

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF
THE MARITIME PROVINCES



EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held at Amherst, Nova Scotia, August 21st, 1894

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Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the
Maritime Provinces.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in annual session this day in Pythian Hall, and was called to order at 2 o'clock, p. m., by Grand Chancellor James D. Fowler.

The following named officers were present at roll call:—

F. L. PEERS,
JAMES D. FOWLER,
W. B. NICHOLSON,
J. M. DEACON, M. D.,
JOHN C. HENRY,
GEO. W. CAMERON,
JOHN BEAMISH,
K. A. McLEAN,

Past Grand Chancellor.
Grand Chancellor.
Grand Vice Chancellor.
Grand Prelate.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
Grand Master-at-Arms.
Grand Inner Guard.
Grand Outer Guard.

There were also present Supreme Representative Murray Fleming, Past Grand Chancellor W. C. H. Grimmer, and representatives from nearly every Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

The reading of the minutes of last annual session was omitted, and upon motion of Representative H. V. Cooper the same were adopted as printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Representatives Dodge, of No. 2, and Macpherson, of No. 6, on the Committee on Distribu-

tion, to take the place of Brothers Moulson, of No. 1, and Powers, of No. 2, absent.

The report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials was read, received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

Your Returns and Credentials Committee, after examination of returns of Subordinate Lodges, find the following Past Grand Chancellors and Officers of this Grand Lodge entitled to admission and vote in this Grand Lodge:—

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

James Moulson,	John R. Armstrong,	George Craig,
Murray Fleming,	W. C. H. Grimmer,	J. Fenwick Fraser.
	Frank L. Peers.	

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Jas. D. Fowler,	W. B. Nicholson,	Dr. J. M. Deacon.
John C. Henry,	Geo. W. Cameron,	John Beamish.
	K. A. McLean.	

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several Subordinate Lodges and find that the following Brothers are Past Chancellors in good standing, were duly elected as Representatives, or Alternates, and that their certificates are in proper form, and we would recommend that they be recognized as Representatives and Alternates as follows:—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

Representatives.	Alternates.
A. W. Smith,	
F. Merritt,	
Wm. Quigley.	

Union Lodge, No. 2.

W. R. May,	Alfred Dodge,
F. A. Godsoe,	Wm. McAdo,
LeBaron Wilson,	Geo. A. Troop,
H. V. Cooper.	A. L. Rawlins.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

W. R. Parker,	J. G. Wran,
John Bedford,	Wm. Capson,
J. H. Wran.	Hugh Wright.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

John Ryder,	L. M. Robinson,
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Geo. J. Clarke, R. J. Rosborough.	J. B. Polley, W. S. A. Douglas.
<i>Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.</i> R. H. Cooper, J. F. Gilroy.	Geo. H. Gass, J. G. Phelan.
<i>Frederickton Lodge, No. 6.</i> A. J. Fowlie, C. H. Thomas.	Samuel McKay, A. D. Macpherson.
<i>Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.</i> J. Chapman Hartley, H. Paxton Baird.	Jas. H. Wilbur, S. S. Street.
<i>Border Lodge, No. 8.</i> Abner H. Graham, J. Whidden Graham.	W. H. Laughlin, M. D. R. W. Whitlock.
<i>Seaside Lodge, No. 9.</i> R. E. Armstrong, B. F. DeWolfe.	N. Treadwell, M. N. Cockburn.
<i>Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.</i> H. J. Logan, C. A. McQueen, M. D.	C. A. Lowe, J. M. Lusby.
<i>Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.</i> Andrew Nichols.	

We have examined the returns of Subordinate Lodges and find the following Past Chancellors entitled to admission and seats in this Grand Lodge:—

<i>New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.</i>		
Jas. Moulson, Chas. Nevins, John Beamish, E. R. Machum, J. E. Fraser, A. P. Barnhill,	Wm. Quigley, J. Fenwick Fraser, Samuel Tufts, W. S. Morrison, E. P. Leonard, G. A. Hetherington,	Wm. Robb, J. S. Brown, W. S. Vaughan, F. S. Merritt, G. R. Day, S. W. Wilkins.
<i>Union Lodge, No. 2.</i>		
Andrew J. Armstrong, Wm. McAdo, A. L. Rawlins, LeBaron Wilson,	A. W. Adams, A. S. Pattison, Geo. A. Troop, John F. Sullivan, J. H. Van Zille.	H. V. Cooper, A. M. Duff, F. E. Holman, F. A. Godsoe,
<i>Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.</i>		
Murray Fleming, G. M. Jarvis, J. H. Wran, Joseph Barton,	H. B. Fleming, C. W. Bradley, J. W. Whitehead, W. Crowhurst,	Geo. Craig, John Bedford, W. T. Sands, K. A. McLean,

W. R. Parker,
D. H. Charters,
Joseph McClure,

D. I. Welsh,
Alex. P. Tait,
W. E. Sherard.

A. S. Coleman,
John P. Weir,

John Ryder,
W. C. H. Grimmer,
F. S. Hutchinson,

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

John C. Henry,
R. J. Rosborough,
L. M. Robinson,

Geo. J. Clarke,
W. E. Smith,
Alex. Murray.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

F. L. Peers,
Geo. H. Gass,
F. F. Noiles,

R. H. Cooper,
J. F. Gilroy,
Geo. Cameron,
Chas. Proctor.

Geo. Dunn,
E. A. Potter,
David Conn,

Harry Beckwith,
Alonzo Staples,
A. D. Macpherson,

Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

Jas. D. Fowler,
Samuel Macky,
John Palmer.

Charles H. Thomas,
Geo. A. Hughes,

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

W. B. Nicholson,

S. S. Street.

Border Lodge, No. 8.

Dr. W. H. Laughlin,

A. H. Graham,

Dr. J. M. Deacon.

We would also report that we have examined the returns of the several Subordinate Lodges and find that the following Past Chancellors are in good standing, that their certificates are in proper form and that they are entitled to receive the rank of Past Chancellor in this Grand Lodge:—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

Wm. Shaw,
C. R. Scott,

W. J. Storey,
F. Sandall,

J. A. Watson,
A. W. Smith.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

Alfred Dodge,
W. R. May,

W. A. McGinley,
Samuel J. Smith,

J. F. Johnstone,
G. R. Sangster.

Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.

C. O. Rowe,

Joseph G. Wran,
Hugh Wright.

Wm. Capson.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

C. Fred Stewart,
W. S. A. Douglas,
N. E. Sederquest,

R. W. Grimmer,
H. M. Webber,
A. A. Laffin,

Parker Grimmer,
H. W. Broad,
J. B. Poffey.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

John Wylie,
H. A. McKnight,

Alex. McLeod,
J. G. Phelan,

A. C. McKinnon,
Wm. Reese.

	<i>Frederickton Lodge, No. 6.</i>	
A. J. Fowlie,	Geo. W. Adams, Walter S. Fisher.	Geo. W. Perkins,
	<i>Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.</i>	
J. C. Hartley,	H. P. Baird.	
	<i>Border Lodge, No. 8.</i>	
R. W. Whitlock,	J. E. C. McAllister,	J. W. Graham.
	<i>Seaside Lodge, No. 9.</i>	
R. E. Armstrong, N. Treadwell,	F. H. Grimmer, M. N. Cockburn.	B. F. DeWolfe,
	<i>Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.</i>	
W. E. Blenkhorn,	Stephen R. Canning,	H. C. Jenks.
	<i>Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.</i>	
H. J. Logan,	C. A. Lowe,	C. A. McQueen, M. D.
	<i>Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.</i>	
Andrew Nichols,	T. Layton Jenks.	

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,

R. H. COOPER,

G. W. CAMERON,

H. J. LOGAN,

Committee.

Grand Master-at-Arms Cameron reporting Past Chancellors in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, by order of the Grand Chancellor he introduced the following, who were duly obligated in said rank, according to prescribed ritual :—

F. S. Merritt,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1:
A. Dodge,	Union Lodge, No. 2.
Wm. Capson,	Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
J. G. Phelan,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
H. A. McKnight,	do do
H. P. Baird,	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
J. C. Hartley,	do do
J. W. Graham,	Border Lodge, No. 8.
D. T. Porter,	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.
C. A. McQueen, M. D.	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.
J. W. Morrison,	do do

On motion the reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as printed, were accepted without reading and referred to Committee on Distribution.

Report of Grand Chancellor.

FREDERICTON, N. B., AUGUST 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

BRETHREN,—In compliance with the constitution, requiring the Grand Chancellor to give a detailed report of his official doings during the recess of this Grand Lodge, I enter upon the discharge of that duty with a heart filled with gratitude to the Supreme Grand Chancellor above that, through His benign influence and love, we are permitted to add another year of prosperity to the record of the past.

My first official duty was to request the several lodges to recommend a Past Chancellor in good standing for the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor in each, and, as soon as I received the desired information, I commissioned the following Past Chancellors as Deputy Grand Chancellors :

- John Beamish for New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
- Frank A. Godsoe, for Union Lodge, No. 2.
- John Bedford, for Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3.
- Harry W. Broad, for Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
- Frank L. Peers, for Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
- Samuel Macky, for Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
- Stanley S. Street, for Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
- Burton H. Kerr, for Border Lodge, No. 8.
- M. N. Cockburn, for Seaside Lodge, No. 9.
- Stephen R. Canning, for Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.
- H. J. Logan, for Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.
- Charles S. Philips, for Halifax Lodge, No. 12.
- E. M. Dill, for Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

On May 3rd I received the resignation of Deputy Grand Chancellor E. M. Dill and, on the request of Kenilworth Lodge, commissioned Past Chancellor Andrew Nichols as Deputy Grand Chancellor for said lodge.

On July 9th I also received the resignation of Deputy Grand Chancellor Harry W. Broad, caused by his removal to St. John, N. B., and at the request of Frontier Lodge, commissioned Past Chancellor W. E. Smith as Deputy Grand Chancellor for said lodge.

When you elected me Grand Chancellor, the highest office within your gift, I fully appreciated the compliment, although I entered upon the discharge of my duties with much reluctance and some distrust in my ability to meet your expectations. It was my intention at that time to visit each lodge in the Jurisdiction at least once during my term of office. But, shortly after my return, sick-

ness entered my family and for months it was impossible for me to leave home.

At the commencement of the New Year, I entered into business arrangements which again made it impossible for me to leave, as my business required my very closest attention; and I therefore could not, to the full extent of my wishes, visit the various lodges in the Jurisdiction. I have made but three official visits during the year, —to New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Union, No. 2., and Fredericton, No. 6,—and my visits on these occasions were satisfactory and encouraging. I had the pleasure of seeing the Ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight conferred by each of these lodges. It was evident the officers had carefully studied the work, for they performed their several parts in a most praiseworthy manner. Having been unable to visit all the lodges in the Jurisdiction, I cannot speak definitely from personal observation of the condition of the Order, but, from information received from the Deputy Grand Chancellors, I think I can safely say that the Order is in a healthy and progressive condition in this Jurisdiction. There has been an increase of over 90 members during the year. The exact figures relating to membership and other statistics will appear in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

In January I received from the Supreme Chancellor, W. W. Blackwell, an official circular calling attention to the remarkable growth of our beloved Order. From a nucleus of five members thirty years ago, we now have within our ranks nearly 6000 lodges, with more than 450,000 active and loyal adherents; upwards of 1200 divisions of the Uniform Rank, with 50,000 uniformed followers, and about 1800 sections of the Endowment Rank, carrying over \$70,000-000 of Insurance. He at the same time requested me to call upon all the lodges in this Jurisdiction to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the birth of our beloved Order. I therefore caused a circular to be issued to all the Subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction, embodying therein the request of the Supreme Chancellor, and from information I have received I am led to believe that the 10th day of February, 1894, was very generally observed by the Order.

On February 1st I received from Vanceboro Lodge, No. 78, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine, through Isaac L. Elder, Grand Chancellor of that State, a request for a waiver of Jurisdiction to allow said lodge to receive the application of Charles E. Kelley, of York Mills, York County, N. B. After carefully considering the matter, I granted the request of Vanceboro Lodge.

On February 21st I received from Deputy Grand Chancellor Charles S. Philps, of Halifax, a communication informing me that Halifax Lodge, No. 12, had failed to hold regular meetings, owing to lack of interest by the members in the Order. I at once communicated with Past Grand Chancellor Peers, requesting him to go to Halifax and report what could be done with the lodge. On April

3rd I received a communication from Brother Peers stating that he had visited Halifax and called an informal meeting of the members of Halifax, No. 12. Although he found the lodge in a very weak condition, yet he felt that the prospects were encouraging and that the lodge would soon be in good working order. But, from the latest reports, I think this lodge is still in a condition that requires looking after, and I would suggest that this Grand Lodge appoint some brother who is well acquainted with the citizens of Halifax to go there and see if some good and active material cannot be added to this lodge.

I had hoped that at this meeting of the Grand Lodge I would be in a position to report the institution of several new lodges. But, although I have been in correspondence with brethren both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, who are working in the interest of the Order, yet I am only able to report one new lodge added to our roll this year.

On May 3rd I received, through Past Grand Chancellor Peers, a communication from Brother W. T. Whiteway of St. Johns, Nfld., with a charter list of 21 names, praying that a lodge of Knights of Pythias be instituted at that place. After some correspondence with Brother Whiteway, I commissioned Brother J. M. Deacon, Grand Prelate, and Brother J. C. Henry, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, to go to St. Johns, Newfoundland, and institute the Lodge. At the last moment, the Grand Prelate, from the press of professional work and the critical condition of some of his patients, was unable to go. But Brother Henry, with the assistance of a brother from Vanceboro, attended to the duty. And I have much pleasure in informing you that, through the great efforts of our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we have now added to our roll Far East Lodge, No. 14, of St. Johns, Newfoundland.

On May 4th I received the resignation of Brother Armstrong as Grand Master of Exchequer, owing to his departure from the Dominion. Not deeming it wise for the Grand Chancellor to fill this office during the recess of the Grand Lodge, I requested Grand Master of Exchequer Armstrong to hand over the books, papers, money, etc., in his possession belonging to this Grand Lodge, to Supreme Representative Moulson, taking his receipt for the same, Brother Moulson having kindly consented to act as Grand Master of Exchequer until the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

As the commissions of the Deputy Grand Chancellors give them the power to grant dispensations in certain cases, such as conferring Ranks in less time than is otherwise provided, etc., it leaves very few dispensations for the Grand Chancellor to grant. But during the year I had the pleasure of granting the following:—

Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13.

To participate in a public parade with the members of Ivanhoe Lodge, I. O. O. F., and attend divine service.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

To change place of meeting.

To change night of meeting.

In the Deputy Grand Chancellors' reports will appear what other dispensations were granted during the year.

DECISIONS.

A great many questions relating to a variety of subjects have been submitted to me for my adjudication. My decisions have, I trust, given general satisfaction. As there was nothing of vital importance in the questions or answers, I do not deem it necessary to needlessly extend my report by recording them.

I would recommend that a charter be issued to Far East Lodge, No. 14, St. Johns, Newfoundland

Before I bring this report to a close I wish to thank the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for his many acts of kindness to me during my term of office.

With the hope that the incoming Grand Chancellor will be able to atone for my failure in visiting all the Lodges, and with heartfelt wishes for the continued prosperity of our Order throughout this Jurisdiction,

I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES D. FOWLER,

Grand Chancellor.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

ST. JOHN, N. B., AUGUST 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

In compliance with the requirements of the constitution and the usual custom, I have the honor to submit the eighth annual report of receipts and detailed statement of expenditures of the Grand Lodge funds for the year ended August 20, 1894.

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RECEIPTS.

