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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND LODGE

OF

THE MARITIME PROVINCES



SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held at Fredericton, N. B., September 20th, 1892

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Any information in connection with the Order will be cheerfully forwarded on application.

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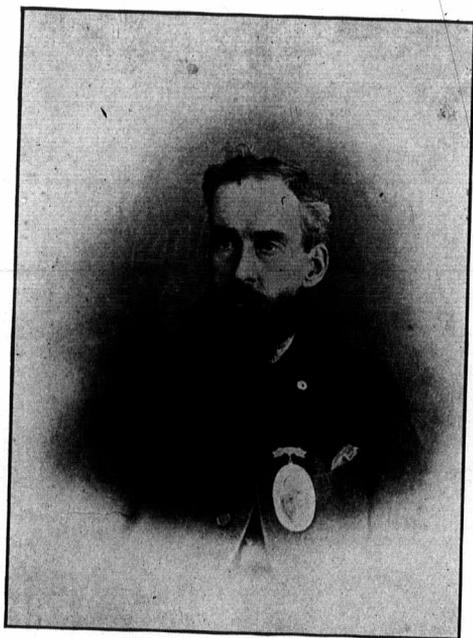
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FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4.
 John C. Henry,
 W. C. H. Grimmer,
 F. S. Hutchinson,
 J. B. Sharpe,
 L. M. Robinson.

CUMBERLAND, LODGE, NO. 5.
 R. H. Cooper,
 A. Dick,
 D. S. Ross.

FREDERICTON LODGE, NO. 6.
 Samuel Macky.

IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 7.
 Mered Brewer.

BORDER LODGE, NO. 8.
 A. H. Graham.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,
 SAMUEL MACKY,
 W. B. NICHOLSON,
 K. A. MCLEAN,
 R. J. ROSBOROUGH,

Committee.

The report of Committee on Returns and Credentials (No. 2) was read and on motion received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials, No. 2.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
 Pythian Period xxix.

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

Your Credentials and Returns Committee, after examination of Credentials, find the following Past Chancellors entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank :

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 1.
 Geo. R. Day,
 A. P. Barnhill,
 F. S. Merritt,
 William Shaw,
 Jas. E. Fraser.

UNION LODGE, NO. 2.
 W. Robert May,
 S. J. Smith,
 J. Fred Johnstone,
 LeBaron Wilson.

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WESTMORLAND LODGE, NO. 3.

C. C. Rowe,

D. H. Charteris.

G. R. Sangster,

FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4.

Parker Grimmer,
W. S. A. Douglas,
H. M. Webber,Alex. Murray,
C. Fred Stewart,
H. W. Broad.

CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5.

John Wylie,
Alex. McLeod,
David Conn,
Geo. W. McKnight,
Wm. Reece,John J. Fraser,
W. C. Dick, Sr.,
Chris. Proctor,
J. F. Gilroy,
E. A. Potter.

FREDERICTON LODGE, NO. 6.

A. D. Macpherson,
Alonzo Staples,
Harry Beckwith,Geo. E. Hughes,
Chas. H. Thomas,
John Palmer.

IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 7.

S. B. Charlton,

John E. Sutton.

Stanley S. Street,

BORDER LODGE, NO. 8.

Dr. J. M. Deacon,

W. H. Laughlin.

B. H. Kerr,

SEASIDE LODGE, NO. 9.

Robert E. Armstrong,

F. Howard Grimmer.

MYRTLE LODGE, NO. 10.

H. C. Jenks,

W. E. Blenkhorne.

CHIGNECTO LODGE, NO. 11.

C. A. Lowe,

J. M. Lusby.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,
SAMUEL MACKY,
W. B. NICHOLSON,
K. A. MCLEAN,
R. J. ROSBOROUGH.*Committee.*

Grand Master-at-Arms Cooper reporting a number of 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, viz. :—

PROCEEDINGS
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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the
Maritime Provinces

Federicton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
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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, p. m., by Grand Chancellor J. Fenwick Fraser.

The following named Officers were present at roll call:—

E. ALLISON POWERS,	Past Grand Chancellor.
J. FENWICK FRASER,	Grand Chancellor.
F. L. PEERS,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Brother R. H. Cooper, of No. 5, to fill the office of Grand Master-at-Arms; Brother R. J. Rosborough, of No. 4, as Grand Inner Guard; and Brother J. Fred Sullivan, of No. 2, as Grand Outer Guard, these three offices being vacant at roll call.

The reading of the minutes of last session was omitted, and upon motion of Past Grand Chancellor Powers, they were accepted and adopted as printed.

Vacancies on standing committees were appointed as follows: on Appeals and Grievances, Brother K. A. McLean, of No. 3, in

place of Brother E. M. Estey, of No. 2; on Law and Supervision, Brother J. D. Fowler, of No. 6, in place of Brother W. C. H. Grimmer, of No. 4; on Credentials and Returns, Brothers R. J. Rosborough, of No. 4, and K. A. McLean, of No. 3, in place of Brothers A. W. Dick, of No. 5, and W. R. Parker, of No. 3.

The report of Committee on Returns and Credentials (No. 1) was read, received and ordered to be placed on minutes.

Report of Committee on Returns and Credentials, No. 1.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.

Pythian Period xxix.

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

Your Credentials and Returns Committee, after examination of Credentials, find the following entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge:

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 1.

John Beamish,	Samuel Tufts,
Thos. Armstrong,	S. H. Barker,
J. S. Brown,	J. Fenwick Fraser,
Geo. A. Hetherington,	E. P. Leonard,
E. R. Machum,	James Moulson,
W. S. Morrison,	Chas. Nevins,
Wm. Quigley,	Wm. Robb,
S. W. Wilkins,	W. S. Vaughan.

UNION LODGE, NO. 2.

E. A. Powers,	H. V. Cooper,
A. L. Rawlins,	A. W. Adams,
Wm. McAdoo,	Frank Fales,
Arthur M. Duff,	John A. Ewing,
J. Fred Sullivan,	A. S. Pattison,
R. O'Shaughnessy,	Jas. D. Seeley,

John R. Armstrong.

WESTMORLAND LODGE, NO. 3.

Murray Fleming,	H. B. Fleming,
G. M. Jarvis,	E. M. Estey,
J. H. Wran,	A. S. Coleman,
W. T. Sands,	J. W. Whitehead,
A. P. Tait,	J. McLure,
J. P. Weir,	D. I. Welch,
A. Anderson,	Geo. Craig,
W. R. Parker,	W. E. Day,
C. W. Bradley,	John Bedford,
K. A. McLean,	Joseph Barton.

James E. Fraser,	New Brunswick, No. 1.
LeBaron Wilson,	Union, No. 2.
E. A. Potter,	Cumberland, No. 5.
David Conn,	" "
Chris. Proctor, Jr.	" "
J. F. Gilroy,	" "
A. D. Macpherson,	Frederickton, No. 6.
Geo. E. Hughes,	" "
Alonzo Staples,	" "
Chas. H. Thomas,	" "
John Palmer,	" "
John E. Sutton,	Ivanhoe, No. 7.
J. M. Deacon,	Border, No. 8.
J. M. Lusby,	Chignecto, No. 11.

Grand Chancellor Fraser read his report, which was received and referred to a special committee, composed of the following: Past Grand Chancellor Moulson and Past Chancellors Fowler and Gilroy.

Report of Grand Chancellor.

Frederickton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

DEAR BRETHREN:—In relinquishing the authority vested in me by this Grand Lodge, I have many regrets, the principal of which is, that I have been unable to give that care, thought and attention to the duties entrusted to me that this important office requires.

To properly and effectively perform these duties the Grand Chancellor must necessarily devote a great amount of his time to them, and it would seem to me that too much is expected of, and too much authority is vested in, him.

When I assumed the office, I hoped that, in addition to faithfully performing the executive work, I would be able to at least visit each Subordinate Lodge not less than twice during my term. Business engagements entered into subsequent to my election made it impossible for me to cover the ground more than once. And here let me say that under existing circumstances it is difficult indeed for a professional or business man to accomplish more.

In many respects my term has been an uneventful one. No questions of great importance have been submitted to me for decision, though I have been asked unofficially for an opinion on some minor matters.

One of my first official acts was the appointment of my Deputies, as follows:

Past Chancellor John Beamish,	New Brunswick, No. 1.
“ “ H. V. Cooper,	Union No. 2.
“ “ J. H. Wran,	Westmorland, No. 3.
“ “ R. J. Rosborough,	Frontier, No. 4.
“ “ R. H. Cooper,	Cumberland, No. 5.
“ “ J. D. Fowler,	Fredericton, No. 6.
“ “ Mered Brewer,	Ivanhoe, No. 7.
“ “ J. M. Deacon,	Border, No. 8.
“ “ R. E. Armstrong,	Seaside, No. 9.

The election of Deputy Grand Chancellor Armstrong to the office of Chancellor Commander of his Lodge necessitated the appointment of another in his stead. I was therefore pleased to appoint Past Chancellor F. H. Grimmer.

THE STATE OF THE ORDER

is indeed satisfactory. Within this term two Subordinate Lodges have been instituted, Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, at Advocate, and Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, at Amherst.

The credit of these additions is largely due to the efforts of Grand Vice Chancellor Peers. Both these Lodges have started under the most favorable auspices, and will I believe be a credit to the Jurisdiction. The increase in membership has been most encouraging. The net gain for the year ending June 30 is 133, to which might be added the membership of Chignecto Lodge at its inception, (25) making a total of 158, or 22½ per cent of an increase.

RITUALISTIC WORK.

I regret exceedingly to report that, but in a few instances, I found on my official visits to the different Lodges the officers did not perform the Ritualistic work at all well. In most cases the Rituals were in constant use.

In my opinion the great beauty and effect of our Rank work is to a large extent lost on the candidate if the obligations, instructions and charges are not administered naturally and without reference to the book.

With the advent of the new Ritual it may be necessary that this Grand Lodge pass such legislation as will make the memorizing of the Ritualistic work imperative.

UNIFORM RANK.

Fowler Division, No. 6, of Fredericton, has been added to the strength of the Regiment during this term; and all arrangements for the organization of a Division at Woodstock have been completed and would have been effected but for the absence of Col. Moulson, who was in attendance at the late session of our Supreme Lodge.

This branch of our order should now become exceedingly popular, since through the efforts of our much esteemed Supreme Repre-

sentative, Past Grand Chancellor Moulson, permission has been granted all Divisions of the Uniform Rank throughout Canada to use the British drill.

This I consider a most important concession, and one that should relieve us of any feeling we may have had that there was a disposition on the part of the Supreme Lodge to make our Order of a distinctively national character. I trust the Divisions of these Provinces will not be slow to avail themselves of the privilege, and authorize some one or more of their number to prepare a manual for their use.

MEMORIAL DAY

was faithfully observed throughout the Jurisdiction. This beautiful ceremony has done much to raise our Order in public esteem.

The disposition on the part of some to give this ceremony a funeral aspect is I think one that should be discouraged.

Due solemnity should of course be observed, but it should also be considered a pleasure that we can pay tribute to the memory of our departed brethren, and to feel that we too, when called upon to enter the Dark Valley of the Shadow of Death, will have similar tribute, and our memory faithfully preserved.

DISPENSATIONS

have been granted by me as follows:—

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

To change night of meeting temporarily, with power to confer Rank.

Union Lodge, No. 2.

To ballot for, initiate, prove and charge at same meeting.

To initiate, prove and charge at same meeting.

To confer Rank of Esquire at special meeting.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 5

To prove and charge at same meeting.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

To prove and charge at same meeting.

To hold weekly meetings temporarily.

To prove and charge at same meeting.

To permanently change place of meeting.

To hold weekly meetings permanently, dispensation to hold fortnightly meetings being revoked.

Seaside Lodge, No. 9.

To prove and charge at same meeting (no fee).

Myrtle Lodge, No. 10.

To initiate, prove and charge at same meeting (no fee).

The dispensations to Seaside and Myrtle Lodges were granted at the time of my visit to them, so that I might see the Ritualistic work done, and for which I charged no fee.

This I consider the Grand Chancellor's privilege, notwithstanding there is no authority for such in our Constitution.

CIRCULARS.

I received a number of circulars issued by the Supreme Chancellor, to be distributed among the different Lodges, asking assistance for the "Hines Memorial." I issued an explanatory circular, a copy of which, together with one of those issued by the Supreme Chancellor, I sent to each lodge in the Jurisdiction.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS.

Border Lodge, No. 8, submitted for approval the following addition to Article XIV.; Section 2, of their By-Laws:—

"And furthermore it shall be the duty of each member to notify the Chancellor Commander or other member of Relief and Visiting Committee at the beginning of his illness. Should he be so situated that the committee cannot report on his case he will be required to furnish the committee with a certificate signed by a reliable witness or witnesses stating the length of time he has been ill and entitled to benefits."

This addition I have been pleased to approve.

Frontier Lodge, No. 4, have submitted for my approval the following substitution for Article XIV., Section 2, of their By-Laws:—

"A Knight of this Lodge qualified as provided by the foregoing section, being unable to attend to his usual occupation from sickness or disability, shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid weekly from the General Fund of the Lodge, one dollar per week (as required by Supreme Lodge law) for each whole week of such sickness or disability, in addition to which he shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid two dollars per week, provided however that the benefit of two dollars per week shall not in any instance be paid for the first week's sickness or disability, unless such sickness or disability shall continue two or more weeks, and no Knight shall be entitled to receive the benefit of two dollars per week for more than thirteen weeks until the expiration of a period covering twelve months from the commencement of such sickness or disability, and provided further, that such sickness or disability has not proceeded from his own improper conduct; and provided also that after a Knight shall have received two hundred dollars in benefits, he shall then and thereafter for any illness or disability be entitled to receive the minimum benefit provided by this By-Law only, the Lodge having power, however, to increase the benefit to the full amount in case of absolute necessity."

This I have approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would respectfully submit the following recommendations for your careful consideration :

1. That charters be issued to Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, of Advocate, and to Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, of Amherst.

2. That the term of office in Subordinate Lodges be made twelve months.

3. That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and the Constitution of the Subordinate Lodges be revised and re-arranged.

In this connection I would draw your attention to the inconsistency of the charges for dispensations.

4. That this Grand Lodge devise some equitable basis of Subordinate Lodge representation at the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

At present our method of representation is indiscriminate and unsatisfactory, putting the legislative power largely in the control of the Lodge at whose centre we may meet, and will in time no doubt be a source of difficulty and dissatisfaction. We have now a sufficient number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction to warrant our adopting a more equitable system, and to ensure satisfactory Grand Lodge work.

5. That this Grand Lodge select some central point in the Jurisdiction as a place where in future all meetings of this Grand Lodge shall be held.

The necessity for this legislation is apparent, from the fact of our Subordinate Lodges being so scattered that when this Grand Lodge meets at a Subordinate Lodge centre in one extremity of the Jurisdiction the representatives from the other extremity have to submit to an undue loss of time and an increased expense.

In adopting a central point for future meetings it might then be necessary to make a mileage allowance to representatives from a distance.

6. That this Jurisdiction be divided into districts, and District Deputy Grand Chancellors be elected for each of such districts, who shall perform such duties as shall be required of them by this Grand Lodge, and subject to the Grand Chancellor ; but that it still be imperative on the Grand Chancellor to visit each Subordinate Lodge at least once during his term.

In my work as Grand Chancellor I fully realized that, scattered as our Subordinate Lodges are, one man cannot give the time and attention to them to which they are entitled. By the appointment of District Deputies, the Grand Chancellor's work would be materially lightened, and the Subordinate Lodges would be better looked after; as the District Deputies, having only a limited number of Lodges, would be able to visit them at least four times within the term.

7. That an Executive Council, composed of the three last Past Grand Chancellors, be appointed, with whom the Grand Chancellor might confer on matters affecting the order.

I have already referred to the over authority vested in the Grand Chancellor, and in my work in that office, I was strongly impressed with the idea that too much depended on the judgment of one man. I was glad indeed to have two such able and experienced advisors as Past Grand Chancellor Moulson and Past Grand Chancellor Powers with whom I could confer when in doubt as to what should be done.

8. That an appropriation of not less than one hundred dollars be made, to be paid to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as a salary for the ensuing term.

REPORTS OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

The only report I received was from Deputy Grand Chancellor Beamish, of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, which will be read.

Although the work of a Deputy Grand Chancellor is very light, yet it is but right that they should account to the Grand Chancellor at the close of their term for what they have done, and give particulars of the progress of their Lodge.

THE OUTLOOK.

I have every reason to believe that the coming term will be productive of excellent results. I think the addition of two or more Subordinate Lodges is assured in Nova Scotia.

I would like here to suggest to my successor, to use every reasonable effort to establish a Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia; as I firmly believe that when once in there, the other Nova Scotia centres will be made more approachable.

In surrendering my authority I desire to express to the members of this Grand Lodge my sincerest gratitude for the confidence they have reposed in me, and for the honor (the highest in their gift) so freely bestowed on me.

I have to thank many true and tried Knights for much valuable assistance, and the kindest of attentions and courtesies shown me on the occasions of my official visits. I desire here to express my appreciation of the work and assistance of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, whose efficiency, promptness and untiring zeal have done much to advance the interests of the order throughout our Jurisdiction. I desire, too, to thank my different Lodge Deputies for their efficient work and the faithful performance of my instructions. I trust the term of my successor may be peaceful, happy and successful.

And of our own beloved Order I would say in the words of the noble Pythias :—

“And may the gods themselves build up thy greatness
As high as their own Heaven.”

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. FRASER,
Grand Chancellor.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry read his annual report, which on motion was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

BRETHREN:—Agreeably to the laws of this Grand Lodge, I have the honor of submitting the annual report of this office for the year 1891-92.

The past year's showing, as to the increase in membership and finances of Subordinate Lodges, will compare very favorably with any similar period in our existence.

An examination of the tables which accompany my report will show that we have added two new Lodges to our Grand Lodge roster; and that, with one exception, all our Lodges have made a considerable gain in membership during the past year.

It may be interesting to give here the membership of the several Lodges at June 30, 1892, with the percentage of gain for the past year, which is as follows:—

Lodges.	Membership.	Gain Per Cent.
New Brunswick, No. 1.....	109	3.8
Union, No. 2.....	161	19.25
Westmorland, No. 3.....	119	-5.05
Frontier, No. 4.....	103	4.04
Cumberland, No. 5.....	92	21.05
Fredericton, No. 6.....	62	24.
Ivanhoe, No. 7.....	71	61.36
Border, No. 8.....	57	16.32
Seaside, No. 9.....	29	70.59

Westmorland, No. 3, of Moncton, is the only Lodge that shows a loss, being 8 less in membership than it was a year ago. The decrease is probably due to the reduction in the number of men employed at the shops of the Intercolonial railway.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The following is a summary of membership for the year ended June 30th last:

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members June 30th, 1891	.....	701
Initiated during the year.	154
Admitted by card,	10
Reinstated,	11
Total additions for the year,	175
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		876
	<i>Deductions.</i>	
Withdrawn,	15
Suspended,	24
Deceased,	3
Total deductions,	42
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Number of members June 30, 1892,	834

To this may be added Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, of Amherst, N. S., instituted July 27th, with a charter list of 25, bringing up our membership at that date to 859, or a gain of 22½ per cent. since last meeting of Grand Lodge.

RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors,	6
Past Chancellors,	117
Knights,	720
Esquires,	7
Pages,	9
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FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The financial condition of our Subordinate Lodges is most encouraging, notwithstanding that the amount of the benefits paid during the past year has been exceptionally heavy.

Total assets June 30, 1891,	\$10,718 14
Receipts for year,	6,004 90
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		\$16,723 04
Current expenses,	\$2,950 34
Relief of Brothers,	979 78
Burying dead,	221 87
Widowed Families,	268 75
Total assets June 30, 1892,	12,302 30
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		\$16,723 04
Amt. Widow and Orphan Fund (included above)		\$3,505 65

The following table shows the number of Lodges and membership at the institution of the Grand Lodge in 1886 and the gain made each year since:—

Date.	Lodges.	Members.	Increase.
June 30, 1886	5	333	—
" " 1887	5	388	55
" " 1888	6	418	30
" " 1889	6	467	49
" " 1890	8	578	111
" " 1891	9	701	123
" " 1892	10	834	133
July 30, 1892	11	859	25

Since the institution of this Grand Lodge in June, 1886, up to June 30th last, there has been paid out by the several Subordinate Lodges in sick and funeral benefits the sum of 6658.66—truly a remarkable showing, while we have in the ten Lodges at the close of June, 1892, a total of assets of \$12,302.30.

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge steadily improves. The total amounts received by me from all sources for the past year was \$726.45. This amount has been paid over to the Grand Master of Exchequer, whose receipts I hold for same.

Balance to credit of Grand Lodge, September 8, 1892,	\$270 66	
Cash received during the year,	726 45	
Expended during the year, as per warrants,		\$997 11
		648 23
In the hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,		\$348 88
Stock in my office as per account herewith submitted,		124 20
Present balance to credit of Grand Lodge,		\$473 08

NEW LODGES.

On the 6th October, 1891, was instituted Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, at Advocate Harbor, N. S., with a charter list of 17. This Lodge was rather hurriedly launched into Pythian existence; but from latest reports would appear to be progressing finely.

It was my privilege to assist in the organization of Chignecto Lodge, No. 11, in Amherst, N. S., on the 27th July last, with a charter membership of 25. Four of the number are members holding cards from other Lodges. As it is composed of the very best class of citizens of this live Nova Scotia town, I look forward to a bright future for No. 11.

It is but fair to our present Grand Vice Chancellor to say that much credit is due to him in the establishment of these two new Lodges in Nova Scotia.

UNIFORM RANK.

Since last meeting of Grand Lodge there has been established another Division of the Uniform Rank—Fowler Division, No. 6, of

Fredericton; while Wilfred Division, No. 7, with 39 charter members, will be instituted in the town of Woodstock on the 26th inst. What other Grand Jurisdiction with only twelve Lodges, can claim that number of Divisions?

CONCLUSION.

I have to thank the publishers of the following Pythian papers for copies sent me:—The Knight Errant, of Chicago, Ill.; The Pythian Age, of Milwaukee, Wis.; The Ohio Knight, of Toledo, Ohio; The Kansas City Knight, of Kansas City, Mo.; The Knights of Pythias Record, of Eden, Penn.; The Knight, of Columbus, Ohio; The Pythian Journal, of Indianapolis, Ind.; The Jersey Knight, of Somerville, N. J.; The Pythian Voice, of St. Louis, Mo.

Believing, as I do, that "what is worth doing is worth doing well," this has been and will continue to be my rule in everything connected with our Order. I trust that in this report you will find my transaction of the business of my office for the past year as satisfactory as I have found it pleasant.

Words cannot well express the appreciation I entertain of the assistance Grand Chancellor Fraser has rendered me during the past year. Our relations have been of the most intimate character, and my correspondence with him has always been promptly and clearly answered. I congratulate the Grand Lodge on having such an efficient and painstaking chief officer as Brother Fraser has proved himself to be while he adorned the office of Grand Chancellor.

I have nothing further to add. I trust that the coming year will see our Order still further extended in this Jurisdiction, and that the present session of our Grand Lodge may be a very harmonious one.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. HENRY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The report of Grand Master of Exchequer Armstrong was read, which was also received and referred to Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

In compliance with requirements, and the usual custom, I have the honor to submit my sixth annual report of receipts and detailed statement of expenditures, of the Grand Lodge funds for the year ended September 19.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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1891.		<i>Receipts.</i>					
Sept. 5.	Balance on hand per report,	\$270 66	
7.	Cash received from J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S.,					\$ 15 00	
Nov. 23.	Do do do do					54 45	
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Feb. 18.	Do do do do					196 75	
18.	Do do do do					2 00	
April 27.	Do do do do					55 25	
June 10.	Do do do do					6 00	
20.	Do do do do					15 00	
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1891.		<i>Disbursements.</i>					
Sept. 12.	Cash paid J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S., salary to Sept. 1, (2 years)	\$50 00	
Nov. 23.	Cash paid Supreme Lodge supplies to Nov. 1, ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$54 45
Dec. 1.	Do St. Croix Courier for printing Journals, circulars, etc. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 60
1.	Cash paid J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S., for expressage and rent P. O. box to Dec 31, ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 63
1.	Cash paid Barber, Ellis & Co. for letter press and attachments for office of G. K. R. S., ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 90
1892.							
Mar. 7.	Cash paid R. H. Green repairing Grand Lodge Seal					4 00	
7.	Do Supreme Lodge tax and exchange, ..					100 45	
April 27.	Do E. A. Powers, for printing envelopes and letter heads for Officials ..					15 00	
27.	Cash paid J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S., salary to March 1, 1892, ..					50 00	
27.	Cash paid Supreme Lodge supplies to April 1,					38 70	
June 10.	Do do do do June 1, ..					47 20	
July, 26.	Do do do do July 20, ..					64 25	
Sept. 15.	Do J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S., salary to Sept. 20, 1892, ..					50 00	
Carried forward,						..... \$577 18

	Brought forward,	\$577 18
Sept. 15.	Cash paid Vroom Bros., framing Grand Lodge Charter,	2 25
15.	Cash paid J. C. Henry, G. K. R. S., postage, expressage, duties, rent P.O. box to Sept. 1, 1892,	13 42
15.	Cash paid G. C. Fraser, travelling expenses visiting Lodges and postage,	55 38
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		\$648 23
	Balance on hand,	348 88
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		\$997 11

Fraternally yours,

T. ARMSTRONG,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

Grand Prelate Fowler, on behalf of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, extended an invitation to members of Grand Lodge to participate in a sail down river the following afternoon at 1.30. The invitation was accepted and thanks of Grand Lodge tendered to No. 6.

On motion Grand Lodge adjourned at 6, p. m., to meet again at 8, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

Grand Lodge reconvened at 8, p. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present:—

<p>E. ALLISON POWERS, J. FENWICK FRASER, F. L. PEERS, JAS. D. FOWLER, THOS. ARMSTRONG, JOHN C. HENRY, W. B. NICHOLSON, R. J. ROSBOROUGH, J. FRED SULLIVAN,</p>	<p>Past Grand Chancellor. 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.</p>
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After reading of minutes of afternoon session, the Grand Chancellor stated that he was prepared to receive nominations for officers for the ensuing year. The following were accordingly made:—

For Grand Chancellor—F. L. Peers, of No. 5.

For Grand Vice Chancellor—Jas. D. Fowler, of No. 6.

