

010,711, showing an increase in the last two years of \$942,657. The expenditures for relief in 1891 were \$1,243,678, and in 1895, \$1,259,000; total, \$2,491,374, an increase during the past two years of \$115,000. The number of subordinate lodges on Dec. 31, 1893, was 5,997, and Dec. 31, 1895, 6,494, an increase in the two years of 496.

The number of members Dec. 31, 1893, was 443,615; Dec. 31, 1894, 461,539, making a net gain of 20,924.

As evidence that the subordinate lodges are at work, the number of initiates during the years 1894 and 1895 was 103,192. This would indicate what the growth of the order would be if there were not for that more serious question of suspension for non-payment of dues.

The report of R.L.C. White, supreme keeper of records and seal, showed that in 1864 there were three subordinate lodges and seventy-eight members, and in 1896, 6,504 subordinate lodges and 4,339 members. The states in which the greatest gains were made were Ohio 1893, Illinois 3,317, Indiana 2,757, Iowa 2,665, Massachusetts 1,919, Missouri 1,202, North Carolina, 1,404, Maine, 1,314, Texas, 1,219. There was a loss of 2,807 in Kansas and 4,166 in Pennsylvania. There were again in thirty-eight states and territories and a loss in sixteen.

The Pythian Tent at the Exhibition this year was a great success and this owing to the untiring efforts of the committee which was composed of Bros. Chas. Wallis, Mystic Lodge, Thos. Coule, Toronto Lodge, Thos. Stevenson, Damon Lodge, Arthur Bryan, Queen City, and James G. Wilson, Amicus Lodge. Fully 400 visiting Pythians registered at the tent and nearly every state in the United States was represented to say nothing of the visiting brothers from far off British Columbia and as far east as the provinces down by the sea.

Damon Lodge had a great meeting Monday 14th Sept., one that will long be remembered by those present. It seemed more like old times, when every lodge would have from ten to twenty visitors, than any other meeting that has been held in the last two years. After the Page Rank had been conferred upon two candidates by Bros. Beeton, Taylor and Wilson in a manner that showed the great lessons to be learnt and the beautiful ritualistic work of the Page Rank, C. C. John M. Taylor very kindly provided refreshments after which the talented members of the order Bros. John E. Turton, Chas. Musgrave, E. Farringer, Ed. Wills and Sharp entertained those present with a short but very enjoyable concert.

The members of Amicus Lodge are bringing in new members in great style. At the last meeting two applications were received and three more are promised for the next meeting. Every meeting is well attended and visitors can always expect to see some Rank work.

D.D.G.C. Bowie, occupied the chair at the last meeting of Ontario Lodge and he conferred the rank of Page upon a candidate in his well known style.

John E. Turton, who is without doubt one of the finest descriptive baritone singers in Canada, if not in America, and who was soloist with the Queen's Own Band during their summer season, has commenced booking already for the season of 1896 and 1897. His permanent address is care of Messrs. Whaley, Royce & Co.

Every member of the order should keep posted on the Endowment branch of the order. Should any one desire any printed matter as to rates, etc., the writer would be pleased to give them same upon application.

J. Reginald Smith, formerly of this city and now of Los Angeles, Cal., has secured a position with the well known Southern drug house of F. W. Braun & Co. He frequently corresponds with