

SOUTH AMERICA.

The progress of the Order in Valparaiso, Chili, indicates that Grand Sire Logan was wise in unfurling the banner in that country, as there can be no reasonable doubt that the success of the Order is assured. Valparaiso, No. 1 was instituted April 14, 1874. The report to December 31, eight and a half months, exhibits the following: Initiated, 106; admitted by card, 7; withdrawn by card, 13; members, Dec. 31, 1874, 100; degrees conferred, 263; receipts, \$3,970.08. Pacific No. 2 was instituted August 15, 1874. The report for four and a half months shows: Initiated, 43; admitted by card, 12; deceased, 1; members, Dec. 31, 1874, 54; degrees conferred, 81; receipts, \$1,539.01. Col. W. J. DeGress, who filled the chair of N.G. in No. 1 from its institution to the 1st of January, and who has proved a most efficient officer, as well as a valuable member of the Order, reports that they have eighteen applications on hand, and expresses the opinion that "Odd-Fellowship is a permanent institution of South America."

VERMONT.

The Grand Encampment met at Northfield on February 2nd. From Grand Scribe Rider's report the following statistics are taken:

Number at last report.....	312
Initiations.....	19
Withdrawn by card.....	6
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	13
Deaths.....	1
Now in membership.....	311

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—N. C. Hyde, Poultney, G.P.; J. N. Gale, St. Johnsbury, G.H.P.; Norman F. Rider, Middlebury, G.S.W.; F. H. Bascomb, G. Scribe; John W. Simonds, Brattleboro, G. Treas.; Luther B. Adams, Rutland, G. J. W.

The Grand Encampment will hold its next session at Ruthland, on the first Tuesday in February, 1876, the day before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge assembled on the 3rd at Northfield, Grand Master Stiles presiding, and a full attendance of officers and Representatives.

The following are the statistics of the Order:

Contributing membership.....	1,087
Initiations.....	200
Admitted by card.....	11
Reinstated.....	9
Rejected.....	33
Withdrawn by card.....	23
Suspended.....	49
Expelled.....	2
Deaths.....	7
Total receipts.....	\$5,657 30
Amount paid for relief of brethren.....	\$356 04
Paid for relief of widowed families.....	60 00
Paid for funeral benefits.....	474 00

Total relief.....\$890 04

The officers installed were: John Retting, Brattleboro, G. M.; John N. Gale, St. Johnsbury, D.G.M.; Nelson C. Hyde, Poultney, G. W.; J. R. Burton, Bennington, G. Sec.; J. A. Parker, Rutland, G. Treas.; Dr. P. D. Bradford, of Northfield, and Hon. Milton R. Tyler, of Burlington. Reps. to G. L. of U. S.

PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING.

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OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE G. L. OF U. S.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

GREETING:

The very imposing legislation of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the adoption of a Form of Celebration for the Anniversary of our Order, testifies as well the veneration in which this memorable day is held by the Brotherhood, as the general desire that it should be everywhere observed in a spirit of thanksgiving for the long-continued favor vouchsafed to Odd-Fellowship by a kind Providence, and for the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity enjoyed by our Brethren at large.

WHEREFORE, I, M. J. DURHAM, M. W. GRAND SIRE OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, in virtue of authority in me reposed by law, do hereby enjoin upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies under this jurisdiction to take order for the due observance of the FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA, on the Twenty-sixth day of April, 1875, by setting apart the day for thanksgiving and prayer.

Done at the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, the Fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1875, and of our Order the Fifty-sixth.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, G. C. and R. Sec.

M. J. DURHAM, Grand Sire.