For Grand Prelate—W. B. Nicholson, of No. 7; K. A. McLean, of No. 3.

For Grand Master of Exchequer—Thos. Armstrong, of No. 1.

For Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—John C. Henry, of No. 4.

For Grand Master-at-Arms—K. A. McLean, of No. 3.

On motion resolved that nominations for these offices close.

Past Chancellors Staples, of No. 6, and Wilson, of No. 2, were appointed tellers.

A ballot for the office of Grand Prelate gave Past Chancellor Nicholson a majority of votes.

There being only one nomination for each of the offices of Grand Chancellor, Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Master of Exchequer, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Grand Master-at-Arms, the presiding officer instructed the Grand Master-at-Arms to deposit a ballot for each of the nominees, which he did.

On motion to that effect, the offices of Grand Inner and Outer Guards were filled by nomination and election.

The following nominations were thereupon made:—

For Grand Inner Guard—J. M. Deacon, of No. 8.

For Grand Outer Guard—LeBaron Wilson, of No. 2.

The nominations being closed, and only one nomination having been made for each of the offices, the Grand Chancellor instructed the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to deposit a ballot for the same, which he did.

The returns of tellers being handed in, Grand Chancellor Fraser declared the following elected officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

FRANK L. PEERS,	Grand Chancellor.
JAS. D. FOWLER,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Prelate.
THOS. ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
K. A. McLEAN,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Inner Guard.
LeBARON WILSON,	Grand Outer Guard.

Past Chancellor Robert J. Rosborough, of No. 4, was elected Trustee for three years.

Report of Finance Committee read. On motion it was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Finance Committee.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

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

We have examined the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, and find them correct with the accompanying vouchers.

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Balance on hand per last report,	\$270 66
Receipts from all sources for year ended September 19, 1892,			726 45
Grand total, .....	.....	.....	\$997 11
Disbursements for expenses for year. ....	.....	.....	648 23
Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, ....	.....	.....	\$348 88

We have found the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer kept in a business-like manner and balanced to date, and any further commendation from us would be superfluous in view of their past acceptable services in this Grand Lodge.

PARKER GRIMMER, *Ch.*,
JOHN RYDER,
Finance Committee.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted their report, which was received and ordered entered on the minutes.

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—The undersigned members of Appeals and Grievances Committee of the Grand Lodge beg leave to report that during the past year they have not had occasion to assemble, as there was not any business for them to attend to.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and B.,

A. W. ADAMS, *Ch.*,
K. A. MCLEAN,
C. H. THOMAS,
MERED BREWER,
Committee.

The Printing Committee submitted their report which was received and ordered entered on the minutes.

Report of Printing Committee.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Your Printing Committee 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, and that all work has been done at lowest cost and the bills all paid.

L. M. ROBINSON, *Ch.*,
FRED HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

Committee on Law and Supervision read their report, which was received, adopted and ordered to be placed on minutes.

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Law and Supervision report that they have not had any business presented to them since the last session of Grand Lodge.

JAMES MOULSON, *Ch.*,
JAMES D. FOWLER,
Committee.

Special Committee on report of Grand Chancellor submitted the following:

Report of Special Committee.

Fredericton, N. B., September 20, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

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

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Chancellor beg leave to report that we do not approve of the Grand Chancellor having granted dispensations to Seaside and Myrtle Lodges free of charge, the Constitution not giving him the privilege or authority to do so.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We approve of recommendations No. 1, 3 and 8, and that the appropriation for services of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be one hundred dollars for ensuing year.

We disapprove of No. 6 and 7.

We recommend that No. 2, 4 and 5 be referred to the committee on revision of the Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES MOULSON, *Ch.*,
JAMES D. FOWLER,
J. F. GILROY,
Committee.

A very full discussion of the above report was entered into, after

which a motion that the report be considered section by section, was carried.

In place of section 1 of the report the following motion was adopted after a lengthy discussion :

Whereas The action of the Grand Chancellor, in granting dispensation to Seaside and Myrtle Lodges free of charge, was unconstitutional ;

And whereas the same was necessary in the interest of the Grand Lodge ;

Resolved That the action of the Grand Chancellor be affirmed and made legal, and the question of granting dispensation to Subordinate Lodges free of charge, in the discretion of the Grand Chancellor, in cases of emergency, be referred to the Committee on Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions.

The other sections of the Special Committee's report and recommendations were severally adopted.

The report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was offered for consideration of Grand Lodge. On motion the report was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal. [Report will be found in the Appendix.]

The following telegram from Supreme Representative Fleming was read by Grand Chancellor Fraser, and ordered to be placed on the minutes :

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 20, 1892.

J. Fenwick Fraser, Grand Chancellor, K. of P., in session.

Please express my regrets to officers and representatives at being unable to attend session through business of importance.

MURRAY FLEMING.

Grand Chancellor Fraser spoke of the necessity of having the Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges revised, and suggested that a committee of five be appointed for that purpose. The following were selected, viz. : Past Grand Chancellor W. C. H. Grimmer, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry, Grand Inner Guard Deacon and Past Chancellors Clarke and Rosborough,

On motion resolved that Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet at 9.30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY

Fredericton, N. B., September 21, 1892.
Pythian Period xxix.

Grand Lodge reconvened at 9.30, a. m., according to adjournment, the following officers being present :—

E. ALLISON POWERS,	Past Grand Chancellor.
J. FENWICK FRASER,	Grand Chancellor.
F. L. PEERS,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
JAMES D. FOWLER,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	Grand Inner Guard.
J. F. SULLIVAN,	Grand Outer Guard.

After reading of minutes, Grand Master-at-Arms introduced Past Chancellor Harry Beckwith, of No. 6, on whom was conferred the Grand Lodge rank according to prescribed ritual.

Supreme Representative Moulson spoke of the loss sustained by the death of Past Supreme Chancellor John P. Linton, and moved that a memorial page be placed in our Grand Lodge Journal, which was carried.

In a few well-chosen sentences, Past Grand Chancellor Powers offered the following motion :—

That this Grand Lodge convey our thanks to our Supreme Representatives for their persistent efforts to secure for the Divisions of the Uniform Rank in this jurisdiction the privilege of using the British drill, and we do hereby express our extreme gratification at the success of their efforts in obtaining this concession from the Supreme Lodge.

A rising vote showed the unanimity with which the Grand Lodge viewed the matter spoken of.

Supreme Representative Moulson replied ; and gave a report of

the business transacted by the Supreme Lodge at its late session held in Kansas City. [For Report, see Appendix.]

Grand Chancellor Fraser appointed Past Grand Chancellor Powers to instal officers, who, with the assistance of Supreme Representative Moulson, as Grand Prelate, and Past Chancellor Brewer, as Grand Master-at-Arms, installed the following into their respective offices :—

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

The committee appointed to revise Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions were instructed to have the same printed and distributed among the several Lodges, and copies sent to all Past Chancellors not later than the 1st of August, 1893.

Invitations were extended from St. John, Woodstock, Milltown, St. Stephen and Amherst for the next annual session of Grand Lodge. It was decided to meet in Woodstock, N. B., on the third Tuesday in September, 1893.

Supreme Representative Moulson moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Grand Lodge Officers, which was duly acknowledged.

It was ordered that, in addition to the committees appointed by the Grand Chancellor, he appoint a Committee on Distribution, whose duties shall be to consider the several reports of Grand Officers and apportion the same to the several committees.

On motion resolved that the Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer each have their reports printed and handed to the Committee on Distribution on the opening of Grand Lodge at its annual sessions.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Past Grand Chancellor Fraser, to the Fredericton Knights for the use of their hall, and the unbounded hospitality extended to members of Grand Lodge at this sixth annual session, was carried unanimously, and replied to by Mayor Beckwith, Grand Vice Chancellor Fowler and other members of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.

There being no further business presented, at 12.30, p. m., Grand Chancellor Peers closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the third Tuesday in September, 1893, Pythian Period XXX, when its next annual session will be held in the Town of Woodstock, N. B.



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Sessions of the Grand Lodge.

June 30, 1886,	Organization,	St. John, N. B.
December 1, 1887,	First Annual Session,	St. John, N. B.
September 26, 27, 1888,	Second Annual Session,	Moncton, N. B.
September 5, 6, 1889,	Third Annual Session,	St. Stephen, N. B.
September 11, 12, 1890,	Fourth Annual Session,	St. John, N. B.
September 8, 9, 1891,	Fifth Annual Session,	Spring Hill, N. S.
September 20, 21, 1892,	Sixth Annual Session,	Fredericton, N. B.

Past Grand Chancellors

AND HOW RANK ATTAINED.

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 Westmorland 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.

Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1892.

Grand Chancellor.	Grand Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Master of Exchequer.	Grand Master-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.	Jos. H. Wrann.	Jas. D. Fowler.
1890 E. Allison Powers.	J. F. Fraser.	F. F. Peers.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	J. W. Whitehead.	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.
1891 J. F. Fraser.	F. L. Peers.	James D. Fowler.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	W. B. Nicholson.	W. R. Parker.	Frank Fales.
1892 F. L. Peers.	James D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.	T. Armstrong.	John C. Henry.	K. A. McLean.	J. M. Deacon.	LeBaron Wilson

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Officers of the Grand Lodge for Year 1892-93.

FRANK L. PEERS,	Grand Chancellor.
JAS. D. FOWLER,	SPRING HILL, N. S. Grand Vice Chancellor.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	FREDERICTON, N. B. Grand Prelate.
THOS. ARMSTRONG,	WOODSTOCK, N. B. Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY,	ST. JOHN, N. B. Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
K. A. McLEAN,	BOX 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B. Grand Master-at-Arms.
J. M. DEACON,	MONCTON, N. B. Grand Inner Guard.
LEBARON WILSON,	MILLTOWN, N. B. Grand Outer Guard.
	ST. JOHN, N. B.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

MURRAY FLEMING,	For Three years (to Dec. 31, 1895).
JAMES MOULSON,	MONCTON, N. B. For One year (to Dec. 31, 1893).
	ST. JOHN, N. B.

TRUSTEES.

R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For Three Years.
GEORGE DUNN,	ST. STEPHEN, N. B. For Two Years.
MURRAY FLEMING,	SPRING HILL, N. S. For One Year.
	MONCTON, N. B.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of Woodstock, N. B., on the Third Tuesday in September, 1893.

Standing Committees for 1892-93.

DISTRIBUTION.

JAMES MOULSON,	....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
E. A. POWERS,	....	Union Lodge, No. 2.
J. F. FRASER,	....	Union Lodge, No. 2.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

J. C. HENRY,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
R. H. COOPER,	....	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
H. BECKWITH,	....	Fredericton, Lodge, No. 6.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,	....	Union Lodge, No. 1.
R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

FINANCE.

F. S. HUTCHINSON,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
PARKER GRIMMER,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
A. H. GRAHAM,	....	Border Lodge, No. 8.

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

E. A. POWERS,	....	Union Lodge, No. 2.
JAMES MOULSON,	....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
J. F. GILROY,	....	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

APPEALS AED GRIEVANCES.

MURRAY FLEMING,	....	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.
E. A. POTTER,	....	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
J. LUSBY,	....	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11.
J. P. WIER,	....	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	....	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

PRINTING.

J. C. HENRY,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
W. C. H. GRIMMER,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
L. M. ROBINSON,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

E. A. POWERS,	....	Union Lodge, No. 2.
J. C. HENRY,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
JAMES MOULSON,	....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

Deputy Grand Chancellors for Year 1892-93.

- JOHN BEAMISH, St. John, N. B.,
- LEBARON WILSON, St. John, N. B.,
- JOHN WEIR, Moncton, N. B.,
- L. M. ROBINSON, St. Stephen, N. B.,
- J. F. GILROY, Springhill, N. S.,
- C. H. THOMAS, Fredericton, N. B.,
- JOHN SUTTON, Woodstock, N. B.,
- J. M. DEACON, Milltown, N. B.,
- F. H. GRIMMER, St. Andrews, N. B.,
- H. C. JENKS, Advocate, N. S.,
- J. LUSBY, Amherst, N. S.,

- New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1
- Union Lodge, No. 2
- Westmorland Lodge, No. 3
- Frontier Lodge, No. 4
- Cumberland Lodge, No. 5
- Fredericton Lodge, No. 6
- Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7
- Border Lodge, No. 8
- Seaside Lodge, No. 9
- Myrtle Lodge, No. 10
- Chignecto Lodge, No. 11

Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodges.	Location of Lodge.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Records and Seal.
New Brunswick.....	1	St. John.....	Every alternate Wednesday.	C. Scott, care of Scott, Lawton & Love, St. John, N. B.
Union.....	2	St. John.....	Every alternate Wednesday.	Henry Duffell, Jr., St. John, N. B.
Westmorland.....	3	Moncton.....	Tuesday.....	J. A. Shaffer, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier.....	4	St. Stephen.....	2nd and 4th Monday.....	C. A. Laubman, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland.....	5	Spring Hill.....	Thursday.....	R. H. Cooper, Spring Hill, N. S.
Fredericton.....	6	Fredericton.....	2nd and 4th Tuesday.....	W. S. Fisher, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe.....	7	Woodstock.....	Monday.....	J. C. Hartley, Woodstock, N. B.
Border.....	8	Milltown.....	1st and 3rd Monday.....	J. W. Graham, Milltown, N. B.
Seaside.....	9	St. Andrews.....	1st and 3rd Monday.....	J. Fletcher Stevenson, Saint Andrews, N. B.
Myrtle.....	10	Advocate.....	Monday.....	Caleb Morris, Advocate, Cumberland County, N. S.
Chignecto.....	11	Amherst.....	Tuesday.....	C. W. Fraser, Station Agent, Amherst, N. S.

Membership Report of Subordinate Lodges.

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

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Members last Report.	Initiated.	Reinstated.	Card.	Total.	Suspended.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Total Off.	Total end of Term.	P. G. C.'s	P. C.'s	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick Union	1	105	5	1	1	111	8	2	..	10	101	1	20	80	..	..	101
Westmorland	2	135	10	3	..	148	1	1	..	2	146	2	20	123	..	1	146
Frontier	3	126	2	1	..	129	1	1	..	2	127	2	22	103	..	..	127
Cumberland	4	99	3	..	2	102	2	..	..	2	100	1	13	85	1	..	100
Frederickton	5	76	7	2	2	87	..	..	..	..	87	..	17	67	2	1	87
Fredericton	6	50	9	..	2	61	1	..	..	1	60	..	7	52	1	1	60
Bathoe	7	44	17	..	..	61	..	..	..	..	60	..	4	55	1	1	60
Seaside	8	49	3	..	1	52	..	..	..	..	52	..	3	48	1	..	52
Seaside	9	17	5	..	1	23	..	..	..	..	23	..	1	20	2	..	23
Myrtle	10	..	21	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	22	..	1	21	..	..	22
Total Dec. 31, 1891.		701	82	7	6	796	13	4	..	17	779	6	108	654	7	4	779
New Brunswick Union	1	101	11	..	..	112	1	..	2	3	109	1	21	83	..	4	109
Westmorland	2	146	16	3	2	167	3	2	1	6	161	2	21	131	5	2	161
Frontier	3	127	..	..	..	127	7	1	..	8	119	2	22	95	..	..	119
Cumberland	4	100	4	..	..	104	..	..	..	1	103	1	14	87	..	..	103
Fredericton	5	87	6	1	1	94	2	..	..	2	92	..	18	73	1	..	92
Bathoe	6	61	6	..	..	67	5	..	..	5	62	..	8	54	1	..	62
Fredericton	7	60	10	..	1	71	..	..	..	..	71	..	5	64	1	1	71
Seaside	8	52	5	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	57	..	4	53	..	..	57
Seaside	9	23	6	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	29	..	2	26	..	..	29
Myrtle	10	22	9	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	31	..	1	30	..	..	31
Total June 30, 1892.		779	72	4	4	859	II	II	3	25	834	6	116	696	7	9	834

Financial Statement of Subordinate Lodges.

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

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Bal. per last Report and Property.		Receipts of Term.		Total.		Current Expenses.		Cash Invested.		Brothers Relieved.		Cost of Burials.		Widowers Families Relieved.		Cash on Hand.		Total Assets at end of Term.		Amount of Fund. W. & O.	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
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* Includes \$200.00 increased value of Lodge property. † Includes \$140.00 increased value of Lodge property. ‡ Includes \$22.50 increased value of Lodge property. § Includes \$15.00 increased value of Lodge property. || Includes \$93.09 increased value of Lodge property.

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

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 19, 1892.

[Supplementary to Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.]

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1891.	Oct. 7.	To Cash paid	Grand Master of Exchequer,	\$15 00
	Nov. 23.	Do do do	do	54 45
	1892.			
	Feb. 18.	Do do do	do	196 75
	April 27.	Do do do	do	57 25
	June 10.	Do do do	do	6 00
	20.	Do do do	do	15 00
	July 13.	Do do do	do	27 50
	18.	Do do do	do	40 25
	25.	Do do do	do	93 25
	26.	Do do do	do	52 75
	30.	Do do do	do	56 00
	Sep. 19.	Do do do	do	112 25
				\$726 45
	1891.		<i>Cr.</i>	
	Oct. 7.	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	.....	\$15 00
	Nov. 16.	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	.....	57 50
	28.	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3	.....	1 50
	1892.			
	Jan. 6.	Seaside Lodge, No. 9	.....	5 75
	9.	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7	.....	15 00
	11.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	.....	25 00
	11.	Border Lodge, No. 8	.....	13 00
	13.	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	.....	2 75
	14.	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3	.....	31 75
	15.	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	.....	21 75
	25.	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	.....	25 25
	25.	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	.....	1 00
	Feb. 1.	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	.....	15 25
	4.	Union Lodge, No. 2	.....	36 50
	April 16.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	12 50
	18.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	4 50
				\$284 00
		Forward,		
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* Includes \$200.00 increased value of Lodge property. † Includes \$400.00 increased value of Lodge property. ‡ Includes \$22.50 increased value of Lodge property. § Includes \$15,000 increased value of Lodge property. || Includes \$92.50 increased value of Lodge property. ¶ Includes \$92.50 increased value of Lodge property.

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1891.			
April	20.	Union Lodge, No. 2	22 25
	20.	Union Lodge, No. 2	1 00
	23.	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	23 00
June	30.	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11	15 00
July	1.	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	22 50
	1.	Union Lodge, No. 2	22 50
	11.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	25 75
	12.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	5 50
	13.	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	27 50
	16.	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	23 00
	18.	Union Lodge, No. 2	40 25
	20.	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	7 75
	20.	Border Lodge, No. 8	14 25
	21.	Seaside Lodge, No. 9	7 25
	23.	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3	29 75
	27.	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11	55 80
Aug.	2.	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	15 50
	3.	Border Lodge, No. 8	2 25
	11.	Chignecto Lodge, No. 11	15 00
	23.	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7	19 25
	30.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	5 00
Sep.	4.	Union Lodge, No. 2	3 00
	7.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	2 25
	8.	Grand Chancellor Fraser, cash for dispensations during year	14 00
	9.	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7	1 00
	12.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	5 50
	13.	Frontier Lodge, No. 4	7 25
	13.	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6	1 00
	15.	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10	2 40
	15.	Union Lodge, No. 2	5 00
	15.	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1	1 00
			\$726 45

Grand Lodge Stock,

In Office of G. K. R. and S., September 29, 1892.

200 Official Receipts for Dues,	.....	\$1 50
100 Receipts, Master of Exchequer to Master of Finance,	.....	1 00
16 Withdrawal Cards,	.....	8 00
20 Travelling Shields,	.....	2 00
1 Grand Lodge Chromatic Seal,	.....	3 00
1 Do do Official Seal,	.....	12 00
2 Do do Electrotypes of Seal,	.....	1 50
2 Books of Odes, with Music,	.....	80
Lot Journals, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891,	.....	17 00
120 Semi-Annual Reports,	.....	5 00
580 Past Chancellor's Certificates,	.....	3 50
Grand Officers' Books	.....	10 00
1 Trunk	12 00
1 Set Grand Lodge Jewels,	40 00
1 Letter Press and Attachments,	6 90
		\$124 20

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Report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence beg to report that we have examined all the Journals of sister Jurisdictions which have been received, and present as briefly as possible such matters as we think will be of interest. In several Jurisdictions this committee is designated "Fraternal" Correspondence Committee. We think this title an improvement, and would like to see it generally adopted.

The use of Rituals in conferring the Ranks is being generally condemned. Many Jurisdictions make it imperative that Officers memorize the work before being installed; and we hope the day is near at hand when this law will be universal.

In every Journal we found words of approval for the Uniform Rank, it being generally recognized as the most effective agent in building up the membership, and in holding those who have taken our obligations.

Many Jurisdictions have found public installation ceremonies very helpful in interesting "strangers" in Pythianism.

"Official visits" have always been a benefit, and where these have been frequent great good has resulted, especially to weak Lodges. Many of the Jurisdictions were visited by Supreme Lodge Officers with good results; and while we have not been "bored" in this respect we are glad to know that there is some probability of the present officers venturing in this direction the coming year.

A note of warning has been sounded by this committee on former occasions in reference to the serious losses Subordinate Lodges sustain year after year through suspensions for non-payment of dues. This loss could be largely reduced if more care were exer-

cised in selecting a Brother for the office of Master of Finance. Many a Brother who thoughtlessly allows himself to become "in arrears," and subsequently suspended, would in nine cases out of ten pay up if called on each term; and while it should not be necessary to do this, we believe it to be the surest, if not the only way in which this loss can be checked.

Our fellow-correspondents will notice we have mentioned date at which their Journal was received. Some came *very* late. We urge all to use every effort possible to have their Journals published within a reasonable time after the session of their respective Grand Lodges.

We are glad to have been permitted to peruse the proceedings of sister Jurisdictions. We have profited by our work. We have been able to see what other Jurisdictions think of our work and methods, and are glad to notice that we are not altogether unlike the brethren elsewhere. Many times while preparing this report have we wished we might some day in the near future have the privilege of attending a gathering of "Foreign Correspondents," for we have so greatly enjoyed reading the different reports we long to clasp hands with the writers. Brethren, what say you? Will some one propose a plan by which such a gathering could be brought about?

And now our work is finished. We rise from this task with more love for Pythianism and a broader view of its principles. As an Order we are growing with a rapidity which surprises even the most sanguine; and we believe the jubilee year of our history will find our membership larger than that of any similar organization.

E. A. POWERS.

J. F. FRASER.

J. C. HENRY.

ALABAMA.—Twentieth annual session held at Montgomery, April 19-21, 1892. (Journal received July 5.)

Grand Chancellor Huey says that notwithstanding serious trade depression, the Order in his Jurisdiction has made rapid strides, 23 new Lodges having been added to the strength of the Jurisdiction, and two defunct Lodges resurrected. That his successor may do equally good work is the wish of every good Knight of Pythias. The Grand Lodge report is voluminous and fairly comprehensive.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee make a very complimentary reference to our little Jurisdiction, and particularly to that section of the Grand Chancellor's report referring to the necessity of receiving only the better quality of applicants. All will agree that too much care cannot be exercised in the admission of new material to our Order. The downfall of many a Lodge has been caused by the admission of men intellectually and socially unfit.

Next session will be held at Mobile, on Tuesday, April 16, 1893.

JUNUS M. RIGGS, G. C., Montgomery.

LOUIS J. ADLER, G. K. R. S., Uniontown.

J. RIVERS CARTER, Birmingham, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence.

ARIZONA.—Ninth annual session held at Bisbee, May 4, 5 and 6, 1892.

A very small-sized Journal of 32 pages contains the business transacted during the three days which it took our Brethren to legislate for Pythianism in their Jurisdiction; while it was not until the 9th September that their Journal was received by sister Grand Lodges.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we learn that four new Lodges were launched during the year, one charter surrendered, leaving at Dec. 31st, 1891, a total of 12 Lodges and 539 members, being an increase of 88 members for the year.

The Finance Committee, in reporting on the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, has this to say:—

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has furnished a generalization, rather than a report of the items of income and expenditure, and no bills and receipts have been furnished us. We respectfully think it proper before such report be accepted that bills and receipts for the following items be furnished this Grand Lodge, viz:

Voucher No. 19, printing Grand Lodge Journals,	\$125 00
Voucher No. 22, supplies Supreme Lodge,	102 95
Voucher No. 22, expenses office Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	100 00
Voucher No. 22, expenses telegraph Supreme Lodge tax,	3 95

We also respectfully recommend that a list of supplies on hand from Supreme Lodge be furnished at each succeeding session.

We also recommend that an itemized statement of all receipts and expenses for the year ending May 4, 1892, be furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, instead of generalization furnished.

It does not appear from the Journal that during the three days' session action was taken by the Grand Lodge on the above recommendation of the Finance Committee. This appears to be a very loose way of doing business.

No report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee; but we notice that three Past Chancellors were appointed for the coming year, who doubtless will have a

report in 1893, when their next session will be held in the city of Globe, on the first Wednesday in May.

JOSEPH C. PERRY, G. C., Tucson.

E. W. FRENCH, G. K. R. S., and chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, Prescott.

ARKANSAS.—Twelfth annual session held at Little Rock, May 17-19, 1892. (Journal received July 18.)

Grand Chancellor Gee was able to report that the prospects for the Order in his Jurisdiction were "never more flattering," and "a most gratifying degree of harmony and good feeling" prevails. He had the usual number of questions covered by Pythian law to answer, which with the legitimate correspondence, necessitated some 1200 letters.

This is what Brother Chas. F. Fowler, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, has to say under the head of "The State of the Order:"—

"As one of those whom you have placed in charge of the train, bearing the precious freight of fraternal love to all white men of good moral character, I have passed many stations and disregarded many signals from persons who desired passage, from the fact that I was afraid they would detract from the general good reputation of those already tried. In some instances I may have erred; but if so, without the least desire to harm, or detract from the opportunity of those who wished to associate themselves with the host that now march under the tri-colored Pythian banner, but with the idea ever before me, that at present we are not conducting a school of reform for those whom honorable citizens refuse to associate with, but to gather together an army of men, pure in thought and practice, whose example and lives shall finally encircle the whole world with the everlasting bond of fraternity."

The membership is 3865, an increase of 510. Ten Lodges were instituted during the year, and one forfeited charter, the total number of Lodges being 73. The financial showing is excellent. The Lodges paid for relief \$5,444.30, and their total assets are \$36,999.62. Cash balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$6025.05.

