

HISTORICAL AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL MEMORANDA,

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THERE has arisen a great interest in the formation of Masonic Libraries, and the demand for standard Masonic works is a gratifying evidence that the Craft are not satisfied with the instruction received in the Lodge-room, but are desirous of *reading* in order to increase their Masonic knowledge. It is also well understood that the Proceedings of our Grand Bodies contain the jurisprudence and material for our history, and, as a consequence, the demand for these Proceedings is greater than ever before. The collection of them, however, is difficult, greatly on account of its not being known *what they are*. The following memoranda were originally made for my own use, and are given to the public at the suggestion of others. To save repetition, when no mention is made of *size or time of publication*, let it be understood that the Proceedings are published annually in octavo. To save space, I denote Grand Lodge by I., Grand Chapter by II., Grand Council by III., and Grand Commandery by IV.

ALABAMA.—I. Organized in June, 1821, and met again in December following, and two pamphlets were published. It did not meet in 1832 owing to a change in the time of the annual communication, nor in 1835, when it suspended labor. It was reorganized in December, 1836. A very good abstract of the Proceedings from 1821 to 1836, inclusive, is given in the "Masonic Code of Alabama." II. Organized in May and June, 1823. Met in January and June, 1824, January, 1825, and January and June, 1826. Being pronounced illegal by the General Grand Chapter, in 1826, it disbanded. It reorganized in June, 1827, met the following December, and then annually till 1830, when it became dormant. It was reorganized in

December, 1837, and has met annually since. Quite a full abstract of its Proceedings from 1823 to 1840 (except June, 1826,) is given in the "Chapter Code of Alabama." The Proceedings for each convocation were published separately, except that those for June, 1824, and January, 1825, are in one pamphlet. III. Organized in 1838. Did not meet in 1840, 1861, 1862, or 1863. Its Proceedings from 1843 to 1857, inclusive, except 1845, 1849 and 1850, were published with those of the Grand Chapter. IV. Organized in 1860. Did not meet in 1871, and no quorum being present in 1862 it adjourned till the next year. The Proceedings for 1862 and 1863 are published in one pamphlet, which has been reprinted by Brother JOHN H. LYNDE of Bangor, Maine, for use of libraries.

ARKANSAS.—I. Organized in 1838. Proceedings for 1838, 1839 and 1840 not printed; those for 1841 and 1842 printed on folio sheets; those for 1843 in 12mo size; the others in octavo. An abstract of the Proceedings at organization was published with Proceedings of 1843 and 1872. II. Organized in April, 1851. Met again in November. The records of 1862 were lost and never published. Did not meet in 1863 and 1864. Two pamphlets published in 1851 and two in 1873. III. Organized in 1860. Did not meet again till 1865, when the Proceedings of both assemblies were published in one pamphlet. From 1866 to 1872, inclusive, the Proceedings were published only with those of Grand Chapter. IV. Organized March 1872. Met again in December, when Proceedings of former conclave were reprinted with those of that conclave. Did not meet in 1873.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—I. Organized as an Independent Grand Lodge in 1871.

CALIFORNIA.—I. Organized in 1850. For several years it met semi-annually. In 1857, the Proceedings to 1854, inclusive, were republished by the Grand Secretary as volume I. Since 1854, every two years' Proceedings are paged continuously, for a volume; and a sufficient number of copies have been printed to enable the Grand Secretary to furnish them as wanted. II. Organized in 1854. Did not meet in 1869. In 1861, the Proceedings to 1858, inclusive, were republished as volume one; the Proceedings for 1859 to 1864, inclusive, are paged continuously as volume two; and those for 1865 to 1871, inclusive, as volume three. III. Organized in 1860. Did not meet in 1869. The Proceedings paged continuously; those for 1860 and 1861; 1862 and 1863; 1864, 1865 and 1866; 1868 to 1871; and 1872 and 1873 are published together. IV. Organized in 1858. Did not meet in 1869. Proceedings paged continuously to 1871, inclusive, as volume one.

CANADA.—I. Organized in 1855. Proceedings for 1855, 1856 and 1857 published in one pamphlet. Those for 1860 to 1864, 1865 to 1868, 1869 to 1871, paged for volumes. II. Organized in 1857. The Proceedings after 1860 to 1865, 1866 to 1870, and those since, paged consecutively. IV. There are two organizations subordinate to the Grand Conclave of England; one for On-

tario and Quebec, and the other for the Maritime Provinces. The former was organized in 1855; its early Proceedings were not published regularly, but in 1871 they were published from organization. No Proceedings of the other organization have been published.

