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NOTICE.

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

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Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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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 7, p. m., by Grand Chancellor E. Allison Powers.

The following named Officers were present at roll call:

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

The Grand Chancellor appointed Brother Murray Fleming to fill the office of Past Grand Chancellor, Brother Grimmer being absent through sickness. To supply the vacancy caused by the absence of Brother Whitehead, Past Chancellor W. R. Parker, of No. 3, was appointed to the office of Grand Master-at-Arms.

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

Grand Chancellor Powers appointed Supreme Representative Moulson, of No. 1, and Past Grand Chancellor Fleming, of No. 3, on the Finance Committee, in place of Past Chancellors Hutchinson, of No. 4, and Graham, of No. 8, absent.

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

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

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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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.

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

UNION LODGE, NO. 2.

A. W. Adams,
Wm. McAdoo,
Jas. A. Ewing,
J. F. Sullivan,
John A. Ewing,
J. D. Seeley,
H. V. Cooper,
R. O'Shaughnessy,
A. M. Duff,
A. S. Pattison,
A. L. Rawlins,
J. R. Armstrong,
P. A. Melville,
A. J. Armstrong,

E. A. Powers.

WESTMORLAND LODGE, NO. 3.

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

FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4.

John Ryder,
W. C. H. Grimmer,
John B. Sharpe,
L. M. Robinson,
John C. Henry,
Wm. E. Smith,
R. J. Rosborough,
Fred S. Hutchinson.

CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5.

Geo. Dunn,
R. H. Cooper,
F. L. Peers,
Alex. Dick.

FREDERICTON LODGE, NO. 6.

James D. Fowler.

IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 7.

W. B. Nicholson.

BORDER LODGE, NO. 8.

Abner H. Graham.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,
W. B. NICHOLSON,
A. DICK,
Committee.

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

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

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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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 Past Chancellors entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, viz:—

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 1.

F. S. Merritt, Geo. R. Day,
Wm. Shaw.

UNION LODGE, NO. 2.

John W. Gilmore, Alex. McNichol,
LeBaron Wilson, G. W. Fairweather,
S. J. Smith.

WESTMORLAND LODGE, NO. 3.

Joseph Barton, C. O. Rowe,
K. A. McLean.

FRONTIER LODGE, NO. 4.

Parker Grimmer, W. S. A. Douglas,
Alexander Murray, C. Fred Stewart.

CUMBERLAND LODGE, NO. 5.

C. A. Lowe, John J. Fraser,
Alex. McLeod, Wm. C. Dick,
F. F. Noiles, John Wylie,
D. S. Ross, David Conn,
Christopher Procter, jr., E. A. Potter,
Wm. Reese.

FREDERICTON LODGE, NO. 6.

H. Beckwith, S. Macky,
G. Hughes, A. Staples,
C. H. Thomas.

IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 7.

Mered Brewer, S. B. Charleton.

BORDER LODGE, NO. 8.

J. M. Deacon, M. D.

SEASIDE LODGE, NO. 9.

R. E. Armstrong.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HENRY, *Ch.*,
W. B. NICHOLSON,
A. DICK,
Committee.

Grand Master-at-Arms Parker 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 the prescribed Ritual, viz. :—

Past Chancellor	Joseph Barton,		Westmorland, No. 3.
Do	do	K. A. McLean,	Westmorland, No. 3.
Do	do	F. F. Noiles,	Cumberland, No. 5.
Do	do	S. Macky,	Fredericton, No. 6.
Do	do	M. Brewer,	Ivanhoe, No. 7.

Grand Chancellor Powers read his report. On motion the same was referred to a committee of three to be named by the Chair. The following were accordingly appointed :—Supreme Representative Moulson, Past Grand Chancellor Fleming and Past Chancellor Ryder.

Report of Grand Chancellor.

St. John, N. B., September 8, 1891.
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To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces :—

DEAR BRETHREN :—We meet to-day to consider the work of the past year, to study the lessons to be learned from that year's experience, and to take counsel together for the advancement of Pythianism. The officers of this grand body are expected to give account of their stewardship, and it is for you to approve or condemn what has been done; and while I must confess to a feeling of disappointment at not having accomplished more, I am aware that some progress has been made, and believe you have reason to rejoice that Pythianism stands so high in this Jurisdiction.

The following Brethren were appointed to fill the position of Deputy Grand Chancellor in their respective Lodges :—

Past Chancellor	Charles Nevins,		New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
Do	do	P. A. Melville,	Union Lodge, No. 2.
Do	do	W. R. Parker,	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.
Do	do	Parker Grimmer,	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
Do	do	R. H. Cooper,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
Do	do	James D. Fowler,	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
Do	do	W. B. Nicholson,	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.
Do	do	Abner H. Graham,	Border Lodge, No. 8.

During the year, Deputy Grand Chancellor Parker was elected to the Chancellor Commander's chair of his Lodge, and tendered his resignation as Deputy Grand Chancellor, to which vacancy Brother Past Chancellor A. P. Tait was appointed.

PYTHIAN LITERATURE.

A pamphlet, briefly setting forth the origin, objects and advantages of our Order, was issued early in the term, and distributed through the Deputies to the Lodges. It has been helpful both in instructing members and introducing the Order to those unacquaint-

ed with its tenets. At the close of the first term there was also issued a circular showing the progress and standing of each Lodge for the term. This also has had the effect of stimulating Lodges to renewed efforts.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The privilege of visiting my Brother Knights in their own Castle Halls has afforded me the greatest pleasure. Each Lodge was visited during the term, and everywhere true Pythian courtesy was extended. The ritualistic work is creditably performed throughout the Jurisdiction, and the Lodges are all well up in the unwritten work. On some of these visits I was accompanied by Supreme Representative Moulson, Grand Vice Chancellor Fraser, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry, and others, whose company was highly appreciated by myself as well as beneficial to the Lodges visited. Two of our Lodges, Nos. 5 and 7, have moved into new and commodious halls, and are better prepared than ever for performing the necessary work.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Never in our history have our Lodges been so active as at present. From all sides come reports of constant additions to membership. Harmony prevails in every Lodge. While it is desirable that our membership should be increased, too much care cannot be exercised in admitting applicants to fellowship in our Order. The report of our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will deal fully with our position and give all statistics. To Brother Henry much credit is due for his untiring energy and unflagging interest in the cause of Pythianism. The amount of work required of this officer is increasing year by year; but never have I found the present occupant too busy to give promptly and cheerfully whatever time was required to advise and assist me in the discharge of official duties. I desire to place on record my high appreciation of his valuable assistance and services, and hope my successor may be fortunate enough to have the benefit of his counsel and zeal.

NEW LODGES.

Through the efforts of Deputy Grand Chancellor Parker Grimmer and other members of Frontier Lodge, a list of twenty-one names was secured for a Lodge in that charming summer resort, St. Andrews, and on June 19th "Seaside" Lodge, No. 9, was instituted and sixteen of the applicants created Knights. The attendance of Knights was very large, and included a strong delegation from Eastport and Calais, Me., Grand Vice Chancellor Hanson being among the number and rendering valuable assistance. To all I desire to return hearty thanks for their presence. The membership of Seaside comprises some of the very best material, and more enthusiastic

Knights are not to be found in this Jurisdiction. They have procured a first-class outfit, are doing good work, and will rank among our strong Lodges. Brother Past Chancellor Robert E. Armstrong was appointed Deputy Grand Chancellor. The officers are :—

R. E. Armstrong, P. C.
F. Howard Grimmer, C. C.
Melville N. Cockburn, V. C.
F. A. Stevenson, Prelate.
J. Fletcher Stevenson, K. of R. and S.
B. F. DeWolfe, M. of F.
G. Durrell Grimmer, M. of E.
Nathan Treadwell, M.-at-A.
John T. Grady, I. G.
Theodore Holmes, O. G.

UNIFORM RANK.

This branch of the Order is growing more popular wherever known, and the appearance in public of a uniformed Division is always followed by an increased number of applications for membership in Subordinate Lodges. It is becoming a necessity in connection with every Lodge. One new Division was instituted during the term by Colonel James Moulson, of St. John, N. B., known as Cygnet Division, No. 5. While this new one has grown out of Victoria Division, there is ample room for both, and a new interest has been created. No. 5 may be relied on to give a good account of herself on all occasions. A Division is now ready for instituting in connection with Fredericton Lodge, and this will soon be followed by one at Woodstock in connection with No. 7. I have no hesitation in recommending every Knight in the Jurisdiction to connect himself with the Uniform Rank as soon as possible.

MEMORIAL DAY

was generally observed, and has brought great credit to our Order.

DISPENSATIONS

have been granted as follows :—

To New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

To hold special meeting and confer ranks and transact regular business.
To change night of meeting temporarily.

To Union Lodge, No. 2.

To prove and charge a Page at same meeting.
To hold special meeting to confer ranks and transact regular business.
To temporarily change night of meeting.
To reinstate a brother over fifty years of age.

To Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.

To permanently change place of meeting.

To Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

To initiate and prove a candidate at same meeting.
To permanently change place of meeting.
To initiate and prove a candidate at same meeting.
To prove and charge two Pages at same meeting.
To hold meetings weekly, instead of fortnightly, for six months from September 1st, to enable them to overtake increasing work.

Fees received for the above have been handed to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS.

The following have been approved :—

Frontier Lodge, No. 4, makes this change: Article x, Section 1, reads—"Each member shall pay to the M. of F. as dues five dollars per year, payable as required by Article x of the Constitution."

Changed to read: "Each member shall pay to the M. of F. as dues four dollars per year, payable as required by Article x of the Constitution."

Article xi, Section 4, reads—"The W. and O. Fund shall be accumulated as follows:—*First*, One-fifth the amount received as dues. *Second*, All moneys received from specific contributions and donations."

Changed to read: "The W. and O. Fund shall be accumulated as follows:—All moneys received from specific contributions."

The By-Laws of Border Lodge have also been approved.

CIRCULARS FROM SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

A circular in reference to the death of Past Supreme Chancellor Van Valkenburg came to hand during December; a recommendation in reference to this is made elsewhere.

A circular was also received calling attention to resolution of Supreme Lodge in reference to insurance societies using the name of the Order. As instructed, copies of this circular were sent each Lodge.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted for your consideration :—

1. That a suitable memorial page be inserted in the Journal of this session to the memory of Past Supreme Chancellor John Van Valkenburg, who died at his home in Fort Madison, Iowa, October 15, 1890.

2. That a charter be issued to Seaside Lodge, No. 9, of Saint Andrews.

3. That in view of the increasing duties devolving upon the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the amount of time and

labor required for the proper performance of those duties, this Grand Lodge pay that officer a salary of not less than $100 per year.

4. That the retiring Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be voted the sum of $50 for past services.

THE OUTLOOK

for the coming year is most encouraging. I have been in correspondence with persons in several localities with a view to introducing Pythianism, and firmly believe my successor will have the most successful term in our history. I will take pleasure in placing in his hands such information as has been gathered, and will work as zealously as ever to plant our standard in new fields.

In closing allow me to thank each and every member for what has been done during the year. The cause of Pythianism is in its infancy. Let us not forget that its teachings exemplified in our lives will be a stronger recommendation than words could frame.

Fraternally submitted,

E. ALLISON POWERS,
Grand Chancellor.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read his report for the year 1890-91, which was received and handed to the Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith submit for your consideration my second, and the fifth annual report of this Grand Lodge. The past year has been one of healthy growth, and an examination of the consolidated reports will convince you that Pythianism is growing in the Maritime Provinces.

The amount received by me from all sources during the past year has been $482.95 which has been paid over to the Grand Master of Exchequer, whose receipt I hold for the same.

You will notice by the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer that he has in his hands $270.66. This balance is a slight increase over that of last year. The cost of printing the last Journal of Proceedings was nearly double that of the previous year. This was caused by the very full and able report of our Supreme Representatives, which occupied about fifty pages of the Journal.

I now ask your attention to

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

Balance to credit of Grand Lodge, September 11, 1890, ...	$270 19	
Stock in my office, as per account herewith presented	116 25	
Cash received by me during the year, ...	482 95	
		$869 39
Expended during the year, as per warrants, ...		482 48
Leaving at present to the credit of the Grand Lodge a balance of		$386 91

The following statement shows how the membership of our Subordinate Lodges appeared at the end of last term :—

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members at June 30, 1890, ...		578
Initiated during the year, ...	135	
Admitted by Card, ...	2	
Reinstated, ...	14	
Total additions for the year, ...		151
		729
Deductions.		
Withdrawn, ...	10	
Suspended, ...	16	
Deceased, ...	2	
Total deductions, ...		28
Number of members June 30, 1891, ...		701

being a gain for the year of 21⅓ per cent.

RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors, ...	5	
Past Chancellors, ...	103	
Knights, ...	573	
Esquires, ...	10	
Pages, ...	10	
		701

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Total assets June 30, 1890, ...	$9,508 69
Paid current expenses, ...	2,214 29
Paid relief of Brothers, ...	1,322 00
Paid burying dead, ...	168 21
Paid widowed families, ...	35 00
Amount of Widow and Orphan Fund at June 30, 1891, ...	2,887 16
Total assets at June 30, 1891, ...	10,718 14

This represents an increase of $1209.45 on the gross assets for the year. The amount paid for relief was greater last year than in any previous year of our existence. It will be noticed that the Widow and Orphan Fund steadily increases.

