

EPIDEMIC OF 1878.

REPORT

OF THE

CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

KNIGHTS OF HONOR,

CONTAINING

Receipts and Disbursements,

TOGETHER WITH

A DAILY HISTORY

OF THEIR TRANSACTIONS AS THEY OCCURRED, AS BRIEFLY
AND COMPREHENSIVELY AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES
WOULD ADMIT, GIVING NUMBER OF CASES,
DEATHS AND CONVALESCENTS,

WITH

Extracts from Correspondence, City Newspapers, &c.,

DURING THE EPIDEMIC.



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Knights of Honor Lodges

IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

MEMPHIS LODGE No. 196.

UNITY LODGE No. 217.

CHELSEA LODGE No. 280.



FOUNTAIN LODGE No. 296.

GERMANIA LODGE No. 369.

DIAMOND LODGE No. 583.

MARCH, 1879.

OFFICERS

—OF—

The Central Relief Committee, K. of H.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

H. M. GAGE,	PRESIDENT.
HENRY CLEMENTS,	FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.
J. B. ALDRICH,	SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.
MAX HERMAN,	FIRST SECRETARY.
C. F. AARON,	SECOND SECRETARY.
J. P. PRESCOTT,	THIRD SECRETARY.
W. I. BERLIN,	FIRST TREASURER.
JOHN A. HOLT,	SECOND TREASURER.
REV. A. THOMAS,	FIRST SUPT. OF NURSES.
GEORGE B. ELLIOTT,	SECOND SUPT. OF NURSES.
C. W. HOFFMAN,	THIRD SUPT. OF NURSES.
E. FREDERICK,	FIRST COMMISSARY.
J. M. JOHNSON,	SECOND COMMISSARY.

COMMITTEES FROM THE LODGES:

FROM UNITY LODGE No. 217—T. B. Allen, Anthony Ross, Henry Clements (died August 29th).

FROM GERMANIA LODGE No. 369—Rev. A. Thomas (died September 3d), John Brenner, Max Herman (died September 14th), Wm. Souhr (vice A. Thomas, deceased), Chas. Meyers (vice John Brenner, removed by Dictator).

FROM MEMPHIS LODGE No. 196—H. M. Gage, M. A. Telford (died September 1st), J. H. Banks, W. I. Berlin.

FROM FOUNTAIN LODGE No. 296—J. B. Aldrich, E. Frederick (died September 18th), Barney Hughes, J. M. Johnson (vice E. Frederick, deceased).

FROM CHELSEA LODGE No. 280—George B. Elliott (died September 12th), P. G. Kennett, J. P. Prescott.

FROM DIAMOND LODGE No. 583—L. B. Rubinson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

APPOINTED AUGUST 21, 1878—P. Sid. Jones, of No. 196; N. L. Avery, of No. 217; John Brenner, of No. 369; C. F. Aaron, of No. 296; Geo. B. Elliott, of No. 280; L. B. Rubinson, of No. 583.

[From the AVALANCHE, December 8, 1878.]

WHO LIVES, AND WHO DIED.

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR, CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE,
DURING THE EPIDEMIC.

The Central Relief Committee organized August 21, 1878.

H. M. Gage, President, taken down with fever September 8th, recovered.

Henry Clements, first Vice-President, taken down with fever August 23d, died August 29th.

J. B. Aldrich, second Vice-President, escaped the fever.

Max Herman, first Secretary, taken with fever September 6th, died September 14th.

C. F. Aaron, second Secretary, taken with fever September 12th, died September 18th.

J. P. Prescott, third Secretary, went on duty September 12th, escaped the fever; had it in Lake Providence, La., in 1853; also escaped it in 1873, in Memphis.

Wm. I. Berlin, first Treasurer, taken with fever August 30th, recovered.

John A. Holt, second Treasurer, taken with fever October 2d, died October 5th.

Rev. A. Thomas, first Superintendent of Nurses, taken with fever August 30th, died September 3d.

George B. Elliott, second Superintendent of Nurses, taken with fever September 8th, died September 12th.

Chris. W. Hoffman, third Superintendent of Nurses, taken with fever September 7th, recovered and went on duty September 15th.

