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NEVADA.—Twenty-third annual convention, at Wadsworth, June 12-14, 1895. (Journal received August 7.)

Grand Chancellor Aitken says he didn't aim to increase the membership, but "endeavored in a judicious way to keep the membership at the standard, both numerically and in a point of social standing," as when he assumed office. He visited all the lodges and instituted one new one.

The membership is 831, or 17 less than a year previous, and there are 15 lodges, with assets aggregating \$21,071.42. The expenditure for relief was \$3,819.93. They suspended 61. The Grand Lodge has \$613.38 on hand.

No Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Winnemucca in June, 1896.

N. A. HUMMEL, G. C., Wadsworth.

A. B. STODDARD, G. K. R. S., Virginia City.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Twenty-fourth annual convention, at Manchester, October, 1894. (Journal received January 21, 1895.)

Here we find another Grand Chancellor who thought it quite as important to look after and strengthen weak lodges as to strive for new ones, and he says he succeeded in infusing new life into five of these. Grand Chancellor Harmon visited every lodge, "many of them several times, as their needs and his opportunities permitted." He reports the rendering of the work "very effective." Here is his only recommendation:—

"I recommend that an officer be appointed whose duty it shall be to assist in the formation of new lodges. My experience during the last term has forced the conclusion upon me that the Grand Chancellor cannot attend to his other duties and give attention to this without a greater loss of time than most men can well afford. In my own case I have, in the performance of my duties, travelled over 7,000 miles, and devoted over 100 days of time, exclusive of correspondence which has called for hundreds of letters, and this has not included social events, having to decline all invitations of this character, except in two or three instances."

Brother Harmon has well earned his right to add P.G.C. to his name.

There are 3,869 members in 44 lodges, the increase for year being 113 members and one lodge. They suspended 210. Assets of lodges \$58,065.79; expended for relief \$9,284.90. Grand Lodge balance \$1,239.59.

Several portraits and biographical sketches of Past Grand Chancellors appear in this journal, giving it additional interest.

Brother Moore's report as Fraternal Correspondent is as complete as such a document can be made in a limited space, and he needs not to apologise for it. It makes good reading. Referring to a criticism of their vote of \$50.00 to the retiring Grand Chancellor (which by the way is repeated this year in almost the same language), he says we have "fallen into a serious error." And then he gives this explanation, quoting our own reference:—

He says:—"The sum of \$50 was appropriated 'as partial compensation for the services of the retiring Grand Chancellor,' hardly a dollar a week!" The significant exclamation point is not in order; the sum named was voted in addition to the amount of the Grand Chancellor's bill, which covered all travelling and other expenses incurred by him during his term of office. The paragraph, therefore, does us injustice, though doubtless unintentional.