Tables giving full particulars as to membership and the financial condition of our Lodges are appended to my report. [Tables will be found in the Appendix.]

NEW LODGE.

The institution of a new Lodge at St. Andrews, N. B., witnessed a larger gathering of Knights than ever before seen in this jurisdiction on a similar occasion. The application contained the names of twenty-one of the very best men in this popular summer resort. The credit of obtaining the names attached to the petition was due largely to the influence of Deputy Grand Chancellor Parker Grimmer, Past Chancellors Clarke and Stewart, of Frontier Lodge, and Past Chancellor Deacon, and Knight Whitlock, of Border Lodge.

The conferring of the Ranks on sixteen of the applicants took place on the 11th of June. On that occasion our Grand Chancellor was ably assisted by the Grand Vice Chancellor of Maine, Brother George M. Hanson, as well as Past Grand Chancellors Moulson and Fleming, Grand Prelate Peers and others. And I will here put on record valuable assistance given in connection with the conferring of the Ranks on our St. Andrews brethren by Past Chancellor Rosborough, of No. 4. He is one of the few Past Chancellors who can fill any office in conferring Ranks, and is always on hand when wanted. The election and installation of the officers did not take place till the 19th June. At that date, therefore, was instituted Seaside Lodge, No. 9, of this Jurisdiction. As I predicted regarding Border Lodge, of Milltown, so I now repeat that this new addition will prove one of our best Lodges. It may not be one of the largest, but the quality is of the highest standard. This makes three Lodges in the County of Charlotte.

From communications received by me from some of our Lodge deputies since the end of June last, I am inclined to believe that the coming year will witness a greater increase in membership than ever before.

UNIFORM RANK.

A new Division of the Uniform Rank has been instituted a few weeks ago in St. John; and before the snow flies another will be instituted in the City of Fredericton. The latter will embrace nearly every member of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6. And I am sanguine that early in the coming year Woodstock will have her Division under way. This is one of the very best means of increasing our membership, and speaks well for the enthusiasm of the Knights in the Maritime Provinces.

As usual I have to thank the publishers of several Pythian newspapers for copies sent me.

I cannot close this report without thanking the present Grand Chancellor for his uniform kindness and consideration, and for the ever ready response with which he met my communications. The

interest he has evinced in the affairs of his office, may not have been rewarded by all the success he deserved; but I am convinced that his successor, if he goes to work as Brother Powers has worked during the past year, will reap an abundant harvest.

I have nothing further to add to this report. Should the Grand Lodge decide to continue me in this office, it shall be my endeavor in the future, as in the past, to do the work promptly, and in every way to do what I can to advance the interests of Pythianism.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HENRY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Grand Master of Exchequer Armstrong read his annual report. On motion, it was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

SIR AND BROTHERS:—I hereby submit my annual and fifth report as Grand Master of Exchequer for year ended September 7, 1891.

1890.	*Receipts.*		
Oct. 1.	To balance on hand, ...		$ 270 19
1891.			
Mar. 23.	To cash received from G. K. of R. and S., ...	$155 45	
July	Do do do do	201 20	
Sept. 4.	Do do do do	126 30	
			482 95
			$ 753 14
1890.	*Expenditures.*		
Oct. 10.	By cash, check 49, Supreme Lodge supplies, ...	$ 7 30	
Dec. 13.	Do do 50, St. Croix Printing and Publishing Co., printing annual reports, &c., ...	153 25	
	By cash, check 51, duty and expressage Supreme Lodge reports, &c., ...	16 50	
1891.			
Mar. 23.	By cash, check 52, Supreme Lodge tax and supplies,	104 20	
	Do do 53, G. C. expenses and printing,...	27 10	
May 15.	Do do 54, Supreme Lodge supplies, ...	3 60	
June 30.	By cash, check 55, expenses organizing St. Andrews Lodge, ...	27 00	
	By cash, check 56, postage and stationery, G. K. of R. and S., ...	11 44	

July 15.	By cash, check 57, Supreme Lodge supplies, ...	54 20	
	Do do 58, G. C.'s expenses, visitations and postage, ...	37 13	
Aug. 20.	By cash, check 59, Supreme Lodge supplies, ...	32 85	
Sept. 4.	Do do 60, E. A. Powers, postage, ...	1 15	
	Do do 61, G. K. of R. and S., postage stamps and money order, ...	3 83	
5.	By cash, check 62, G. M. of E., supplies, ...	2 90	
		482 48	
	Balance on hand, ...	270 66	
			753 14

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

T. ARMSTRONG,

Grand Master of Exchequer.

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

Report of Committee on Law and Supervision.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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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 during the past term we had referred to us the following amendments offered by Frontier Lodge, No. 4, which we approved.

Section 1 of Article x amended to read as follows:—Each member shall pay to the Master of Finance, as dues, four dollars per year, payable as required by Article x of the Constitution.

Section 4 of Article xi amended to read as follows:—The W. & O. F. shall be accumulated as follows: All moneys received from specific contributions.

We also examined and approved the By-Laws of Border Lodge, No. 8.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES MOULSON, *Ch.*,
MURRAY FLEMING,
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
Committee.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the report for the past year. On motion it was received and ordered to be printed in the Journal. [The report will be found in the Appendix.]

The Printing Committee's report was then read, and on motion received and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

Report of Printing Committee.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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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, that all work has been done at lowest cost and the bills all paid.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. ROSBOROUGH, *Ch.*,
A. H. GRAHAM,
L. M. ROBINSON,
Committee.

The Special Committee, appointed at last session of Grand Lodge, to define the meaning of the words "Good of the Order," as printed in Subordinate Lodge By-Laws, submitted the following report:—

Report of Committee Defining "Good of the Order."

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee appointed to define the term "Good of the Order," beg to report that they have considered it as it appears in Article x, Section 2, of the Subordinate Lodge By-Laws, and would say that in their opinion the words "Good of the Order" limit assessments made under the provisions of this Section to such purposes as shall be necessary for the carrying out of the beneficial character of the Order, and the payment of the ordinary running expenses, should the general fund be inadequate.

Yours, in F., C. and B.,

SAMUEL TUFTS, *Ch.*,
J. F. FRASER,
E. A. POWERS,
JAMES MOULSON,
E. R. MACHUM,
Committee.

The reading of the above report was followed by a very full discussion of the question involved. Thereafter the report was adopted, and the following ordered to be added to Article ix of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution :—

And further provided that assessments for the good of the Order shall be limited to such purposes as shall be necessary for the carrying out of the beneficial character of the Order and the payment of the ordinary running expenses of the Lodge, should the general fund be inadequate.

It was further resolved that the several Lodges in the Jurisdiction be made aware of the decision of the Grand Lodge, pending the approval of the same by the Supreme Chancellor.

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

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces :—

Your Appeals and Grievances Committee beg to report that we have had no business before us this year, for which the Grand Lodge should congratulate itself.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. CRAIG, *Ch.*,
JAS. D. FOWLER,
GEO. DUNN,
JOHN A. EWING,
JOHN BEAMISH,
Committee.

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

Report of Finance Committee.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.
Pythian Period xxviii.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—The Finance and Audit Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and find them correct. We

find the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal received during the term $482.95, and paid the same to the Grand Master of Exchequer. At the beginning of the term the Grand Master of Exchequer had on hand $270.19. He received from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, $482.95. His disbursements for the term amounted to $482.48, leaving a balance in his hands of $270.66.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN RYDER, *Ch.*,
MURRAY FLEMING,
JAMES MOULSON.
Committee.

The following communication was received by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal :—

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.

The members of Eureka Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., in their regular session, learning that the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias is holding its annual meeting in our midst, wish to express our sympathy with the Knights of Pythias in their work, and do hereby tender them our heartiest greetings.

On behalf of Eureka Lodge,

L. S.

D. W. JOHNSON,
H. B. SMITH,
A. A. MCKINNON.

Brother Henry was instructed to forward a reply to the above communication, which was accordingly done as follows :—

Spring Hill, N. S., September 8, 1891.

To the Officers and Members of Eureka Lodge, I. O. O. F., Spring Hill :—

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces, now in session in Spring Hill, accept with great pleasure your assurance of sympathy in our efforts to disseminate the principles of our Order, and we assure you we reciprocate the kindly feeling expressed and extend to you fraternal greetings.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. HENRY, G. K. of R. and S.

Grand Chancellor Powers stating that he was prepared to receive nominations for Officers for the coming year, the following were accordingly nominated :—

For Grand Chancellor—J. Fenwick Fraser, of No. 1.

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

For Grand Prelate—Jas. D. Fowler, of No. 6 ; E. M. Estey, 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—E. M. Estey, of No. 3; W. B. Nicholson, of No. 7.

On motion, resolved that nominations for these offices close.

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

Past Chancellors A. Dick, of No. 5, and H. Macky, of No. 6, were appointed scrutineers.

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

For the office of Grand Master-at-Arms, the ballot showed Past Chancellor Nicholson to have been elected.

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—W. R. Parker, of No. 3; A. Dick, of No. 5.

For Grand Outer Guard—Frank Fales, of No. 2.

Nomination for these offices was closed, and a ballot being taken for the office of Grand Inner Guard, Past Chancellor Parker had a majority of votes.

There being only one nomination for the office of Grand Outer Guard, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to deposit a ballot acordingly, which he did.

For the office of Supreme Representative, Past Grand Chancellors Fleming of No. 3, and Grimmer, of No. 4, were nominated. On a ballot being taken Brother Fleming had a majority of the votes cast.

The returns of scutineers being handed in, Grand Chancellor Powers declared the following elected Officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year :—

J. FENWICK FRASER, No. 1,	Grand Chancellor.
F. L. PEERS, No. 5,	Grand Vice Chancellor.
JAS. D. FOWLER, No. 6,	Grand Prelate.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG, No. 1,	Grand Master of Exchequer.
JOHN C. HENRY, No. 4,	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
W. B. NICHOLSON, No. 7,	Grand Master-at-Arms.
W. R. PARKER, No. 3,	Grand Inner Guard.
FRANK FALES, No. 2,	Grand Outer Guard.

Past Chancellor Geo. Dunn, of No. 5, was elected Trustee for three years.

On motion, resolved that Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 9, 1891.
Pythian Period xxviii.

Grand Lodge reconvened at 9, a. m., according to adjournment, the following Officers being present :—

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

After the reading of the minutes, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry stated that he was prepared to offer the following amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, notice of which had been given at last meeting of Grand Lodge: After the words "Grand Chancellor," in the 3rd line of 3rd Section of article vii of the Constitution, the following words be added: "Candidates for which office must have served one term as an Officer of this Grand Lodge."

The amendment, as above stated, was put by the Grand Chancellor and agreed to.

Letter read from Supreme Representative Armstrong. The same was received and ordered to be filed.

Special Committee on the Grand Chancellor's Address submitted their report, which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Grand Chancellor's Report.

Spring Hill, N. S., September 9, 1891.
Pythian Period xxviii.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Your Special Committee to whom was referred the recommendations contained in the Grand Chancellor's report, beg leave to report as follows:—

1st. That they approve of inserting a memorial page in the Journal of this session in memory of the late Past Supreme Chancellor John Van Valkenburg.

2nd. That they approve of issuing a Charter to Seaside Lodge, No. 9, of St. Andrews.

3rd and 4th. That they approve of the Grand Chancellor's recommendation as to remuneration to be paid the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and would suggest that an appropriation of fifty dollars be made to compensate him (the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal) for his past two years' work; also that an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made as a salary to be paid him for the ensuing term.

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

J. F. FRASER, *Ch.*,
MURRAY FLEMING,
JOHN RYDER,
Committee.

Grand Master-at-Arms Parker introduced Past Chancellor D. S. Ross, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, on whom was conferred the Grand Lodge Rank in due form.

Supreme Representative Moulson installed the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—

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.
W. R. PARKER,	Grand Inner Guard.
FRANK FALES,	Grand Outer Guard.

Upon the invitation of Representatives of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, it was unanimously resolved that the next meeting of Grand

Lodge be held in the City of Fredericton, N. B., on the third Tuesday in September, 1892.

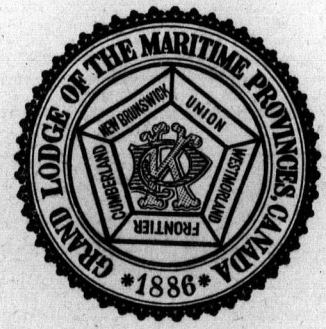
Supreme Representative Moulson spoke of the very efficient manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge had been conducted by the Officers during the past year, and offered a vote of thanks to the retiring Grand Lodge Officers, which was conveyed by the Grand Chancellor, and duly acknowledged by retiring officers.

As next meeting of the Supreme Lodge will be held before this Grand Lodge holds its next annual session, Supreme Representatives Moulson and Fleming were instructed to again bring the matter of drill before that body; and insist that the exclusive use of Carnahan's Tactics in Canada will seriously interfere with the growth of the Uniform Rank in this country.

Supreme Representative Moulson gave an exemplification of the unwritten work of the three Ranks, to the evident satisfaction of all present.

A vote of thanks to the members of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, for the use of their hall, and for the entertainment of the members of Grand Lodge, at this annual session, was conveyed by the Grand Chancellor, and duly acknowleged by Past Chancellor Cooper and Grand Vice Chancellor Peers.

There being no further business presented, at 1, p. m., Grand Chancellor Fraser closed the Grand Lodge in due form, and declared it adjourned accordingly until the third Tuesday in September, 1892, Pythian Period xxix, when its sixth annual session will be held in the City of Fredericton, N. B.



J. C. Henry

G. K. of R. and S.

APPENDIX

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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.

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.

Grand Lodge Roster, 1886 to 1891.

	Grand Chancellor.	Grand Vice Chancellor.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Master of Exchequer.	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.	Grand Master-at-Arms.	Grand Inner Guard.	Grand Outer Guard.
1886	James Moulson..	Murray Fleming..	W. C. H. Grimmer	T. Armstrong	A. J. Armstrong	George Dunn..	George Craig..	John Beamish..
1887	James Moulson..	Murray Fleming..	W. C. H. Grimmer	T. Armstrong	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn..	John P. Weir..	John Beamish..
1888	Murray Fleming..	W. C. H. Grimmer	E. Allison Powers	T. Armstrong	A. W. Adams.	George Dunn..	J. W. Whitehead	R. J. Rosborough
1889	W. C. H. Grimmer	E. Allison Powers	George Dunn....	T. Armstrong	John C. Henry	A. W. Adams..	Jos. H. Wran..	Jas. D. Fowler.
1890	E. Allison Powers	J. F. Fraser.....	F. L. Peers.....	T. Armstrong	John C. Henry	J. W. Whitehead	Jas. D. Fowler.	W. B. Nicholson.
1891	J. F. Fraser.....	F. L. Peers.....	James D. Fowler.	T. Armstrong	John C. Henry	W. B. Nicholson	W. R. Parker..	Frank Fales...

Officers of the Grand Lodge for Year 1891-92.

E. ALLISON POWERS, Past Grand Chancellor.
ST. JOHN, N. B.

J. FENWICK FRASER, Grand Chancellor.
ST. JOHN, N. B.

F. L. PEERS, Grand Vice Chancellor.
SPRING HILL, N. S.

JAMES D. FOWLER, Grand Prelate.
FREDERICTON, N. B.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG, Grand Master of Exchequer.
ST. JOHN, N. B.

JOHN C. HENRY, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
BOX 282, ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

W. B. NICHOLSON, Grand Master-at-Arms.
WOODSTOCK, N. B.

W. R. PARKER, Grand Inner Guard.
WOODSTOCK, N. B.

FRANK FALES, Grand Outer Guard.
ST. JOHN, N. B.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES MOULSON, For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1893).
ST. JOHN, N. B.

MURRAY FLEMING, For Four Years (to Dec. 31, 1895).
MONCTON, N. B.

TRUSTEES.

GEO DUNN, For Three Years.
SPRING HILL, N. S.

MURRAY FLEMING, For Two Years.
MONCTON, N. B.

JOHN RYDER, For One Year.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

☞ *The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Fredericton, N. B., on the third Tuesday in September, 1892.*

Standing Committees for 1891-92.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

JOHH C. HENRY,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
W. R. PARKER,	....	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.
A. W. DICK,	....	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5.
S. MACKY,	....	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
W. B. NICHOLSON,	....	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

FINANCE.

PARKER GRIMMER.	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
P. A. MELVILLE,	....	Union Lodge, No. 2.
JOHN RYDER,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

LAW AND SUPERVISION.

JAMES MOULSON,	....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
W. C. H. GRIMMER,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
CHARLES NEVINS,	....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

A. W. ADAMS,	....	Union Lodge, No. 2.
E. R. MACHUM,	....	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1.
E. M. ESTEY,	....	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3.
C. H. THOMAS,	....	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6.
MERED BREWER,	....	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7.

PRINTING.

A. H. GRAHAM,	....	Border Lodge, No. 8.
L. M. ROBINSON,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.
FRED. S. HUTCHINSON,	....	Frontier Lodge, No. 4.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Deputy Grand Chancellors for Year 1891-92.

JOHN BEAMISH, St. John, N. B.,	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1
HEDLEY V. COOPER, St. John, N. B.,	Union Lodge, No. 2
JOSEPH H. WRAN, Moncton, N. B.,	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3
R. J. ROSBOROUGH, St. Stephen, N. B.,	Frontier Lodge, No. 4
R. H. COOPER, Spring Hill, N. S.,	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5
JAMES D. FOWLER, Fredericton, N. B.,	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6
MERED BREWER, Woodstock, N. B.,	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7
J. M. DEACON, M. D., Milltown, N. B.,	Border Lodge, No. 8
R. E. ARMSTRONG, St. Andrews, N. B.,	Seaside Lodge, No. 9
H. C. JENKS, Advocate, N. S.,	Myrtle Lodge, No. 10

Roster of Subordinate Lodges.

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.	Night of Meeting.	Name and Address of Keeper of Records and Seal.
New Brunswick	1	St. John	Every alternate Wednesday	W. B. McVey, St. John, N. B.
Union	2	St. John	Every alternate Wednesday	A. W. MacRae, St. John, N. B.
Westmorland	3	Moncton	Tuesday	Jos. G. Wran, Moncton, N. B.
Frontier	4	St. Stephen	2nd and 4th Monday	C. S. Gregory, St. Stephen, N. B.
Cumberland	5	Spring Hill	Thursday	R. H. Cooper, Spring Hill, N. S.
Fredericton	6	Fredericton	2nd and 4th Tuesday	A. J. Fowlie, Box 340, Fredericton, N. B.
Ivanhoe	7	Woodstock	1st and 3rd Monday	William S. Skillen, Woodstock, N. B.
Border	8	Milltown	1st and 3rd Monday	A. H. 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.

* Instituted October 6, 1891.

Membership Report of Lodges.

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

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Membership per last Report.	Initiated.	Reinstated.	Card.	Total.	Suspended.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Total off.	Total end of Term.	P. G. Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
New Brunswick	1	88	2	3	..	93	3	2	..	5	88	1	20	66	..	1	88
Union	2	103	13	3	..	119	1	1	..	2	117	1	20	95	1	..	117
Westmorland	3	126	4	..	..	130	..	..	..	..	130	2	24	103	1	..	130
Frontier	4	85	12	..	..	97	2	2	..	4	93	1	11	79	1	1	93
Cumberland	5	66	5	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	71	..	14	57	..	..	71
Fredericton	6	39	2	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	41	..	5	35	..	1	41
Ivanhoe	7	33	2	..	..	35	..	1	..	1	34	..	2	32	..	..	34
Border	8	38	9	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	47	..	1	45	1	..	47
Total Dec. 31, 1890		578	49	6	..	633	6	6	..	12	621	5	97	512	4	3	621
New Brunswick	1	88	17	3	..	108	2	1	..	3	105	1	21	78	3	2	105
Union	2	117	18	4	..	139	2	1	1	4	135	1	21	110	1	2	135
Westmorland	3	130	2	..	..	132	6	..	..	6	126	2	22	102	..	..	126
Frontier	4	93	5	1	1	100	..	..	1	1	99	1	12	86	..	..	99
Cumberland	5	71	6	..	..	77	..	1	..	1	76	..	15	58	2	1	76
Fredericton	6	41	9	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	50	..	6	41	1	2	50
Ivanhoe	7	34	10	..	..	44	..	..	..	..	44	..	3	35	3	3	44
Border	8	47	3	..	..	50	..	1	..	1	49	..	2	47	..	..	49
Seaside*	9		16	..	1	17	..	..	..	..	17	..	1	16	..	..	17
Total June 30, 1891		621	86	8	2	717	10	4	2	16	701	5	103	573	10	10	701

* Instituted June 19, 1891.

Financial Statement of Subordinate Lodges.

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

NAME OF LODGE.	Lodge No.	Bal. per last Report, Cash and Lodge Property.	Receipts of Term.	Total.	Current Expenses.	Cash Invested	Brothers Relieved	Cost of Burials	Widowed Families Relieved.	Cash on hand.	Total Assets at end of term.	Amount of Widow and Orphan Fund.
		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
New Brunswick	1	1803 55	245 28	2048 83	135 01	1068 44	60 00	.....	.....	239 51	1853 82	732 71
Union	2	2280 91	414 04	2694 95	172 74	1621 43	140 00	.....	.....	60 78	2382 21	1020 43
Westmorland	3	2587 24	323 66	2910 90	254 42	1762 61	153 00	.....	15 00	225 87	2488 48	202 37
Frontier	4	1009 01	475 73	1484 74	143 19	321 86	112 00	.....	.....	257 69	1229 55	423 87
Cumberland	5	605 46	133 45	738 91	50 74	300 00	44 00	.....	.....	84 17	644 17	117 97
Fredericton	6	538 31	105 25	643 56	66 95	223 98	67 50	.....	.....	52 13	517 11	65 03
Ivanhoe	7	297 96	118 33	416 29	127 57	.....	4 00	.....	.....	85	262 12	85
Border	8	386 25	258 75	645 00	110 10	100 00	.....	.....	.....	139 64	533 54	32 75
Total Dec. 31, 1890		9,508 69	2,074 49	11,583 18	1,060 72	5,398 32	580 50	.....	15 00	1,059 64	9,911 00	2,595 98
New Brunswick	1	1853 82	423 75	2277 57	106 53	1250 66	135 00	.....	.....	96 23	2036 04	819 16
Union	2	2382 21	631 66	3013 87	108 22	1871 43	186 00	83 84	.....	64 38	2535 81	1059 49
Westmorland	3	2488 48	312 19	2800 67	83 50	1812 61	133 00	.....	10 00	261 56	2574 17	248 15
Frontier	4	1229 55	288 51	1518 06	198 43	398 87	121 50	84 37	25 00	39 89	1088 76	436 23
Cumberland	5	644 17	*265 17	909 34	221 94	300 00	.....	.....	.....	127 40	752 40	140 12
Fredericton	6	517 11	273 97	791 08	123 58	240 03	55 00	.....	.....	131 47	604 50	89 02
Ivanhoe	7	262 12	†210 65	472 77	160 88	.....	21 00	.....	.....	59 62	340 62	44 65
Border	8	533 54	‡134 00	667 54	150 49	100 00	90 00	.....	.....	33 15	625 84	50 35
Seaside	9	.....	160 00	160 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 00	.....
Total June 30, 1891		9,911 00	2,699 90	12,610 90	1,153 57	5,973 60	741 50	168 21	35 00	813 70	10,718 14	2,887 17

* Includes $65.00 increased value of Lodge property. †Includes $26.77 increased value of Lodge property. ‡Includes $50.49 increased value of Lodge property.

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

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 7, 1891.

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

1891.			*Dr.*		
Mar. 23.	To Cash paid Grand Master of Exchequer,			$155 45	
July 15.	Do	do	do	do	201 20
Sept. 3.	Do	do	do	do	126 30
					$482 95
1890.			*Cr.*		
Dec. 23.	By Cash from Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,			$ 2 00	
1891.					
Jan. 13.	Do	do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	23 25	
	Do	do	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	8 50	
16.	Do	do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	10 25	
	Do	do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	2 00	
17.	Do	do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	17 75	
19.	Do	do	Border Lodge, No. 8,	11 75	
22.	Do	do	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,	32 50	
26.	Do	do	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	1 00	
Feb. 6.	Do	do	Union Lodge, No. 2,	29 25	
	Do	do	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	22 00	
23.	Do	do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	1 75	
April 27.	Do	do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	1 25	
May 13.	Do	do	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,	2 00	
July 9.	Do	do	Seaside Lodge, No. 9,	84 90	
	Do	do	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,	31 50	
14.	Do	do	Union Lodge, No. 2,	33 75	
	Do	do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	24 75	
	Do	do	Border Lodge, No. 8,	15 25	
23.	Do	do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	19 00	
	Do	do	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	11 00	
28.	Do	do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	5 05	
Aug. 1.	Do	do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	12 50	
4.	Do	do	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	29 75	
10.	Do	do	Cumberland Lodge, No. 5,	2 25	
			Forward,	$434 95	

1891.			Forward,	$434 95	
Aug. 21.	Do	do	Westmorland Lodge, No. 3,	25	
26.	Do	do	Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 7,	30 00	
	Do	do	Frontier Lodge, No. 4,	75	
28.	Do	do	Fredericton Lodge, No. 6,	3 00	
Sept. 1.	Do	do	Border Lodge, No. 8,	2 25	
3.	Do	do	Grand Chancellor for Dispensations	8 00	
4.	Do	do	New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1,	1 00	
	Do	do	Union Lodge, No. 2,	2 75	
					$482 95

Grand Lodge Stock.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 7, 1891.

100 Official Receipts.	$0 75
1 Subordinate Lodge Charter, ...	2 50
10 Withdrawal Cards,..	5 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, ...	15 00
180 Semi-Annual Reports, ...	7 50
800 Past Chancellor's Certificates, ...	5 00
Grand Officers' Books, ...	10 00
1 Trunk, ...	12 00
12 Travelling Shields,..	1 20
1 Set of Grand Lodge Jewels, ...	40 00
	$116 25

Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee.