Sept. 21. Balance on hand, per last report,	\$381 60
Cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S.	714 79
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			\$1096 39

1893.		EXPENDITURES.		
Oct. 5.	Cash paid E. A. Powers on acct. printing Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions			\$33 00
Nov. 24.	Do. St. Croix Courier, printing Journals and Official stationery			110 38
Dec. 6.	Do. G. K. R. S., postage on Journal of Proceedings, 1893			7 50
12.	Do. Supreme Lodge Supplies to Dec. 1			12 20
13.	Do. J. C. Henry, 3 mos. salary to Dec. 20			31 25
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Jan. 22.	Do. E. A. Powers, printing			6 38
Mar. 12.	Do. Supreme Lodge tax, Supplies and cost			118 50
July 9.	Do. H. J. W. Powers, balance printing Constitutions			48 00
	Do. Supreme Lodge Supplies to July 1			51 00
	Do. J. C. Henry, expenses self and another instituting Lodge in Newfoundland			159 80
Aug. 15.	Do. Jas. D. Fowler, visiting Lodges, postage and telegrams			32 60
16.	Do. St. Croix Courier, printing Representatives' Credentials, Past Chancellors' Certificates and postal cards			20 50
	Do. J. C. Henry, balance salary, postage, expressage, duties and rent P. O. box			112 24
	Balance on hand			353 04
				\$1096 39

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MOULSON,

Acting Grand Master of Exchequer.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B. AUGUST 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

BRETHREN,—Conforming to constitution and custom, it is my privilege to submit the eighth annual report of the business of this office as transacted during the past official year.

Considering the business depression which has prevailed over the whole continent of America the past year, as Knights we have reason to be thankful for the progress attained in our Jurisdiction. We have increased in membership by nearly one hundred, and our financial condition shows healthy growth.

From the usual statistics, which form the bulk of my report, I submit for your consideration the standing of

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of members June 30, 1893		959
Initiated during the year		
Admitted by card	163	
Reinstated	5	
	7	
Total additions		175
Number of members suspended during the year		1134
“ “ withdrawn	65	
“ “ deceased	14	
	4	
Total deductions		83
Net gain for the year, 92.		1051

No doubt the hard times had much to do with the unusual number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. Cumberland Lodge, No 5, heads the list with no less than 30 from this cause during the year!

RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors	7
Past Chancellors	153
Knights	880
Esquires	5
Pages	6
	1051

The following table gives the membership at June 30, 1894, of the fourteen lodges composing this Jurisdiction:—

Lodge.	Location.	Membership
New Brunswick, No. 1.....	St. John,	124
Union, No. 2	Do.	187
Westmoreland, No 3.....	Moncton,	120
Frontier, No. 4	St. Stephen,	98
Cumberland, No. 5	Springhill,	90
Fredericton, No. 6.....	Fredericton,	85
Ivanhoe, No. 7	Woodstock,	89
Border, No. 8	Milltown,	54
Seaside, No. 9	St. Andrews,	39
Myrtle, No. 10	Advocate,	46
Chignecto, No. 11	Amherst,	54
*Halifax, No. 12.....	Halifax,	14
Kenilworth, No. 13	Parrsboro	30
Far East, No. 14	St. Johns	21
Total.....		1051

* Returns June 30, 1893.

SUBORDINATE LODGE FINANCES.

Assets June 30, 1893		\$14,285 51
Cash receipts for the year		6,992 83
Increased value of lodge property		649 51
	Total	\$21,927 85
Cash paid for sick benefits	\$1331 15	
" funeral benefits	180 60	
" current expenses	3,899 50	
		5,411 25
Assets June 30, 1894		\$16,516 60
Net gain for the year,		2,231 09
Amount of Widow and Orphan Fund (included above)		4,530 49

This shows a gain of \$433.22 for the year of this last-mentioned fund.

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

The following table indicates the amount each lodge contributed toward Grand Lodge exchequer:—

Lodge.	Per Capita Tax.	Supplies.	Dispensations.	Total.
New Brunswick, No. 1	59 25	13 55	4 00	76 80
Union, No. 2	89 50	17 25	9 00	115 75
Westmoreland, No. 3	59 50	7 92	.....	67 42
Frontier, No. 4	49 50	7 50	.....	57 00
Cumberland, No. 5	44 50	14 50	.....	59 00
Fredericton, No. 6	41 25	10 62	.....	51 87
Ivanhoe, No. 7	44 25	5 66	.....	49 91
Border, No. 8	27 25	7 25	.....	34 50
Seaside, No. 9	18 75	3 66	.....	22 41
Myrtle, No. 10	21 75	3 68	12 00	37 43
Chignecto, No. 11	24 00	11 16	.....	35 16
*Halifax, No. 12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kenilworth, No. 13	12 54	3 35	2 00	17 89
Far East, No. 14	.....	74 65	15 00	89 65
Total	\$492 04	\$180 75	\$42 00	\$714 79

* No returns.

Comparing the above table with that of a year ago, it will be seen that there is a large falling off in the amount received for supplies. This is accounted for, principally, from the fact that last year most of our lodges had to provide themselves with jewels to take the place of collars.

Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, September, 1893	\$381 60
Cash received during the year	714 79
	Carried forward,
	\$1096 39

	Brought forward,	\$1096 39
Expended during the year, as per warrants		743 35
In the hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, August 21, 1894		\$353 04
Balance due by Lodges		26 30
Value of supplies in my office, as per accompanying memorandum		62 30
Value of Grand Lodge furniture as per inventory		135 20
Total assets of Grand Lodge		\$576 84

There are no bills due by Grand Lodge. The inadequacy of the receipts to meet the expenditures by \$28.56 is accounted for by the amount paid for printing Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions, a supply of credentials for Representatives and Alternates and Past Chancellors' certificates, and also the heavy expense of instituting the lodge in Newfoundland.

CHARTERS

In compliance with legislation and by direction of the Grand Lodge, at its session of 1893, charters were properly filled out to lodges Nos. 12 and 13.

NEW LODGE.

On the 26th of June last, I had the honor of instituting Far East Lodge, No. 14, at St. Johns, Newfoundland. On that occasion I was assisted by Brother Knight C. H. Kingston, of Vanceboro, Me., who rendered valuable services in conferring the ranks on twenty-one of the twenty-seven charter applicants. This lodge, planted in Britain's oldest colony, is started under the most favorable conditions, and is composed of St. Johns leading professional and business men. The officers for the current term are:—

- W. T. Whiteway, Chancellor Commander.
- J. C. Orner, Vice Chancellor.
- S. C. Drury, Prelate.
- G. Lash, Master of the Work.
- C. R. Thomson, Keeper of Records and Seal.
- W. Foggwill, Master of Finance.
- J. R. Robertson, Master of Exchequer.
- W. F. Butler, Master-at-Arms.
- E. W. Lyon, Past Chancellor.

The three principal officers joined by cards from lodges representing British Columbia, New York and St. John, N. B., respectively, and with their experience in Pythianism, previous to locating in Newfoundland, they will do much to make No. 14 a power for good in this ancient British Colony.

THE ENDOWMENT RANK

of our Order is at last about to receive some attention in this Jurisdiction. At present a number of the members of Frontier Lodge,

No. 4, of St. Stephen, have signed a petition to have a section of this Pythian insurance started; and I am certain that every lodge in our Jurisdiction, with a little effort, might take similar steps, to the advantage of all concerned.

THE PYTHIAN PRESS.

I have to thank the publishers of a large number of Pythian papers, copies of which occasionally reach this office.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot conclude this report without referring to the loss we as a Grand Lodge have sustained by the removal from St. John to the United States of Brother Thomas Armstrong, Grand Master of Exchequer of this Grand Lodge. Brother Armstrong was prompt and accurate in the discharge of the duties of that important office, which he filled for eight successive years.

All with whom I have come in contact by letter or otherwise, I desire to thank for courtesy extended me; and especially do I thank Grand Chancellor Fowler for his promptness in correspondence.

The past year's correspondence has been greater than that of any of the five years I have filled the present office, as an examination of my letter book will show.

Trusting that the eighth annual convention of the Grand Lodge may be most harmonious, and that the coming year may witness greater interest taken in our beloved Order,

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. C. HENRY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read reports of Deputy Grand Chancellors Beamish, Godsoe and Macky, which were received and ordered to be placed on file.

Grand Prelate Deacon thought that in future all Deputy Grand Chancellors should give an account of their stewardship.

The report of Committee on Distribution was read, and on motion received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Distribution.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

Your Committee on Distribution of Reports recommend that, as there are no decisions recorded in the report of the Grand Chan-

cellor for the action of the Grand Lodge, and confirmation or otherwise of the Grand Chancellor's disposition of the several matters before him as referred to in his report, but not extended, the report be referred to a special committee of three, and the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer to the Committee on Finance.

W. C. H. GRIMMER,
A. D. MACPHERSON,
A. DODGE,

Committee.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Brothers Peers, Fleming, and Deacon as the Special Committee on Report of Grand Chancellor.

Report of Finance Committee read. Moved that the report be received and entered on the minutes. Moved as an amendment that the report be laid on the table for further discussion. Amendment carried.

Report of Finance Committee.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:—

We have examined the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer and find them correct and properly vouched for.

Balance on hand per last report,		\$381 60
Receipts for year ended August 20, 1894,		714 79
	Grand Total,	\$1096 39
Less Disbursements for year,		743 35
Cash Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,		\$353 04

In addition to the the above cash balance, there are supplies representing cash, in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, of \$62.30; also balance due from lodges of \$26.30, which has not been received in time to be included in above report, together with inventory of Grand Lodge furniture, \$135.20, making in all a cash value of \$576.84, which is only \$8.96 less than the assets of last year.

This should be a very gratifying balance to the members of the Grand Lodge, when the fact is taken into consideration that another lodge has been added to the Jurisdiction in Newfoundland at a

heavy expense during the year, the influence of which, we trust, will soon extend to other towns in that province.

A. H. GRAHAM,
F. PARKER GRIMMER,
Committee.

The Committee on Law and Supervision submitted their report, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—The only matter submitted to us was amendments to the bye-laws of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7, which were approved by us.

Yours fraternally.

H. V. COOPER,
JAMES MOULSON,
Committee.

Read report of Committee on Printing, which was received and ordered to be placed on minutes.

Report of Printing Committee.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—Your Committee on Printing beg to report that they have had printed during the year the necessary work for the use of the Grand Lodge and officers, including the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of last session, and of certificates for Representatives and Alternates. The work has been done at the lowest cost and the bills all paid.

J. C. HENRY,
J. M. DEACON,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence read. On motion the same was received, and ordered to be printed in the Journal of Proceedings. [Report will be found in Appendix.]

Representative C. A. McQueen, M.D., in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the Grand Lodge to the Town of Amherst, and extended a cordial invitation to the members of the Grand Lodge to dinner at the Intercolonial Railway dining rooms at 9.30 p.m.

The invitation was accepted by a unanimous vote; and the Grand Chancellor thanked the members of Chignecto Lodge, through their Representative, Brother McQueen, for courtesies.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read communications from Supreme Representative Moulson and Past Grand Chancellor Powers, regretting their inability to be present at the Grand Lodge session. On motion resolved that the communications be received and filed.

Brother Henry also read telegram from Past Grand Chancellor Fraser, who expected to be present at the evening session. Filed.

Read communication from Border Lodge, Milltown, asking the Grand Lodge to hold its next annual session in their castle hall. On motion the invitation was accepted.

The report of Special Committee on Grand Chancellor's report was read, and ordered to be taken up section by section.

Report of Special Committee.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

We, your Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Chancellor, herewith submit our report.

1st. We do not recommend that a special officer be appointed to go to Halifax, but that it be left with the incoming Grand Chancellor, whose duty it will be to visit Halifax Lodge.

2nd. We recommend that a charter be granted to Far East Lodge, of St. Johns, Nfld.

3rd. Although we sympathize with the Grand Chancellor in having sickness in his family during part of his term of office, we do not consider it sufficient excuse for his not visiting all the lodges in the Jurisdiction, or his negligence in not deputising the Grand Vice-Chancellor to do so for him.

The Grand Vice-Chancellor is the counsellor and assistant of the Grand Chancellor. In the absence of the Grand Chancellor he shall preside over the Grand Lodge. In case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of the Grand Chancellor, the powers of said office shall devolve on the Grand Vice-Chancellor for the time being. [Section 4, Article vi, Grand Lodge Constitution.]

4th. As the decisions on a "great many" questions submitted to the Grand Chancellor do not appear in his report, we are unable to make any comment.

F. L. PEERS, P. G. C.,
MURRAY FLEMING, P. G. C.,
J. M. DEACON, P. C.,
Committee.

Sections 1 and 2 were approved of.

In regard to section 3, the Grand Chancellor contended that the apology offered by him in not being able to visit all the lodges ought to be sufficient, without a vote of censure, as contained in this section.

Considerable discussion ensued. Finally the section was adopted. Section 4 adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the committee's report as a whole be adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted their report, which was received and adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, have much pleasure in reporting that we have had no matters of appeal or grievance placed in our hands during the year; and are pleased to state that the several lodges of this Jurisdiction are working in perfect harmony.

MURRAY FLEMING, P. G. C.,
A. D. MACPHERSON,
W. B. NICHOLSON,
Committee.

Under "Unfinished Business" the Report of the Finance Committee* was taken up.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the report be adopted and placed on the minutes, and that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal communicate with Supreme Chancellor Blackwell as to paying one half the expenses in instituting Far East Lodge, No. 14, and

* See page 17.

that the lodge at St. Johns be also communicated with and be required to pay the other half.

Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer gave notice of the following motion :—

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular session a motion will be made to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge by providing that the travelling expenses of Representatives duly elected shall be paid by this Grand Lodge.

Dated the 21st day of August, A. D. 1894.

W. C. H. GRIMMER.

F. L. PEERS.

J. C. HENRY.

Representative Godsoe asked whether seven ballots cast was a legal ballot.

Supreme Representative Fleming gave his opinion that at least seven ballots were necessary, as a quorum was seven.

A great deal of discussion arose over this point, the general opinion expressed being that seven was a legal ballot and less than that number illegal.

Moved that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge seven, and not less, constitute a legal ballot.

Representative Godsoe asked if it was compulsory for every member to vote.

Grand Chancellor Fowler—"No."

Grand Master-at-Arms Cameron introduced Past Chancellor H. J. Logan, of Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, who was obligated in Grand Lodge rank according to prescribed ritual.

Representative Wran, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, asked for information in regard to demonstrations during the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

In reply, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read motion passed at the session of Grand Lodge held at St. John, in 1890; which is as follows :—

Resolved, That in future it is inadvisable to have any assembling of Lodges or the Uniform Rank on the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Moved that the above motion be rescinded. Carried.

On motion, resolved that we adjourn till 7.30, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Amherst, N. S., August 21, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 7.30, according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

F. L. PEERS,	Past Grand Chancellor.
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON, M.D.,	Grand Prelate.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
GEO. W. CAMERON,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

A motion being carried to that effect, the Grand Chancellor stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for officers for the coming year.

Past Grand Chancellor Fraser and Representatives R. H. Cooper and A. D. Macpherson were appointed scrutineers.

The following nominations were made :—

For Grand Chancellor—W. B. Nicholson, of No. 7; J. M. Deacon, of No. 8. Brother Nicholson elected.

[Considerable discussion arose over Trustees voting. A motion was offered that Trustees are officers of this Lodge, and entitled to a vote. The Grand Chancellor decided that they are not so entitled. Past Grand Chancellor Peers appealed from the decision of the chair, and the Grand Lodge sustained the appeal.]

For Grand Vice Chancellor—K. A. McLean, of No. 3; J. M. Deacon, of No. 8; H. V. Cooper, of No. 2. Brother Cooper elected on second ballot.

For Grand Prelate—K. A. McLean, of No. 3; J. M. Deacon, of No. 8. Brother Deacon elected.

For Grand Master of Exchequer—H. J. Logan, of No. 11. Elected unanimously.

For Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—J. C. Henry, of No. 4. Elected unanimously.

For Grand Master-at-Arms—K. A. McLean, of No. 3; J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5. Brother McLean elected.

For Grand Inner Guard—J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5; John Beamish, of No. 1. Brother Beamish elected.

For Grand Outer Guard—J. W. Graham, of No. 8; J. F. Gilroy, of No. 5. Brother Gilroy elected.

