

deceased, 53 ; members, 4,798 ; number of patriarchs relieved, 224 ; number of families relieved, 17.

RELIEF.

Paid for—

Relief of patriarchs.....\$2,968 92
 Relief of widows and families..... 320 25
 Burying the dead..... 295 00

Total.....\$3,584 17

Amount of annual receipts.....\$16,627 47
 Number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid.....748

RECEIPTS.

Charter fees.....\$ 480 00
 Sales of supplies..... 107 48
 Capitation tax and balances of account..... 1,988 15

Total receipts.....\$2,575 63

Balance on hand as last report..... 1,059 52

Total cash account.....\$3,635 15

Total expenses.....\$2,238 12
 Cash on hand..... 1,397 03

Total.....\$3,635 15

At the Thursday evening session the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year : Jacob Krohn, Freeport, G. P. ; Wm. L. Sweeney, Rock Island, G. H. P. ; W. L. Houten, Farmington, G. S. W. ; W. H. Crocker, Chicago, G. J. W. ; Gen. J. C. Smith, Galena, Grand Scribe and Treas. ; T. Warren Floyd, Gillespie, Rep. to G. L. of U. S.

The Grand Lodge commenced its session on Tuesday evening, Gr. Master E. B. Sherman presiding.

The Grand Lodge officers were escorted from their hotels to the Opera House by the Lodges of Peoria, led by a band. An address of welcome was delivered and appropriately responded to by the Grand Master. Over 500 elected Representatives were present, as were also an equal number of Past Grands. Over 400 brothers took the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Grand Master's review of the year was quite exhaustive and interesting. It showed thirty-five new Charters granted to Lodges numbered from 557 to 591 inclusive. Five Lodges which had ceased work were revived, and twelve Rebekah Degree Lodges instituted, making a net increase of thirty-eight Lodges.

The Grand Secretary reported for the year 1874 :

Number of members last report.....23,352
 Initiated during the year..... 3,982
 Admitted by card..... 1,191
 Reinstated..... 702

Total.....29,227

Withdrawn by card.....1,333
 Suspended and dropped.....2,358
 Expelled..... 134
 Deceased..... 207

4,032

Now in membership.....25,195
 Rejections..... 700
 Number of working Lodges..... 496

Total revenue of Lodges.....\$226,070 41

RELIEF.

Brothers relieved.....1,898
 No. of weeks' benefits paid (as reported).....5,984
 Widowed families relieved..... 255
 Brothers buried..... 207

Paid for—

Relief of brothers.....\$31,287 20
 Relief of widowed families..... 5,381 36
 Education of orphans..... 130 65
 Burying the dead..... 5,322 85

Total.....\$42,222 06

The reports for the first term of 1875 show an increase of membership of about 1,000. The number of working Lodges now (counting as such all not actually declared defunct) is 530.

Receipts of Grand Lodge for the year have been \$23,567.18 ; disbursements, \$20,964.57 ; cash balance in treasury, \$15,590.74.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year ; John H. Oberley, of Cairo, G.M. ; Thos. M. Blake, of Warren, D.G.M. ; J. F. Drish, Matton, G. W. ; C. N. Nason, Peoria, G. Sec. ; A. S. Bary, Alton, G. Treas. Past Grand Master Sherman was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States by acclamation.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, met at Louisville, October 24th. After a grand procession, the Lodge was welcomed by the Hon. George W. Morris, of Louisville, and the response delivered by Grand Master J. C. Welch. The last-named presented the annual report of his doings, from which the following extract is made :

The reports of the D. D. G. Masters show that nine new lodges have been added to the sisterhood during the past year. They are all eligibly located, in good hands, and under the care of zealous Odd-