

We would be sorry to do any domain an unjust intention. That "significant exclamation point" in order, and for the very reason that our brother given above, namely, that the "fifty" was voted—no *compensation* for his services," or as the motion read labor devoted to the service of the order during where our comment came in. We are 'bliged to think it "a good thing!"

Next convention at Manchester in October, 1895.

FRANK M. BECKFORD, G. C., Laconia.

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ARTEMUS WARD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence, Stewartstown.

NEW JERSEY.—Twenty-eighth annual convention, 20, 21, 1895. (Journal received April 19.)

"Official connections, personal considerations and of circumstances" are what prevented Grand Chancellor from spending much time to the duties of his office as he intended. Vice Chancellor, Grand Prelate and other officers took up making official visits—and he says the duty was for the greater profit of the lodges than if he had done it at the moment occurred during his term.

The statistics show a decrease of 218—some by annual reports, and a large number through defunct lodges. Dismissions totalled 656, and deaths 134; leaving the membership 1411. There are reported "defunct," and no new ones were reported. \$60,520.51 was expended, and the assets of the 1411 lodges were \$141,111.11.

Supreme Chancellor Richie was present, exempted from the usual duties, and delivered "at some length" an "eloquent and interesting address," highly appreciated by all present. He also installed the new officers.

This journal is "profusely illustrated" with half-tones.

Another excellent Fraternal Correspondence report by Wessels' pen. (By the way, why don't you substitute "Fraternal Correspondence" for "Fraternal Correspondence"?) This is one of the reports we like to read—of course "of course" some read better than others, and this one receives \$25.00 for his work, and it is well worth more. When visiting Grand Chancellors he thinks it is "a pity" to accept an accepting office, and especially that of Grand Chancellor, as they only intend to be figure-heads."

Next convention at Trenton in February, 1896.

RALPH DONATH, G. C., Jersey City.

GEO. E. PIERSON, G. K. R. S., Woodbury.

E. R. WESSELS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence.