ 460 10
DISBURSEMENTS.			
July 31.	Ellis Brooks, Columbus, Ga.,.....	75.00	
	Jake Brown, Macon, Ga.,.....	100.00	
	J. H. Feaster, Savannah, Ga.,.....	200.00	\$ 375 00
August 1.	To Cash balance,.....	85.10	
August 31.	Endowment receipts,.....	478.50	\$ 563 60
DISBURSEMENTS.			
August 31	R. R. Davis, McDonald's Mill, Ga.,	100.00	
September 31.	To Cash balance,.....	463.60	
September 30.	Endowment receipts.....	919.50	\$1,383.10
1900—October 1.	To Cash balance,.....	1,383.10	
October 31.	Endowment receipts,.....	504.40	\$1,887 50
DISBURSEMENTS.			
October 26.	H. Reynolds, Brunswick, Ga.,...	300.00	
31.	J. P. Conley, Atlanta, Ga.,.....	300.00	
	Jos. Hargoo, Savannah, Ga.,.....	300.00	
	Jos. Rivers, Brinson, Ga.,.....	100.00	
	Thomas Jackson, Americus, Ga.,...	100.00	
	F. F. Pierce, Augusta, Ga.,.....	300.00	
	Edward Roberts, Cordele, Ga.,...	100.00	
	Asbury Strickland, Atlanta, Ga.,	100.00	\$1,600.00
November 1.	To Cash balance, ...	287.50	
30.	Endowment receipts,.....	494.25	\$ 781.75
DISBURSEMENTS.			
November 30.	Robert White, Nicholls, Ga.,...	100.00	\$ 100 00
December 1.	To Cash balance....	681.75	
31.	Endowment receipts,.....	1,017.50	\$1,699.25
DISBURSEMENTS.			
December 31.	Wm. J. Walker, Columbus, Ga.,	100.00	
	R. Washington, Columbus, Ga.,	100.00	
	W. L. Hooley, Brunswick, Ga.,	300.00	



SIR J. W. RUSSELL, G. V. C.

AMERICUS, GEORGIA.

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December 31.	Marshal Jackson, Albany, Ga.,	300.00	
	C. McCaray, Macon, Ga.,	300.00	\$1,100.00
1901—January 1.	To Cash balance,	599.25	
31.	Endowment receipts,	510.25	\$1,109.50

## DISBURSEMENTS.

January 31.	Wm. Hunt, Ashburn, Ga.,	300.00	\$ 300.00
February 1.	To Cash balance,	809.50	
28.	Endowment receipts,	515.75	\$1,325.25

## DISBURSEMENTS.

February 6.	Washington Faulks, Valdosta, Ga.,	300.10	
28.	James McCoy, Eastman, Ga.,	100.00	
	Elias Anderson, Albany, Ga.,	300.00	\$ 700.00
March 1.	To Cash balance,	625.25	
31.	Endowment receipts,	1,116.25	\$1,741.50

## DISBURSEMENTS.

March 7.	J. W. Gilbert, Arabi, Ga.,	200.00	
30.	Wm. Störks, Americus, Ga.,	300.00	500.00
April 1.	To Cash balance,	1,241.50	
30.	Endowment receipts,	567.50	\$1,809.00
May 1.	To Cash balance,	1,809.00	
31.	Endowment receipts,	590.50	\$2,399.50

## DISBURSEMENTS.

May 31.	Lewis Williams, Americus, Ga.,	200.00	
	R. Mack, Albany, Ga.,	300.00	
	P. Warnslow, Moultrie, Ga.,	200.00	
	S. A. Jones, Columbus, Ga.,	300.00	
	Andrew Jackson, Macon, Ga.,	100.00	
	M. Harris, Thomasville, Ga.,	300.00	
	Chas. Ellison, Brunswick, Ga.,	300.00	
	Robert Clayton, Lumpkin, Ga.,	100.00	
	C. A. Hughes, Americus, Ga.,	300.00	\$2,100.00
June 1.	To Cash balance,	299.50	
29.	Endowment receipts,	1,176.75	\$1,476.25

## DISBURSEMENTS.

June 20.	John Howard, Quitman, Ga.,	100.00	
	Chas. Williams, Macon, Ga.,	300.00	
	Jordan Williams, Augusta, Ga.,	300.00	
	W. T. Burns, Glenwood, Ga.,	300.00	
	Sam'l Ferguson, Atlanta, Ga.,	100.00	\$1,100.00
July 1.	To Cash balance,		\$ 376.25

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

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1. That the emergency assessment be relieved for another term.
  2. That members coming from another jurisdiction be received subject to regulation of endowment law regarding new members.
  3. The membership having been increased from 1,300 in 1899 to 2,304 in 1901, thereby doubling the work of the officers, I recommend that the salary of the G. M. of E. and G. K. of R. & S. be increased.
  4. That a committee be appointed to revise and prepare Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitution, and forward same to the C. C. for approval and publication.
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Having informed you on the true condition of our affairs, I extend to you each and all my highest appreciation for the many courtesies and valuable aid accorded me in conducting the affairs of the Order during the year.

Fraternally Yours in F., C. and B.,

**C. D. CRESWILL, G. C.**



### Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and Australia, Jurisdiction of Georgia:

GREETING: Through the tender mercies and beneficent blessings of an all-wise and everlasting God, we, His humble servants, are again permitted to meet, to plan and legislate for the continued success of our noble and chivalric order.

Since our last session many have been our besetments and trials; many who responded to the Grand Lodge roll then have gone to answer the heavenly roll; still we are pleased to see so many of the old land marks of Pythianism augmented by valiant young Knights marching under the Pythian banner and showing their loyalty to its teaching by their presence here today. I trust you all are well, and that the principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence will permeate every action and word of ours, whether as guest in our different homes, on the streets of this beautiful city, or in the deliberations of this body.

Let me admonish you in the beginning that no dissension nor strife should arise to mar the peace and happiness of this session; but let everything be done in harmony, with a view of strengthening and spreading the principles of the order into every part of this grand old state.

#### GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

One year ago we reported 47 lodges and 1712 members in good standing. Today we are able to bring you the good news that there are 55 lodges and about 2400 members in good standing in this jurisdiction—an increase of nine lodges, one having been suspended, and 588 members. Thus you see we are still on the increase, taking no backward steps.

We are pleased to note the fact, that of the 18 lodges organized in the last three years during my incumbency as G. K. of R. & S. only one has fallen by the wayside—Diligent, No 56, Fort Gaines. All the others are growing.

We were somewhat delayed in sending out the minutes of the last session, owing to the overcrowded condition of the press to which the work was given in printing campaign documents for the presidential and congressional campaign. We ask pardon for the delay, as it was unavoidable.

#### OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Financially, we are in a prosperous condition, and moving upward and onward. The supply and per capita tax funds have paid all the expenses of the Grand Lodge and endowment department of every kind, and still we have a nice balance. Three years ago neither department could keep up its running expenses for a year without borrowing from the other; but now, thanks to an All-Wise Providence, each department can meet all just demands and report a surplus.

### Annual Financial Statement of G. K. of R. & S.

Our financial statement for the year is as follows:

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from last session . . . . .	\$ 437 03
From July 1, 1900, to July 31, 1900. . . . .	19 39
“ Aug. 1, 1900, to Aug. 31, 1900. . . . .	27 55
“ Sep. 1, 1900, to Sep. 30, 1900. . . . .	21 52
“ Oct. 1, 1900, to Oct. 31, 1900. . . . .	76 10
“ Nov. 1, 1900, to Nov. 30, 1900. . . . .	24 59
“ Dec. 1, 1900, to Dec. 31, 1900. . . . .	229 40
“ Jan. 1, 1901, to Jan. 31, 1901. . . . .	105 60
“ Feb. 1, 1901, to Feb. 28, 1901. . . . .	84 45
“ Mch. 1, 1901, to Mch. 31, 1901. . . . .	91 50
“ Apr. 1, 1901, to Apr. 30, 1901. . . . .	22 90
“ May 1, 1901, to May 31, 1901. . . . .	20 60
“ June 1, 1901, to June 30, 1901. . . . .	582 10

Making a total of. . . . . \$1742 64

All of which has been paid to the G. M. of E. monthly, for which I have his receipts.

Disbursements for year, including expenses of last Grand Lodge session, all salaries of officers to date, and every other legitimate claim against the Grand Lodge, have been \$1287.10, leaving a cash balance of \$455 54.

We have deemed it wholly unnecessary to make a long and tedious itemized statement of all receipts, as the books, etc., are to be examined by the finance committee.

#### STOCK OF SUPPLIES.

We give you, for the first time, our supply of stock on hand, as follows

1750 Endowment Policies.

1500 Medical Examiners' Certificates.

2 Charters.

3 Rituals.

1 box red seal.

1½ yards Pythian ribbon.

10 Constitutions and By-Laws.

48 Endowment Laws.

12 Installation Services.

28 Certificates of Good Standing.

62 Withdrawal Cards.

30 Financial Traveling Cards.

10 Receipt Books.

2 Order Books.

225 Opening and Closing Ordes.

18 Representatives' Credentials.

205 Past Chancellor's Credentials.

225 Application Blanks  
 162 Notifications of Suspension.  
 130 Notifications of Rejection.  
 550 Financial Cards.  
 800 Notifications of Indebtedness.

These supplies have been bought and paid for since the last session of the Grand Lodge. Their value can be ascertained by referring to the price list of supplies.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. The custom prevailing among many of the lodges of failing to pay their per capita tax in December and June promptly, as prescribed by law and requested by the G. C., is liable at some day to seriously embarrass the Grand Lodge in meeting its obligations. We would, therefore, recommend that a penalty by fine and the withholding of semi-annual pass-word from lodges that fail to report promptly be provided at this session.

2d. That a penalty be provided where lodges fail to order policies within thirty days from the time a member is charged in the Knight rank.

I cannot conclude this report without attempting to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the appreciation shown me and the trust and confidence this honorable body has placed in me for three years. Language fails me when I try to express my feelings.

I have striven to do my whole duty as I saw it, and pray that I may ever prove worthy of your favor and confidence.

The time has again come when our official relations that have existed for three years are about to be closed. I am indebted to the K. of R. & S. throughout the jurisdiction for their kindness and assistance and for their promptness in answering my communications; and to my associates in office I feel deeply indebted for the assistance and service rendered me in carrying on the work. So each and all I tender my sincere thanks and best wishes, and may the God of peace shower His gracious blessings upon you and keep you steadfast in the Christian and Pythian faith until the end of time.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & B.,

E. J. MATHEWS, G. K. OF R. & S.

#### Report of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

Before proceeding with the reading of my report, let me say to this brilliant array of Pythian gentlemen that I am proud to say, without the slightest doubt of successful contradiction, that the trust reposed in me I have not misplaced.

I have faithfully guarded your financial affairs and honestly conducted the duties of my office. Thank God, I have coveted no man's gold. My accountings to this grand body are the effort of a clear conscience.

To the Officers and Members of our Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Georgia:

GREETING: It is again with pleasure I submit to you all my annual

report from July 1st, 1900, to June 30th, 1901, and hope it will meet with your hearty approval. This report speaks for itself, as to whether we are firm on the cardinal principles of the order, which are Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

The lodges throughout this jurisdiction seem to vie with each other as to which will do most for the widows and orphans. Such spirit needs commendation and should be continued.

This year, as was to be expected, shows much improvement, but we must confess that it has exceeded our expectations.

The receipts and disbursements are the largest in the history of the order. This is accounted for in several ways. First: There have been a number of new lodges added to the roll, and a good deal of activity has been displayed by the order by adding new members to the old lodges.

This grand showing ought to stimulate all to put forth renewed efforts for the success of this noble order. They are already demonstrating their abilities to carry out their obligations to departed Knights.

The order is fast forcing its way to the front as one of the greatest dispensers of charity in the state. These results are the fruits of hard labor and zealous care. It is true that the order has suffered great losses this year by death from various diseases, but we are thankful to our almighty God that it has not been any worse.

The lodges and families who have suffered by these losses have our sincerest sympathy.

With best wishes for the success of another prosperous year to all,

I am Yours in F. C. & B.,

F. M. COHEN.

#### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts and disbursements, by months, from the supply department, from July 1st, 1900, to June 30th, 1901, are as follows:

July 3, 1900, brought forward.....	\$ 437 03
July 31, " receipts.....	19 39
Aug. 31, " ".....	27 55
Sep 30, " ".....	21 52
Oct. 31, " ".....	76 10
Nov. 30, " ".....	24 50
Dec. 31, " ".....	229 40
Total from July to December, 1900 .....	\$ 835 49
Jan. 31, 1901, receipts.....	\$ 105 60
Feb. 28, " ".....	84 45
Mch. 31, " ".....	91 50
Apr. 30, " ".....	22 90
May 31, " ".....	20 60
June 30, " ".....	582 10
Grand total for the year .....	\$1742 64

## DISBURSEMENTS BY MONTHS.

July 31, 1900, paid out.....	184 27
Aug. 31, " " ".....	92 25
Sep. 30, " " ".....	38 06
Oct. 31, " " ".....	89 10
Nov. 30, " " ".....	85 39
Dec. 31, " " ".....	114 43

Total paid out from July 31st to December 31st, 1900.....\$ 603 50

Jan. 31, 1901, paid out.....	88 95
Feb 28, " " ".....	85 15
Mch. 31, " " ".....	120 26
Apr. 30, " " ".....	29 15
May 31, " " ".....	17 96
June 30, " " ".....	342 13

Grand total paid out :..... \$1287 10

Total receipts.....\$1742 64

Total disbursements..... 1287 10

Cash balance ..... \$ 455 54

In F. C. & B.,

F. M. COHEN, G. M. OF E.

### Annual Report of the Endowment Department.

Endowments received per months with fines, from July 1st, 1900, to June 30th, 1901, are as follows:

July 1, 1900, to cash balance on hand.....	\$ 38 35
July 31, " cash received.....	421 75
Aug. 31, " " ".....	478 50
Sep. 30, " " ".....	919 50
Oct. 31, " " ".....	504 40
Nov. 30, " " ".....	494 25
Dec 31, " " ".....	1017 50
Jan. 31, 1901, " " ".....	510 25
Feb. 28, " " ".....	515 75
Mch. 31, " " ".....	1116 25
Apr. 30, " " ".....	567 50
May 31, " " ".....	590 50
June 30, " " ".....	1176 75

Total for the year.....\$8351 25

## DISBURSEMENTS.

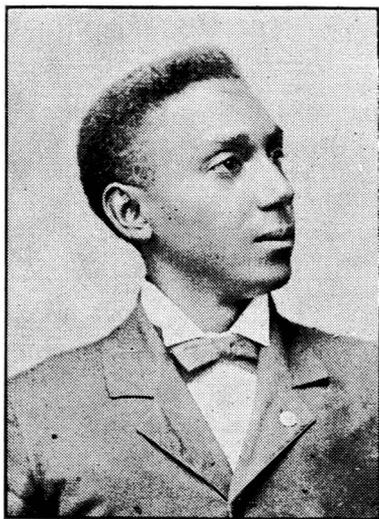
July 31, 1900, disbursements	\$ 375 00
Aug. 31, " "	100 00
Sep. 30, " "	
Oct. 31, " "	1600 00
Nov. 30, " "	100 00
Dec. 31, " "	1100 00
Jan. 31, 1901, " "	300 00
Feb. 28, " "	900 00
Mch. 31, " "	300 00
Apr. 30, " "	
May 31, " "	2100 00
June 30, " "	1100 00
Cash balance on hand	376 25
Total disbursed for the year	\$8351 25

## Notice of Deaths Received for the Year Just Ended.

J. P. Connally, Atlanta.	H. Reynolds, Brunswick.
A. Strickland, Atlanta.	W. L. Hooley, Brunswick.
Thomas Jackson, Americus.	Charles Ellison, "
William Starks, "	Joe Rivers, Brinson.
Louis Williams, "	James McCoy, Eastman.
Charles Hughes, "	Robert Clayton, Lumpkin.
Marshall Jackson, Albany.	C. C. McCrary, Macon.
Elias Anderson, "	Andrew Jackson, "
Ruben Maek, "	Robert White, Nicholls.
F. F. Pierce, Augusta.	Patrick Wanslow, Moultrie.
J. W. Gilbert, Arabi.	Marcus Harris, Thomasville.
R. B. Washington, Columbus.	Joe Haggara, Savannah.
W. J. Walker, "	Washington Faulk, Valdosta.
S. A. Jones, "	John Howard, Quitman.
Ed. Roberts, Cordele.	Charley Williams, Macon.
Samuel Ferguson, Atlanta.	Jordan Williams, Augusta.
W. T. Burns, Glenwood.	W. E. Terry, Columbus.