For Trustee for three years—J. W. Whitehead, of No. 3; George Dunn, of No. 5; D. T. Porter, of No. 10. Brother Whitehead elected on first ballot.

The returns of scrutineers being handed in, the Grand Chancellor officially declared the following elected officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, viz :

W. B. NICHOLSON,
 HEDLEY V. COOPER,
 J. M. DEACON, M.D.,
 H. J. LOGAN,
 JOHN C. HENRY,
 K. A. McLEAN,
 JOHN BEAMISH,
 J. F. GILROY,

Grand Chancellor.
 Grand Vice Chancellor.
 Grand Prelate.
 Grand Master of Exchequer.
 Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
 Grand Master-at-Arms.
 Grand Inner Guard.
 Grand Outer Guard.

Past Grand Chancellor Fraser drew the attention of the Trustees to their duties; and also to the requirements of the constitution in regard to bonds of Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

On motion, resolved that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be \$150 for the ensuing year.

On motion to that effect, Grand Lodge adjourned till 9, a. m., Wednesday.

SECOND DAY,

Amherst, N. S., August 22, 1894.
Pythian Period xxxi.

Grand Lodge re-convened at 9, a.m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

F. L. PEERS,	Past Grand Chancellor.
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON, M.D.,	Grand Prelate.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
GEO. W. CAMERON,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer moved, seconded by Representative Wran, that the motion passed in reference to expenses of instituting lodge at Newfoundland be reconsidered. Carried.

The following was substituted in place of the motion above referred to : That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and placed on the minutes, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal communicate with the Supreme Chancellor, through the Supreme Representatives, with a view of having the Supreme Lodge pay one-half the expense of instituting lodge at St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Past Grand Chancellor Fraser gave notice of the following amendment to Grand Lodge Constitution :—

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of this Grand Lodge a resolution will be moved that the words, "and Trustees" shall be inserted after the words, "Past Grand Chancellors," in Section I, Article iii of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

J. F. FRASER, P. G. C.
J. C. HENRY.
L. B. WILSON.

Dated at Amherst, August 22, 1894.
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At the request of Grand Chancellor Fowler, Supreme Representative Fleming, with the assistance of Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer, as Grand Prelate, Past Grand Chancellor Fraser, as Grand Master-at-Arms, Representative Wran, as Grand Inner Guard, and Representative Quigley, as Grand Outer Guard, installed the following into their respective offices:—

JAMES D. FOWLER,	Past Grand Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Chancellor.
HEDLEY V. COOPER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
J. M. DEACON, M.D.,	Grand Prelate.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Outer Guard.

On motion to that effect, it was ordered that all Grand Lodge funds over \$200.00 in the possession of the Grand Master of Exchequer, at any time, be placed in the hands of the Trustees for investment, subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Trustees be instructed to deposit the amounts they receive in the Bank of Nova Scotia, on deposit receipt, to the credit of themselves and their successors, as Trustees of this Grand Lodge.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry, seconded by Representative Wilson, was unanimously passed to the members of Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, for the use of their hall and other courtesies extended Grand Lodge.

The vote was duly acknowledged by Grand Master of Exchequer Logan, on behalf of Chignecto Lodge.

Brother Hedley V. Cooper was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks for the valuable assistance rendered the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at the present session of Grand Lodge, which was gracefully acknowledged by the Grand Vice Chancellor.

Brother Nicholson, in a neat speech, thanked the Grand Lodge for the high honor they had conferred on him by electing him to the office of Grand Chancellor, and trusted that he might be able, during the coming year, to attend to the duties of his office in a manner that would meet the approval of the Grand Lodge.

There being no further business presented, at 1, p.m. Grand Chancellor Nicholson closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the third Tuesday in August, 1895, Pythian Period xxxii, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., when its next annual session will be held in the Town of Milltown, New Brunswick.



J. C. Henry
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APPENDIX

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APPENDIX

Cash Account of G. K. R. & S.

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 30, 1894.

		<i>Dr.</i>	
1893.	Dec. 8.	To Cash, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	\$ 3 05
	1894.		
	Jan. 4.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2	42 75
		Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9	9 00
	11.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	20 00
		Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No 7	24 00
	15.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	28 25
		Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	10 25
	17.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8	13 75
	19.	Do Union Lodge, No. 2	5 50
		Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	29 50
	22.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4	25 00
	31.	Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13	5 04
	Feb. 1.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	28 00
	4.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11	10 75
		Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4	1 00
	19.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	1 80
	20.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8	1 00
	April 13.	Do " " "	1 00
	20.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	2 43
	28.	Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13	1 50
	May 6.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	1 50
	24.	Do Far East Lodge, No. 14	15 00
	June 27.	Do " " "	74 65
	July 6.	Do Border Lodge, No. 8	18 75
		Do Seaside Lodge, No. 9	13 41
		Carried forward	\$386 88
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		Brought forward	\$386 88
July 7.	To Cash, Union Lodge, No. 2	11 75
9.	Do " "	46 75
11.	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	10 50
17.	Do Frontier Lodge, No. 4	.....	31 00
	Do New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	.....	31 00
18.	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	.....	21 25
19.	Do Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7	.....	25 91
23.	Do Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3	.....	35 49
24.	Do Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13	.....	9 35
	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	.....	14 93
	Do Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	.....	8 82
29.	Do Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	.....	29 50
31.	Do Chignecto Lodge, No. 11	.....	24 41
Aug. 14.	Do Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	.....	3 25
	Grand Chancellor Fowler, cash received for Dispen-		
	sations—		
	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	.....	4 00
	Union Lodge, No. 2	.....	9 00
	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	.....	9 00
	Kenilworth Lodge, No. 13	.....	2 00
			<u>\$714 79</u>
	<i>Cr.</i>		
1894.	By cash paid Grand Master of Exchequer during the year		\$714 79

Grand Lodge Furniture.

1 Grand Lodge Seal	.....	\$12 00
1 Do Chromatic Seal	.....	3 00
2 Electrotypes do	.....	1 50
Lot of Grand Lodge Journals, 1886-1893	.....	21 00
Grand Officers' Books	.....	10 00
1 Trunk	.....	12 00
1 Set Grand Lodge Jewels	.....	40 00
1 Letter Press and Attachments	.....	6 90
1 Bookcase for holding Proceedings of Grand Lodges	.....	5 25
23 Dispensations	.....	4 80
4000 Blanks (Reports of M. of F., M. of E. and Past Chancellor's and Representative's Credentials	.....	18 75
		<u>\$135 20</u>

Grand Lodge Supplies.

1100 Official Receipts—Dues	.....	\$8 25
12 Withdrawal Cards	.....	6 00
5 Travelling Shields	.....	50
2 Books of Odes, with Music	.....	80
1 Ritual	.....	4 00
17 Installation Books	.....	11 25
2 Master of Work's Jewels	.....	3 50
2 Knight's Jewels	.....	4 00
24 Past Chancellor's Jewels	.....	24 00
		\$62 30

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended December 31st, 1893.

(SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.)

LODGE.	No.	Members last Report	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Died.	Total off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C's.	Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick	1	118	2	1	1	121	..	7	1	8	113	2	22	87	..	2	113
Union	2	174	8	2	..	184	2	11	..	13	171	2	21	146	..	2	171
Westmoreland	3	120	1	..	..	121	..	2	1	3	118	2	27	89	..	..	118
Frontier	4	100	1	..	..	101	1	..	..	1	100	1	17	81	1	..	100
Cumberland	5	102	14	..	1	117	2	26	..	29	88	1	18	69	..	..	88
Frederickton	6	78	3	..	..	81	1	..	1	1	80	..	10	68	..	2	80
Ivanhoe	7	86	2	..	..	88	..	..	..	..	88	..	7	79	..	2	88
Border	8	61	..	..	..	61	1	5	..	6	55	..	8	47	..	..	55
Seaside	9	34	2	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	36	..	4	32	..	..	36
Myrtle	10	36	5	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	41	..	4	37	..	..	41
Chignecto	11	36	8	..	..	44	..	..	1	1	43	..	5	36	1	1	43
Halifax	12	14	14	14	..	1	13	14
Kentworth	13	..	24	24	24	..	1	23	24
		959	70	2	2	1033	7	51	4	62	971	8	145	807	2	9	971

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[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Halt per last Report, Cash and Lodge Property.		Receipts of Term.		Total.		Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.		Burials.		Relief of Widowed Families.		Cash on Hand.		Amount W. and O. Fund.		Total Assets at end of Term.			
		\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c		
New Brunswick	1	2120	00	333	75	2462	75	313	40	1225	04	45	82	93	11	1003	04	2103	04	2103	04	2103	04	2103	04
Union	2	3221	00	468	42	3689	42	297	04	2528	09	50	00	80	54	1454	78	3517	98	3517	98	3517	98	3517	98
Westmoreland	3	2979	95	298	05	3278	00	129	00	1935	06	115	00	13	25	585	60	3621	35	3621	35	3621	35	3621	35
Frontier	4	1137	07	200	00	1427	07	149	43	422	45	112	00	93	10	471	45	1165	04	1165	04	1165	04	1165	04
Cumberland	5	1015	71	332	30	1348	01	126	23	300	00	92	00	324	13	329	78	276	81	1129	78	1129	78	1129	78
Fredrickton	6	946	06	105	98	2000	94	541	42	324	13	67	00	49	16	205	28	1405	52	1405	52	1405	52	1405	52
Ivanhoe	7	985	06	401	42	1327	34	194	02	313	75	32	00	42	32	209	33	1066	32	1066	32	1066	32	1066	32
Borier	8	965	88	113	42	1083	30	111	30	268	16	32	00	70	44	163	78	1004	75	1004	75	1004	75	1004	75
Seaside	9	369	88	92	90	412	58	62	30	156	66	9	00	7	25	37	05	354	06	354	06	354	06	354	06
Myrtle	10	558	05	107	90	366	15	191	25	46	55	47	25	60	03	65	96	252	25	252	25	252	25	252	25
Chignecto	11	297	29	142	50	439	79	46	55	100	00	12	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	100	00
Halifax	12	100	00	250	00	250	00	196	49	196	49	41	51	1435	95	4328	71	15682	42	15682	42	15682	42	15682	42
Kenilworth	13																								
				14295	51	113896	44	18101	95	2358	40	7413	94	536	25	119	10	1435	95	4328	71	15682	42	15682	42



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[SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.]

LODGE.	No.	Members last Report	Initiated.	Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Died.	Total off.	Total at End of Term.	P. G. C's.	Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick Union	1	113	14	..	1	128	1	3	..	4	124	2	22	99	..	1	124
Westmoreland	2	171	16	1	3	191	2	2	..	4	187	1	21	157	4	2	187
Frontier	3	118	2	1	1	121	1	..	..	1	120	2	28	90	..	..	120
Cumberland	4	100	1	..	..	101	..	3	..	3	98	1	17	80	..	..	98
Fredricton	5	88	6	..	..	94	..	4	..	4	90	1	16	73	..	..	90
Ivanhoe	6	80	5	..	..	85	..	..	..	..	85	..	12	72	1	..	90
Borier	7	88	2	..	..	90	1	..	..	1	89	..	8	81	..	..	85
Seaside	8	55	..	..	..	55	1	..	..	1	54	..	5	46	..	..	54
Myrtle	9	36	2	1	..	39	1	..	..	1	39	..	5	33	..	1	39
Chignecto	10	41	4	1	..	46	..	..	..	2	46	..	5	41	..	..	46
Halifax	11	43	13	..	..	56	..	2	..	2	54	..	5	47	..	2	54
Kenilworth	12	14	..	..	..	14	1	..	..	1	14	..	1	13	..	..	14
Far East	13	24	7	..	..	31	1	..	..	1	30	..	2	28	..	..	30
	14	..	21	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	21	..	1	20	..	..	21
		971	93	3	5	1072	7	14	..	21	1051	7	153	880	5	6	1051

Abstract of Semi-Annual Reports for Term ended June 30, 1894.

(SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.)

LODGE.	No. of Members	Bal. per bal. Report, Cash		Receipts of Term.		Total.		Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Relief of Brothers.		Burials.		Relief of Widowed Families.		Cash on Hand		Amount W. and O. Fund		Total Assets at end of Term.			
		\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c		
New Brunswick	1	2103	53	437	57	2541	10	142	08	1342	61	20	00	61	50	185	63	1120	99	2319	36	3797	86		
Union	2	3517	58	511	57	4029	15	181	44	2728	09	55	00	.....	.....	155	67	1520	86	3797	86	3797	86
Westmoreland	3	3021	35	335	30	3356	65	147	44	1935	66	43	00	.....	.....	585	65	503	15	3021	31	3021	31
Frontier	4	1165	64	222	00	1387	64	164	74	471	45	47	00	.....	.....	144	90	.....	.....	3021	31	3021	31
Cumberland	5	1129	78	254	86	1384	58	130	49	340	13	25	00	.....	.....	74	45	510	45	1195	90	1195	90
Frederickton	6	1465	52	253	06	1718	58	173	45	324	13	25	00	.....	.....	184	03	140	12	1024	15	1024	15
Ivanhoe	7	1066	32	341	61	1407	93	204	12	312	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	77	240	89	1545	13	1545	13
Border	8	1004	75	157	52	1162	27	92	70	313	36	120	00	.....	.....	38	20	244	33	1083	81	1083	81
Seaside	9	354	06	81	75	435	81	48	64	268	16	41	00	.....	.....	100	66	188	23	1053	07	1053	07
Myrtle	10	252	25	195	13	447	38	94	09	160	00	16	00	.....	.....	73	77	47	75	357	61	357	61
Chignecto	11	285	96	187	50	473	46	75	76	60	13	31	00	.....	.....	34	28	13	72	420	41	420	41
Halifax	12	100	00	.....	.....	100	00	.....	.....	40	00	52	00	.....	.....	85	70	.....	.....	345	70	345	70
Kenilworth	13	215	68	118	18	333	86	85	34	.....	.....	15	00	.....	.....	59	35	.....	.....	249	35	249	35
		15682	42	3096	39	18778	81	1541	10	7871	71	650	00	61	50	1697	16	144	90	1697	16	45330	49	16516	50

Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Name.	No.	Date of Institution.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Records and Seal.
New Brunswick	1	Oct. 28, 1876.	St. John.	Every alternate Wednesday.	John M. Jenkins, 51 Exmouth St., St. John, N. B.
Union	2	Mar. —, 1874.	St. John.	Every alternate Wednesday.	D. M. Manks, 93 King Street, St. John, N. B.
Westmoreland	3	May 19, 1875.	Moncton	Tuesday	Alex. P. Tait, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier	4	Sept. 14, 1875.	St. Stephen.	2nd and 4th Tuesday	C. A. Laubman, box 210, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland	5	July 16, 1883.	Spring Hill.	Thursday	Geo. H. Grass, Spring Hill, N. S.
Fredericton	6	May 4, 1888.	Fredericton.	2nd and 4th Tuesday	A. J. Fowle, box 344, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe	7	Aug. 27, 1889.	Woodstock.	Monday	Geo. E. Balasin, Woodstock, N. B.
Border	8	April 9, 1890.	Milltown.	1st and 3rd Monday	A. H. Robinson, box 23, St. Stephen, N. B.
Seaside	9	June 19, 1891.	St. Andrews.	1st and 3rd Monday	P. G. Hanson, St. Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle	10	Oct. 6, 1891.	Advocate	Monday	A. B. Elliott, Advocate, N. S.
Chignecto	11	July 27, 1892.	Amherst.	Tuesday	John E. Roach, Amherst, N. S.
Halifax	12	Feb. 21, 1893.	Halifax.	Tuesday	J. E. Wilkinson, Farnsboro, N. S.
Kenilworth	13	Aug. 22, 1893.	Farnsboro.	Tuesday	C. R. Thomson, St. Johns, N. F.
Far East	14	June 26, 1894.	St. Johns.	Monday	

Sessions of Grand Lodge.

