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- When a member is suspended.
- When a member withdraws from the court.
- When a member changes his address.
- When a member joins a court by card.
- When a member is reinstated.

## Editorial.

### Notes.

On October 1st the surplus stood at \$2,406.-211.39, an increase of \$34,295.16 for the month of September.

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The "souvenir spoon," the advertisement of which appears in another column, is an exceedingly pretty article. The design is neat and original. Competent judges pronounce them excellent value.

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People are remarking how rapidly the second million of the surplus accumulated. That is the case. The first million took over thirteen years, the second in two years and three months. The third million will be added in a still snorter period.

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We direct attention to the splendid prize-list of the Executive Council to be found in another column. It contains something within the reach of every member of the Order. Our lady friends are specially favored; they can do a good service for the Order that is their protector and friend, and also secure some pretty and valuable souvenir for themselves.

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On the first August the membership was 118,557, a gain of 1,216 for the worst business month in the year. By the first of September the membership will doubtless be 120,000. This leaves 30,000 to be added in order to bring the membership up to 150,000, the figure aimed at when Supreme Court meets in August, 1898. It can be done, but hard, persistent work will be required.

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The best and strongest Order in the world does not by reason of its merit so attract men that they will come unsolicited to seek membership therein. Men have to be seen, talked to, and convinced of their duty and privileges in the matter. Every man of the 120,000 in the I.O.F. is convinced that he belongs to the best fraternal Order in the world, but he did not join it unsolicited. Let him repay the kindness done him by persuading some friend to join before the close of the year. We believe in personal, hand-to-hand work in all departments of human activity.