

Lodges in North America for the last three years, the decrease being just about the same as the preceding year :

	Gr. Lodge 1876	Total 1876	Gr. Lodge 1878	Total 1878	Gr. Lodge 1877	Total 1877
Members.....	54	582,556	54	592,443	52	602,089
Raised.....	53	21,783	51	23,881	50	30,065
Admisns etc..	53	16,880	51	16,744	48	17,976
Dismissals...	51	16,747	51	17,681	49	18,926
Expulsions...	51	874	48	986	49	1,039
Suspensions..	36	716	37	770	37	1,084
“ npt. dues..	52	22,054	48	21,051	49	17,281
Deaths.....	54	7,108	52	7,038	50	7,102
Rejections....	28	3,888	26	4,374	28	6,142

Those which have increased are the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Arkansas, California, CANADA, Colorado, Dakota, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, MANITOBA, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New BRUNSWICK, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, QUEBEC, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Those which have decreased are Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, NOVA SCOTIA, Ohio, Pennsylvania, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia. The suspensions for nonpayment of dues, it will be observed, have increased about one thousand since last year, and nearly *five thousand* since the year before. The suspensions within the last ten years amount to *one hundred and fifty thousand*,—a matter surely for the most earnest consideration of every Grand Lodge.

THE Eightieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was held in the city of Louisville, on the 21st and three following days of October. A motion to reduce the mileage to four cents (each way), and the per diem allowance to three dollars was adopted. A move in the right direction, brethren. The next step, we hope, will be to reduce both allowances to *nil*, and then we shall be ready to congratulate you upon

arriving at the *true* goal. A committee reported “ that at least one half of the Lodges represented last year in the Grand Lodge, drew out of its treasury, in mileage and per diem to their representatives, a sum largely in excess of the amount they paid as dues into it. *This strikes your committee as radically wrong.*” We hope the *stroke* will have the effect of bringing about a reform. M. W. Bro Rice, of Louisiana, was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, and Rev. Bro. Hiram Bassett, of Millersburg, Grand Secretary.

THE Grand Lodge of Ohio held its Seventieth Annual Communication in Cincinnati, on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd days of October last. Nearly 500 Lodges were represented. A motion, to declare non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for its violation of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was, after a lively discussion, laid over until next Communication. The following are officers for the present year: Reuben C. Lemenon, Toledo, Grand Master; Charles C. Keifer, Urbana, Deputy Grand Master; and John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary. The next Annual Communication will be held in Columbus next October.

WE learn from the *Masonic Age* that “ Edward Moss, lately deceased, left by bequest \$100,000 to the Zetland Masonic Lodge, of Montreal, Canada, for a beneficent fund.” This is indeed *news* to us, and we hope it may not be “too good to be true.” Will some of the Montreal brethren advise us?

No Mason, if he is able to pay, will ever permit his name to be stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, thus severing his Masonic family connection. Who does, is *not* a Mason in its full sense. He “ *wrongs* ” the Fraternity, “ *cheats* ” his co-laborers, and “ *defrauds* ” the Lodge. Without varnishing, the analysis of such a covenanted brother is a grade *below* the miserable swindler.—*Corner Stone.*