June 30, 1886, December 1, 1887, September 26, 27, 1888, September 5, 6, 1889, September 11, 12, 1890, September 8, 9, 1891, September 20, 21, 1892, July 19, 1893, September 19, 20, 1893, August 21, 22, 1894,	Organization, First Annual Session, Second Annual Session, Third Annual Session, Fourth Annual Session, Fifth Annual Session, Sixth Annual Session, Special Session, Seventh Annual Session, Eighth Annual Session,	St. John, N. B. St. John, N. B. Moncton, N. B. St. Stephen, N. B. St. John, N. B. Spring Hill, N. S. Fredericton, N. B. St. John, N. B. Woodstock, N. B. Amherst, N. S.
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Past Grand Chancellors.

- JAMES MOULSON, New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Deputy Supreme Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886; service as Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.
- JOHN R. ARMSTRONG, of Union Lodge, No. 2, elected Past Grand Chancellor at organization of Grand Lodge, 1886.
- GEORGE CRAIG, of Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, elected Supreme Representative, 1886.
- MURRAY FLEMING, of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 3, service as Grand Chancellor, 1888.
- W. C. HAZEN GRIMMER, of Frontier Lodge, No. 4, service as Grand Chancellor, 1889.
- E. ALLISON POWERS, of Union Lodge, No. 2, service as Grand Chancellor, 1890.
- J. FENWICK FRASER, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, service as Grand Chancellor, 1891.
- FRANK L. PEERS, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, service as Grand Chancellor, 1892.
- JAMES D. FOWLER, of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, service as Grand Chancellor, 1893.

Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1894.

	Grand Chancellor.	Grand Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Master of Exchequer.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.	Grand Master-at-Arms.	Grand Inner Guard.	Grand Outer Guard.
1886	James Moulson.	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	T. Armstrong.	A. J. Armstrong.	George Dunn.	George Craig.	John Beamish.
1887	James Moulson.	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	T. Armstrong.	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn.	John P. Weir.	John Beamish.
1888	Murray Fleming.	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	T. Armstrong.	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn.	J. W. Whitehead.	R. J. Rosborough
1889	W. C. H. Grimmer.	E. Allison Powers.	George Dunn.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	A. W. Adams.	Jas. H. Wrang.	Jas. D. Fowler.
1890	E. Allison Powers.	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	J. W. Whitehead.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson
1891	J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	W. B. Nicholson.	W. R. Parker.	Frank Fales.
1892	F. L. Peers.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	K. A. McLean.	J. M. Deacon.	LeBaron Wilson
1893	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	J. M. Deacon.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	G. W. Cameron.	John Beamish.	K. A. McLean.
1894	W. B. Nicholson.	H. V. Cooper.	J. M. Deacon.	H. J. Logan.	John C. Henry.	K. A. McLean.	John Beamish.	J. F. Gilroy.

Officers of the Grand Lodge for the Year 1894-95.

W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Chancellor.
	WOODSTOCK, N. B.
HEDLEY V. COOPER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
	ST. JOHN, N. B.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Prelate.
	MILLTOWN, N. B.
H. J. LOGAN,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
	AMHERST, N. S.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
	Box 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
	MONCTON, N. B.
JOHN BEAMISH,	Grand Inner Guard.
	ST. JOHN, N. B.
J. F. GILROY,	Grand Outer Guard.
	SPRINGHILL, N. S.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES MOULSON,	For Three years (to Dec. 31, 1897.)
	ST. JOHN, N. B.
MURRAY FLEMING,	For One year (to Dec. 31, 1895.)
	MONCTON, N. B.

TRUSTEES.

J. W. WHITEHEAD,	For Three Years.
	MONCTON, N. B.
MURRAY FLEMING,	For Two Years.
	MONCTON, N. B.
R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For One Year.
	ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of Milltown, N. B., on the Third Tuesday in August, 1895.

Standing Committees for 1894-95.

DISTRIBUTION.

James Moulson	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1
J. C. Hartley	.....	Ivanhoe, No. 7
F. L. Peers	.....	Cumberland, No. 5

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

J. C. Henry	.....	Frontier, No. 4
R. H. Cooper	.....	Cumberland, No. 5
H. J. Logan	.....	Chignecto, No. 11
J. W. Graham	.....	Border, No. 8
LeBaron Wilson	.....	Union, No. 2

FINANCE.

A. H. Graham	.....	Border, No. 8
F. Parker Grimmer	.....	Frontier, No. 4
F. H. Grimmer	.....	Seaside, No. 9

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

W. B. Nicholson	.....	Ivanhoe, No. 7
J. Fen. Fraser	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1
W. C. H. Grimmer	.....	Frontier, No. 4

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

J. F. Gilroy	.....	Cumberland, No. 5
A. D. Macpherson	.....	Fredericton, No. 6
Murray Fleming	.....	Westmoreland, No. 3
F. A. Godsoe	.....	Union, No. 2
Wm. Quigley	.....	New Brunswick, No. 1

PRINTING.

J. C. Henry	.....	Frontier, No. 4
J. M. Deacon	.....	Border, No. 8
H. Paxton Baird	.....	Ivanhoe, No. 7

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

E. A. Powers	.....	Union, No. 2
J. C. Henry	.....	Frontier, No. 4
M. N. Cockburn	.....	Seaside, No. 9

Deputy Grand Chancellors for 1894-95.

John Beamish, St. John, N. B.	New Brunswick, No. 1
Alfred Dodge, St. John, N. B.	Union, No. 2
John P. Weir, Moncton, N. B.	Westmoreland, No. 3
H. M. Webber, St. Stephen, N. B.	Frontier, No. 4
Frank L. Peers, Springhill, N. S.	Cumberland, No. 5
A. D. Macpherson, Fredericton, N. B.	Fredericton, No. 6
J. C. Hartley, Woodstock, N. B.	Ivanhoe, No. 7
W. H. Laughlin, M.D., Milltown, N. B.	Border, No. 8
B. F. DeWolfe, St. Andrews, N. B.	Seaside, No. 9
S. R. Canning, Advocate, N. S.	Myrtle, No. 10
John W. Morrison, Amherst, N. S.	Chignecto, No. 11
Andrew Nicholls, Parrsboro, N. S.	Kenilworth, No. 13
E. W. Lyons, St. Johns, N. F.	Far East, No. 14

Report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence herewith present their report, and trust it will meet your approval. Every journal which has come to hand has been reviewed. We find substantial progress has been made all along the line. We have given the number of suspensions in each case, and urge our own lodges to use every legitimate means to prevent members getting in arrears, (that being the primary cause of suspension.) It is gratifying to notice how faithfully sister Jurisdictions are caring for sick and disabled members, as shown in the amounts expended for relief.

The chairman, having removed from this Jurisdiction, and realizing that it may not again be his privilege to assist in the work of this committee, desires to return thanks for the kindness shown by sister Jurisdictions in criticising our Journal and reports during our connection with the Fraternal Correspondence Committee of the Maritime Provinces. Since 1888 it has been our lot to perform some part of this committee's work, and we part with our brother correspondents with feelings of deep regret. To one and all we extend heartiest knightly greeting, and breathe a prayer for the pros-

perity of Pythianism everywhere. If in the near or distant future it shall fall to our lot to again take part in this work of reviewing, we shall gladly devote whatever of time and labor may be necessary in the discharge of its duties.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. B.

E. A. POWERS,
Chairman.

ARKANSAS.—Fourth annual session held at Hot Springs, May 8-11, 1894.
(Journal received July 16.)

This is how Grand Chancellor Manning records the state of the Order :

“ I am delighted to be able to advise the Grand Lodge that the Order in this State is in a flourishing condition and has, according to reports from my Deputies, and other sources, slowly, but steadily increased during the year. In some parts of the State the increase in membership has been greater than in others, but, as a rule, in every part of the State new members have been added to our ranks. I had hoped that the number of new Lodges would have reached 100 by this time but it has not, and we must content ourselves with our labors, feeling, as we do, a consciousness that we have done the very best that we could, and that our beloved Order will prosper through the ages to come.”

There were four lodges instituted, for which he returns thanks to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and his deputies, who he says “ have been extremely industrious, and energetic in good works.”

In the opening portion of his report Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Fowler presents a statement of the growth of the order from 1881, when there were 14 lodges and 715 members. They now report 81 lodges and 4351 members. In the same statement there is a loss shown of 898 withdrawals, 1793 suspensions, and 318 deaths. To make this statement complete, our brother might have inserted a column showing the number reinstated. The growth has been steady. This year they suspended 371, gained 174, and there are six new lodges. The lodges have cash on hand \$16,354.20, with total assets of 47,168.35. For relief \$7,769.42 was expended. The Grand Lodge has \$3,190.62 in the exchequer.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell was present and was presented with “ a beautiful badge.” He delivered an address on Pythian Duty and Responsibilities “ lasting from 2.30 until 5.30, p.m., and his audience at the termination of his lecture was still clamorous for more.” So readeth the record !

In this Jurisdiction the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has to write the Fraternal Correspondence Report. The one before us is first class in every particular. Notwithstanding Brother Fowler's protest he is again charged with the duty.

Next session at Pine Bluff the third Tuesday in May, 1895.

GEO. M. STREET, G. C., Argenta.

CHAS. F. FOWLER, G. K. R. S. and chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA.—Twenty-sixth annual session, held at San Jose, May 21-25, 1894. (Journal to hand August 10.)

The Grand Chancellor says:—

“While we have not, as an Order, grown in numbers as we should, we have at least maintained all that we have gained in former years. The Order is strong in the affections of the members, and is everywhere regarded with admiration. A broader and better spirit of fraternity pervades the Order. The pecuniary benefits of the Order are being rightly regarded as mere incidents, and noble deeds of true brotherly affection are becoming the high standards of the brethren. This growth in principle is more to be desired than any success we might possibly obtain in increased membership. It is not great numbers that we are now bending our energies to attain, but great goodness, true fraternity and unflinching devotion to the principles of this transcendent Order.”

Instead of making official visits Grand Chancellor McGowan held “open meetings,” to which the public were invited, “in the hope that the many good features of our cause would attract the attention of the best class of our fellow citizens, who would aid and encourage our Order.” Of course many of the lodges were visited with good results.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives the increase as fifty, and the membership 10,650. Seven lodges were instituted and four surrendered charters, the present number being 168. There were 960 suspended! The financial condition is not so good as a year ago, the balances on hand and invested being \$212,095.10, or \$1,354.24 less than last year. They expended \$68,944.53 for relief. The Grand Lodge balance is \$6,111.75. Because of the numerous discrepancies between the exemplification of the ritualistic work by the Supreme Representatives, and consequent confusion and lack of uniformity, Brother Schaffner wants a copy of the “Blue Book” placed in the Grand Lodge office of each Jurisdiction, to be accessible to certain members; and he considers this the only way in which to “secure an approximate approach to perfection in this matter.” In view of the number of rituals which were reported astray in the last report from Brother Schaffner, we should suggest—if his suggestion be adopted—that said “Blue Book” be chained to the inner vault, and an armed guard kept continually beside it, especially while it is being studied.

At last the Fraternal Correspondence Committee have “materialized,” and a “short review” of some forty-seven journals is given. We are so glad to see some of the older Jurisdictions waking up occasionally that we warmly welcome Brother O’Meara and his associates, with the hope that—now the ice is broken—this important committee’s report will not be sought for in vain in future journals of this Jurisdiction.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell was present and delivered an address, besides exemplifying the unwritten work. He was presented with a silver tea service.

Next session at Monterey, probably in May, 1895.

CARL E. LINDSAY, G. C., Santa Cruz.

HERMAN SCHAFFNER, G. K. R. S., San Francisco.

L. S. CALKINS, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Nevada City.

COLORADO.—Journal of the eighteenth annual session, held at Pueblo, September 12-15, 1893, came to hand November 12.

Grand Chancellor Devine's very full report tells that eight lodges have been instituted, "each with a good strong membership of the best and foremost citizens of their respective communities." He found that the correspondence of his office consumed one whole day each week during the year, which with other official duties left little time for visiting. He says it is "out of question for one who is compelled to work in order to support himself and family" to devote the necessary time required to visit Subordinate Lodges, without running the risk of ruining his business, and suggests that all Past Grand Chancellors, with the officers, be a board for official visiting, under the direction of the Grand Chancellor, in order that every lodge may have an official visit and instruction at least once during the year. Under the head of "state of the Order" Brother Devine has this to say:—

"Our Order stands well throughout this Jurisdiction, save in some communities, where, I am sorry to state, it has not the respect of those citizens whose good cheer and endorsement we are always delighted to receive.

"The cause of this is that our local brothers have not been as careful in watching the portal as the welfare of the Order demands. Men engaged in businesses that are obnoxious to a majority of our people have had too easy access to membership in some of our Subordinate Lodges. The professional gambler and bartender have done the Order an injury, in some parts of our state, that it will take many years to remedy and overcome.

"The trouble is not with the men, but their business. If one could be divorced from the other, there might not be any room for complaint. But such is not and cannot be the case. The business will cling to them, and when a lodge has three or more of them on its roster, the result is sure to be that a very desirable class of citizens will not only not have anything to do with the lodge, but will also frown down upon the Order. Such admissions bring about an opposition to the Order that is very hard to combat, and the result is we lose our standing in such communities, and are looked upon as an Order in a very improper light. . . . I honestly and sincerely believe that the future prosperity and standing of our beloved Order in this state will depend largely upon the refusal to admit such citizens. The question must be faced manfully and honestly. Love for the Order must alone govern our action. We are on the brink, and we must, by some decisive action, either take our stand amongst the foremost civic societies of our state, to be respected and extolled by the best and purest of our citizens, or take our place among the very ordinary. Which?"

This portion of the report was referred to the Committee on State of the Order, and they failed to report. There is food for serious reflection in the sentences quoted, and Colorado will do well to heed the warning.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. S. O'Brien, shows 80 lodges, with a membership of 5262, a gain of 667; while 486 were "suspended and dropped" chiefly for non-payment of dues. Assets of lodges \$111,029.00. Expended for relief \$17,838.00. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$4,813.64.

The chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee explains that the brevity of their report is due to "the few days allowed the committee after receipt of journals to prepare their report."

Next session at Grand Junction, the second Tuesday in September, 1894.

RALPH TALBOT, G. C., Denver.

W. S. O'BRIEN, G. K. R. S., Beuna Vista.

I. N. BUNTING, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Grand Junction.

DELAWARE.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held at Wilmington, October 25, 1893. (Journal received December 1.)

Grand Chancellor Marshall "visited every lodge in the Jurisdiction except one," installed the officers of *nearly all* the lodges, *except a few* that have been installed by deputies;" (!) decided that a man could not become a member of the Order who has "part of two fingers off without a dispensation;" recommended the granting of free dispensations to lodges to hold public installations and to attend church, (but the Grand Lodge said dispensations must be paid for.) No new lodges were instituted, and the Grand Chancellor does not seem to have been particularly busy. The report is exceedingly lean.

Mark L. Garrett, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, says "the best of brotherly feeling prevails through the Jurisdiction." There are 1197 Knights in good standing (32 less than at last meeting,) and 18 lodges, (a loss of one.) Members suspended 77. Assets of Subordinate Lodges \$27,622.41; paid for relief \$6,561.40. Grand Lodge balance \$117.99.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee, after due consideration, "came to the conclusion that to criticise the reports of the Grand Chancellors of the various states in which our Order is introduced, or the action of the several Grand Bodies, did, and does not tend to any benefit to the Order at large," and content themselves with giving amounts expended by the different Jurisdictions for relief, as well as the membership of each.

There is little if any inspiration to be gathered from reading this journal, and we sincerely hope the new officers will wake up and report a substantial gain in membership at next session; which convenes at Middletown the fourth Wednesday in October, 1894.

WM. S. LINCOLN, G. C., Wilmington.

MARK L. GARRETT, G. K. R. S., Wilmington.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee appointed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Twenty-ninth annual session, held at Washington, February 19-21, 1894. (Journal received May 5.)