## Claims Paid in Full for the Year Just Ended, from July 1, 1900, to June 30, 1901.

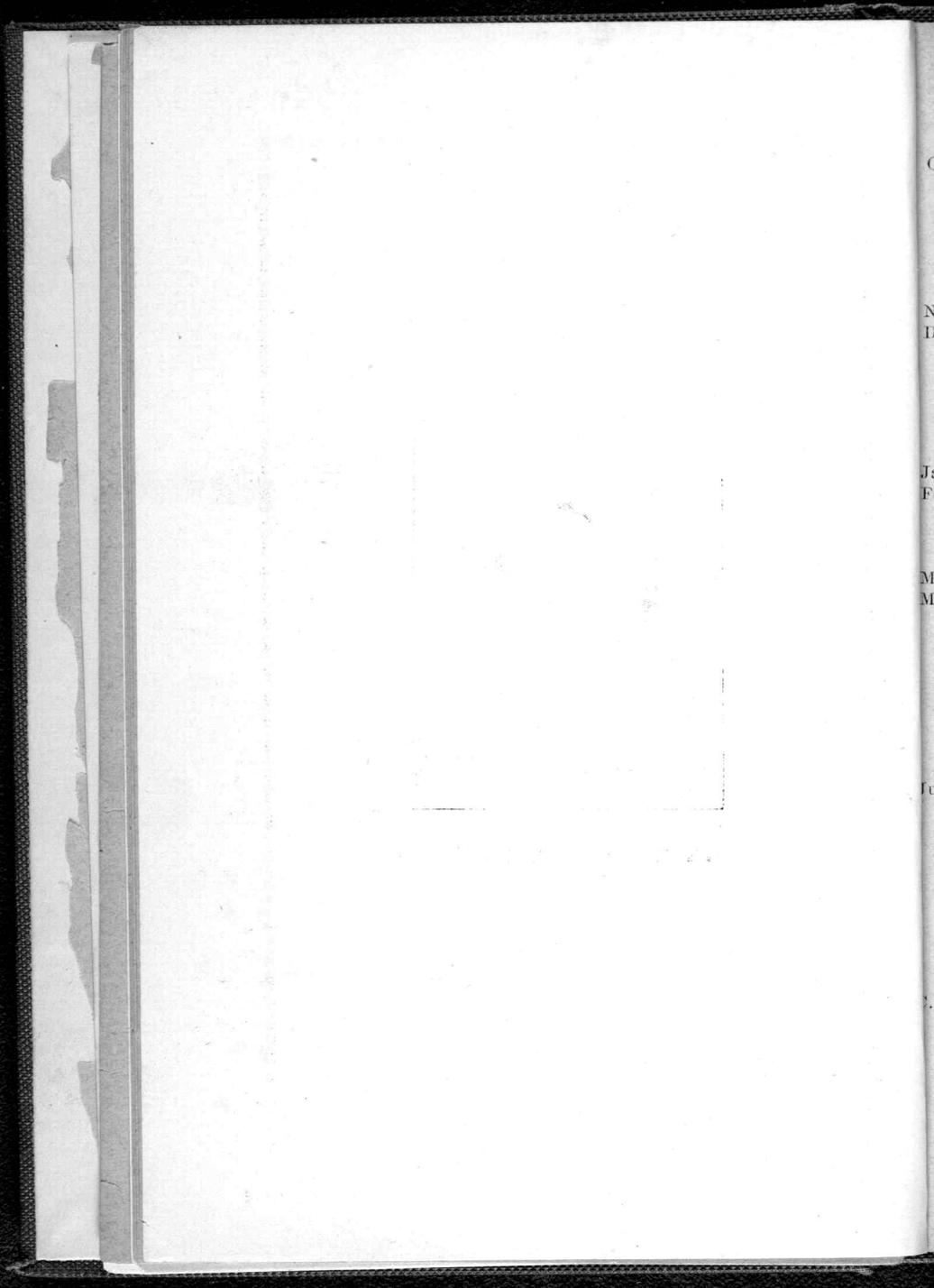
1900.		
July 31,	Ellis Brooks, King Solomon Lodge, No. 16, Columbus	\$ 75 00
" "	Jake Brown, Defender	" 29, Macon. . . . . 100 00
" "	John H. Feaster, Olympia	" 10, Savannah . . . . . 200 00
Aug. 31,	R. R. Davis, Good Hope	" 43, McDonald . . . . . 100 00
Oct. 31,	H. Reynolds, Atlantic	" 7, Brunswick . . . . . 30 00



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Oct. 31,	J. P. Connally, Eureka	Lodge No. 6, Atlanta	300 00
"	Asberry Strickland, Eureka	" 6, Atlanta	100 00
"	Joseph Haggra, Crescent	" 2, Savannah	300 00
"	Joseph Rivers, Spring Creek	" 57, Brinson	100 00
"	Thomas Jackson, Oriental	" 38, Americus	100 00
"	Frank F. Pierce, Fidelity	" 1, Augusta	300 00
"	Edward Roberts, Rathbone	" 22, Cordele	100 00
Nov. 30,	Robt. White, Antonio	" 41, Nicholls	100 00
Dec 31,	W. T. Walker, King Solomon	" 16, Columbus	100 00
"	R. B. Washington, Lincoln	" 53, Columbus	100 00
"	W. L. Hooley, Atlantic	" 7, Brunswick	300 00
"	Marshall Jackson, Artesian	" 18, Albany	300 00
"	C. C. McCrary, Pericles	" 39, Macon	300 00

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Jan. 31,	Will Hunt, Progress	" 31, Ashburn	300 00
Feb. 28,	Elias Anderson, Artesian	" 18, Albany	300 00
"	James McCoy, Oconee	" 27, Eastman	100 00
"	Washington Faulk, Pythias	" 24, Valdosta	300 00
"	J. W. Gilbert, Friendship	" 34, Arabi	200 00
Mch. 31,	William Starks, Star	" 8, Americus	300 00
May 31,	Charles A. Hughes, Star	" 8, Americus	300 00
"	Reuben Mack, Artesian	" 18, Albany	3 00
"	S. A. Jones, St. Paul	" 20, Columbus	300 00
"	Louis Williams, Oriental	" 38, Americus	200 00
"	P. Wanslow, Colquit Enterprise	" 48, Moultrie	200 00
"	Robt. Clayton, Evergreen	" 61, Lumpkin	100 00
"	Andrew Jackson, Defiance	" 13, Macon	100 00
"	Charles Ellison, Pythagoras	" 17, Brunswick	300 00
"	Macus Harris, Damon	" 23, Thomasville	300 00
June 30,	John Howard, Quitman	" 60, Quitman	100 00
"	Charley Williams, Defender	" 29, Macon	300 00
"	Jordan Williams, Fidelity	" 1, Augusta	300 00
"	W. T. Burns, Champion	" 50, Glenwood	300 00
"	Samuel Ferguson, Eureka	" 6, Atlanta	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

## ENDOWMENT BOARD COMMITTEE:

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## REPORT OF THE GRAND MEDICAL REPORTER,

From July 1, 1900, to June 30, 1901.

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	NO. REGISTERED.
Oriental .....	38	Americus .....	51
Eureka .....	..	Atlanta .....	58
DeHorton .....	51	Macon .....	31
Spring Creek .....	57	Brinson .....	6
Defender .....	29	Macon .....	10
Pericles .....	39	Macon .....	15
Star .....	8	Americus .....	38
Fidelity .....	1	Augusta .....	21
Crescent .....	2	Savannah .....	5
Keystone .....	5	Macon .....	10
Atlantic .....	7	Brunswick .....	5
Olympia .....	10	Savannah .....	0
McIntosh .....	11	Darien .....	0
Rathbone .....	22	Cordele .....	28
Exeelsior .....	36	Rochelle .....	10
Progress .....	13	Ashburne .....	23
Enterprise .....	21	Tifton .....	15
Antonio .....	41	Nicholls .....	20
Prosperity .....	55	Wright .....	5
Oconee .....	27	Eastman .....	5
Richard Allen .....	14	Atlanta .....	55
Ocmulgee .....	26	Lumber City .....	4
St. Paul .....	20	Columbus .....	5
Defiance .....	31	Macon .....	35
Pythias .....	24	Valdosta .....	10
Lincoln .....	53	Columbus .....	9
Maceo .....	40	Baxley .....	27
King Solomon .....	16	Columbus .....	39
Pythagoras .....	17	Brunswick .....	12
Artesian .....	18	Albany .....	12
Damon .....	23	Thomasville .....	18
Stringer .....	25	Hawkinsville .....	0
Ivanhoe .....	33	Hazlehurst .....	17
Friendship .....	34	Arabi .....	7
Vashti .....	35	Dawson .....	23
Pride of Randolph .....	37	Cuthbert .....	15
Good Hope .....	43	McDonald's Mill .....	0
Lucullus .....	45	Bainbridge .....	19
Loyal .....	47	Harris Burge .....	0
Colquit Enterprise .....	48	Moultrie .....	5
Thornton .....	49	Donaldsonville .....	3
Champion .....	50	Glenwood .....	0
Attuck .....	52	Abbeville .....	4
Providence .....	54	Leesburg .....	11
Diligence .....	56	Fort Gaines .....	0
Westley Oak .....	58	St. Simon's Mill .....	8
Zenith .....	59	Atlanta .....	41
Dionysius .....	60	Quitman .....	46
Evergreen .....	61	Lumpkin .....	24
Armor .....	64	Macon .....	66
Magnolia .....	62	Fitzgerald .....	18
Magic City .....	66	Cordele .....	27
Ocilla .....	65	Ocilla .....	30
Olive Branch .....	63	McRae .....	25
Union Hope .....	..	Vienna .....	14—985.

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Total reinstated members recorded, 32; applicants rejected, 5.

All the applicants approved have an average age of 27 years, which shows that our death rate should not run very high during the next five or ten years unless an epidemic of some kind should make its appearance among us.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend, 1st. That the present medical certificate be continued; but that in placing another order a blank space be left at the top for the name of the town or city where the lodge is located, one for the name of the lodge and a place for the lodge number.

2d. That all lodges be required to supply themselves with these new blanks at once, since the old blanks have no question as to age, and we believe in this way some persons are entering our order who are beyond the age limit.

The present set of books is sufficient for the work of the G. M. R. for another year.

In F., C. and B.,

H. R. BUTLER, G. M. R.

Grand Lecturer's Report.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 9th, 1901.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the N. A., S. A., E., A., A. and A., Jurisdiction of Georgia.

GREETING: As Grand Lecturer of this jurisdiction, I beg to submit to your honorable body my first annual report:

I was directed by our worthy and efficient Grand Chancellor, Sir C. D. Creswill, to make my official visit to the lodges May 1st. Pursuant to said orders my schedule was arranged and notices issued to all the lodges April 10th, beginning at Thomasville May 6th.

THOMASVILLE, May 6.—On my arrival I was met at the depot by that venerable Sir Knight M. C. Davis, who conducted me to his elegant home, where I was comfortably domiciled. At night we repaired to the Castle Hall of Damon Lodge No. 23, where I met a large concourse of intelligent Sirs. The lecture was well received and much enthusiasm was manifested on the part of the members, they being fairly well up on the ritualistic work. Damon Lodge, with its rapidly increasing membership, is in a healthy financial condition and stands abreast with the other lodges of the jurisdiction. I left next morning at 11:45 for Moultrie, my next point.

MOULTRIE, May 7th—I reached Moultrie on the above date and was met at the depot by Sir Knight T. Striter, who conducted me to the home of Sir J. H. Cleveland, where I was comfortably quartered. At night we repaired to the Castle Hall of Colquitt Enterprise Lodge No. 48, where, out of a total membership of eight, every member was present except one, he being out of town. The members were a little off on the signs and grips, but the lecture was well received. The seven members present were animated and enthused, each pledging himself to use every effort to build up the lodge from

its present state, caused by some financial discrepancy. After the lodge was closed we repaired to a residence near by, where refreshments of various kinds were profusely served by the hands of the fair sex, of which it was my pleasure to meet many. In the still watch of the night I stole away to my abode to await an early train for Quitman, my next point.

QUITMAN, May 8th.—At the depot I was met by Rev. Sir Knight Butler, who conveyed me to the home of Sir H. W. Odoll, where preparations had been made to receive me. At night, in company with Sir S. E. Monroe, C. C., I was escorted to the First Baptist church, which was beautifully decorated with flowers. In the presence of an overflowing audience I discussed the fundamental principles of our noble order, winding up on its endowment feature; after which Sir Monroe, in a few well-chosen words, presented me an exquisite bouquet in behalf of the fair ladies of Quitman. From the church we repaired to the Castle Hall of Dionysius Lodge No. 60, where I met almost the entire membership, consisting of the most carefully selected set of young men I ever saw. The lecture was enjoyed. The members were very well up, even though the lodge be new. The lodge is in a flourishing condition along all lines, having already purchased a lot and will soon erect thereon a large castle. I departed next morning for Valdosta, my next point.

VALDOSTA, May 9th.—Arriving on an early train I was not met at the depot, but soon ran across Sir A. Palmer, who carried me to the office of Sir Dr. I. S. Stafford, who took me to his spacious and magnificent home, presided over by his amiable companion, the queen of house-keepers; every minute detail arranged for my comfort. At night we journeyed to the commodious and magnificent Castle Hall of Pythias Lodge No. 24, where I greeted a goodly number of gallant and loyal Sirs. The lecture was listened to with intense interest. The lodge was not only well up in the ritualistic work, but also on the signs and grips. Pythias lodge is rapidly advancing under the astute and indomitable leadership of Sir Dr. I. S. Stafford, C. C. While Sir Stafford seems to have imbibed all the principles of our order he seems especially to have C. & B., having given already this year for church and other benevolent purposes two hundred and sixty dollars from his own private purse. I left next morning for Nicholls, my next point.

NICHOLLS, May 10th.—I arrived here on an early train, hence I was not met at the depot, but after strolling a little way down the streets I was recognized by Sir W. A. Smith, who, being aware of my coming, took me at once to the home of Sir Knight P. J. Cody, C. C., where arrangements had already been made for my comfort. At night, accompanied by Sir Cody, C. C., and Sir Richardson, P. C., I repaired to the Castle Hall of Antonio Lodge No. 41. The attendance was good. The members were enthused, enjoying the lecture to the superlative degree of their mental capacity. The Sirs were a little rusty on the signs and raps. The lodge is in fairly good condition, though it has had some little trouble over its financial affairs, but seems now to be gradually emerging from the backset. After the lecture, refresh-

ments were served, and each of us retired, feeling inspired with Knightly principles. I left next morning for McDonald, my next point.

McDONALD, May 11th.—On my arrival I was met by Sir Knight G. T. Thomas, C. C., who conducted me to the home of Sir Knight Thomas Hudson, where I was happily domiciled by that lovely and intelligent consort of his. During the afternoon I was called upon by a number of Sirs, who seemed to be earnest and anxious about the welfare of the order. At night I repaired to the Castle Hall of Good Hope Lodge No. 43, where I found the best equipped lodge in the jurisdiction. The financial condition of the lodge is good, having purchased a lot to build a spacious Castle Hall. Having spent a pleasant Sunday in McDonald, I left Monday morning for Tifton, my next point.

TIFTON, May 13th.—I arrived at 12:45 p. m., and was met at the depot by Sir Lit Hopkin, who conducted me to the Hotel Sadie, where I met my old friend and prince of good fellows, Sir R. C. Copeland, who saw that suitable provisions were made for my every comfort until time to go to the lodge. The time having arrived, Sir H. A. Hardy, C. C., escorted me to the Castle Hall of Enterprise Lodge No. 21, where, in spite of the threatening rain fall, I met a goodly number of Sirs. The lecture was well received and much enthusiasm was manifested on the part of the members, they being very well up on the signs and raps. The lodge is in good condition, having just purchased a lot upon which they will soon erect a Castle of their own. After the lecture, the committee burdened the table with refreshments of many kinds, which we partook of freely. In the darkness of the night I turned away to my comfortable apartments to await an early train for Ashburn.

ASHBURN, May 14th.—At the train I was met by my relative, Rev. E. S. Daniels, who was aware of my coming. He took me to his elegant and neatly furnished home, adorned by his inestimable and cultured companion. After a little recreation we drove to the home of C. C., Sir A. C. Johnson, whom we found sick in bed, much to our regret. However, Sir Johnson had notified the lodge of my coming, and arrangements to that end had been made. I was the constant associate of my cousin until my old friend, Sir Telfair, escorted me to the Castle Hall of Progress Lodge No. 31, where I met a hearty body of enthusiastic Sirs. The lecture was enjoyed. The members were a little rusty on the ritualistic work, signs and grips. The lodge is in splendid condition. I left next day at 1:50 for Arabi, my next appointment.

ARABI, May 15th.—I reached Arabi at 2 o'clock p. m., and was met at the depot by the little son of Grand Deputy J. D. Ayers, who conducted me to his home, where I met Sir Ayers' wife, who made it comfortable for me until Sir Ayers returned from his work, which was some distance away. At night, in company with Sir Ayers, I proceeded to the Castle Hall of Friendship Lodge No. 34, where I met a few of its members, many of them living out of town, hence the small attendance. They were well up on the signs and raps. The lodge is in good financial shape. Leaving the lodge room much fatigued, I retired for the night to await an early train for Cordele.