St. Stephen, N. B., September 1, 1891.
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To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Maritime Provinces:—

In submitting this report for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, your Committee beg to explain that it has been written in the intervals of pressing business demands, oftimes hurriedly, consequently defects both of matter and style cannot but be markedly apparent. Over these, we pray you to throw the mantle of charity, and let us assure you that, although the report has demanded much of our time, thought and labor, we have been amply rewarded in the view we have obtained over the broad field of Pythianism. The labor of compiling the report is finished; the result is before you. It will be seen that the Order is not only growing in strength, but financially. Of the incalculable blessings conferred on suffering humanity by means of our great Fraternity, the figures give but an indication. We have been compelled to make our reports rather brief in some instances, from lack of time, many of the Journals coming into our possession as much as six or seven months after the Grand Lodges met, and just on the eve of our present meeting. In conclusion, we are satisfied that the work has been as well done as circumstances would permit; and for the reputation of our Journal, we trust that those who are to succeed us will find the work a pleasing and congenial field wherein to display their literary talent, and raise the standard of our Journal to that degree of excellence prized by all and obtained by few.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HENRY, CH.,
E. ALLISON POWERS,
F. L. PEERS,
Committee.

ALABAMA.—Nineteenth annual session held at Montgomery, April 21-23, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Schuster, in his report, says:—"Our Order is indeed advancing beyond all anticipation. From every part of our state come words of cheer and promise. Proudly I state to you that during my administration we have gathered into our fold twenty-five new Lodges, and re-organized four." Under the heading of "State of the Order," he adds: "When I began my office one year ago we had a membership of 3,000, and 52 Lodges, while to-day we have 5,200 members and 76 Lodges." Among the recommendations which he offers is that the laws of the Grand Lodge be amended so that "it shall be the duty of each officer of a Subordinate Lodge to commit to memory their respective portions of the Ritual in opening and closing the Lodge and conferring the several grades of rank within four weeks after being installed; and failing to do so the office shall be declared vacant." We heartily agree with this and think our own Grand Lodge should take similar action. This would cause Lodges to elect officers who would be willing to sacrifice enough time to master the Ritual and the work of our noble Order; and rotation would be observed not as a rule, but only in cases where the Brother is qualified and fitted for the exalted position to which he may be elected. A careless Chancellor Commander, without any evil intent, can do more harm in a Subordinate Lodge, perhaps, than any other agency.

From the statistics published in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we learn that in addition to the remarkable increase in membership and Lodges in Alabama during 1890, a still more unusual feature is noticeable that the members reinstated *exceed* in number those suspended. The financial condition of Lodges is equally encouraging. Grand Lodge has also a balance to its credit of $7,579, being a gain over the balance in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer in 1890, of over $2,000.

Twenty-eight pages of the Journal under review are taken up with a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which we are told is the first report of the kind submitted during the last five years. They admit that in attempting to fit their hands to this untried work they find themselves "hunting in the dark for the end of a lost thread." Having found it they pass it on to their successors with the injunction that the report of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence should have a fixed place in the Journals of Alabama. We gladly welcome this addition to our Committees on Foreign Correspondence. The report is brief but well written.

Next session of this Grand Lodge will be held at Tuskaloosa, on the 19th April, 1892.

BEN. M. HUEY, G. C., Marion.

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

J. R. CARTER, Birmingham, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

ARKANSAS.—The eleventh annual session held at Helena, May 19-21, 1891.

The Order throughout this Jurisdiction appears to be in a very healthy condition. Last year they closed with No. 64, and a membership of 2,600; this year

they close with No. 74, and a membership of 3,500; showing an increase of 900 members.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the total assets of Lodges at $30,710; the amount paid for sick benefits, $3,920.86; for funerals and other relief, $2,448.50. The Grand Lodge balance at the close of the year was $2,467.18, being nearly double the amount held by the Grand Master of Exchequer a year previously. We heartily approve of the following from Brother Fowler's report:—

"I would reiterate a suggestion made in my last report, that when a Brother is found fully qualified for the office of Keeper of Records and Seal he be elected and retained in that position as long as possible. Frequent changes in this office are productive in most cases of bad results, semi-annual reports, and papers pertaining to the preceding terms are lost or mislaid, as the requests to this office for duplicates go to prove. I would suggest that Subordinate Lodges require that all documents and papers belonging in the archives be kept in some suitable receptacle in the Castle Hall of the Lodge, as the trouble apparently arises from the officers, when they leave the hall, taking to their places of business, or homes, documents, which are pigeon-holed and forgotten."

The Foreign Correspondence Committee make a very good report, and in speaking of our efforts in that direction promise us more than two meals provided we make a trip to Arkansas. Thanks, Brothers, some day we may avail ourselves of your southern hospitality.

Next meeting at Little Rock on the third Tuesday in May, 1892.

CHAS. D. GEE, G. C., Camden.

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Second annual session held at Vancouver, May 19-21, 1891.

The report of Grand Chancellor Behnsen, submitted at this convention, must have given entire satisfaction to the Jurisdiction of British Columbia. He says:

"In reviewing the doings of our Order in this province during the past year we all must be thankful for the forward strides that we have made during that time, for, as you are all aware, only six Lodges were in existence at the institution of our Grand Lodge, April 22, 1890, while to-day we have *nine* Lodges on our Grand Lodge roster, and nearly 700 true and good Knights in our Jurisdiction. The condition of our Subordinate Lodges, financially, as well as otherwise, is the most gratifying in every particular."

They appear to have taken an equally strong hold of the Uniform Rank, as the following will show:—

"Another good feature is the Uniform Rank, of which we have four Divisions in this province. It only requires one more Division to entitle us to the formation of a Regiment, which latter would be of as much benefit to this Rank in British Columbia as the Grand Lodge has proven to be to the Subordinate Lodges, and it should require no further comment than this to induce the young men of our Order in this Jurisdiction to form a Division and join this rank in their respective cities."

From the Journal under review, we notice that the membership at April, 1890, was 442, while at the 31st December, 1890, the number was 669. Assets of Subordinate Lodges are placed at nearly $18,000; while the balance to the credit

of the Grand Lodge was nearly $700. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's salary was increased from $100 to $200.

They have also a Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the far West. Their report is the briefest we have ever met. We give it here in full :—

"We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg to submit to your honorable body, that at this time our noble Order is in the best condition everywhere throughout the United States and Canada.

"Our duties at this time are comparatively small to what they will be within a few years for committees like ours, as at the present time Pythianhood has been established in the Sandwich Islands and Australia, and steps have been taken to have the Order established in Europe as well as elsewhere."

We predict a much fuller report from our Brothers in British Columbia the coming year, at their next annual session in Nanaimo, on the third Tuesday in July, 1892.

JOHN CROSSON, G. C., Nanaimo.

ROBERT CLARK, G. K. R. S. and chairman of Foreign Correspondence, Vancouver.

CALIFORNIA.—Twenty-third annual session held in Sacramento, April 13-19, 1891.

The Grand Chancellor reports the institution of six new Lodges, while four have surrendered their charters.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report shows the number of Lodges at December, 1890, 152, being an increase of 4 ; membership, 10,237, loss for the year 49. The finances of Subordinate Lodges, however, show a gain of nearly $8,000 for the year, the total assets at December, 1890, being $196,847.63. The Grand Lodge exchequer had at the close of the year $4,673.95 in its favor.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence make a very full and interesting report, and give lengthy extracts from Brother Grimmer's report as Grand Chancellor. They endorse his recommendation to raise the minimum fee for the three Ranks to fifteen dollars.

Next meeting at Santa Cruz, on the third Monday in May, 1892.

G. E. CHURCH, G. C., Fresno.

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

WILL. J. BEATTY, San Francisco, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

COLORADO.—The fifteenth annual session was held in Salida, September 2-5, 1890.

Report of the Grand Chancellor shows an increase of six Lodges. "Universal harmony prevails ; the Subordinate Lodges are rapidly increasing in membership, and careful attention and close investigation is had as to the character and quality of members." Altogether it was a busy year.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the "total additions for the year, 783 ;" but this is reduced by 222 suspensions, 58 withdrawals and 29 deaths. Present membership, 3039, a net gain of 474 ; number of Lodges, 49.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee reviewed twenty-seven Journals, ours being among the number.

Among the Grand Chancellor's dispensations were one to initiate an applicant minus an arm, and one minus a leg.

Next session will be held at Aspen, on the second Tuesday in September, 1891.

DON O. HEYWOOD, G. C., Del Norte.

W. S. O'BRIEN, G. K. R. S., Salida.

C. L. WELLS, Denver, chairman Foreign Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT.—Twenty-third annual session was held at Wallingford, on February 17, 18, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Welch reports all the Lodges "in a creditable condition," and "most of them in a state of increasing prosperity." For the excellent showing of a net increase of three Lodges and over 600 in membership, he says his "immediate predecessor's labors have accomplished much in producing such a happy fruitage." Six Divisions of the Uniform Rank were instituted, and Brother Welch thinks "this Rank has accomplished more than any other agency in attracting to us, from the most desirable class, the young men of this country."

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows the membership to be 4,160 in 45 Lodges. There are also sixteen Divisions of the Uniform Rank.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review fifty Journals. The chairman says that because he had been there before he should have "known better than to have again attempted the work." We think that one reason why he should be continued. Brethren, when you are able to put it on paper that "each member of the committee has done his best" you are indeed happy men. Angels could do no more! The report is a good one. Our own Journal is reviewed, and the Committee want to know what's the matter with Brother James Moulson, to which we are glad to be able to respond, "He's all right!" They think that for an old war horse he kept remarkably quiet. Well, Jim always was a modest chap, but he is the same true Pythian as of yore, and takes more interest than ever in anything that tends to benefit our Order.

Next session will be held at Willimantic, June 14, 1892.

DR. GEO. S. HULL, G. C., Bristol.

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

AUGUSTUS H. FENN, Winsted, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

DAKOTA.—The sixth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Mitchell, June 17-19, 1890.

The Grand Chancellor, J. F. Edmonds, started in to make his term an exceptionally good one, and he succeeded, notwithstanding numerous discouragements and plenty of opposition. A resolution had been adopted to divide the Jurisdiction into two—North and South Dakota. With this Journal Dakota becomes extinct, but two Grand Jurisdictions, North Dakota and South Dakota, take the territory formerly covered by one. The report of Grand Chancellor shows that a great amount of work was done. He says he travelled "over 7000 miles on Pythian work. . . and between 300 and 400 miles of this was in

stages, over the mountains and elsewhere." The result is shown in a good increase and improved condition of things throughout the Jurisdiction, though utter failure of crops has proved fatal to the lodges in some localities. He appointed a special Deputy, who spent much time visiting and organizing Lodges.

The result of the work is told by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who reports several Lodges which were "in a shaky condition" at the commencement of the year as being "healthy." Eleven new Lodges were added to the Grand Lodge roster, and one died. The Uniform Rank is also growing in favor. New Divisions are organized and the membership of Lodges thereby increased and strengthened. After the business was concluded, the Grand Lodge of Dakota, "after a progressive career of five years, one month and twelve days," was declared formally dissolved and adjourned *sine die.*

Grand Lodge of South Dakota was then formally organized and proceeded to business. The procedings of the old Grand Lodge were adopted and made part of this session's regular proceedings.

There is a very fair report presented by the Foreign Correspondence Committee, our Journal being favorably referred to. The Committee ask why Dakota had not been reviewed by our Committee. There is only one reason, Brethren, your Journal either was not received or it came to hand after the report had been published. We always review every Journal which reaches us before the report is printed, though some of them come *awful* late.

Next session at Madison, first Tuesday in June, 1891.

ARTHUR C. PHILLIPS, G. C., Sioux Falls.

W. E. TIPTON, G. K. R. S., Armour.

J. F. EDMONDS, Deadwood, S. D., chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

DELAWARE.—Twenty-second annual session held at Wilmington, October 22, 1890.

The Grand Chancellor in his report states that he has not been able to report the institution of any new Lodges, but states that the various Lodges show a slight increase in membership—55. He is outspoken in regard to the $6.00 rate of initiation which prevails in Delaware. Hear him :—

"This subject has been of great interest to me and has been commented upon by previous Grand Chancellors in a very elaborate manner, and after viewing all that has been said *pro* and *con*, I will say that I have always favored high initiation and I am proud to say that I am still upon that side of this question.

"All institutions of this character where benefits are paid should be upon a firm basis, ready and willing to relieve the sick and distressed, not only paying them the weekly benefits to which they are entitled, but to go beyond in extreme cases without extra assessments.

"This, I claim, cannot be done by catering to those who are not able to lay aside more than six ($6.00) dollars to join an organization that pays this much a week for sick benefits.

"The man who cannot pay more than this small fee is certainly unable to pay his funeral assessments should many occur in one term, and is therefore suspended, consequently the Lodge suffers and the members are taxed proportionately more to meet the next assessment.

"While I have never considered that money made the man, I do unhesitatingly say, that without money an order of this kind could not be a success.

"Were we to take the views of others upon this subject, that this Order was

too grand to keep to ourselves and we should go out and gather in the poor, the lame and the blind, at whatever price they may be able to pay, and if without money admit them free for charity sake, we would soon find that our Lodges would dwindle down to those who were brought in without pay.