The Grand Chancellor had a very good term, and found his fears as to the result of his great charge rapidly dissipated by the kindly proffered advice, counsel and good cheer from the membership throughout the year; thus making easy the cares of office and his tenure pleasing and agreeable.

The condition of the Order has improved, and there is nothing, seemingly, in the way of a steady advancement. There seems to be the true Pythian spirit among the members in this Jurisdiction, and Brother Conner is thanking somebody all through his report.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the Order in a healthy and prosperous condition. They now number 1412 members, a gain of 90 in 15 lodges, one lodge making a gain of 49 for the year. Seventy-seven were suspended. The financial condition of the Lodges is healthy, the assets being \$25,472.92; expended for relief \$8,258.77. The Grand Lodge balance is \$454.80.

A "handsome bannerette" was presented to Union Lodge, being a "trophy" awarded to the lodge making the largest gain in membership.

No Fraternal Correspondence report appears. A committee has been appointed, however, and we shall expect a report in next Journal.

HENRY G. WAGNER, G. C.

GEO. W. BAUMANN, G. K. R. S.

FLORIDA.—Ninth annual session, at Palatka, March 21, 22, 1894. (Journal received May 15.)

After a nice little lecture on the beauties of Pythianism and Pythian principles, the Grand Chancellor is pleased to state that no appeals had been taken from his decisions; that three new lodges were instituted; that he paid fifteen official visits; travelled 1848 miles; received 367 letters and wrote 480; and had 52 real easy questions to answer. The membership is 1775, a gain of 240; number of lodges 31, increase three; suspended 154. The lodges have \$4,762.35 on hand; expended for relief \$3,678.69. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$2731.34.

A recommendation of the Grand Chancellor that a committee of one on Fraternal Correspondence be appointed, and that he receive \$25 for his work, was approved, so we shall look for a report in next journal.

Next session at Tampa, the third Wednesday in March, 1895.

R. J. RILES, G. C., Palatka.

W. H. LATIMER, G. K. R. S., Tavares.

G. W. DAVIS, JR., Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Jacksonville.

IDAHO.—Second annual session, at Coeur d'Alene, June 13-15, 1893. (Journal received May 31, 1894.)

Grand Chancellor Daniels prefaces his report with a reference to some of the difficulties and prejudices which had to be met and overcome when they were created a Grand Jurisdiction. The movement was looked upon by many as a dangerous experiment but, as Brother Daniels points out, the greatly improved condition of the Order throughout the State amply justified the action. In a report covering 124 pages, the Grand Chancellor gives a most readable account of the condition of Pythianism in Idaho. Of the new ritual, he has this to say:—

“That the new work is an improvement on the old in many places and particulars is admitted by all; but it occurs to me that any change in the secret work of a great Order like ours ought to be warranted by the remedy of all imperfections in the old work to such a degree as to leave no room for difference of opinion as to the merit of the revision.

“That the revised work is not all that is claimed for it in the recommendation of the Supreme Head of our Order is best evidenced by the too apparent adverse opinion freely expressed by all classes of our membership.

“As a literary effort, in those parts where such effort is best evidenced, the general sentiment of the membership of the Jurisdiction is that, as a whole, the new work cannot be denominated a complete triumph over the old.”

We congratulate this Jurisdiction upon having had for its first Grand Chancellor such a painstaking and hard-working officer as Brother Daniels proved himself.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Harte, we learn that

on the 30th day of June, 1892, there were 15 lodges, with a membership of 537. On the 31st of December, 1892, there were 595 members; and on the 26th of May, 1893, there were, in the original 15 lodges, 661 members. Since January 1, 1893, there have been six new lodges instituted, which had a membership on May 26th of 163, making a total membership on May 26, 1893, of 824—showing a gain, since June 30, 1892, of six lodges and 287 members, or 53½ per cent. for eleven months' work. There were 51 suspended. The assets of the lodges aggregated \$7,488.53; expended for relief \$1,562.75. The Grand Lodge balance is \$525.04.

We are glad to notice that a committee of three on correspondence was appointed, from whom we will probably hear in due time.

Next session at Pocatello, the second Tuesday in June, 1894:

W. D. SHEPHERD, G. C., Warner.

JAS. H. HARTE, G. K. R. S., Coeur d'Alene.

W. L. KINNEAR, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Bonner's Ferry.

ILLINOIS.—Twenty-fourth annual session, held at Decatur, October 17-19, 1893. (Journal received March 15, 1894.)

The Grand Lodge Officers and three Supreme Representatives have their portraits in the front of the journal, each having a page to himself. After careful consideration we have decided that "Harry" is the best looking, with "Eugene" a close second. (How Harry will blush when he reads this!)

Brother Chas. A. Barnes, Grand Chancellor, endeavored during his term to "guard and preserve the good name of the Order; to keep the standard of its membership high; to increase not only its numbers, but its usefulness; to see that its grand principles are practised as well as taught; to be firm in upholding the law, tempering it with charity and love, and to surrender the office to my successor, with the ermine as unspotted as when I received it." How well he succeeded may be judged by this statement of the present condition of the Order: "On June 30, 1893, there were 407 active lodges having a membership of 33,737, averaging 82.89 to each lodge and showing a gain for the year of 7,122 members, a gain in membership of over 26 per cent. This is a record of which we may well be proud. No other fraternity in any Jurisdiction has ever equalled it. It shows what a united effort for a grand cause can do. While the increase in membership has been wonderful, the increase in *personnel* and standing has been equally favorable, and to-day the Order of Knights of Pythias of Illinois stands at the head of all fraternities. It is with pleasure that I report that at this session we will be entitled to another Supreme Lodge Representative. . . . During the first six months of my term fifty new lodges were instituted, a record never equalled, as far as I can learn, by any other Jurisdiction. . . . If the present growth continues, within two years we will be entitled to our fourth Supreme Representative. Peace and harmony reigns throughout this entire Jurisdiction, and the Order stands better, higher and brighter than ever before."

This record speaks for itself, and we congratulate Brother Barnes on the result of his hard year's service.

Brother Caldwell's report is, as usual, concise and free from any superfluous matter. He pronounces the growth for the year as "phenomenal." He gives the number of lodges (to October 1st, 1893) as 419, a gain of 68; and the membership (to July 1st, 1893) 33,737, a gain of 7,122. There were 1328 suspended. The total assets of the lodges are \$414,213.27; expended for relief \$66,831.81. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$16,078.04.

As usual, there is an excellent report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee. Brother Ward will be missed by all reviewers. His business prevents him giving the needed time to this work, and the Grand Lodge excused him.

Next session at Springfield, October 19, 1894.

CHAS. BURGoyNE, G. C., Chicago.

HENRY P. CALDWELL, G. K. R. S., 126 Washington St., Chicago.

BENJ. O. JONES, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Metropolitan.

INDIANA.—Twenty-sixth annual session, held at Indianapolis, June 4-6, 1894. (Journal received August 10.)

The Grand Chancellor's report shows that Brother Watson was not idle. He says:—

During the year I have visited well-nigh two hundred lodges; have been present at the dedication of thirteen castle halls; have delivered thirty-seven addresses on Pythianism, and have come in contact, directly or indirectly, through the district meetings and otherwise, with nearly every lodge in Indiana. . . . There are now but sixteen towns in Indiana, having a thousand population, but what are already supplied with lodges of our Order. . . . The number of Subordinate Lodges on the 6th day of June, 1893, was 378, while to-day we have 388, an increase of 10, while several applications for charters are now pending. The number of active members one year ago was about 32,500, while we now have practically 35,000, an increase of 2,500, which, under unfavorable financial conditions, may be considered very large. . . . I believe the morale of the Order in Indiana to-day is better; that there is a more thorough knowledge of our laws; that our members know more about the secret work; that there is a greater love of the Order, and a more general practice of its principles than ever before. No one could ask for greater harmony than has pervaded the rank and file of our membership during the past year, and harmony and progress walk hand in hand.

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report we learn that there are 388 lodges, ten more than a year ago; 33,460 members, a gain of 2,235; 1676 were suspended and 78 expelled, while 77 pages and esquires were dropped. The lodges expended for relief \$85,111.82, have on hand \$77,911.60, with total assets amounting to \$637,651.71. The Grand Lodge balance is \$9,427.38.

Another excellent report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee appears in this journal, covering forty-six printed pages. Last year we suggested the desirability of omitting from the journal "nomination speeches" in connection with the elections of Grand Lodge Officers. The Fraternal Correspondence Committee say: "The brethren way up in New Brunswick don't know what orators we Hoosiers are. Brothers, we must be heard! We can't give up this feature of our Journal." We are gratified to notice, however, that Brother Bowers has

adopted our suggestion; and no nomination speeches appear in the journal before us. We desire to offer deepest fraternal sympathies to the brethren named in the following document, (No. 63) "which was concurred in":

To the Grand Lodge of Indiana:—

We, your Committee on Finance and Accounts, would recommend that the following bill be not allowed:

Grand Lodge of Indiana, Dr., To Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for services in making annual report—James H. Henry, \$50, and O. E. Mohler, \$50.

The work of this committee will continue to be a "labor of love," and probably they will have to provide the paper and ink with which to prepare it at their own expense, as others we know of are permitted to do.

Next session at Indianapolis, the first Tuesday in June, 1895.

JAMES M. HATFIELD, G. C., Huntington.

FRANK BOWERS, G. K. R. S., New Castle.

JAMES H. HENRY, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Martinville.

KANSAS.—Twenty-third annual session held at Leavenworth, May 15-17, 1894. (Journal received June 9.)

They hold a "special annual session" the evening previous to the Grand Lodge meeting, at which the Past Chancellor's Rank is conferred.

Grand Chancellor Bridenbaugh gives so many reasons why a good showing should not be expected, we were quite prepared to learn of a serious falling off in membership in this hustling Jurisdiction; but instead we find much to encourage. While seven lodges surrendered their charters, nine new lodges were organized, and the remaining old ones are reported "in good condition financially," and the Order is "keeping pace with the material, intellectual and moral advancement of the state." In addition, our brother says:—

"There is a devotion to Pythian work begotten by a study of our principles which is evidence of progress, and the practical business of the lodges is transacted with a system and despatch which is commendable; while the members are more fully grasping the true meaning of Pythianism in everyday life, getting wider and grander views of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. As greater perfection marks the work of the Subordinate Lodge, so should progress characterize our work."

All of which goes to show that Pythianism in Kansas is "all right."

New offices have been secured for the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, with new carpets and a new safe, and everybody is happy, especially Brother Neubert. The present membership is 14,456, a net gain of 268; lodges 253, a net gain of 12; there were 1409 suspended, 25 expelled, 37 dropped, and 496 withdrawals. The lodges have \$31,621.57 on hand, with total assets of \$191,745.67. They expended \$22,671.77 for relief. Brother Neubert also reports the lodges in "comfortable halls, governed by prudent officers," and with an "ever watchful eye" closely scrutinizing those who would enter the outer door. There is a better attendance, a fair amount of work being done, and the Order occupying "a higher plane of purity and progress," than ever before, with a noticeable

effort to "elevate our moral standard so high as to impress the better classes of society that our principles are sublime, our morals pure, and that our mission is nothing less than the inculcation of a better, purer, higher life among men." This is as it should be. Keep the standard high, brethren!

The report of Brother Morgan, Fraternal Correspondent, covers twenty-six pages, and lacks the vim and spirit which characterized Brother McDowell's reports. On the whole we think Brother Morgan earned his \$100 very easily. We are glad to find "Mac" on the list for next year.

Next session at Hutchinson, the third Tuesday in May, 1895.

POPE C. LOOMIS, G. C., Fort Scott.

GUS. J. NEUBERT, G. K. R. S., Kansas City.

S. O. MCDOWELL, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Lansing.

KENTUCKY.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held at Ashland, September 19, 20, 1893. (Journal received January 30, 1894.)

Grand Chancellor Chamberlain found the lodges "for the most part" in a prosperous condition. He was prevented by circumstances from making as many official visits as he intended, and instituted one of the eleven new lodges which came into existence during his term. He says "the stringency of the money market seriously interfered with the work of instituting new lodges."

Wade Sheltman is Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of this Jurisdiction, and from his report we take the following:—

"The record for the past year has a bright, and it has a dark side. There has been an increase of ten new lodges and of over five hundred members. More than a thousand applicants for admission have knocked at our castle doors and obtained an entrance; but, speaking on an average, every second applicant crossing our threshold is met by a member going out resting under suspension for non-payment of dues. Some practical remedy for this cause of so many suspensions is a subject which should be given thoughtful and serious consideration."

The present membership is 5774, in 102 lodges, while 354 were suspended. The lodges had a cash balance of \$15,008.07, and \$8,903.02 was paid for relief. There is \$2,969.17 in the Grand Lodge exchequer.

A letter was read from Supreme Chancellor Blackwell, regretting his inability to be present, as he was visiting distant Grand Jurisdictions.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee's report is a good one, and they make some valuable suggestions in their introductory remarks.

Next session convenes at Paducah, the third Tuesday in September, 1894.

A. D. ROGERS, G. C., Hopkinsville.

WADE SHELTMAN, G. K. R. S., Louisville.

P. J. KAGHN, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Dayton.

LOUISIANA.—Fourteenth annual session, held at New Orleans, May 21-24, 1894. [Journal received August 4.]

Grand Chancellor Baird congratulates the Grand Lodge on the continued growth of the Order throughout the Jurisdiction. Ten lodges were instituted, "mainly composed of zealous and earnest men." There has also been a satisfac-

tory increase in membership of old lodges, but on account of numerous suspensions on non-payment of dues, the net increase is not as large as was expected.

Remembering that his report is read by the Fraternal Correspondence Committees of each Grand Jurisdiction, as well as the membership in his own, Brother McLean, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, endeavors to commence his report without employing any of the set phrases, so he branches off on the silver question and the hard times, and—well, we are not going to criticise his language at all, but just give the following facts and figures:—Membership 8486, a gain of 303; lodges 103, a gain of seven; assets of lodges \$11,9858.02; expended for relief \$29,400.03; Grand Lodge balance \$5,822.64. While 1108 were initiated, there were 749 suspended.

We do not know in how many Grand Jurisdictions the habit referred to in the following resolution prevails, but sincerely hope there are a very limited number:

“*Be it Resolved*, That in consideration of the small size of the meeting-room, and the large number of Representatives present, smoking be prohibited during the sessions of Grand Lodge.”

We do not believe it adds to the dignity of the gathering—whether in a small or a large room.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee, W. F. Norsworthy, chairman, present a report of several Jurisdictions, but again we are not in it. Will our brethren kindly explain why? Our Journal has been regularly sent and should have reached you months before your Grand Lodge session.

Next meeting at Monroe, the third Tuesday in May, 1895.

S. A. CALOGNE, G. C., New Orleans.

JNO. A. MCLEAN, G. K. R. S., Box 394, New Orleans.

List of Committees not given.

MARYLAND.—Twenty-sixth annual session, held at Baltimore, February 13-15, 1894. (Journal received March 11.)

Business matters prevented Brother Peoples, Grand Chancellor, from personally attending to all the details of his position, but the Grand Officers superintended the instituting of three new lodges, as well as arranging for official visitations. The Grand Chancellor reports the Order fully up to the high standing of the preceding year.

In presenting his twenty-fifth annual report as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and which he calls his Silver Anniversary report, Brother Whitehouse says:

“For the first time we record over one hundred active lodges. Our membership, comparatively as large as ever known in our history, and accumulated funds in the Lodge treasury larger than ever before reported; and, notwithstanding the wonderful development and extension of the Order universal in recent years, so great as almost to surpass our conception, how thankful we should be that our State has kept bravely in the line of progress, and amid the universal rejoicing let us now remember that Maryland, in all the great Order requirements, ranks as the first among the fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions. . . . We had last session ninety-nine lodges; none died and three were born, giving us now one hundred and two lodges, with a membership of seven thousand six hundred and twenty-one. The Subordinate Lodges have in their exchequer, \$220,027.85. . . . Expended for relief \$37,309.00. . . . This year our acquisitions

of new members were good, but the loss greater. One thing is very evident, that the time to make the effort to save a member from suspension is when he first becomes three months in arrears. A personal visit then by the proper officer or a friend might be effective. In my opinion many have been lost through this neglect, and there is no better field for lodges to expend their time and energy than in a wise and well directed effort to reclaim some of their former members lost by this reason."

