

121 in Alberta, 418 in British Columbia, and 10,446 in Ontario. These figures certainly should give encouragement to the members to still greater efforts.

The two lodges initiating the largest number of members in each district during the last three quarters of 1898 are as follows : Lodge Dudley, Newfoundland, 53; Lodge Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, 43. For Ontario and Quebec—Lodge Loyalty, Ontario, 72; Lodge Croydon, Ontario, 45. Manitoba—Lodge Shakespeare, 34; Lodge Westward Ho, 31. North West Territories—Lodge Calgary, 18; Lodge United Roses, 9. British Columbia—Nelson's Queen, 15; Pride of the Island, 10.

Number of White Rose Degree members, 5,208. Two lodges were instituted during the year—Lodge Bollington, No. 242, at Perth, Ont., and Lodge St. Ives, No. 243, at Millbrook, Ont.

I am pleased to report that during the year Lodge Runnymede No. 155, at Selkirk, Man., has been resuscitated and is now in good working order. Lodge Mistletoe, No. 86, has also been reorganized with every prospect of success.

FINANCIAL STANDING.

5. Amount of Cash received by subordinate lodges during the year, \$84,831.59, an increase of \$3,008.84 over 1897; paid for sick benefits, \$22,830.93, a decrease of \$433.19 from last report; paid for medical services, \$15,976.63, an increase of \$909.86; cost of management, \$19,732.10, a decrease of \$3,009.56 from last report; cash to credit of subordinate lodges in bank and other securities, \$65,316.28, an increase of \$9,026.71; cash in hands of lodge treasurers to meet current expenses for the December quarter, \$7,277.15; total cash to the credit of subordinate lodges, after deducting \$4,600.41 liabilities, is \$68,458.95, an increase of \$7,590.51, which, I submit, is a favorable and encouraging showing.