"No never, I pray, shall this Order of ours be classed as a pauper institution, but placed where it properly belongs—'The peer of any organization in this land.'

"The excuses offered that other organizations are taking members in for a small fee are not the proper spirit. What have we to do with others, who, having goods of inferior quality, place them on the market for what they consider them worth? If we are to make a comparison why take those of a cheap grade, when we have in our community some who charge three times the minimum fee of this Order?

"I claim that no organization exists that is better or more worthy of consideration than this glorious one of ours.

"I wish to call your attention to another fact regarding these dispensations for a sum less than the minimum fee, and that is, while it may be proper in many things for grand jurisdictions to know and to legislate for their best welfare, it is not proper for them to degrade the order universal by placing the cost below its par value."

Notwithstanding the views here expressed by Grand Chancellor Mullen, we are sorry to say that the Grand Lodge by vote decided to maintain the $6.00 minimum for the conferring of the three ranks, and instructed the present Grand Chancellor to grant dispensation to all who applied for the same.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee's report in this Journal is taken up principally in condemning, in language not at all polite, all other jurisdictions who venture an opinion on the $6.00 dispensation business. Our last year's Journal did not reach them apparently. They review the proceedings of our Grand Lodge of 1889 in eight lines, for which we are grateful.

Next meeting at Newark, on the fourth Wednesday of October, 1891.

L. E. WALLACE, G. C., Seaford.

M. L. GARRET. G. K. R. S., Wilmington.

LEMUEL MARR, Wilmington, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

FLORIDA.—The sixth annual session held at Jacksonville, March 11th and 12th, 1891.

The report of Grand Chancellor C. B. Parkhill commences thus:—

"It is gratifying to reflect that at the beginning of my term of office ten months ago, our membership throughout was 617, and to-day we number 990; that the treasury contained $339.62, and to-day we have $904.28 in the hands of our Grand Master of Exchequer. At the last session of this body there were 13 active subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and to-day we are made happy by the presence in this Lodge room of representatives from 17 active and prosperous Lodges."

And in concluding his report, which must have given entire satisfaction to the Grand Lodge, he says:—

"We look out upon a future rich in brilliant possibilities for our beloved Order. Let us so legislate that in the years to come we may realize our fondest expectations. Let our deliberations be marked with prudence, caution and wisdom, and all will be well."

The salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Lattimer, who we

regret to notice by the report before us, was unable to be present at the Grand Lodge meeting through sickness in his family, was increased from $50 to $100 for the past year. This is right.

There is no committee on Foreign Correspondence, and consequently no report.

Next meeting at Key West, on the third Wednesday in March, 1892.

O. J. H. SUMMERS, G. C., Jacksonville.

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

GEORGIA.—Twenty-second annual convention held at Brunswick, May 19, 1891.

From the Grand Chancellor's report we learn that Pythianism is holding its own in Georgia. He says:—

"When we see our Grand Jurisdiction composed of 37 bright, active, energetic Lodges, and the number of members reaching the great number of 3,500, and when from this we picture the bright and glorious future in store for us, we can readily see how much and many things we should be thankful for."

He is a warm supporter of the Uniform Rank, and offered the following recommendation which was adopted:—

"That the Grand Lodge increase the amount given to the Uniform Rank from $200 to $500, so as to show proper appreciation by the Grand Lodge of the large number of said Rank coming to the annual conventions."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the addition of seven new Lodges and the resurrection of one. The receipts for the year were $23,653.91; paid out for relief, $4,871.27; invested, $24,876.41, with a cash balance of $8,044.32. This statement in itself goes to prove that the Order in Georgia is in a very healthy condition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence briefly review the Journals of 38 Jurisdictions.

Next meeting at Savannah, in May, 1892.

WM. T. LEOPOLD, G. C., Savannah.

JAS. NAYLOR, JR., G. K. R. S., Savannah.

ILLINOIS.—Twenty-first annual session, held at Bloomington, October 21-23, 1890.

This is one of the largest of the Grand Jurisdictions, the number of Lodges being 230, of which 37 had been instituted and one re-organized during the year. Total membership, July 1, 1890, 15,250; an increase of 3,294 for the year. Of the 230 Lodges in working order at the date of Grand Lodge meeting, sixteen work in German, five in Scandinavian and one in Bohemian.

The financial footing for Subordinate Lodges is $198,256.12. Members of Grand Lodge are paid for attendance, the appropriation for that purpose last year being $4,260.08.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee makes a racy report, two pages of which is devoted to our Journal. In the course of his remarks, the reviewer makes merry at our expense because our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is said to have done a large amount of work, adding:—

"And there were only eight Lodges to provide for. Wonder what he would do if he had two hundred and twenty-five added to his eight, as Brother Caldwell has."

An answer is suggested when we find, on turning to the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer, that Brother Caldwell's salary for the year was $1,250.00, while that of Brother Henry for the same year was nothing.

The Journal closes with a report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

Next meeting in Springfield, third Tuesday in October, 1891.

CHARLES SHEERER, G. C., Galena.

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

JAMES R. WARD, Carrollton, chairman Foreign Correspondence.

INDIANA.—Twenty-third annual session held in Indianapolis, June 2, 3, 1891.

This is a Journal of nearly 250 pages. It is one of the big Jurisdictions. When shall we of the Maritime Provinces have an announcement to compare with that submitted by Grand Chancellor Hawkins?

"As a solace and comfort to my most esteemed successor, whoever he may be, and in order that he may have a slight foretaste of the many little pleasantries in store for him upon entering on the duties of this office, I will enumerate only a few of the stumbling blocks which have beset my pathway during the past year, and not unfrequently caused my seat at Sunday school and church to be vacant, and threatened a disruption of my bonds of matrimony.

"I have written over two thousand letters and communications, have granted numerous dispensations of minor importance, have examined and approved about seventy-five Subordinate Lodge by-laws, have determined and settled quite a large number of jurisdictional lines between Sister Lodges, have granted sixty dispensations for new Lodges, have written about as many legal opinions as the Appellate Court of Indiana, and, in short, have won my spurs."

Most decidedly you have, Brother Hawkins. Among the recommendations which the Grand Chancellor makes is the following, which we copy for the benefit of Oriental Princes.

"Frequent complaints having been made to me, that in many places throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, the Castle Hall is used as a meeting place, on Lodge nights, for a certain fatherless organization, called the 'Grand Orient,' and that after members of our Order are initiated into Oriental mysteries that breed discontent and feelings of resentment on the part of some of these seekers after mysteries they lay the cause of their wounded feelings, etc., at the door of our Order and in some instances actual harm results to Pythianism. I, myself, have a vivid recollection of the deep and lasting impressions made upon me during the solemn and impressive ceremonies of this so-called order of Oriental origin. I entertain, however, no feelings of ill-will towards this Order, or any of its members, but for the *good of Pythianism*, I would recommend that its meetings be prohibited in our Castle Halls, on Lodge meeting nights."

This recommendation was approved of by the Grand Lodge.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Article vi, Section 1, was amended over a year ago, to read as follows:—

"Any person engaged in the retail sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage shall not be initiated into a Lodge, and any member of the Order who may here-

after become engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, shall thereby forfeit his membership in his Lodge."

The result of this enactment is set forth in the appendix to the Journal under review, where the names of three Knights are recorded as being "expelled for selling intoxicating liquors," "saloon keeping," and "selling liquor at retail." We notice also the expulsion of one of the members of Elwood Lodge, whose name they do not print, for striking his wife!

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report the following figures are got:—Number of Lodges January 3, 1890, 247; new Lodges instituted, 60; suspended, 1; total number at January, 1891, 306. Membership, January, 1890, 17,897; membership at January, 1891, 22,174; gain for the year, 4,277. The total assets of Lodges is given at $384,370.60, and the amount invested in Widow and Orphan Fund was $133,665.90. The balance in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer at May, 1890, was $9,505.76; at May, 1891, the amount in hand was $12,823.10.

Strange, but nevertheless true, this Jurisdiction has no Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next session at Indianapolis, on the second Tuesday in February, 1892.

ELMER F. WILLIAMS, G. C., Terre Haute.

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

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Second annual session held at Muskogee, May 5, 6, 1891.

Dispensations for three new Lodges have been issued since the institution of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Chancellor in his report states that the outlook is bright and hopeful.

Number of Lodges at May, 1890, 5; at May, 1891, 8; membership at December, 1890, 277, being a gain of 70 for the year. The financial showing of Subordinate Lodges is creditable.

There is no Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next meeting at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, on the first Tuesday in May, 1892.

C. H. THOMAS, G. C., Muskogee.

D. E. WARD, G. K. R. S., Tahlequah.

KANSAS.—Twentieth annual session held at Wichita, May 19, 20, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Hollowell reports that harmony and good feeling have prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction during the past year, and that while nearly every business enterprise has been beset by clouds of darkest depression and uncertainty, the Brothers have lifted the colors of our Order above the clouds, to the sunlight of untrammeled friendship above the storm.

Speaking of Investigating Committees, he says:—

"I am inclined to believe that in many instances this Committee does not appreciate the trust reposed in them. This is a matter of vital importance, and I feel that the attention of the Lodges should be called to the subject. The duty of the Committee, as I understand it, consists not only in investigating the standing of the applicant in the neighborhood in which he lives, by what his neighbors

say of him, but should go further, and see what his family's standing is, and see whether or not he is a fit man to be taken into the Order. It is a matter of deep moment to the Lodge and to the Order that none but good and true men be recommended for membership. The recommendation of the Investigating Committee should, in most instances, be a passport to carry the candidate into the Lodge. It is therefore very important that great care should be exercised by the Committee. We are too often compelled to recognize as Knights of Pythias those whom we know, and the world knows, to be unfit to be members of the Order."

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Neubert we learn that the number of Lodges at December, 1889, was 178, and at December, 1890, 197, being a gain of 19 Lodges for the year. The membership increased during the year from 8,898 to 10,537. The total receipts for the year of Subordinate Lodges was $110,620.99; aggregate expended for relief for 1890, $17,485.04; total assets of Lodges at December, 1890, $151,486.28. Receipts of Grand Lodge during the year, $6,810.53; total expenditures, $8,997.06; balance in Grand Lodge exchequer, $4,694.55.

We give below the estimate of the cost of running the Grand Lodge of Kansas for the present year, as recommended by the Finance Committee and adopted:—

Expenses of Grand Chancellor,	$ 500 00
Clerk of Grand Chancellor,	250 00
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Salary,	1,500 00
Clerk hire and office rent of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	300 00
Office expenses of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, express charges, freight, postage, printing, &c.,	300 00
Supreme Lodge tax,	100 00
Printing of the Grand Lodge Journal,	400 00
Compensation to SPRIG OF MYRTLE,	480 00
Chairman Committee on Correspondence,	100 00
Mileage and per diem of Grand officers, representatives and committees,	4,200 00
Total,	$8,130 00

An excellent report of forty-three pages from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence appears in the Journal. In regard to Brother Winkley's appeal to the Grand Lodge, they say:—

"A person when he becomes a member of a Lodge has a right to believe that the Constitution and By-Laws mean what they say when they provide for what purpose an assessment may be made, and there is no provision in those laws for an assessment to be made 'for the good of the Order' when every dollar is used for the purpose of making an entertaining and enjoyable time for the members who attend the session of the Grand Lodge. We believe Brother Winkley's appeal should have been sustained."

They give us credit for having made a "brief yet interesting report" for 1890.

Next session at Pittsburg, on the third Tuesday in May, 1892.

WILL. T. WALKER, G. C., Wellington.

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

S. O. MCDOWELL, Lansing, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

KENTUCKY.—The twenty-second annual session was held in Bowling Green, September 16, 17, 1890.

The report of Grand Chancellor Quinby covers a great deal of ground, and

shows the Order in this Jurisdiction to be in excellent condition. Fifteen Lodges were instituted during the year, and charters re-called from two. Six Divisions of the Uniform Rank were instituted, and the Grand Chancellor suggests that some encouragement in the way of prizes be offered by the Grand Lodge. He recognizes the important bearing of this Rank upon the increase in membership, and thinks the Grand Lodge ought to show its appreciation of the good it has accomplished for the Order.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wade Sheltman shows that an increase of 1,112 during the year was reduced by suspensions, deaths and withdrawals, 261. Present membership 3,789 in 66 Lodges. Like some other Grand Keepers of Records and Seal, Brother Sheltman finds delay on the part of Subordinate Lodges in forwarding semi-annual reports "a source of worry and trouble," which increases year by year. This is the result of changing frequently the Keeper of Records and Seal in Subordinate Lodges as well as giving the office to whoever will take it, regardless of fitness or ability.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee's chairman thinks the work of reviewing the Journals "should be placed in the hands of one of the best and most thorough members of the Grand Lodge," and suggests the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as eligible. Considering the fact that the Committee plead lack of time for themselves to do the work properly, it seems something like a joke to suggest that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, with sixty-six Lodges to look after, should be expected to undertake the work.

Next session will be held at Louisville, the third Tuesday in September, 1891.

JOSEPH W. PRYOR, G. C., Lexington.

