## Afraid He Wouldn't Pass.

He was a man well along in middle age and was willing to be insured. The agent had prepared his "application," and turned him over to the searching scrutiny of the medical examiner.

" I might as well tell you, doctor, to begin with, that ours has been a fam

ease."
"That's bad. How old was he?"

"Ninety-two."
"Um! And "And her age?" "Mother was a little over seventy."
"Do you know the age and cause of

your grandfathers' deaths?" continued the examiner. "Yes, indeed. Fath the stainfier. Tes, indeed. Fath er's father died just a week after his ninetteth birthday. They say he used too much tobacco. Mother's father was only eighty-eight. Falling down stairs finished him."

"And your grandmothe,?" "One of 'em had consumption at eighty six, and died of it in no time. The other was nipped by sunstroke at eighty-four. Oh, they all went quick."

The examiner did not seem so grave as he asked: "Have you any brothers mered down they will be found to be or sisters?" "One sister and two divided into three classes. brothers," was the answer. "John went out into the mining country lar in his attendance, and ready to take when he was seventy-two, got into trouble there, called a drunken man a liar, and was shot. Henry was drowned at seventy nine whilst trying to save two young fellows that couldn't swim. Sister's alive. She's awfully careless; ate a lot of green stuff the day of her golden wedding, then danced in the evening, with all the old fellows out on the lawn, even after it was raining; took her two days to get over it. She'll go in a hurry like all the rest some of these times."

"Well," said the medical gentleman, smiling; "I think I'll chance you, and I don't think your application will be 'turned down' at the nome office. Only you must look out for yourself. Be careful about catching cold after you are eighty years old."

## Regain the Loss.

In every organization there is a measure of loss that is inevitable. The "wear and tear" i time is manifest everywhere; some of it is avoidable, much of it unavoidable. In any case, if prosperity is to be maintained and progress made, the loss must be regained and the injury repaired. This is vitally true of our Order, and all similar orders "Eternal vigilance" is the release that we must be ready to pay the price that we must be ready to pay for stability and growth. Time is irresistibly bearing our membership on to "the country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Every vacancy in our ranks is loss till it is filled up. It can be converted into a gain by placing in it a younger and more active brother than the one who occuthe sea would run dry in their course thither were they not fed by the rain falls and the melting snows and glaciers in the mountains. The fruit tree yields up each season much of its life in broken twigs and torn branches, but every season it is repairing the loss by putting forth new shocks. Day by day the men who toil with brain pied it. The rivers that empty into

and hand impair their vigor, but day and night they recreate the waste by food and rest. So the Fraternal Order suffers daily by time and the suspensions, sickness, disability and death that time is ever bringing: but the Fratornal Order can gain all tuat it lost, and more, from the young gener-ation that time brings, and brings in over-increasing numbers to replace over-increasing numbers to represent the applicant.

The examiner looked serious as he raplied: "Why, you seem to be in expensed to the property of the old. Let us bring in the new members as fast as we lose old ones, and the Order will be maintained as and the Order will be maintained as a property of the old. The examiner looked serious as he replied: "Why, you seem to be in ex cellent physical condition. What did your father die of?" "Heart dis men faster than old ones does not ones, and the Order will be maintained as "rong and as vigorous as it is now Let us continue bringing in young men faster than old ones drop out, as we have been doing since the organization of the Order, and we will be "Um! And your mother?" the Order. Meeting the condition of the Order. Meeting these possible conditions, the Order will continue prospering while humanity lasts. When bumanity ceases, its occupation will be gone, the need for it will be at an end, and it can go out of the busi-ness. Meantime it is doing business at the old stand, and it means to do a growing and therefore profitable business-The Forester.

## The Best Members.

While the discussion as to who are the best members of a Branch may give room for much discussion, wher sim-

any part assigned to nim.

2. The brother who, true to his obligation, looks after the sick and those in dis-

tress, and attends their every wish.

3. The brother who is auxious to see the Association increase, who takes pride in bringing good men into the Association.

It is also he who constitutes one of the financiers of the Branch, urges economy, but is liberal when it is necessary to

spend a little money which will prove an investment to the Branch.

Without some one to represent all three of these important factors, a Branch will become dormant. It takes a certain amount of push to create enthusiasm, and then an interest is created which will increase. will increase.

It is not the best member who may attend Branch regularly, and by his har-rangues and lack of knowledge assume to control a Branch. He who will tire out and disguet those present is not a good member, but perhaps he in most instances doesn't realize what a bore he is. In some instances, his aim is good but judgment poor. Such members should be informed in a quiet way of their faults, and then if they persist on a like proceeding they should be promptly "sat upon."—Ex.

The charm of fraternal Societies is the confidence men have in each other, and the knowledge that they are banded together for good purposes. These are not destroyed by any periods of depression, but, on the contrary, it is when times are hard and suffering provails that such associa-tions shine forth with added brilliancy. Pacific States Watchman.

## HONOR ROLL.

Statement of Assessments Received in June, 1897,

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N B.-All branches not appearing on the foregoing statement as having paid No. 6 assessment, with the exception of Branches 265 and 25, are on this date (July 1st) in arrears or under suspension.

Branches 335 and 335 paid said assessment in May.

N. B.-Les succursales qui a apparaissent pas dans l'état ci dessus comme ayant payé la cotteation No. ". a l'exception des Succursales Nos. 35 et 20, sont a cette date tier Juillet? arrièrées ou en auspens. Les Succursales Nos. 26 et 39 ont payé cette collection en Mai.