CORDELE, May 16th.—I reached Cordele on the above date and found, awaiting my arrival, Sir Knight M. C. Bryant and Sir E. B. Barco, the intrepid and prince of deputies. Sir Barco conducted me to his neat and cozy home, presided over by his fair and amiable companion, who spared no pains in arranging for my every comfort. At night we repaired to the First Baptist church of the city, where arrangements had been made for me to deliver a public lecture on the principles of Pythianism. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. All seemed to have enjoyed the lecture, as several pithy commendatory speeches were made by prominent visitors. Proceeding to the lodge room I met in joint session a full attendance of Rathbone Lodge No. 22, and Magic City No. 66. The members were exceedingly bright. Magic City, though a new lodge, stands abreast with Rathbone. Both lodges are in a flourishing condition along all lines. I left next day at 2 o'clock for Rochelle, my next stop.

ROCHELLE, May 17th.—At the depot I was met by Sir Knight R. N. Graham, who conducted me to the Hotel Boynton, where I was comfortably quartered. At night, despite the heavy rain that had set in, a few gallant Sirs repaired to the Castle Hall of Excelsior Lodge No. 36. I imparted to them the ritualistic instructions and found them to be well up. The lodge is in fairly good condition. I left next evening at 3 o'clock for Wright, my next point.

WRIGHT, May 18th.—At Queenland, a little railroad crossing, I found awaiting my arrival, two gallant Sir Knights, who conducted me to the home of Sir Roddy, where I was made to feel at home until Sir Albrighton, C. C., escorted me to the Castle Hall of Prosperity Lodge No. 55, where, despite the bad weather, a goodly number of Sirs had gathered to receive instructions. Though the members were a little rusty, they enjoyed the lecture to their hearts content. This is a new lodge, but they have already built their own Castle Hall. A change in the schedule of the trains caused me to leave next morning by private conveyance for Ocilla, my next stop.

OCILLA, May 19th.—A change in the schedule of trains caused me to reach Ocilla by private conveyance. On my arrival I found awaiting me Sir Knight Rev. J. H. Hill, C. C., who took me to the beautiful home of Sir Prof. P. T. Toliver, who had prepared dinner for us. From thence we were taken to the home of Sir Goins, where I was comfortably quartered. At 4 o'clock we repaired to the C. M. E. Church, where we delivered to the public a lecture on the principles of the order; after which we assembled in the Castle Hall of Ocilla Lodge No. 65. All the members were present (24)—a carefully selected set of young men. The lodge was a little off on the signs and raps; however, much enthusiasm was manifested and a desire for thorough preparation in the ritualistic work was expressed. Ocilla is a new lodge, but it is in good condition along financial lines. After meeting the ladies' court, which convened in special session to hear some encouraging words from me, I left Monday, 11:45, for Fitzgerald, my next point.

FITZGERALD, May 20th.—I was met at the depot by that genial Sir Knight, H. S. Sharp, who at once escorted me to the spacious and inviting home of Sir Shaw, where I was happily domiciled until time to repair to the lodge room. At night I met the members of Magnolia Lodge No. 62, who evinced a great deal of enthusiasm. Being an exceedingly young lodge, it was naturally a little behind in ritualistic work. The lodge is in a prospering condition, having already begun to erect their own Castle Hall on one of the prominent streets of the city.

Amid incessant rain fall I hastened away to my apartments to await an early train for Abbeville, my next appointment.

ABBEVILLE, May 21st.—On my arrival I was met by Sir Knight R. R. Mobley, who conducted me to his elegant and spacious residence, kept by the queen of tidy house-keepers, who spared no pains to see that comfortable arrangements were made for my reception. The weather being so bad I was unable to meet very many of the members of Attuck Lodge No. 52. However, those present enjoyed the lecture, promulgating that their Pythian spirits had been rekindled. They were a little off on the signs and grips. The lodge was not in good condition, financially.

EASTMAN, May 22d.—I reached Eastman at 3 o'clock Thursday evening by private conveyance. I was met by Sir W. L. Jenkins, who escorted me to his prosperous place of business, where I was provided for until we repaired to the Castle Hall of Oconee Lodge No. 27, where a few gallant Sirs greeted me, the membership being small. The lecture was well received, though the lodge was a little rusty. Each member vied with the other to exert his influence to build up the lodge. Under the astute leadership of our old friend, Sir W. L. Whitehead, the lodge survives. They are in good financial shape, having purchased a beautiful site to erect their own Castle Hall.

After spending a pleasant night with Sir Whitehead, I left next morning at 11:45 for Hawkinsville, my next point.

HAWKINSVILLE, May 23d.—I was met at the depot by Sir Knight Williams, who conveyed me to the home of Sir Pate, where elaborate preparations had been made for my reception. At night we repaired to Dempsey's Hall, where previous arrangements had been made for me to deliver a public lecture on the principles of the order. The audience was large and showed deep interest. After the lecture we assembled in the Castle Hall of Stringer Lodge No. 25, where I greeted a few brave Sirs, who appeared to be well up on the signs and grips, but greatly deficient in the ritualistic work. The lodge was not in a good condition, the treasury being depleted and the membership small. Each Sir promised to arouse from his dormant state and take on new life and vigor, exerting all his influence to keep unfurled to the air (around Hawkinsville) the banner of Pythianism.

GLENWOOD, May 24th.—I reached Glenwood Friday evening at 4 o'clock, and was met by Sir Wm. Frazier, who conducted me to his residence, where I was pleasantly situated until time to repair to the Castle Hall of Champion Lodge No. 50. The attendance was small, but the lecture was well received. The members were a little dull on the ritualistic ceremonies. The lodge is

in fairly good condition, though there is considerable room for improvement. After a pleasant stay among the good people of Glenwood, I left next morning at 11:50 for McRae, my next appointment.

McRAE, May 25th.—On my arrival I had a little difficulty in finding the Chancellor Commander, who expected me on a later train. Soon, however, I was comfortably quartered in the home of Sir Crawford. At night we assembled at the Castle Hall, where I met a full attendance of the members of Olive Branch Lodge No. 63. The lecture was received as instruction to them, they being very well posted on the signs and raps. The lodge is in fairly good condition. Olive Branch is a young lodge, composed of an intelligent set of members, and is, therefore, destined to long life.

After the lecture we repaired to the house of Sir Crawford, where refreshments of various kinds were copiously served. All ate heartily and seemed to rejoice in the fact that they were Pythians. In the deep stillness of the night, I sneaked away to my couch and fell into the arms of Morpheus.

After spending a pleasant Sunday in McRae, I left Monday morning at 10:57 for Lumber City, my next stop.

LUMBER CITY, May 27th.—At the depot I was met by Sir Knight D. C. McDuffie, who took me to the home of Sir Rawles, which had been selected for my boarding place. During the day I was called on by M. J. Reynolds, Grand Outer Guard. Sir Reynolds was in good spirits and chatted of the work of his lodge.

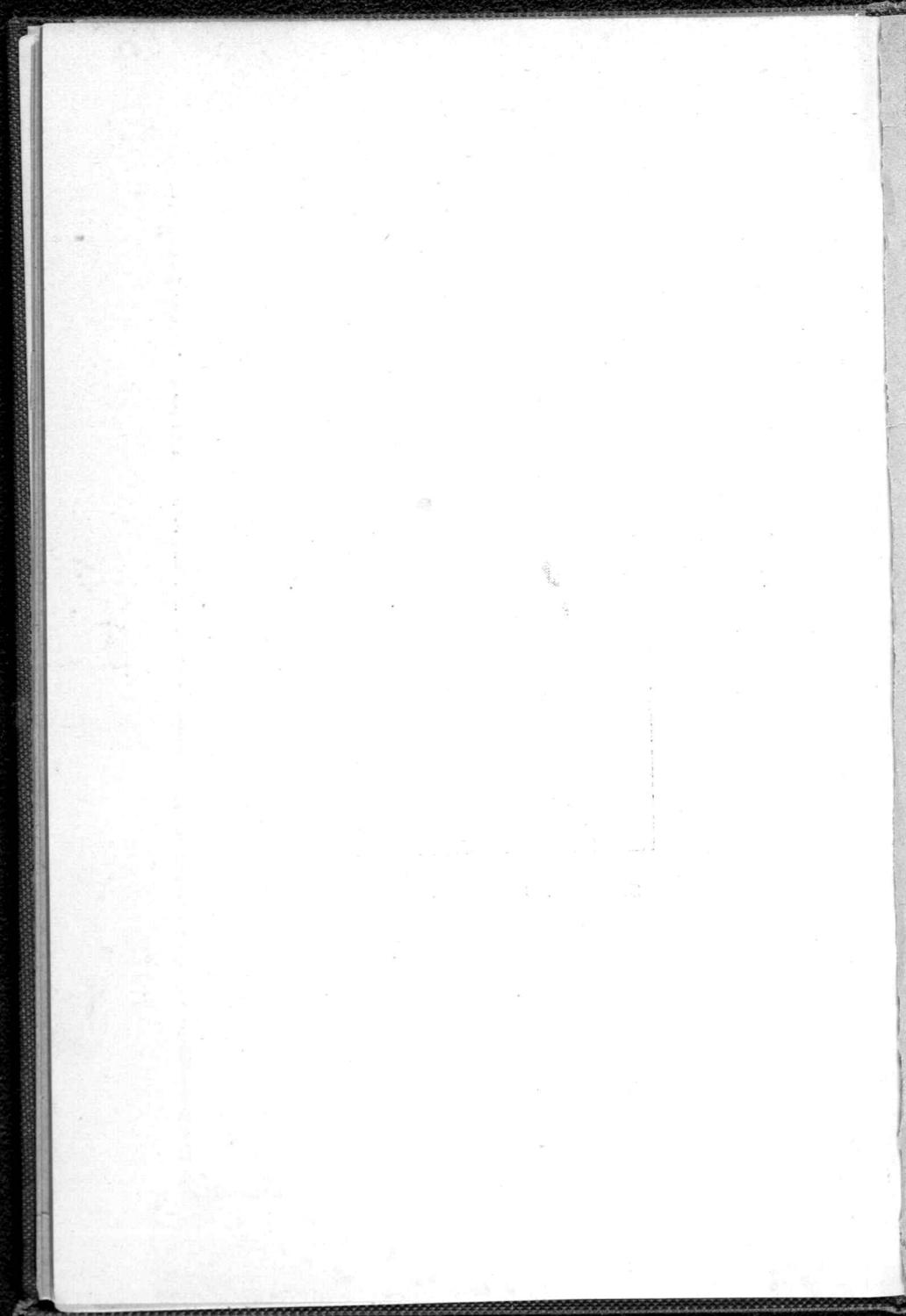
At night, in company with Sir Reynolds, I repaired to the Castle Hall of Ocmulgee Lodge No. 26, where I met the major part of its membership. No where on my tour was more enthusiasm manifested than was by the members of Ocmulgee Lodge, though they were a little rusty on the signs and raps, otherwise the lodge is in mediocre condition. After the lecture the committee on reception prepared the table, which was fraught with eatables too numerous to mention. I left next morning at 11:15 for Hazlehurst, my next appointment.

HAZLEHURST, May 28th.—On my arrival I was met by Sir Littles, C. C., who conducted me to the well-equipped and thriving business place of Sir R. C. Chaney, who still takes rank among the hustling deputies of Georgia. Sir Chaney was jovial and in good humor. He talked freely of the state work, after which he took me to his beautiful residence, where we devoured with avidity the dainty meal prepared by the trained hand of his good madam. The inclemency of the weather precluded me from meeting the full membership of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 33. Those present were drifted to a state of ecstasy during the lecture, though they were a little dull on the signs. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, having purchased a beautiful lot upon which they will soon begin the erection of their Castle Hall. After spending the night with Sir Little, I left next morning for Baxley, my next point.

BAXLEY, May 29th.—I was met at the depot by that affable Sir Knight, Rev. W. J. Hamilton, and conducted to his home, where I was made to feel that I was at a Pythian's home. At night we assembled in the county court



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house, the present meeting place of Maceo Lodge No. 40. The attendance was fair and the lecture well received, though the members were a little off on the signs and raps. The lodge is in good shape, having already begun the construction of a commodious Castle Hall upon their own ground. I left next morning at 12:08 for Brunswick, my next appointment.

BRUNSWICK, May 30th.—I reached Brunswick Thursday evening and was met by that unselfish and intrepid Sir Knight, C. A. Shaw, and escorted to the lovely home of Sir H. B. Garnett, kept by his amiable and talented companion, who provided for my every comfort. At night, in company with Sir Shaw, we repaired to the Castle Hall of Atlantic Lodge No. 7, and Pythagoras Lodge No. 17, where the majority of the members of both lodges awaited my arrival. The lecture was enjoyed and pronounced by many as the most instructive they ever heard. The members were well up on everything appertaining to the ritualistic work, but a little off on the signs. Both lodges are in a flourishing condition as to finance and membership, and in point of intelligence they constitute the brain and character of Brunswick.

After a very pleasant stay in the city I left next morning at 8:30, accompanied by Grand Deputy, Sir C. A. Clark, on the steamer Hessie for St. Simons, my next point.

ST. SIMONS MILL, May 31st.—At the dock we were met by Sir Peterson, who escorted Deputy Clark and myself to the home of Sir Knight, where we were pleasantly situated, despite the continuous rainfall. Later, Sir Clark becoming suddenly indisposed, was impelled to leave on the 4 o'clock steamer, much to our regret, as Sir Clark was the prince of companions to us—one rarely to be found,—but we bowed with alacrity to the will of "Him who doeth all things well." Despite the incessant rain, a large audience gathered at the academy to witness a public lecture on the fundamental principles of the order, after which we assembled in the Castle Hall of Wesley Oak Lodge No. 58, where I imparted the necessary instructions. The members were enthused and well up. Wesley Oak is a new lodge, set up through the efforts of Deputy Grand Chancellor Clark, but has already drunken deep of his amiable qualities, in that they have evinced unmistakable symptoms of being abreast with the advancing spirit of the age, and is thereby destined to long life. I left next morning on the steamer Hessie for Darien, my next point.

DARIEN, June 1st.—At the dock I was met by that genial and loyal Sir Knight, Jas. L. Grant, who immediately conveyed me to his well-furnished home, presided over by the cultured and famous Mrs. Jas. L. Grant, a teacher of high rank in the Darien public schools and a prominent officer of the Grand Court of Georgia. Sir Jas. L. Grant, C. C., thought best to defer the meeting until Sunday morning, for the reason that a greater number of the members could be secured, to which I readily consented, thus enabling me to take a much-needed rest. On Sunday morning, as per appointment, the members of McIntosh Lodge No. 11 assembled for instruction. The meeting was short, but enthusiastic. The members were very well posted and the lodge is in fairly good shape, considering the famous race riots that have

occurred there. The lodge has been held together chiefly through the efforts of Sir J. L. Grant, C. C., and Sir R. W. Collins, Grand Deputy. I left at 11:15 for Savannah, my next appointment.

SAVANNAH, June 3d.—I reached Savannah Sunday evening at 2:15. A change in the schedule of the trains caused me to miss Sir T. James Davis, who was enroute to the train to meet me. Taking a hack, I drove to the home of Sir F. M. Cohen, G. M. of E, who directed me to the home of Sir J. J. Bolden, where immense preparations in the way of eatables had been made for my coming. His good lady withheld nothing that would satiate our hunger. Sir Davis, on hearing of my arrival, immediately repaired to Sir Bolden's. Sir Davis was, as usual, affable and in good cheer. He talked pleasantly of the state work, after which he and Sir Bolden took us for a stroll around the city, visiting many prominent places and finishing up at church for the night. After church Sir Bolden conveyed me to the dormitory of ex-Grand Chancellor Sir Davis, who was to be my bed fellow while I was in the city.

We were shown all around the city on Monday by Sirs Davis and Bolden and Miss Fleming, of the Tribune (a relative of mine), until late Monday evening. I was called on by ex-Supreme Chancellor, Sir J. C. Ross, "The noblest Roman of them all." At night, in company with Sirs Ross and Davis, we repaired to Odd Fellows' Hall, where I greeted a large concourse of the members of Crescent Lodge No. 2 and Olympia Lodge No. 10, assembled in joint session. Both lodges were well represented. The Sirs were very well up along ritualistic lines. The lecture was richly received, and declared by many to be the ablest and most instructive that the lodge ever received. Both lodges are in a prospering condition, financially, with a continuously augmented membership.

After the lecture we repaired to another department, where the reception committee had prepared refreshments of various kind in honor of your humble servant, who devoured with avidity the contents of the table, the other Sirs emulating my example.

In the minor watches of the night, Sir T. James Davis led me away to his dormitory, where I peacefully reposed in the arms of Morpheus until dawn. Elated with my visit to Savannah, I left at 7:50 Tuesday morning for Augusta.