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

P. T. KAIGHN, Dayton, chairman Foreign Correspondence.

LOUISIANA.—Eleventh session held at Shreveport, May 18-21, 1891.

We learn from Grand Chancellor Read's report that seven new Lodges have been instituted and one reinstated, with an aggregate membership of 233 members at date of first installation. These have increased largely in membership since. The older Lodges, too, have had marvelous growth, and now the grand total of their membership is 6,482, a gain of 1,436. There are now 83 Lodges in good standing. The cash balance in the treasury of the Grand Lodge on 31st March, 1891, was $4,808.37—a large increase; the assets of Subordinate Lodges at the end of 1890 showing, too, a flattering increase.

In concluding a somewhat lengthy report, he says:—

"I may be permitted to congratulate you, and through you the Order at large, upon the phenomenal growth and prosperity of our beloved Pythianism in this Grand Jurisdiction. The enthusiasm of our members is but prophecy of the time coming, when the whole world shall be blessed with the beneficient influence of our Order and gladdened by a full practice of its tenets."

Brother McLean, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, gives the number of Lodges at December, 1889, as 76; and at the close of 1890, 78; membership, December, 1889, 5,046; December, 1890, 5,927; gain in membership, 881. The total assets of Lodges foots up over $80,000, while the aggregate paid

for relief for the year was $20,228.92. The Grand Lodge had a balance of $4,567.59, being an increase of $560,33 over the previous year.

The Uniform Rank in Louisiana is also well sustained, it having grown since last convention from a Battalion of three Divisions to a Regiment of eight Divisions. Brother McLean says:—

"The displays made by them on public occasions have been fine and creditable to the Order of Knights of Pythias, and have done much to add to the increase of the membership in the Subordinate Lodges in the city."

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence our Jurisdiction gets a very favorable notice. They say that our Journal "reflects the highest credit upon our brothers of the Maritime Provinces, both in its outward and interior appearance." Thanks, Brothers.

In regard to Brother Grimmer's recommendation against the general gathering of Knights during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, they tell us Louisiana has noted this latter fact, and the Grand Lodge itself has passed a resolution that no celebration likely to be of expense to the subordinate Lodges shall be entertained by the Grand Lodge. They also congratulate the Supreme Representatives and and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence upon their "fine reports." A diligent search for the name of the chairman of this committee for the present year was made in the Journal; but we were unable to find it.

Next session convenes at Alexandria, on the third Monday in May, 1892.

W. W. HEARD, G. C., Farmerville.

JOHN A. MCLEAN, G. K. R. S., New Orleans.

MAINE.—Nineteenth annual session at Portland, May 20, 1891.

The Journal of this Grand Lodge, always one of the most interesting, is late in coming to hand. [October 22.]

The Grand Chancellor reports 555 new members added to the roster of Subordinate Lodges between January 1 and May 10. He made 62 official visits during the year, in addition to those made by other grand officers.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 3 new Lodges in 1890, and 2 re-organized, making a total of 69. The gain in membership was 424, and the number of members January 1, 1891, 7907. The assets of the Subordinate Lodges amount to $155,684.06.

We would not endorse Brother Smith's suggestion of prizes for drill in the Uniform Rank. Their own approval and that of their superior officers should furnish all the incentive the Sir Knights require.

Past Grand Chancellor Martin L. Stevens, the chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his sixteenth annual report, which occupies 76 closely printed pages. Not simply reviewing the Journals that pass through his hands, he makes a study of them, brings out and discusses facts of deepest interest and significance, and draws general conclusions of which the following are samples:—

"Excessive relief payments are not specially valuable as a means of recruiting the membership of the Order."

"Excessive benefits are not conducive to permanency of membership."

In reviewing the Journal of our Grand Lodge, the committee questions the doctrine that a Subordinate Lodge may define the meaning of its own By-Laws, holding that "as a matter of fact it is impossible for a Subordinate Lodge to give validity to any law whatever, and hence that it can never *finally* determine the significance of any Pythian statute."

At the closing session the Grand Lodge voted to recognize the services of Brother Stevens as chairman of Correspondence Committee for so many years by the presentation of a Grand Chancellor's jewel; and we heartily endorse what their resolutions say as to the value of his reports.

Next session at Portland, third Wednesday in May, 1892.

FRED EMERY BEANE, G. C., Hallowell.

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

M. L. STEVENS, Box 787, New York, N. Y., chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

MARYLAND.—Twenty-third annual session held in Baltimore, February 10-12, 1891.

In his report, Grand Chancellor Meissel says "the Order in the State is in a very prosperous condition." Three new Lodges were instituted in desirable localities with promising prospects.

From the excellent report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Whitehouse, we glean the following: Present membership 6,728, a net increase of 31; number of Lodges 94, net increase 1, (two having surrendered charters); amount in exchequers of Subordinate Lodges $181,603.18, an increase of $4,377.34; paid for relief, burials, education of orphans, etc., $39,147.91, of which amount $24,730.36 was for sick benefits alone.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee is well written and our own Jurisdiction is well spoken of. This committee, by the way, is composed of seven members. In reference to the Uniform Rank, the committee have come to the conclusion that it is "becoming a great power for good in attracting young men to our Subordinate Lodges." Correct!

Next session on the second Tuesday in February, 1892.

JOHN D. BLAKE, G. C., Baltimore.

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

WM. HAMILTON, Baltimore, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Twenty-second annual session held in Boston, February 18, 1891.

Grand Chancellor C. B. Newton in his report for the past year congratulates the Order on the increased interest evinced by the members in his Jurisdiction, and adds: "We may well point to the universal prosperity which has attended our labors wherever the standard of Pythian Knighthood has been raised."

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Cross reports seven new Lodges instituted during the year, making a total of 86 at the close of year. The membership at December, 1890, was 9047, making a gain of 1044 for the year. The financial condition of Lodges at the same date shows cash on hand and invested $78,184-

.71; an increase for the period of nearly $10,500. The amount paid for relief and benefits was $31,016.79.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge also shows up well, as we notice by the Grand Master of Exchequer's report that the balance in his hands at the close of the year was over $1000 more than at the corresponding period last year.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the per capita tax of this Jurisdiction was reduced from thirty to twenty-five cents per annum.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review the journals of 47 Grand Lodges. The report is brief but comprehensive, and has a good word to say as to the neatness of our journal of last year. The committee recommend the Grand Lodge to adopt the excellent idea of the Grand Lodge of Maine by having the Foreign Correspondence report printed in separate form for general distribution. This they say would attract "good men to our castle halls" and if "we sow such seed we shall reap a harvest of true men."

Next meeting in Boston in February, 1892.

JOHN H. ABBOTT. G. C., Fall River.

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

L. L. TARBELL, Marlboro, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

MICHIGAN.—Eighteenth annual convention held at Grand Rapids, March 18, 19, 1891.

"Commencing the year with one hundred and eighteen Lodges, we are now able to report the last Lodge instituted as No. 137, showing nineteen Lodges instituted during the year, with at least four that have applications nearly ready to submit for approval. The most gratifying feature of the year's work is in the fact that every Lodge instituted has been composed of the very best representative citizens in each town or city."

So says Grand Chancellor Curtis in his report. This certainly indicates that the right man has been in the right place.

From the excellent report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we quote as follows: Number of active Lodges, December, 1889, 99; re-instated during the year, 3; new Lodges to March, 1891, 19; total, at last meeting of Grand Lodge, 121. Membership, December, 1889, 5828; December, 1890, 6999; gain by new Lodges since December, 1890, 255; total gain to March, 1891, 1426. The financial exhibit of Subordinate Lodges is equally bright. The cash in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer at March, 1890, was $2038.95; at March, 1891, $2754.21. Here is a good suggestion from Brother Hopkins, which we commend to the attention of our several Lodges:

"I have, in former reports, called your attention to this matter (suspension for non payment of dues) and while the number so lost to the Order is large, yet I am well assured that most of the Lodges are taking steps in the right direction to check this great and in many instances uncalled for evil. See to it, my brothers, and elect none but competent and hustling Masters of Finance, those who love their Lodge and the Order, and then, to stimulate them, compensate them amply for their labor, and you will soon find that each report will show less and less suspended, and in a few years, the list of suspensions will be reduced to a minimum."

The report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is full and shows a vast amount of time spent in reviewing the journals of 50 Grand Lodges. The report

covers 100 pages, and is among the best we have ever seen. They strongly commend the views of Past Grand Chancellor Grimmer in his report of last year as to admitting Knights in good standing as spectators during the sessions of Grand Lodges. They ask:—"Why should the representative be required to make a report to his Lodge of what is done in the Grand Lodge, and the members of his Lodge who might attend not be permitted to do so?" We feel grateful to the committee for the following notice:

"Brother Henry was the first to respond to our request for statistics. He is not only the efficient Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, but also does the work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and all for love. His work is better than that of some who receive large salaries."

Next annual session at Bay City, March 16, 1892.

DAVID C. PAGE, G. C., Petoskey.

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

J. E. SAWYER, Pontiac, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

MINNESOTA.—Eighteenth annual session held at Mankato, September 9, 10, 1890.

Previous to opening, an address of welcome from the city was extended the Grand Lodge, to which the Grand Chancellor suitably replied. Major-General Carnahan also delivered a brief address.

The Grand Chancellor says:—"The year just closed has witnessed an unprecedented growth in every department of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. New Lodges have been instituted, increased interest manifested, and a determination by every member to purify, elevate and improve the condition of the Order has been manifest during the entire year."

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Orr shows the membership to be 3877, a net increase of 936. Seventeen new Lodges and one re-instated, while one surrendered charter. Number of Lodges 61. A large amount of business was transacted at this session.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee preface their report with a complaint that "two members of the committee for some unknown reason failed to perform their portion of the work," and the chairman had to fill the gap. Our journal is not noticed and we presume it must have been among the ones "sent to one of the committee and not returned."

Next session convenes at Duluth in September, 1891.

L. P. HUNT, G. C., Mankato.

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

MISSOURI.—Twentieth annual session, at St. Louis, October 21-23, 1891.

The past year was a most successful one in this Jurisdiction, and the Grand Chancellor is able to report an increase of over two thousand members. Dispensations were granted for thirty-one new Lodges. He says: "The fact is that the Order has never been as active, enthusiastic and aggressive as it is to-day." This result has been brought about by hard work—not by the Grand Chancellor *only*, but by deputies and members throughout the Jurisdiction.

The figures given by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal are: 8969 members, an increase of 1875; and 124 Lodges, 22 instituted during the term. Six Lodges were instituted since term closed. The financial condition is first class.

Like some other large Jurisdictions, Missouri has no Foreign Correspondence Committee, and therefore the members in that Jurisdiction lose the stimulus such a report affords.

Next session will be held at St. Joseph the third Wednesday in October, 1891.

JNO. N. BASKETT, G. C., Hannibal.

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

ALEXANDER RAGAN, Kansas City, chairman Foreign Correspondence.

MONTANA.—Seventh annual session held at Missoula, May 19, 20, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Sloane makes a brief report which shows that the Order in his Jurisdiction advances slowly but steadily. He regrets that it was not in his power to visit the Lodges in Montana with but two exceptions during the past year. The reason he offers was that the prevailing and fashionable epidemic, la grippe, had taken such a hold on him as to compel him to relinquish all engagements. His quotation from Burns shows a want of familiarity with the writings of the ploughman bard. In this jurisdiction it is a part of the duty of the Grand Vice Chancellor to visit the different Lodges during his term of office. The report of Grand Vice Chancellor Gallagher showed that he had visited all Lodges on the "West side." He states that he made all his visits without notifying the Lodges, so that he might better judge of the attendance, general work, etc. He noticed that a wide breach exists as to the exemplification of the unwritten work, and suggests that the incoming Grand Chancellor exemplify the unwritten work so that representatives from the several Lodges see the same and thus all work in unity. We quote from his report the following, which should be studied carefully in all our castle halls:

"I have noticed the officers of different Lodges in their stations conferring Ranks and registering obligations in a manner that was anything but impressive. Officers in their stations conferring Ranks and registering obligations should remember that their business is to convey the beautiful and grand principles, and in justice to their positions should recognize the serious importance of their responsibility.

"There is an old saying, 'It is the first lesson taught that guides the child.' So in Pythianism. It is the first impression that makes a Knight. Therefore, it is the duty of the Chancellor Commander and assisting officers to thoroughly study their respective parts that they may deliver the same in a manner that will dispel ignorance, and teach and instruct. To do this the officers should avoid haste in their manner of conducting the work, that the teachings may be more impressive and intelligent, and earnestness should be conveyed in every utterance. It is impossible to impress another unless you show that you are impressed with the same earnestness. These conclusions I arrived at from listening to one who has his part committed to memory, and the other who is compelled to read from the ritual.

"And again, another grave error exists. It is this: Before the candidate has been made a Knight, all chairs in the Lodge are occupied. Immediately thereafter a very large majority will ask permission to retire. This practice in itself must have a tendency to dispel the impressiveness of the work just gone through; to all of which we may attribute, in part, the lack of interest and small attendance.

"Whenever an applicant seeks admission, scan closely his record and standing in the community, and if you know him to be a person that you could not introduce to your family, and one with whom you would not care to associate, be careful how you ballot."

