

especially desired to respond to the invitation on account of its being the only Grand Jurisdiction beyond the limits of one nation, but the meeting unfortunately occurred at a time when he found it impossible to attend. From visitations, correspondence and reports received from the Supreme K. of R. and S., the Supreme Chancellor was able to say:—"I am able to report advisedly as to the condition of the Order, and it affords me great gratification to be able to say that the period intervening since last session has been a period of unexampled prosperity. In every jurisdiction advance has been made; and in many of them, notably Iowa and Kansas, the growth of the Order has been so great as to outstrip the most sanguine anticipations of the most sanguine brethren." The Supreme Chancellor reports 33 new subordinate Lodges organized under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge in Provinces or Territories where no Grand Lodge existed. Since the Session of August, 1882, in Detroit, until the end of March, 1884, there was the magnificent gain of 3 Grand Lodges, 235 Subordinate Lodges, and 28,327 members, giving an exhibit at the latter date, in round numbers, of 40 Grand Lodges, 1,948 Subordinate Lodges, and 140,000 members in good standing—in itself a large army. At the Detroit Session the Report gave only 102 Subordinate Uniform Rank Divisions. There are now 232, and 10 Grand or Regimental Divisions. The Sections of the Endowment or Beneficiary Department have also largely increased, and there are at the present time 576 in active and efficient operation. As an evidence of the good work of this branch of the Order it may be stated that 11,623 members in the first class were, on the 31st day of March, 1884, carrying an insurance of \$1,000 each; 14,883 members in the second class were carrying a \$2,000 beneficiary certificate, and 441 aged members in the third class were carrying a \$1,000 insurance. During the single year ending March 31st, 1884, \$139,000 was paid to the families of 139 deceased members in the first class; \$390,000 to families of 195 deceased members of the second class; while \$2,604 was paid to families of members in the third class, or a total of \$531,000 paid in one year in the Beneficiary Department alone.

The Supreme Treasury contained on April 1st, 1884, exclusive of money for endowment purposes, \$25,529.55.

The Reports of the S. K. of R. & S. and the S. M. of E. exhibit the following gratifying information, viz.:

Amount of surplus cash on hand in Subordinate Lodges, end of term.....	\$1,408,904 25
Paid for relief of Brothers.....	269,772 98
" " widowed families.....	19,674 29
" burying the dead.....	66,167 31
" educating orphans.....	468 45
Total paid in six months for relief purposes.....	369,016 77

The expenditures for the same purposes made by the Subordinate