COLORADO. — I. Organized in 1861. Two meetings in 1861, and two pamphlets published. Met annually since. Reprint to 1869, inclusive.

CONNECTICUT. — I. Organized in 1789. The early Proceedings published in various sizes, and reprinted to 1854, in two volumes; but the annual communication for 1854 is not in Reprint. II. Organized in 1798. Early Proceedings out of print; 1844 with Grand Lodge Proceedings. Those prior to 1854 are of various sizes, and those since, 8vo. It is expected that the early Proceedings will be reprinted during 1874. III. Organized in 1819. Records before 1831, lost. Proceedings of 1840 to 1853, inclusive, except 1843, 1848 and 1851, published with those of Grand Chapter. Those of 1854 and since are 8vo. IV. Organized in 1827. The Records before 1844 lost, but the Proceedings for some of the prior years exist. It probably did not meet many of the years between 1829 and 1841. The Proceedings for 1842, 1843, 1846, 1850 to 1853, inclusive, except those of a special session in 1851, were published with those of the Grand Chapter, in 12mo. Those for 1841 are on a folio sheet; from 1854 they are octavo. Those which can be obtained, from the organization to 1857, have been reprinted; and it is expected that others will be. Those of 1861 (four pages) were published only with those of Grand Council. Semi-annual conclaves were held from 1864 to 1868, inclusive, and the Proceedings published (separately from the annual), except for 1867.

DELAWARE. — I. Organized in 1806. It has been stated, on apparently good authority, that its Proceedings from 1807 to 1824, 1831 to 1844, and 1846 to 1849, all inclusive, were never published; but Rob. Morris, in his "History of Masonry in Kentucky," notices the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, 12mo, pp. 52-59" (1817), and gives statistics from them. The paging indicates that the previous ones had been published, and all paged consecutively. Those from 1825 to 1830 are 12mo; 1850 and those since, octavo. II. Organized in 1818, and Proceedings then published. It has not been ascertained whether any afterwards were printed or not. The body became dormant, and in 1869 the present Grand Chapter was organized.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. — I. Organized in 1811. Proceedings to 1826 published in 12mo size. It is believed that those from 1827 to 1844 were never published. Those for 1845, 1846, and an adjourned session in 1847, were published in one pamphlet. The next publication covered the time from April, 1847, to July, 1848; the next, the remainder of 1848; the next, a special session in 1849; the next, from May to July, 1849; the next, the

remainder of 1849, with an address by Chandler; the next, the whole of 1850. Two pamphlets were issued for 1851, and since then one each year. II. Organized in 1867.

FLORIDA.—I. Organized in 1830. Early Proceedings published in 16mo size; reprinted from 1830 to 1859, in one volume, 8vo; also, from 1860 to 1866; 1867 to 1869 paged for volume, and those since paged consecutively. II. Organized in 1847. Proceedings published annually, save that 1861 and 1862 are in one pamphlet, and 1872 and 1873 are also in one. 1861 and 1862 have been reprinted by STEPHEN BERRY, Portland, Maine. III. Organized in 1858. Did not meet from 1861 to 1866, inclusive, nor in 1870, 1871 or 1873. Proceedings are published only with those of Grand Chapter, except 1872.

GEORGIA.—I. Organized in 1786. I am not familiar with the Proceedings prior to 1820, if any were published; those since are octavo, but the earlier ones somewhat smaller than the present standard. II. Organized in 1822. Suspended in 1831. Reorganized in 1841. Met annually since, except in 1864 and 1865. Proceedings for 1862 to 1866, inclusive, in same pamphlet; otherwise published annually. III. Organized in 1825. Soon suspended and records lost, never having been printed. Present body organized in 1841. Did not meet in 1864 or 1865. Proceedings of 1841 and 1842 published in same pamphlet; also those of 1862 to 1867, inclusive. Those for 1872 and 1873 not yet printed, and will come out with those of 1874. Those for 1849 to 1855, inclusive, published only with those of Grand Chapter. Those from 1843 to 1848 were not published with those of Grand Chapter, and I cannot ascertain that they have ever been published at all. IV. Organized in 1860. Did not meet in 1864 or 1865. Proceedings for 1862 to 1866 in one pamphlet.