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report we learn that there were 20 Lodges in this Jurisdiction at December, 1889, and that two new Lodges had been added during the past year. Membership, 1,097; increase for the year, 92. The finances of Subordinate and Grand Lodges show up well.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee present a brief but well written report. We regret that Brother Loeb, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, did not hand our last journal, which was sent him in duplicate, to the chairman of this committee. We hope to receive a notice the coming year.

Next meeting will be held at Great Falls, on the third Tuesday in May, 1892.

JAMES B. GALLAGER, G. C., Butte.

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

J. H. OWINGS, Deer Lodge, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-third annual session held at Omaha, October 14-16, 1890.

From the Journal of this jurisdiction we learn that there were 14 new Lodges instituted during the year, making the total at October, 1890, 133. The membership at this date was 5917; increase for the year, 253. Financial condition of Subordinate Lodges good. The balance in the Grand Lodge exchequer at October, 1890, was $4,889.25, being a gain over the corresponding period of 1889 of $1006.87.

Brother Harry F. Downs, chairman of Correspondence Committee, deserves credit for having assumed the duties of this office, the committee who were appointed having failed to report. He did the work well, and Nebraska is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts. His work embraces 42 Jurisdictions, ours being among the number. Indeed, they review our two last Journals. In regard to the proceedings of 1889 they say that the Journal is "very neat in its compilation." And as to our Journal of 1890, we copy this paragraph:—

"This Journal, like the previous one, is a clean, neat piece of work, and we can see but one error in its compilation to speak of, or rather an oversight perhaps; its pages are numbered from 1 to 118, as each previous report has been. When you bind them in one volume, Brother Henry, in the years to come, where will you begin and end?"

In explanation, Brother Henry desires to say that the paging of the Journals of this Jurisdiction is all right. The figures at the bottom of the pages are continuous and have been so from the date of the first Journal issued.

In reference to the appeal of Brother Winkley this committee says:—

"We think they sustained both sides of the question very well, but where does Brother Winkley, the appellate, get any relief or rebate?"

And this:—

"It is evident that Brother Henry feels very neighborly to Maine as he copies Brother Stevens' comparative table entire. Well, that's right, and we re-echo Maine's words.

"No mistake was made in conferring a Grand Lodge charter upon our Maritime Brothers."

On behalf of this Jurisdiction, Brother Downs, we thank you for your kind words, and hope some day to become better acquainted.

Next session at Lincoln, in October, 1891.

WILL. L. SCISM, G. C., Omaha.

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

B. FRANK HORNEFIUS, Lincoln, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NEVADA.—Nineteenth annual session held at Reno, June 11, 12, 1891.

"While we can claim only a slight gain in membership, we can rejoice that we have been blessed with fraternal peace and harmony throughout the Jurisdiction." So we learn from the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Membership, at December, 1889, 788; at December, 1890, 842; gain for the year, 54. The receipts for the term also show a slight increase. The salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was increased from $100 to $240, while the incidental expenses of the Grand Chancellor were estimated at $200 for the current year.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Committee, hence no report.

Next session at Carson on the second Tuesday in June, 1892.

GEO. J. D. KING, G. C., Virginia.

A. B. STODDARD, G. K. R. S., Virginia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Twenty-first annual session, held at Great Falls, September 2, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Young reports the order in his Jurisdiction "steadily gaining in membership and finance, and in the esteem and confidence of the people." Three new Lodges were instituted during the year, and one ceased to exist. The total membership increased from 2880, to 3180; and there was an increase in Subordinate Lodge funds of $4,542.31.

In mentioning his official visit to Olive Branch Lodge, of Dover, the Grand Chancellor says:

"I found present twenty-four members, and of that number twenty-one were Past Chancellors. This is something unusual in any Lodge, but I think it is the key to the success of this Lodge, which is known to be one of the best in this Grand Jurisdiction. Past Chancellors, I appeal to you to be present in your Lodges and give your assistance in all the business transacted. Do not think that when you have passed through the chair and received all the honors that your work is done. Your Lodge needs your presence and aid to make it a success."

Brother Charles B. Spofford, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, makes a good report. In referring to the Lodge which surrendered its charter, he says: "This Lodge was started wrong, and is an example of instituting with too few members."

The report on Foreign Correspondence occupies 50 pages and includes all the Grand bodies, fifty-two in number. The reviewer's comments and criticisms are

short, and in some cases rather sharp, though not unkind. Our own Journal receives praise, for which we are duly grateful.

Next session at Lancaster, first Wednesday in September, 1892.

CHAS. F. LOCKE, G. C., Lake Village.

CHAS. B. SPOFFORD, Claremont, G. K. R. S., and chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY.—Twenty-fourth annual session held in Trenton, February 18, 19, 1891.

This is one of the States that make Knights at $6 each. Hear what the Grand Chancellor has to say in his report as to the effect dispensations of this kind have:

"There seems to be much diversity of opinion throughout the Jurisdiction in regard to the wisdom of granting these dispensations. My opinion is that the Lodges not having the dispensation will show the largest average gain."

It is about time the entire Jurisdiction of New Jersey should see matters as Grand Chancellor Bolton found them during the past year.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the membership at last report 9784; at the close of the year, 10,643; increase, 859. Finances of Subordinate Lodges healthy. Total number af Lodges 120. Balance to the credit of Grand Lodge at June 1, 1891, $1464.12; increase over last year $96.14.

A three-page report is submitted by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and this is how they apologize for not doing better:

"In bringing this report to a close we desire to call attention to the peculiar, although interesting work to be performed by this committee, and to suggest a means to enable future committees to more properly and satisfactorily perform the duties devolving on them. As the work, so far as we have seen, consists of reviewing the reports of the proceedings of Grand Lodges, of course nothing can be done until such reports are received, and when some of these reports are received about a week previous to our meeting it will very readily be seen that not sufficient time is given to properly examine these documents and prepare a report.

"We would recommend that, hereafter, immediately upon the announcement of the names of the Brothers who are to serve upon this committee, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of each Grand Jurisdiction the name and address of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with the request that when ready a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be sent direct to said chairman. We make this recommendation because we recognize the value of the labors of this committee when such labor is properly performed, and because we are conscious of the fact that our work is but imperfectly done."

This is excellent advice and we trust that each Grand Lodge in the Supreme Jurisdiction will furnish in its Journal the information above suggested.

Next session will be held at Trenton, on the third Wednesday in February, 1892.

JOHN ULRICH, G. C., Plainfield.

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

R. S. TILDEN, 109 Erie Street, Jersey City, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NEW MEXICO.—Seventh annual session held at Silver City, September 9, 10, 1890.

"We have reason to rejoice that our Order has made a very decided forward movement," says Grand Chancellor Martsolf. in his report. He states that three new Lodges have been instituted the past year, with two more under way. Among the recommendations to be made to the Grand Lodge, we notice the following:

"That the offices of Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance may be consolidated, or so fixed that a Brother may hold both offices, at the pleasure of each Subordinate Lodge."

"That the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be raised to $200 per annum, and his contingent allowance to $60 per annum."

Both recommendations were approved of by the Grand Lodge. The first is one that ought to commend itself to our own Grand Lodge. The selection of suitable brothers to fill these offices in Subordinate Lodges is often very difficult. If both offices were combined, where a Lodge so decides, the salary that in some instances goes to the Keeper of Records and Seal might be increased to the advantage of all concerned.

From the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report we find that at the close of the term there were 17 Lodges, with a membership of 685, showing a gain in Lodges of 3, and members 59. The returns of Lodges show quite an improvement from a financial point of view, and, altogether, the members of the Order in New Mexico should be congratulated on their present position.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a well written report, occupying 35 pages of their journal. They speak of the Maritime Provinces as a "young and vigorous" Jurisdiction, and of Brother Powers' report as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence as being quite brief, but that "his pen was now and then dipped in gall and liquid sarcasm." Here in the Maritime Provinces, the committee add, is a field for great growth. Correct you are, Brother Hubbs, and if we mistake not the next year or two will see your predictions fully verified.

Next meeting at Albuquerque, on the second Tuesday in June, 1891.

WM. M. BERGER, G. C., Kingston.

HARRY W. LUCAS, G. K. R. S., Silver City.

E. L. BARTLET, Santa Fee, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NEW YORK.—Twenty-third annual session held at Cortland, July 28-30, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Robertson of the Empire State reports the institution of 15 new Lodges for the year. In speaking of the Uniform Rank he wisely remarks:

"It attracts young men to our castle halls and draws to the Order many who otherwise would not become members; it increases the solemnity of the ceremonies, adds to the impressiveness of the work, and in many ways has been and will continue to be of much value in increasing the membership of the Order and in creating a favorable impression among those whose good will is desirable. It is the duty of every Lodge to encourage this branch of our Order, for its beneficial results must be conceded by all."

We glean the following information from the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John J. Acker, who is a veteran at the business:

"The number of active Lodges at the close of 1889 was 205, as against 211 at the close of 1890, a gain of six Lodges during the calendar year 1890. Since January 1, 1891, ten new Lodges have been instituted and none have surrendered, making the number of active Lodges at this date 221.

"The semi-annual reports for December 31, 1889, show a membership of 14,000. The membership as shown by the reports for December 31, 1890, was 15,014; a net gain of 1,014. This is for the calendar year of 1891.

"The financial condition of the Lodges in the Order, as shown by their semi-annual returns, shows an aggregate increase as follows:—Total receipts for 1889, $108,633.29; total receipts for 1890, $113,830.69; a gain in receipts for the calender year 1890 of $5,197.40; the total relief paid for 1889, was $37,833.55; the total relief paid for 1890 was $40,250.36; showing the sum of $2,416.81 disbursed in 1890 over the year 1889."

What we said regarding the work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence last year is again noted. Brother Baker, like Brother Stevens, of Maine, is a model, and his report for this year is again full and complete. His review embraces the Journals of 49 Grand Lodges. He has this to say of our last year's Journal: "Our Brothers from the distant northeast present a neat, well arranged Journal of 118 pages."

Next session at Troy, on the 26th July, 1892.

SAMUEL F. HULL, G. C., KINGSTON.

JOHN J. ACKER, G. K. R. S., Albany.

JAMES L. BAKER, Ithaca, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Twenty-first annual session held at Charlotte, June 17, 18, 1891.

The Grand Chancellor reports the addition of two new Lodges and an increase of 379 members, making a total of 21 Lodges and 1,503 membership. He reports the prospects bright for the coming year. The finances are exceedingly healthy.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is intelligently written and embraces all Jurisdictions from which Journals were received. They have a good word to say of the Maritime Provinces, while they question the rulings of Brother Grimmer as Grand Chancellor, and likewise the decision of the Grand Lodge, in reference to Brother Winkley's appeal not being allowed. They say that "the sooner a precedent is made prohibiting assessments for frolicking purposes the better our brethren will find it for themselves. It will take very little of that sort of work to break up a strong Lodge." [We refer the Committee to the action taken by this Grand Lodge at its meeting in Spring Hill.]

Next meeting at Wilmington, on the third Wednesday in June, 1892.

JOHN M. SHERWOOD, G. C., Raleigh.

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

P. A. CUMMINGS, Asheville, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA.—First session held at Grand Forks, June 12-14, 1890. Instituted by Deputy Supreme Chancellor Tracy R. Bangs.

This being the first session work was largely routine. The brethren have taken hold of matters in a manner that promises well for the future. There are

seven Lodges on the roster. After adopting a Constitution the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Fargo in July, 1891.

E. C. COOPER, G. C., Grand Forks.

WILL M. COCHRAN, G. K. R. S., Minto.

TRACY R. BANGS, Grand Forks, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Annual session was held at Reading, August 19-22, 1890.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is strictly confined to his official acts during the year, and these are briefly and clearly stated. During the year he held "fifty special convocations of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of admitting Past Chancellors;" assisted in dedicating three new Castle Halls; fourteen new Lodges were instituted; and over one thousand communications received and answered—a busy term, surely. He, too, bears testimony to the Uniform Rank being "an important factor in the increase of our membership where introduced."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives the following statement of the membership:—424 Lodges, a net increase of 8, three having been suspended and three merged with other Lodges; present membership 42,713, a net increase during the year of 2,422; suspended during the year 2,656 (more than the net increase!) The financial condition of this large Jurisdiction is healthy. In response to the appeal for relief of sufferers by the Johnstown flood there was received $32,534.69, which respectable amount Brother Hawkes thinks "will ever be a monument of Pythian fidelity to the cardinal principles of our Order."

While the Journal of this large Jurisdiction contains much to admire, we lay it aside with the thought, "One thing thou lackest;" for we turn its pages in vain seeking a report on Foreign Correspondence. Whatever may be said in favor of the labors and zeal of the Brethren of old Pennsylvania, they will certainly rank "away back" as long as this Committee is not on the "standing" list.

Next session will be held at Harrisburg, the third Tuesday in August, 1891.

L. T. BISHOP, G. C., Warren.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Fifth annual session held at Spartanburg, February 17, 18, 1891.