The Fraternal Correspondence report is without introduction, but probably Brother Fowler had little enough time to review the Journals which came to hand. He did this, however, in good style, and gives a thrust wherever an opening offers. Our Journal is among those reviewed.

Next session at Hot Springs, third Tuesday in May, 1893.

S. S. FAULKNER, G. C., Helena.

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

CALIFORNIA.—Twenty-fourth annual session held at Santa Cruz, May 14-20, 1892. (Journal received July 30.)

Grand Chancellor Church is able to report harmony and prosperity throughout the Jurisdiction. At the beginning of the year he was of opinion that it would be an advantage to have all officers of Subordinate Lodges elected for one year, but

he has changed his mind. He thinks the argument that officers would become more proficient in their work is questionable. Experience has taught him that officers really capable of doing good work managed to find time to fit themselves therefor, and those not so capable were "not materially helped by any length of time." He suggests "proper preparation before the installation," there being ample time, he claims, between election and entering on their duties. We commend the following to every Lodge in our own Jurisdiction :—

"The great want of the Order in this Jurisdiction to-day is efficient officers. It is almost without exception true, as I have found in my visitations, that those Lodges are the most flourishing, the most successful, whose officers are most efficient. This is necessarily so, and anything that can be done to promote this efficiency will redound to the best interests of the Order."

Six new Lodges were instituted during the term, and one was revived; while four surrendered charters. The membership January 1st was 10,276, a net gain of 48. The "suspension evil" removes 798 from membership, and makes the net gain for the year look very small. There are 153 Lodges. Financially the showing is excellent. There was expended for relief (under all heads) \$74,275.60. Total assets of Subordinate Lodges, \$195,831.87. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$5900.43.

What happened the Fraternal Correspondence Committee? Brother Beatty seems to have neglected his duty, as no report appears in the Journal. We hope the new chairman will be heard from.

The Grand Lodge having been declared at ease, a young lady teacher was introduced, and "by request recited in an effective manner a poem entitled 'The Birth of Pythianism,' composed by Representative E. T. Bucknam;" and by a "rising vote" the Grand Lodge conveyed its thanks to the lady. It was then ordered that this poem be incorporated in the Journal, "provided the author consented, copyright having been applied for." We immediately sought the poem, whose title was so promising, fearing that the author's consent had been refused; but the good Brother didn't! No siree. The poem is there, forty-three verses strong. Were it not for that copyright we would venture to reproduce it. 'Twas "written for the twenty-seventh anniversary," and here is the opening verse :—

Pray you, sit still awhile my friends,
If you can spare the time,
While I rehearse from history,
A story trained to rhyme.

And then follows a blood-curdling account of the war, not one detail being omitted of what the author "heard" and "saw" (in his mind), after which he works in the following :—

Peace filled the blessing-laden air,
Hushed was all nature's breath,
For Washington became that night
A type of Nazareth.

Descended there a form so fair,
Of such ethereal grace,
Such captivating loveliness,
Such calm, benignant face—

And as she "unrolled a dingy scroll" she proclaimed the beauties of Fraternity, and so successfully portrayed them that this was the result :—

Bound was that martial multitude
Each unto the other,
By Knightly pledge that made them all
Each unto each a brother !

And the thing was done. There is no mention of any action by the Grand Lodge, but we feel sure some heroic measure must have been adopted making it an offence against the Order to inflict such a production upon a confiding band of brothers ; and by means of a fair lady, too !

Next session at Nevada City in May, 1893.

W. C. GRAVES, G. C., San Francisco.

HERMAN SCHAFFNER, G. K. R. S., St. Ann's Building, San Francisco.

E. E. KATZ, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, San Bernardino.

COLORADO.—Sixteenth annual session held at Aspen, September 8-10, 1891. (Journal received December 10, 1891.)

The Grand Chancellor's report shows that Brother Heywood has been an earnest and hard-working officer, who hands over to his successor a list of members nearly 1000 larger than he received. He reports the closing year "the most successful ever experienced within our Jurisdiction, with a most promising future held out to the Order and the incoming Grand Chancellor."

Brother O'Brien, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, presents a report brief and to the point. He gives the following figures : Membership at beginning of Grand Lodge year, 3000 ; initiated, 982 ; reinstated, 44 ; admitted by card, 164 ; making the total additions, 1190. The losses were : suspended and dropped, 255 ; withdrawn, 103 ; died, 35 ; leaving the net membership 3797, an increase of 797. One of the new Lodges only lasted eight months, which leads Brother O'Brien to suggest that in the future "more careful inquiry be made regarding the condition of new Lodges before granting charters." Thirteen Lodges were instituted, the number in working order being 62. The financial showing of the Jurisdiction is first class, the receipts in excess of expenditure being \$20,548.03 ; total assets of Lodges, \$75,719.44. For relief and burying dead there was expended \$13,563.81. The Grand Lodge has a cash balance of \$4622.29. Colorado has a good officer in Brother O'Brien, and did well to re-elect him.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a very readable report, particularly of those Jurisdictions whose Journals came into the hands of Brother Mangold. Brother Russell must be a "typo," for we notice he never fails to refer to the geographical appearance of the Journals he reviewed.

Next session will be held at Manitou, the second Tuesday in September, 1892.

J. K. MILLER, G. C., Colorado Springs.

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

HOWARD RUSSELL, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Pueblo.

CONNECTICUT.—Twenty-fourth annual session held at Willimantic, June 14, 15, and the Journal of proceedings received by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry on the 16th August, 1892.

The Grand Chancellor, George S. Hull, speaks of the phenomenal growth and prosperity of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction; that his duties for the past year, as Grand Chancellor, have necessitated his writing over five hundred letters, visiting nearly forty Lodges, granting eighty-nine dispensations and approving about thirty Subordinate Lodge by-laws. He speaks favorably of the Endowment Rank, which he says has been in a prosperous condition in his Jurisdiction the past year. The Uniform Rank, he tells us, has in Connecticut 18 Divisions, with 4 under way, the Sir Knights at present numbering about 700.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Case, we learn that four new Lodges have been added the past year, making a total of 49 at December 31, 1891. The membership is given at that date as 4769, being a gain for the year of 609. This report also shows an increase in the funds of both Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence make a report covering 26 pages of their Journal. The Maritime Provinces Journal is reported among those received by them; but they make no review of it. We hope the committee will do better next year; as we do not fear criticism, but rather invite it.

Next session at Danbury on the 16th and 17th May, 1893.

JOHN W. WOLVEN, G. C., Hartford.

H. O. CASE, G. K. R. S., Hartford.

CHAS. L. CASE, Ansonia, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

DELAWARE.—Twenty-third session held at Newark, October 28, 1891.
(Journal received December 17.)

Grand Chancellor Wallace briefly reviews the year, and says:—

"While I am unable to report the addition of any new Lodges this term, I am glad to say there has been quite a perceptible increase in members . . . Harmony prevails in every Lodge."

He is not in favor of the "six dollar" rate, and states his views thus:—

"I desire to say upon this subject that I favor the standard fee prescribed, from the simple fact that I believe the *value* received is fully worth the investment and the interests of the Order are not promoted by reducing it. On this question I am in full accord with my immediate predecessor and most heartily endorse his views."

We thought a brighter day was dawning for the Order in Delaware when we read Brother Wallace's "hearty" endorsement of the views of his predecessor, which were decidedly against the "six dollar" dispensation, but we felt a strong feeling of—well, *disgust* is about the strongest term we care to employ—when we read the very last motion mentioned in the Journal. Here it is:—

"On motion of the SITTING PAST CHANCELLOR, WALLACE, the Grand Chancellor was instructed to grant to such Lodges as may apply, a dispensation to confer the three Ranks of the Order for a sum not less than six dollars."

Little wonder that the "perceptible" increase was so nearly imperceptible. We have no objection to every man having his own opinions, and expressing them, too, but it seems to us inconsistent that a man should place himself on record as

in favor of two sides of the same question in one day. And there is no record of the matter being brought up until the above motion was introduced just before adjournment.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Garrett gives the membership as 1207, a gain of 43; number of Lodges, 18. In this Journal we find a "list of Past Grand Chancellors in good standing" at end of term per last semi-annual reports, and also a "list of Past Chancellors in good standing." The amount paid for relief under all heads was \$3299.07. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer was \$259.10.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee is chiefly made up of liberal clippings from the Journals of sister Jurisdictions, with mention of the date of meeting, and in some cases, the names and addresses of newly-elected officers. Our Journal is mentioned.

Next session at Wilmington, the 4th Wednesday in October, 1892.

WILLIAM A. MULLEN, G. C., Marshallton.

MARK L. GARRETT, G. K. R. S., 610½, Market Place, Wilmington.

LEMUEL MARR, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Twenty-sixth annual session held at Washington, February 19-23, 1891. Journal received January 19, 1892 (eleven months after the Grand Lodge session!!) Much of the interest one feels in reviewing a Journal is lost when you discover it is a year old. But this seems to be in keeping with the whole arrangement of the book itself. There is no index, no information as to what disposition was made of some important matters before the Grand Lodge, and much of what is published is most incomplete. We fear our brethren of the mother Jurisdiction need some young blood in the Grand Lodge, for at this distance it seems to be painfully slow.

Grand Chancellor Gill's brief report deals with his official year, and shows an endeavor to do his whole duty. He says: "Our visitations have been the grandest ever seen in this Jurisdiction. The Lodge rooms have been crowded and overflowing." He reports no new Lodges, but one was to be instituted "in the near future," whatever that may mean in this Jurisdiction. Present membership 1225, a net gain of 80. Sixty-one were suspended. Two new Divisions of the Uniform Rank are reported "in process of formation." Of the Uniform Rank Brother Gill spoke as follows:—

"I cannot urge too strongly the necessity of building up this branch of our organization, and I recommend it to your fostering care.

"I thank the Uniform members for their love and courtesy to me during my term of office, and I desire to see every member of the Order in this Jurisdiction enrolled under its banner."

The committee to whom the report was referred recommended the first paragraph of the above reference to the Uniform Rank be struck out, and also all that part of the second paragraph after the words "love and courtesy to me." This committee's report also made other suggestions and contained some congratulations to the Grand Chancellor on his successful year; but the Journal says a motion to adopt their report was "lost."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal A. F. Medford condenses his report into a page and a half. He says the year has been a fruitful one. Among those dropped for non-advancement are 14 whom he says are "old wood that should have been dropped years ago." Among the stock in the Grand Lodge office are 142 books of tactics which he pronounces worthless, and suggests they be destroyed. They also have "700 histories of the Order" which will probably keep them posted for some time. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$377.53. During the year the Lodges paid for sick benefits \$711.68; funerals, \$1946.30; widows and orphans, \$590.45.

Twenty-seventh annual session held at Washington, February 19, 20, 1892. (Journal received July 18.)

Grand Vice Chancellor took charge of Jurisdiction during serious illness of the Grand Chancellor, and reports his doings during that time.

The Grand Chancellor reports the year as one of great Pythian prosperity. "Not a single instance has clouded our cloudless sky," he was not called upon "to render a single opinion," there were no cases of appeal and "everything was lovely."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a prosperous year. The net gain in membership was 57. Present membership 1283, in 15 Lodges. Amount paid for relief, \$7052.60; assets of Subordinate Lodges, \$23,062.30. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$664.75.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Fraternal Correspondence Committee failed to report, we notice they appointed a committee for that purpose, with Brother Medford as chairman. We hope he will give us a report in next Journal.

Next session at Washington in February, 1893.

N. BUNCH, G. C., Washington.

B. T. DOYLE, G. K. R. S., Washington.

A. F. MEDFORD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Washington.

FLORIDA.—Seventh annual session held at Key West, March 16, 17, 1892. (Journal received August 20.)

After address of welcome and remarks by several prominent men, Grand Lodge started on the business for which they were called together. Grand Chancellor and Grand Prelate were absent.

The Grand Chancellor's report congratulates the Jurisdiction upon the success attained during the year. The Lodges are in good condition and the outlook most promising.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a net increase in membership of 181, with five new Lodges. The membership (March 16,) is given as 1171. There are 20 Lodges. The Lodges paid for relief \$2522.70. Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, \$1721.35. The officers' reports are very brief.

Very little business was before the Lodge, and none of a special nature.

This Jurisdiction has no Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next session at Ocala, the third Wednesday in March, 1893.

W. R. O'NEAL, G. C., Orlando.

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

GEORGIA.—Twenty-third annual session held at Savannah, May 17, 18, 1892. (Journal received August 10.)

"After the most successful and prosperous year in the history of our Order in Georgia" is the language used by the Grand Chancellor in beginning his report. The Order is "in a peaceful and highly prosperous condition numerically and financially." The net gain in membership was 1042, with seven new Lodges and two re-instated.

The membership as given by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is 3866, with 42 Lodges. Amount paid for relief was \$6832.19; assets, \$42,549.26. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$3065.62.

A reception was given the Grand Lodge which was largely attended, there being "over one thousand Knights in line." A nicely worded address of welcome was delivered by Past Chancellor Judge Adams, to which Past Supreme Chancellor Woodruff replied.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence Committee is well written and interesting. Brother Naylor says he has done his best. He reviewed forty-five journals, which he found quite a job. We failed to notice a similar committee appointed, and sincerely hope Georgia does not propose to take a backward step in this respect.

Next session at Macon, the third Tuesday in May, 1893.

R. F. HARMON, G. C., Savannah.

W. T. LEOPOLD, G. K. R. S., Savannah.

ILLINOIS.—Twenty-second annual session held at Springfield, October 20-23, 1891. (Journal received February 28, 1892.)

Immediately after opening, Supreme Officers Shaw, White and Kennedy were introduced, and briefly addressed the Brethren, after which a recess and personal introduction took place.

On resuming business Grand Chancellor Scheerer submitted his report, in which he says he started in with the determination that if "persistent purpose, hard labor and faithful effort" would give him as successful results as his predecessors he would not spare himself, and as a matter of course he was able to report gains "unparalleled in the history of any similar organization in this Jurisdiction." Such work always tells. He added fifty-two new Lodges, "all in places where they will increase and remain active, self-sustaining Lodges, and a credit to the Order." And he wisely refused, in several instances, "to grant warrants" when he thought a Lodge could not be a permanency. Applications for dispensations to confer more than one Rank the same evening were numerous, and he "refused all such except in cases of the most urgent necessity." The following are two excellent reasons given:—

"First, I believe it is asking too much of a Lodge that they give so much time in one night, for the benefit of one individual. And in the second place, the ceremonies of our Order lose much of their impressiveness and beauty when crowded into the comparatively short space of one evening. It is an act of mistaken kindness to the candidate, and one which he will regret in after years, when he comes to reflect on the matter."

Correct, Brother Scheerer. Kentucky please take notice.

The membership is given by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Caldwell as 20,105, a net increase of 4685; Lodges 283, an increase of 53. Paid for relief and burials, \$25,585.71. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$12,318.25.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is well written and interesting. Our Journal is reviewed among the others.

Two pages containing photos of Grand Officers and Supreme Representatives appear in the Journal. They are not a bad looking group.

Next session at Rockford the third Tuesday in October, 1892.

FITCH C. COOK, G. C., Peoria.

HENRY P. CALDWELL, G. K. R. S., Chicago.

JAMES R. WARD, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Carrollton.

INDIANA.—Twenty-fourth annual session held in Indianapolis, June 7, 1892. Two months later the Journal of Proceedings, of 274 pages, was issued.

Grand Chancellor E. F. Williams in his report makes a number of recommendations. He says:

"I would call the attention of this Grand Body to the great need, as it seems to me, of a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, that this Grand Jurisdiction may not only keep abreast with the times and pace with the progress of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, but that we may be in touch with all the world in our work. I, therefore, recommend the revival of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence."

The recommendation must have been carried out as we notice that a committee of four was appointed, which includes the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Frank Bowers. The Grand Chancellor also strikes the proper chord when he recommends that the minimum fee for admission in this Order be raised to \$20, believing the time has come for such action; that it would be the means of attracting a better class of men and the putting of the Order upon a higher plane in the future, so far as men are concerned. "Our sister organizations," he adds, "especially Free and Accepted Masonry, have long since placed theirs at \$20, and yet she pays no direct and definite benefits, as our Order does."

We learn that in Indiana forty-two new Lodges have been instituted and two old Lodges resuscitated during the year, thus increasing the number of active Lodges to 348, the last number being 304, and the total number of members to nearly or quite thirty thousand.

Next session will convene at Indianapolis, on the second Tuesday in June, 1893.

E. L. SIVER, G. C., Fort Wayne.

FRANK BOWERS, G. K. R. S., Talbott Block, Indianapolis.

JAS. H. HENRY, Martinsville, Morgan County, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

IOWA.—Twenty-second annual session held at Sioux City, August 12, 13, 1891. (Journal received November 14.)

The Grand Chancellor congratulates the Jurisdiction "upon the harmony that has prevailed during the year, the general prosperity, and the excellent prospects for the future." He was kept busy a large part of the time visiting, granting dis-

pensations and answering unnecessary questions; but still he brings a record of 38 new Lodges and two reorganized, with some 4000 increase in membership. He also names some 27 places and other points where work has been done and where "the prospects for Lodges, are excellent." Well done, Brother Narvis!

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Walker is "brief and to the point." It gives no tabulated statements of the condition of Subordinate Lodges or membership, and the nearest we can make the membership is between 17,000 and 17,500, with 308 Lodges.

There is no report from the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, though we notice among the appointments of the Grand Chancellor at opening of session five Brethren were named. We hope they will endeavor to furnish a report for next year.

In the appendix is an address of welcome delivered on the opening day by Rev. C. H. Strickland, D. D., which is really beautiful, and well worth preserving. It should have a wider circulation than it will receive in the appendix before us.

Twenty-third annual session held at Cedar Rapids, August 11, 12, 1892. (Journal received October 31.)

In his report Grand Chancellor says that "the enthusiasm and zeal of the Knights of Iowa, during the year, have not abated or lessened, but, on the contrary, have increased and multiplied until the name of the Order and its teachings are household words in the land."

He recommends the Uniform Rank to the favorable consideration of the Knights in his Jurisdiction; and has a good word to say of the Pythian Sisters.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the number of Lodges at December 31, 1891, as 306, being a gain of 41 Lodges for the year; membership, 16,643; increase, 2227. Finances are good, and altogether Iowa shows up first class.

Still no report from Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

This Journal sadly needs an index.

Next session will be held at Muscatine, August 9, 1893.

HOMER D. COPE, G. C., Des Moines.

H. D. WALKER, G. K. R. S., Mount Pleasant.

J. B. HATCH, Des Moines, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

KENTUCKY.—Twenty-third session held at Louisville, September 15, 16, 1891. (Journal received December 28.)

An address of welcome, delivered by Representative Geo. E. Gary, abounded in nice sentiments, which seemed to contradict his assertion that he was "puzzled" to know why he had been selected to "perform this task." Grand Chancellor Pryor responded.

The report of Grand Chancellor shows a busy term, much visiting with good results, and a very worthy zeal for the advancement of the Order. He says the Lodges have never been "in better working condition than at present." He is a firm believer in the good results of official visits, and suggests that *all* Grand Lodge Officers be required to do a portion of that work. He believes a double

benefit would thus be wrought, as it might tend to "keep alive the interest of the Order in those who hold offices that do not necessitate any work upon their part in the interim of Grand Lodge meetings." He also cuts a pace for his successor by mentioning some twenty-one places where Lodges "might be started." The sum of \$500 was voted the Grand Chancellor for "missionary purposes," not to be expended, however, unless "absolutely necessary."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Sheltman gives the present membership 4619, increase 1215; Lodges 86, increase 18. Financially the Subordinate Lodges are strong. The amount expended for relief was \$8930.89. The balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$4412.36.

The evil of rushing a candidate through the three Ranks in one evening seems to have spread, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal suggested a fee be exacted from a candidate desiring a dispensation for this purpose. The Committee on Law and Supervision, to whom this was referred, (of which the coming Supreme Chancellor, Blackwell, was chairman,) reported, disapproving the granting of dispensations except in cases of real necessity, and recommended that \$1 be forwarded with each application for dispensation. We are sorry to notice that a motion was carried to "indefinitely postpone" action on their report. The practice is a bad one, and the charging of \$1 has worked most satisfactorily with us, and prevents abuse of the privilege.

The Committee on "Fraternal Correspondence" have a good report—very readable, indeed. But why they start out talking about their "Fraternal Relations" and keep referring to them right along does not appear. This Grand Lodge, meeting about the same time as our own, gives the committee only our Journal of 1890 to review, which they do promptly.

Next meeting at Harrodsburg, the third Tuesday in September, 1892.

B. B. ANDREWS, G. C., Russellville.

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

W. L. SMITH, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Bellevue.

MAINE.—Twentieth annual session held at Portland, May 18, 1892. (Journal received October 24.)

This Journal of nearly 400 pages is brimful of good things. Brother Stevens's report as chairman of Fraternal Correspondence is complete and shows much study. The Journal coming so late precludes the possibility of anything like an extended review being given. The Order continues to grow in Maine; and from the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Smith we notice that 4 new Lodges have been added to the Jurisdiction for the year, 1 suspended; total, January, 1892, 72. The membership at the same date was 8500, showing a gain for the year of 627. The net gain in Subordinate Lodge finances for the year was \$6404.30, and the cash assets of Lodges at January 1, 1892, amounted to \$107,502.84.

Next session at Brunswick, on the third Wednesday in May, 1893.

GEO. M. HANSON, G. C., Calais.

WESLEY G. SMITH, G. K. R. S., Old Orchard.

M. L. STEVENS, Box 787, New York city, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

MARYLAND.—Twenty-fourth annual session, held at Baltimore, February 9, 10, 1892. (Journal received March 3.)

This Journal commences with the semi-annual report (to June 30, 1891) of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which is followed by reports of several committees and a list of candidates for Grand Lodge offices, "to be voted for by the members of the Grand Lodge present in their respective Subordinate Lodges on the last meeting night in December, 1891."

Grand Chancellor Blake reports "the last year was one of the most prosperous that we have had in ten preceding years." He instituted three new lodges, and the increase in membership was 283. We regret to notice the serious loss which threatens this Grand Lodge through the failure of a banking concern ("without a moment's warning") with whom they had deposited \$3218. Legal proceedings have been taken to recover the amount.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal speaks of the year just closed as "in many ways" one of the best for a long time. "No conflict of interests has arisen anywhere to mar the unity or retard the vigor of our organizations. We have reached the highest position in Lodges, members and finances we have ever attained." The number of Lodges is 96, three having been instituted and one disbanded. Present membership 7011, a net gain of 283. The receipts of Lodges for the year were \$72,183.19; expended \$66,088.71; balance on hand (including last year's balance) \$188,842.43. There was expended for relief (under all heads) \$42,058.87, of which \$25,325.77 was for sick benefits alone. The Grand Lodge balance on hand is \$4858.08, which will of course be largely reduced through failure of bankers, before referred to. On the matter of suspensions Brother Whitehouse thinks "greater care on the part of the proper officers in reminding delinquents might have some effect;" and that "an effort made on the part of all the Lodges to restore to membership some of the young and active ones who have been suspended by this cause," would result in good.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee's report is a creditable document, and reviews forty-four journals, our own being included.

Next session will be held in Baltimore the second Tuesday of February, 1893.

CHAS. E. WHELAN, G. C., Baltimore.

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

WILLIAM HAMILTON, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Twenty-third session held at Boston, February 17, 1892. (Journal received May 6.)

Grand Chancellor Abbott presents a business-like report, which shows a successful term. It is needless to say he has a high appreciation for the Uniform Rank, and says that "during the visitation of the Grand Board it has often been remarked that where there was a Division there was found the best Subordinate Lodge work."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Cross reports "a steady, healthy growth, both numerically and financially. The gain in membership for the year was 696, and eight Lodges were instituted. Present membership 9743, in 93 Lodges. There

was paid for relief and benefit \$37,034.41. Cash on hand or invested \$79,501.92, an increase of \$1326.21. Net assets of Subordinate Lodges \$167,835.87, a gain of \$13,882.61. Amount in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$3527.40. The Journal contains pictures of Grand Chancellor Abbott and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Cross. The business of this Grand Lodge is done up in one day. No time is lost in useless discussion, and at the same time these brethren keep a sharp eye on all that goes on. We commend this Jurisdiction to such places as Wis— well, we won't mention names, but just commend it to all as a worthy model.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a good report, well-written, and with several features out of the ordinary, one being a brief notice of each of their Grand Lodge Officers. We are glad to see the chairman re-elected.

Next session at Boston the third Wednesday in February, 1893.

CHAS. C. EGERTON, G. C., Boston.

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

L. L. TARBELL, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Marlboro.

MINNESOTA.—Nineteenth annual session held at Duluth, September 8, 9, 1891. (Journal received December 3.)

After an address of welcome from Mayor Davis, and suitable reply from Grand Chancellor Hunt, the Grand Lodge opened for business. An address to the members by Supreme Chancellor Shaw was a pleasing feature of the session.

The Grand Chancellor reports that "the year has been fairly gratifying in the growth of the Order through new Lodges, and particularly so in the increased membership of old established ones." He reports the institution of thirteen "new and prosperous Lodges." During his official visits he found too many Lodges where the ritual was used in conferring ranks, and believes that "no single cause so disastrously operates against the attendance at Lodge meetings as does the neglect of officers to so equip themselves as to perform their duties in a prompt, business-like, intelligent and interesting manner." This always has been and always will be the case. Members who do not appreciate the honor sufficiently to get their work up creditably should never be elected to office, for bad officers will kill the strongest Lodges in existence.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 77 Lodges with a total membership of 4489; increase 612. One Lodge surrendered charter. Brother Orr says: "It is remarkable that the number of members who are reported suspended each term is so great," and he calls attention to the fact that the greater percentage of suspensions occurs in the cities. Omitting a new Lodge instituted in one of the three principal cities of the State, the Lodges in these cities show "a loss of thirty members."

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee have a good report, without introduction of comment outside the reviews of Jurisdictions. For some reason our Journal has not been reviewed. We don't like to be overlooked, and hope our Brethren will not do so again.

Next session at Minneapolis September 27, 1892.

FRED E. WHEATON, G. C., Minneapolis.

GRIER M. ORR, G. K. R. S., and chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.—Eighteenth session held at Meridian, May 12, 13, 1891. (Journal received February 22, 1892.)