E. Frederick, first Commissary, taken with fever September 11th, died September 18th.

J. M. Johnson, second Commissary, went on duty September 11th, escaped the fever.

T. B. Allen, Superintendent of Nurses at Moscow, escaped the fever.

Wm. Souhr, Dictator of Germania Lodge No. 369, taken with fever August 24th, recovered, and rendered efficient service.

Chas. Meyers, of the Committee, escaped the fever, rendered good service.

Report of the Central Relief Committee.

TO THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR OF THE WORLD:

BROTHERS—In justice to your fraternal sympathy and prompt response to our “distress call,” during the trying period that removed so many gallant Knights and their loved ones from the midst of their brethren and kindred, the Central Relief Committee of Memphis feel it their duty to render you a brief, although imperfect, account, of their acts and transactions, that it may enable you to form a more intelligent idea of the duties which the imperative necessities of that “terrible” time devolved upon them. They have adopted the chronological style, as thereby they can describe more definitely the circumstances and events as they consecutively occurred. Extracts from our city papers are inserted to assist in giving a better idea of the condition of the city generally, in the midst of which we, representing our Order, were acting our part in the fearful drama of life and death, in endeavoring to relieve the sufferings and necessities of our afflicted and dying brethren and their families, as far as lay in our power. Owing to our reduced numbers, at times, it was impossible for us to accomplish more, and a deep source of regret to every active member of the Committee at the time.

And in addition, your Committee would congratulate our beloved Order at this time (March, 1879), upon its evident solid stability, now thoroughly established beyond controversy, by the history of its past six months, during which it has experienced a test and an ordeal, the most severe it could possibly have encountered, and through which it passed successfully, and unscathed in a manner unparalleled in the history of life insurance companies, which but a few years ago were so popular in this and all the other civilized countries of the world.

DAILY HISTORY.

MEMPHIS, Saturday, August 10, 1878.

A telegram in one of our evening papers to-day, stated that there had been six deaths from yellow fever in Grenada, Miss., and thirty-five cases of same disease within a radius of four hundred yards of the railroad depot. This report created considerable excitement in our city, as Grenada was only one hundred miles south of Memphis, and in daily communication by railroad trains. Late in the day, private telegrams confirmed the reports as to the number of sick, but contradicted as to the deaths.

SUNDAY, August 11, 1878.

This morning's papers contained contradictory reports as to the existence of yellow fever in Grenada, but during the forenoon various telegrams were received from the Mayor of Grenada and others to our city officials and citizens, asking for yellow fever nurses and pecuniary assistance, which were promptly responded to, and which confirmed the unpleasant rumors of yesterday, that this dreadful scourge was really prevailing in that place.

MONDAY, August 12, 1878.

To-day there is more uneasiness in the city, growing out of the yellow fever news from Grenada.

A policeman named McConnell has been very ill for several days, and in bad health for some time. He died about 10 o'clock to-night. His attending physicians pronounced his case to be yellow fever, but others did not concur with them; hence a contrariety of opinion existed among our citizens in reference to the character of his disease.

TUESDAY, August 13, 1878.

The death of McConnell last night, reported to be yellow fever by his physicians, although not concurred in by others, did not exercise any assuring feeling to that already prevailing in the city.

And when another case, that of Mrs. Kate Bionda, on Front Row, near Adams street, developed itself, and was pronounced to be yellow fever and no mistake, the existence of the disease in the city could not be disputed. Mrs. Bionda was the wife of a man who kept a snack-house for river men and laborers. This proved to be a well-marked case, resulting fatally about 11 o'clock. A. M.

Every precaution and preventive was adopted by the Board of Health to check the spread of the disease any farther.

When this case became generally known in the city, there was a feeling of alarm and uneasiness prevailing, but no panic or stampede.

Several other cases were reported by attending physicians to the Board of Health during the day—three on Poplar street near Third, one on Main street opposite the Court House, and two on Alabama street, with symptoms indicating yellow fever, though not decided, but this was not generally known until published in to-morrow morning's papers.

THURSDAY, August 15, 1878.

