

Utah.—1892.

THE membership of the seven constituent Lodges in Utah is 544, and no less a sum than \$1,587.25 was dispensed by them in charity. What our Lodges do in the relief of the distressed is not reported to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Utah is now of age. Its 21st Annual Communication was held at Salt Lake City, on the 19th and 20th January, 1892, Quebec's distinguished representative, Bro. Christopher Diehl being in his accustomed place as Grand Secretary.

M. W. Bro. WILLIAM GRANT VAN HORNE, Grand Master, was able to report thus satisfactorily to Grand Lodge :—

"Times of growth are times of quiet, and leave little of importance to chronicle. The peace and harmony which are so conducive to growth make the record of the passing year dull and uneventful. So smoothly for a twelve months past has run the current of Masonic affairs in Utah, that from that fact alone marked progress might be expected. And such is indeed the case. The roster of our Brethren shows an increase of fifty-eight, or 10 65-100 per cent.

It affords us, too, very much pleasure and gratification to reproduce the following from the same address :

"There is one subject which seems not inappropriate to bring to your notice as a matter of pride and congratulation to ourselves, and as a proof to Masons wheresoever dispersed, that though our numbers are small, the spirit of Masonry is not dead among us. The obligation of Masonic charity, whether it call on heart or purse, is one of the grand tenets of our profession which has never merited and received the approbation even of the profane. When called upon to contribute to the relief of worthy distressed Brethren, the Lodges of this Jurisdiction have responded freely and liberally. It can safely be said that seldom at a time when there was no sudden disaster, no pestilence that stalked by night, and when in a twelve month, Death knocked at the door of our Lodges but four times, has the charitable record of some of our Lodges been surpassed. One body, of one hundred and ten members, paid out for Lodge charity seven hundred and eighty-three dollars. Another little band of fifteen contributed for like benevolent causes one hundred and ten dollars—in each case something over seven dollars per capita.

To you who know so well the helpful spirit of the Brethren in Utah, it is needless to say that had occasion required, other Lodges among us would have in well doing gone beyond those spoken of."