

1,243 ; admitted, 559 ; reinstated, 226 ; dimitted, 1,100 ; died, 258 ; suspended, 446 ; expelled, 11 ; members, 21,969 ; net increase, 397 ; receipts, \$19,066.97 ; total of general fund, \$35,484.50 ; disbursed, \$19,176.02 ; yellow fever receipts and disbursements, \$2,635.25.

The Prussian Knight, or twenty-first Degree of the A.A. Scottish Rite, was conferred with great dramatic effect by New York Consistory, recently. The principal rôles were taken by professional actors who are members of the Rite. Among those named as taking part are : George S. Robinson, Archibald Cowper, Frank Weston, Roland Reed, Nat. C. Goodwin, Gus. Williams, John A. Ellsler, George A. Dalton and others.

A brother who recently visited a lodge in Colorado, tells us that almost every member attending the lodge carried a pistol, which was left on a shelf in the Tyler's room before the Lodge was entered. It is pleasant to realize that there is at least one place in the world where fire arms are not needed for protection, and where it is not permissible to go without having first divested oneself of all malice and unfriendly feelings, as well as of all weapons of offence or defence.

A few weeks ago the writer visited a lodge in the interior of Wisconsin. The Third Degree was announced as the work of the evening. The candidate was being examined as to his proficiency, when the W. M. discovered evidence of intoxication, when the Master informed him he could not proceed, and directed that he be immediately conducted from the room. The candidate was a young man highly spoken of, and this will, no doubt, be a valuable lesson to him.—*Masonic Tidings*.

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, a brother mentioned the fact of his need of \$200, and in less than ten minutes the body of which he was a member did its duty honorably by a check for the amount. We witnessed an instance recently, in this city, to the amount of

\$500. In some bodies of Masons we know of, such obligations do not exist. Even with good business security the cold shoulder is given, and the brother and his family are permitted to become objects of public charity in consequence. Shame on such Masons!—*Trestle Board, San Francisco.*

What Cheer Lodge, a famous Masonic body of Providence, R.I., owes its name to the following incident: When Roger William fled from persecution in Massachusetts, as he crossed the river Seekonk, which separates Rhode Island from Massachusetts, he was hailed by some Indians who were standing on a rocky point on the Rhode Island shore, with the salutation, "What cheer?" and he at once landed to receive from them a friendly welcome to his new home. Such is the origin of the name. It is also the motto of the seal of the city of Providence, and it is applied to banks, to markets, to vessels, and in fact to many things which need a good name. Whoever visits What Cheer Lodge receives a most fraternal welcome.—*Keystone*.

Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, Conn., has in its possession a valuable souvenir of the inauguration of Washington. It is a miniature arch of the identical flowers that Bro. Gen. Washington passed under at Trenton, on his journey to New York one hundred years ago. The flowers are well preserved in an air-tight glass case. A copy of Washington's complimentary address to the ladies of Trenton, who arranged the flowers from which these were taken, is with the arch. This relic of the first President was received by Hiram Lodge, thirty years ago, from Bro. Wm. R. Clapp, of Trenton, N. J., at that time Grand Treasurer of the New Jersey Grand Council.—*Keystone*.

An amusing case of mistaken identity occurred recently out West. One Myron Reed registered on a lake steamer, upon which the clerk jumped to the conclusion that he was the Hon. Myron Reed, Grand Master of Masons