IDAHO.—I. Organized in 1867.

ILLINOIS—I. Convention to organize held in December, 1822. Its Proceedings are given in John C. Reynolds' "History of Masonry in Illinois," which, however, is very rare, as most of the edition was burned. The convention submitted the question of forming a Grand Lodge to the lodges, and their decision being favorable, the Grand Lodge met and organized in December, 1823, but I know of no copy of the Proceedings. It met again in December, 1824, and published its Proceedings in 12mo. Brother REYNOLDS states that it did not meet in 1825, but met in January, 1826 and 1827. I think this statement is erroneous, and that it *did* meet in December, 1825 and 1826. It certainly met in December, 1826, for its Proceedings (12mo) are in the library of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The session in 1826 was prolonged into January, and this fact is probably the cause of the error in Brother REYNOLDS' statement. It died in 1827, or possibly in 1828, and if in the latter year, its Proceedings were probably never published. Reorganized in 1840. Proceedings to 1844 in 12mo. Reynolds's History contains a substantial reprint of

the Proceedings up to 1850, inclusive. The minutes of session of 1849 were burned before they were recorded or printed; and an extra session was held, in April, 1850, the Proceedings at which were published in a pamphlet separate from those of the October session following, so that there are two pamphlets of 1850 and none of 1849. II. Organized in 1850, and the Proceedings published in same pamphlet with those of 1851; Proceedings to 1857, inclusive, pagged for a volume. III. Organized in 1853. Proceedings published annually, except that those for 1870 were burned before they had been distributed (save a few copies), and they were reprinted with those of 1871. IV. Organized in 1857.

INDIANA.—I. Organized in 1818. Proceedings to 1845 reprinted in one volume, in 1861. II. Organized in 1845. Proceedings to 1854, inclusive, are 12mo, or small 8vo; those for 1860 have "May 22, 1859," on title page, but the imprint is 1860. III. Organized in 1855. IV. Organized in 1854; did not meet in 1861.

IOWA.—I. Organized in 1844. Proceedings from 1844 to 1853, inclusive, reprinted as volume one; and those from 1854 to 1858, inclusive, as volume two; those from 1859 to 1863, inclusive, are pagged consecutively for volume three, which is very rare. 1864 to 1868, inclusive, are pagged consecutively (except Appendices) for volume four; and 1869 to 1873 for volume five, but it will be found more convenient to bind these in two volumes; 1871 is quite rare, owing to the destruction of the plates. II. Organized in 1854; 1854 to 1867 pagged for volume one, and 1868 to 1872, for volume two. III. Organized in January, 1857, and met again in May, and the Proceedings of each session published separately, and are rare; those for 1858, are dated on third page, "October 13, 1859;" those for 1859 and 1860, and those for 1865 and 1866, are published together; 1857 to 1872, make a volume for which Comp. LANGRIDGE has prepared a Title Page, Index, and Introduction. IV. Organized in 1864. 1864 to 1871 make volume one, for which a Title Page and Index have been printed.

KANSAS.—I. Organized in 1855. II. Organized in April, 1866; met again in October following, and the Proceedings of each Convocation published separately. III. Organized in 1867. Proceedings for 1868 to 1871, inclusive, published together; those for 1872, to be published with those of 1873. IV. Organized in 1868. Did not meet in 1872.

KENTUCKY.—I. Organized in 1800. Up to 1806, it met semi-annually, and an emergent session was held in 1808. In 1802, the Proceedings from organization were published in 12mo size, but those of 1802 were also published separately. After that, the size was small octavo (except 1815, which was 12mo), and in some years there seem to have been two editions printed. The ordinary octavo was adopted about 1827. II. Organized in 1817. Met twice in 1818 and 1821. Did not meet in 1836, 1837, or 1838. III. Organized

in 1827. The Proceedings of 1827, 1828, 1829, and 1830, and after 1851, were published separately; those for 1831, 1832, 1846, 1847, 1850 and 1851, and an abstract of those of 1841, were published with those of Grand Chapter. They were not published with the Grand Chapter Proceedings of 1833 and 1839, and only a list of officers with those of 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1848 or 1849. I cannot ascertain whether any others were published than as above stated. It did not meet in 1861 or 1862, and probably not in 1836, 1837, 1838, and other years. Proceedings for 1863 reprinted by STEPHEN BERRY, Portland, Maine. IV. Organized in 1847. Reprint from 1847 to 1866, but it does not include the Reports on Correspondence.

