

moderate at least one hundred and fifty aged and indigent Odd-Fellows—and, also, with other apartments suitable for a family to occupy and take charge of the premises, and perform such duties as proper officers of the institution might direct; as well, also, to have constructed such other out-buildings as would be found necessary for the management.

“We now come to the material part of the subject of founding a home, that is to say: To provide the necessary means for the purchase of the ground, the construction of suitable buildings, and to defray the expenses incident to such an undertaking.

“We have, then, in the eastern district of Pennsylvania, taking the counties of Lebanon, Berks, Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks, Montgomery, Lancaster, Delaware, and Chester, 119 Lodges and 44 Encampments, with a membership of say 18,000 members—and in Philadelphia, 134 Lodges and 32 Encampments, with a membership of, say 33,000 members and upward—making in the aggregate 253 Lodges and 76 Encampments, and at least 51,000 members.

“Now, should the Lodges embraced in the counties above named, enter into this work with the spirit and warmth that such a home demands, by every consideration of our Order, and have adopted in their respective Lodges a law, making a small weekly contribution of one cent per week from their membership—that is to say, a contribution of fifty-two cents for one year from each member—it would amount to the generous sum of \$26,520.

“Again, it is believed that opening a subscription for the members of the Order to voluntarily contribute to this noble and worthy object, that at least a hundred members would be found to subscribe a hundred dollars each—this would realize \$10,000.

“Other voluntary subscriptions of \$50, \$25, and of lesser sums, could be made to realize say \$10,000 more.

“The amount thus realized, say \$46,000, it is believed would purchase the number of acres of land needed, and construct the necessary buildings as above referred to, as well as provide for the purchase of such stock as may be required to be used on said ground.

“In order, therefore, that action may be commenced, without too long delay, it is believed that a sufficient number of Lodges

would advance a year's payment of such contribution as has been hereinbefore named.

“This, together with voluntary subscriptions made, as above referred to, it is believed would put in the hands of parties properly authorized to receive moneys, means sufficient to purchase the ground and to commence the construction of the necessary buildings.

“After the purchase of the land required, the construction of the buildings, and its appointments, as above mentioned, shall have been accomplished, it is then believed that the continuance of the weekly contribution of one cent per week from the membership of the respective Lodges as aforesaid—that is to say, fifty-two cents from each member yearly for five consecutive years—would place in the hands of properly authorized officers to receive the same, such sums of money to invest at interest as would meet every demand upon the institution for at least ten years.”

#### CALIFORNIA.

There is nothing to equal the rapid increase of our Order. Everywhere it is spreading itself and accomplishing the good work for which it is designed. It covers the American continent, and is striking deep root in Germany. From there it will spread into the rest of Europe, and in time assert its universality. It is proving itself one of the very best brotherhoods of men. Its Lodge rooms are platforms on which all well-disposed men can stand, regardless of religious creed or particular nationality. Its mission is peace, its principles love, and its practice charity. It is well it does succeed, and that it has struck deep root in the soil of California, which has received it as a blessing transplanted upon it. Everywhere on this coast stately edifices and an active membership attest its vigor. Go where you will, an Odd-Fellows' Lodge presents its imposing front. No sooner is a village started, than a Lodge building rises up with it. Nor is there any sign of a diminution of zeal, or a cession of growth in the Order. As the State prospers, so does it. Its gain is also a gain to the Order. Population is now rapidly reaching us, and we must prepare for an increase of work, keeping pace with a great growth of membership.—*Pacific Odd-Fellow.*