

Next convention at Cincinnati in May, 1896.

M. A. BRIDGE, G. C., Columbus.

WM. BEATTY, G. K. R. S., Toledo.

A. P. BUTTERFIELD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Cincinnati.

OKLAHOMA.—Fourth annual convention, at El Reno, July 31, 1894. (Journal received November 26.)

Grand Chancellor S. H. Harris followed the example of his predecessor in office (1st) by being absent from the Grand Lodge convention, and (2d) by doing nothing—absolutely nothing—for the order during his term. His report (also like his predecessor's) is simply a record of neglect of duty, and an "ad" for himself as a lawyer. He says his "professional" duties required every moment of his time, and that he had (since the previous September) conducted over eight hundred criminal prosecutions. Then he says he had an invalid wife to care for. This last excuse is probably legitimate. It is a pity that the honors of the order are so easily obtained.

The order has made some progress. Two new lodges and an increase of 118 in membership make a total of 10 lodges and 601 members. They suspended 77. For relief \$606.75 was expended, and the assets are \$5,050.62. The balance in Grand Lodge treasury is \$436.85.

The committee on state of the order "note that several appeals submitted to the Grand Chancellor, some as long ago as six months, have not yet been acted upon," and state that there are a number of towns where "with proper activity on the part of the grand officers," lodges could easily be instituted." We hope newly elected officers will get a hustle on."

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next convention at Kingfisher, May 21, 1895, only ten months after adjournment.

E. E. BLAKE, G. C., El Reno.

J. S. COLLIN, G. K. R. S., Guthrie.

ONTARIO.—Twenty-third annual convention, held at Windsor, August 21-23, 1894. (Journal received January 24, 1895.)

This convention was booked for Port Arthur, a point at one extreme end of the domain. Fearing to bankrupt the Grand Lodge, because satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the transportation companies, the Grand Chancellor notified the lodges not to send representatives. He went himself at date set, but, of course, could not hold a session as no quorum was present. The meeting was called for a later date at Windsor. Brother Rispen says: "Steady progress has been made, but thinks they ought to do better." He had a great many "trivial" questions asked, and suggests as a means of lightening the labors of the Grand Chancellor, "that members attempt to interpret the law a little for themselves." Visiting was not neglected, the Grand Vice Chancellor assisting. Several lodges were greatly in need of instruction, "not having been visited by a Grand Chancellor since their institution." Among his recommendations was one that a regular deputy be appointed and paid sufficient to enable him to devote all his