The report of Grand Chancellor Cross is a business document. One cannot help doubting the advisability of granting so many dispensations for conferring more than one Rank at a meeting. While there may be times when it is desirable to do so, it has always been our opinion that the lessons embraced in our Ranks cannot be as impressive when a candidate is given the three Ranks in one evening. Brother Cross granted a large number of dispensations to confer Ranks "out of time," as he expresses it. He says the growth has been "sure and rapid," and that nearly a thousand members have been added during the year. He also had "hundreds of questions" to answer which were covered by the Constitution and Laws; and in answer to the oft-repeated one "When is a Knight in arrears?" he has figured it down to the exact minute after midnight on given dates at which a member becomes in arrears. But the Committee on Law and Supervision very properly point out that the Grand Chancellor is in error in his calculation according to Constitution and Laws of the Order. We commend our Brother's perseverance. Fourteen new Lodges were instituted and one surrendered charter.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says he has "never known so much Pythian enthusiasm" since he has been a member of the Order. He gives the present membership 3111, a net increase of 728. Number of Lodges, 56. Paid for relief during year, \$1913.95; assets of Subordinate Lodges \$22,799.20. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$2242.76.

Our Brethren in Mississippi have no Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Next session at Biloxi, the second Tuesday in May, 1892.

LYMAN G. ALDRICH, G. C., Natchez.

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

MISSOURI.—Twenty-first annual session held at St. Joseph, October 20-22, 1891. (Journal received November 20.)

The Grand Chancellor reports "universal harmony" throughout the Jurisdiction, and "an energy and enthusiasm that betoken greater achievements." He presents an increase of 2970 members and 43 Lodges.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is very complete, tabulated statements being embodied which cover everything. The present membership is 11,939, number of Lodges, 167. For relief and burials there was expended \$13,474.58; total assets Subordinate Lodges, \$172,543.01. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$11,182.73. This is a good showing.

We had been hearing so much of Kansas because of the approaching Supreme Lodge session that we are glad to have the opportunity of scanning this Journal. We were sorry to see that there existed grounds for such serious charges against Knights of Pythias as those referred to in some of the appeal cases.

The business of this session was carried on "decently and in order;" and we regret our inability to fraternize with our Brethren in August.

Major-General Carnahan was present, with other prominent visitors.

The "Fraternal Correspondent" presents his report which is well written. Brother Ragan considers it best that this report should be written by one per-

son, though he fails to give his reason. Suppose you place yourself on record, "Sandy." We rather admire the title of "Fraternal" Correspondence, and think all Jurisdictions might well adopt this name.

Twenty-second annual session held at St. Louis, October 18, 1892. (Journal received November 18.)

The remarkable gain made by this Grand Jurisdiction in the past year is referred to by the Grand Chancellor in his report as follows:—

"No charter, in the year that has passed, has been taken or surrendered. At the commencement of that year we had 177 Lodges with a membership of 12,329, and on June 30, of the present year, we had 207 Lodges, with a membership of 15,844; and I confidently expect that, ere I return to you my emblem of authority, our ranks will number at least 16,500 true Knights. Thus it will be seen that in the year just closed, we have an increase of 30 Lodges and an increase in membership of nearly 4000. Our treasury has been increased more than \$500 notwithstanding the handsome appropriation of \$2000 for the Uniform Rank, over and above the other usual annual disbursements; and there remains in the treasury at this date, October 1, 1892, \$11,773.58 guarded by our worthy Grand Master of Exchequer, whose vigils never sleep. This is a splendid showing, a showing of which every Knight in this Jurisdiction is justly proud."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report shows the financial condition of Subordinate Lodges to be first class.

The Fraternal Correspondent, Brother Alexander Ragan, presents a good report. Indeed it is one of the most carefully compiled documents we have ever read. He reviews over forty Journals, ours being one of them, and gives us a favorable notice.

In this Journal we also find a well-written report from the Supreme Representatives of Missouri.

The Journal is a gem typographically, and reflects the highest credit alike on the printer and Brother Holmes, its compiler.

Next session convenes at St. Louis, on the third Tuesday in October, 1893.

GEO. C. R. WAGONER, G. C. S., St. Louis.

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

ALEXANDER RAGAN, Kansas City, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

MONTANA.—Eighth annual session held at Great Falls, May 17, 18, 1892.

This Jurisdiction is composed of 27 Subordinate Lodges, and judging from the Grand Master of Exchequer's report it must be in a healthy financial condition. The report of Grand Chancellor Gallagher is most exhaustive, and we should think satisfactory to the Grand Lodge. How familiar though is that phrase: "I expected to have visited all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, but unforeseen circumstances prevented me." Every Grand Chancellor uses it. We have no hesitation in saying we used it. However, Brother Gallagher offers a good suggestion in the words—"Let no Brother seeking this office look upon it as a mere sinecure not bringing with it responsibilities and cares of importance." Nature did not design every man to rule, nor did she fit every Knight of Pythias for the great responsibilities of the office of Grand Chancellor. No Past Chancellor should accept this important office without first giving serious thought to the requirements of the

office and to what shall be expected of him. This is no reflection on Brother Gallagher, as, judging from his report, he must have been a most excellent officer.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee make a pleasant reference to us, but promise to "try to do better" in their next. However, Brother Loeb, under the circumstances, we think you have done marvellously well with the whole report.

Next session will be held at Helena, May 16, 1893.

C. S. WHITNEY, G. C., Miles City.

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

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-seventh annual session held at Lincoln, October 13-15, 1891. (Journal received December 12.)

The report of Grand Chancellor Scism contains evidence that some of the members are not over scrupulous. Several of the letters which he submits bear the stamp of the writer's determination to "have it out" with somebody. We fear the Grand Chancellor himself was slightly worked up when he refers to a Brother Knight as "Mr." This is decidedly wrong, no matter how aggravating the circumstances may have been. In response to an "appeal for aid," the Subordinate Lodges contributed \$306.14, about 25 per cent. of which was all that was needed, the balance being placed on deposit as a special charitable fund. Among the "Recommendations" we notice one that the whole Constitution be revised. "As it stands now," says the Grand Chancellor, "it is a machine that can be used by a few disgruntled members to stop the wheels of progress of the whole Jurisdiction." By all means revise it, Brethren! Then he recommends "biennial sessions" of the Grand Lodge, as a matter of economy. "It costs this Grand Lodge from \$3000 to \$5000 per year to hold its session. Very little is accomplished outside of the election of officers that benefits anyone, except those who draw mileage and per diem." But the Grand Lodge didn't approve of this. The Grand Chancellor has had a busy term and evidently worked hard and earnestly. Ninety-five Lodges were visited, "many of them a second and third time, and a few oftener," as there seemed to be need, making a total of "158 official visits." To accomplish this he "travelled 15,000 miles" and devoted his whole time to the discharge of official duties. We are sure from reading his report of the work done that Nebraska should appreciate his efforts. It is a pity, though, that such a feeling of bitterness and opposition as he describes should exist among Knights of Pythias. There must have been strong reasons for the following from Brother Scism's report—and no quarter should be given the offenders if the facts of the case prove the statements of the Grand Chancellor correct:—

"During the last two months of my term, especially, I have been hindered and opposed. Every obstacle that could be found has been put in my path to impede and restrict. Time that I would gladly have utilized in making official visits was occupied in watching and defending myself from the malicious and cowardly attacks made upon me officially. Of those who are responsible for this state of affairs I have little to say. If they were as earnest and conscientious as members of the order, as they are reckless and ambitious as agitators and defamers, instead of adopting the tactics of an assassin, they would appear before this Grand Lodge in a manly way and ask a hearing. At least two months of my time have been taken up by this rule or ruin element. It began early in my term, and grew in intensity as time rolled on

"By reading some of the letters that were written me and published under the head of "decisions," you can readily trace the source of the trouble. No means of attack is too cowardly, no subterfuge too base, no weapon too filthy, for this element to use in their unholy warfare. Desperate cases need heroic remedies, and, if this Grand Lodge will heed the words of one who speaks from experience, this same trouble will not again rise up to harass any Grand Lodge Officer in the discharge of his duties, as it has in the past two years."

One of the letters referred to is signed "E. E. French, S. R." The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a membership of 5840, an increase of 278. There were seven new Lodges instituted and in localities where two or more weak lodges existed amalgamation was effected and has proved beneficial. There was paid for relief and benefits during the year \$6386.85; and the cash balance in Grand Lodge exchequer is \$3298.67.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee review thirty-six Journals, the work being done by the chairman. Our Journal seems not to have reached the committee (though two copies were mailed the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.) The report is a very good one, and Brother B. F. Hornefus has no need to be ashamed of his "first attempt."

Next session will be held at Geneva, October 10, 1892.

W. S. HAMILTON, G. C., Lincoln.

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

PROF. F. F. ROOSE, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Lincoln.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Twenty-second annual session held September 28, 1892. (Journal received November 14.)

The Grand Chancellor reports the institution of five new Lodges during his term of office, whose combined charter lists contain the names of 432 of New Hampshire's representative men.

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report we find that at July 1, 1891, the number of members was 3163; at July 1, 1892, 3358; gain for the year 195. The increase in assets of Lodges for the same period was \$6523.07, the total assets at July, 1892, being \$53,933.73. There was a small balance of \$100.35 to the credit of the Grand Lodge at July, 1892. Brother Spofford concludes his report by saying that "the future looks bright and promising and we have only to maintain our splendid average of the last three years to reach the 5000 membership mark."

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a well-written report reviewing forty different Journals, ours being among the number.

The Journal under review contains an excellent report of the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, at its late session, prepared by Supreme Representatives Kimball and Young.

Next session will be held at Nashua, on the second Wednesday in October, 1893.

LAUREN M. FOLLANSBEE, G. C., Nashua.

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

WM. E. MOORE, Manchester, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY.—Twenty-fifth annual session held at Trenton, February 17, 18, 1892. (Journal received May 2.)

Grand Chancellor Ulrich had a very successful year, and his exhaustive report shows him to be a diligent worker. We heartily agree with the following remarks on official visits:—

“These visitations, while they may have been of some expense to the Grand Lodge, I am well satisfied have been productive of much interest and good results. I am of the firm conviction that visitations by the Grand Chancellor ought to be one of the chief duties and should be his constant aim. Visitations cost much time, labor and sacrifice of home and business, but these sacrifices should be made by the head of the Order if he desires it to prosper. I believe, in fact, that visitations by the Grand Lodge Officers are beneficial and in my judgment the Grand Lodge should encourage them by appropriating a sum to cover at least travelling expenses.”

A brother who devotes his time should not have to pay his own expenses.

The Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Pierson is short but to the point. It gives the net increase of membership during the year at 1049, the present membership being 11,710; number of Lodges 132. The total amount paid for relief under all heads, \$57,103.46; and there is in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$1398.89. This Jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition.

New Jersey has a Fraternal Correspondence Committee, and the chairman is Brother R. S. Tilden. In prefacing his report he scores the Grand Lodge for awarding the committee only six dollars apiece for “a year’s labor,” while the work is done by one—the chairman, and says further: “Certainly no man will consider it a duty to give as much valuable time as a proper report will take for the miserable pittance allowed.” Many Jurisdictions do not appropriate a dollar for this work; but really, Brother T., if a brother *undertakes* the work, or *any* work connected with the Order, don’t you think he should do his very best, irrespective of the amount paid? But why should the chairman do all the work unless he prefers to? Our New Jersey Brother says that they have been “hauled over the coals” on account of the “six dollar dispensation,” but regardless of his own opinion he says it is “a pleasure” for him to defend those of his associates who favor that action. And then one is almost inclined to suspect the loss of temper as he goes on to enlarge on something quite foreign to this particular question of the desirability of conferring the Ranks for six dollars. Now just answer this question: How many of the Brethren who have held the position of representatives to the Supreme Lodge from New Jersey came into the Order under the six dollar dispensation? The report is not one of the “long” ones—merely synoptic, like our own. It is written in good style, and judging from the number of times he had the “pleasure” of defending his jurisdiction he must have been extremely happy when the report was finished.

Next session at Trenton, the third Wednesday in February, 1893.

CHAS. W. KILBOURN, G. C., New Brunswick.

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

EIMRICH R. WESSELS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Jersey City.

NEW MEXICO.—Eighth annual session held at Albuquerque, September 15, 16, 1891. (Journal received January 19, 1892.)

The Grand Chancellor sees "great cause for thankfulness and congratulation for the continued increase in the number of Lodges and also in the roll of membership." He is able to report "from a personal observation" that "the general condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction is excellent. . . . Our best and most prominent and influential citizens are either members of the Order or are seeking admission." This report is above the average and the Grand Chancellor has shown himself to be a zealous and hard-working officer. The following in reference to the "Officers of a Lodge" is worthy the careful consideration of all aspirants, as well as those who wish to make their lodges successful:—

"The acceptance of an office carries with it not only honor but an obligation to perform all the duties incumbent upon said office, not in a routine or careless manner, but with a spirit consistent with the importance and dignity attending each office.

"The emblem of authority should be wielded with a due regard for the feelings and opinions of less favored Brethren. . . .

"There should be frequent rehearsals of the Ritual; dormant talent among the members should be brought out, encouraged and utilized, subjects of interest to the Order proposed and discussed.

"No member of a Lodge should be advanced to an official position unless fully qualified to perform the duties of the office sought to be filled, and no one should be elected to the position of C. C. for the honor *there is in it*, because he is a good fellow, for there may be more fellow in him than goodness. Nine-tenths of the success of the Lodge depends upon the tact, energy, capability, intelligence and amiability of the C. C."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports: "the Brethren are displaying more energy and interest in the 'good of the Order' than ever before." Number of Lodges 20, an increase of 3; membership 778, a gain of 125. Expended for relief \$2047. Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer \$522.12.

What there is of the report on Fraternal Correspondence is very good, but there were only sixteen Journals reviewed, divided between three members of the committee. The chairman presents "an apology instead of a report." He had such a high sense of the requirements of his position as chairman that he would not present any report because he could not give such "honest and conscientious work" as was necessary "by reason of professional and official duties in other directions." He prefers—for the good of the Order—"nothing to a careless and hasty review of the Journals of sister Jurisdictions." Our Journal was not among those reviewed. We have known instances where *one* member of this committee has done *all* the work, and it would have been better to have distributed the Journals. Brother Bartlett was unable to review among the other members. Let us have a full report next time, Brethren, even if some of you should have to work a little harder.

Next session at Raton, the third Tuesday in September, 1892.

JAMES J. LEESON, G. C., Socorro.

F. L. HARRISON, G. K. R. S., Santa Fe.

CHAS. F. EASLEY, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Cerrillos.

NEW YORK.—Twenty-fourth annual session held at Troy, July 26-28, 1892. (Journal received August 29.)

The condition of the Order in the Empire State is flattering and very prosperous. From an excellent report made by Grand Chancellor Hull, we learn that twenty-two Lodges have been added to the Jurisdiction during the past year.

John J. Acker, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, reports the membership at December, 1891, 16,795: increase for the year, 1781. The number of active Lodges at the same date was 226. The financial condition of Lodges is reported as follows:—receipts for the year, \$139,331.77, which, added to the balance on hand of the preceding December, makes \$275,743.94, showing a net gain of \$35,186.45. The total relief paid during the year was \$43,934.51.

Brother Baker, for some years past, has attended to the report of Fraternal Correspondence, and this year he is again on hand with a full and complete document as usual, in concluding which he desires that some one else be entrusted with the preparation of next year's report. We regret very much this decision on the part of Brother Baker, but hope that his successor may enter on his task with the same determination and will as has ever characterized Brother Baker, while he adorned the office of Fraternal Correspondent of New York.

The Journal is, as usual, well printed; and its compilation is a credit to the veteran Acker, who, we believe, has held his office for twenty years! Our New York Brethren evidently know when they have "a good thing."

Next meeting at Elmira, July 25, 1893.

WILLIAM LADEW, G. C., New York (city).

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

N. A. CALKINS, Coxsackie, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Second annual session held at Fargo, July 8, 9, 1891. (Journal received December 14.)

This young Jurisdiction is giving evidence of vitality, and Grand Chancellor Cooper succeeded in keeping the new machinery moving without much friction. He has been keeping a record, evidently, and refers to some matters that have been neglected or overlooked. He instituted three new Lodges, and has sown seed from which he believes his successor will reap a good harvest. He also reports the Jurisdiction "in a very flourishing condition; every Lodge seems trying to outdo the other in their efforts to advance the cause of Pythianism."

Brother Cochran, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, has had a busy year, and found many matters that needed straightening out. He seems to have been equal to the occasion, however, and his report shows that he has the work and needs of his Jurisdiction well in hand. There are eight Lodges, with a membership of 288. The Lodges paid for relief, \$371.20, and have on hand \$4680.22—a very creditable sum.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence presented a report, but the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says they were compelled to omit it from the

Journal "as the appropriation was inadequate," a fact which we much regret. We are of the opinion that they could much better have omitted the "official circulars" from the Grand Chancellor's report, which occupy nearly twelve pages of the Journal. The introduction to the report is printed, however, and we give it in full:

This, the youngest Lodge in the galaxy of Lodges sends greeting to the various Grand Lodges, and craves Knightly and chivalrous treatment from the Order universal; owing to our tender years, we have not as yet received the extended recognition that we hope to receive in the future from the Grand Bodies in their annual sessions, nevertheless, we are a lusty infant; we intend to love and cherish Pythianism in our northern home as earnestly as those in the more densely peopled Jurisdictions. We have nothing but best of promises for a bright future for the Order in this Jurisdiction, and as we speed on our way we extend the hand of fellowship to all sister Lodges.

We think it proper to suggest that it would be wise and beneficent for each Grand Chancellor in each Grand Jurisdiction to appoint a member of each Grand Lodge to represent the several Jurisdictions and speak for each state and thereby show the exact progress the Order is making. In this way, we think considerable Pythian knowledge could be disseminated.

We gladly return the greeting of this "lusty infant," and hope the promise to "love and cherish Pythianism" will be fulfilled abundantly.

Next session at Casselton, on the third Tuesday in July, 1892.

AUGUSTUS ROBERTS, G. C., Fargo.

W. T. SPRAKE, G. K. R. S., Casselton.

WILL M. COCHRAN, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Minto.

OHIO.—Twenty-second annual session held at Cincinnati, May 26-28, 1891. (Journal received December 8.) Delay was caused by fire in office of printers of Journal.

Grand Chancellor Beatty has had a most successful year, and his term closed with a large increase. He was able to report 65 new Lodges, "located in territory which cannot fail to be productive for all time to come." He attributes the success to faithful work all along the line—everybody working and always at work. A handsome building, 60x120 feet, 5 stories high, was dedicated at Toledo during Brother Beatty's term. It is for Pythian purposes exclusively.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Court shows the total additions for the year to be 7847; total deductions, 2253, a net increase of 5594. Membership December 30, 1890, 34,020. Net increase of Lodges, 67. The increase for 1890 is "the greatest net gain ever made" in Ohio. Brother Court goes on to say:—

"This gain has never been equalled by any other Jurisdiction in the world. By comparison we find that, out of forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, thirty-four had less membership than our net gain; that more members were initiated in Ohio than there are members in either of thirty-eight Jurisdictions; that but one other Jurisdiction has as many members, and that no two combined, outside of Pennsylvania, will equal that of Ohio; that the net gain alone equals the entire membership of ten Jurisdictions, and the membership January 1 equals the combined membership of twenty-five Jurisdictions."

The Lodges expended for relief of Brothers \$56,621.04; for widowed families, \$1573.38; and for burying dead, \$9443.55. The assets of Subordinate Lodges are \$566,476.49. Balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, \$8249.98. Ohio will thus be seen to be in splendid condition. Brother Court's Journal is well arranged and shows a large amount of work, but needs an index.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee present a very readable report—quite entertaining in fact; but when we read their review of the Journal from the "Maritime Provinces" we began to wonder where the report came from; and were somewhat surprised to find the names of Supreme Representatives Richie, Butterfield and Burns attached to it. Their report on our Jurisdiction contains the following, which all will appreciate:—

"The Brethern in that Jurisdiction are a staid set of fellows, under the command of Rev. James Moulson, who is liked by everybody who knows him."

Now, while "Jim" is good enough to be a "Rev." and *is* "liked by everybody who knows him," he has not yet been ordained. We advise these Brethren to make it a point to look him up at the Supreme Lodge. We found no fault with Ohio for being proud of their growth, (as their report insinuates) nor did we intimate that there was anything to be regretted except the large number suspended. Further on they say our Fraternal Correspondence Committee's report "occupies a little over a page," while it really occupied in the Journal referred to 23 pages. Then they say our next session is to be held at "Rock Springs," and that "Grand Chancellor David G. Thomas will preside." There is no such place and no such Grand Chancellor in this Jurisdiction. While this latter mistake may have been caused by the printer getting the "copy" mixed, great care should be exercised to have matters pertaining to the Jurisdictions correct. If other Journals reviewed are as inaccurately reported as our own, the report presented by Ohio's Fraternal Correspondence Committee is of very limited value. In view of the above, the following with which they close their report is truly refreshing:—

"We see much in the Journals before us to commend, and a little to criticise. Our criticisms are, however, given more freely than our commendations, from the reason that *we expect all to do well*, and such being their duty, we find no reason to commend anyone for mere attention to duty. And when criticism is given, it is from our judgment, perhaps educated differently from others, but being so educated, we must view all things in that light."

R-r-r-r-ats!

Twenty-third annual session held in Columbus, May 23, 1892. (Journal received August 17.)

According to the report of Grand Chancellor Williams the past year has been one of great prosperity, both in the increase in old Lodges and in the organization of new ones. He states that they are now entitled to the fourth Supreme Representative, the membership at April 13, 1892, being 42,747. We quote:

"Add to this an estimated gain in the old Lodges and the membership of Lodges not included in the above, and we have a grand total of 43,917. Dispensations have been granted for 87 new Lodges up to date, (May 12) averaging over 39 members to the Lodge, and while this gain has been great the old Lodges have

been growing nicely and make an average gain of over 7 members to each old Lodge.

"The gain for the year just ending, based upon reports received, is 7103, and I am satisfied that by the time of the session of the Grand Lodge that the membership will be fully 44,000."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence present a good report, in the summing up of which they say that the one thought they had in view was to "commend when due and criticize when merited." In regard to the Maritime Provinces they have had the printer's eye on our last report, and have discovered that the word "Scrutineers," which occurs three times in the report, was once spelled with the second letter of the word left out. They say that they are unable to determine from the Journal where the next session will be held, notwithstanding that the place is mentioned on three different pages, and also referred to in the index. We would commend the Committee in future to look on the last page of our Journal for information of this kind. This is how the committee handle Massachusetts:

"The frontispiece is a wood cut of the late President Garfield, with the name of C. B. Newton placed thereunder. As the name of Newton is repeated it looks as if he had been trying his rubber stamp, which he used as Grand Chancellor, on the wood cut."

Well, isn't this rich. Why, the committee ought first to take Brother Court, their late Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in hand. His signature occurs twice in the report and again on the outside page of the cover, and the space required to do the signature justice is a quarter of a page each time!

Next session convenes in the city of Piqua, on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1893.

PHIL H. DORN, G. C., Cleveland.

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

W. B. RICHIE, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, Cleveland.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Twenty-third annual session held at Harrisburg, August 18-21, 1891. (Journal received December 20.)

Governor Pattison delivered an address of welcome, and the Grand Chancellor replied, after which Grand Lodge opened for business.

Says Grand Chancellor Bishop:—

"The past year has been one marked with great success in the building up of the membership, and prosperity has seemed unbounded, thirty-three new Lodges having been added to our roll, while but two surrenders have taken place to lower the record."

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hawkes gives the following figures:—454 Lodges, 44,861 members, a gain of 2148 for the year. Amount paid for the relief of Brothers, \$174,699.17; burial of the dead, \$54,928.14; relief of widowed families, 1717. Amount in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, \$7028.49.

Pennsylvania is the largest Jurisdiction and seems determined to hold her lead. The Journal is necessarily large, but there will always be a sense of something wanting until the reader is able to discover a report from a "Committee on Correspondence." No Jurisdiction should be better prepared to appreciate such a report, and we are sure no Jurisdiction contains more Brethren capable of undertaking this work. We sincerely hope this will become a "regular thing" with Pennsylvania at no distant day.

Next session at Pittsburg, August 16, 1892.

GEO. W. BUCKNAM, G. C., Philadelphia.

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

RHODE ISLAND.—Twenty-first annual session held at Providence, February 9, 1892. (Journal received May 29.)

The report of Grand Chancellor Taylor says the state of the Order is good, and while no new Lodges have been instituted considerable work has been done in that direction. One Division of Uniform Rank was instituted, and the Grand Chancellor finds this Rank a benefit to the whole Jurisdiction.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wilson's report gives the increase for the year as 411, which was reduced by 195, (of whom 150 were suspended) leaving the net increase for the year 216; present membership 2955. Number of Lodges 26. The amount paid for relief by Subordinate Lodges was \$12,381.68; total assets of Subordinate Lodges \$49,800.25; amount in Grand Lodge exchequer \$2869.98. A recommendation of the Grand Chancellor—that an appropriation be placed at the disposal of a committee to be appointed by the Grand Lodge to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Order, as well as annual "Pythian Day," during July and August,—was referred to the Committee on Finance. The recommendation was approved and the Finance Committee recommended the appropriation of \$400 towards defraying expenses of such celebrations; and their report was adopted. This seems a good way of bringing the members of the Jurisdiction together, and will probably prove a benefit all around. The four hundred dollars are for defraying "all expenses of a general nature, not to include transportation or meals, except for such guests as the Grand Lodge Committee may invite."

The death of Past Chancellor Philip A. Slade, "the oldest Past Chancellor in the world," aged 86 years, was specially referred to by the Obituary Committee.

Portraits of Grand Chancellor Goff and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wilson appear in the Journal.

This Jurisdiction has no Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. We hope they will fall in line.

Next Session at Providence, the second Tuesday in February, 1893.

FREDERICK N. GOFF, G. C., Central Falls.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Sixth annual session held at Columbia, February 16, 17, 1892. (Journal received August 30.)

Grand Chancellor Moses had a great term. Hear what he says:

"When our Grand Lodge adjourned last year we had in this Jurisdiction only 31 Lodges. I fully realized that our State should have and could support 100 Lodges. I immediately put myself in correspondence with all the towns in the State. Many letters have been received and answered, and while the results are not as great as I would have liked, still we have instituted 18 Lodges. . . . I may be pardoned here in making a comparison. We have instituted this year 18 as against 23 for the preceding three years, the largest number in any previous year being 10. We did not have a dispensation this year to admit charter members at six dollars as several of my distinguished predecessors had; and another great drawback against us has been the financial distress of the country, in consequence of the low price of cotton. Several Lodges, almost ready to go to work, have had to postpone formation until money is more plentiful. We have, however, in spite of the hard times, placed our tri-colored banner in eight counties of the State in which it never waved before. In reviewing these facts 'in this record breaking year' will we be thought vain if we claim also to have broken the record? I do not arrogate to myself any praise for the institution of these 18 Lodges, but place it where it belongs, to our Knights throughout the State."

