

isdiction is 118; Rebekah Degree Lodges, 22. The number of admissions was 1,198; dropped out by death and otherwise, 539; net gain, 659; present membership, 19,237. Receipts during the term, \$89,537; distributed for relief and other beneficent purposes, \$24,109. Admissions to Rebekah Lodges, 286; removals, 58; net gain, 228; present membership of Rebekah Degree, 2,399.

The Grand Secretary in his report gave a very flattering account of the progress of the Order, eight new Lodges having been instituted during the past six months.

The Grand Treasurer reported the finances of the G. L. as being in a good condition.

Ten applications for Charters for new Lodges were presented.

The communication of the Grand Master, Julius L. Clark, recapitulated in cheering words the advances already achieved by the Order, congratulating its members upon the continued healthful growth of the Institution, and upon its present and prospective usefulness. The semi-annual term just completed, had required an unusual amount of official service. Among its most important results indicative of the extension of the Order, were mentioned the institution and re-institution of ten new Lodges within the jurisdiction of the State; the laying of corner-stones for two new Odd-Fellows' halls, one at Beverly and one at North Attleboro'; also the dedication of six new halls for the use of various Lodges.

At no previous period had the Order gained so largely in character and moral strength. Its membership was spoken of as embracing elements of the highest social, moral, and religious excellence, while its influence for good was forcibly illustrated. In concluding his address, the Grand Master earnestly enjoined upon his hearers "to hold ever in practical remembrance the blessed promise, that from their labors of love and duty may be garnered blossoms whose brightness and beauty shall never fade, and whose fragrance shall fill the undying epochs of an eternal and heavenly brotherhood."

RHODE ISLAND.

The annual session of the R. W. Gr. Lodge of Rhode Island convened at Odd-Fellows' Hall, 97 Weybosset street, Feb. 2nd, at 10 o'clock a. m., Deputy Grand Master Lindsay Anderson, presiding. On

assuming the chair he announced to the representatives present, the severe illness of the Grand Master G. T. Swarts.

Grand Secretary Driscoll presented the following returns from the Subordinate

Lodges :	
Number of Lodges.....	28
Initiated.....	750
Admitted by Card.....	86
Reinstated.....	13
Withdrawn by Card.....	107
Dropped for non-payment of Dues....	162
Expelled.....	6
Deceased.....	42
Number of Members.....	5,090

SUMMARY.

Number of Members last Report.....	4,558
Initiated during the year.....	750
Admitted by Card.....	86
Reinstated.....	13

Total.....	5,407
From which deduct,	
Withdrawn by Card.....	107
Dropped.....	163
Expelled.....	6
Deceased.....	42

Total.....	318
Now in Membership.....	5,090

RELIEF.

Number of Brothers Relieved.....	358
" Transient Brothers Relieved.....	16
" Widowed Families.....	20
" Brothers Buried.....	42

AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.

Amount paid for Relief of Brothers..	\$9,464 38
Amount paid for Relief of Transient	
Brothers.....	948 37
Amount paid for relief of Widowed	
Families.....	658 57
Amount paid for Relief of Orphans....	170 00
" " Burying Dead.....	1,780 66
" " Watching.....	187 00
" " Donations.....	719 15

Total Relief.....	\$14,776 21
Receipt of Subordinate Lodges.....	\$62,985 43
Average age of Members.....	37 years
" Sick Members.....	32 years
" Deceased Members.....	28 years

The report of the Grand Master was then read, showing the Order to be in a prosperous and harmonious condition in Rhode Island.

After electing the following Grand Officers for the ensuing term, and transacting other business, the Grand Lodge adjourned :

- Grand Master—G. F. Robbins.
- Deputy Grand Master—L. Anderson.
- Grand Warden—I. F. Williams.
- Grand Secretary—J. F. Driscoll.
- Grand Treasurer—Daniel Horton.
- Grand Chaplain—C. L. Frost.
- Grand Representative—J. F. Driscoll.