

Grand Warden, M. W. Morton ; Grand Secretary, John F. Driscoll ; Grand Treas., Daniel Horton ; Grand Chaplain, A. D. Nickerson ; Grand Representative, H. E. Dodge.—*Record.*

BALTIMORE.

Advices from Baltimore say that by authority of the G. L. U. S. that body has received from the Grand Lodge of Maryland for a nominal sum, a perpetual lease of a vacant lot adjoining the Odd-Fellow's Building in Baltimore, on which to erect a fire proof vault and office for the Grand Secretary. The work on the new building was commenced on the 6th March and will progress as fast as possible. The building is to occupy the entire lot, having a front on Orange avenue of 29 feet and extending 32 feet to the present office, a hall to extend through the centre. On the east side will be the fire-proof vault, a room about 9 by 26 feet, in which the library and valuable papers will be placed, and on the west side the private office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary. The height from floor to ceiling will be thirteen feet. The office will have modern conveniences connected with it and will greatly conduce to the comfort and facilitate the business of the Grand Secretary, who hopes to occupy the new apartments within three months from now. It is considered only a question of time, when the block bounded by Gay, Fayette, Holiday and Orange avenue, fronting the City Hall, will be condemned, and an open square take the place of the present buildings. When the ordinance to that effect is passed and executed, as it is believed must be done before many months, the new building will front on an open square; and doubtless the Grand Lodge will deem it advisable to carry the building up to correspond with the main edifice fronting on Gay street. The addition can be made at little expense, the projected building being constructed with a view to a second story. The business office will continue as at present, and the vault and store rooms now in use will be occupied for the storage and packing of supplies as heretofore. Additional room to transact the business was indispensable, as the accumulation of books and papers prevented anything like a systematic arrangement of them. Several

months will be occupied in getting things in shape, but it is believed that when once arranged any book or document required will be available at a moment's notice.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Lodge convened Thursday, Feb. 3rd, at the Odd-Fellows' Hall, Boston, being the regular semi-annual session. All the grand officers and a very large representation from Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction were present.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we make the following extracts : The number of Subordinate Lodges in the State is 128, with a membership of 21,053. During the past six months three new Lodges have been instituted, and the net gain in membership is about 500 ; number of brothers relieved, 718 ; number of widowed families relieved, 65 ; number buried, 108 ; and there have been about 4,000 weeks' benefits paid, and the amount paid for benefits about \$20,000 ; for burying the dead about \$5,000 have been paid ; and the total amount paid for relief the past six months has been about \$30,000, the revenue during the same time having been \$91,424.66.

There are also in this State twenty-five Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah with a membership of 2,791. Their receipts have been about \$5,000, and the amount paid for relief about \$2,000.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer it appears that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in good condition.

Seventy-six new members were admitted and instructed.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Encampment of Michigan convened in the Odd-Fellows' Temple, at Jackson, on February 9th. The session of that Body was of great interest to the Patriarchal branch in the Jurisdiction. A large amount of business was transacted, and quite a large number of P. C. P.s received the Grand Encampment Degree. The attendance was decidedly the largest of any previous meeting. The increased membership and number of Encampments organized has exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine of the Order.

The following officers were elected and