Wherever a Grand Chancellor has the united help of his membership he can accomplish great things for Pythianism. In too many Jurisdictions it is the custom to leave all to the Grand Chancellor, while the "rank and file" stand back with arms folded waiting—as they often say—to "see what he will do." As shown by the above extracts, the term was indeed a creditable one. Of course he had the usual number of useless questions and an "enormous" correspondence. We notice it costs \$5.00 for a dispensation "to confer ranks on an applicant over 50 years."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Walsh gives the membership as 2804, an increase of 900. The total assets of Lodges are \$24,184.29. Paid for relief \$5,473.29. Balance to credit of Grand Lodge \$1,627.89.

A portrait of the newly-elected Grand Chancellor appears as a frontispiece to the Journal. He is a good-looking Brother, and his autograph is so badly written we conclude he must be a very smart man. The printer has managed to get the column-heads of nearly all the tables upside down, and in some cases the tables are ditto.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Brother James Thompson, is very short; he gives from eight to twelve lines to a Jurisdiction. He says "the task of reading critically some forty or more Journals" requires more time "than can be spared from one's usual avocation," and then recommends that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal do the work in future and "be paid a suitable compensation" therefor. The Grand Lodge refused to adopt this recommendation.

Next session at Greenville, May 20, 1893.

CHAS. CARROLL SIMMS, G. C., Barnwell.

P. H. WALSH, G. K. R. S., Florence.

G. L. SWEENEY, Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Rock Hill.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Third annual session held at Pierre, June 7, 1892. (Journal received September 27.)

The Grand Chancellor, W. E. Tipton, concludes an interesting report as follows :—

“ I congratulate you, Brothers, on the present status of the Order. With one exception the Lodges in this Jurisdiction are all in good working condition. With material prosperity has come Pythian prosperity. Never since the Pythian banner was planted on the broad prairies of the Dakotas have the fires on the altars of our fraternal shrines burned so brightly as they do to-day.”

From the Journal we learn that six new Lodges have been instituted during the year ; total membership June, 1892, 1600, being a gain for the year of 438. The financial standing of Lodges is healthy.

There is no report from the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence ; although two Past Grand Chancellors are members of that committee.

Next session convenes at Chamberlain, the first Tuesday in June, 1893.

U. S. G. CHERRY, G. C., Sioux Falls.

A. E. WITTING, G. K. R. S., Henry.

W. E. TIPTON, Armour, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.—Twenty-first annual session held at Knoxville, May 3-5, 1892. (Journal received May 25 !)

The report of the Grand Chancellor is a very modest document, and not longer than necessary. A gain of 14 new Lodges and one reorganized is shown and the Jurisdiction ought to be satisfied. Two Lodges reported the loss of one Ritual each, and a search by the Deputy Grand Chancellors brought out the discreditable fact that these Rituals had been missing a term or two before reported. At last accounts they had not been recovered. The suggestion of the committee to whom this matter was referred should be adopted by every Grand Jurisdiction. It is as follows :—

“ The Chancellor Commander should be cautioned when installed to see and know that the Rituals are safely under lock at the adjournment of each meeting of his Lodge. The practice of permitting officers elect to take the Rituals from the lodge-room to memorize their parts cannot be too severely censured. It is a violation of the law, and we recommend in future that charges be preferred against Chancellor Commanders for a violation or neglect of this duty ; and, if it be found that they knowingly violated or willfully neglected their duty in this respect, their office shall be declared vacant.”

(This Committee, by the way, presented an excellent report all through.)

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal White gives the present membership 5630, increase 1,087 ; number of Lodges 69, increase of 15. Expended for relief \$8559.05. The balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer was \$7347.87.

This Jurisdiction has no Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next session at Jackson, the first Wednesday in May, 1893.

H. R. HOWARD, G. C., Tullahoma.

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

TEXAS.—Nineteenth annual session held at Galveston, March 15, 1892. (Journal received July 18.)

Notwithstanding the addition of 36 Lodges and the loss of only one, the Grand Chancellor does not think the Order has grown as rapidly in his Jurisdiction as it should have done. But judging from the number of Lodges, their financial standing and their large membership, we who know personally nothing of Texas are constrained to believe that General Phil Sheridan must have been decidedly astray when he made his famous report on the condition of that State. Under the head of "Recommendations" the Grand Chancellor draws attention to the practice of electioneering for office, which he very rightly condemns. If the office is allowed to seek the man, it will unquestionably select the fittest; but where invariably the man seeks the office, then the office must suffer, as in the majority of cases the man's ambition overshadows his ability.

From the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we learn that 36 new Lodges and a net increase in membership of over 2500 is the result shown for the past year. What a glorious future for Pythianism in the Lone Star State! The number of Lodges at the close of the year was 156; membership 9666; total assets of Lodges at December, 1891, \$124,884.02, being a gain for the year of \$37,692.17. This is a commendable showing of which our Texas Brethren should feel proud. The balance in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer was \$7566.60. This also shows a healthy condition of affairs. In concluding his report Brother Miller deplors the number of suspensions. This is a difficulty that Lodges everywhere have had to deal with, and a satisfactory solution has not yet been arrived at. It is hard for a Master of Finance to collect from a large and scattered membership. Would it not be better to employ a collector on commission.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee make a report covering twenty-four pages, which is well-written and reflects the highest credit on the committee.

The Journal is exceedingly well arranged, and is nicely printed on good paper. A frontispiece to the Journal contains portraits of the Grand Lodge Officers and Supreme Representatives. They are as fine a looking body of men as could be met in any community. No doubt Brother Smith, the Grand Outer Guard, will be advanced at their next session, as his reverend appearance fully entitles him to the position of Grand Prelate.

Next session convenes at San Antonio, in April, 1893.

JOHN M. ADAMS, G. C., Tyler.

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

E. A. STRICKLAND, Georgetown, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

UTAH.—Ninth annual session held at Park City, June 21, 1892. (Journal received October 13.)

Grand Chancellor William Husband's report is clear and concise; and everywhere he speaks of the good work being done in Utah to advance Pythianism.

The statistics furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal show that the increase in membership for the year ended December 31, 1891, was 61 per

cent., the total at that date being 1004. Number of Lodges June, 1891, 11; instituted during the year, 3; total 14. Total assets of Lodges at June, 1892, \$9862.24. Balance to credit of Grand Lodge, December, 1891, \$145.85. We quote a paragraph from Brother Geiger's report which we commend to the consideration of our Lodges:

"It is by no means a pleasant duty for your Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to be continually reminding Subordinate Officers of their duties and urging them to properly discharge them. . . . Almost all the machinery of the Grand Lodge is kept in position and in motion by the G. K. of R. and S., and unless he receives the hearty support and co-operation of the Subordinate Lodge Officers, the wheels and springs cannot be successfully moved as one harmonious whole. While the disorder of the lesser parts may not stop the great machine, yet its progress thereby becomes seriously impaired, and unless remedied, will eventually destroy it. Hence, I earnestly recommend that the term of office in Subordinate Lodges be placed at twelve instead of six months as at present."

There is no Committee on Fraternal Correspondence; but our Brethren have acted on the suggestion of their Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and appointed a committee for the present year. This is what Brother Geiger had to say in regard to the matter:

"I am more than ever impressed with the usefulness and necessity of a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. A conservative report from such a committee would be instructive and interesting. By such a report you will perceive what is transpiring in other Grand Jurisdictions, and the status of Pythianism in their midst; and I would heartily recommend the resuscitation of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, for in my opinion a Journal is not complete without a report from such committee."

Next session convenes at Ogden on the first Tuesday in May, 1893.

I. L. OSBORNE, G. C., Park City.

H. H. GEIGER, G. K. R. S., Ogden.

L. H. FARNSWORTH, Salt Lake City, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

VERMONT.—Third annual session held at St. Albans, October 14, 1891. (Journal received July 22, 1892!)

The Grand Chancellor says "a full year has gone by with unbroken ranks." One Lodge was instituted with "a charter membership of 43," and its chairs are filled with "live, earnest, active men." He reports a great interest being manifested by "people outside asking about our Order and seeking our Ranks." This closes Grand Chancellor Tinker's third term. There are 8 Lodges with a membership of 356, being a gain of 29. Paid for sick benefits, \$174.50; assets of Lodges, \$3013.63. The Grand Lodge has assets (including supplies, ledger balances and cash) \$71.34, liabilities, \$69.25, which is pretty close figuring. The per capita tax was raised from 25 cents to 40 cents.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee have the correct *idea* of what is intended, though we cannot imagine why our Brethren dislike following the plan of older Jurisdictions, viz.: review the latest Journal to hand, (as we are doing at this moment.) Bearing in mind the fact that "printers' ink though valuable is expensive," they endeavored to make their report as brief as possible. They

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succeeded admirably, and in most cases said "good morning" and "good bye" in one breath. Brother Moore's closing remarks are "right to the point," though we are sorry to notice he "declined before receiving a reappointment" to act on this committee again. His report is a good one, but there was not enough of it. We hope his successor will "branch out" a little, and if necessary, get Brother Moore to help him out.

Next session to be held at such place as Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall designate.

N. A. BAILEY, G. C., Rutland.

O. H. HENDERSON, G. K. R. S., St. Johnsbury.

A. H. GEORGE, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee. (No address.)

VIRGINIA.—Twenty-fourth annual session held at Leesburg, February 16-18, 1892. (Journal received July 7.)

From Grand Chancellor Olivier's report we take the following:—

"It is a matter of profound congratulation to me, in laying down the office of Grand Chancellor, to be able to report that our noble Order has made no step backwards during the past year. Our banners still float high, our Knights still keep the Ranks I have every reason to believe that this has been the most prosperous increase of membership for several years."

These figures give the standing of the Order: Membership, 3493, increase, 374; Lodges, 51, increase, 1; (4 were instituted and 1 restored, but 4 surrendered charters.) The Lodges expended \$14,371.25 for relief and have on hand and invested, 46,766.02. The Grand Lodge balance is \$1127.98.

Major-General Carnahan was introduced during the session and addressed the Brethren.

This resolution was passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor be instructed to visit in person or cause to be visited by some Grand Officer every Subordinate Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction at least once during the ensuing Pythian Period, and that the sum of \$300 (or so much thereof as may be necessary) be appropriated to defray the expenses of such visits."

If the Grand Chancellor for any reason cannot visit all the Lodges he should have authority to deputize some competent Brother. Similar action could be profitably adopted in many Jurisdictions (our own included.)

This is all we could find of the Fraternal Correspondence report:—

"Past Grand Chancellor John H. Alexander, No. 32, on behalf of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, stated that all the report was not in hand, and asked permission that the same be printed in the Journal without reading.

"On motion, the request was granted."

It is in order for Brother Alexander to rise and explain! It isn't in the Journal.

Next session at Richmond, the third Tuesday in February, 1893.

ISAAC DIGGS, G. C., West Point.

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

W. L. OLIVIER, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Staunton.

WASHINGTON.—Ninth annual session held at Tacoma, May 17-19, 1892. (Journal received September 19.)

After the Committee on Credentials had reported, the following motion passed: "that the members present not provided with Past Chancellor's jewels be allowed to retain seats without them." If it is not lawful for a Knight to remain in his Lodge while in session without wearing a jewel or collar, how can a Grand Chancellor permit Past Chancellors to remain in Grand Lodge without wearing the proper jewel of office? We would advise our Washington friends to look up the law on this point and provide jewels for the Past Chancellors who attend their next Grand Lodge session; otherwise the Supreme Chancellor may sit down on them. In looking over the Journal we find the following item, which would indicate that there is a scarcity of hats as well as jewels among the Past Chancellors who attend the Grand Lodge sessions of Washington:

"Early in the session Brother W. G. Ronald had the misfortune to lose his hat, and as he had on several occasions requested its return without avail, a number of members interested themselves in the case, took up a collection and purchased what at one time in the dim and misty past had been an elegant tile, and at this time duly presented it to the unfortunate brother, who was so completely prostrated by this unexpected act of generosity that he was not able to make a suitable response."

From the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we find that 17 new Lodges have been added for the year and a gain in membership of 768. The total number of Lodges at January, 1892, was 76; membership, 4032. The finances of Grand and Subordinate Lodges shows considerable gain.

There is no report from Fraternal Correspondence Committee, which we very much regret.

Next session to be held at North Yakima, on the third Tuesday in May, 1893.

FRED. W. AGATZ, G. C., Ellensburg.

A. BEAMER, G. K. R. S., Sprague.

J. B. CALDWELL, Delta, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Twenty-second annual session held at Parkersburg, October 13-15, 1891. (Journal received January 4, 1892.)

Grand Chancellor Connelly was able to make a good showing for the term. He says he "served the Order to the best of his ability." Thirteen new Lodges were instituted, and the "prospects are bright" for his successor in several towns visited in which no Lodges exist. Eight of the new Lodges have organized Divisions of the Uniform Rank.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal places the membership at 3222, increase 636, with 59 Lodges; (he also mentions four other Lodges with a membership of 112 instituted since close of term). There was distributed for relief and funerals \$10,338.43. Cash balance in Grand Lodge exchequer \$1490.72. The Order is in splendid condition in this Jurisdiction.

The following recommendation of the Grand Chancellor, having been reported favorably upon by the Committee on Law and Supervision, was laid over until next session:

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of a committee of three on correspondence, and that the G. K. of R. & S. should be a member of said committee, from the fact that *he is in possession of data in relation to the Order in other Grand Jurisdictions, that others may not have.*"

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal who can keep up with the "data" annually needed for this report will have little time to earn his salary! We suppose there will not be a report until this proposed legislation is enacted. And this was the twenty-second session, too!

Next session at Wheeling the second Tuesday in October, 1892.

REV. J. F. CHENOWETH, G. C., Wheeling.

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

WISCONSIN.—Twenty-first annual session held at La Crosse, March 8-9, 1892. (Journal received May 20.)

Grand Chancellor Weed had a successful year. The Brethren in this Jurisdiction are great on "appeals." There seems to be some one ready to appeal on the slightest provocation. One of the Grand Chancellor's deputies in presenting his report embodies the following, but no notice whatever has been taken of it. It certainly seems a scandalous piece of work to increase Lodge dues for the purposes named and to do so without the sanction of the Grand Lodge or its Grand Chancellor; but it seems to us just as bad that neither the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Lodge should take any notice of such action after it has been brought to their notice. Here is the paragraph (*italics ours*):

"The annual dues have been raised from \$3.00 per year to \$15.00, this unusual amount being thought necessary in order to defray expenses of the club rooms which are run in connection with the Lodge. This amendment to the by-laws was not made in writing, neither has it been submitted for your sanction or approval. In your opinion is the by-law binding? A practice has grown since the opening of the new Castle Hall and club rooms adjoining, of proposing and balloting upon honorary members, said associate or honorary members being allowed the use of the club rooms only. Is this constitution, and should it be allowed to continue?"

"Honorary members" should not be known in connection with a Lodge of our Order, and "the powers that be" should lose no time in dealing with this case.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives the membership as 5103, an increase of 792; number of Lodges 82, a gain of 11. Brother Barry complains that the Subordinate Lodges are "more dilatory than ever before" in forwarding semi-annual returns, notwithstanding special legislation along this line was adopted at the previous session of this Grand Lodge.

It seems from the report before us that the Wisconsin Lodges do just as they please, without regard to constitution, laws or anything else. In the interests of Pythianism we sincerely hope the newly-elected Grand Chancellor will make an effort to enforce the laws of the Order.

—The Fraternal Correspondence Committee (Brother W. J. Whipple) presents a very good report in which our Journal is reviewed.

Next session at Superior on the last Tuesday in May, 1893.

H. A. GEORGE, G. C., Superior.

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

W. J. WHIPPLE, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Superior.

WYOMING.—Eighth annual session held at Laramie, August 10, 11, 1891. (Journal received December 20.)

Grand Chancellor Clark hands to his successor "a Jurisdiction increased in material holdings, in the number of Knights enrolled and in the number of Lodges—a Jurisdiction freed from internal dissensions, quickened in fraternal interest and alive with Pythian enthusiasm. We have every reason to congratulate ourselves, for we are on the move and faced in the right direction;" and he gives figures in support of what he says. His report is a gem.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal C. S. Greenbaum, we learn that the number of members one year ago was 471 and the number of Lodges was eight. To-day the membership numbers 546 while the roster of Lodges has been increased by two. Paid for relief, \$956.50; total assets, \$13,429.60. Grand Lodge balance, \$130.20.

This Journal is one of the best we have handled, in arrangement and make up.

The Fraternal Correspondence report is a good one, Brother W. E. Chaplin being chairman and doing the work. That "mantle" didn't fit too badly, after all! Probably by this time one would almost think it had been made for you. All the Journals received are reviewed in a report occupying some twenty-five pages.

Ninth annual session held at Cheyenne, August 8-10, 1892. (Journal received November 28.)

The Grand Chancellor's report is brief, but full of encouragement. We quote a paragraph:—

"While we cannot rejoice over the accession of new Lodges, we may be justly proud of the steady, healthy growth and general harmony which prevails throughout the entire Jurisdiction. The Lodges have been stimulated to exercise greater care in the selection of material for membership, and to practice more harmony and brotherly love, one to another, carefully sifting out the seeds of strife and turmoil, thus raising higher and higher the standard, until the bell of our noble Order rings with no uncertain sound throughout the entire commonwealth of our young Wyoming."

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows the membership at June 30, 1892, 584; increase for the year, '46. The total assets of the 10 Lodges at date is given as \$16,453.25. The balance in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer is \$122.40.

Forty-eight pages of the Journal is occupied by the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, who make a fine report. From a very flattering notice of our own Jurisdiction we quote the following:—

"The Journal is a small one of sixty-eight pages, but is well printed and made up.

"This is one of the smallest and youngest Jurisdictions of the Order, but it is making rapid strides towards advancement and will some day be numbered among the strongest and healthiest of the Grand Lodges.

"An amendment to the constitution was adopted prescribing that a member to be eligible to the office of Grand Chancellor must first have served as a minor officer of the Grand Lodge. This is all very well in large Jurisdictions, but in the smaller ones it does not seem as though there was anything in particular demanding such qualifications of the Grand Chancellor.

"The report on Fraternal Correspondence is a very creditable one and would

do honor to any of the large Jurisdictions. However, Wyoming was snubbed. How is it thus?"

In reply to the last paragraph, we would say that Wyoming meeting about the same time as our own Grand Lodge makes it somewhat difficult to get anything very late to review: but this year, the Journal of 1892 being received just a few days before our own was printed, we gave orders "to stop the press" and find a place for this notice. As will be found on looking over the foregoing report we have briefly reviewed the proceedings of several Jurisdictions whose Journals reached us since our Grand Lodge met. This we shall always endeavor to do, where a Journal is got out in good season.

But here is a matter which we cannot account for; probably the printer is to blame. The outside page of the cover to the Journal has the name of P. J. Gosden, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; while we notice on page 354 of the Journal that Past Chancellor C. S. Greenbaum was installed into that office.

Next session will be held at the City of Rawlins, in September, 1893.

W. A. RICHARDS, G. C., Cheyenne.

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

WM. E. CHAPLIN, Laramie, chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

KANSAS.—Twenty-first annual session held at Pittsburg, May 17, 18, 1892. (Journal received June 19.)

Grand Chancellor Walker reports the year a most prosperous one, many new Lodges organized and others revived. He says official opinions were asked "upon almost every subject covered by our laws," and reasonably suggests that members might materially lighten the correspondence and work of the Grand Chancellor by simply referring to the law of the Order before submitting questions for official decision. He had "hundreds" of such questions asked. We heartily agree with the following, and know of many Jurisdictions where reform is needed in this respect:—

"After one year's experience in the office of Grand Chancellor, I am more fully convinced than ever that the allowances made the office are not sufficient. The brother who properly discharges the duties of the high and honorable position is called upon to make sacrifices that few of us can afford. I feel that it is wrong to ask any Brother to perform the arduous duties of the position without compensation. Under the present condition of affairs he cannot give the attention to Lodges that is desirable."

The condition of the Order is given by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as follows: 11,754 members, increase 1217; 220 Lodges, increase 23; 1056 were suspended and 219 reinstated. There was paid for relief under all heads, \$19,763.85; total assets of Subordinate Lodges, \$166,058.16.

The hundred dollar report of Brother McDowell, "Fraternal Correspondent," is a well written and interesting document. He reviews fifty Journals and is most liberal in expressing his opinion. Our Journal is "not so extensive as some" he has examined, "but is one of the neatest and most comprehensive of any." Of

our Fraternal Correspondence report he thinks "as a 'love offering'—that is doing a good deal of work without pay—" our committee "did their work well." Thanks, Brother; that's our way. He complains of the "time and money" wasted by Grand Lodges in considering needless questions of individual members; was "vexed more than a little" at the leanness of a majority of the reports of Grand Chancellors, and the ridiculous habit too many of them have of embodying in their reports every official circular issued or document received during the term; and is "fernist" (whatever that may be) the Grand Lodge Rank, which he considers a useless appendage to Grand Lodge sessions. While we admire the Brother's modesty, we are loth to accept his statement—that "probably not a dozen of the Brethren will take the trouble to read" his report—as a fair estimate of their opinion of his production; for we would consider the expenditure of one hundred dollars wholly unwarranted if it was anticipated only one in a thousand would think the report worth reading. Indeed, for the entertainment of such a small percentage we think one dollar would be about right, considering the fact that the treasury is so low. But if he is correct we must agree with Brother McDowell that more *money* (if not time) is "frittered away" in (some) Grand Lodge sessions "than there is any necessity for." As to the large number of questions already answered which Grand Chancellors and Grand Lodges have to consider we have frequently "wept" (as it were) over the thoughtlessness of our Brethren; but it is a revelation that there is such a universal feeling against the Grand Lodge Rank. Really, Mac, is it a fact that "every Past Chancellor from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Louisiana is heartily tired" of it? Suppose you give us something to discuss—something having a faint semblance to a *reason* for doing away with this Rank—and then, if it is a good one, count us with you; and with all those Past Chancellors to whom you refer on your side, the path to the chair of the Supreme Lodge will be an easy one, and you will not have to be less candid in expressing your opinions, even "for policy's sake." And when you do reach that honorable position how eagerly we shall watch for that ideal "message" instead of the commonplace report which has been the rule.

Next session in the City of Salina, the third Tuesday in May, 1893.

TULLY SCOTT, G. C., Oberlin.

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

S. O. McDOWELL, Fraternal Correspondent, Lansing.

LOUISIANA.—Twelfth annual session held at Alexandria, May 16-19, 1892. (Journal received August 29.)

The report of Grand Chancellor Heard tells this story:

"It is highly gratifying to note the rapid growth and healthy financial condition of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is a source of encouragement, as well as a reward, to the many zealous Knights who have labored faithfully to promote and advance our cause, to know that their efforts have been marked by a great degree of success, and all should feel amply repaid for the labor given in securing such happy results.

"Twelve new Lodges have been organized and instituted since my term of office began, with an aggregate membership, at the time of institution, of 408, which has constantly increased since that time.

"There has also been quite an increase in the membership of the older Lodges,

and we now have a total membership of 7912, with 93 Lodges in good standing. It is with no small degree of pleasure that I announce that no suspensions [of Lodges] have occurred during the past twelve months.

"The assets of Subordinate Lodges, including investments, real estate, paraphernalia and cash, on December 31, 1891, amounted to \$92,849.64. From December 31, 1890, to December 31, 1891, there was paid out by the several Lodges for sick benefits \$17,755; for funeral benefits \$5,205.95; other reliefs, including the education of orphans, \$3,487.22; aggregating for relief during the period named \$26,448.17."

There seems to be need of caution in several Jurisdictions along the line indicated by Brother McLean, G. K. R. S., as follows:—

"I would like to call the attention of the Officers of the Subordinate Lodges to a great responsibility that rests on them in the proper care of the Rituals and secret work entrusted to them, especially to those officers in the city Lodges, where Lodges meet in rooms occupied by other organizations.

"After a lengthy session and in a hurry to get home, the proper care in putting away the paraphernalia is overlooked, and lately complaints have come to this office, of Rituals being left out, secret work exposed, and other derelictions that must not occur.

"Remember your obligations as Knights and your pledges as Officers, and let the Chancellor Commander of each Lodge make it his business before leaving the Lodge room to see that everything is carefully put away and properly locked up. A little trouble on the part of the officers will put an end to complaints and keep our secrets inviolate.

"It is unpleasant to mention this, after so much good, faithful work has been done, but duty demands it, and I am satisfied that the mere mention of the fact will make the Brothers more careful in the future."

There were three members on the Fraternal Correspondence Committee, two of whom failed to report. One sent a telegram stating that it was impossible for him to do the work because of "sickness and other matters;" another "has not yet been heard from;" while the third submits a report of the "review of seventeen Journals furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal." A "note of apology" states that Brother W. F. Norsworthy is the only member of the committee who attended to his duties. Shake, Brother N. We like a Brother who attends to his duties, and have little patience with those who do not. We are glad our Journal fell into your hands, and hope we may have the same luck next time, as we do not like to be neglected. A full report is promised next time..

Next session at Lake Charles, the third Monday in May, 1893.

J. Z. SPEARING, G. C., New Orleans.

J. A. McLEAN, G. K. R. S., Box 394, New Orleans.

W. F. NORSWORTHY, Jackson, chairman of Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

MICHIGAN.—Nineteenth annual session held at Bay City, March 16, 17, 1892. (Journal received August 23.)

Evidently Grand Chancellor Page was under heavy pressure most of his term. Like many another worthy brother he started in with a determination to accomplish great things, but found it impossible to carry out his good intentions, because of business and other duties which—he not being a millionaire—could not be neglected. Here is an extract or two from his report:—

"When I accepted at your hands the high honor conferred on me . . . I felt it was the happiest moment of my life . . . That pleasure will, perhaps, never be exceeded unless it be at the moment when my successor shall accept this gavel from my hands.