AUGUSTA, June 4th.—On my arrival I was met by Sir Knight A. J. Gentile, C. C., who escorted me to the home of a Sir Knight, where I was comfortably quartered. Sir Gentile conducted me to the business place of Sir Dugas, which, by the way, is the leading undertaker's establishment of the city. Sir Dugas is a genial Knight of energy and thrift, Sir Dent following close behind. At night, in company with Sir Gentile, we repaired to the Castle Hall of Fidelity Lodge No. 1, where I greeted almost its entire membership; prominent among them was Sir Dr. G. N. Stoney.

The attendance was large and the meeting enthusiastic. While the members were a little off on the signs and raps, they greatly enjoyed the lecture, unanimously pronouncing it to be the brightest and the best that

they ever heard. Under the astute leadership of Sir Gentile as C. C., the lodge is forging ahead. In the deep hush of the night I slipped away to my abode to await an early train for Milledgeville, my next stop; but to our regret the train left us next morning, this being the only point I failed to reach. After spending the day pleasantly with Sir Dr. G. N. Stoney, whose guest I was, I left at 3:45 p. m. for Atlanta.

ATLANTA, June 6.—On reaching Atlanta I was met by that genial and hustling Sir Knight, Dr. H. R. Butler, G. M. R., who conducted me to his beautiful and costly residence, situated on East Auburn avenue and presided over by his talented and accomplished companion, the princess of tidy house-keepers. The Dr., too, was in good spirit, as usual, and chatted interestingly of the work of the order.

During the afternoon the Dr. took me for a drive over the principal parts of the city, where it was my exquisite pleasure to meet many of its prominent citizens, and to see many of its time-honored institutions. At night, in company with Sir Butler, we repaired to the Odd Fellows' Hall, where awaiting my arrival were the members of Eureka Lodges No. 6, Richard Allen No. 15, and Zenith No. 59. I was received with appropriate grand honors, after which the Chancellor Commander of Richard Allen Lodge delivered the gavel to me. The attendance was large, all three lodges being well represented. The meeting was enthusiastic, and the lecture was supremely enjoyed by all, though the members were a little off on the signs and raps.

The lodges are in a flourishing condition, and while Zenith is a new lodge, set up through the efforts of Grand Deputy Butler, it is fast wending its way to the front, having continuously increased its membership since its organization. After a pleasing and profitable stay with the brave and loyal Knights of the Gate City, I left Friday morning at 7:45 for Macon, my next appointment.

MACON, June 7th.—On my arrival I was met by our worthy and efficient Grand Chancellor, Sir C. D. Creswill, who conducted me to his neat and cozy residence, situated on Wise avenue and under the control of his beautiful and inestimable wife, who arranged every minute detail to make it comfortable for me and my dear wife, who joined me at this point. At night Sir Creswill and I journeyed to the first Baptist church, where I greeted an immense number of brave and gallant Knights, consisting of the major part of the membership of Keystone Lodges No. 5, Defiance No. 13, Defender No. 29, Pericles No. 39, De Horton No. 51 and Armour No. 64. After being received with appropriate grand honors, the gavel was surrendered to me by Grand Deputy Martin. The meeting was enthusiastic and the lecture well received, many declaring it to be the ablest they ever experienced. The members were very well up on signs and grips. Some of the members of Armour lodge were exceptionally bright. The lodges are in a prospering condition along all lines.

Armour lodge, though recently organized, has already doubled in membership. Macon may well be styled the Pythian City of Georgia, since it

continues to lead the others in membership and in the number of lodges.

After a pleasant and enviable visit to the Pythians of the Central City, and especially at the home of Sir Creswill, I reluctantly left Monday morning at 11 o'clock for Columbus, my next point.

COLUMBUS, June 10th.—At the depot I was met by that venerable Sir Knight, T. S. Price, who conducted me to his spacious and comfortable residence, where his amiable wife and daughter had made preparations to receive me. My dormitory was adjacent to Price's Normal and Industrial School, of which Sir Price is its efficient principal. The school is well equipped, and is one of the best in the state. During the afternoon I called upon Grand Master W. E. Terry, of the Masons, whom I found sick in his home, but was gradually convalescing.

At night we assembled in the Castle Hall of King Solomon Lodge No. 16, in joint session with St. Paul Lodges No. 20 and Lincoln No. 53. The three lodges were well represented. The meeting was spirited, and intense interest was shown in the lecture. The members were a little rusty on the signs. Grand Deputy C. W. Oliver reported the three lodges to be progressing along other lines.

LUMPKIN, June 11th.—I reached Lumpkin Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock from Columbus, and was met by Sir J. C. Daniels, who conveyed me to his new residence, where I was soon made to feel at home by his affable and cultured wife. At night we repaired to the Castle Hall of Evergreen Lodge No. 61, where I greeted the majority of its members. They consist of an intelligent set of gallant Knights. The lecture was well received, being the first the lodge has had. The members were considerably off on the signs, grips, raps and pass words. The lodge is in fairly good condition, financially, with a gradually increasing membership. I left next morning at 11:37 for Americus, my next point.

AMERICUS, June 12th.—Despite the heavy rain-fall I was met at the depot by the reception committee, consisting of Sirs J. Lott, P. C., W. J. Walker, C. C., Oriental Lodge, J. H. Dismuke, D. G. C., and J. W. Russell, G. V. C. Sir Dismuke conducted me to his comfortable dwelling, presided over by the queen of good cooks. During the afternoon I was called upon by Sir Russell, G. V. C., who was in good spirits and talked good naturedly of the prospects of the order. Sir Russell is one of the prospering business men of Americus. At night we repaired to the Odd Fellows' Hall, where, in spite of the incessant rain-fall, a goodly number of the members of Star Lodge No. 8 and Oriental Lodge No. 38 had met in joint session to receive the lecture. Prominent among them were Sirs Russell and B. W. Warren, ex-V. G. C. The meeting was enthusiastic, and the lecture was pronounced to be the most interesting and instructive they ever received. They were well up in everything. The lodges are flourishing, Oriental having within six months almost doubled its membership. Star increased accordingly. Both lodges are composed of all the negro brain of Americus.

LEESBURG, June 13th.—Here I met the most enthusiastic set of Knights

in the state. Out of a total membership of 22, 21 presented themselves for whatever instructions the Grand Lecturer had to impart. The Sirs were bright and intelligent, though a little rusty on the signs. Providence Lodge No. 54 is in good shape, having purchased the ground upon which they will soon erect their own Castle Hall. After the lecture, refreshments were abundantly served and greedily devoured. In the stillness of the night I sneaked away to my dormitory, there to remain until time to board the train for Cuthbert, my next point.

CUTHBERT, June 14th.—On my arrival I was met by Sir Dye, who conducted me to the elegant home of sister Crelanthe Clarke, where I was assigned to comfortable quarters. There, also, I met my old friend, Sir Knight A. L. Roseborough, who is president of Payne's Institute, and a Sir Knight of marked ability. At night we repaired to the lodge room, where I met a goodly number of the members of Pride of Randolph Lodge No. 37. The meeting was enthusiastic and the Sirs well up on the ritualistic work, but a little dull on the signs and raps. The lecture was highly received. The lodge is in good condition, having more than doubled its membership since our last grand session. The members are active and intelligent, and possess that stamina which will keep alive the present Pythian spirit. Elated over my visit to Cuthbert, the Athens of South Georgia, I left Sunday morning at 11:15 for Dawson, my next appointment.

DAWSON, June 16th.—On my arrival I was met at the depot by Grand Deputies Reaves and Escridge, J. T. Brooks K. of R. & S., and Sir C. A. Scott, C. C., who conducts a successful hack line. At once Sir Scott conveyed me to his lovely home, where elaborate preparations had been made for my reception.

At 4 o'clock we repaired to the Castle Hall of Vashti Lodge No. 35, where I greeted the majority of its members, who seemed to be loyal and brave. Prominent among them was our very efficient Grand' Keeper of Records and Seal. The meeting was short, but spirited. The lecture was well received, though the members were a little off on the signs and raps. The lodge is in a healthy condition along all lines. Sir E. J. Mathews, G. K. of R. & S., being the prime mover, seconded by Sirs Escridge and Reaves. Chancellor Commander C. A. Scott is a Knight of fine calibre. I left next morning at 12:50 for Albany, my next point.

ALBANY, June 17th.—At the depot I was met by that affable and genial Sir Knight, Dr. R. E. Grier, Grand Deputy, and conducted to the spacious and beautiful residence of Sir Knight, Prof. W. C. Greene, presided over by his amiable companion, who spared no pains to see that I was comfortably situated. At night I was escorted to the lodge room by Sir W. C. Greene, where I greeted a goodly number of the members of Artesian Lodge No. 18. The meeting was enthusiastic and the lecture well received. The members were well up on signs, raps and grips. Artesian lodge is in good shape, both as to finance and membership. In scope of liberality and intelligence, Artesian lodge stands abreast with any lodge in the jurisdiction. After a pleasing and profitable stay with the gallant and hospitable Knights of the Arte-

sian City, I left next morning at 7:35 via Bainbridge for Donaldsonville, my next point.

DONALDSONVILLE, June 29th.—By some misunderstanding I was not met at the depot; but after strolling a little distance down the street I was recognized by Sir Stephen Jackson, who, being aware of my coming, took me to his residence a little distance away, where I was made comfortable until time to repair to the lodge room. At night I met Thornton Lodge No. 49. The attendance was mediocre. The lecture was well received, but the members were a little rusty along ritualistic lines. The lodge is in fairly good shape as to membership, but its treasury is depleted, caused by the negligence of the members in paying their dues. I left at 1:15 a. m. for Brinson, my next point.

BRINSON, June 30th.—At the depot I was met by P. C. Sir W. C. Thomas, who conducted me to his dormitory some distance away, where I reposed until 8:30 a. m. o'clock, that being the hour appointed for the lecture. In the Castle Hall of Spring Creek Lodge No. 57 I found awaiting my arrival a large concourse of gallant Sirs. The meeting was enthusiastic and the members animated. The lecture was received with alacrity, it being the first they ever received. The members were well up on the signs and raps. The lodge is well officered and under good control. It is, therefore, in a flourishing condition, due chiefly to the untiring efforts of Sir W. C. Thomas, P. C. I left at 12:05 for Bainbridge, my last appointment.

BAINBRIDGE, July 1st.—On Monday night a special meeting of Lucullus Lodge No. 45 was called for me to make them my annual visit. At 8:30 o'clock I repaired to the lodge room, where I found awaiting my arrival a large concourse of gallant Sirs. The meeting was lively and much interest was shown throughout. The members were well up on the ritualistic work, and in the examination they were found to be nearly perfect on signs, grips and raps. The lodge is in a healthy condition, having doubled its membership since the last grand session.

The above is submitted in F. C. & B. G. R. Hutto, Grand Lecturer.



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### Report of Committee on Credentials.

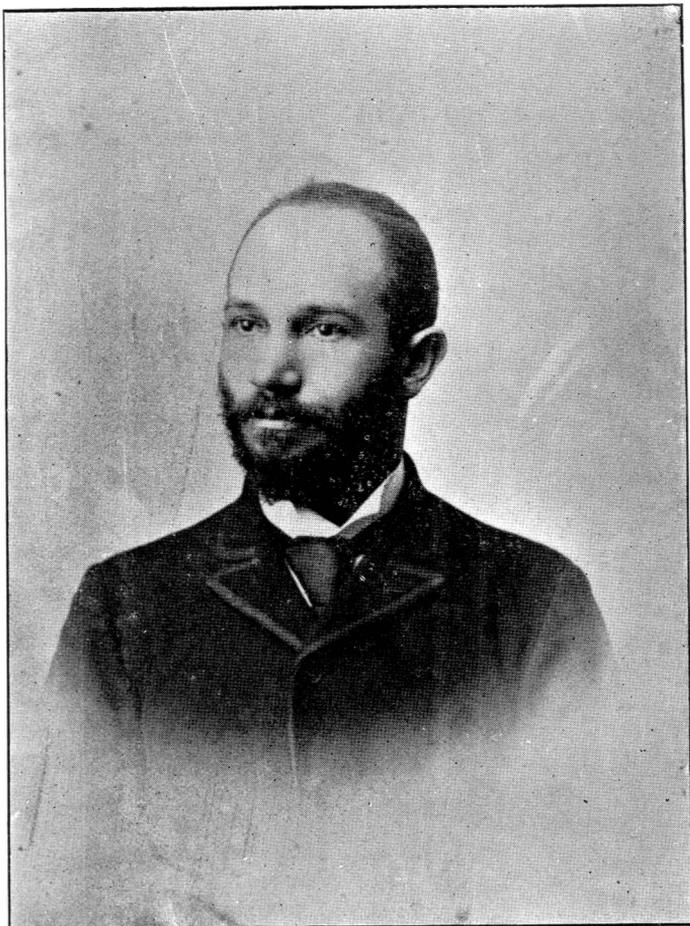
BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 9th, 1901.—To the Grand Lodge K. of P., Jurisdiction of Ga., Greeting: We, your committee on credentials, find the following grand representatives duly elected and entitled to seats in this body:

- Fidelity, No. 1, Augusta—A. J. Gentile.  
 Crescent, No. 2, Savannah—L. S. Parks.  
 Keystone, No. 5, Macon—J. G. Perry.  
 Eureka, No. 6, Atlanta—L. E. Wise.  
 Atlantic, No. 7, Brunswick—E. A. Davis.  
 Star, No. 8, Americus—B. W. Warren.  
 Olympia, No. 10, Savannah, F. J. Hilton.  
 McIntosh, No. 11, Darien, ———.  
 Defiance, No. 13, Macon—Henry Wynn, Jr.  
 Richard Allen, No. 14, Atlanta—Dr. H. R. Butler.  
 King Solomon, No. 16, Columbus—A. L. Lockett.  
 Pythagoras, No. 17, Brunswick—L. V. Kellogg.  
 Artesian, No. 18, Albany—W. T. Ellis.  
 St. Paul, No. 20, Columbus—John W. McRae.  
 Enterprise, No. 21, Tifton—A. A. Hardy.  
 Rathbone, No. 22, Cordele—E. B. Barco.  
 Damon, No. 23, Thomasville—Thomas F. Gray.  
 Pythias, No. 24, Valdosta—Robt. R. Wright.  
 Stringer, No. 25, Hawkinsville—W. D. Savage.  
 Ocmulgee, No. 26, Lumber City—J. S. Reynolds.  
 Oconee, No. 27, Eastman, ———.  
 Defender, No. 29, Macon—Geo. H. Griswold.  
 Progress, No. 31, Asbburn—J. H. Hillman.  
 Ivanhoe, No. 33, Hazlehurst—R. C. Chaney.  
 Friendship, No. 34, Arabi—J. D. Ayers.  
 Vashti, No. 35, Dawson—W. S. Reeves.  
 Excelsior, No. 36, Rochelle—Wm. Marsh.  
 Pride of Randolph, No. 37, Cuthbert—H. T. Ansley.  
 Oriental, No. 38, Americus—Willie J. Lotte.  
 Pericles, No. 39, Macon—W. H. Irving.  
 Maceo, No. 40, Baxley—J. J. Freeman.  
 Antonio, No. 41, Nicholls—G. S. Statton.  
 Good Hope, No. 43, McDonalds—O. C. Carter.  
 Lucullus, No. 45, Bainbridge—G. R. Hutto.  
 Loyal, No. 47, Milledgeville—A. B. Randolph.  
 Colquitt Enterprise, No. 48, Moultrie—T. T. Thompson.  
 Thornton, No. 49, Donaldsonville—J. H. Wooten.  
 Champion, No. 50, Glenwood, ———.  
 DeHorton, No. 51, East Macon—T. J. M. F. Greene.

Attucks, No. 52, Abbeville, ———  
 Lincoln, No. 53, Columbus—E. J. Turner.  
 Providence, No. 54, Leesburg—J. R. LeRoy.  
 Prosperity, No. 55, Wright—S. M. Albritton.  
 Diligent, No. 56, Fort Gaines, ———  
 Spring Creek, No. 57, Brinson—J. A. Alexander.  
 Wesley Oak, No. 58, St. Simon's Mills—Godfrey R. Jackson.  
 Zenith, No. 59, Atlanta - R. H. Hall.  
 Dionysius, No. 60, Quitman—S. E. Monroe.  
 Evergreen, No. 61, Lumpkin—J. C. Daniels.  
 Magnolia, No. 62, Fitzgerald, ———  
 Olive Branch, No. 63, McRea - G. B. Ryals.  
 Armor, No. 64, Macon—J. H. Hall.  
 Ocilla, No. 65, Ocilla—J. H. Hill.  
 Magic City, No. 66, Cordele—M. C. Bryant.  
 Union Hope, No. 67, Vienna—E. D. Gulley.