This Grand Lodge came into existence the same year that our own Grand Lodge had its Charter granted it. The progress made in South Carolina during the past year is indeed phenomenal. We learn from the excellent report of Grand Chancellor W. E. James that the Order in South Carolina is in better condition than ever before, both as to numbers and finances. At the close of the year 1889 the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reported 1,311 members. At the close of last year the number added by initiation, cards, etc., was 675. During that time they lost by death, suspensions, withdrawals and otherwise 115, leaving 1871 members on December 31st, 1890, or a net gain for the year of 560. Warrants have been issued for ten new Lodges, all of which, with one exception, were instituted before the meeting of this Grand Lodge. The finances of both the Grand and Subordinate Lodges are in a most excellent condition. At the close of the

year 1889, the assets were $8,469.76. At the close of last year (1890) they were $16,664.32, an increase of almost 100 per cent.

From the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we find that the number of Lodges at December 31st, 1889, was 19; instituted since, 12; total, 31. We commend the following paragraph to the consideration of our own Grand Lodge, and espeeially to some of our Subordinate Lodges, who are unpardonably dilatory in forwarding returns:—

"As the Supreme Lodge has passed a law imposing a fine on Grand Lodges for failure to return correct reports by April 1st of each year, and as the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is dependent on Subordinate Lodge reports for this information (which frequently he cannot get in time), I would suggest that this Grand Lodge take some action towards imposing a fine on Subordinate Lodges for failure to render correct reports in proper time."

The Foreign Correspondence Committee of South Carolina present a report which reviews the Journals of nearly all Grand Lodges. They have this to say about the Maritime Provinces:—"The Journal before us is neatly gotten up and covers over 100 pages of interesting matter. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondenee is a very creditable one and occupies 20 pages more. . . . We cannot but commend this Grand Lodge for its business-like method of procedure, and wish for it that success which should come to those who deserve it." This is indeed a very high compliment, for which we are deeply grateful.

Next meeting at Columbia, February, 1892.

ALLAMONT MOSES, G. C., Sumter.

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

JAMES THOMPSON, Blackville, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Second annual session held at Madison, June 2-5, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Arthur C. Phillips, in making his report to Grand Lodge, states that he has travelled nearly 6000 miles and has spent over two months time in discharging his official duty. He regrets that he has been able to start only two new Lodges; but anticipates a much larger increase the coming year from the bright prospects of an unprecedented harvest. He reports no less than six new Divisions of the Uniform Rank instituted during the year, with the prospects of as many more during the coming year.

From the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we learn that, with a very few exceptions, all the Lodges in the state are in a healthy condition, and that some which a year ago had almost allowed the lamp upon the altar to go out, are to-day in a flourishing condition, with their lights shining and their influence widening. He places the increase in membership at nearly fifty per cent. for the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence occupies fifty pages of the Journal and is prepared with marked ability. We regret that our own Journal is not among those reviewed, and trust that when the Committee prepare their next report they will include us in the number.

Nexr meeting will be held at Pierre, on the first Tuesday in June, 1892.

W. E. TIPTON, G. C., Armour.

U. S. G. CHERRY, G. K. R. S., Sioux Falls.

ARTHUR C. PHILLIPS, Sioux Falls, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.—Twentieth annual session held at Nashville, May 5-7, 1891.

The Grand Chancellor reports the institution of 15 new Lodges and the restoration of one defunct Lodge; and adds:—

"While our gain in number of Lodges during the past year has been greater than ever before, during any one term, yet my successor will find an inviting field and the harvest ripe. Several applications are now out in the hands of zealous Knights, and will soon be sent in for action of the Grand Chancellor. . . . . The most perfect peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire Jurisdiction. . . . Our principal loss, as heretofore, has been by suspension for non-payment of dues. This evil, it seems, is very hard to overcome. From observation and diligent inquiry, we are satisfied that this to a great extent might be obviated if the proper officers of our Subordinate Lodges should use more diligence in collecting dues at the proper time, not allowing their members to become more than one quarter in arrears."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives number of Lodges at close of year 69, gain 15; membership December, 1890, 4,533, being an increase of 766 for the year. His report also shows the finances of Lodges on the increase; and the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer shows a balance on hand at the close of the year of $5,420.84, being an increase of over $1,400 for the year.

An unsuccessful effort was made to reduce the per capita tax; while the Grand Lodge voted $400 to be given by way of prizes to Divisions of the Uniform Rank. How would a similar vote look to some of our Maritime Province brethren, if adopted by our Grand Lodge?

The following recommendation by the committee on State of the Order was adopted:—

"The 'suspension for non-payment of dues' is an evil that always has and perhaps always will exist, and, as suggested by the Grand Chancellor, should be remedied as far as possible. The committee is at a loss to suggest a remedy, but would respectfully recommend to subordinate Lodges that they urge the payment of dues in advance, and allow the Master of Finance a percentage of all moneys paid in or collected on the outside of the Lodge room."

This is an excellent idea, and should commend itself to our several Lodges.

This Grand Lodge has no Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Next meeting at Knoxville, May 3, 1892.

KIRK ALLAN, G. C., Memphis.

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

TEXAS.—Eighteenth annual session held at Dallas, March 17-19, 1891.

The Grand Chancellor's report states that "the tide of public sentiment is setting strongly in our direction, and unless some very serious mistakes are made the future of our beloved Order in this Grand Jurisdiction is beyond conception." He estimates the membership at the meeting of their Grand Lodge to be nearly 8,000, and in conclusion says:—

"The year's experience has but intensified my conviction that the Order of Knights of Pythias has a future grand beyond the wildest dreams of the present."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says that the increase in their membership has been phenomenal, while the assets of Lodges has doubled in two years. Number of Lodges at close of year 121, increase 21; membership December, 1890, 7,544, increase, 1,997. The financial showing of Lodges is remark-

able, notwithstanding the fact that nearly $12,000 has been expended for relief during the past year. The balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge shows the sum of $8,294.29, being an increase of over $2,000 for the year.

The report shows twenty-six Divisions of the Uniform Rank in the State of Texas.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee present a review of 47 Journals received by them, our own being among the number. They give us credit for having a "neat and well arranged Journal." The following from their report is to the point and should commend itself to every member of our Grand Lodge :—

"We would suggest that the Grand Lodge Journal should be sent as soon as received to the Chairman of the Committee, so that they may be fully canvassed and a full report made. This work should be placed in the hands of the best and most thoroughly posted members of the Grand Lodge."

Next meeting in Galveston, on the third Tuesday in March, 1892.

C. L. SPOONER, G. C., Waco.

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

CHAS. GIDDINGS, San Antonio, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

UTAH.—Seventh annual session held at Ogden City, June 17, 18, 1890.

A good deal of time was taken up at the opening in considering the report a committee appointed to investigate certain charges against Grand Chancellor Pride, who was suspended while an investigation was held, Grand Vice Chancellor acting. This committee reported the Grand Chancellor not guilty, and he resumed control of the Jurisdiction.

According to report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal there are 427 members ; an increase 23 in 8 Lodges.

Very little was done during the year, probably owing to difficulty in reference to Grand Chancellor.

Eighth annual session at Salt Lake City, June 16-18, 1891.

The number of Lodges was increased to 11, (7 in Utah and 4 in Idaho,) and the number of members increased to 623.

The Grand Chancellor's report is a voluminous document, occupying thirty pages of the Journal. It is largely made up of detailed statements of official decisions and rulings which justify his opening statement that "wide differences of opinion exist upon several matters."

A tabular list of officers and accredited representatives closes the book.

Next session at Park City, Utah, third Tuesday in June, 1892.

WILLIAM HUSBANDS, G. C., Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

VERMONT.—Second annual session held at Rutland, October 8, 9, 1891.

The officers' reports to this Grand Lodge show the Order as having made considerable headway for the past year. There have been 2 new Lodges added, total seven. Membership July, 1889, 174 ; July, 1890, 327, showing a gain of 112 per cent. Finances healthy.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review the Journals of 21 Grand Lodges. The report is well written.

Next meeting at St. Albans, on the second Tuesday in October.

C. F. O. TINKER, G. C., St. Johnsbury.

WM. H. GILCHRIST, G. K. R. S., McIndoes Falls.

JOHN B. MOORE, Rutland, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

VIRGINIA.—Twenty-third annual session held in the city of Roanoke, February 17-19, 1891.

Illness during his term prevented the Grand Chancellor from filling his office as he would have wished. Notwithstanding his prolonged sickness, he reports the institution of two new Lodges for the year.

From the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exhequer we glean the following: Membership, December 1889, 3,096; at December, 1890, 3,119—increase for the year, 23. Number of Lodges at December, 1890, 50. The financial condition of Lodges is good. The total amount paid out for relief was nearly eleven thousand dollars. The balance on hand at December, 1890, showed over five thousand dollars more than at December, 1889. The balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge also exceeded that of the previous year by over two hundred dollars.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee review the Journals of twenty Jurisdictions, and regret that from the neglect of one of the three members of this Committee to hand in his share of the work, the report is incomplete. Biographical sketches of the Grand Lodge Officers appear in the appendix to their Journal.

Next meeting at Leesburg, on the third Tuesday in February, 1892.

W. L. OLIVER, G. C., Staunton.

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

D. J. TURNER, Norfolk, chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

WASHINGTON.—Eighth annual session held at Fairhaven, May 19-21, 1891.

The institution of 19 Lodges for the year, giving a total of 59, with a membership of 3064 at December, 1890, is the story told by Grand Chancellor Smith in his report. This is certainly a fine showing, notwithstanding the fact that three Lodges have withdrawn from the Jurisdiction to join that of British Columbia.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows that the Subordinate Lodges are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge, March, 1890, was $4034.93; March, 1891, $6368.52. This officer's salary was increased from $400 to $1000. A sum of $300 was voted Grand Chancellor Smith for expenses incurred by him while discharging the duties of his office for the past year. A like sum was also voted to be known as the Grand Lodge prize, said prize to be drilled for during the next session of their Grand Lodge.

They have a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but no report.

Next session at Tacoma on the third Tuesday in May, 1892.

RICHARD OSBORN, G. C., Seattle.

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

WEST VIRGINIA.—Twenty-first annual session held at Clarksburg, October 14, 15, 1890.

The report of Grand Chancellor Frost is a business document, and deserves more than a passing notice. The Order throughout the Jurisdiction is reported as in a prosperous and flourishing condition. Six new Lodges have been instituted since last meeting of the Grand Lodge, and an increase of 33 per cent. in membership, which is certainly very creditable to the brave Knights of the little mountain state. We notice under the heading of "dispensations refused" the following:—

"January 17, 1890, refused Alpine Lodge, No. 35, a dispensation to confer the three Ranks on ministers of the gospel for the sum of $5."

We know of one Lodge in our own Jurisdiction where no less than three ministers of the gospel were admitted to membership at less than the regular fees. In about eighteen months each of these ministers was suspended for non-payment of dues! This Lodge now charges preachers and laymen the same initiation fees. Brother Frost, you did right in refusing the dispensation.

Next session at Parkersburg on the second Tuesday in October, 1891.

B. W. CONNELLY, G. C., Wheeling.

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

WISCONSIN.—Twentieth annual session, Milwaukee, March 10, 11, 1891.

Grand Chancellor Hoskins speaks of his term thus:—"The Knights of Wisconsin have been at peace with themselves and with their neighbors. We have gained in wealth, grown in numbers, and if there has been a change in the morals of its membership it has been for the better." Twelve new Lodges were instituted and their destinies "are in the hands of true and tried men."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a gain in membership of 905; there are at present 74 "live Pythian Lodges," an increase of 18 from the preceding year, "though three of them will be credited to 1891 account." Much trouble has been caused through failure of Subordinate Lodges in sending in *correct* semi-annual reports, and Brother Barry proposes that Lodges be fined $1.00 per day for delay in sending in the returns to Grand Keeper of Records and Seal after a specified time, and he also suggests that the Keeper of Records and Seal who is to blame be required to pay said fine. How would it do to fine the Deputy or Grand Chancellor who instals officers without having *correct* returns placed in his hands? That would be more likely to work, as no lodge would care to have the installation of its officers delayed. One Lodge sent in returns for term ended December 31, 1890, on the 9th day of March, and then without seal of Lodge and otherwise imperfect!

We notice among the list of standing committees the following: "Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Representative W. J. Whipple, No. 44," and we hope to find a report in next year's Journal. There is none in the one under review.

The Uniform Rank is in a healthy condition, having 23 Divisions, an increase of 8 during the year.

Next session will be held at La Crosse on the second Tuesday in March, 1892.

H. I. WEED, G. C., Oshkosh.

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

W. J. WHIPPLE, Superior, chairman Foreign Correspondence.

IN MEMORIAM

John Van Valkenburg

PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR

BORN: ST. GEORGE, ONTARIO, APRIL 16, 1832

DIED: OCTOBER 15, 1890

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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,
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JAMES MOULSON, For Two Years (to Dec. 31, 1893).
ST. JOHN, N. B.

MURRAY FLEMING, For Four Years (to Dec. 31, 1895).
MONCTON, N. B.

TRUSTEES.

GEO DUNN, For Three Years.
SPRING HILL, N. S.

MURRAY FLEMING, For Two Years.
MONCTON, N. B.

JOHN RYDER, For One Year.
ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

☞ *The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Fredericton, N. B., on the third Tuesday in September, 1892.*

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