

strained construction was placed upon them, but if a rule was plainly violated, the penalty followed. Thus, along thoroughly business lines has the work of this organization been conducted, bringing about those results which can only follow that firm, prudent and sagacious management absolutely essential to the safety and success of co-operative systems of every kind. The last published report of its officers is a strong confirmation of what is here said. It shows that all through the years of the stagnant and depressed condition of the trade and commerce of this country, the Endowment Rank has unfalteringly added to its membership and resources—through all that which proved a period of loss and disaster to so many kindred organizations, it thrived, grew and flourished. To-day it has the absolute confidence of its membership—they know that its affairs are directed by men of strong purpose and integrity, men who for years have given their time and best talent unsparingly to its upbuilding, men to whom the advancement of the best interests of Pythian Knighthood rises above all ambitions for preferment or place.—“Fraternal Monitor.”

GRAND LODGE REPORT.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—As it may prove interesting matter for your readers, I enclose a copy of the report furnished the Supreme Lodge by this Grand Domain. I am sorry to state that, owing to some of the subordinate lodges failing to make their report, as according to law, the Supreme Lodge report could not be compiled sooner, the last subordinate lodge report only reaching this office on March 11th.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members, December 31st, 1897	1325
Initiated during the year 1898	169
Reinstated during the year 1898	16
Admitted by card during the year 1898	16
Total	1526

DEDUCTIONS.

Suspended during the year 1898	176
Expelled during the year 1898	2
Withdrawn during the year 1898	10
Died during the year 1898	6
Total	194

Number of members, December 31st, 1898.. 1332

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Fast Grand Chancellors	9
Past Chancellors	24
Knights	1967
Esquires	3
Pages	6

Total.. 1332

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Grand Lodge.

Cash on hand, December 31st, 1897	\$ 237 44
Receipts during the year	1699 40

Total	\$1936 84
Disbursements	1614 35

Cash on hand, December 31st, 1898.. 322 49

Total as above.. \$1936 84

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand, December 31st, 1897	\$12309 8
Receipts during the year	22353 4
Total	\$34663 3

Disbursements:

For sick benefits	\$6796 4
For funeral benefits	582 1
For other relief	\$11 9
For widows and orphans	35 0

Total for relief	\$8225 4
Current expenses	6854 3
Paraphernalia and supplies	800 3
Invested during the year	2534 1
Cash on hand, December 31st, 1898	16249 0

Total as above.. \$34663 33

Fraternally yours,

EMIL PFERDNER,
G. K. R. S.

FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—We have little to tell you for this number, as your correspondent has been moving, and was therefore unable to devote much time to writing, but will try and give you as much news in a nut-shell as is possible.

Our Lodge roster now has another name added to its list, and one of the outer world has entered our secret chambers, having the rank of Knight conferred on him. Bro. Simpson is the latest.

Bro. W. T. Whiteway, late of the Maritime Provinces, gave us a call and spoke at some length about the Order in the Far East. He also complimented the Knights of this city on the able manner in which they did their Rank work. Bro. Whiteway has opened an architect's office in our city, and I think I voice the sentiments of our brothers in wishing him every success.

