

TENNESSEE.—Twentieth annual session held at Nashville, May 5-7, 1891.

The Grand Chancellor reports the institution of 15 new Lodges and the restoration of one defunct Lodge; and adds:—

"While our gain in number of Lodges during the past year has been greater than ever before, during any one term, yet my successor will find an inviting field and the harvest ripe. Several applications are now out in the hands of zealous Knights, and will soon be sent in for action of the Grand Chancellor. The most perfect peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

Our principal loss, as heretofore, has been by suspension for non-payment of dues. This evil, it seems, is very hard to overcome. From observation and diligent inquiry, we are satisfied that this to a great extent might be obviated if the proper officers of our Subordinate Lodges should use more diligence in collecting dues at the proper time, not allowing their members to become more than one quarter in arrears."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives number of Lodges at close of year 69, gain 15; membership December, 1890, 4,533, being an increase of 766 for the year. His report also shows the finances of Lodges on the increase; and the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer shows a balance on hand at the close of the year of \$5,420.84, being an increase of over \$1,400 for the year.

An unsuccessful effort was made to reduce the per capita tax; while the Grand Lodge voted \$400 to be given by way of prizes to Divisions of the Uniform Rank. How would a similar vote look to some of our Maritime Province brethren, if adopted by our Grand-Lodge?

The following recommendation by the committee on State of the Order was adopted:—

"The 'suspension for non-payment of dues' is an evil that always has and perhaps always will exist, and, as suggested by the Grand Chancellor, should be remedied as far as possible. The committee is at a loss to suggest a remedy, but would respectfully recommend to subordinate Lodges that they urge the payment of dues in advance, and allow the Master of Finance a percentage of all moneys paid in or collected on the outside of the Lodge room."

This is an excellent idea, and should commend itself to our several Lodges.

This Grand Lodge has no Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Next meeting at Knoxville, May 3, 1892.

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TEXAS.—Eighteenth annual session held at Dallas, March 17-19, 1891.

The Grand Chancellor's report states that "the tide of public sentiment is setting strongly in our direction, and unless some very serious mistakes are made the future of our beloved Order in this Grand Jurisdiction is beyond conception." He estimates the membership at the meeting of their Grand Lodge to be nearly 8,000, and in conclusion says:—

"The year's experience has but intensified my conviction that the Order of Knights of Pythias has a future grand beyond the wildest dreams of the present."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says that the increase in their membership has been phenomenal, while the assets of Lodges has doubled in two years. Number of Lodges at close of year 121, increase 21; membership December, 1890, 7,544, increase, 1,997. The financial showing of Lodges is remark-