

TENNESSEE.—No report.

TEXAS.—No report.

UTAH.—Twelfth annual convention at Provo City, June 18-20, 1895. (Journal received July 31.)

A telegram from Supreme Chancellor Richie, expressing greetings and good wishes, was read soon after the opening, and suitable reply was "wired."

Grand Chancellor Corlew's report gives evidence of an earnestness in the discharge of his duties worthy of imitation. Because of universal "hard times" there was no attempt at a boom, but "the advancement, though slow, has been sure and strong." He visited every lodge, corrected inaccuracies in the work, and everything is better for this labor. Indeed, he reports the rank work equal to that of any sister domain. Brother Corlew thought it might be worth while to look after members who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, and asked each lodge to send him a list of such members, that he might communicate with them, and if possible "touch a tender and sympathetic chord in their nature." So he incorporated in his circular a poem of six verses, (which is given in the journal.) Whether the fear of receiving a second and possibly a worse poem was the "tender chord," we cannot say, but are pleased that Brother Corlew could report that "some of the lodges are beginning to reap the harvest." Some one has said, "All's fair in love or war," and we know that love alone prompted our Brother's action.

Two lodges were instituted and two consolidated, and now there are 12, the membership being 960, an increase of 54. Suspensions numbered 168. The prospects for the future are bright. For relief \$2,879.51 was paid; the assets amount to \$12,919.62.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is a good one, Brother McDaniel's second, and he found the work "a pleasure and a personal benefit." He has changed the opinion he had of his brother correspondents, and thanks them for letting him down so easy. He thought the '94 report would be his last, but the work was so satisfactory he was reappointed—and it looks as if he were to have the contract another year. The Grand Lodge of Utah is wise. By the way, see that "foreign" is tabooed from your next report—heading and everywhere else.

Next convention at Salt Lake, June 16, 1896.

J. P. MEAKIN, G. C., Salt Lake.

H. C. WARDLEIGH, G. K. R. S., Ogden.

(?) E. A. MCDANIEL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, (though the book doesn't say so), Ogden.

VERMONT.—No report.

VIRGINIA.—Twenty-seventh annual convention, at Staunton, February 19-22, 1895. (Journal received April 25.)

Supreme Chancellor Richie and Major-General Carnahan were introduced to the Grand Lodge immediately after the opening and welcomed by the Grand Chancellor. Both subsequently addressed the meeting.