

Colorado..	982 65	616 22
Connecticut ..	441 03	497 19
Delaware..	56 95	58 20
District of Columbia..	102 48	273 35
Florida..	319 00	388 58
Georgia..	558 21	687 36
Idaho..	128 67	163 02
Illinois..	2,986 11	2,308 69
Indiana..	2,318 16	1,931 49
Indian Territory..	52 52	48 35
Iowa..	1,421 65	1,124 66
Kansas..	455 31	599 42
Kentucky..	693 87	556 65
Louisiana..	595 35	472 50
Maine..	501 62	968 11
Manitoba..	250 42	115 42
Maritime Provinces..	144 18	123 53
Maryland..	676 85	162 10
Massachusetts..	1,524 31	1,562 09
Michigan..	821 16	771 39
Minnesota..	459 45	337 56
Mississippi..	181 85	436 52
Missouri..	1,056 82	1,137 42
Montana..	318 09	262 00
Nebraska..	292 15	342 90
Nevada..	58 35	36 51
New Hampshire..	525 23	381 63
New Jersey..	688 19	447 81
New Mexico..	163 65	133 58
New York..	1,497 05	958 00
North Carolina..	493 60	693 13
North Dakota..	421 10	288 30
Ohio..	3,000 90	2,683 71
Oklahoma..	187 41	229 80
Ontario..	105 01	14 59
Oregon..	199 07	353 20
Pennsylvania..	1,895 78	1,466 70
Rhode Island..	373 81	275 76
South Carolina..	740 20	347 75
South Dakota..	131 99	185 16
Tennessee..	947 96	594 35
Texas..	1,525 53	1,110 42
Utah..	182 85	116 46
Vermont..	173 95	153 73
Virginia..	293 50	136 74
Washington..	236 21	362 19
West Virginia..	707 30	843 95
Wisconsin..	661 88	462 13
Wyoming..	51 45	69 16

\$35,406 76 \$30,394 73

The figures given above make manifest the stupendous fact that, within six years, our total sales of supplies have decreased sixty-three and a half per cent. Of the fifty-four grand domains, only two—and they are comparatively small—bought as much in 1898 as they bought in 1893. In the larger grand domains—those which have been our best customers heretofore—the decrease

has been enormous. Fifteen of these, who purchases in 1893 aggregated \$58,309.74—considerably more than half of the total amount sold—bought in 1898 an aggregate of \$18,294.57. The decrease in each of these, in five years, has been as follows: Minnesota, 85 per cent.; Kansas, 84; Missouri, 81; Tennessee, 80; Colorado, 78 1-2; California, 73; Iowa, 68 3-4; Illinois, 68 1-2; Texas, 66 1-2; Indiana, 65 1-2; Ohio, 64; New York, 59 1-2; Pennsylvania, 58 1-2; Alabama, 54 1-4; Massachusetts, 35 1-2.

The foregoing figures are submitted for careful, intelligent and unprejudiced scrutiny and criticism. When this shall have been applied, it is confidently believed that every member of this body who really wishes to know the truth, and who sincerely desires to be just, not only to the Supreme Lodge, but to those to whom it has confided the management of its finances, will necessarily reach the conclusion that these officers have not been unfaithful to their trust. Your revenue has not been wasted: the source from which the greater portion of it has been wont to flow has simply begun to go dry.

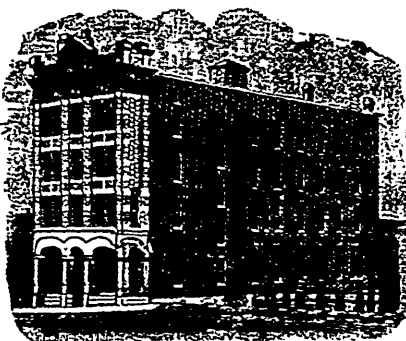
The report of Bro. White clearly demonstrates the fact that the present low condition of the Supreme Lodge Exchequer is due to the immense falling off of the receipts from the sale of supplies.

The report of the Supreme Master of the Exchequer, Thos. D. Mears, is complete, showing aggregate receipts from April 1st, 1896 to 1898, \$116,473.28, and disbursements for the same period \$107,367.25, leaving a cash balance of \$9,106.03.

Bro. Mears recommends that the law in force prior to 1894, requiring the S. M. of E. to furnish to each member of the Supreme Lodge quarterly statements of the receipts and disbursements of his office, become again in full effect. In this we heartily agree with him.

UNIFORM RANK.

The report of Maj.-Gen. Carnahan is a very lengthy document, and as it is printed under separate cover and distributed to each division, we deem it unnecessary to make any comment on same. We are pleased, however, to report the adoption of the New Ritual for that Rank. We have personally witnessed the work performed, and have no hesitation in pronouncing it a decided improvement, and as there will be no extra cost in connection with the compliance of the same, we trust that it will be instrumental in renewing interest and largely increasing the membership of this important Rank of the Order.



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