

OREGON.—Fourteenth annual convention, at Portland, October 9-11, 1894. (Journal received Dec. 13.)

Grand Chancellor Waddle reports the standard of membership greatly improved and harmony prevailing; the knights more proficient in the work, and showing "more appreciation of the masterly work of the new ritual;" and that "those who were most hostile at its adoption are now the most active in the exemplification of its beauties." Then he springs this question: "Is the new ritual too deep for the rank and file of our order?" to which—in the absence of any visible reply—we humbly admit, with tears in our eyes, that it is "in spots." He recommended that the Supreme Representatives endeavor to have the word "castle" substituted for "lodge" wherever found in the literature of the order, and this is the only evidence of weakness we notice in his report. What a picnic there would be in the Supreme Lodge over such a resolution!

They made a gain of only 25 in membership, and now have 3261 enrolled, while 551 were suspended. There are 57 lodges, a gain of five. For relief \$11,407.13 was expended, and the total assets are \$58,436.02. Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer \$3,594.34.

The appendix is rich in literary food, containing (besides the report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee) an address of welcome and reply, and the "oration" by the grand orator of the domain. We welcome the Fraternal Correspondence report "the first for many years," but are sorry our Journal was not included in the reviewed. Why, please?

Next convention at Salem, in October, 1895.

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G. F. MCCONNELL, G. K. R. S. and chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Twenty-sixth annual convention, at York, in August, 1894. (Journal received November 27.)

From report of Grand Chancellor Stratton:—

I have travelled thousands of miles, written many hundreds of letters, and tried to give the order the benefit of the best endeavors of which I was capable. To this end I refrained from engaging in any business or employment, but devoted my time, doing whatever I could in my humble way, toward the advancement of the Pythian cause. . . . It seems very unfair to me that this order should expect that any person should sacrifice his time and business in travelling over the state as Grand Chancellor without pay, and I trust the time is not far distant when this Grand Lodge will make an appropriation of a reasonable amount as a salary to the Grand Chancellor in addition to his travelling expenses.

The number of lodges is same as at last report, the merging of two and dissolving of three off-setting four new ones. Through suspension of 4,429 members, death of 538 and withdrawal of 228, a decrease for the year appears of 2,787, the membership being 46,312. For relief \$244,594.59 was expended, and the assets of lodges are \$854,605.96. The Grand Master of Exchequer reports a balance on hand of \$7,769.07.

No Fraternal Correspondence report.

Next convention at Reading in August, 1895.

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