They suspended 453 members. The whole saving, as we have previously stated, is possible only by adopting the plan suggested in the paragraph above quoted. There is no other way so certain as to collect the first quarter's arrears. It is a sad thought that there are almost as many suspended each year as are kept in good standing.

The balance in hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer was \$5,414.66.

We would suggest that the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence in future substitute the word "Fraternal" for "Foreign" in the body of their report just as Brother Whitehouse has done in the title. The report this year is a decided improvement on the preceding one. The chairman says he had "a working committee." They also ask "Why is it that some of the old and large Jurisdictions take no interest in having a Fraternal Correspondence Committee?" and echo answers "Why?" They characterize our comment on Major General Carnahan's unauthorized offer to the President of the United States "in the event of war with Chili," as being "more Pythian than American," and we doff our hat in acknowledgment. We would desire to know, as "Pythians first," no matter to what nationality we belong, how it would look "in the event of war" with some other nation—Canada for instance—for the Major General to call on Divisions on both sides of the (imaginary) line to take arms in defence of their country! This will serve to illustrate how ridiculous that "offer" was.

Next session at Baltimore the second Tuesday in February, 1895.

GEO. RAUH, G. C., Baltimore.

JAMES WHITEHOUSE, G. K. R. S., Baltimore.

A. J. SHULZ, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held at Boston, Feb'y 21, 1894. (Journal received April 28.)

A handsome plate of the good-looking officers is served up as we open this journal. We applied the same test as in the Illinois group, and decided they were "all beauties"—no first choice!

This is the "strictly business" Jurisdiction. They do the Grand Lodge business up in one day, and do it well. Or, as Grand Chancellor Denny puts it: "From the pursuits of business we have for a few hours turned aside." Like every other Jurisdiction, they found the prevailing commercial depression interfered with their progress to some extent. "While our gains have been small, we believe they have been superior in character and standing," says Brother Denny. He considers the number suspended for non-payment of dues is "altogether too large;" and thinks that many who become indifferent and lose interest and are allowed to lose their standing by the "negligent or easy-going Master of Finance," would pay up if called upon; and we think he is right. "When members are

suspended they seem to lose all interest in the lodge ; it touches their pride, and makes it difficult to get them back into the Order." The excellent report of Brother Denny shows him to have been zealous and painstaking. He arranged for official visitation of every lodge, assisted by the Grand Vice Chancellor and others, much to the benefit of the entire Jurisdiction. We note that a life size portrait of Past Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative Tarbell was presented to the Grand Lodge, and now adorns the walls of the Grand Lodge office. They have portraits of ten of the twenty-one past officers, and Brother Denny makes the excellent suggestion that lodges which have been honored "by the selection of one of their number as chief officer of the Jurisdiction" supply the deficiency.

Four new lodges were instituted, making the present number 104 ; the membership is 11,343, a gain of 636 ; suspended 567. Net assets of lodges \$192,339.56 ; cash on hand or invested \$89,961.66 ; expended for relief \$42,598.97.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee for this Jurisdiction contained five names, but we find that one did all the work. The chairman, Brother Tarbell, had allowed himself to be appointed chairman of the committee to undertake the preparation of a history of the Order in Massachusetts, and "notwithstanding his protest" the Grand Chancellor insisted on his taking the chairmanship of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee. Then Brother Tarbell decided to call on his conferees for assistance, and we quote his experience, related in his own inimitable style :—

"In this dilemma I sought help from my associates on the committee, Brig. Gen. John H. Abbott, Past Grand Chancellor and M. D. ; Rev. Geo. M. Bodge, Pastor ; Perley Holmes and Charles G. Green, Past Chancellors and merchants. It is an honor to have one's name catalogued with such as these, even though they may be silent partners, and such they have proved, for like those, immortalized by Luke in his Gospel, who were invited to a feast, these 'all with one consent began to make excuse.' The first had an impense 'practice,' and besides he had the Massachusetts Brigade, Uniform Rank, in charge, and though his shoulders are broad and he is a second Samson, he feared this would prove 'the last feather.' I urged him to 'throw physic to the dogs,' but he said the 'dogs wouldn't have it.' Sensible dogs ! The next on the list has a large pastordown-in-health dodge, get his parish to send him to Italy, take the Journals with him and write a review there, brought the rebuke that as our Ritual is restricted to the English language it would be incongruous to review the work done under it, under Italian skies. The two merchants must 'make hay while the sun shines,' lest the financial storm that is threatening so many might spoil it. I excused them all, but the Grand Chancellor was inexorable. He said it must be done and I must do it. So, of course, I must."

And, "of course," the work is well done. The work covers sixty-four pages, is "brimful" of good things, and we would sooner lose "one meal a day" for a month than have missed the reading of it. Besides the humor so freely distributed there is an inspiring tone all through, and lots of passages calculated to increase the desire to be better Pythians, doing our whole duty more perfectly. Long may Massachusetts have the honor of being represented in the Pythian world by this "grand old man" !

Next session at Boston, the third Wednesday in February.

JOHN J. WHIPPLE, G. C.

CHAS. CROSS, G. K. R. S., Lowell.

LUTHER A. TARBELL, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee,
Marlboro.

MICHIGAN.—Twenty-first annual session held at Benton Harbor, May 16-17, 1894. (Journal received July 30.)

We were surprised to notice the large number of dispensations (60) granted by Grand Chancellor Reynolds to confer more than one rank on a candidate the same evening, as we have seldom found it to be a desirable plan. Of course, there are occasional cases where it is necessary to do so, but it is a custom that is almost certain to be abused. The lesson of one rank, if properly administered, is as much as the ordinary candidate can thoroughly digest at one sitting. Brother Reynolds reports that the progress made during the year has been satisfactory, everything considered. Seven lodges were instituted and lists are ready for five others. One lodge was suspended and one resuscitated. The property of a lodge defunct since 1879 (!) was gathered in by the Grand Lodge, because "the box containing said paraphernalia had been broken into and was causing more or less talk through the territory." We agree with the Grand Chancellor that "there has been gross carelessness on the part of somebody." There were 108 official visits by the Grand Chancellor, besides the laying of the corner stone of a Pythian temple, dedicating two castle halls, and 21 public installations. He reports the lodges working with more uniformity than for years.

Brother Hopkins, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the membership as 10,741, an increase of 912; there are 163 lodges, a gain of 16; suspended, 604; assets of lodges, \$92,579.91; expended for relief \$9,483.34. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$3,398.78.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a good report, reviewing the several journals in a most pleasing manner. The report makes "good reading." They found the work "arduous and fascinating."

Next session at Kalamazoo, the third Wednesday in May, 1895.

F. DOUGLAS, G. C., Iona.

J. W. HOPKINS, G. K. R. S., Lansing.

W. H. LOOMIS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Grand Rapids.

MISSISSIPPI.—Journal of 20th session, held at Canton, May 9, 10, 1893, came to hand November 1st.

The Grand Lodge accepted an invitation to receive an address of welcome from Past Chancellor T. S. Ward, and the journal says:—"To say that it was eloquence eloquently spoken but feebly conveys the thought. As the words fell from his mind, they were indelibly photographed in the memory of his delighted audience, and will in years to come be remembered with delight and pleasure." It was rare foresight that arranged for the "photographic" act, as it is doubtful if many of the listeners could have retained much of the address otherwise. On the reply by Grand Chancellor Harry Peyton it is recorded:—"While he modestly disclaims any vocal pyrotechnical display, yet there is coyly discovered between the lines an undercurrent of pure thought and eloquence" (!) It must have been a great day!

The report of Grand Chancellor Peyton shows a deep interest in Pythianism. There were nine new lodges instituted and a dispensation granted for the tenth,

"which is the second largest increase in lodges since the Order planted its banner on Mississippi soil."

Brother Maganos, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the present membership as 5226, an increase of 1105; lodges 84, a gain of 13. Members suspended 242. Subordinate Lodge assets aggregate \$34,278.79; and \$882.75 was expended for relief. Grand Lodge balance \$2,912.67.

This journal coming to hand soon after our own journal was published prevents fuller review, as another session of this Grand Lodge has been held since at Natchez, in May, 1894.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Twenty-first annual session, held at Natchez, May 8-11, 1894. (Journal to hand August 19.)

While the increase has not been so great as in the preceding year, Grand Chancellor Buchanan sees cause for congratulation in the fact that there was a gain of 405 in membership, with six new lodges. Each of the sixty-seven dispensations granted was for conferring ranks—we presume within the prescribed limit. A fair amount of visiting was done.

Brother Maganos, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, says:

"The membership and finances of the Subordinate Lodges are in a healthy and very gratifying condition. The character and standing of our membership is such that any similar association may well envy. We number upon our roster statesmen eminent in the councils of our country; lawyers 'learned above their fellows in the law' and of national repute; doctors of great skill and experience; merchants and business men, who, as a class, are shrewd and honest in their dealings with fellow-men; in our mechanical members, we can safely challenge comparison for their equals in industry, frugality, honesty, and the faithful upholding of the tenets of our noble Order—they undoubtedly are the bone and sinew of all societies; last, but not least, our husbandry members acknowledge no superiors in their fealty and devotion to our glorious principles."

The total membership is 5,631, a gain of 405; and there are 90 lodges, an increase of nine. There were 416 suspended. The assets of lodges aggregate \$38,049.12; while \$3,866.69 was expended for relief. The balance in Grand Lodge treasury is \$3,406.03.

Still no Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Session convenes at Aberdeen the second Tuesday in May, 1895.

ROBERT C. ALLEIN, G. C., Vicksburg.

JOS. L. MAGANOS, G. K. R. S., Vicksburg.

MISSOURI.—The twenty-third annual session was held at St. Louis, October 17-19, 1893, and we received the journal November 25.

Grand Chancellor Wagoner had a successful term, and proved himself a good officer. He reports the increase for the year up to expectation; the treasury was never so full or the net increase so great; and harmony and brotherly love prevail.

The excellent report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Holmes shows the membership to be 19,134, a net increase of 3,290; lodges 235, or 30 more than last year. The above figures were to June 30, and Brother Holmes says that four

new lodges have been instituted since that date, with a membership of 104, bringing the net gain to October 1st up to 3,394 members and 27 lodges. They suspended 953 during the year. The assets of the lodges are placed at \$265,556.94, and \$35,722.00 was expended for relief. The Grand Lodge has a balance of \$14,324.53 on hand.

Brother C. W. Dunifer appears as Fraternal Correspondent, and has a report worthy this fine Jurisdiction, even though he was "not officially notified of his appointment till the beginning of the heated term." We think he must have invested part of his \$75 grant in a fanning machine, however, as he managed to keep decidedly cool, and never lost his head during the "two months research and toil" expended on the bright report before us. We are with you, Brother D., on the "Grand Lecturer" question, and hope your members and representatives will exercise due caution before adopting the proposed amendment to constitution. Glad you are continued on the "pay roll."

Next session at Excelsior Springs, the third Tuesday in October, 1894.

JAMES A. REED, G. C., Kansas City.

JOHN H. HOLMES, G. K. R. S., St. Louis.

C. W. DUNIFER, Fraternal Correspondent, St. Louis.

MONTANA.—Tenth annual session, at Anaconda, June 13, 14, 1894. (Journal received July 31.)

Grand Chancellor Talcott reports that the utmost harmony has prevailed during the year; that while only one new lodge was instituted, there has been a very healthy growth in the membership; and congratulates the Grand Lodge upon its continued prosperity and upon the reputation and respect the Order holds throughout the State.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is pleased to be able to state that, notwithstanding the hard times, "Pythianism in Montana has passed through those conditions which have become history in the past year only to have renewed strength, greater prospects and grander possibilities." The success of the year he attributes to the "special dispensation arrangement" by which lodges desiring to do so were allowed to reduce the initiation fee for a limited time. The membership is 1706, only 15 of a gain, and as the new lodge instituted had sixteen members the old lodges barely held their own. There were 176 suspended. In lodges a gain of one is reported, making a total of 31. The assets amount to \$38,002.78; expended for relief \$7,072.33. Grand Lodge balance \$2,642.71.

Brother Porter, chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, presents a creditable and readable report, in which he successfully carried out the aim outlined in the introduction, "to indulge in no unfriendly criticisms, but rather to exchange fraternal greeting with our brothers of the other Grand Jurisdictions of our Order and to record the interesting facts of their present condition."

A resolution to appoint one member on the Fraternal Correspondence Committee and pay him \$25 was "laid over under rule," where we fear it still remains.

The next Session will be held at Butte, the third Tuesday in May, 1895, (which will be one month *less* than a year.)

B. E. VAILL, G. C., Bozeman.

JACOB LOEB, G. K. R. S., Helena.

T. J. PORTER, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Miles City.

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-ninth annual session held at Omaha, October 10-12, 1893.

Early in his report Grand Chancellor Dale takes occasion to return thanks to "a live *minority* of the District Deputies" for their work during the year. He is of opinion that the system of appointing District Deputies for each lodge is a "misnomer" and mischievous in its consequences; and adds:

"The majority of Past Chancellors regard the position of Lodge Deputy as an empty honor, and accept it with reluctance. Deeming time entirely too valuable to post up on Pythian laws and usages, their official decisions and opinions are often misleading and subject their lodge to criticism. The lodges in numerous instances are aware of these facts, and forward all problems to the Grand Chancellor, instead of applying direct to the official created for that special purpose. Time is so extremely valuable with many Deputies that they do not have leisure to even acknowledge receipt of official communications. I do not reflect upon the abilities of Deputies who have served the past year, for I believe they are at least the peers of any of their predecessors."

One would almost consider the last sentence quoted sarcastic. He reports 14 new lodges, two revived and one reorganized. Supreme Chancellor Blackwell visited the Jurisdiction and gave a "four steady hours" talk, much to the delight and benefit of the membership. Brother Dale seems to have given a year of good, earnest work to his Jurisdiction, but found the year about "one hundred days too short" to enable him to carry out the programme he had prepared. He visited 46 lodges.

Brother Shaeffer, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, reports that "notwithstanding the 'hard times' the Order is in a flourishing condition." They have gained fourteen new lodges and 684 members. The present membership is 6,538, in 160 lodges. Suspensions 750! The amount "on hand and invested" is \$38,246.09. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$3281.88. The lodges paid for relief \$7,222.23.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Shaeffer, who explains the absence of report in journal of previous session as follows:

"At the last annual session of the Grand Lodge, the committee on foreign correspondence submitted a report, and on motion it was not read but ordered printed in the Journal of Proceedings. When I came to have the Journal printed I found the committee had 'worked' the Grand Lodge by substituting a blank report, and as it was too late to prepare one I had to have the journal printed without one. A few weeks ago I learned that the present committee had passed into a state of innocuous desuetude and would have no report ready. Not wishing to have the same 'deal' over again I have prepared a short report which I now submit. In submitting this report I have no apologies to make, except that I did not have the time to devote to it that I should have liked to."

Brother Shaeffer is to be congratulated on his disposition to have his Jurisdiction "up to date." We hope the five brethren who have been appointed will do their duty, and we suggest Brother Shaeffer's report as an excellent model:

Next session at Lincoln, the second Tuesday in October, 1894.

W. A. DILWORTH, G. C., Lincoln.

HARRY M. SHAEFFER, G. K. R. S., Lincoln.

J. L. Goss, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Bellevue.

NEVADA.—Twenty-second annual session held at Reno, May 24, 25, 1894. (Journal received July 30.)

Grand Lodge opened and then took a recess "to await the arrival of Supreme Chancellor Blackwell," during which the Supreme Chancellor "was admitted without form."

