

RHODE ISLAND.—Twenty-fourth annual convention, at Providence, February 12, 1895. (Journal received June 5.)

Grand Chancellor Scott made 33 official visits and thinks that "a Grand Chancellor who cannot or will not devote time enough to make one visit a year to each lodge, is not the proper man for the office."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wilson reports a slight decrease in membership, and suggests as a means of increasing their numbers that each member interest himself and endeavor to bring in a candidate. He reports one lodge less (caused by consolidation) and 36 members less than a year ago, though there is a considerable gain in lodge assets which amount to \$59,213.53. For relief \$12,590.90 was expended. The membership is 3,672. The Grand Lodge has cash balance of \$1,356.22.

No Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next convention at Providence in February, 1896.

CHARLES E. PIERCE, G. C., East Providence.

WM. A. WILSON, G. K. R. S., Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—No report.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Fifth annual aconvention, at Aberdeen, June 21, 22, 1894. (Journal received November 5.)

As we read the 'way back date of above session, "that tired feeling" comes to us, and the temptation of the moment is to shy the journal at the feline stretched lazily on the rug at our side. But as we were taught some time ago the value of caution, we pull ourselves together and—here goes. The familiar face of Brother Blackwell greets one on opening the book.

The Grand Chancellor's report says he felt grateful at being "exhausted" to that office, and intended to hustle to keep up the record for increase, but he was sick and confined to his room for a month, and couldn't get to as many lodges as he wished; but—judging by his report of the visits made—he must have been clubbing himself for not being able to take in the whole lot. The condition of this domain is all right. They instituted five lodges and restored one, while one forfeited charter, the total being 44. The membership is 2,020, an increase of 257 for the year; suspended 136. The lodge assets are \$24,787.35, and they expended \$2,122.60 for relief. The Grand Master of Exchequer has \$485.72 on hand. Harmony prevails. Brother Blackwell addressed the Grand Lodge "at some length," and received "a rising vote."

Brother Cherry, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, presents an excellent report. He enjoyed the work—in fact, he says, "as we advanced farther and deeper into the work it became a pleasure and a positive delight." Now "the other two," (whom he says "were unable to join actively" in the work,) will understand what they have missed.

Next convention at Chamberlain, in June, 1895.

C. T. HOWARD, G. C., Redfield.

C. E. WARNER, G. K. R. S., Faulkton.

A. E. WITTING, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Henry.