

## FRATERNAL SOCIETIES GROWING IN WEALTH

Ontario Registrar's Report Shows Great Progress in Ten Years—Influence Increasing.

The fraternal societies are growing in wealth and influence may be seen from the following figures, tabulated in the report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies recently issued. The figures following show the increase in the various issues during ten years now past:—The increase of the number of societies is accounted for by the gradual absorption of smaller fraternities existing in the larger manufacturing centres throughout the province.

In 1890 the total membership of these societies in Ontario was 2,000,000. In 1900 it was 6,000,000. The amount of life insurance benefits paid in 1890 was \$10,000,000, while in 1900 it was \$20,000,000. Contribution to the life insurance fund, there were funeral benefits paid, in 1890 amounting to \$2,000,000; in 1900 benefits amounting to \$8,000,000. Sick benefits were paid in 1890 amounting to \$2,000,000; in 1900 members, in 1910 \$7,000,000. In 1910 there were 13,000 members.

For relief of distressed members there was paid in 1900 \$17,617,200, and in 1910 \$18,888. For medical attendance in 1890 there was paid \$4,300,000, and in 1910 there was paid \$7,000,000. Death benefits were available.

The total assets of the various societies in Ontario in 1890 were \$4,221,000; in 1900 they were \$12,941,300,76, which are principally invested in debentures and approved securities of the various provinces of Canada. The total assets in 1890 were \$8,328,000; in 1900 they were \$44,007,300.

People who are interested in the welfare of the Friendly Society movement in the Province of Ontario, will do well to study these figures, and note the steady growth in these societies, and the amount of good work they are doing. The majority of sick and funeral benefit societies have committees who look after the sick in the various hospitals, while others have endeavours to secure the purpose of looking after their sick members, who are unable to have proper attention in their various homes.

Relief Boards Formed.

In the large centres of population there are relief boards formed by the representatives from the various lodges, who look after the unaffiliated members and those away from home who are taken sick away from their mother lodges.

The figures quoted do not include the Canadian Order of Foresters, whose men of the world, and Catholic Mutual, which report to the Dominion Government.

**OLD SILVER EXHIBIT FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.**

The first pieces of silver for the exhibit in the old plate collection of the National Society of Colonial Dames were received at the National Museum in Washington recently. They comprise an ecclesiastical service dating back to 1724, and consist of three pieces of plate, a chalice, a paten, and a ciborium, and a silver paten, five and one-half inches in diameter, bearing the old sterling marks and engraved "St. Ann's Parish, Essex County."

The old plate collection, when complete, will awaken considerable interest, as it is the first recently received after its initial exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition in 1907. Within the last two years two collections have been started—one in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the other in the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York, making that of the National Museum the third in the country.

At one time the National Museum had an exhibition a silver baptismal basin, coming originally from Holland, in 1884, and closely connected with the colonial history of New York. This was loaned to the museum by the Hon. Daniel of New York, and subsequently removed by them. Mrs. Marjorie Benjamin, custodian of the plate collection for the Colonial Dames, promises, however, that this exhibit will be of a valuable nature and will consist of both church and household silver of the colonial period collected from the southern and eastern parts of the United States.

The church service above mentioned dates back to 1724, when it was presented to St. Ann's Parish, founded some eighty years before, in Essex County, N.Y. There was a tradition in the parish to the effect that the plate was presented by Queen Anne, but as she died in 1714, this is impossible, altho it did come from the fund she established known as "Queen Anne's Bounty." One of the cups and the paten were lost for many years and were not discovered until 1906, when Rev. Thomas D. Lovell, then rector of the church, learned of their location and succeeded in purchasing them from Charles A. Munn of New York, who recognized the prior claim of the parish, altho he had purchased them from Hovey & Co., of New York three years before.

Upon completion of their purchase by Rev. Howard & Co. by Mr. Munn, the history of the lost cup and paten is available, altho they are described and listed with a cut in the 1908 edition of Buck's "Old Plates." The present record of St. Ann's account of the loss does not mention the fact that the two cups were lost in the parish, between which the silver was undoubtedly divided; one known as Vawter's and the other an old church abandoned after the Revolution and later destroyed. The silver was probably appropriated.

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