If it were not for his official circulars, and the reports of the District Deputies, Grand Chancellor Beard would have had little more than a title and a signature to offer as a report.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Stoddard reports a loss of seventeen in membership for year ending December 31, 1893. This he attributes to the languishing condition of the mining industry making it necessary for a large number of members to seek employment elsewhere. There was a slight financial gain, however. The membership is 848, and there are 14 lodges, the assets of which aggregate \$16,627.80. They expended \$4,215.05 for relief. Thirty-four were suspended. The balance in Grand Lodge treasury is \$618.07.

Brother Blackwell, Supreme Chancellor, gave a "two hours address," and subsequently occupied "about three hours' time exemplifying the secret work."

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next session at Wadsworth, the second Tuesday in June, 1895.

J. F. AITKEN, G. C., Reno.

A. B. STODARD, G. K. R. S., Virginia City.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Twenty-third annual session, held at Nashua, October 11, 12, 1893. (Journal received January 15, 1894.)

Grand Chancellor Follansbee says: "Harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the Jurisdiction; I am able to report a substantial growth, and that the Order is gaining the esteem and confidence of the people." He visited over ninety per cent. of the lodges, and found them taking great interest in the work.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Spofford says that while there has been no marked gain in membership, a healthy growth has been made. There are 3,756 members, a net increase of 400; and 43 lodges, a gain of three. There were 134 suspended. The lodges have total assets amounting to \$56,818.38. There was \$9,072.90 expended for relief. The Grand Lodge Balance on hand is \$962.32. Brother Spofford scores the Supreme Lodge for the prices charged for supplies, which he considers exorbitant.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell was present, accompanied by several distinguished brethren from neighboring Jurisdictions. Of course Brother Blackwell delivered an address.

The sum of \$50 was appropriated "as partial compensation for the services of the retiring Grand Chancellor," hardly a dollar a week!

Portraits and biographical sketches of several Grand Officers appear in the journal.

The Fraternal Correspondence report of Brother Moore covers some forty pages of the journal. He explains that it was prepared "amid the press of other exacting duties, clamoring for performance," and hopes some day to make amends for the "brief and inadequate notices" with which some Jurisdictions have been

dismissed. We accept the explanation, for our journal of 1892 is reviewed in nine lines, and 1893 in five.

This journal needs an index and a list of standing committees.

Next session at Manchester, the third Wednesday in October, 1894.

H. W. HARMON, G. C., North Conway.

CHAS. B. SPOFFORD, G. K. R. S., Claremont.

NEW JERSEY.—Twenty-seventh annual session, held at Trenton, February 21-23, 1894. (Journal received April 28.)

In reviewing the state of the Order, Grand Chancellor Hayhurst found that 900 candidates had been initiated, 274 being in new lodges; 106 lodges initiated candidates; 46 increased in membership, 10 held their own, and 72 reported a decrease. These latter, he says, have been "cutting out the dead wood." He reports seven new lodges, with two defunct, one of the latter being merely "a worthless branch lopped off." He considers the only matter for real disappointment and regret is "the excessive number of suspensions" (670). "The greatest enthusiasm and interest prevails in some localities." A good number of official visits are reported, which were highly beneficial to the Order. Our brother had a creditable term and worked hard.

Brother Pierson, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the present membership 12,840, a gain of 30; number of Lodges 145; members suspended 672. Assets of Subordinate Lodges, \$275,283.34; expended for relief \$55,993.13. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$3,590.04.

Brother Wessels, the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, submits his report "with a knowledge that he has done the duty assigned him to the best of his ability," and hopes the brethren will find as much pleasure in reading his efforts as he had in compiling them. We read your excellent report with a great deal of pleasure.

Next session at Trenton, the third Wednesday in February, 1895.

G. T. CRANMER, G. C., Barnegat.

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

E. R. WESSELS, Fraternal Correspondent, 30 Newark Avenue, Jersey City.

NEW MEXICO.—Journal of tenth annual session, held at Deeming, November 7-9, 1893, came to hand January 17, 1894.

Grand Chancellor Lucas says:

"From my own observation, having visited all but three of the lodges in the Territory, I can truthfully say our Order is gaining ground, is well thought of all over the Territory and is exerting a wonderful influence for good. We count among our members the best, most influential and prominent citizens, all of whom are proud to call themselves Knights of Pythias."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, F. L. Harrison, proved so neglectful of the duties of his office that it was necessary to appoint a brother to take his place. Brother Speigelberg, who was appointed, found confusion reigning in the office, the books not posted or written up for some time, and was unable, therefore, to ascertain the exact standing of the lodges. From the tables given we find the membership 995, a gain of 66; lodges 22, a gain of two; cash on hand \$4960.02;

total assets \$13,475.08; expended for relief \$3,384.55. There were 78 suspended. The Grand Lodge balance appears to be only \$18.84.

The chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee says that as the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal failed to furnish journals later than 1891, they did not consider it advisable to review them. They say:

"No one regrets this more than your Committee, who hope to clear their *shirts* (!) by a verbal statement to the membership of this jurisdiction, however severely they may be criticised by others."

Next session at Las Vegas the third Tuesday in November, 1894.

GEO. B. BERINGER, G. C., Raton.

C. E. PERRY, G. K. R. S., East Las Vegas.

J. H. McCUTCHEM, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Socorro.

NEW YORK.—Twenty-sixth annual session, at Watertown, July 24-26, 1894. (Journal to hand August 6.)

Previous to the opening the band played and a clergyman of the city offered prayer. Then the mayor delivered an address of welcome, and Governor Flower made "an eloquent address and extended a hearty welcome," suitable replies being made by the Grand Chancellor.

From Grand Chancellor Salisbury's excellent report we quote a few sentences:

I am very glad to be able to report that but one lodge has surrendered its charter during the past year. I wish to emphasize the fact that there is no more fruitful source of disaster to a lodge than carelessness in the lodge work, and that painstaking care in the conduct of the ordinary business and work of the lodge means not only prosperity to the lodge but a personal education that no member can afford to slight or throw away. The office of State Deputy had its first practical trial during the preceding term, and the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in establishing the office has been proved beyond the possibility of a doubt. From every section I have received the thanks of the lodges for the presence of the State Deputy and the invariable report that they have received material benefit from his coming. New interest has been created. Lodges that were practically moribund have been awakened to new life, renewed zeal and increased activity, uniformity in the work is being secured and increased prosperity all along the Pythian line has been the result of the establishment of this office.

Brother John J. Acker, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, reports the institution of twenty-two new lodges, and the surrender of one, present number being 273. The membership is 22,605, an increase of 2056. The assets of lodges aggregate \$316,288.61. They expended for relief \$54,579.63. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$5,626.26.

State Deputy, D. J. Auchmoody, presents an interesting report of his work. He seems to be an earnest worker, striving to advance Pythianism. He places great importance on having the ritualistic work done properly, and points out that the lodges doing the best work are in the most prosperous condition and have the largest attendance. The following from his report is worthy of earnest consideration:

"In my visits to the lodges I have endeavored to show them the necessity of giving thorough instructions to candidates in one rank before conferring the next one. If lodges could be induced to do so it would create a much more favorable impression on the candidates, make them more interested in the lodge and Order,

better qualified for lodge work both as members and officers, and the result would be fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues. When we consider that in the Supreme Jurisdiction about one-half as many are suspended every year as are initiated, we should give the subject some attention. It should be more desirable to keep good men in the Order than to get new ones to join it. Many are inclined to place all the blame for suspension for non-payment of dues on the Master of Finance, when, in many instances, it is caused by the lodge doing its work poorly, and giving but little and often not any instructions to candidates except what they receive hurriedly during the conferring of the ranks, and thereby failing to interest them to that extent that they have a real desire to remain in the Order. After giving this subject careful attention, I feel confident in saying that if candidates were instructed to that extent that they committed both the ritualistic and the unwritten work to memory, it would in due time reduce suspensions for non-payment of dues from twenty to twenty-five per cent. at least. In lodges that I have instituted since the last session, and wherever I have been able to influence Deputies, the three ranks have not been conferred in one day or night. It is impossible for any man, much less several men, to receive the rank in that manner, and appreciate the lessons and beautiful sentiments of our work. It appears that the largest percentage of suspensions for non-payment is among the charter members of new lodges. This can be overcome in only one way, and that is by conferring not more than the ranks of Page and Esquire at the first meeting, and if possible hold a meeting to instruct in those ranks before conferring the rank of Knight and instituting the lodge. There has been, as a rule, too much hurry in the institution of new lodges, and the result is many have become defunct, and others struggled for a long time to get in the condition they should have been in when first instituted."

The report of Brother N. A. Calkins, Fraternal Correspondent, covers some thirty-six pages of the journal, and is fully up to the high standard of similar reports from this old and important Jurisdiction. The work is in excellent hands, as the Grand Lodge evidently considered.

Next session at Catskill, July 23, 1895.

DR. J. CHAS. LADOW, G. C., Mechanicville.

JOHN J. ACKER, G. K. R. S., 55 State St., Albany.

N. A. CALKINS, Fraternal Correspondent, Coxsackie.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Twenty-fourth annual session, held at Winston, June 21, 22, 1894. (Journal received August 6.)

Grand Chancellor Ebert arranged to have other Grand Officers assist in official visiting, and thirty-nine lodges were favored with the presence of one of these worthies. "With four exceptions" all of the lodges were found in a very healthy and prosperous condition, with increasing membership, and interest "at fever heat," adding material that is "young, active, energetic and very desirable." As in other Jurisdictions, "the weak lodges have benefited by these visits." He favors requiring all officers to memorize the ritualistic work within one month after being installed into office; and also thinks the lodges should use the "long form" in conferring third rank. 13 new lodges and a gain in membership of 1000 is the creditable result of the year's work.

Without one unnecessary word, Brother Dudley, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the statistics of the lodges, from which we find the membership to be 2414, or 363 more than a year previous. They lost 158 by suspension. They have 45 lodges, whose assets aggregate \$17,504.72. The amount expended for relief was \$5,111.28. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$2,113.07.

This Jurisdiction seems to be in a very healthy condition, the membership being active and earnest. If the report from Committee on Fraternal Correspondence were not missing from this journal we would see little to complain of. We hope the brother appointed will attend to this report the coming year.

Next session at Mount Airy, the third Wednesday in June, 1895.

C. E. HOLTON, G. C., Greensboro.

JNO. L. DUDLEY, G. K. R. S., Wilmington.

W. COBLETT, Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Wilmington.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Fourth annual session at Devil's Lake, July 18-20, 1893. (Journal received November 16.)

Grand Chancellor Dahl sees much cause for encouragement, and says :

“The Grand Lodge of North Dakota is now about three years old, and when viewing the various objects encountered all along the path of advancement in any direction, and the difficulties incident to the upbuilding of an organization in a young and thinly settled State, I think we have abundant reason to feel proud of what has been accomplished in a period of three short years. We have succeeded in placing ourselves on a sound and independent footing financially, and our membership is gradually increasing.”

Three new lodges were instituted. Brother Dahl should cease speaking of the ranks of the Order as “degrees.”

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Gregory we find that the lodges have on hand \$2,187.27 ; expended for relief \$677.98 ; Grand Lodge balance \$112.71. There is no mention in this journal of the number of lodges or membership, as the lodges had not sent in their semi-annual reports. Brother Gregory found the office a burden to him and threw up the sponge.

The following, which was adopted, is a new way of doing :

“RESOLVED, That all Past Chancellors upon whom the Grand Lodge Rank has been conferred and who have paid the \$3.00 be given a P. C. jewel by this Grand Lodge.”

Or, by paying \$3 for the Grand Lodge Rank, they are given a Past Chancellor's jewel !

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee review eleven journals of 1892, and two of 1891, in five pages space, and have the nerve to call it a report.

Next session at Jamestown, the fourth Tuesday in July, 1894.

WILL M. COCHRAN, G. C., Minto.

J. F. CALLOHAN, G. K. R. S., and chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Casselton.

OHIO.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held at Springfield, May 22,23, 1894. (Journal to hand August 20.)

Addresses of welcome from Judge Trout (for the local knights) and Mayor Johnson (for the citizens generally), were responded to by Grand Chancellor Lewis, after which Supreme Vice Chancellor Richie, Past Supreme Chancellor Douglas, and Supreme Representatives Burns, Butterfield and Ellis “briefly addressed the convention.” Then the Grand Lodge got down to business.

Grand Chancellor Lewis reports a net increase of more than five thousand

members, and "a goodly number of strong and vigorous new lodges," notwithstanding the prevailing financial depression. This puts Ohio "beyond the fifty thousand mark, making it the largest Jurisdiction in the world." He further says:

"The most surprising showing of the year, however, and under existing circumstances the most remarkable in the history of the Order in the State, is the increase in membership commencing with the beginning of the present fiscal year, January 1st, 1894, and ending April 1st. During these three months, three thousand new members were added to the lodges throughout the State, which would indicate that the increase in membership for the present fiscal year will be largely in excess of the five thousand above reported for the year ending December 31st, 1893, if not, indeed, of that of any former year of our history. This last increase gives to us the unprecedented membership, on April 1st, 1894, of more than fifty-three thousand, and places this Grand Jurisdiction beyond all question at the head of Pythianism."

This is a proud position to occupy, and it is little wonder that our brethren are ecstatic at the achievement. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal also "writes it up," and we gladly give space for an extract or two from his report:

"An active and healthy feeling pervades all of our lodges. Out of 617 reporting in 1893, only one has failed to report the present year. But few, if any, organizations of whatever character can boast of such regularity."

"Fifty thousand and forty-five members! This fact is allowed to be made a matter of record in this report. For the past few years, officers and members alike have felt the Buckeye State contained this number, but until the tabulation of the figures submitted in the semi-annual returns for the term ending December 31, 1893, that belief could not be substantiated in cold type. Now, however, it can, and the end in increase in membership is not yet, by any means. Ohio, foremost in all things, will not be second in the extension of our Pythian kingdom."

The suspensions were 2,354, and Brother Beatty remarks:—

"While we have reason to rejoice over the rapid strides in the line of gain in membership, the rejoicing is not without a tinge of regret because of the continued and surprisingly large loss announced in the suspension column. . . . There are in Ohio at the present time probably over 20,000 Knights who have at some time in our history been enumerated among us. What a vast army of Pythians would we have were these added to the fifty thousand and over on our rolls to-day! Masters of Finance have been lectured on all sides by the chief officials, and many regard it as within their power to prevent much of the complaint on account of the suspensions, but the evil will never be eradicated, in my judgment, until every member of the Subordinate Lodge becomes himself an assistant Master of Finance, to aid in the collection of dues, and otherwise assumes the role of being 'my brother's keeper.' . . . Several hundred of those suspended would have been saved to the Order had the proper energy been displayed by the membership in general, rather than allow the entire work to fall upon the few."

These are shots from the shoulder, and it would be a good thing if each member of the Order universal could have the above extracts pasted in his hat. There were thirty-nine new lodges. The total assets amount to \$851,179.62, and \$107,066.86 was paid for relief. Grand Lodge balance \$27,031.04. This being its twenty-fifth year, the journal was sent out "silver mounted." It also contains portraits of twenty-five of the twenty-seven Past Grand Chancellors now living, with a brief biographical sketch of each.

The reading of this journal is calculated to create enthusiasm, and before these words are in type Ohio will have the Supreme Chancellor residing in her domains, a fitting climax to the splendid work done.

Of course the report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is like everything else from this Jurisdiction—first class. Every review is worth reading, and the criticisms most enjoyable. But, brethren, the General did *not* write “*that paragraph*” himself! You know very well the “minutes” said exactly what was correct. Own up now! He *is* a “good one.” And then we forgive you everything.

Next session at Cleveland, the fourth Tuesday in May, 1895.

JOHN T. SUTPHEN, G. C., Middletown.

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

JOHN C. BURNS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Mansfield.

OKLAHOMA.—Third annual session held at Guthrie, July 25, 1893. (Journal received November 14.)

The Grand Chancellor being absent, Vice Chancellor S. H. Harris opened the meeting.