We recommend the following for the Past Chancellor's degree, their certificates being regular and in conformity to law :

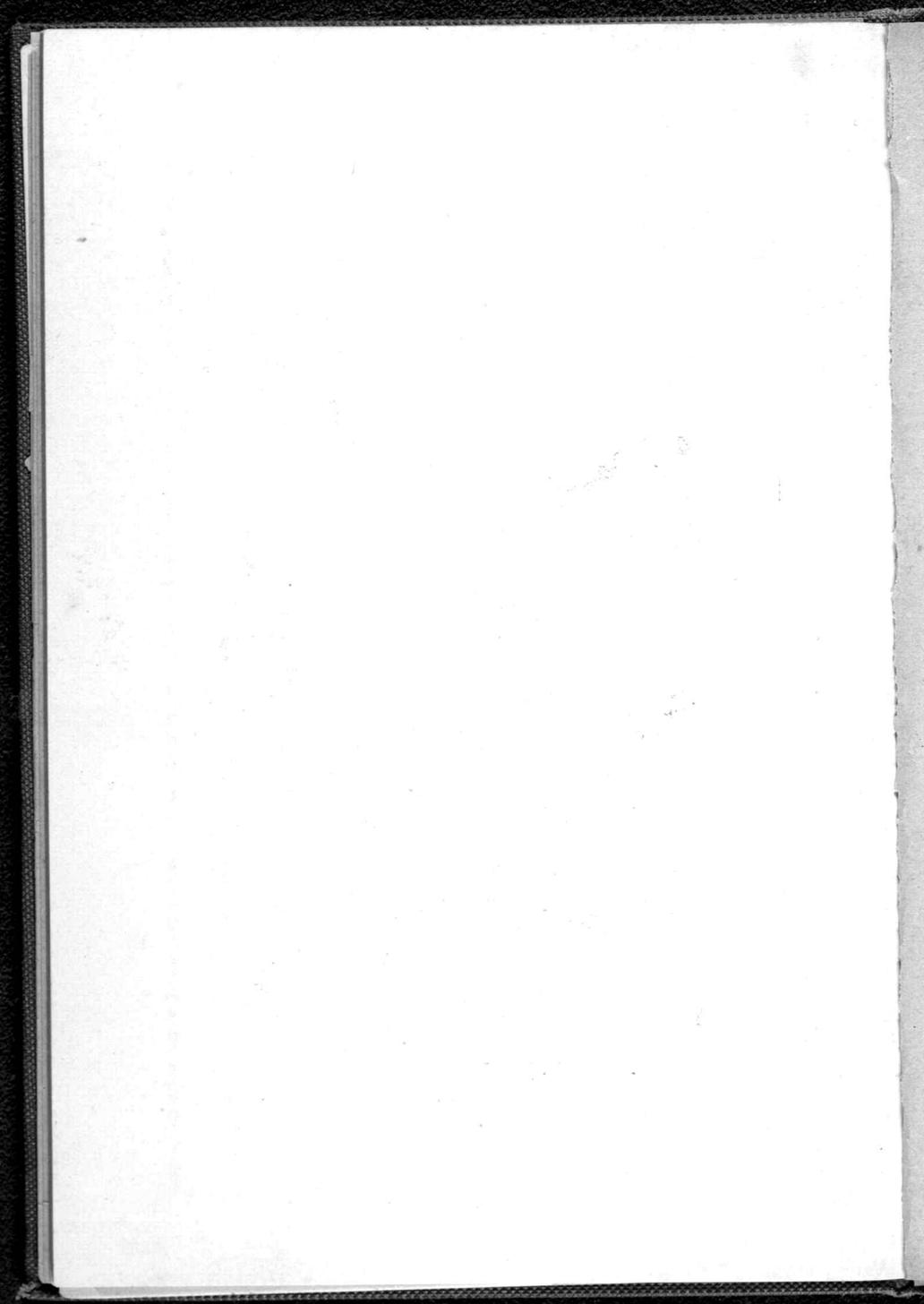
E. E. Lyons from Crescent No. 2.  
 F. M. Smith, J. C. Atkinson, M. D., from Keystone No. 5.  
 D. E. Barnum, T. Bennett, M. C. Hawkins from Star No. 8.  
 J. J. Corbin from Defiance No. 13.  
 A. Ramsey from Richard Allen No. 14. ✓  
 W. N. Neal from Enterprise No. 21. ✓  
 Jas. Montgomery, Thos. F. Gray from Damon No. 23. ✓  
 I. S. Stafford, M. D., from Pythias No. 24.  
 Geo. H. Griswold from Defender No. 29.  
 J. H. Hillman from Progress No. 31.  
 W. J. Ayers from Friendship No. 34.  
 C. A. Scott, H. S. Smith from Vashti No. 35.  
 Robert Thomas from Pericles No. 39.  
 J. J. Freeman from Maceo No. 40.  
 Oliver Reid, G. S. Statham from Antonia No. 41.  
 W. F. Thornton, H. B. Collins, T. G. Young, Willie Young, Thos. Williams, Arthur Kendrick from Lucullus No. 45.  
 T. T. Thompson from Colquitt Enterprise No. 48.  
 H. L. Larkins, J. H. Wooten from Thornton No. 49.  
 T. J. M. F. Greene, Willie Little, T. B. Irvin from DeHorton No. 51.  
 Dr. E. J. Turner from Lincoln No. 53.  
 J. R. Leroy from Providence No. 54.  
 S. M. Albritton from Prosperity No. 55.  
 J. A. Alexander from Spring Creek No. 57.  
 Rev. G. R. Jackson, Jas. S. Petterson Wesley Oak No. 58.  
 J. R. Hall, J. H. Ramsey from Zenith No. 59.  
 Rev. G. W. Butler, S. E. Monroe, W. L. McAfee from Dionysius No. 60.  
 J. C. Daniels, W. W. Overby from Evergreen No. 61.



DR. H. R. BUTLER, G. M. R.

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G. B. Ryals from Olive Branch No. 63.  
 J. H. Hall from Armor No. 64.  
 M. C. Bryant from Magic City No. 66.  
 Rev. E. D. Gully from Union Hope No. 67.

In F. C. & B.

E. J. MATHEWS, Chairman,  
 F. M. COHEN,  
 A. L. LOCKETT,

Committee.

### Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 10th, 1901.—To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, in convention assembled:

ART. I. Having carefully examined the Grand Chancellor's recommendations in his able and instructive address, we hereby heartily recommend that the following be adopted and that they become laws of our order. Namely,

ART. I. That the emergency assessment continue as it is for another year.

ART. II. Members coming from another jurisdiction be received into our various lodges subject to regulation of our present endowment law regarding new members.

ART. III. The membership having increased from 1,300 to 2,400 and the officers performing the respective duties of G. K. of R. & S. and G. M. of E. having devoted so much of their time in the conscientious performance of their duty, we unreservedly recommend that the salaries of the above named officers be increased so as to read \$200 and \$150 respectively and G. C. read \$250.

ART. IV. We recommend that the recommendations of the G. M. R. be adopted, to-wit: That the present medical certificates be continued, but that in placing another order for medical certificates blank spaces be provided for at the top of said certificates for name, number and location of lodges.

ART. V. We further recommend that the G. C. and G. K. of R. & S. provide as soon as practicable said blanks for lodges' use.

ART. VI. We also recommend that the By-Laws and Constitution coming from St. Paul Lodge No. 20, Columbus, Ga., be adopted by the striking out of Sec. 3 of Art. III, and that Sec. 2 of Art. IV shall conform to the law as laid down in Supreme Lodge Laws, governing subordinate lodges.

ART. VII. We further recommend that all lodges at present using old rituals shall discard them and get new rituals, thereby complying with law.

ART. VIII. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with these are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & B.

DR. H. RUTHERFORD BUTLER, Chairman,  
 C. A. CLARK,  
 DR. T. JAMES DAVIS, Secretary.

### Report of Committee on Resolutions.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 10th, 1901.—To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge K. of P. of Ga.: We, your committee on resolutions and motions, recommend the following resolutions for adoption: That of Sir Jno. McRea of St. Paul Lodge No. 20.

We also recommend for adoption resolution of Grand Medical Register Dr. Butler of Richard Allen No 14.

J. J. BOLEN, Chairman,  
W. T. ELLIS,  
E. J. TURNER, Secretary.

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### RESOLUTIONS.

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Resolved 1st. That in towns and cities where there are one or more lodges that no dispensation be granted any one of said lodges while a convention is open in said city; provided the convention does not complete its work in 90 days, in which event dispensations may be granted to any or all lodges in said city applying for the same.

Resolved 2nd. That the law requesting all medical certificates to be recorded in the Grand Medical Register's office before a candidate is initiated be more rigidly enforced; for the reason that as some lodges initiate and then report men beyond the age limit, they are liable to get in and other physical exceptions might be over looked.

Resolved 3rd. That under no circumstances shall the price of admitting members under a dispensation be less than that admitting them into an order through a convention; and in order that the lodges may have a uniform scale to work by throughout the grand jurisdiction, be it further

Resolved 4th. That to be admitted into the order of Knights of Pythias of N. S. E. A. A. and A., of the Jurisdiction of Ga., through a convention or under a dispensation, the fee in each case be (\$4 75) four dollars and seventy-five cents; and that while working without a dispensation all lodges shall be guided, in admitting applicants, by the law as set forth in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, page 51, Article IX, Section 1, which is as follows:

Fee for Page's Rank.....	\$ 3.00
Fee for Esquire's Rank .....	2.50
Fee for Knight's Rank .....	2.50

Resolved 5th. That when lodges apply for dispensations for a number of days, 30, 60 or 90 days, as the case may be, that at end of said time the lodges return said dispensation to the Grand Chancellor.

Resolved 6th. That the Grand Lodge at once furnish each lodge and D. G. C. with a card containing the fees for admitting applicants under dispensations during conventions and when working without dispensations.

Resolved 7th. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with these resolutions are hereby repealed.

H. R. BUTLER, M. D.

COLUMBUS, GA., July 6th, 1901.—To the Grand Lodge of Georgia: Whereas, there is no way of knowing the Grand Chancellor's decision that he may make during the absence of the Grand Lodge, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor shall report all of his decisions in writing to the Grand Lodge, and the same to be published on the Grand Lodge Minutes each year hereafter, together with a copy of the appeals in each case decided by him during his term of office.

Respectfully in F. C. & B.,

JOHN W. McREA, St. Paul Lodge No. 20.

### Finance Committee's Report.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 10th, 1901.—To the Grand Lodge of Ga., greeting: The committee on finances beg to submit the following report, to-wit: We have carefully examined the books of the G. C., G. M. of E., G. K. of R. & S. and the G. M. R. We commend them for the manner in which they have kept their books and the business methods adopted to facilitate the business of the Grand Lodge. We find their accounts correct in every particular, which show endowment receipts \$8,351.25; expenses \$7,975; net balance \$376.25. For supplies and per capita tax \$1,742.64; expenses \$1,287.10; balance \$455.54.

\* We also find the G. M. R's report shows that he has examined 985 certificates, and as the law gives 10 cents for each certificate examined we recommend his bill be paid.

Respectfully your committee,

A. JAY GENTILE,  
W. H. IRVIN,  
J. C. ROSS, Chairman.

### Report of Committee on State of the Order.

To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge K. of P. in session at Bainbridge, Ga., July 8th, 9th and 10th, 1901: We, your committee on state of the order, beg to submit our report. Searching the records since the last report, ending June, 1900, we find there are now in the state 54 lodges in good standing (55 in all, one suspended).

Present number membership 2,400 up to date. We find only one death claim upon Grand Lodge Roster unpaid (July 10, 1901). We find receipts from all sources, including cash balances from last term, \$10,093.89; disbursements from all sources, \$9,262.10; leaving a net balance on hand in both departments, \$831.79.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

R. E. GRIER, Chairman,  
W. S. REEVES,  
E. W. RHODES, Secretary.

### Report of Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

To the Grand Chancellor, officers and members of G. L., K. of P. Jurisdiction of Georgia: We, your committee on dispensations and charters, beg to make our report.

After carefully examining the books of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals we find that 20 dispensations have been granted at a cost of \$92.00. We also find that the following charters have been granted to new lodges:

October 3, 1900, Zenith No. 59, Atlanta, \$26.60.  
 October 12, 1900, Dionysius No. 60, Quitman, \$26.60.  
 December 4, 1900, Evergreen No. 61, Lumpkin, \$26.60.  
 December 8, 1900, Magnolia No. 62, Fitzgerald, \$26.60.  
 December 10, 1900, Olive Branch No. 63, McRea, \$26.60.  
 February 5, 1901, Armor No. 64, Macon, \$26.60.  
 February 26, 1901, Ocella No. 65, Ocella, \$26.60.  
 March 19, 1901, Magic City No. 66, Cordele, \$26.60.  
 June 29, 1901, Union Hope No. 67, Vienna, \$26.60.  
 Total \$239.40.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & B.,

J. R. THORNTON, Chairman,  
 M. C. HAWKINS,  
 J. R. HALL.

### Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

(1) —L. W. Paden vs. G. C's. Decision.—

Cause—Misappropriating "Crouch's claim."

After careful investigation your committee finds the Grand Chancellor's decision valid, and recommend his decision to be sustained; that L. W. Paden be suspended for ninety-nine years. (Adopted).

(2) —J. H. Smith vs. Lucullus No. 45.—

In this case, owing to irregularities arising from his failure to have his withdrawal card accompanied with the dollar fee and not sending it within six months, it becomes null and void, and that he will have to apply as a new member. (Adopted).

(3) —J. T. Coleman vs. St. Paul No. 20.—

Recommend the sustaining of G. C's. decision in sustaining the action of said lodge, and that the brother be restored by payment of dues and fines. (Adopted).

(4) —Stuart Brown vs. Dr. H. R. Butler, D. G. C.—

Whereas, the said Stuart Brown is found guilty of the charges against him, but having offered humble apologies to Dr. H. R. Butler, and by him

accepted, with the proviso that the same be made in the presence of the Grand Lodge, your committee recommends the restoration of said Stuart Brown and the payment by him of a fine of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) into the treasury of the Grand Lodge. (Adopted).

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(5) —L. M. Pleasant vs. Crescent No. 2.—

Appeal by Dr. T. J. Davis withdrawn. Brothers Pleasant and Davis met and gave the true Pythian clasp of hands. We recommend that the same cordial hand shaking be observed between Brothers Pleasant and Russell Harper at the first regular (convenient) meeting of their lodge after the adjournment of this Grand Session. (Adopted).

C. A. SHAW, Chairman,  
B. W. WAEN,  
G. R. HUTTO,  
Committee.

R. L. FLETCHER, Marshal,  
E. D. GULLY, Sec'y. to Com.

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#### Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Grand Chancellor, officers and members of the G. L. of Ga: We, your committee on foreign correspondence, beg leave to submit the following report:

After careful investigation we find only one foreign correspondence, that of the Jurisdiction of the State of Missouri. We recommend that this Grand Lodge accept the cordial greeting of said Jurisdiction, and that a copy of the G. C's. address be furnished as requested.

Very respectfully yours in F. C. & B.,

J. D. AYRES, Chairman,  
M. C. DAVIES,  
J. C. DANIELS,  
Committee.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM G. L. OF MISSOURI.

2619 LUCAS AVE., ST. LOUIS, June 29, 1901.—To the Grand Chancellor, officers and members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Georgia:

##### GREETINGS.

In the name of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Missouri, I wish to extend to you all a fraternal greeting, and beg of your honorable body a copy of the Grand Chancellor's address.

Wishing you a pleasant and successful meeting, I am, yours in F. C. & B.,

B. J. CARUTHERS, Chairman,  
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

### Report of Committee on Printing.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 10th, 1901.—To the G. C., officers and members of the Grand Lodge: We, your committee on printing, beg leave to submit the following report:

After a careful examination of the books of the Grand Master of Exchequer we find that the following have been paid out for printing: \$182.30.

We recommend that the minutes of this session be printed and distributed to the lodges within 90 days after adjournment.

We recommend the Brunswick Herald as the official organ of this Grand Lodge.

We further recommend that the Darien Spectator print the minutes of this G. L. session.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & B.,

J. W. ROBERTS, Chairman,  
S. E. MONROE,  
M. C. BRYANT.

### Report of Committee on Obituary.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 9th, 1901.—We, your committee on obituary, beg leave to make the following report: We find since our last session 34 have dropped out of our ranks and have gone to their rewards, we pray, on high, viz:

Wm. Starks, Star No. 8, Americus.  
Charles A. Hughes, Star No. 8, Americus.  
Ed. Roberts, Rathbone No. 22, Cordele.  
C. C. McCrary, Pericles No. 39, Macon.  
Samuel Furgeson, Eureka No. 6, Atlanta.  
Asberry Strickland, Eureka No. 6, Atlanta.  
Thomas Jackson, Oriental No. 38, Americus.  
Jas. McCoy, Oconee No. 27, Eastman.  
H. Reynolds, Atlantic No. 7, Eastman.  
W. L. Hooley, Atlantic No. 7, Eastman.  
Charles Ellison, Pythagorus No. 17, Eastman.  
John Howard, Dionysius No. 60, Quitman.  
J. W. Gilbert, Friendship No. 34, Arabi.  
Macus Harris, Damon No. 23, Thomasville.  
Lewis Williams, Oriental No. 38, Americus.  
Joseph Haggra, Crescent No. 2, Savannah.  
Charley Williams, Defender No. 29, Macon.  
Marshall Jackson, Artesian No. 18, Albany.  
Elias Anderson, Artesian No. 18, Albany.  
Ruben Mack, Artesian No. 18, Albany.  
Robert White, Antonia No. 41, Nicholls.  
Wm. T. Walker, King Solomon No. 16, Columbus.  
W. E. Terry, Lincoln No. 53, Columbus.

