

### A GREAT FRATERNAL ARMY OF 1,000,000.

The following is about the membership of the beneficial orders in the country:

A. O. U. W. ....	222,447
K. of H. ....	137,000
Royal Arcanum .....	93,000
American Legion of Honor.....	62,276
Knights and Ladies of Honor.....	56,964
Chosen Friends .....	50,000
Knights of Pythias, E. R. ....	16,000
Knights of the Maccabees.....	24,000
Equitable Aid Union.....	20,000
Empire Order of Mutual Aid.....	20,000
Royal Templars of Temperance.....	22,000
United American Mechanics.....	40,000
Order of United Friends.....	15,000
Select Knights, A. O. U. W. ....	20,000
United Order of the Golden Cross.....	9,000
Knights of the Golden Hall.....	12,000
Home Circle, Boston, Mass.....	6,500
Canadian Home Circle, Toronto, Ont.....	5,000
Knights of Columbia.....	2,000
Independent Order of Foresters.....	12,000
National Union .....	15,000
Various other fraternal beneficial orders estimated.....	152,500
Grand Total.....	1,042,687

If any of our Sister Societies are not credited with their full membership in the above table, and will forward to this paper their annual or official report, we will be only too glad to make corrections. We want to count every member in every fraternal beneficiary organization.

The estimated amount of life benefits carried by the membership is \$2,000,000,000, and the amount paid widows, orphans and dependents annually will reach over \$20,000,000. What a grand record for the fraternal orders of this country!

It has been truly said that pauperism is the mother of crime. These grand fraternal orders have saved thousands upon thousands from pauperism, and the country has been the better for it. The widows and the orphans who have been protected and provided for, appreciate the great and good work which fraternity has done. Well may they say, God bless the founders of these noble organizations, and long may they exist to bless mankind.

The Canadian Home Circle, in its fourth year, occupies the position of the second largest benevolent order in Canada upon the plan of Insurance at actual cost.

ASSESSMENT 33 is called from Subordinate Circles due at Supreme Secretary's office on or before October 22nd, and assessment 34 from the members must be paid to the Financial Secretary on or before 31st, or benefits cease that date. Membership in the Order expires November 30th.

TORONTO Home Circle 37 are arranging for a social at home at their next regular monthly meeting in October. A programme of singing, recitations and luncheon will be provided. The committee of management, consisting of Bro. John Firstbrook, chairman, and Sisters Draisie, Robinson, Humphreys, and Walker, have headquarters at the Supreme Secretary's office.

TO SEPTEMBER 25th, the following Circles show increases in membership for the month:—

Simcoe 26, Toronto 53, Stoney Creek 101, Parkdale 10, Kingston 105, Toronto 5, Alliston 70, Caledonia 45, Woodstock 39, Lindsay 34, Hampton 9, Aylmer 22, Port Rowan, Niagara Falls 84, and Hamilton 18. Vittoria 122, and Gravenhurst, 124 among our new Circles, are fraternally welcome in the chain. The total increase in membership so far in September is 70, while most of the Circles hold their meetings during the last week, and applications for the month do not reach the Supreme Secretary in time to be included in the current account. Our gain for September will probably reach 100.

THREE deaths have been unofficially reported in the membership of the Order during the month of September. Bro. Robt. C. Wilson, a member of Toronto Circle, No. 62, certificate 4214, amount \$3,000.00. Sister Sarah Jane Etchels, a member of Merrittton Circle, No. 13, certificate 2,895, amount \$3,000.00. Sister Elizabeth Farney, of Waterford Circle, No. 1, certificate 52, amount \$1,000.00. At least one of these claims will be paid from surplus funds from the September call.

### BENEFICIARIES SPEAK.

BOWMANVILLE, Sept. 13th, 1889.

To the Supreme Circle, C. H. C.  
GENTLEMEN.

I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) payable to me under the Beneficiary Certificate of my late husband, Nelson M. Gage, who was, during his life time, a member of Bowmanville Circle No. 3.

Thanking you for your promptness in settling this claim,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

BETSEY E. GAGE.

23 ADELAIDE ST. EAST,

TORONTO, Sept. 24, 1889.

Thos. Sheard, Esq.,

Treas. Home Circle 30,

16 Magill Street, City.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in acknowledging the receipt this day of a cheque on the Dominion Bank in my favor for the sum of \$2,000.00, payable under the Beneficiary Certificate of my late daughter Mrs. S. F. E. Davis, formerly a member of Dunnville Circle No. 24.

Thanking you for your promptness in settling this claim, and with best wishes for the prosperity of your Order,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

J. D. STRAWN,

Executor.

CULPRIT (in confusion): I beg pardon, but really I couldn't help it—you looked so roguish and tempting. She: Are you sorry? Culprit: No I'm not. She: Then I'll forgive you.—*Life*.

A PROOF of the immense superiority of the classic over the modern physique is the fact that the gladiators of old never got out of condition by drinking, and yet they were continually indulging in Roman punches.

TOMMY—Won't you kiss me, Nellie?

Nellie—No; mamma said I mustn't kiss the boys. But you may kiss me.

HERE lies the affidavit man

Who swore to circulation;

Although deceased, he has increased

His worldly occupation.

In life he lied but once a day—

A petty little crime—

But since thro' death he lost his breath,

He now lies all the time.

FLOSSIE is six years old. "Mamma," she asked one day, "if I get married will I have a husband like pa?"

"Yes," replied her mother with an amused smile.

"And if I don't get married will I have to be an old maid like Aunt Kate?"

"Yes."

"Mamma"—after a pause—"It's a tough world for us women, ain't it?"

KISSABLE Girl (suddenly): Take care, some one will see you! Good-looking but bashful Beau: What am I doing? Kissable Girl (scornfully): Nothing!