LOUISIANA.—I. Organized in 1812. The earlier Proceedings (small octavo) are little more than a *Tableau* of membership. No session in 1832. The Proceedings, Constitutions, &c., down to 1850, were published (if at all) in French and English. Those from 1834 to 1840, inclusive, were never published. In 1847, two pamphlets in each language were printed, in consequence of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi declaring the Grand Lodge illegal and chartering Lodges in Louisiana. In 1848, the "Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons" was formed, and its Constitution and Proceedings of that year were published in 12mo, or small octavo; and it also published a Report in 1849. In that year, the old Grand Lodge published three pamphlets. In 1850, a Convention was held to frame a new Constitution, and its Proceedings were published (12mo). In 1851, all the elements united under this Constitution, and the Proceedings (including all that were ever published of 1850) were published in 12mo. Since then, the Proceedings have been published regularly. II. A Grand Chapter was organized in 1813, under the authority of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master being, *ex officio*, Grand High Priest. In 1826, 1827, and 1828, an abstract of its Proceedings was published with those of the Grand Lodge. In 1829, it came under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and published its Proceedings that year and perhaps the next. In 1831, it became dormant. In 1841, an attempt was made to reorganize it, but the General Grand Chapter decided in 1844, that the Grand Chapter was extinct, and the proceedings to revive it irregular, and granted Charters to Chapters, which in 1848, formed the present Grand Chapter. But the other Grand Chapter continued to act, and from 1845 to 1849, published an abstract of its Proceedings with those of the Grand Lodge, to which it purported to be "annexed." It disappeared in the re-organization of the Grand Lodge in 1850. The present Grand Chapter has met annually since, except in 1863 and 1864, and published its Proceedings regularly. III. Organized in 1856. Its Proceedings to 1862, inclusive, published only with those of Grand Chapter. IV. Organized in 1864.

MAINE.—I. Organized in 1820. Met quarterly till 1830. The original Proceedings, 1820 to 1825, quarto; 1826 to 1833, 8vo; 1834 to 1847, 12mo; except that those of a special session 1844, with JOHN H. SHEPPARD'S address, were octavo. Those from 1820 to 1847, inclusive, have been reprinted

as volume one; 1848 to 1854, is volume two (very rare); 1855 to 1858, volume three; 1859 to 1863 (paged consecutively except Appendix), volume four; 1864 to 1866 (paged consecutively, the Appendix by itself), volume five; 1867 to 1869 (paged consecutively), volume six; and 1870 to 1872 (paged consecutively), volume seven. II. Organized in 1821. The Proceedings of many of the earlier years not published. Those from 1821 to 1849, inclusive, to be reprinted as volume one; 1850 to 1860, as volume two; 1861 to 1867 (paged consecutively except Appendix), volume three; 1868 to 1873 (paged consecutively), volume four. III. Organized in 1855, and the Proceedings published with those of 1856; 1855 to 1867, make volume one; 1868 to 1875 (paged consecutively), volume two. IV. Organized in 1852. Proceedings of 1854, 1855 and 1856, are in same pamphlet; 1852 and 1853 have been reprinted; 1852 to 1867 is volume one; 1868 to 1873 (paged consecutively), is volume two.