R. Washington, Lincoln No. 53, Columbus.  
 Robert Clayton, Evergreen No. 61, Lumpkin.  
 Washington Faulk, Pythias No. 24, Valdosta.  
 J. P. Colnally, Eureka No. 6, Atlanta.  
 F. F. Pierce, Fidelity No. 1, Augusta.  
 S. A. Jones, St. Paul No. 20, Augusta.  
 W. T. Burns, Champion No. 50, Glenwood.  
 Jos. Rivers, Spring Creek No. 57, Brinson.  
 Andrew Jackson, Defiance No. 13, Macon.  
 Patrick Wanslaw, Colquitt Enterprise No. 48, Moultrie.  
 Jordan Williams, Fidelity No. 1, Augusta.

Your committee recommends that we bow in humble submission to the Alwise Heavenly Father, for He always does what seemeth to Him best. Since it is once appointed for man to die and after that the judgment, may we all live as if there is but a step between us and the grave, and that when our time comes to quit the walks of men we may join the Grand Lodge above, and there we will praise Him throughout eternity. Now, as the fraternity of the Knights of Pythias has lost 34 Knights out of its ranks, may it be that heaven has gained 34 stars. As God has promised to take care of the widows and orphans, may his protection ever be over those who are left.

Submitted in F. C. & B.,

REV. J. A. WOOD, D. D., Chairman,  
 REV. A. S. STALEY,  
 REV. GODFREY R. JACKSON.

#### Report of Committee on Time and Place.

BAINBRIDGE, GA., July 10th, 1901.—Grand Chancellor, officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Lodge of Ga., greeting: Since the Eureka, Richard Allen and Zenith lodges of Atlanta are the only lodges sending an invitation to the Grand Lodge, we, your committee on time and place, recommend Atlanta as the place for the meeting of the Grand Lodge sessions on the second Tuesday of July, 1902.

Very respectfully in F. C. & B.,

DR. H. R. BUTLER, Chairman,  
 REV. W. G. JOHNSON, JR.,  
 LIEUT. HENRY WINN, JR.,  
 SIR C. A. SCOTT,  
 DR. J. C. ATKINSON, Secretary.

#### Resolution of Thanks.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia has been so highly entertained and every hospitality has been shown or extended the Grand Lodge, we extend our heartfelt thanks; first, to the committee for their zealous efforts; and last, but not least, to the ladies for their untiring efforts to satiate our gourmanistic appetites while in this city, shadowed by the beautiful oaks,

nourished by the waters of the beautiful Flint tossing her boats of human freight and cargo of freight onward to the mighty deep.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

R. E. GRIER, M. D.

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**Annual Address by Rev. A. S. Staley, Americus, Ga.**

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“PYTHIANISM AND WHAT IT TEACHES.”

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This is one of the oldest orders upon the face of the earth, defunct or extant. For when God His mighty works began, He said, “Let there be light,” and the blessed light appeared. No order has done more for suffering humanity, more to relieve the widows and orphans than this grand and lasting fraternity of the Knights of Pythias. Our white brethren kept it among themselves for centuries, but the mighty God saw fit to free the brother in black, and put him in the possession of every right and benefit which this noble and very ancient order bestows upon every one who is well qualified and well prepared to enter its portals, until now there are about 67 lodges in working order, with about 2,300 members in the Empire State of the South—Georgia. So, my dear brethren, we meet today under the immediate auspices, protection and providence of the Supreme Grand Chancellor of the Universe. We meet under some of the most pleasant circumstances within the history of the Knights of Pythias. The music of the aerial songsters, the sweet zephyr breezes, the baritone notes of the proud waves of the great Atlantic, all seem playing to us a jubilant anthem of welcome. We do not meet alone to celebrate the anniversary of the eminent patrons of our noble order, Damon and Pythias, whose lives were as illustrious as the sun at high twelve and as pure as a feather plucked from the wing of the arch-angel Gabriel, but we meet as well to celebrate the anniversary of the organization, progress and utility of the order in this Grand Old Empire State. To assert that negro Pythianism is a drawback to progress and prosperity of the order, or to say that it is a failure in the least, is simply a strike at attempting to supplant stubborn facts, almost antedating the antediluvian world. Members of one Pythian brotherhood taking its origin from the same mother, though scattered and torn asunder from each other. We find from historical research that we began under the leadership of J. H. Rathbone at Temperance Hall, Washington, D. C., February 18, 1864. This was the planting of the seed of Pythianism on continental America among the American negro, which died and quickened, sprang up and germinated, and, like the mustard seed, which is indeed the least of all seeds, but has become a great tree, so that all the nations of the earth have found refuge under its sacred pavillion. They were not allowed a charter because of their color, but Pythianism among the negro is regular and legal, the leaders having obtained the degrees legally. The ball of Pythianism began rolling in 1864. From that time they practiced its cardinal virtues of Pythianism, viz: Temperance, Fortitude and Justice, as well as the fundamental principles, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

Be it remembered that General Washington and General Gage, the fathers of this great country to whom the millions of American citizens would reverently bow to do them honor, the judge from his official chair, the minister from his bible, the pedagogue from his black-board, the lawyer from his client, the physician from his patient, the merchant from his counter, the engineer from his throttle, the blacksmith from his anvil and the mechanic from his bench will all turn to do honor sacred to the memory of that sainted hero and father who still survives in the hearts of this great common-wealth. Be it remembered, I repeat, that these grand specimens of human greatness, whose deportment was untarnished and untouched among men, they were the first from whom the American negro on American soil drank the placid waters of Pythianism. Thus across the maddened waves of the great unfathomable Atlantic from the land of the free and the home of the brave came the inalienable right of Pythianism to the sable sons of Ham, planting its standard on the snow-capped hills of Massachusetts.

Pythianism has grown in interest and good-will as the cedars of Lebanon, and spread in christian and charitable influences as the palm tree. Founded upon the Bible, the unerring word of Almighty God, its basis or foundation is as firm as the Rock of Ages. Its steady but quiet march has been heard and felt through all the states and territories of this great country. In all ages of the world from the building of Noah's Ark, which floated upon the bosom of the historic flood, and from the establishing of the Levitical Priesthood, and from the giving of the law on Sinai's smoky apex, institutions and organizations of every name and code have come into prominence only upon merit. So with this grand and noble order of ours. It is a living epistle known and read of all men of every tongue, of every clime and nationality in the known world. The good, the real good, that this grand old order has done and indeed every institution the world over has been computed and re-computed and thoroughly scrutinized. Time, the great revealer, and experience, the great and blessed teacher, have taught us that enemies of this order do not consist alone of those on the outside, but already the signal of alarm has been heard on the inside. So that it is highly essential that the inner as well as the outer door should be well guarded. These institutions and organizations the world over have been sustained by the patronage of the outside world only in accordance as they have been able to stand the dread scrutiny put to them. This time honored institution has moved on down through the ages amid sweeping flood-tides and volcanic fires of opposition with a steady pace to accomplish the great work for which it was born.

The pillars on which this order in general is built is the eternal word of God. Its mission is to extend a helping hand to the poor widow and orphan, to alleviate suffering humanity and especially to spread the sweet balm of comfort and assistance on the altar of a worthy brother and to wrap the mantle of protection around his family.

#### WHAT IT TEACHES.

Pythianism teaches that most essential element without which no man

can be a real man; that is self-control. It teaches man to be master of himself and to subdue his passion. Rome, sitting upon her seven hills; Babylon, surrounded by her mammoth wall, could boast of their uncounted wealth. But you can boast of that three-fold cord of love that cements brother to brother. Love! Love!! Love!!! Oh, what an unbroken cord! Passwords, signs, tokens and grips are used in some institutions for the purpose of preventing improper insinuation and intrusion, but the greatest of all signs ever given was given by the Great Architect of the universe. He said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples because ye have loved one to another." In this order the old Knight with pride turns back through many years with numerous themes for stepping stones and old philosophies for his guiding star. Heedless of the old ruins that he encounters in his pilgrimage he goes until he stands before the beheading block of by-gone days and beholds our great and good Damon and Pythias. He recalls the friendship of Damon and Pythias, who, in the most trying times, directed the ever willing hands to the salvation one of the other, and reminds the newly made Knight that this in its entirety is of itself but one symbol of Pythianism. The newly made Knight is instructed that the success of the order in his day calls forth his willing tribute of praise. Damon and Pythias' devotion, assiduity and perseverance should excite our emulation in erecting a temple of friendship in our hearts more durable in material, more glorious in design—one that will be accepted by the Father of all mankind, and insure our souls a resting place eternal in the heavens. There is a solid indestructible foundation which cannot be moved. There is God, who is from everlasting to everlasting, the same today and forevermore. The first foundation stone to be laid in a Pythian edifice is faith in God, a firm conviction that there is one Supreme. He simply fills the throne. The page in building his temple is enjoined that he shall have faith in God, nor can he labor with the order but that he is constantly reminded that the omnipotent eye holds him constantly in survey. His whole term of pageship is sweet with the word of God, and he is bidden that as he has faith in God he should also have hope and faith in the Bible. A character built up rightly with faith in God and hope in His word underneath it cannot fall, neither can it fail. These are but the foundation stones, which behooves the builder with equal care to select the materials from his outer life to ever live and conduct himself with due regard, respect and love for the Allwise Ruler of the universe. Pythianism enjoins virtue as an essential feature of character. But this virtue must express itself in life. The force within is of little worth unless it be applied in every day experience. As faith without works is dead, so virtue as a rose unblown, a flower whose beauties are unknown. Rest one end of the sword on the Bible and extend the other to the limits of the faith in God as a radius and describe a circle, its circumference is the boundary of duty, for it includes all the relations we sustain to self, family, neighbor and God. A man who shirks a known duty can never be a true Knight. One of the first duties of a Knight is to study. One must gain knowledge. Pythianism has ever been the patron of the arts and sciences, and the order constantly encourages the

members in the pursuit of knowledge. It urges the members to listen to the wisdom of the patriarchs, to accept the Priesthood as an appointment of God, to grasp the hand of the Apostles as men of God sent forth to a benighted world and to recognize the omnipotence of the Savior. A grand and sublime feature of Pythianism is found in its "brotherly kindness." Such as will consort alone with wisdom's choice—the good. It is that spirit within the Knight which wins the soul of another and binds them together as with hooks of steel. It is in this that the sweet words of the psalmist is illustrated, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." And Pythianism would bind all its members together with a tie that cannot be broken, brotherly kindness. This brotherly kindness is not cherished alone in the heart, for then it would be but a worthless beauty, a lifeless charm. It finds expression in deeds of kindness in hours of illness, deeds of helpfulness in hours of distress. Pythianism regards no man for his worldly standing—all brothers are regarded as of the children of God, and thus does the lodge room of Pythianism place all mankind on a common level. Pythianism would have every craftsman cultivate that grace which makes the companionship of mortals sweet, sincere piety, a consecration to the noble cause of truth and a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God, which is but a reasonable service. By the teachings of Pythianism and its grand principles of brotherly love the order has extended itself to every known country on the globe. By the good fellowship that exists within its borders the craftsmen can wander from pillar to post, from north to south, from east to west, through the boundless area of time, and they can never be a stranger in a strange land, for where there is a Pythian lodgeroom there is a home for the wandering craftsman. Where there is a Knight there is a brother, and the wanderer far from the scene of his early days can find peace, life and happiness with his brother Knight. Pythianism is a fraternity of humanity. It is good for one to be in possession of this brotherly love—as is found among Pythians and to exercise it as they do. Said one Mr. Cross: "By the exercises of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and the low, the rich and the poor; who, as created by one Almighty Parent and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other. On this principle," says he, "Pythianism unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. It is the doorway to race pride and to education and learning, which is the great driving wheel to moral greatness and manhood, and an earnest plea for a true recognition of that Pauline declaration, 'Out of one blood God made all nations, to dwell upon the face of the earth.'" Said Mr. Cross of temperance: "That it is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from allurements and vice. This virtue," says he, "should be the constant practice of every Knight, as he is thereby taught to avoid excess or contracting any licentious or vicious habit, the indulgence of which might lead him to disclose some of those valuable secrets which he has promised to conceal

and never reveal, and which would consequently subject him to the contempt and detestation of all good Knights. Dear brethren, your borders have been extended unto almost every state and territory of this great country. Your friend is the world; your weapons temperance, fortitude, justice, brotherly love, friendship and charity. And now you may go forth and labor diligently and vigilantly until you are called from labor to refreshment, to be presided over by the Supreme Grand Chancellor of the Universe. Now, let me call your attention to the cardinal principles of our order,

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, TRUTH AND BENEVOLENCE.

Friendship.—The main object of societies is the banding of persons together for protection in sickness and death, and to bring a closer relation of man to man. Among that class of societies known as secret societies there is one called the Knights of Pythias, whose purposes and interests are closer friendship, truer love and constant truth. Friendship has for ages been the chief corner stone of every secret society. It is a great thing to know and feel that you have friends indeed to look after your widows and orphans when you have passed through the dark valley and the shadow of death. No one doubts the good having been accomplished by the Knights of Pythias in this direction. They have dried up many a widow's tear. They have brought smiles upon many an orphan's face, and they are today doing more benevolence than any other order of its kind among our people. You may travel from the cold bleak hills of Maine to the sunny, ocean washed shores of Florida and where'er you go you will find the banner of Knights of Pythias unfurled to the breeze. If you are a stranger they will spread wide their doors to welcome you in. If you are sick they will care for you, and if you are thirsty they will give you drink. Let me urge you members of this order to be faithful and valiant men, ever keeping in memory your obligations and the principles of true knightship. As frost to the bud and blight to the blossom, even such is self interest to friendship, for confidence cannot dwell where selfishness is porter at the gate. If you see your friend to be selfish you cannot be sure of his honesty; for in seeking your own weal you have wronged the reliance of your friend. Flattery hides her varnished face when friendship sits at her board, and the door is shut upon suspicion, but candor is bid glad welcome. Friendship abhors doubt, its very life is in natural trust and perishes when artful praise proves it is sought for a purpose. A man may be good to you at times, and render you valuable service, whom yet thy secret soul could not desire as a friend. For the sum of life is in trifles, and though in the weightier masses a man refuses thee not his purse, nay, his all, in your need; yet, if you cannot feel that his character agrees with your own you never will call him friend, though you renner him a heart full of gratitude. A coarse man grinds harshly the finer feelings of his brother. A common mind will soon depart from the dull companionship of wisdom. A weak soul dares not follow in the track of vigor and decision, and the world regards with scorn the seeming foolishness of faith. A mountain is made up of atoms, and so is friendship of little matters. If the atoms hold not together the mountain is crumbled into dust. Come, I will show a friend; I will point

one worthy of your trust. Your heart shall not grow weary of him, nor you shall secretly despise him. Choose for a friend a true Knight. You will not be long in learning him nor unraveling all his worth. He dazzles not your eyes at first, to be darkened in your sight afterward; but rises from small beginnings and reaches the height of your esteem. He remembers that you are only man. He expects not great things from you. And his forbearance toward you silently teaches you to be considerate unto him. He despises not courtesy of manner, nor neglects the decencies of life, nor mocks the feelings of others, nor is harsh in censures before you; for if so how could you tell if he talks not of you in ridicule? He withholds no secret from you and rejects not yours in turn. He shares his joys with you and is glad to bear part in your sorrows. And yet he loves you too well to show you the corruptions of his heart. For as an ill example strengthens the hands of the wicked, so to put forward your guilt is a secret poison to your friend; for the evil in his nature is comforted and he wars more weakly against it if he finds that the friend whom he honors is a man more sinful than himself. But in this grand brotherhood I hear the communings of friend with friend; for they speak out the fullness of their souls. And being but men, as men they own to all the sympathies of manhood. Confidence opens the lips, indulgence beams from the eye, their tongues love not boasting, their hearts are made glad with kindness. Nor does one Knight stand as on a hill beckoning to the others to follow, but they all toil up hand in hand and carry each other's burdens. He communes of hope and aspiration the fervent breathings of the heart, and speaks with pleasant interchange the treasured secrets of affection. He listens to the voice of complaint and whispers the language of comfort as in a double solitude; he thinks in his comrades hearing. Choose this friend discreetly and see that you consider his station, for the graduated scale of rank accords with the ordinances of heaven. For only friendship among Knights is the true republic where all have equality of service, and all have freedom of command. For many an apostate friend has abused unguarded confidence and bent to selfish ends the secret of the soul. There are those who have never had a friend, because they were gross and selfish. I mean to say this, that they are afraid of joining any society, be they Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias or what not. Worldliness and apathy and pride do not leave many that are worthy, but one who merits esteem need never lack a friend. If you would merit this esteem find out the great secret by connecting yourself to this grand and godly originated order; for as thistle down flies about and casts its anchor in the soil, so does philanthropy yearn for a heart where it may take root and blossom. Listen! hear the moaning of widows and orphans of the wintry cold wherein the mists of selfishness have wrapped men outside the society of Knights of Pythias. These orphans and widows grieve and have deep reasons, for falsehood has wronged their trust and the beaches in their bleeding hearts have been filled with the briars of suspicion. For, alas! how few are friends outside this friendly rank of Pythianism of whom charity has hoped well? And how few there be among men who forget themselves for others? Each one in the outside world seeks

his own and looks on his comrades as rivals, masking envy with friendship to serve his secret end. Oh! this cold, unfriendly, uncharitable world that corrupts all good has wronged that sacred name—Friendship. For it calls any man friend who is not known as an enemy. Flies are pestiferous in summer while plenty abounds at the board, but who can wonder at their flight from the cold denial of want? A Knight from principle and obligation knows his friend and never leaves him in distress, and goes to his rescue in danger, cares for the widows and orphans, remembers the sick, buries the dead. But those outside the ranks of Pythianism—a sudden noise can frighten them and forthwith they are as specks among the clouds. There be few, O child of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, who deserve to have your confidence. Yet weep not, for there are some, and that some live with and for you. To them is the chilling world a drear and barren scene; for, though no man excludes himself from the high capability of friendship, yet verily is the man a marvel whom truth can write as a friend.