"Much to my regret and sorrow, and oftentimes, correspondence has suffered delay, to the annoyance of my Brother Knights. I beg pardon for all of these omissions, assuring you that it was through no neglect or laches of mine, but due to the physical inability to perform an unreasonable amount of work in the hours which nature would permit me to labor. At times this has been almost unrecalculable, and many sleepless nights, filled with worry and anxiety, have been the result to me. No disastrous results have followed, but often, perhaps, embarrassment.

"To enumerate the thousands of letters written would signify but little to you . . . The daily mail coming to the Grand Chancellor is simply appalling. A week's absence from home furnishes an accumulation never to be overcome, and furnishes a source of discomfiture which causes one to shudder and wish at times he had never been born.

"The experiences of the past year have brought to my notice many evils and omissions in the machinery of our organization which need revision. To enumerate them all would startle the Brothers, and an adoption of them all would so revolutionize the system as to breed confusion. Only the most important will be considered at this time, arguing the force of their necessity.

"It is a matter of astonishment how many Lodges are doing work incorrectly, simply from a lack of knowledge as to how to do it properly."

He recommended doing away with District Deputies and substituting a grand lecturer and instructor at a fair salary. The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution authorizing the Grand Chancellor to procure the services of a "State Grand Chancellor" at \$600 a year above travelling expenses.

From the report of Brother J. W. Hopkins, the diligent Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we take the following:

"While we have not instituted so many new Lodges as were reported in our last, yet the net increase among the older Lodges has been very gratifying indeed, and under the circumstances surrounding us during the past year, we have abundant reason for mutual congratulations. . . . The outlook is encouraging, and with energy on the part of all there is no good reason why the year upon which we are entering should not add more good Lodges than any previous one to our already bright array."

Seventeen Lodges were instituted during the term and two were reinstated, while two forfeited charters and there were two delinquents; present Lodges 126, a gain of 14. After deducting loss of 857 members by suspension, death, and other causes, the membership is 8289, a gain of 1298 for the year. The Lodges paid \$7440.20 for relief; assets, \$92,122.73. Balance to credit of Grand Lodge, \$4440.81.

The Fraternal Correspondence report has an introduction written by Brother C. E. Baker, who was "appointed to fill a vacancy" caused by the resignation of that well known and worthy reviewer Brother J. E. Sawyer, who was obliged (as sometimes happens to zealous workers) to give more attention to private affairs. We trust Brother Sawyer may again be able to "take his pen in hand;" but we are "struck" on his successor. Brother Baker's introduction states that being "without experience," and a "young Pythian," he felt unequal to the task. He presents a good report, just the same, and we like the style in which he writes, and regret to notice he has been omitted from this committee for next year.

This paragraph from the introduction should be written upon the heart of every member of our Order, with an accent on the words we have italicized :—

"Ours is, indeed, a noble Order, founded on the practice of manly and Christian virtues, which, *if properly and consistently observed*, would make not only the members of the Order, but the world at large better in every way."

Hope to hear from you some day soon, Charley !

Next session at Detroit, May 17, 1893.

W. H. LOOMIS, G. C., Grand Rapids.

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

A. S. WHITE, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Grand Rapids.

MISSISSIPPI.—Nineteenth annual session held at Biloxi, May 10, 11, 1892. (Journal received August 29.)

The term of Grand Chancellor Aldrich was a very successful one, and a busy one as well. He presents a list of seventy decisions, the majority being covered by the constitution and by-laws of the Order. We respectfully call attention of *all* Jurisdictions to the following, which we find among the decisions :

6th. *Query*—Can a foreigner of good moral character be received into membership?

Answer—We are Knights of Pythias of the world, and any white male of good moral character, sound in health, who is a believer in a Supreme Being, and has been a resident of this Grand Jurisdiction for at least (6) six months next preceding his application, and who can write, is eligible for membership.

We want to see "world" spelled with a big "W." Too many of our Brethren in the United States cannot bring themselves to believe there is any portion of the world worth mentioning outside of their own country. Even that worthy Pythian, Mayor-General James R. Carnahan, overlooked the fact in a speech we saw reported in the Pythian papers ; which, by the way, we hope to bring to his notice first time we have the pleasure of meeting him.

From the brief and business-like report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Joseph L. Maganos, we gather the following : membership 4121, an increase of 1010 ; lodges 71, a gain of 14. The amount paid for relief was \$3588.93 ; assets \$75,756.22 ; balance in Grand Lodge treasury \$2,729.51 (the Grand Master of Exchequer gives balance as \$2,912.66).

We are sorry our southern Brethren have no Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Canton was selected as place for next session, the second Tuesday in May, 1893, being the date.

HARRY PEYTON, G. C., Bolton.

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

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St. John, N. B., September 19, 1892.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

Your Representatives attended the seventeenth session of the Supreme Lodge, which was opened at Kansas City, Missouri, on the 23d ult. At 9.30, a. m., the officers and members assembled and marched to the Grand Opera House, where addresses of welcome were given by Major Cowherd, Governor Francis, Grand Chancellor Harber, of Missouri, and Major William Warner, all of which were fittingly replied to by Supreme Chancellor Shaw; after which the officers and members proceeded to the Scottish Rite Hall, which had been secured for Supreme Lodge. Immediately after the Supreme Lodge had been called to order, the Representatives from South Dakota presented the Supreme Lodge with a beautiful granite gavel block and a fine gavel made of tin from the Etta mine, the first tin mine discovered in the state. Representative Charles A. Lee, of Rhode Island, was appointed official reporter. Past Supreme Chancellor D. B. Woodruff was appointed sitting Past Supreme Chancellor, *pro tem.*, and Supreme Representative D. J. Turner, Supreme Master-at-Arms, *pro tem.* The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented their report, which was adopted. The Past Grand Chancellors in waiting were admitted and received the Rank. The Supreme Lodge Officers submitted their reports, all of which are very complete, and show that the Order is in a most flourishing condition.

The following are extracts from the

REPORT OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

No fraternal organization known to modern times has been able in the twenty-ninth year of its existence, to record so marvellous a growth, so wonderful a development, such an irresistible advance in all material things which make a

fraternity important, as has marked the career of the Order of Knights of Pythias since the accredited representatives of our membership were in session in Milwaukee in July, 1890.

The geometrical progression of increase in membership which has marked the Order for the past few years, while intensely gratifying to the devotees of Pythian Knighthood, and which is the fruitage of germs planted in prolific soil, has so far exceeded our most sanguine expectations as to awaken in thoughtful minds the fear that our unparalleled prosperity is in fact our greatest danger, and that our prodigious strength is really our weakness.

But few clouds of discontent and misunderstanding have arisen during the past few years to obscure the mellow sunshine of our prosperity, and yet we must not forget that the harmony which now prevails is in some respects the logical outcome of misunderstandings of a serious nature in the past, which were cleared up by official acts at critical times, of courage born of the conviction that the principles upon which our Order is builded are as unchangeable as the everlasting hills, and that the right must surely prevail.

Notwithstanding the enthusiasm which now prevails; despite the harmony which is almost universal and notwithstanding the apparent unanimity of opinion with which we are prone to regard the status of our Order, I must impress upon the minds of our Pythian legislators that the session now commenced can be, and ought to be made in many respects the most important ever participated in by the officers and representatives of the Supreme Lodge.

Broad gauge, liberal, courageous consideration, should be given to the important matters which will engage your attention at this session.

If a well understood commercial expression may be employed, plans should be adopted to still further "departmentize" the management of this great Order, and by a more general distribution of routine work and incidental responsibilities, relieve the Officers of the Supreme Lodge of a rapidly increasing mass of details, and in this manner provide for the proper performance by those directly in interest, of much work which must, under present conditions, be performed in a manner less punctilious than perfunctory.

THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

At the time our Pythian Congress was last in session, July, 1890, the numerical strength of the membership of the Order, as shown by the official reports for the year ended December 31, 1889, was as follows :

Number of Grand Lodges.....	47
Number of Subordinate Lodges.....	3,724
Membership of the Order.....	263,847

The official reports for the year ended December 31, 1890, show :—

Number of Grand Lodges.....	51
Number of Subordinate Lodges.....	4,269
Membership of the Order.....	308,290

For the year ended December 31, 1891 :—

Number of Grand Lodges.....	51
Number of Subordinate Lodges.....	4,900
Membership of the Order.....	357,924

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And unofficial reports as of July 1, 1892, show :—

Number of Grand Lodges	54
Number of Subordinate Lodges	5,366
Membership of the Order	393,716

From the foregoing is made the following computation :

Membership of the Order, July 1, 1890	283,599
Membership of the Order, July 1, 1892	393,716

or an increase in the two years ended July 1, 1892, of 110,117, being at the rate of 39 per cent. for the time.

At the present rate of progress, it will be safe to say that the membership is now fully 408,000

From the foregoing it may be seen that the increase of membership during the present administration has been approximately 120,800, being a greater number of Knights of Pythias than composed the entire membership of the Order at the end of the first nineteen years of its existence.

When we reflect that a greater number of Knights of Pythias have been added to our rosters during the past twenty-five months, than during the first nineteen years of our existence, the increasing importance of the Order becomes more and more apparent.

CONDITION OF THE SUPREME EXCHEQUER.

The financial condition of the Order will be a gratification to all. Never in our history have we been able to make such a satisfactory exhibit.

The report of the Supreme Master of Exchequer will show a balance on hand much greater than at any previous time in our history.

The following table of comparisons will illustrate the prosperous condition of Supreme Lodge finances, and will evidence an economical and conservative management thereof :

Balance on hand April 1, 1888	\$25,737.48
Do do April 1, 1889	18,807.30
Do do April 1, 1890	27,796.65
Do do April 1, 1891	25,811.00
Do do April 1, 1892	58,191.00
Do do July 1, 1892	72,826.33

of which amount there is

Invested at 4 per cent. subject to 30 days' call	\$50,000.00
Cash in hands of S. M. of E.	22,826.33

REVISION OF THE RITUAL.

At each succeeding session of the Supreme Lodge for many years the desire has been expressed that there should be a thorough revision or reconstruction of the Ritual, but the gratification of such a desire involved preparation for an undertaking of great magnitude, and it was only in deference to a general demand, the consideration of which could not be longer delayed, that the Supreme Lodge at the session of 1890, and in secret session, took the necessary action to provide for the proper revision of the Ritual.

Acting under authority, I appointed as the special committee on revision of the Ritual,

D. F. Glidden, S. R., Michigan, chairman.
 Walter B. Richie, S. R., Ohio.
 R. L. C. White, S. K. R. S.
 W. A. Radcliffe, S. R., Missouri.
 E. E. French, S. R., Nebraska.

The peculiar qualifications of the Brothers to whom was entrusted this important work will be recognized by all, and I shall not hazard too much by saying that the punctiliously careful manner in which the work of revision has been performed, and the superb literary production which the committee will submit as the result of their labors, will happily disappoint even those who may entertain the highest expectations regarding it.

The committee has had eight sessions, and as I have attended most of them, and have read the finished work, I speak with confidence of the general character of the production.

It is without doubt the acme of literary and dramatic perfection, is without flaw or blemish, and is a Ritual of which the Order may well be proud.

The work is complete in every detail, and should be adopted in its entirety. An attempt to amend it will be an example of gilding refined gold, and I think the force of this argument will be apparent as soon as the report is made.

The Order Universal is anxiously awaiting the appearance of the Ritual, and I trust it will be accepted by the Supreme Lodge by a unanimous vote.

We witnessed an exemplification of the revised Ritual and can corroborate all that has been said by the Supreme Chancellor, both as regards the beauty of the work and the ability of the committee.

ORPHANS OF THE FOUNDER.

The Order of Knights of Pythias owes to the memory of Justus H. Rathbone a never ending debt of gratitude for the work done for humanity by the illustrious founder of the Order. As a result of his inspiration, 400,000 loyal men are now marching under the banner of Pythianism.

Brother Rathbone was never rich in this world's goods, and at his death was in moderate circumstances, and left two daughters, but scantily provided with means to live comfortably, although the young ladies are highly educated, and are women of culture and refinement. They are truly daughters of the Order of Knights of Pythias.

Inspired by a desire that the daughters of the Founder should not be unprotected for, the Supreme Lodge at the session of 1890 adopted the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That the Supreme Chancellor be, and he is hereby instructed to inquire into the pecuniary condition of the daughters of Justus H. Rathbone, and if assistance is needed, to relieve their necessities. He is hereby authorized in his discretion to draw from the treasury of the Supreme Lodge so much as may be needed for such purpose, not to exceed \$1000, which sum is hereby appropriated."

Knowing the reluctance of the young ladies to discuss the question, and recog-

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nizing in Supreme Master of Exchequer, S. J. Willey, one who could conduct a conference in a dignified and delicate manner, I requested him to personally visit the Misses Rathbone, and assure them that the Supreme Lodge would consider it a privilege to be of such assistance to them in a financial way as would enable them to live comfortably.

Brother Willey conducted the conference with consummate tact and delicacy, and as a result of the several visits which he made for the purpose, an arrangement was finally concluded, by which a monthly payment of \$30 is to be made to each of the daughters. Being limited by the appropriation made by the Supreme Lodge, I have authorized the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to send to each of the daughters, Sara Dwight Rathbone and Lucetta S. S. Rathbone, the monthly payment as above, beginning January 1st, 1892, and continuing until September 1st, 1892. This arrangement should be authorized for the future by resolution of the Supreme Lodge, as, for the reasons stated, it will without further legislation terminate by limitation by the payment to be made September 1st of this year.

I recommend that a resolution making the payment of \$30 each month to each of the daughters of the founder, be adopted at this session of the Supreme Lodge.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The creation of this new committee was an experiment, but I am satisfied that it was a wise movement.

The eminent Pythians composing the Council have performed their work with a thoroughness and fidelity to detail which deserves the highest commendation.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

The members of the Order in the Hawaiian Islands have been very anxious that a Grand Lodge be instituted in that Jurisdiction, and have made application as provided by law for authority to institute a Grand Lodge.

In view of the fact that at present the cost to the Supreme Lodge of a Grand Lodge organization in Hawaii would greatly exceed the revenue, and, as from the best information obtainable, it is evident that the membership of the Order in Hawaii will not be materially increased, for the reason that there is a lack of available material for such increase, I was unwilling to exercise the discretion vested in me by the constitution, to approve the application for, and authorize the institution of a Grand Lodge.

Believing the question to be one of sufficient importance to obtain an expression from the officers and members of the Supreme Lodge, a circular was sent to each officer and member of the Supreme Lodge, presenting the case fairly, and asking for an opinion. The responses which were made to this circular were as follows:

Yes	21
No	55
Non-committal	8
Total	84

Thus it may be seen the consensus of Pythian opinion was opposed to the authorization by the Supreme Chancellor of a Grand Lodge in Hawaii, and ac.

cepting these opinions as the verdict of the Supreme Lodge, the application made through the Deputy Supreme Chancellor of Hawaii was denied.

Inasmuch as many of the negative responses received expressed the opinion that the question should be considered by the Supreme Lodge, I respectfully refer to the Supreme Lodge at this session the application made by the Subordinate Lodges of Hawaii for authority to institute a Grand Lodge in their Jurisdiction, and I trust the Supreme Lodge will take formal action upon such application.

The action of Supreme Chancellor was approved by Supreme Lodge. He makes a feeling reference to the death of Past Supreme Chancellor Van Valkenburg, who died since the session at Milwaukee two years ago, and also refers to the death of four others who attended the Supreme Lodge session in 1890.

DECISIONS RENDERED BY SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

1. *Query*: "In the absence of any Grand Lodge legislation to the contrary, can a Grand Chancellor during recess authorize a Subordinate Lodge to change its name?"

Answer: "Yes." Section 327 Official Digest is as follows: "The proper name of a Lodge in a territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge is the one designated in the warrant. The Brothers cannot change this name without authority."

2. *Query*: "Do amendments to a Grand Lodge Constitution go into effect without the approval of the Council of Administration ninety days after they are received by the Council, provided it is shown before the expiration of the ninety days that the said amendments were irregularly presented to the Council for consideration either by not having been transmitted through the proper channel or not being in accord with the code of rules adopted for the government of the Council?"

Answer: "No."

3. *Query*: "Are accident associations organized or conducted by members of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and using in their prospectuses, correspondence blanks, or literature, the name of the Order of Knights of Pythias, or any derivative thereof, authorized in any manner to use the name of the Order or any derivative thereof in the manner indicated, and if using the same, are such organizations existing in conflict with Supreme Lodge law?"

Answer: "Associations organized or conducted by members of the Order of Knights of Pythias for the purpose of providing for the members of such associations a weekly benefit in case of disability, or an indemnity in case of death, as a result of accident, exist without authority of the Supreme law, and all such associations are illegal if the name of the Order or any derivative thereof appears in their name, articles of incorporation or literature."

4. *Query*: "A member while he is in arrears for dues to his Lodge, is taken sick or becomes disabled, and during such sickness or disability he pays an amount sufficient to place him in 'good standing' as regards weekly benefits

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under the local laws. Does he by said payments become entitled to weekly benefits in any amount during that sickness or disability?"

Answer: "When a Grand Lodge so legislates, it is proper to deny even the minimum amount of weekly benefits prescribed by the Supreme Lodge to a member who is sufficiently in arrears under the local law to debar him from receiving benefits at the time of his becoming sick or disabled, and to continue to deny him the same during the entire duration of such sickness or disability, even though he should during the same liquidate his entire indebtedness to the Lodge."

5. *Query:* "Can a Grand Lodge at a session held upon a date within one year from the date upon which the preceding regular session was held, legally elect and instal officers? Will the officers who were succeeded or superseded by such installation be entitled to the honors of the offices which they severally vacate?"

Answer: To both queries "No."

6. *Query:* "Application for a withdrawal card is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 324, Official Digest, which provides for the disposition of such applications in cases where 'no Grand Lodge has been organized, &c.' Does the organization of a Grand Lodge in such State or territory thereby transfer jurisdiction from the Supreme Chancellor to the Grand Lodge?"

Answer: "No."

7. *Query:* "Can the holder of a withdrawal card residing in the Grand Jurisdiction in which the card was issued, or in another Grand Jurisdiction, deposit his card in a Lodge of a Jurisdiction other than the one in which he resides, without first having obtained the written consent of the Grand Chancellor of the Jurisdiction in which he resides?"

Answer: "No."

8. *Query:* "Had the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at its session in September, 1890, the right or authority to enact legislation proscribing the admission of saloon-keepers and bar-tenders to membership in the Order of Knights of Pythias within the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota?"

Answer: "Yes."

9. *Query:* "Does the enlistment of a member of the Order as a soldier in the regular army debar him from receiving sick or funeral benefits?"

Answer: "No."

10. *Query:* "Can a Grand Chancellor grant a dispensation for the admission to membership by initiation of a one-armed man?"

Answer: "Yes." Upon page 745 Supreme Lodge Journal, 1873, may be found the following:—

"Resolved, that this Supreme Lodge hereby authorize any Grand Lodge in open session to grant a dispensation to any of its subordinates to initiate a maimed person into the Order; provided, that in no instance shall a dispensation be granted to a person who is incapable of making an honest livelihood for himself and family."

"Upon pages 1235, 1285, 1286 and 1294 of the Journal of 1876, the discretion above granted to Grand Lodges when in session was extended to Grand Chancellors during the recess. It is therefore a matter entirely within your power and discretion to grant the dispensation in the case you mention."

11. *Query:* "Can a Grand Keeper of Records and Seal or any other Grand

Lodge Officer who has attained the Rank of Past Grand Chancellor, represent, during the incumbency of his office, his Grand Lodge in the Supreme Lodge as Supreme Representative?"

Answer: "Yes. This decision involves a decision that the Supreme Representatives are not properly officers of a Grand Lodge, although a forced construction of Section 3, Article vi, Supreme Lodge Constitution might include Supreme Representatives in the list of Grand Lodge officers. The concluding paragraph of the section in question, however, which I herewith quote:—

"And thereupon the Supreme Chancellor shall install or cause to be installed by a Deputy Supreme Chancellor, the officers elect of said Grand Lodge, etc.,"

assumes that the officers elected should be installed, and as there is no installation service or official obligation to be taken by Supreme Representatives, they must be excluded from the category of Grand Lodge Officers."

12. *Query:* "In case a Grand Lodge Constitution provides for the exercise of discretionary powers in stated cases, but makes no provision as to which officer of the Grand Lodge shall be vested with such discretionary powers; as between the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which officer shall exercise the discretion?"

Answer: "The Grand Chancellor. The law makes the duties of a Grand Chancellor executive in their nature, while the duties of a Grand Keeper of Records and Seal are only ministerial; it therefore follows, that where the provisions of a law permit the exercise of discretionary power, the exercise thereof must necessarily be vested in the officer whose duty it is to execute the law."

13. *Query:* "Would it be illegal or improper for a member of the Order to use the emblems of the Order or the initials of its mottoes as the name of a pleasure yacht owned by himself?"

Answer: "No. The legislation of the Supreme Lodge to the present time in relation to this subject only forbids the use of the name of the Order or its emblems by persons who wish to do so for pecuniary profit or advertising purposes. This being the case, it is in my opinion entirely proper, and in no way a violation of the law for the Brother to use the decoration and name."

14. *Query:* "In the absence of any Grand Lodge law to the contrary, has a Grand Chancellor the power to change the date fixed for holding the regular annual session of the Grand Lodge?"

Answer: "No. A Grand Chancellor has not the power to order a change in the date fixed by his Grand Lodge as the date for holding its regular annual session, unless authority to make such change of date is conferred on him by a constitutional, statutory or legislative enactment of his Grand Lodge?"

15. *Query:* "Is it proper to give an order for the S. A. P. W. and for one or more of the Rank passwords on the back of an official receipt?"

Answer: "The blank on the back of an official receipt is for a specific purpose, i. e., giving an order for the S. A. P. W., and it is therefore improper to use it for any other purpose. An order to communicate one or more of the Rank passwords must be separate and distinct from an order for the S. A. P. W."

16. *Query:* "How may membership in the Order be regained by a for-

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mer member suspended for non-payment of dues by a Subordinate Lodge which has since become defunct?"

Answer: "By applying to the Grand Lodge or to the proper Grand Officer for a Grand Lodge Card. This, when procured, can be offered for membership in an existing Lodge in the same manner as a withdrawal card."

17. *Query:* "Are the Pythian Sisters a branch or a side Rank of the Order of Knights of Pythias of the World?"

Answer: "No."

18. *Query:* "Are the said Pythian Sisters under the control and guidance of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World?"

Answer: "No."

19. *Query:* "Did the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World in secret session give the members of the Order of Knights of Pythias their consent to join said Pythian Sisters?"

Answer: "The proceedings of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World in secret session are not matters of public record, and cannot be disclosed."

20. *Query:* "If the Pythian Sisters are not a branch or side Rank of the Knights of Pythias, why was it necessary to take any action upon the matter?"

Answer: "There was and has been no absolute necessity of taking any action in the matter. Such of the Supreme Lodge deliberations as have pertained to the subject matter in question were inspired by motives of courtesy, and by reason of the traditional gallantry which has ever been the predominating characteristic of Knights of every age."

21. *Query:* "If the Pythian Sisters are a branch or a side Rank of the Knights of Pythias and are not under the control and guidance of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World, and the Supreme Lodge have given their consent that all members of the Knights of Pythias who wish, may join the said Pythian Sisters, is our obligation in the Page's Rank in respect to becoming members of such a branch or side Rank still in vogue, or is it null and void?"

Answer: "This query is disposed of by answer to one of the other queries, but to complete the reply will say that all portions of the Ritual, including the obligation in the Rank of Page are still in vogue, and that no portion of the said Ritual is null and void."

22. *Query:* "If the Pythian Sisters are a branch or side rank of the K. of P. and are not under the control and guidance of the Supreme Lodge K. of P. of the World, and our obligation is still sacred, how is it possible for a K. of P. to become a member of said Pythian Sisters without violating his obligation?"

Answer: "Every Knight of Pythias should, and probably does fully comprehend the obligations assumed by him when becoming a member of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and the most diligent search through the Ritual will fail to disclose anything to prevent a Knight of Pythias from becoming a member of any secret society, not in any manner directly or indirectly connected with the Order of Knights of Pythias."

23. *Query:* "Can a retiring Grand Chancellor at a regular annual Grand Lodge session, be elected to the offices of G. K. R. S. and Supreme Representative?"

Answer: "To the first part of the query, 'Yes;' to the second, 'No.' It has repeatedly been held that a retiring Grand Chancellor is not eligible to election as Supreme Representative before the newly-elected Grand Chancellor has been installed."

24. *Query:* "Must the consent of the Supreme Chancellor or Supreme Lodge be obtained by Grand Jurisdictions in order to organize relief bureaus for the care of Brothers from Sister Jurisdictions?"

Answer: "This question is answered by reference to Section 523 Official Digest."

25. *Query:* "Can the Chancellor Commander of a Subordinate Lodge, communicate the Rank P. W. to a visitor who is in possession of the S. A. P. W.?"

Answer: "This I think is fully answered by Sections 451 and 452 Official Digest."

The Supreme Chancellor gave full explanations with each decision, for which we refer you to his report.

The Committee on Law, to whom were referred the decisions of the Supreme Chancellor, made the following report which was approved:—

Your committee to whom was referred the decisions of the Supreme Chancellor would report that we have had the same under consideration and would recommend that the same be approved, except decision No. 11, upon which a special report has been filed by the committee overruling said decision.

Your committee on law, to whom was referred Decision eleven (11) of the Supreme Chancellor, relating to the election of Supreme Representative, beg leave to report, and recommend the adoption of the following:—

Resolved, That by the express terms of the Supreme Constitution, as set forth in Article vi, Section 3, and Article vii, Section 5, Supreme Representatives are Grand Lodge Officers.

Resolved, That the Supreme Lodge possesses the power to provide, by its Constitution, for officers of a Grand Lodge whose duties are not ritualistic, and the failure to provide for the installation of such officers in no wise lessens the force or effect of a provision of the Supreme Lodge Constitution, which prescribes such officers of a Grand Lodge, but for whom the Supreme Lodge has not deemed it necessary to provide a ceremony of installation; therefore be it

Resolved, That Decision eleven (11) of the Supreme Chancellor, appearing on page 5942, be, and is hereby disapproved.

