

been increased by reviewing the journals of sister domains, because he found the lodges everywhere suspending members for non-payment of dues when there were full treasuries. He is still opposed to the Grand Lodge Rank (*not* Past Chancellor's Rank, you know!) and has his fling at it, suggesting that it be "relegated to the follies of the past," and the time occupied in conferring it devoted to "something that will benefit Pythianism."

Next convention at Topeka, the third Tuesday in May, 1896.

H. L. ALDEN, G. C., Kansas City.

GUS. J. NEUBERT, G. K. R. S., Kansas City.

S. O. McDOWELL, Fraternal Correspondent, Lansing.

KENTUCKY.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at Paducah, September 18, 19, 1894. (Journal received December 21.)

Grand Chancellor Rogers made an excellent officer and used good judgment all through the term, as the following extracts from his report demonstrate:—

"Realizing that there was a poor field for the organization of new lodges, I turned my attention to the many weak and wavering ones within our borders that needed the fostering care of some one to tide them over the shoals of adversity. I gave all the time that I could possibly spare to this work, and my labors have not been in vain. I have visited many of the weak lodges, and am sorry that I have not had the time to go again; an official visit to these apparently neglected lodges did them much good; in fact, I have many letters from lodges written me after these visits, in which I was urged to visit them again before I retired from office. A large number of these lodges told me that they had never before been visited by a Grand Lodge officer, and felt that they were nonentities in the order."

Thus weak lodges were encouraged. The figures given by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wade Sheltman show a membership of 5822, a gain of 48. They instituted five lodges and lost four, the present number being 103. There were suspended 547. The lodges have assets amounting to \$98,295.41, and disbursed for relief \$10,784.55. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$951.99.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee seem to have neglected their duty, as no mention of a report occurs in the journal before us. We hope to hear from the new committee.

Next convention at Somerset the third Tuesday in September, 1895.

T. B. MATHEWS, G. C., Petersburg.

WADE SHELTMAN, G. K. R. S., 430 W. Main Street, Louisville.

W. C. QUINBY, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Dayton.

LOUISIANA.—Fifteenth annual convention, at Monroe, May 20-23, 1895. (Journal received July 29.)

Grand Chancellor Calongne found it impossible to carry out the programme he had contemplated, and we think we remember having read of others who had similar experience. Still he made forty-two visits, attended well to the duties of his office and had a successful term. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a net gain for the year of 404 members and 11 lodges; suspended 683.