

- 13 South Carolina.
- 14 California and Wisconsin.
- 16 Arizona.
- 17 Idaho and Indiana.
- 19 Florida.
- 20 North Carolina.
- 21 Maritime Provinces.
- 22 Alabama.
- 23 Iowa.
- 24 Oregon.
- 25 Kentucky.
- 26 Connecticut and Texas.
- 28 Wyoming.
- 29 British Columbia.
- 30 Tennessee.
- 31 New Jersey.
- 32 Utah.
- 33 Nevada.
- 34 Indian Territory.
- 35 Arkansas.
- 36 Ontario.
- 37 Maryland.
- 38 Montana.
- 39 Manitoba.
- 40 Washington.
- 41 Illinois.
- 42 Delaware.
- 43 Mississippi.
- 44 New Mexico.
- 45 District of Columbia.
- 46 South Dakota.
- 47 Nebraska and New York.
- 49 Virginia.
- 50 Kansas.
- 51 Pennsylvania.
- 52 Rhode Island.
- 53 Missouri.
- 54 Louisiana.

#### SUPREME LODGE FINANCES.

There has been much discussion, during the past biennial term, of the important subject of the finances of the Supreme Lodge. Some of this has been temperate and just, and manifestly inspired by an honest desire to discover the cause of our present financial condition and to apply the needed remedy: much of it, unfortunately, has been neither just nor temperate. To all criticism of the conduct of Supreme Lodge officers—to all aspersion by innuendo of their personal integrity in the handling of Supreme Lodge funds—the incumbent of this office desires, as sole reply, to submit the figures which follow. They present a succinct and intelligible resume of the fluctuations of our finances during the last six fiscal years, embracing three biennial terms.

Following is a statement of the cash account for the period named:

Balance on hand, March 31, 1892.....	\$ 58,191 00
Interest on deposits (Wiley).....	720 00
Receipts, year ending March 31, 1893..	93,389 60
Receipts, year ending March 31, 1894..	101,136 96
Receipts, year ending March 31, 1895..	88,330 50
Receipts, year ending March 31, 1896..	66,210 72
Receipts, year ending March 31, 1897..	42,859 82
Receipts, year ending March 31, 1898..	37,716 17
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	\$488,554 86

Disbursements, year ending March 31, 1893.....	\$100,796 00
Wiley deficit.....	60,166 64
Disbursements, year ending March 31, 1894.....	63,415 40
Disbursements, year ending March 31, 1895.....	96,936 55
Disbursements, year ending March 31, 1896.....	50,766 93
Disbursements, year ending March 31, 1897.....	68,630 78
Disbursements, year ending March 31, 1898.....	38,736 47
Balance on hand, March 31, 1898.....	9,106 03
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	\$488,554 86

Owing to the fact that the conventions of the Supreme Lodge are held biennially, the disbursements in alternate years are inevitably much larger. In order, therefore, that the comparison of annual disbursements with annual receipts may be perfectly fair, it is necessary that the expenditures caused directly by holding a convention of the Supreme Lodge—the pay-roll, incidental expenses of the convention (such as the daily journal, postage, etc.) and the printing of the official record—should be eliminated from the amounts given above as gross disbursements. We thus obtain the appended comparative statement of receipts and disbursements for ordinary purposes for the fiscal year named:

1893—Receipts .....	\$ 94,109 60
1894—Receipts .....	101,136 96
1895—Receipts .....	88,330 50
1896—Receipts .....	66,210 72
1897—Receipts .....	42,859 82
1898—Receipts .....	37,716 17
1893—Disbursements .....	\$ 58,690 00
1894—Disbursements .....	63,415 46
1895—Disbursements .....	61,874 43
1896—Disbursements .....	50,766 93

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