

A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE I. O. F.—Continued.

The number of new members initiated in 1902 was over 100 per month greater than those admitted in 1901.

The mortality rate during 1902 was 6.60 per 1,000, or a little less than the year before.

The surplus fund increased during 1902 by \$957,239.65—nearly a million dollars. These figures show an increase in assets of 18.19 per cent., the increase in assurance at risk during the same year being only 4.52 per cent.

The increase in the premium income of the Order in 1902 over 1901 was 8.37 per cent., while the demands upon that income were only 1 per cent. greater. This showing demonstrates beyond doubt that the financial strength of the Order is increasing at a rate out of all proportion to the increase of the demands upon that financial strength to redeem the promises made by the Order.

The year 1903 has thus far, both in new members and financial growth, far exceeded the record of any previous year in the history of the Order.



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