

## ENDOWMENT RANK.

Attention is particularly called to the following summary of the business of the insurance branch of the Order for the term ending December 31st, 1899. In this statement is clearly shown the splendid condition of this great and growing system of Pythian insurance provided for our members, a system that is to-day without a peer in all the field of fraternal insurance. Here is what the Secretary of the Board of Control has to say:

The new business obtained during the closing quarter of the year 1899 shows a decided improvement over the preceding quarter, while the year's results evidence that in the march of progress the Endowment Rank has kept pace with the best of fraternal institutions.

During the quarter new sections numbering 117 were organized, distributed throughout 34 states and the Province of Ontario.

Thirty-one hundred and seven members were admitted and \$4,351,000 endowment issued—an increase over the preceding quarter of forty-two sections, 664 members and 788,000 endowment.

The death claims adjusted during this period number 159, amounting to 308,862, which was paid the beneficiaries.

The work accomplished during the past year shows most gratifying results. Three hundred and sixty-nine sections and 11,034 members were added to the roll. The certificates issued to this membership aggregate \$15,717,500.

Comparing this work with that obtained during the year 1898, an increase is shown of 2,614 members, and \$3,676,000 endowment.

One million two hundred and two thousand dollars was disbursed during the year 1899 to the dependents of 589 deceased members.

The beginning of the current year shows 3,900 sections in operation, a membership of 60,309;

and the endowment in force \$108,098,500.

The investments and cash on hand aggregate \$488,457.69, and the total amount paid for death claims \$14,226,077.68.

While the labors of the past year have been most fruitful, the results fully meeting our expectations, your Board believe that a united effort on the part of the membership of the Rank, its officers and organizers will show the work of the year 1900 to have exceeded all records of the past.

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## THE 1900 CONVENTION.

To Meet Week Commencing August 27th—A Great Time.

By a peculiar accident it has been discovered that the announcements for the big 1900 Convention have thus far been in error. The date for the Convention was set at Indianapolis for the "last week in August." The local Committee began the announcement of the Convention for August 20th. Recent communications with Major-General Carnahan have established the fact that this date is in error and that the Convention must be held during the week of August 27th. This takes the Convention into the most charming week of early Autumn, the first of September, when Detroit is at her best.

Reports received from all quarters indicate the greatest enthusiasm existing among the members of the Order. Major-General Carnahan is in constant communication with the Uniform Rank Division officers, and is doing all in his power to keep enthusiasm at white heat. The \$10,000 in prizes, offered by the Committee, has awakened the "crack" companies to renewed work, and it looks as if the drill contest and ritualistic work would be more interesting than ever before. The Burns' Hussars of St. Joseph, Mo., have notified General Carnahan

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