MARYLAND.—I. A Grand Lodge for the "Eastern Shore of Maryland" was organized in 1783, and held several meetings that year, but then discontinued them. It was reorganized in 1787, and has met semi-annually ever since. Its Proceedings up to and including May, 1797, are published in full in the "Ahiman Rezon" of that year. Since then (or within a few years of that date), they have been published semi-annually (May and November), except that the two pamphlets for 1870 are stitched together. To 1819, inclusive, so far as I can ascertain, they were of quarto size, except May, 1817. Since 1819, they are octavo. II. There was an acting Grand Chapter for Maryland and the District of Columbia, before 1800, probably maintaining the same relation to the Grand Lodge as the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania did; it met as late as 1807, but no Proceedings were published, and its records are lost. In 1814, a meeting of representatives of three Chapters was held, "for the purpose of revising and amending the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter"; the first day it met as a Convention, the second day it met as a Grand Chapter, with Grand officers, *pro tem.*, adopted a few amendments to the Constitution, elected and installed Grand Officers, and closed to meet in 1815. The Proceedings were, *in form*, the continuing of the old Grand Chapter, but, *in fact*, a re-organization. After a few years, its annual meetings were arranged for January and November of alternate years, so that no sessions were held in 1819, 1821, or 1823. Two sessions were held in 1820, 1822, 1824 and 1842. The Proceedings in November, 1818, are dated at the commencement 1819, but the correct date is used afterwards. They are 12mo or 16mo to 1846, and since then octavo. IV. Organized in 1870. The Proceedings published with those of 1871.

MASSACHUSETTS.—I. St. John's Grand Lodge organized in 1733. The Massachusetts Grand Lodge organized in 1769. They united in 1792. It has met quarterly. The earliest printed Proceedings of which I have any knowledge are those of 1803; they were folio in size till 1826, inclusive. Those since 1803 have been published annually, except that those for 1830, 1831,

1832 and 1844 were never printed, so far as I know. Those for 1842 and 1843 are in same pamphlet; and those for 1872, and since, are published quarterly, but paged consecutively during the year. II. Organized in 1798. Proceedings first published in 1818. None published between 1834 and 1853, except 1835 (on a broadside) and 1840. 1853 and 1854 are in one pamphlet; so are 1856, 1857 and 1858; also 1859 and 1860. Those for 1818, 1824 and 1835 have been reprinted. III. Organized in 1826; was dormant several years. Its Proceedings for 1859 and 1860 (in one pamphlet), 1861, 1866 (12mo), 1867 and since, have been printed. IV. Organized in 1805. No Proceedings published till 1864, in which year two pamphlets, one a history, were published.

MICHIGAN. — I. Organized in 1826, and, by resolution formally adopted, suspended labor in 1829. In 1841, it met on the day fixed in its constitution for the annual session, and reorganized. Its Proceedings were published in the "*Mt. Clemens Patriot*" of January 22 and June 11, 1842. It was not recognized by other Grand Lodges, and in 1844 the present Grand Lodge was organized. II. Organized in 1848. Proceedings to 1851, inclusive, published in one pamphlet; those since 1860 are paged consecutively. III. Organized in 1858. Met twice in 1861. Proceedings to 1863, inclusive, 12mo. IV. Organized in 1857. Proceedings of some of earlier years first published in 12mo, but afterwards those up to 1860, inclusive, were published in one pamphlet. Those for 1862 to 1865 also published in one.

MINNESOTA. — I. Organized in 1853. Met twice in 1858. Did not meet in 1862 or 1868. Reprint to 1868. II. Organized in 1859. Did not meet in 1862 or 1869. Proceedings of 1859 and 1860 in one pamphlet; also those of 1861 and 1863, and those of 1864 and 1865. Reprint to 1871. III. Organized in 1870. Proceedings of 1870 and 1871 in same pamphlet; also those for 1872 and 1873. IV. Organized in 1865. Proceedings of 1865 and 1866 published together; and those of 1865 and 1866 reprinted with those of 1867.

MISSISSIPPI. — I. Organized in 1818. Did not meet in 1862. Proceedings to 1824, inclusive, 12mo; those for 1844 and since, 8vo; those between are part 12mo and part 8vo. II. Organized in 1846; no session in 1862 or 1863. Proceedings to 1867, inclusive, reprinted; those of 1873 to be printed with those of 1874. III. Organized in 1856. No session in 1862 or 1863. The minutes of session of 1861 were burned, and the Grand Recorder dying soon after, no record was made, or Proceedings of that year published. IV. Organized in 1857 and the Proceedings published with those of 1858. No session in 1862, 1863, 1864, or 1865. Proceedings for 1866 to 1869 not yet published.

MISSOURI. — I. Organized in 1821. Met semi-annually till after 1831. Special sessions in 1843, 1844, 1845, 1847 and 1848. Proceedings from 1832 to 1836, inclusive, never printed. Those of the semi-annual session of 1824 published separately, and those of the annual session of same year published with those