

ing the secret work was changed by Grand Chancellor Rathbone, a secret cipher established, and a committee appointed to have the Ritual printed.

Thus the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia went on and on. It arrogated to itself all Pythian power and supremacy, carrying the Order into the neighboring states, creating Grand Lodges in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

When these bodies had taken shape, and the condition of the Order seemed to justify and demand it, at the regular quarterly session of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and Provisional Supreme Lodge, held April 14th, 1868, resolutions were adopted providing for a meeting to be held on May 16th, 1868, at the City of Philadelphia, comprised of delegates from the several Grand Lodges, with a view to the institution of the Supreme Lodge.

Pursuant to this cause the meeting was held, and after considerable discussion of the proposition, a "plan" was adopted for the organization of the Supreme Lodge, and the same being duly ratified by the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware on August 11th, 1868, the delegates from these respective states met at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, and thereat formally organized the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World.

Upon the organization of the Supreme Lodge, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia settled back into the same relative position as that of any other state, and Supreme authorities entered the field.

The first Supreme Chancellor, Samuel Read, of Mt. Holly, New Jersey, was certainly the greatest organizer that the Order ever had. He devoted his entire time, thought and study to the propagation of the Order, using every method to accomplish his end, and succeeded most wonderfully. He was a man of indomitable energy, great courage and untiring effort—he was a good deal the courtier and the statesman, and though many of his methods by no means met with the approving judgment of the writer, yet everyone who knows the exact facts and the history of the early struggles of the Order, must concede that with the material, tools and opportunities that he had, Supreme Chancellor Read did wonderful work. Beset at the outstart by contentions in his own family, his administration was made almost a burden to him from the start. He was, however, a man to whom that kind of excitement was natural—he somehow or other fattened on it, and no opposition seemed to daunt him. He had half a dozen conflicts on his hands at the same time, but he attended to them all, and did not lose any sleep at that. Brother Read was re-elected in 1870, and came to the Supreme Lodge session at Baltimore in 1872, with a report showing that by no means had he been idle during his incumbency.

In 1872, our own old war horse, Henry Clay Berry, was elected Supreme Chancellor, defeating Brother Samuel Read for re-election. This was a marked honor and recognition of Illinois, in view of the fact that this was the second session at which the Prairie State was represented. At the same session the new Ritual, the

product of the brain of Dr. B. B. Ussher, of Illinois, including the "Amplified Third," was adopted and ordered printed and promulgated. At the same convention the uniform for the Order was adopted, and provision made for the Pythian Drill Corps. In connection with the Ritual and its promulgation, legislative provision was made whereby the printed Rituals when issued, should contain both the simple and amplified form, as might be requested. On the very threshold of his term of office, Supreme Chancellor Berry was met with a flat refusal on the part of the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania to live up to the requirements of the Order in the promulgation of the Ritual. This at once precipitated a conflict between the Supreme Chancellor and that Grand Lodge, resulting in Supreme Chancellor Berry issuing an order of suspension, withholding the password, and placing the loyal lodges of Pennsylvania under his special Deputy, Joseph D. Weeks, formerly of Iowa. This whole question came up for consideration at the convention of the Supreme Lodge, at the City of Richmond, Virginia, April, 1873, when the Supreme Lodge, after hearing all the facts sustained the action of Supreme Chancellor Henry Clay Berry. At this convention the fact developed that the then Supreme Corresponding and Recording Scribe, Clarence Barton, was a defaulter, and that the Supreme Treasury was absolutely without a dollar. It is not necessary here to go into details with reference to this matter, suffice to say that the Supreme Representatives who attended that, as well as the next convention of the Supreme Lodge, had to go home without any money.

As a result of the action of the Supreme Lodge at the Richmond session, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania accepted the legislation with reference to the Ritual.

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