Your Committee on Law, to whom were referred that portion of the Supreme Chancellor's report marked paragraph "f," under the head of Faults of Existing Laws (page 5715), respectfully report that they have already reported upon a resolution in reference to the right of the S. A. P. W., and that the question of "good standing" as respects the right to benefits is one for Grand or Subordinate Lodges to determine, by legislation, by fixing the amount of arrears for dues, fines and assessments, or either, which shall deprive the members within their respective Jurisdictions of the right to benefits, provided that in the opinion of your committee, no member of the Order shall be considered in good standing so as to entitle

him to the S. A. P. W. or to benefits, who is under suspension for violation of the penal laws of the Order.

Death of Past Supreme Chancellor John P. Linton.

Immediately after the roll call, August 31, Past Supreme Chancellor Henry Clay Berry, amid profound silence, read the following telegram:—

JOHNSTOWN, PA., August 31, 1892.

Geo. B. Shaw, Supreme Chancellor Knights of Pythias, Kansas City, Mo.

Past Supreme Chancellor John P. Linton died this morning.

R. M. LINTON.

Past Supreme Chancellor Berry spoke briefly on the sad news of the death of Past Supreme Chancellor Linton and Past Supreme Chancellor Woodruff presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

KANSAS CITY, MO., August 31, 1892.

Whereas, This Supreme Lodge has heard with great sorrow of the death of Past Supreme Chancellor John P. Linton of Pennsylvania, at his home in Johnstown, this morning, and that a proper and fitting notice of this sad event, occurring, as it has, during a session of this Supreme Lodge, be made by this Lodge; therefore be it

Resolved, That in this dispensation of an all wise Providence, we bow in humble submission, believing "He doeth all things well."

Resolved, That in his loss we recognize that a bright particular star has fallen from our Pythian firmament; an able expounder of the principles of our Order has ceased his labors; a true and devoted Brother, a loving and dear friend and a cherished and enjoyable companion, has for the last time met us in legislative deliberation and fraternal council, and that no more will the warm clasp of his hand be felt in our own, or his genial words comfort and cheer us in our labors in the cause of Pythian friendship.

Resolved, That to his family this Supreme Lodge extend its profound and heart-felt sympathy in this hour of their great bereavement.

Resolved, That the Supreme Chancellor be instructed to telegraph this resolution to the family, and to inquire the date and hour of the funeral.

Resolved, That a committee of — members representing this body be appointed by the Supreme Chancellor to attend the funeral of this distinguished Pythian Brother.

Appropriation of Grand Lodge Funds.

In reference to the appropriation of funds by a Grand Lodge for any object prohibited to a Subordinate Lodge by the Grand Lodge, the following decision was given:—

That the trust which is impressed on the funds of Subordinate Lodges does not follow the same when they have been regularly paid into the Grand Lodge funds,

but that Grand Lodges take and hold all moneys under an entirely different and distinct trust from that impressed upon the funds of Subordinate Lodges, and that Grand Lodges can use their funds for any purpose which is not prohibited by the laws of the Supreme Lodge or of the Grand Lodge made for the government and control of Grand Lodges in relation to the use and disposition of Grand Lodge funds.

Referring to Uniform and Endowment Ranks.

Calling attention of Knights to the Uniform and Endowment Ranks was declared to be a matter for Grand Lodge legislation, as the following resolution which was passed will show :—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Supreme Lodge that the clause contained in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas for the government of Subordinate Lodges in that Jurisdiction which provides that the Chancellor Commander shall call the attention of each candidate proved in the Rank of Knight to the Uniform and Endowment Ranks, and explain the workings thereof, has greatly aided the growth of those Ranks in that Jurisdiction, and it is hereby recommended that all Grand Lodges incorporate a similar clause in their Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

Constitutional Amendments.

Article vi Supreme Lodge Constitution was amended to read as follows :—

WHERE NO GRAND LODGE EXISTS.

Section 1. All Subordinate Lodges, in Jurisdictions in which no Grand Lodge exists, shall be under the immediate control of the Supreme Lodge until the institution of a Grand Lodge for that Jurisdiction. Each of such Lodges shall pay to the Supreme Lodge, while under its immediate control, fifty cents per annum per capita of its membership, payable semi-annually on or before the first days of July and January of each year, and shall make out and forward to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, on the blank furnished by him for that purpose, on or before the first day of March and the first day of September respectively of each year, semi-annual reports of its work and business for the term ending June 30 and December 31 of each year.

MODE OF FORMING GRAND LODGES.

Section 2. When there are ten or more Subordinate Lodges established and in working order in any Jurisdiction, they or a majority of them, but in no case less than five Subordinate Lodges, through the Deputy Supreme Chancellor thereof, may petition the Supreme Chancellor, who, if he approve the application for a Grand Lodge, shall cause the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to direct each of the Lodges of that Jurisdiction to notify each of its Past Chancellors thereof.

Section 3. The Past Chancellors of the ten or more Lodges shall meet at such place as may be specified by the Supreme Chancellor, and proceed to organize a Grand Lodge by electing a sitting Past Grand Chancellor, 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 and two Supreme Representatives, all of whom must be Past Chancellors, and thereupon the Supreme Chancellor shall install, or cause to be installed by a Deputy Supreme Chancellor, the officers elect of said Grand Lodge; after which it shall proceed to adopt a Constitution and By-laws for its own government, not inconsistent with the laws of the Supreme Lodge, which shall require a two-thirds vote to adopt and shall go into effect when approved as now required by the Supreme Lodge Constitution. No officer of a Grand Lodge now existing or hereafter to be instituted can be legally elected to a second office, or continue to hold two offices in said Grand Lodge at the same time.

Section 4. The Supreme Representatives elected as provided in Section 3 are hereby declared Past Grand Chancellors.

Section 5. A notice of the organization, together with a list of the officers, shall be forwarded to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, within thirty days, by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

MINIMUM FEE FOR CONFERRING THE THREE RANKS.

The committee to whom this matter was referred reported the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That paragraph (h) of Section 1 of Article viii of the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge be amended to read as follows:—

No person shall be initiated into a Lodge of this Order who has not reached the legal age of majority in the country where the Lodge is located, nor unless he be a white male, of good moral character, sound in health, and a believer in a Supreme Being, nor unless he has been a resident of the Grand Jurisdiction in which he makes application for at least 6 months next preceding. Every application for membership must be accompanied with the initiation fee, the amount of which shall be fixed by each Grand Lodge; *provided*, that in no case shall the three ranks be conferred in North America for less amount than ten dollars.

BALLOTING.

Article viii, Section 2, Supreme Lodge Constitution, was amended thus:—

Add a paragraph to Section 2 of Article viii of the Supreme Lodge Constitution, to be designated as (m)—the remaining paragraphs to be re-lettered, commencing with (l)—as follows:

A member in good standing, desirous of being advanced, shall pay the amount prescribed on the by-laws, at a stated meeting of the Lodge when a ballot shall be taken, and there not being more than one black ball deposited, the Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant elected; but if there have been two or more black balls deposited, the Chancellor Commander shall immediately renew the ballot, and if two or more black balls be again deposited, he shall declare the applicant rejected, and he shall not be entitled to renew his application until three months thereafter.

Questions of Law.

The committee to whom the questions were referred submitted the following which was approved:

Query: "Can Pages and Esquires of such Lodges be admitted under Section 507, Official Digest?"

Answer: "A Page or Esquire can be admitted only to the Lodge of which he is a member."

Query: "Can a Chancellor Commander communicate the S. A. P. W. on an official order outside the Lodge Room?"

Answer: "Yes."

A resolution to the effect that the law requiring Past Chancellors to wear a jewel in order to be entitled to a seat in his Lodge be repealed, was referred to the Committee on Law. They made the following report, which was adopted:—

Upon Document No. 67 your committee respectfully recommend that Article xxvi. of the Supreme Lodge Constitution be amended by striking out of the third line the words "the respective jewels of their Rank," and be re-enacted so as to read as follows: Pages shall wear a blue collar, Esquires, a yellow collar, Knights, a red collar or a Knight's Jewel in Subordinate Lodges, and Past Chancellors, Past Grand Chancellors, Past Supreme Chancellors, Past Supreme Representatives may wear their appropriate Jewels at all meetings of Subordinate, Grand or Supreme Lodges, unless &c.

MEMBERSHIP BY CARD.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, In 1878 it was declared by the Supreme Lodge to be the prerogative of each Grand Lodge by legislation to define when a Brother, who deposits his card in a Lodge, becomes a member of the same; upon his election or upon his signing the Roster, and

Whereas, It is important that this matter should not be left an open question, therefore be it

Resolved, That when, under the existing laws of this Supreme Lodge, an applicant for membership by card is *elected* to membership, he at once becomes a member of the Lodge so electing him.

AS TO DEPOSITING WITHDRAWAL CARD.

The holder of a withdrawal card residing in the Grand Jurisdiction in which the card was issued, or in another Grand Jurisdiction, cannot deposit his card in a Lodge of a Jurisdiction other than the one in which he resides, without first having obtained the written consent of the Grand Chancellor of the Jurisdiction in which he resides.

CONFERRING RANKS.

Section 4 of Article v of Subordinate Lodge Constitution was amended so as to read:—

The several Ranks of the Order shall be conferred only at the stated conventions of the Lodge, except that a candidate balloted for and elected at a regular and stated convention may have any Rank conferred upon him at a special con-

vention, duly called for that purpose, by the authority of a dispensation; and not more than one Rank shall be conferred on any member at the same convention without the authority of a dispensation, except at the first four conventions of a new Lodge; one week must elapse between the application and conferring the Rank of Page, except under dispensation.

Article viii, Section 2, paragraph (b), Constitution for Subordinate Lodges was amended to read:—

Not less than seven members of the Knight Rank shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including one qualified to preside.

Article viii, Section 2, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges was amended to read as follows:—

Grand Lodges shall prescribe a Constitution or general laws for the Subordinate Lodges within their Jurisdiction; but the following obligatory general rules or principles shall be incorporated into each Subordinate Constitution or general laws.

Article viii, Section 2, paragraph (o), Subordinate Lodge Constitution was amended to read as follows:—

A candidate for membership residing in a Grand Jurisdiction other than the one in which his proposition is offered, shall not be initiated or otherwise admitted to membership without the written consent of the Grand Chancellor of such Grand Jurisdiction.

FINING OF MEMBERS FOR NOT ATTENDING LODGE.

Upon this subject, action was taken as follows:—

Whereas, at the session of this Supreme Lodge in 1888 the following action was had:

The matter of fining members for non-attendance at regular meetings is a matter for local legislation, but of very doubtful expediency.

Resolved, That said legislation is hereby repealed, and the same declared contrary to law.

Hines Memorial.

The Hines Memorial Committee submitted a report showing the amount in the hands of the Treasurer to be \$8,250.83. They made the following recommendations which were approved by Supreme Lodge:

At a meeting of the Hines Memorial Committee held at Kansas City, Mo., September 1, 1892, the following business was transacted:

Past Supreme Chancellor Geo. W. Lindsay of Maryland, was elected chairman of the committee and Supreme Representative D. J. Turner was elected Secretary.

On motion it was resolved that the chairman of the committee be requested to prepare an address to the Order, urging upon the Grand Jurisdiction a most liberal response to the appeal of the committee, that all Jurisdictions may have an oppor-

tunity to respond with a liberality in keeping with the commendable purposes of this Memorial. On motion it was further resolved that the Supreme Representatives be requested to take especial charge of the matter of this Memorial in their respective Grand Jurisdictions, and that they urge upon the membership and Lodges the most liberal responses.

Your committee would inform the Order at large that all contributions may be forwarded to Hon. S. J. Wiley, Supreme Master of Exchequer, who is the custodian of the fund and who will properly acknowledge the same and credit the Grand Lodges, Subordinate Lodges and individuals making contributions.

Your committee recommend that when it shall be certified to the custodian of the Hines Memorial Fund, by the Grand Chancellor of Virginia, that there has been raised, within the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, for the purposes of this committee, at least as large a sum of money as that now under the control of the Supreme Lodge, this said fund shall be paid over to the order of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to be expended under the order and supervision of the committee hereinafter mentioned, for the erection of a suitable Memorial Building in the city of Richmond, Virginia, to be used for Pythian purposes only.

The said committee shall consist of Past Supreme Chancellor Geo. W. Lindsay, of Maryland, Richard Goodhart, of District of Columbia, Thos. D. Meares, of North Carolina, D. J. Turner, of Virginia, and Past Grand Chancellor C. T. Loeler, of Richmond, Virginia, but it shall not make any expenditures for said purposes, until it shall have at least \$20,000 in hand and under its control, including what may be contributed from Virginia in the form of a building site, at a valuation to be fixed by the committee.

Said committee shall have authority to solicit and receive such further contributions from the members of the Order, as they may need and in such manner as they may deem best, and shall report their action to the Supreme Chancellor, prior to July 1st, of each year.

We further recommend that the Supreme Master of Exchequer shall be the custodian of the Hines Memorial Fund, and that all vacancies on the above mentioned special committee, shall be filled by the Supreme Chancellor.

All expenses of said committee shall be paid out of the funds under its control.

Past Supreme Chancellor's Jewel.*

To be presented to the retiring Supreme Chancellor George B. Shaw and to each Past Supreme Chancellor by service, as the following resolutions, which were adopted, will show:—

Resolved, That the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal be and is hereby authorized and directed to purchase a suitable Past Supreme Chancellor's Jewel, the same to be personally presented to the retiring Supreme Chancellor, Geo. B. Shaw, in the name of this Supreme Lodge, with suitable inscriptions thereon.

Resolved, That each Past Supreme Chancellor by service, save those who have already received such jewel, be presented by the Supreme Lodge, at as early day as possible, with a Past Supreme Chancellor's Jewel, of same character and cost as the one now worn by the sitting Past Supreme Chancellor, and that the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, be authorized to carry this resolution into effect.

Saloon-Keepers and Bar-Tenders.

The following was submitted by Supreme Representative Merry, Minnesota, and referred to Committee on Law :—

Whereas, The time has arrived when this Supreme Lodge should declare itself in no uncertain language in regard to the admission of saloon-keepers and bar-tenders to membership in the Order, therefore be it

Resolved, That all persons known as saloon-keepers and bar-tenders are hereby declared ineligible to membership in the Order.

Resolved, That this legislation shall in no wise affect the right of any member now in the Order or the admissibility of any in possession of properly granted withdrawal cards.

Resolved, That this legislation is hereby declared to be the universal law governing the question, and paramount to any local law previously enacted by Grand Jurisdictions, in that behalf.

Resolved, That all legislation previously enacted by this Supreme Lodge, in regard to the exclusion or admission of saloon-keepers and bar-tenders, is hereby repealed.

The majority of the committee favored adoption of the resolutions. While they were being considered, however, a minority of the committee submitted a report recommending that the document be laid on the table indefinitely, as the subject matter therein petitioned for is now a matter by law for Grand Lodge legislation, and for the further reason that to adopt it would be, in their opinion, amending the Constitution by additional qualifications for membership. The minority report was adopted.

Jewels.

In compliance with a suggestion of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, it was recommended that in future only half size jewels be contracted for and kept in stock.

Caring for the Orphans of the Founder.

The report of the Supreme Chancellor shows that a monthly payment of \$30 has been made to each of the two daughters of the founder of the Order, beginning January 1st last.

The Finance Committee approved of the action of the Supreme Chancellor, and submitted the following, which was adopted :—

We, your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Supreme Chancellor's report under the head of "Orphans of the Founder," beg leave to submit the following report :—

We heartily commend the action of our Supreme Chancellor and recommend to this Supreme Lodge that the payment of the sum of thirty dollars per month each to the daughters of the founder be continued until the next session of the Supreme Lodge, to terminate only in case of marriage or death of either.

Grand Lodge Ritual.

The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal presented the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the special committee on revision of the secret work is hereby directed to prepare a revision of the Grand Lodge Ritual, which, when approved by the Supreme Chancellor, shall be promulgated by him, without cost to the Grand Jurisdictions.

Exchange of Subordinate Lodge Rituals.

The Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred the exchange of Rituals reported as follows:—

Resolved, 1st, That the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal is hereby directed to have printed, as speedily as possible, a sufficient number of the revised Ritual for Subordinate Lodges to supply a set of five for each Subordinate Lodge now existing. He will, as soon as practicable, notify the Supreme Chancellor of the date at which the printed Ritual will be ready for distribution, whereupon that officer shall issue a proclamation officially promulgating the revision of the Ritual adopted August 29, 1892, fixing a date at least sixty days in advance, after which the use of any other Subordinate Lodge Ritual shall be forbidden as illegal.

Resolved, 2d, The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal is hereby directed to supply each Grand Lodge with a sufficient number of copies of the new Ritual, in sets of five, to supply each Lodge under its Jurisdiction, exchanging copy for copy, including the stock on hand at the time named, free of charge, excepting transportation and duty.

Resolved, 3d, That Grand Chancellors and Grand Keepers of Records and Seal shall unitedly certify over the seal of their respective Grand Lodges the number of old Rituals that they have burned, and shall receive credit only for the number burned.

Resolved, 4th, That the same method of exchange shall apply to Subordinate Lodges directly under the control of Supreme Lodge, as set forth in resolutions 2d and 3d above.

The above resolutions were adopted.

As to the Laying of Corner Stones.

It was ordered that the Special Committee on Funeral Service in Castle Halls be instructed to prepare a form or ceremony for the laying of corner stones of Halls designed for the use of the Order.

S. A. P. W.

The following was adopted after being amended by substituting the word "reversed" in place of the word "disapproved" in first resolution:—

Whereas, Under the legislation on pages 4558, 4574, Journal 1888, referred to in Section 447, Official Digest, and under the decision of Supreme Chancellor Ward, pages 4844, 4845, Journal 1890, referred to in Section 448, Official Digest, it is possible for a member to obtain the semi-annual pass words of two terms upon same order; and

Whereas, A privilege is thereby granted which may result in an injury to the Order by not requiring every member thereof to stand a test at the beginning of each semi-annual term as to his right to receive the S. A. P. W. before he can obtain it; therefore be it

Resolved, That said legislation is hereby repealed, and said decision disapproved; and be it further

Resolved, That an order to communicate the S. A. P. W. must bear the date, plainly written thereon in ink, upon which it is actually issued, and that no such order shall be valid, except during the semi-annual term in which it is issued.

The following was adopted after striking out the words "of a pecuniary nature" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "for dues, fines and assessments":—

Whereas. The universal use of the Semi-Annual Password renders it important that the laws and rules prescribing the conditions under which a member shall be entitled to receive it should be uniform in their nature, and

Whereas, The present legislation of the Supreme Lodge permitting Grand Lodges to prescribe "the length of time a member may be in arrears for dues before he can be deprived of the S. A. P. W." has resulted in such a diversity of legislation by Grand Lodges that a member who may be entitled to receive the S. A. P. W. in the Grand Jurisdiction of the membership, cannot receive it in some of the other Grand Jurisdictions when he presents an order therefor which would be legal in its own Jurisdiction; therefore, be it

Resolved, That every member who has received the Rank of Knight and is not under suspension, and against whom no charges are pending under the penal provisions of the law, and whose entire indebtedness to the lodge of a pecuniary nature is paid in full to the beginning of a current semi-annual term, shall be entitled to receive the S. A. P. W. or an order therefor for that term, from the Chancellor Commander of the Lodge to which he belongs, and that only those so qualified shall be so entitled; and be it further

Resolved, That every member who shall present an official receipt, showing his entire indebtedness to his Lodge to be paid in full to the beginning of a current semi-annual term, together with a properly dated, signed and sealed order for the S. A. P. W. for that term, to the Chancellor Commander of any Lodge other than the one of which he is a member, and who shall be able by a personal identification or an examination in the secret work, to satisfy such officer that he

is the person named and referred to in said receipt and order, shall be entitled to receive the S. A. P. W ; and be it further

Resolved, That any legislation of a Grand Lodge or any ruling of a Grand Chancellor that is not in harmony with these resolutions is hereby declared null and void ; and be it further

Resolved, That all previous legislation of the Supreme Lodge and all decisions of Supreme Chancellors that may be in conflict with the foregoing legislation, are hereby repealed and disapproved.

UNIFORM RANK.

The Major-General submitted his report, which is a very complete document and shows this important branch to be in a flourishing condition. We submit a few extracts.

DECISIONS.

Since the last session of the Supreme Lodge there has evidently been more study given to the General Laws and the decisions of the Supreme Lodge, by the officers generally of the Uniform Rank, and the Divisions are becoming more conversant with the laws of the Rank.

The questions that have come to me have been presented chiefly by the Divisions that have been instituted since the session of 1890. I present herewith copies of all the decisions I have rendered since my last biennial report, excepting in those cases in which I referred the parties to former rulings approved by the Supreme Lodge.

The following are the decisions referred to your consideration :

1. Divisions cannot issue discharges to members after the division has fallen below the minimum number to constitute a quorum, and the attendance of members of another Division, as visitors, to constitute a quorum, whereby discharges might be issued, would render discharges granted at such a meeting illegal and void.
2. Under the proviso of the Code of Procedure, it is expressly provided that no member or officer of the Uniform Rank can be expelled from the Uniform Rank until the action of the Court-martial trying and sentencing him has been approved by the Major-General and the Supreme Chancellor.
3. If a member of the Uniform Rank takes his withdrawal card from his Lodge, in good faith, to deposit it in another Lodge, and does so within a reasonable length of time, he should not forfeit his membership in the Uniform Rank.
4. No proxies are permitted in elections in the Uniform Rank.
5. It is entirely within the power and jurisdiction of the Brigade Commander to make such regimental formations as he may deem to be for the best interests of the Divisions and Regiments connected with his command. This is clearly within the provisions of Section 5, Article vii, General Laws of the Uniform Rank.
6. A Knight who has been elected to membership in a division of the Uniform Rank already organized and instituted, and not yet having been initiated, would have the right, if he so desired, to become a member of a Division just organizing, without having to complete the initiatory ceremonies and take a dis-

charge from the Division to which he had made application, though he would forfeit the initiation fee that he had paid to the former Division.

7. An amendment to the by-laws of a Division can not take effect until the same has been approved by the Supreme Chancellor and Major-General, as required by the General Laws of the Uniform Rank.

8. All jewels or badges are strictly prohibited on all parades or public demonstrations of the Uniform Rank by officers or Sir Knights, excepting the Jewel of Honor and Service Medal provided by the Supreme Lodge.

9. Formerly, before Division Officers were commissioned in regular form, it was held that the Division itself could accept the resignation of its officers, but now, where the Officers of the Division are elected and commissioned, they must send their resignations through the regular channels, the Division itself accepting subject to an acceptance by the authority that granted the commission.

10. Every member of a Division, regardless of what his standing with the Supreme Lodge may be or might have been in the past, is liable to the Division, just as other members are, for dues and assessments of whatever sort. There is no distinction between members in the Uniform Rank, in so far as dues are concerned, excepting as it may be provided by the by-laws of the Division.

11. The acceptance of a new warrant, in changing the name of a Division, does not change the status of the Division, as to its seniority or otherwise. In the change of name, simply, there is no re-organization nor surrender of the organization as it existed prior to the change of name, and, therefore, there would be no change of the status of the Division.

12. i. The conferring of the Rank upon anyone in borrowed uniform is most emphatically contrary to law, and the Division that so confers the Rank violates the law, and may have its warrant arrested and the Division disbanded. No one can lawfully receive the Rank of Sir Knight unless he is the owner of and in possession of and clothed in the full uniform of the Rank at the time the Rank is conferred upon him.

ii. The Lodge cannot be held responsible for the unlawful acts of the Division.

13. In a Regimental formation, the oldest Division of the Regiment takes the right of the line. By "oldest" Division is meant the Division that was first instituted of those composing the Regiment. So far as the place of Divisions in the Regiment is concerned, in the Uniform Rank, the seniority of the Captain does not obtain, as to place.

14. In the formation of the Brigade, the Regiment commanded by the senior Colonel takes the right of the line, or column.

15. i. The countersign cannot be withheld from a Division because of the fact that one or more of its officers refuse to pay their monthly dues to the Board of Officers. The assessment of dues against an officer is a personal matter as against the officer, and not against the Division. If the Division has a by-law fixing certain monthly dues against the officers, and if that by-law has been properly approved, then charges could be preferred against the officer, or officers, for violation of the law, and he should be tried accordingly; or if not paid at the expiration of the limit fixed by the by-laws of the Division such officer should be suspended from the Division.

ii. So long as an officer is not under arrest and charges not preferred against him, if he is in good standing financially with his Division, he cannot be deprived of the right of speech or vote in the meeting of the Board of Officers.

16. An officer in the Uniform Rank may take a withdrawal card from his Subordinate Lodge, if he in good faith intends to deposit it in another Lodge, and retain his membership in the Uniform Rank; but the withdrawal card must be deposited in another Lodge within a reasonable length of time, not to exceed thirty days, and if at the end of that time he has not deposited his withdrawal card, he ceases to be an officer and member of the Uniform Rank. But no Sir Knight holding a withdrawal card can be elected to an office in the Uniform Rank during the time that he is not actively connected with a Subordinate Lodge.

17. There can be no deviation from the General Laws prescribing the uni-

form, when that deviation produces a change in the form or style of any portion of the uniform which is used as the display emblems or insignia of the Rank.

18. i. All Sir Knights who are or have been members of a Division, when they desire to enter a new Division, must present to that new Division their discharges from the Division to which they belong or from the Division to which they formerly belonged. The General Laws specify who are entitled to discharges from their Divisions, and the manner of obtaining them.

ii. When a Sir Knight has taken his discharge from his Division, his membership ceases until he deposits that discharge with another Division, and he has no right to attend or participate in the meetings of his former Division, unless he shall deposit his discharge and again become a member as provided by law.

iii. If a Field Officer applies for and receives his discharge from his Division, with the honest purpose and intent of depositing it within a reasonable length of time with another Division and becoming a Sir Knight of such other Division, and does become a member of another Division, then he will not forfeit his commission.

iv. No one who has received a discharge is entitled to the countersign of the Uniform Rank after receiving such discharge, until he has again deposited his discharge with and become a member of a Division.

19. If charges be preferred by the Sir Knight Guard and forwarded by the commanding officer, recommending trial by General Court-martial, said court might be convened and composed of the active members of the Division.

20. All lottery schemes are in direct violation of the law of the Supreme Lodge, and the law applies to Divisions of the Uniform Rank, as well as to Subordinate Lodges. See Section 331, Official Digest, Knights of Pythias, 1890:

No Grand Lodge, nor Subordinate Lodge of this Order, nor any individual member of any Lodge shall, in the name of the Order, resort to, institute or promote any scheme of raffle, lotteries, gift enterprises or scheme of chance of any kind. Any Grand Lodge violating this rule shall forfeit its charter to the Supreme Lodge. Any Subordinate Lodge violating this rule shall forfeit its charter to its Grand Lodge. Any individual member of any Lodge who shall violate this rule shall be suspended from the Order.

