

the Supreme authority; in this he was met by a uniform compliance in almost every state, but in Pennsylvania his authority was resisted, and finally after a long parley, and it being apparent that the Pythian authorities in that state would not comply with his mandates, he suspended the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, withheld the password, and organized a loyal Grand Lodge. The Supreme Lodge did not sustain him in this action, but required the incoming Supreme Chancellor, William Ward, of New Jersey, to demand that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should fully comply with the laws of the Supreme Lodge, and conform their local laws thereto, and that upon such compliance he was to restore the Grand Lodge to its former standing. This Supreme Chancellor Ward did.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge was an important one, and was held at the city of Milwaukee, Wis., in August, 1890. It was on this occasion that, for the first time, the Military Branch of the Order went regularly into camp. The encampment at Milwaukee was a wonderful success, comprised as it was of a city of nearly 4,000 tents, with all the equipments and surroundings of a military camp. At this convention, William Ward, Supreme Chancellor, being compelled to be absent on account of continued illness, Supreme Vice Chancellor George B. Shaw presided and was elected as successor to General Ward.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge was held at Kansas City, Mo., where there was also a very fine encampment, and a demonstration on the part of the Uniform Rank. At this convention the new Ritual was presented, exemplified by the members of Lima Lodge, No. 91, of Ohio, and adopted without a single change.

In connection with the adoption of the Ritual, it was ordered that the same should not be printed in other than the English language, and out of that grew what has been generally known as the "German Ritual Controversy." At this convention Brother W. W. Blackwell, of Henderson, Kentucky, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

The convention at Washington, D. C., held in August, 1894, was particularly memorable because of the fact that during the preceding term the question of the German Ritual had been debated from one end of the country to the other. Lines were squarely drawn on this issue at this convention, and when it came up for final action the English Ritual carried the day by more than a two-thirds vote.

Gloom was thrown over the opening of this convention by the receipt of a telegram from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, announcing the death at his home of Past Supreme Chancellor George E. Shaw, who for three weeks previous had lain at the point of death.

At this convention Brother Walter B. Richie, of Lima, Ohio, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

The convention of 1896 was held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Vice Chancellor Philip T. Colgrove, of Michigan, was chosen as the Order's chief officer.

The proceedings of the session of 1898, at Indianapolis, are still fresh in the memory of all. Thomas G. Sample, of Pennsylvania, was chosen Supreme Chancellor and Ogden H. Fethers, of Wisconsin, Supreme Vice Chancellor. Much legislation of great importance was enacted and it is believed that the Order is now on the eve of a greater and more useful life than was ever anticipated by its most ardent and sanguine supporters.—"The Pythian Record."

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