Love.—Love is a fragrant blossom that makes glad the garden of the heart. Its roots lie deep; it is delicate, yet lasting as the lilac crocus of the autumn. Loneliness and thought are the dews that water it morning and evening. Memory and absence cherish it as the balmy breathings of the south, and its sun is the brightness of affection, and it blooms in the borders of hope. Its companions are gentle flowers and the briar withers by its side. Every Knight of every clime finds its echo within. The man who knows nothing of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence—can he know its truth? Love is quiet, yet flowing deep as the Rhine among rivers; lasting and knowing no change, it walks with Friendship and Benevolence. Love! What a volume in a word, and an ocean in a tear. The lightning in a touch, a millennium in a moment, a seventh heaven in a glance, a whirlwind in a sigh, what consecrated joy or woe in blest or blighted love! For it is that native poetry springing up indigenous to mind and is the heart's own country music thrilling all its chords. It is also the story without an end that angels throng to hear—yes, it is the word, the king of words, carved on Jehovah's heart. Love is a sweet idolatry enslaving all the soul, a mighty spiritual force warring with the dullness of matter. It is an angel mind breathed into mortal though fallen, yet how beautiful. Love is the golden chain that binds our hearts to that of the Great I Am. It is the ladder on which we climb to a likeness with our God, as Knight is another name for consecrated love. God loves the Knights for what they are. They are a reflection of Himself. All the arching glory of the moral world bows in reverence before the Knights' love. This is the radiant centre, the focus of Pythianism. The Arab or forest man may care little for home, but the true Knight of cultured heart and developed mind will love his home, and generally love it in proportion to his moral worth. He knows it is the planting ground of every seed of morality—the garden of virtue and the nursery of religion. He knows that souls immortal are here trained for the skies, that private worth and public character are made in its sacred retreat. Many a man who is an ornament to his family and a blessing to the world would have gone to ruin had it not been for the

love he bore this Fraternity and its inmates. As every true Knight values his own moral worth, as he prizes his country, the peace and happiness of the world, yea, more, as he values the immortal worth of men he should cherish and cultivate a strong and abiding love of this fraternity. Love! What a volume. It embraces power, wisdom, persistence, and all sustaining grace. It never forgets, it never tires, it never fails. Love moved prophets, apostles, angels and men, and still moves the ministers to preach and all Knights to work and pray. It draws and animates the soul, magnetizes the heart, sends prayerful despatches to heaven and brings joyful answers to all faithful Knights. Let every Knight sing: The love of Pythianism "has been my theme, and shall be till I die."

Truth.—Truth, the whole truth, is our mighty sword and shield in our field of labor, in conquest or cultivation under the captain of our salvation. It is mighty and will prevail. It is a comely plant, bowing with heavenly dews, and flourishes with kindred species in the rich and fragrant gardens of Friendship and Love. It stoops to live and stoops to conquer, but never fails to rise above. Truth is in Friendship and Love like apples of gold in pictures of silver, and crowns her possessions at the royal feast as Kings and Priests. Be my brethren as you have been true to your obligations, true to your brethren, and true to your God.

Be the matter what it may,  
Whether work or whether play,  
Never from this rule depart,  
Grave it deeply on your heart,  
Written 'tis in Virtue's chart:

Always speak the truth.

Falsehood seldom stands alone—  
One begets another one—  
Falsehood all the soul degrades,  
'Tis a sin from which proceeds  
Greater sins and darker deeds:

Always speak the truth.

When you're wrong the folly own;  
Here's a victory to be won;  
He who speaks with lying tongue  
Adds to wrong a greater wrong,  
Then with courage true and strong:

Always speak the truth.

Now, my brethren, as F. C. & B. are inseparable, they go as triplets through your ranks, joining hearts and hands, and should cause you to be as inseparable. Roll on, thou good and God blessed fraternity, soothing the widow's hearts, relieving worthy brethren and protecting the orphans, until you shall be called upon to join the Knights' ranks above, where the great

and everlasting God is the S. G. C.

Then purer love we hope to bring,  
When around His throne we sing,  
While on earth ordained to stay,  
Guide our footsteps in the way—  
F. C. B. and Truth agree,  
Till we all His glory see.

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### Welcome Address by Rev. Wm. Decker Johnson, Jr.

To the Grand Chancellor, Worthy Vice Chancellor, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of N. A., S. A., E., A., A., and A., Jurisdiction of Georgia. Worthy Sirs and Gentlemen:

It is with a heart overflowing with love that we come before you today, knowing as we do the incessant toil and the numerous hardships under which you have labored during the past year. We are exceedingly pleased to serve you in this way, on this very auspicious occasion.

Today we stand upon an imminence which overlooks all the cycles of time, and while we are here to commemorate the origin of this great order and of the initiatory steps of this ancient fraternity let us pause beneath the shade of our beautiful trees, which for an hundred years have stood like grim sentinels around our beautiful city, braving the storms, and even daring the destructive power of the woodman's axes. When they with one mighty stroke the woodmen would have felled our giant oaks and made our city noted as a shadeless plain, we said to them:

"Woodmen, spare 'our' trees! Touch not a single bough!"

We will pause and formulate plans by which we may reach the highest pinnacle in the dark, mysterious realm of Pythian Knighthood.

In order that you may obtain the ease and comfort which should always be associated with rest we come to welcome you.

Therefore, noble sirs, in behalf of Lucullus, Thornton and Spring Creek lodges we welcome you to our county, which bears the name of one of the most illustrious sons that ever brightened the dust-colored pages of American history, a county that is noted for its magnificent distances, it being the largest in the state, a country whose fields are pregnant with waving grain and whose vast forests are abundant with a balm which is given to us for the "healing of the nations;" whose soil is enriched by the many streams which meander through its confines, and whose atmosphere is as pure as the falling flakes of snow.

Furthermore, we welcome you to our city, which does not stand upon seven prominent hills as did the ancient city of Rome, and cannot laud itself for being the proud "mistress of the world;" but we welcome you to this quiet city, shrouded by the delightful shade of trees, under which you may rest and while away your spare moments by listening to the entrancing songs of the birds and inhaling the sweet zephyrs as they rustle through the leaves.

We welcome you to the city where the surging waters of the winding

Thronateeska kiss its quiet shores and flow on and on till its ripples are lost in the depths of the boundless ocean. We invite you to the banks of this river whose turbulent waters rush madly on till they are lost from sight, yea, we invite you to the shores of this river to sit and watch the crags as they whip its mad waves into a spray which sparkles like diamonds beneath the summer's sun, and flows wildly on till it looks like a streak of pure silver meandering through the landscape.

We welcome you to our churches, where you may sit and listen to the word of God as it falls from the lips of His servants; there you will hear the sweet strains of music as they ascend to the throne of Him who rules and presides over our destiny. If your hearts are troubled go there, and you will find balm enough "to cure your troubled breasts." If you are lonely go there, and you will find one who said: "Lo, I will be with you alway, even until the world shall end." If you need a friend go there, and you will find a Friend "that sticketh closer than a brother." This, above all places, is where you may join kinship with the angels.

We welcome you to our homes. Our people are hospitable, kind and entertaining. Our noble sons are loyal to each other as was Damon to Pythias in days of old. They are as brave as the ancient Knights who vied with each other for supremacy during the days of chivalry.

In these homes you will find fair maidens whose virtue and character are as pure as the radiant sunlight which kisses their fair cheeks and paints them like a rosy-tinted morn in the month of May; maidens whose hearts are light as the feathers which adorn their head-dress, and cause them to be the personification of gracefulness, innocence and purity.

We welcome you to the sanctity of our homes, because we believe, noble sirs, that your presence will add to the halo of light which now surrounds our homes.

Sirs, we cannot boast of a library filled with ancient, rare and valuable books, but to such as we have we welcome you. In our homes you may find valuable books, where you may with Milton converse with the angels in Paradise, and where with him you may drink the nectar from the golden chalice of the saints who inhabit the realm of light. You may with Dante walk into the infernal region of darkness and chat with the shades of Virgil and Horace, who sold their lives to the Muses and are paying the penalty by the torturing of their souls.

Go there and take an outing with Homer and view the ruins of ancient Troy and gaze upon the treacherous bosom of the Aegean sea, where you will see the black ships of the Greeks and the insulted Chryses as he pours out his supplication to the far-darting Apollo and brings down countless woes upon the Greeks.

Go to the summit of the snow-capped Olympus and look at the angry god, hurling his terrific thunderbolts and sending terror to the human family.

Here you may take pleasant strolls through Tennyson, Longfellow, Whittier, Bryant, Dunbar and others into the quiet books and shady dells; or you may with the lamented Whitman go to the fang of the southern sky and read with

sadness "The Rape of Florida," read of the virtue of the beautiful Octoroon slave girl, and your hearts will throb with joy.

In these homes you will also find the works of Darwin, Tyndall, Huxley, Bacon, Shakespeare, Spencer, Newton and many others that time will not allow us to mention.

Noble Sir Knights, we come to welcome you to our county, city, churches and to the purity of our homes. May you accept the hospitality of our good people, and may the angel that stands at the pearly gates of glory meet you, when it comes your time to pass over the river, with a welcome as free as the one we bring to you today.

Let us hope that the spirit which actuates us today may be handed down to all the human family, until it goes back and becomes one of the unfolded secrets of the bosom of God.

Hence, we welcome you in the name of our sons, that they might catch the inspiration and be instrumental in making this order one of the greatest and most powerful that the world has ever known; may they not rest until every man has become worthy of being introduced into the mysterious realm of Pythian knighthood. Then will millions and millions of human voices sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Unborn generations shall catch the strain and it will chime down the coming centuries forever and forever.

Then will the muses of history sing the song of peace and harmony. Right shall be the king that shall wield the sceptre; wrong shall perish and die. The millennium shall dawn, the sun of prosperity and happiness shall rise and never shall it go down, because the kingdoms of this world will have become the kingdoms of our God. Then with one great shout the sons of men will cease to exist in time, but will dwell with the perfect sons of God throughout an endless eternity.

Concluding, we must say that the future looks brighter and brighter each day, the Pythian sun has already arisen in the eastern sky; it is fast approaching its zenith and it does not require the acumen of a philosopher to say that the day is not far distant when the Knights of Pythias will stand upon the highest heights and exclaim: Veni, Vidi, Vici.

We are not a prophet, neither are we the son of a prophet, nor does it require the sagacity of a sage to foretell that the happy day is coming when the Caucasian, the sable sons of Ham, the oval-eyed Mongolian and the prosperous Jew shall all be gathered together in one common brotherhood, the Knights of Pythias.

Then, distinguished Sirs, while gazing upward into the future sky we see a great phalanx of secret orders marching in unison to the tap of the drum of endless years. We see the Masons, the Odd Fellows and many other names written in the hall of fame, but glancing upward we can see written in letters of pure gold on the blue vaulted sky the everlasting name, Knights of Pythias.

## Roll of Lodges.

NAME.	Number		NAMES OF C. C'S.	NAMES OF K. OF R. AND S.	P. O. ADDRESS.
	Members				
Fidelity.....	1	38	A. Jay Gentile ..	J. H. Dent.....	Augusta.....
Crescent.....	2	83	E. E. Lyons.....	W. K. Callen ..	Savannah ..
Keystone .....	5	72	W. A. Shields....	J. C. Atkinson ..	Macon.....
Eureka.....	6	61	L. Johnson.....	L. E. Wise.....	Atlanta.....
Atlantic.....	7	93	S. Whitehead..	W. Parsons.....	Brunswick..
Star.....	8	154	M. C. Hawkins ..	B. W. Warren ..	Americus ..
Olympia.....	10	36	R. W. Coles....	T. M. E. Wells..	Savannah ..
McIntosh.....	11	16	J. L. Grant.....	R. W. Collins ..	Darien.....
Defiance.....	13	149	J. J. Corbin ..	Geo. A. Patterson	Macon.....
Richard Allen ..	14	67	W. S. Shanks....	A. R. Grims.....	Atlanta.....
King Solomon ..	16	106	W. Dorsey.....	J. B. Palmer.....	Columbus ..
Pythagoras.....	17	122	L. V. Kellogg..	H. P. Perry.....	Brunswick..
Artesian.....	18	70	R. W. Paine ..	J. H. Martin ..	Albany.....
St. Paul.....	20	79	W. H. Spencer..	J. W. McRea....	Columbus..
Enterprise.....	21	47	W. M. Neel.....	J. E. Gibbs.....	Tifton.....
Rathbone.....	22	43	E. B. Barco ..	W. B. Davis.....	Cordele ..
Damon.....	23	51	J. Montgomery ..	Jno. J. James ..	Thomasville
Pythias.....	24	66	I. S. Stafford..	Robt. R. Wright	Valdosta ..
Stringer.....	25	7	E. Baldwin.....	G. W. Hamilton ..	Hawkinsville
Ocmulgee.....	26	15	J. S. Flowers..	M. E. Graham ..	Lumber City
Oconee.....	27	14	L. W. Whitehead	Nelson Horne ..	Eastman ..
Defender.....	28	75	H. F. Jolly ..	R. L. Taylor ..	Macon.....
Progress.....	31	38	A. C. Johnson ..	Chas. Taylor ..	Ashburn ..
Ivanhoe.....	32	35	F. L. Little ..	W. T. Campbell..	Hazlehurst
Friendship.....	34	16	P. E. Roberson..	J. D. Ayres.....	Arabi.....
Vashti.....	35	41	C. A. Scott.....	J. T. Brooks....	Dawson.....
Excelsior.....	36	20	Obe Thorpe ..	W. M. Marsh ..	Rochelle ..
Pride of Randolph	37	41	A. T. Ansley ..	A. L. Roseborough	Cuthbert ..
Oriental.....	38	122	W. M. Walker ..	— Ellis.....	Americus ..
Pericles.....	39	28	W. H. Irving..	J. H. Owens.....	Macon.....
Macco.....	40	10	J. B. Bush.....	J. W. Wilson ..	Baxley.....
Antonio.....	41	28	P. J. Cody.....	O. R. Reid.....	Nicholls ..
Good Hope.....	43	28	G. Thomas.....	C. R. Rivers.....	M'Don't's Mill
Lucullus.....	45	38	W. F. Thornton	S. W. Harris....	Bainbridge..
Loyal.....	47	16	J. S. Ankrum ..	J. J. Davis.....	Harrisburg..
Colquitt Enterprise	48	8	J. C. Cleveland	G. W. Williams..	Moultrie ..
Thornton.....	49	23	J. R. Thornton	A. L. Pugh.....	Donaldson'sle
Champion.....	50	18	J. D. Currie ..	J. W. Frazier ..	Glenwood...
DeHorton.....	51	62	R. Hill.....	J. T. Carr.....	East Macon..
Attack.....	52	20	F. C. Colson ..	F. Hayes.....	Abbeville ..
Lincoln.....	53	26	E. J. Turner ..	A. K. Wright ..	Columbus ..
Providence.....	54	14	W. Wright.....	J. R. Leroy ..	Leesburg ..
Prosperity.....	55	20	S. M. Albritton	B. Sapp.....	Wright.....
Spring Creek.....	57	19	S. W. Davis ..	Julius Davis ..	Brinson....
Wesley Oak.....	58	26	J. S. Peterson ..	G. R. Jackson ..	St. Sim's Mill
Zenith.....	59	40	J. Ramey.....	L. P. Walton ..	Atlanta.....
Dionysius.....	60	46	S. E. Monroe ..	Wm. L. McAfee ..	Quitman ..
Ever Green.....	61	25	W. W. Overby ..	E. C. Russell ..	Lumpkin ..
Magnolia.....	62	25	T. W. Sweeny ..	J. J. Parker ..	Fitzgerald..
Olive Branch.....	63	20	E. M. Reeves ..	G. H. Smith.....	McRea.....
Armor.....	64	54	W. T. Reid ..	C. R. Sanford..	Macon.....
Ocilla.....	65	28	J. H. Hill.....	P. T. Toliver ..	Ocilla.....
Magic City.....	66	26	M. C. Bryant ..	W. B. Jackson ..	Cordele ..
Union Hope.....	67		N. T. Everette ..	J. H. Bryant ..	Vienna.....