21. A Sir Knight who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and since sold his uniform, cannot be granted an honorable discharge by paying all arrearages. He cannot be granted an honorable discharge until he is reinstated as a member of the Division, and when he is reinstated as a member of a Division, it can only be when he comes in as a new member, paying his initiation fee and being the owner of and fully equipped in the uniform of the Rank.

22. The Supreme Lodge is supreme over all of the other organizations of the Order of Knights of Pythias—Grand Lodges, Subordinate Lodges, Brigades, Regiments or Divisions—and it is not necessary for a Division to attempt to “adopt” the General Laws of the Uniform Rank, or the Constitution for the government of the Uniform Rank, as adopted by the Supreme Lodge, as a part of its by-laws. They are in force already for their government.

23. To organize a Uniform Rank Band, the members of such band must own and be in possession of the regulation Uniform of the Uniform Rank, and each one must be a member in good standing in some Division.

24. No business can be transacted at a special meeting of a Division, other than that for which the meeting is called.

25. Section 2, Article i, Constitution for Subordinate Divisions, provides for the calling of special meetings, either on the order of the Captain or upon the written request of any seven members of the Division in good standing; but this request must be addressed to the Sir Knight Captain and he must be fully informed as to the meeting.

No call for a special meeting will be valid unless presented to the Captain, whose duty it shall be to call the meeting: *Provided, however,* If the Captain is absent from his home or not within reach of the Division, it should then be presented to the next officer in rank, who is present and can be reached.

Any action taken by a Division in a called meeting where the Captain can be present, but is not notified or the call is not presented to him, would be invalid.

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Divisions should not be sent out from Brigade Headquarters, for any Division, until the receipt, at Brigade Headquarters, of the annual report and the Supreme Lodge dues, Brigade and Regimental tax. (See Section 2, Article v, General Laws of the Uniform Rank.)

27. All commissioned officers, regardless of their Rank, must be in good standing with their respective Divisions, before they are entitled to receive the Countersign.

28. The proviso in Section 2, Article iii, Constitution of the Uniform Rank, is optional, giving to Divisions the power to ingraft in their by-laws, either that an application shall lie over until the next regular meeting, or the double proviso that it may be acted upon at the same meeting at which it is presented, or be laid over until the next regular meeting. If the Division, as a Division, sees fit to ingraft into its by-laws the provision that an application shall lie over until the next regular meeting, it has a right to do so.

29. A Sir Knight Captain who has served two years and has retired from office, may wear his Captain's uniform on all occasions excepting when he goes into the ranks, at which time he should wear a Sir Knight's uniform and the Jewel of Honor with the insignia of his former rank; all in the Ranks should be uniform in their dress and equipments.

30. The one to have charge of the Regimental colors is the Color-Sergeant of the Regiment. Said Color-Sergeant should be appointed from the Color Division by the Colonel, on the recommendation of the Sir Knight Captain of the Color Company.

The Committee on Uniform Rank, to whom the decisions of the Major General were referred, made the following report, which was adopted:—

Your committee have considered the decisions of the Major-General named in his report, and we beg to recommend their approval, as numbered from 1 to 29, inclusive. Decision No. 30 should be amended so as to read in the first clause, "The one to have charge of the Regimental colors *on parade* is the Color Sergeant of the Regiment," and with this change we recommend its approval.

DRILL.

The following resolutions were approved and adopted:—

Resolved, That the Major-General be and is hereby authorized to revise the tactics of the Uniform Rank so as to bring them as nearly as possible into line with the Drill Regulations of the United States Army, both of infantry and cavalry.

Resolved, That any Divisions situated outside of the United States shall be permitted to adopt the drill authorized for the use of the military bodies of the countries wherein such Divisions are located; provided, that all Divisions shall drill according to Carnahan's manual when taking part in parades at the sessions of the Supreme Lodge or when competing for prizes offered thereat.

MEETINGS OF UNIFORM RANK.

The Committee on Law being requested to formulate and print appropriate laws to enable the Uniform Rank to select its own time and place of meeting, in annual or biennial conclave or session, reported that the Uniform Rank has the power to select its own time

and place of meeting for every purpose and that no law upon the subject is necessary.

SUBORDINATE LODGE UNIFORM ABOLISHED.

Upon this subject it was resolved that no uniform shall be recognized as legal, except that prescribed by the laws of the Uniform Rank.

REVISION OF LAWS.

The Special Committee appointed to review the laws of the Uniform Rank submitted their report which was adopted with the exception of the following article (xv) which was referred to a special committee to report next session :—

Section 1. The Supreme Council of the Uniform Rank shall meet in each intervening year between the sessions of the Supreme Lodge, at such time and place as the Major-General commanding the Uniform Rank may determine and order.

Section 2. The Supreme Council shall consist of the Major-General Commanding the Uniform Rank, who shall also be the presiding officer; the Adjutant General of the Uniform Rank, who shall also be the Recorder of the Council; the Brigade Commander of each Grand Jurisdiction in which Brigades of the Uniform Rank have been organized, and the Colonel of each separate Regiment of not less than three Divisions in the Grand Jurisdictions where there is no Brigade organization. In case the Adjutant General should not be present at any session of the Supreme Council, the Major-General shall detail any member of his staff, who may be present, to act as Recorder. In the event of the absence of the Major-General, the senior Brigade Commander shall preside.

Section 3. The same rate of mileage and per diem shall be paid to the members of the Supreme Council as was paid to the Officers and Representatives of the Supreme Lodge for attendance upon the session of the Supreme Lodge preceding the session of the Supreme Council. Such mileage and per diem to be paid in the same manner as the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Supreme Representatives of the Supreme Lodge are paid. The amount due to each member of the council shall be certified to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, by the Major-General or acting Recorder of the Council.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall at each session thereof consider all amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Uniform Rank that may be submitted by the annual meetings of the several Brigades, and of the separate Regiments in those Jurisdictions where there is no Brigade organization, taking such action thereon as may be deemed best, and report the same through the Major-General to the Supreme Lodge at the next session of that body for its action; it shall take action upon all matters relating to the advancement of the Uniform Rank and of the Order of Knights of Pythias, the discipline and perfecting of the organization of the Uniform Rank; it may provide such code of by-laws for the government of the several Brigades and separate Regiments as may be deemed

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best, provided the same are not inconsistent or in conflict with the Rules and Regulations of the Uniform Rank as enacted by the Supreme Lodge, and all such enactments shall be in force from and after their publication by the Major-General. Provided, that no action by the Supreme Council which in any manner changes, alters or restricts any legislation had by the Supreme Lodge for the government of the Uniform Rank shall be of any force or effect until such matters shall have been duly presented to the Supreme Lodge by the Supreme Council through the Major-General, and the Supreme Lodge shall have ratified the same.

Section 5. The separate Divisions in those Grand Jurisdictions where there is no Brigade organization, or a Regimental organization with not less than ten Divisions, shall be especially represented in the Supreme Council by the Major-General, and each of such separate Divisions shall forward to the Major-General, in proper form, all such subject matter as it is desired should be presented to the Supreme Council for consideration and action.

GROWTH OF THE RANK.

The following extract from the report of the Committee on Uniform Rank is of interest:—

Your committee, with exceeding great pleasure, report a most remarkable growth, and much improvement in the Uniform Rank during the two years just past. The indefatigable labor and fine administrative ability of the Major-General has brought this branch of our Order up to a standard of discipline and proficiency that largely increases its usefulness, and that makes it compare favorably with any and all semi-military organizations.

REVISION UNIFORM RANK RITUAL.

A committee of five members of the Supreme Lodge was appointed to revise the Ritual of the Uniform Rank, and authorized, if in their judgment they deem it best, to prepare and present an entirely new Ritual, said committee to meet from time to time for deliberation, and to report at the next session of the Supreme Lodge.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

The Board of Control and Supreme Secretary submitted their reports which show a rapid and healthy growth of that branch of the Order. The Board of Control submitted a substitute for amended Constitution of the Endowment Rank, introduced July 16, 1890, at the session of the Supreme Lodge held at Milwaukee. The substitute was adopted.

UNAUTHORIZED PYTHIAN LIFE ASSOCIATIONS.

The following report of the Committee on Law was adopted:—

Your Committee on Law to whom was referred that portion of the Supreme Chancellor's report under the heading "Unauthorized Pythian Life Associations" beg leave to report :

That after a careful consideration of the said matter in all its phases and details, your committee recommend that the course pursued by the Supreme Chancellor be approved, that the construction and interpretation placed by the Supreme Chancellor on the Resolution adopted at the last session of the Supreme Lodge, in 1890, be adopted and that his action in the premises be ratified.

Your committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Be it Resolved*, That all power and authority is hereby granted to the Supreme Chancellor to prohibit and to prevent the use of the words "Knights of Pythias," "Pythian," or any derivative thereof, or of words, names, language, emblems, devices, signs or mottoes germane thereto or relating or appertaining to the Order of Knights of Pythias in the name or title of any life insurance, endowment or death benefit association or society, or in the constitution, laws, rules, circulars, literature, blanks, advertisements, or certificates, etc., of any such life insurance, endowment, death benefit association or society other than the Endowment Rank of this Order.
2. *Be it further Resolved*, That the use by members of the Order of Knights of Pythias of the words "Knights of Pythias," "Pythian" or any derivative thereof, of words, names, language, emblems, devices, signs, mottoes, germane thereto, or relating or appertaining to the Order of Knights of Pythias, in the name or title of any life insurance, endowment or death benefit association or society, or in the constitution, laws, rules, literature, blanks, advertisements or certificates, etc., of any such life insurance, endowment or death benefit association or society other than the Endowment Rank of the Order of Knights of Pythias and violation of the law of this Supreme Lodge and of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and any member of this Order who shall at any time hereafter connect himself with or insure in any such life insurance, endowment or death benefit association or society, and any member of this Order who engages or continues in the business of any such life insurance, endowment or death benefit association or society, or acts as president, secretary, manager, director, solicitor, agent, clerk or canvasser of any such life insurance, endowment or death benefit association or society other than the Endowment Rank of the Knights of Pythias, which uses in its title or name, or in its constitution, laws, rules, literature, advertisements, circulars, blanks or certificates the words "Knights of Pythias" or "Pythian," or any derivative thereof, or any words, names, language, emblems, devices, signs, or mottoes germane thereto, or relating or appertaining to the Order of Knights of Pythias, are hereby declared to be offenders against the laws of this Supreme Lodge and of the Order of Knights of Pythias.
3. *Be it further Resolved*, That in order to give force and effect to the foregoing, and to all legislation on the same subject matter, it is hereby enacted and ordained that the penalty for the violation of the foregoing resolutions and legislative enactments shall be expulsion from the Order of Knights of Pythias.
4. *Be it further Resolved*, That should the Supreme Chancellor become cognizant of any violation or infraction, directly or indirectly, of any of the foregoing resolutions or amendments, he is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions thereof, and to such end he is authorized and directed to formulate the necessary complaint or charges against such offender or offenders, and to forward the same to the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Jurisdiction to which the Lodge

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of which such offender is a member is directly subordinate, with instructions to said Grand Chancellor to prefer and file such complaint or charges in the Subordinate Lodge of which said accused is a member, and to require such Subordinate Lodge to immediately proceed to the trial of such accused in accordance with law. In the trial of all such cases the Supreme Chancellor may designate and commission any Knight or Knights in good standing in the Order to represent him and to act as attorney or counsel in the prosecution of said complaint or charges, and such prosecuting counsel or attorney shall be and is hereby empowered to do and perform every act and thing usually done or performed by attorneys in a case, or which may be necessary to the conduct of such trial and to the full and final hearing of all the facts, pleadings and issues in such case or cases under the direction of the Supreme Chancellor.

5. *Be it further Resolved*, That in case any Subordinate Lodge shall not comply with the instructions of such Grand Chancellor and shall fail to convict any member guilty of any of the offences hereinbefore recited, it shall be the duty of such Grand Chancellor to suspend such Subordinate Lodge and to revoke its Charter or dispensation, as he may be ordered to do by the Supreme Chancellor.

6. *Be it further Resolved*, That all evidence taken on the trial of such case or cases shall be reduced to writing.

7. *Be it further Resolved*, That any Grand Chancellor who refuses or neglects to comply with the letter and spirit of these resolutions or who does not obey the orders and instructions of the Supreme Chancellor in the premises may be suspended by the Supreme Chancellor, and the Supreme Chancellor is hereby invested with the full power and authority to take such action or proceedings as may be necessary to bring the records and evidence in such case or cases before the Supreme Lodge for final review and determination and to enforce obedience to the terms and spirit of these resolutions and compliance with his orders in the premises.

8. *Be it further Resolved*, That the members of this Order against whom charges or complaints may be preferred under these resolutions shall be denied the right to the semi-annual pass word, and such members shall not be permitted to receive or use the semi-annual pass word until specially permitted by the Supreme Chancellor to receive and use the same, and that the Supreme Chancellor is authorized to entirely withhold the semi-annual pass word from any Grand Jurisdiction the Grand Chancellor or Grand Lodge of which violates the spirit or letter of these resolutions or the orders of the Supreme Chancellor in the premises.

ACCIDENT ASSOCIATIONS.

The following report of Committee on Law was adopted :

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Supreme Chancellor's report under the caption "Pythian Accident Associations," respectfully report that while your committee approve the action of the Supreme Chancellor in discountenancing, and suppressing as far as he had power, all organizations using the name of the Order for business purposes, and hereby recommend that such action be approved, yet in the opinion of your committee the law heretofore has not been sufficiently clear and definite to justify the Supreme Lodge in declaring members who organize, encourage or manage accident associations, or who hold policies or solicit membership therein, to be guilty of a violation of the laws of the Order, and in view of the past uncertainty of the law upon this subject, and to avoid the possibility of doing injustice to members of the Order, who in good faith have heretofore organized, encouraged, managed or conducted such associations, or solicited membership or held policies therein, your committee recommends that so much of the report as declares such action to be a violation of the law, heretofore in existence, be not approved, and in order that there shall be no doubt or

uncertainty upon the subject in the future, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That all laws, resolutions and enactments of the Supreme Lodge, including those of the present session, in reference to Endowment Life Insurance and death benefit organizations, corporations, societies and associations, shall apply to and include what is commonly known as Accident Associations, and all other schemes for the payment of weekly, sick or other benefit or indemnity, as fully and to all intents and purposes as though named and included in such laws, resolutions and enactments.

PYTHIAN SISTERHOOD.

The following documents were referred to the Council of Administration :—

Calanthe Assembly, No. 1, Pythian Sisterhood, Castle Hall,
Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 20, 1892.

To the Honorable Officers and Members of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World,

SIR KNIGHTS:—Among other proceedings had and done in regular meeting of Calanthe Assembly, No. 1, of the Council Bluffs Lodge of Pythian Sisterhood, the following preamble and resolution was presented and adopted by unanimous vote:

Whereas, It is the desire of this Assembly and for the good of the Order that the Pythian Sisterhood should be maintained exclusively by women, and to whom only should admission and membership be granted or conferred in the Order of Pythian Sisterhood as is organized by Mrs. A. A. Young, Supreme Chancellor; therefore be it

Resolved, By this Assembly of Pythian Sisterhood, that the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias, that meets in Kansas City, Missouri, during the week of August 22, 1892, be kindly requested to recognize the said Sisterhood as an auxiliary to the Knights of Pythias in general.

Fraternally in F. C. B. & L.,

MRS. A. REITER, Deputy Grand Chancellor.

Attest :—HULDA E. LUCHOW, K. of R. & S.

Neola Assembly, No. 3, Pythian Sisterhood, K. of P. Hall,
Neola; Iowa, August 20, 1892.

To the Honorable Officers and Members of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World.

SIR KNIGHTS:—Among other proceedings had and done in regular meeting of Assembly No. 3, of the Neola Lodge of Sisterhood, the following preamble and resolution was presented and adopted by unanimous vote :

Whereas, It is for the good of the Order that the Pythian Sisterhood should be maintained exclusively by women and to whom only should membership and admission be granted or conferred in the Order of Pythian Sisterhood as is organized by Mrs. A. A. Young, Supreme Chancellor; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this assembly of Pythian Sisterhood, that the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias that meets in Kansas City, Missouri, during the week of August 22, 1892, be kindly requested to recognize the said Sisterhood as an auxiliary to the Knights of Pythias in general.

Fraternally in F. C. B. & L.,

MRS. J. P. REICHART, Chancellor Commander.

Attest :—MRS. R. S. HAINE, K. of R. & S.

The Council of Administration offered the following which was adopted:—

The Council of Administration, to whom was referred the communications from Calanthe Assembly, No. 1, Pythian Sisterhood, and Neola Assembly, No. 3, Pythian Sisterhood, asking recognition by this Supreme Lodge as "an auxiliary to the Knights of Pythias in general," submit the following:

There are now two organizations or societies known as the Pythian Sisters and Pythian Sisterhood, each claiming to be entitled to recognition, we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That until the two organizations known as the Pythian Sisters and Pythian Sisterhood unite, it is unwise for this Supreme Lodge to take any action looking to the recognition of either.

That portion of the report of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal relative to the Pythian Sisters (page 14 of said report) having been referred to the Council of Administration, we beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That it is no longer deemed "advisable that the various chief officers of the Sisterhood report their numerical and financial strength to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal every two years, at least thirty days previous to the session of the Supreme Lodge," as permitted by Section 498 of the Official Digest of 1890.

Resolved, That all further official communication with either of said societies be and the same is hereby prohibited.

Finance Report.

The report of Committee on Finance was as follows:—

We, your Finance Committee, after having carefully considered the subject of appropriations for the current expenses of the Supreme Lodge for the ensuing term, beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that the following appropriations be made:—

For expenses of Supreme Chancellor, including clerical help, \$3500 per year	
Salary of Supreme Chancellor, \$2000 per year	\$9000.00
Salary of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, including clerical aid, office rent, postage, fuel and incidental expenses, \$7200 per year	4000.00
Salary of Supreme Master of Exchequer, \$600 per year	14,400.00
Salary of Major-General, including clerical aid, according to resolution, \$5100 per year	1200.00
	10,200.00

The increased growth of the Order, with the additional increase in labors of the offices of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal and Major-General, necessitates the employment of an additional clerk in each of their offices. This together with the constantly increasing labor that is devolving upon these officers is one of the many reasons that causes an increase of salary and expense fund of said officials. Your committee would recommend the following:—

1st. That this Supreme Lodge do discontinue the sale of supplies "duty free" to such Jurisdictions as have heretofore had the benefit of this rebate.

2d. That in future all contracts for printing regardless for what purpose shall be made under contract from the office of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, subject to the same restrictions as are now used in said office.

3d. We further recommend that the sale of supplies to the Uniform Rank be made and had directly with the office of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and all remittances for such supplies be made direct to the office of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal when the order for such supplies is made; that accounts against the Divisions of the Uniform Rank be kept in the office of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and that all accounts now standing open on the books of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal be closed within the next 60 days.

The foregoing was amended by striking out the first recommendation and substituting the following for the third :

We further recommend that the sale of supplies furnished by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to the Uniform Rank be made on requisition approved by the Major-General, and that the price of such supplies shall accompany such requisition for supplies to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

Report was then adopted.

Supreme Lodge Officers.

The following officers were elected and installed :—

GEORGE B. SHAW.....Sitting Past Supreme Chancellor, Eau Claire, Wis.
 W. W. BLACKWELL.....Supreme Chancellor, Henderson, Ky.
 WALTER B. RICHIE.....Supreme Vice Chancellor, Lima, Ohio.
 ELI T. BLACKMER.....Supreme Prelate, San Diego, Cal.
 S. J. WILEY.....Supreme Master of Exchequer, Wilmington, Del.
 R. L. C. WHITE.....Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Nashville, Tenn.
 JOSEPH H. LYON.....Supreme Master-at-Arms, Leavenworth, Kansas.
 A. B. GARDENER.....Supreme Inner Guard, Valatie, New York.
 JOHN W. THOMPSON.....Supreme Outer Guard, Washington, D. C.
 JAMES R. CARNAHAN....Major-General, Uniform Rank, Indianapolis, Ind.

Next Meeting.

Invitations were received for the Supreme Lodge to hold the eighteenth session in Washington, D. C., Indianapolis Ind., Louisville Ky., and Minneapolis, Minn. Washington was selected as the place and the fourth Tuesday in August, 1894, as the time.

We have endeavored to give a full report of the proceedings of the session. We sincerely hope that the legislation will benefit the Order, and that when the time comes for our Supreme Officers to render an account of their stewardship it will be seen that the Order has made even greater progress than during the past two years, which exceeded that of any previous period in the history of our Order.

It affords us much pleasure to inform you that the long sought for privilege allowing Divisions of the Uniform Rank outside of the United States of America to adopt the drill of the military bodies of the country in which such Divisions are located was granted ; and we have no doubt that it will lead to greater interest being taken in that important and flourishing branch of our Order. That it will be so is the wish of

Yours fraternally,

JAMES MOULSON,
 MURRAY FLEMING,

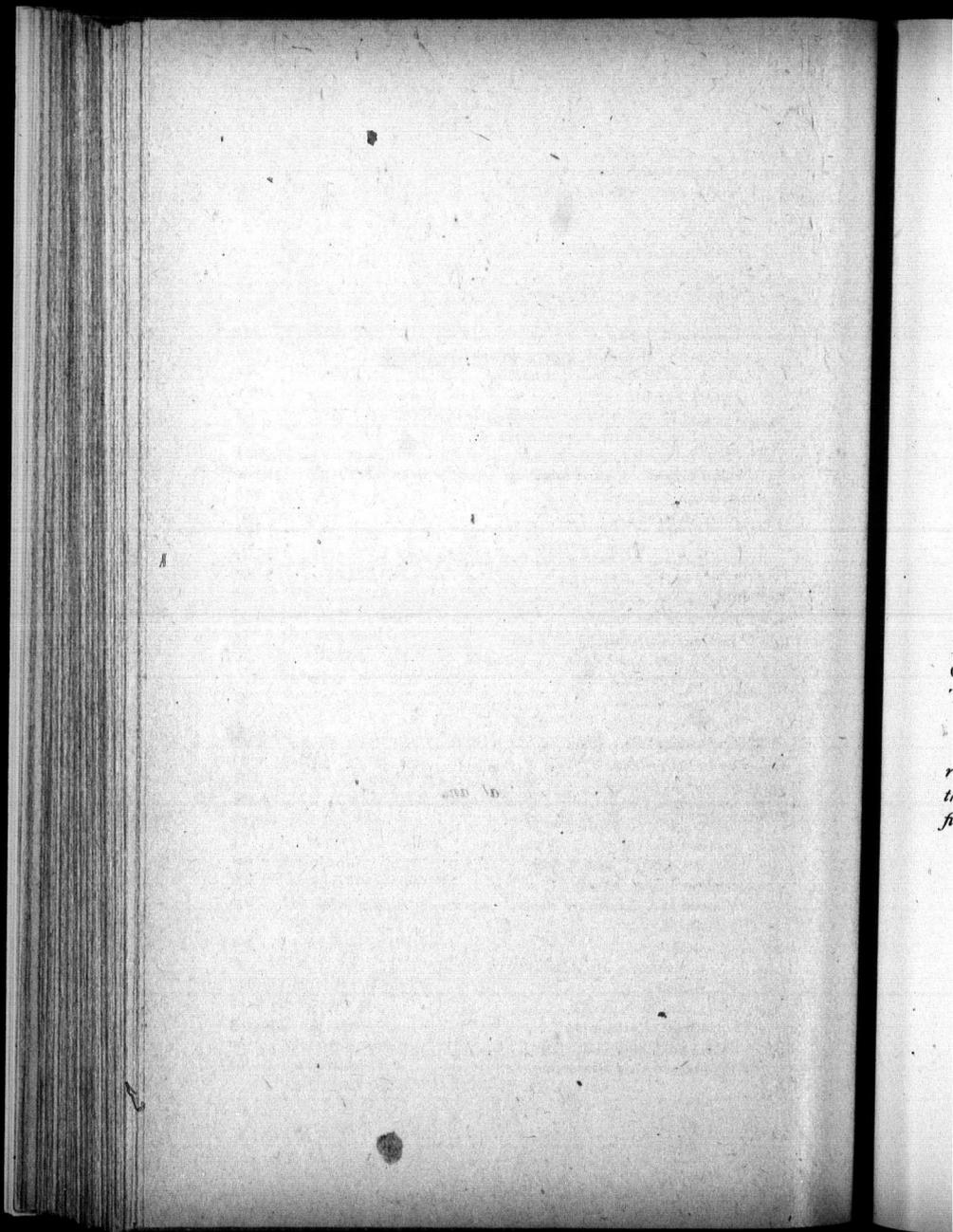
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Price List of Supplies.

Rituals,—set of five,.....	\$20 00
Dispensation,.....	15 00
Installation Books,—set of four,.....	2 50
Question Book,.....	1 50
Official Receipts (printed, per 100),.....	1 25
Do (blank, per 100),.....	75
Digest,.....	1 75
Memorial Service,.....	70
Withdrawal Cards,.....	50
Book of Odes, with Music,.....	40
Ode Cards, each,.....	10
Travelling Shield,.....	10

 *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,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,
Box 282, St. Stephen, N. B.*

Officers of the Grand Lodge for Year 1892-93.

FRANK L. PEERS,	Grand Chancellor. SPRING HILL, N. S.
JAS. D. FOWLER,	Grand Vice Chancellor. FREDERICTON, N. B.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	Grand Prelate. WOODSTOCK, N. B.
THOS. ABMSTRONG,	Grand Master of Exchequer. ST. JOHN, N. B.
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.
J. M. DEACON,	Grand Inner Guard. MILLTOWN, N. B.
LEBARON WILSON,	Grand Outer Guard. ST. JOHN, N. B.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES MOULSON,	For One year (to Dec. 31, 1893). ST. JOHN, N. B.
MURRAY FLEMING,	For Three years (to Dec. 31, 1895). MONCTON, N. B.

TRUSTEES.

MURRAY FLEMING,	For One Year. MONCTON, N. B.
GEORGE DUNN,	For Two Years. SPRING HILL, N. S.
R. J. ROSBOROUGH,	For Three Years. ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Town of Woodstock, N. B., on the Third Tuesday in September, 1893.