

business, wrote more than 2600 letters, had a good sized slice of "German question" to wrestle with, and seems to have served his domain faithfully and well.

Brother Acker, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, says :—

"The total number of active lodges reported at the Grand Lodge session of 1894 was 273. Since that time there have been nine lodges instituted and one reorganized and ten lodges which have become defunct and consolidated, leaving the total number of active lodges in this Grand Domain 273, the same as last year. The reports of the lodges for December 31, 1894, show a membership of 21,755, a gain of 754 for the calendar year of 1894. The suspensions during the year were more than 500 in excess of the suspensions for 1893, and more than 600 in excess of those for 1892. This accounts for the comparatively small gain in membership during 1894."

For relief they expended \$60,401.66, and the assets amount to \$325,744.65. The Grand Lodge has a balance of \$4,767.79. The receipts for the Rathbone monument fund were 694.25.

State Deputy Auchmoody had a busy time, and is credited with enough visits to make one satisfied that he is a worker. Of course this officer has been a great help to the lodges, and we can quite believe his statement that the lodges in this state are better posted in the new ritualistic work than those of any domain not having a special deputy could possibly be.

Brother Calkins presents another excellent fraternal correspondence report, covering some thirty-six pages of the journal. He says he didn't go into criticism as deeply as he was tempted to, because the new Supreme Statutes rendered it a little difficult to tell under just which code of laws different decisions had been rendered.

Next convention at Canandaigua, in July, 1896.

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NORTH CAROLINA.—Twenty-fifth convention at Mount Airy, June 19, 20, 1895. (Journal received August 22.)

Grand Chancellor Holton thinks there is "every reason to be gratified with the results accomplished." Eleven new lodges added 161 to the rolls. He reports all in healthy and prosperous condition and doing well "with possibly three or four exceptions." He wisely called on his brother officers to do some visiting and the results were highly satisfactory. Like his predecessor he sees room for improvement in the rank work, and advocates the adoption of the "long form" and memorizing the ritualistic work.

Supreme Chancellor Richie sent a telegram, and General W. D. Kennedy was present, assisting in committee work and favoring the lodge with an eloquent address forty-five minutes long; for all of which he was rewarded by a vote of thanks.

There are 55 active lodges and 3,005 members, while 255 were suspended. For relief \$5,801.64 was expended and the assets of lodges amount to \$23,090.85. The Grand Master of Exchequer reports \$1,887.15 on hand.