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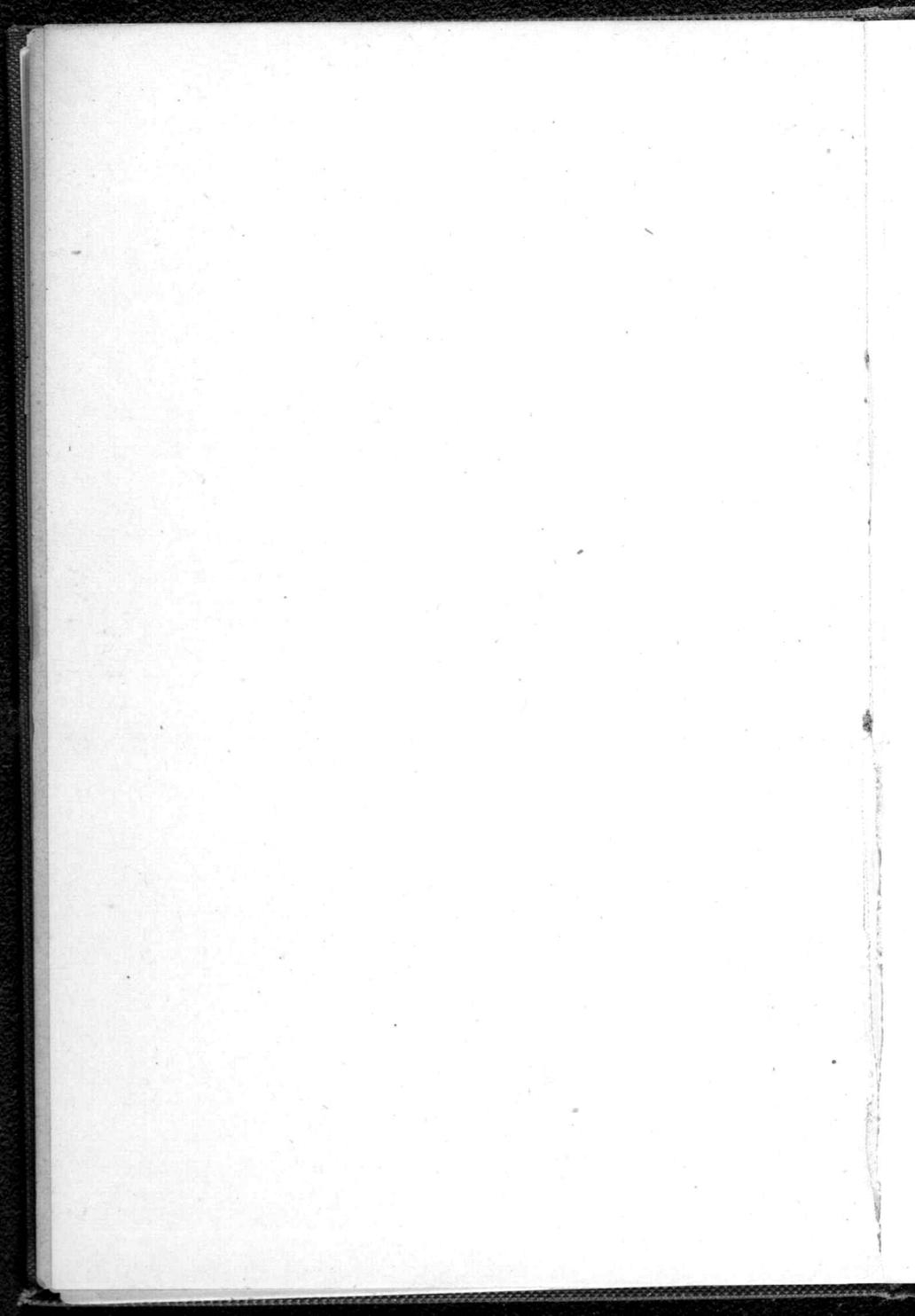
Rituals .....	\$1 each
Policies .....	50 cents each
Registering Medical Certificates .....	.10 cents each
Receipt Books .....	.25 cents each
Order Books .....	.25 cents each
Supreme Laws .....	.35 cents each
Application Blanks .....	1 cent each
Notices of Rejection .....	1 cent each
Notices of Indebtedness .....	1 cent each
Notices of Suspension .....	1 cent each
Opening and Closing Odes .....	2 cents each
Financial Cards .....	2 cents each
Withdrawal Cards .....	2 cents each
Certificates of Good Standing .....	2 cents each
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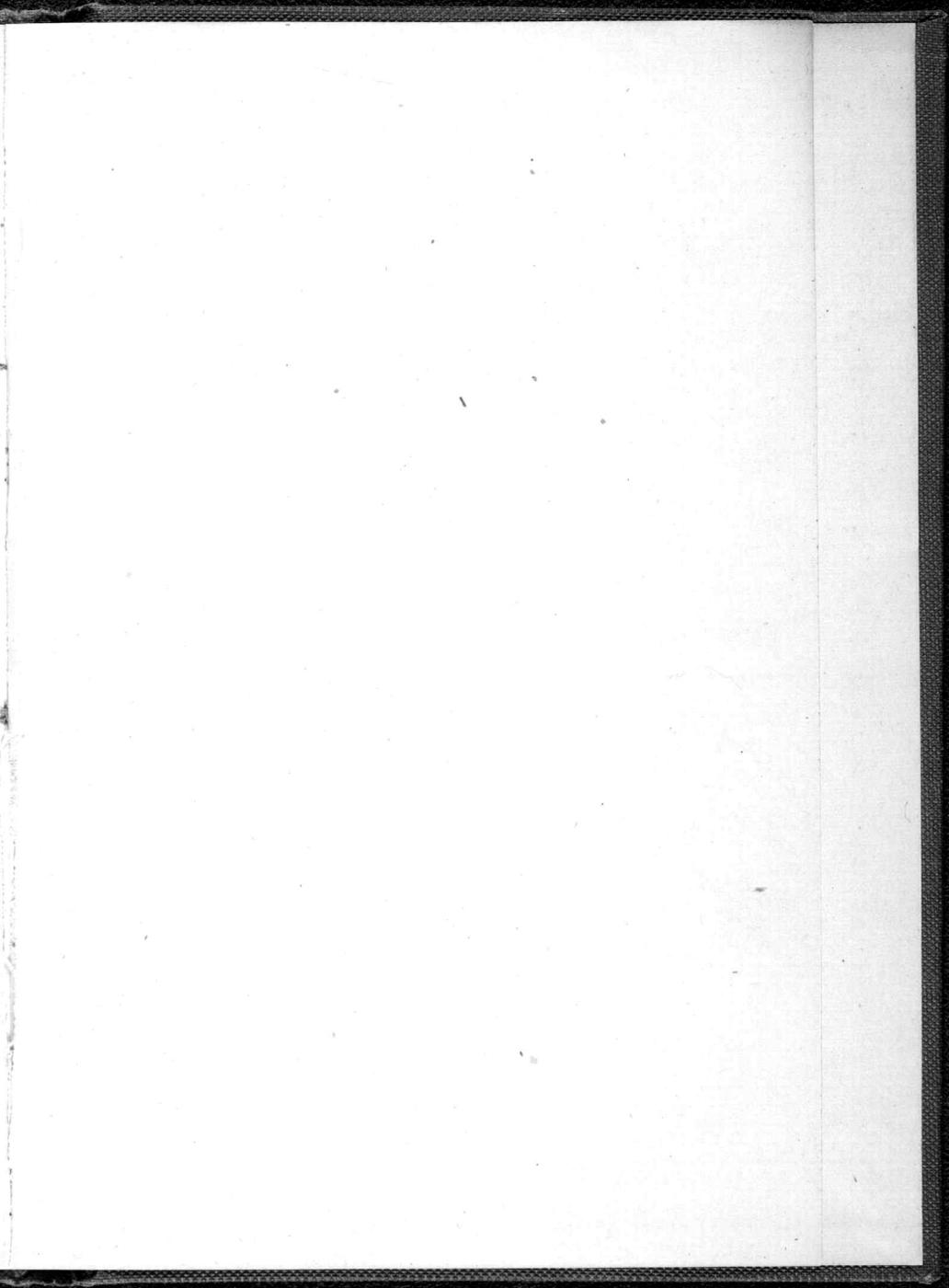
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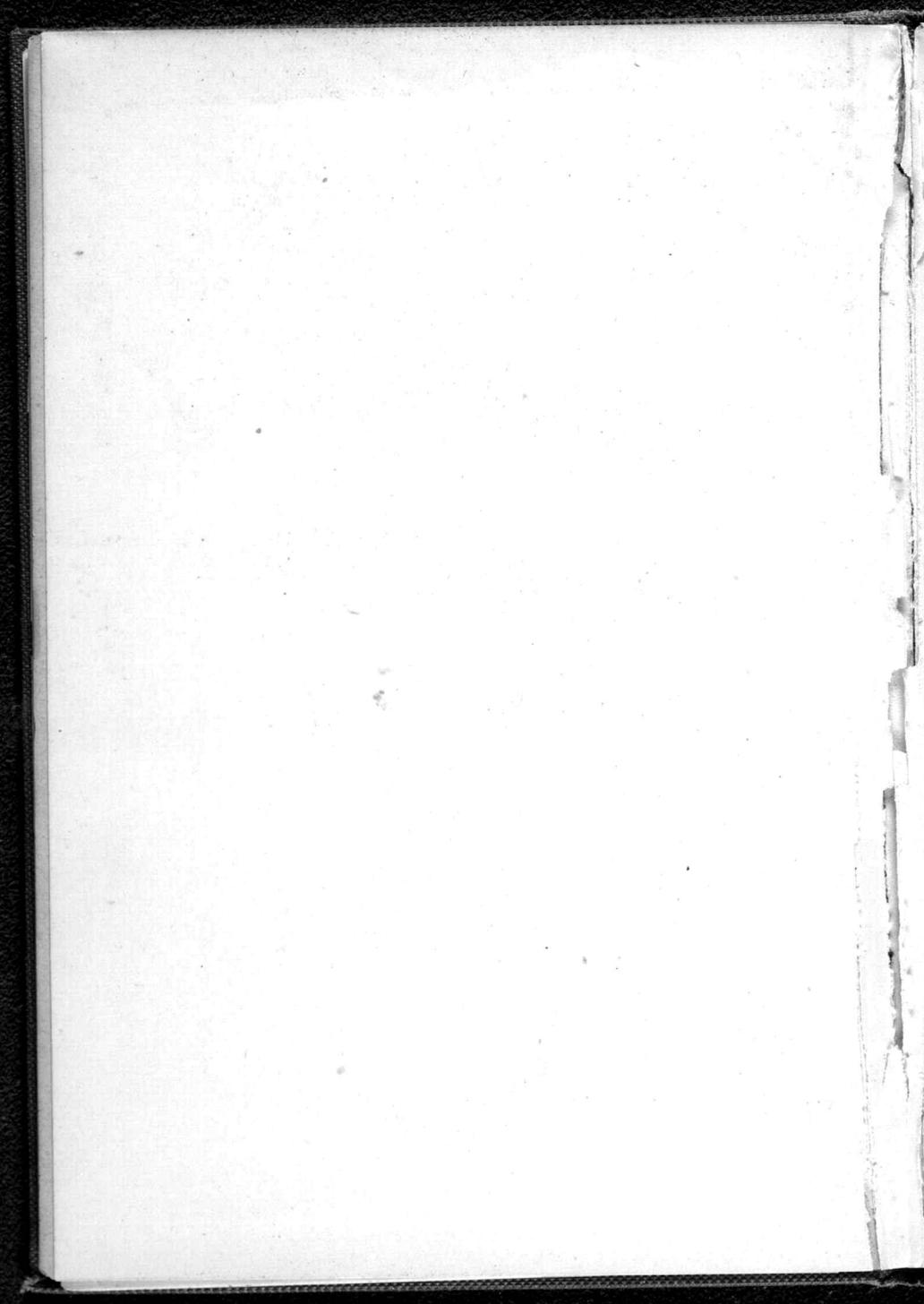
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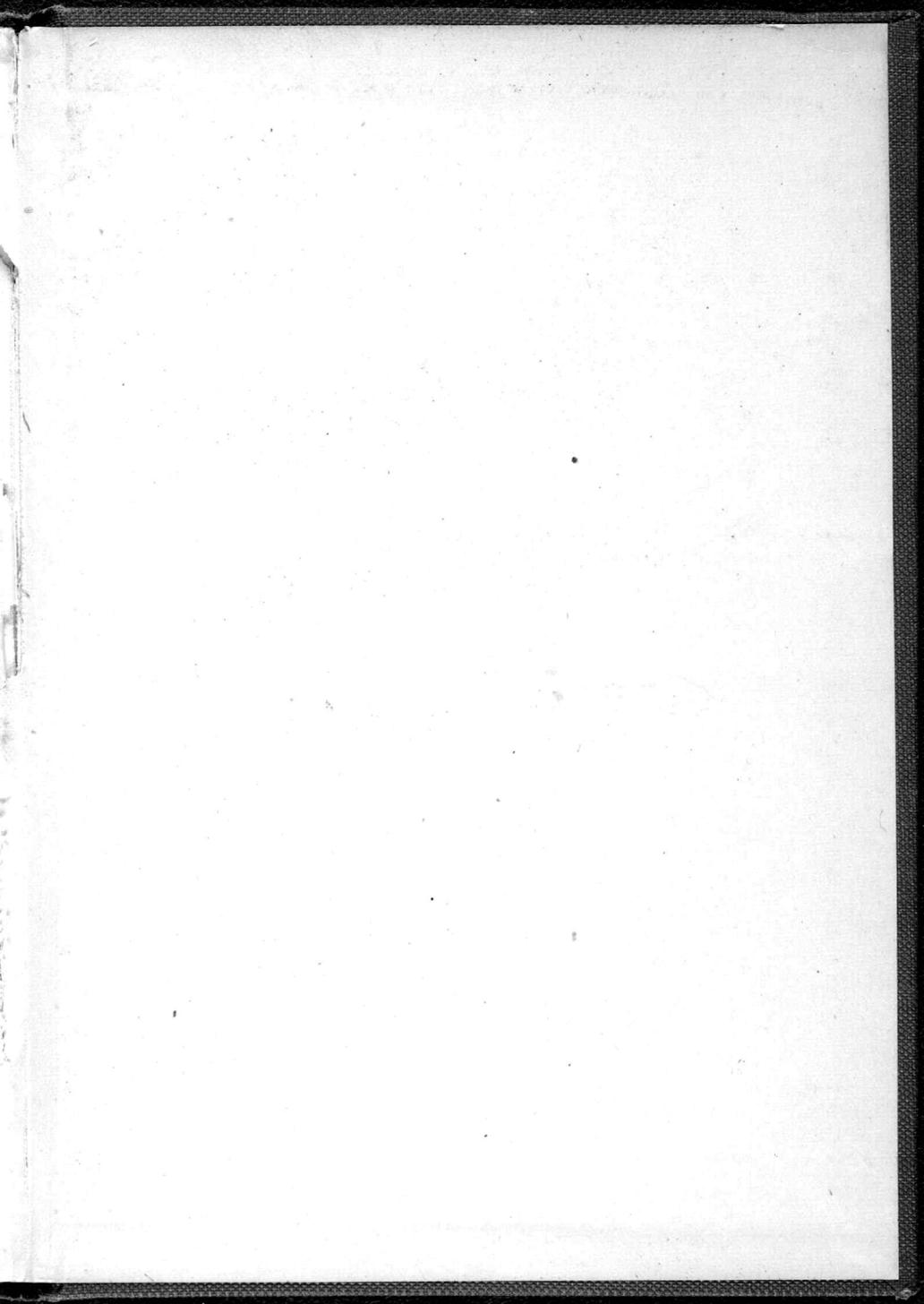












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