

Paul McDonald, V.G.; D. B. Graham, R.S.; David Stewart, P.S.; J. J. Duff, Treas.

PICTOU.

D. D. G. M. McConnell installed the officers of Eastern Star, No. 2, on the evening of Wednesday, January 6th: A. C. Baillie, N.G.; J. Fisher Grant, V.G.; Geo. Lyall, Sec.; Dan. Sutherland, Treas.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin met at Milwaukee, December 2, and adjourned December 5. About 200 Past Grands received the Grand Lodge Degree. There were about 200 members in attendance, by far the largest number ever before assembled.

Grand Master Van Vechten, in his report, says:

"There has been great improvement in the general work of the Order in this Jurisdiction, I am happy to announce to you that our course has been upward and onward. The Subordinate Lodges have improved in discipline, conforming strictly to the requirements of the Grand Lodge in memorizing the Ritual, if the reports from the D.D.G.M's. and personal examination can be taken as evidence. The Degree Lodges are certainly far in advance of any year since the organization of this Grand Lodge."

From Grand Secretary Hill's report we learn that thirteen Subordinate Lodges were instituted during the year, and three defunct lodges re-instated; also seven Rebekah Lodges instituted.

The following are the statistics for the year ending June 30, 1874:

The number of rejected applicants were 304; whole number initiated, 2,044; admitted by card, 385; reinstated, 222—total, 2,651. Whole number withdrawn by card, 588; suspended, 258; expelled, 36; dropped for non-payment of dues, 475; deceased, 62—total, 1,419; net gain, 1,232. Total membership, 11,503. Whole number of Past Grands in good standing, 1,757; number of Sisters of Rebekah reported by Lodges, 1,265; number of Sisters, members of Rebekah Lodges, 510—total number of Sisters, 1,775. Number of Brothers reported members of Rebekah Lodges, 545—total number of members of

Rebekah Lodges reported, 1,055. Number of orphans reported, 94; Brothers relieved, 307; widowed families relieved, 89. Amount paid for relief of brothers, \$7,707.56; of widowed families, \$2,817.36; for education of orphans, \$29.10; burying the dead, \$3,153.85—total relief, \$13,607.87.

Revenue for term ending December 31, 1873, \$34,604.88; revenue for term ending June 30, 1874, \$43,334.36—total revenue for year ending June 30, 1874, \$77,939.24. Amount of Widows' and Orphans' Funds reported, \$23,487.38. Total assets of Lodges reported, \$195,910.85. Amount of current expenses for term ending December 31, 1873, \$22,632.11; for term ending June 30, 1874, \$36,386.05—total expenses, \$59,018.16.

Some of the principal business transacted during the session is referred to on another page, in a letter from P.G.M. Lindsley.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The brethren in the Eastern section of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania are considering a scheme for the establishment of a home for aged and indigent Odd-Fellows. The following extract from the report of the committee who have the matter in hand will give an idea of the nature and extent of the proposed institution.

"The progress of our Order in the older jurisdictions, where we have a class of membership disabled by age from contributing to their own maintenance, demands that we should institute a home, where brothers worn out by age and infirmity should pass the remainder of their days in quiet and comfort.

"With this introduction, we pass at once to the matter of presenting a mode or manner of proceeding to establish a home, which we believe to be feasible and easy of accomplishment, should the respective Lodges in the eastern district of this State favorably respond.

"We submit, therefore, that to institute a home, we should purchase twenty to one hundred acres of ground, as circumstances may justify, near some railroad station, say within twenty-five miles from Philadelphia—have constructed on a part thereof a plain and substantial stone or brick building, with apartments to accom-