

A SILENT SHOWING.

Quarterly Report of the Endowment Rank,
Board of Control.

The following is the summary attached to the quarterly report of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, for the term ending March 31st, 1900. It should be read and considered by every member of the Order. It is a splendid showing, and demonstrates the wisdom of the adoption of this excellent branch of Pythian Knighthood:

"The Board of Control records with pleasure the progress of the Endowment Rank during the quarter ending March 31st, 1900, completing the 23rd fiscal year of this branch of our Order. The new business shows a large increase over the preceding quarter.

"Since January 1st, one hundred and twelve local branches have been established. Thirty-three hundred and fifty-seven applicants were admitted to membership and four million seven hundred and fifty thousand five hundred dollars of new insurance has been added, an increase over the previous quarter of two hundred and fifty members and four hundred thousand dollars insurance.

One hundred and fifty-nine death losses, amounting to Three hundred and twenty thousand dollars have been adjusted and paid during the quarter.

A summary of results during the fiscal year evidences the good work accomplished. Three hundred and ninety-four Sections were organized, eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven members admitted and seventeen million thirty-two thousand and five hundred dollars new endowment written.

One million two hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars was paid to the beneficiaries of six hundred deceased members.

Comparing the previous fiscal year with the year just closed, an increase is shown of Sixty-four new Sections, thirty-four hundred and forty-three members and four million nine hundred and forty-three thousand five hundred dollars endowment.

On April 1st, 1900, the Sections in active operation, numbered four thousand, with a membership of sixty-two thousand two hundred and thirty-five, and the total endowmen in force amounted to one hundred and ten million seven hundred and nineteen thousand dollars.

Investments and cash on hand aggregate four hundred and ninety-three thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars.

The total amount paid for death claims since establishment of the Rank amounts to fourteen million five hundred and forty-six thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars.

The good results arising from thorough organization inauguration and maintained by the Board are apparent from the foregoing figures, exhibiting during the year just closed a larger gain than ever for the same period.

As in the past, your Board earnestly ask the rank and file of the Order to continue their co-operation with an assistance to our field laborers for renewed efforts, to the end that the present fiscal year may show largely increased results.

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BUTTONS MADE FROM MILK.

A process is now being tried for the manufacture of buttons from milk. After being skimmed in separators the milk is boiled until it assumes a sticky mass, which, after being kneaded, is placed in linen sacks, and deprived of all moisture by the use of a heavy press. The remaining matter is then taken out of the sacks, placed in a specially prepared drying apparatus, and subjected to heat by means of steam pipes. After two or three days this matter grows yellow like gold and becomes hard like a stone. The remainder of the process is at present a secret.

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THE WONDERFUL WEST.

"Is this a healthy town?" inquired the man who was in search of a balmy climate.

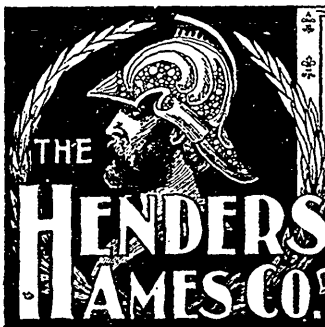
"Healthy!" echoed the land agent. "Why, man, the only undertaker in town had to blow out the gas to give himself a job."

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A LITTLE MIXED.

"There goes that Jerry Bilson. I wonder if he is going to school, or going fishing?"

"Take a peep in his basket. If he has jam spread over his geography he is going to school; if he has a painted cork projecting from a rhu-barb pie he is going fishing."



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