One and a half pages of the journal are occupied by the report (?) of Grand Chancellor Thompson, which he truly says is “chiefly a list of apologies for my failures in performing the duties of the office.” He didn’t visit any lodges, as he was “absent three months during the term pursuing professional studies.” One lodge was instituted (by the Grand Vice Chancellor.)

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a year of success, and says “the growth of the Order, the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and, with few exceptions, the Subordinate Lodges will prove gratifying.” There are eight lodges, and 485 members, a gain of 72; resources of Subordinate Lodges \$3782.55; expended for relief \$264.75. Suspended 72. The Grand Lodge balance is \$280.20.

The Committee on State of the Order found “that the criticisms our worthy Grand Chancellor expressed upon his own report in regard to its incompleteness are amply justified.”

Little business was brought before the meeting, and the whole proceedings seem to have been very tame.

No Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next session at El Reno, July 31, 1894.

S. H. HARRIS, G. C., Norman.

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

OREGON.—Thirteenth annual session held at Heppner, October 10-12, 1893. (Journal received November 14.)

Grand Chancellor Sharon, in his excellent report, has this to say:—

“Harmony has prevailed in our ranks during the past year, as witness the fact that I have no appeal cases to report to you. . . . Five new lodges have been organized, making our present number of working lodges 57, and our membership, in spite of the hard times, has increased from 3128 on September 30th, 1892, to 3318 on September 30th, 1893, which certainly may be considered a creditable showing.”

He visited 53 of the 58 lodges in the State, travelling nearly 6000 miles and occupying about three months time. He was a busy officer and did his work well.

Brother McConnell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the membership as 3236, a gain of 483, and 52 lodges; but these figures are only to end of 1892. The financial showing to same date is: balance on hand \$27,748.00; expended for relief \$12,611.54. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$5382.15. This report shows Brother McConnell to be a good official, and the Grand Lodge increased his salary to \$1000.00.

This journal has no Fraternal Correspondence report; though a committee has been appointed to prepare one.

A suitable frontispiece is the portraits of Grand Officers and Supreme Representatives.

Next session at Portland, the second Tuesday in October, 1894.

J. A. WADDLE, G. C., Portland.

G. F. MCCONNELL, G. K. R. S., Portland.

E. E. SHARON, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Pendleton.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Twenty-fifth annual session, held at Sunbury, August 15-18, 1893. (Journal received November 6.)

The report of Grand Chancellor Davis proves beyond the possibility of doubt that it is no small task to preside over this grand Jurisdiction for a year. He received over 1000 communications pertaining to the Order; visited 108 lodges and 66 special convocations, travelling some 11,000 miles. During these visitations he found counties which "have not had a Grand Lodge Officer for a guest or instructor for 21 years," and was astonished to find the Order still living in these localities. Fourteen new lodges were instituted, two merged, and two dissolved.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hawkes, in presenting his twenty-second annual report says:—

"The reports of Subordinate Lodges indicate that there has been very little increase of membership over last year, and their financial standing in the aggregate has not been materially improved, and this condition of affairs, gauged by the rule 'that standing still is but another form of expression for retrogression,' is to be seriously regretted."

Present membership 49,099, a gain for the year of 1,628; number of lodges 486, net increase of 11; suspended 3,140; lodge assets \$847,401.50; expended for relief \$231,956.58. The balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer is \$7,444.59.

Supreme Chancellor Blackwell was present and addressed the Grand Lodge. He seems to have "spoke right out" on the duty of this important Jurisdiction, notwithstanding the vigorous kicking proclivities, from time to time exhibited, and the incoming Grand Chancellor seems to have been an attentive listener, (judging by his address on assuming control.)

Still no Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next session at York, the third Tuesday in August, 1894.

JOHN M. STRATTON, G. C., Philadelphia.

GEO. HAWKES, G. K. R. S., Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.—Twenty-third annual session, held at Providence, February 13, 1894. (Journal received May 9.)

While no new lodges are reported "because of the wide spread depression," the Order is in good condition and some progress was made. Grand Chancellor Gates directed his attention largely to encouraging lodges to keep up their numerical and financial strength, made a large number of visits, delivered many addresses "in addition to the regular official ones," and reports a gain in membership of one hundred and fifty-one. Brother Blackwell visited this Jurisdiction, and delivered an address "replete with instruction and eloquence."

The number of lodges is 34, with a membership of 3721, a gain of 121. The suspensions reached 175. The lodges have assets amounting to \$58,388.39, and expended \$15,508.77 for relief. The Grand Lodge balance is \$1322.17.

There is little more that could be said of this session of "Rhody's" Grand Lodge. They transacted what little business came before them, gathered themselves together and dispersed without wasting any valuable time. They meet again in Providence the second Tuesday in February, 1895. No. Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

WALTER SCOTT, G. C., Providence.

WM. A. WILSON, G. K. R. S., Providence.

TENNESSEE.—Twenty-third annual convention, at Nashville, May 2-4, 1894. (Journal to hand May 15.)

This is the way Grand Chancellor Griffin begins his report :

"The past year will go into history as a year of panics and of general depression ; but I am glad to state that neither panics, cyclones nor the prince of darkness can stop the spread of Pythianism. The year preceding this was one of unusual growth and prosperity ; but this year, in spite of the general depression which congested trade and paralyzed enterprises of all kinds, sixteen lodges have been instituted, and the reports show a net gain of 853 members, which is only about 33½ per cent. less than the gain made last year."

He performed the duties of the office faithfully, had no serious internal difficulties to settle, and closes his business-like report with these words :—

"In the grand work in which we are enlisted, I firmly believe that we are guided by the hand of our Heavenly Father. We have reason to be proud of the past history of the Order in this Jurisdiction. Let us not rely upon it only for a source of a pleasant and profitable memory, but look steadily to the future, which will prove a field for greater deeds and the performance of constant Pythian duty."

The familiar name, R. L. C. White, is appended to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, from which we learn that the net gain was 853 members, a total of 7763, which are distributed among 129 lodges—14 more than a year previous. The suspensions reached 558. The lodge assets amount to \$105,974.70, and \$11,860.76 was expended for relief. Grand Lodge balance \$9,883.38.

Here is another of the older Jurisdictions having no Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next session at Chattanooga, May 8, 1895.

E. B. WISE, G. C., Chattanooga.

R. L. C. WHITE, G. K. R. S., Nashville.

TEXAS.—Twenty-first annual session, held at Paris, April 17-19, 1894. (Journal received July 12.)

Grand Chancellor Downs confesses that he accepted the office "with fear and trembling" lest he should be unable to discharge the duties satisfactorily. He lived through it, however, and has this to say early in his report:—

"In taking a retrospective view of the work of the term, I am constrained to believe that you will find no cause for complaint, but rather some reason for congratulation, at the splendid progress made—in the number of Lodges organized, and the excellent standard attained in the material and class of membership embraced in our fold. While many other similar orders in this Grand Jurisdiction have lost heavily during the past year, both in the number of lodges and the numerical strength of their membership, our growth has gone steadily, surely, onward and upward."

In an excellent account of a year of earnest work, Brother Downs tells of a good increase in membership, lodges and finances; and has earned the "well done!"

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the condition of the Order to be very satisfactory, and while the increase is not as great as in some years, he thinks there is abundant cause to be thankful. Twenty-five new lodges have been added, and the net gain in membership is 1119. The total assets of lodges amount to \$218,887.09. The amount expended for relief was \$23,090.48. The total membership is 12,261, in 208 lodges. The Grand Lodge has on hand \$9,133.07.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence divided up the work, and present a most creditable report.

Just when we thought we had done with this large and handsome journal, we came upon an account of a "public reception to the Grand Lodge," taken from one of the daily papers. The exercises consisted of addresses of welcome from the city officials and the local knights, to which the Grand Chancellor responded. These three addresses, couched in moderate and beautiful language, are well worth reading.

Next session at Houston, the third Tuesday in April, 1895.

P. S. WREN, G. C., Galveston.

HENRY MILLER, G. K. R. S., Weatherford.

A. J. ROSENTHAL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, La Grange.

UTAH.—Eleventh annual session, at Salt Lake City, June 19-21, 1894. (Journal received August 2.)

Hon. W. W. Blackwell, Supreme Chancellor, was present at a special session, and addressed the meeting, and the journal says he occupied "nearly four hours." An excellent banquet was also furnished.

Grand Chancellor Wiscomb reports the steady addition of the best material to the ranks, that the lodges financially are "pretty safe," one new lodge instituted, seven lodges visited, and the condition of the Order generally satisfactory.

There are 906 members, a gain of 13; suspended 110; number of lodges 11; balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$716.05.

Brother McDaniel, in presenting the report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, says he was surprised to receive from his Grand Keeper of Records and Seal fifty-one journals, and a note advising him that this was "his share." He didn't even know who his colleagues were. He throws himself at the Fraternal Correspondents of other Jurisdiction thusly:—

"I am conscious of the fact that the Fraternal Correspondents in other Jurisdictions will have something to say about this review and from them I cannot expect mercy. A plea of ignorance or want of experience will not touch their hearts, consequently all I can hope for is the approval of my own Grand Lodge, and with that I will have courage to endure the torture of the outside world."

Why he should have such a poor opinion of those tender-hearted brethren who are usually selected for this duty by the different Jurisdictions, we are at a loss to determine. For our part, we are more than disposed to be merciful, and decline to say anything further about this report, lest this committee should again be "abolished," as our brother states occurred because of some "hail" from Illinois.

Next session at Provo, June 18, 1895.

JOHN S. CORLEW, G. C., Ogden.

H. C. WARDLEIGH, G. K. R. S., Ogden.

E. A. McDANIEL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Ogden.

VERMONT.—Fifth annual session, held at Burlington, October 10, 1893. (Journal received November 27.)

Grand Chancellor Gilchrist's report is short and to the point. He says progress has been made, and the Order stands more firmly than ever entrenched in the hearts and affections of the membership. He visited every lodge once, and a majority of them twice; and found the lodges "sadly delinquent in the exemplification of the unwritten work."

They made a net gain of 89 members, and lost one lodge. Present membership 599, in nine lodges. There were 25 members suspended. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal also reports the lodges more healthy financially, the total assets being \$4,253.99. For relief they expended \$426.50. The Grand Lodge balance is \$322.12.

The session was harmonious throughout, and the business transacted was chiefly of local interest.

Supreme Chancellor W. W. Blackwell was present, and addressed the lodge "at some length."

Brother Tinker presents a short but very good Fraternal Correspondence report, in which he makes a suggestion to substitute the word "Fraternal" for "Foreign" in designating the Correspondence Committee. Why didn't you do it in your own report, Brother Tinker, as we did in our '92 report? We agree with you it is more appropriate. We cannot imagine why our journal was not included in your review.

Next session at St. Johnsbury, the second Wednesday in October, 1894.

J. B. NEEDHAM, G. C., Rutland.

J. B. MOORE, G. K. R. S., Rutland.

W. H. GILCHRIST, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, McIndoe Falls.

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VIRGINIA.—Twenty-sixth annual session, at Richmond, February 20-22, 1894. (Journal received May 18.)

Grand Chancellor McLeod opens his report with a loving tribute to the late Grand Vice Chancellor Nulton (to whose death we referred in our last report.) Good progress was made during the year, two lodges being organized and a gain of 453 members. One lodge surrendered its charter. Our brother had a great assortment of questions to answer, and handled them very well.

The Grand keeper of Records and Seal reports a membership of 4365, in 53 lodges. Suspended 291. The assets of lodges amount to \$56,412.92, while \$13,415.07 was expended for relief. There is a balance of \$1,546.33 in the Grand Lodge treasury.

The following paragraph is taken from page 53 of the journal :

“Supreme Representative Alexander, of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, stated that the report of that committee would be filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in time to be printed in the journal.”

As we find no other reference to this committee or its report, we fear Brother Alexander has failed to keep his promise. We hope for better things next time.

Next session to be held at Staunton, the third Tuesday in February, 1895.

E. P. HULCE, G. C., Richmond.

WALTER A. EDWARDS, G. K. R. S., Norfolk.

D. J. TURNER, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Norfolk.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Journal of twenty-fourth annual session, held at Martinsburg, October 10-12, 1893, received January 19, 1894.

Grand Chancellor White was able to report ten new lodges, and says he would have had several more but for the financial stringency which prevailed. He reports the Order in a prosperous condition.

Brother Jenkins, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says that while the gain is not as large as for the two preceding years, the Order has done well in his Jurisdiction. They had a net increase of 676 members and nine lodges. There are now 4728 members and 80 lodges. One lodge became “defunct,” and there were 255 suspensions. The financial showing is good, the total assets being \$69,560.65, while \$12,822.74 was expended for relief. The Grand Lodge has a cash balance of \$2061.70.

The first report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee appears in this journal, and is a creditable document. An index is needed. Standing committees not appointed.

Next session at Huntington, the second Tuesday in October, 1894.

FRED. A. LANG, G. C., Clarksburg.

MANER JENKINS, G. K. R. S., Piedmont.

WISCONSIN.—Twenty-third annual session, at Racine, May 31 and June 1, 1894. (Journal received August 8.)

Grand Chancellor Kimball had a successful and busy term, and seems to have discharged the duties of the office intelligently and well.

That model official, Brother Frank Barry, tells of the standing and progress of the Order as follows :

"During the past three months we have gained more new lodges than we did during the preceding nine months, and to make the prospect still brighter there is a probability that we shall add three or four more new lodges to our roster within the next few weeks. . . . From reports received, it seems assured that the year 1894 will show sufficient gains to make it the banner year of our Pythian existence."

Eleven new lodges and a gain in membership of 735 is not bad for an off year. There are 104 lodges having a membership of 7300. One charter was surrendered. The assets of lodges amount to \$92,917.46, and they expended for relief \$5943.02. There is a balance of \$3,387.75 in Grand Lodge exchequer.

On reaching the index of this Journal, in our search for the Fraternal Correspondence report, we were reluctantly compelled to admit that it was not to be found, notwithstanding the fact that one Frank Barry was designated chairman of that committee in last year's journal. What happened, Frank?

Next session at Milwaukee, the first Tuesday in June, 1895.

P. H. CRAHEN, G. C., Beloit.

FRANK BARRY, G. K. R. S., Milwaukee.

H. A. GEORGE, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Superior.

WYOMING.—Tenth annual session, held at Rawlins, September 11, 12, 1893. (Journal received November 20.)

Grand Chancellor Richards reports the Order in a highly satisfactory condition. He says though the Order is comparatively young in this Jurisdiction and the territory broad and sparsely settled, "the Pythian banner has been planted in every important place and planted to stay." He visited nine of the eleven lodges, and was well received.

The office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal became vacant through the removal of Brother Greenbaum from the Jurisdiction, and Percy J. Gosden was appointed to the position. In his brief report he says that while the number of lodges is the same as last year, a lodge of fifty members has been instituted since the expiration of the semi-annual term. The membership (June 30, 1893) was 627 in ten lodges; suspended 28. Cash in Subordinate Lodge exchequers amounts to \$2624.18, the assets aggregating \$18,590.78. There was \$1503.57 expended for relief during the half year, (tables for one term only appearing in the journal.) The balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer is \$118.80.

A bright report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee covers seventy-four pages of the journal, from which we were sorry to find our jurisdiction omitted. As the committee state that "no journals have been received from those Jurisdictions which are omitted in this report," we must accept this as an explanation; all the same, two copies of our journal were duly mailed to your Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. We hope for better luck next time.

Next session will convene at Green River, the third Monday in September, 1894.

CHARLES H. BURRITT, G. C., Buffalo.

PERCY J. GOSDEN, G. K. R. S., Laramie.

W. E. CHAPLIN, Chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Laramie.

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☞ The Supreme Lodge at its session in 1888 passed an order requiring all Subordinate Lodges to procure rank paraphernalia through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and no dealer is allowed to fill an order without his approval.

J. C. HENRY,
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The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of Milltown, N. B., on the Third Tuesday in August, 1895.