Various physicians reported yesterday evening to the Board of Health twenty-two cases of yellow fever, and two deaths (one of them, the case on Main street referred to above, the other occurred on Alabama street, taken sick on Sunday last).

It is now known that two passengers came up the river on the steamer Golden Crown (just two weeks ago), which boat was refused a landing. The boat passed on up stream. A few miles above, these passengers went ashore, and in a small boat approached the city at night, and passed through it to the dwelling of a friend on Alabama street. Subsequently they were discovered (two days after) and sent away from the city. The latter case named above occurred in the other half of the same dwelling. A number of the twenty-two cases are located in the same neighborhood, and in a part of the "infected district," so termed for some time, within which the disease was confined for about two weeks.

To-day the number of new cases increased rapidly; twenty-five adults and eighteen children—forty-three in all, with seven deaths. Two of the fatal cases were Knights of Honor (Bros. A. H. Goodman and Rev. Dr. Ferd. Sarner). Four of the new cases were in families of members, two were members.

FRIDAY, August 16, 1878.

In this evening's *Ledger* the following notice appeared, and was published three times:

TO THE VARIOUS LODGES K. OF H., GREETING.

MEMPHIS, August 16, 1878.

Pestilence and death is upon us. Your obligation requires you to assist the needy and distressed. Unity No. 217 has appointed a Committee. All of you do likewise. Come, meet us with your Committee. Members of the Unity taken sick will report to the undersigned Committee.

T. B. ALLEN,
A. ROSS,
H. CLEMENTS.
143 Main street.

SATURDAY, August 17, 1878.

In Saturday evening's *Ledger* the following notice appeared:

NOTICE—KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

SICK COMMITTEES of the different Lodges K. of H., and ALL MEMBERS who can, will meet at Maennerchor Hall, corner Second and Jefferson streets, at 6 o'clock, this (Saturday) evening, to devise means for the relief of the sick and distressed of the brotherhood.

T. B. ALLEN,
H. CLEMENTS,
A. ROSS,
J. J. BUSBY,
Committee of Unity Lodge.
A. THOMAS,
W. SOUHR,
J. BIERMAN,
Committee of Germania Lodge.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, August 16 and 17, 1878.

The new cases continued to increase each succeeding day. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a great panic prevailed in the city, and thousands left it by any and every mode of egress they could avail themselves of.

SUNDAY, August 18, 1878.

Through the morning papers the Dictator of Germania Lodge No. 369, called a meeting of his Lodge at 2 o'clock to-day, and the Dictator of Memphis Lodge No. 196, also in same manner notified his members that the Lodge would meet on the following day (Monday) at 2 o'clock P. M., and continue to meet at that hour, instead of at

night. These Lodges at these meetings appointed special Relief Committees, and notified the other city Lodges to appoint similar committees, with a view to organizing a joint Relief Committee.

To-day was very quiet in the city. Very few persons on the street, except those actively engaged in attending to the wants of the sick, or on some errand of mercy.

MONDAY, August 19, 1878.

The disease is still confined within the infected district, which comprises the northern central portion of the city.

A meeting of the citizens was held at 11 o'clock A. M., to consider the situation.

The General Government had, upon application, kindly furnished the city with one thousand army tents, which were designed to establish a camp a few miles below the city, for the accommodation of those who would move out of the city and occupy them. The tents arrived to-day, and it was so announced at the meeting. A number of families had already expressed their willingness to move to the camp, the location for which had previously been selected. Merchants contributed supplies for use in the camp.

The Bluff City Grays, one of our home military companies, volunteered to act as guards for the camp, as did also the McClellan Guards (colored). Both companies reported, and the camp was established to-day, six miles south of the city.

Through the *Evening Ledger* to-day, the Vice-Dictator of Fountain Lodge No. 296 urgently requested the members of his Lodge to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. to-morrow (Tuesday), on business of special importance. The Lodge met, and appointed a Relief Committee, to act in the proposed joint Relief Committee.

Total new cases in the city up to 6 o'clock P. M., reported to be twenty. Deaths, ten.

TUESDAY, August 20, 1878.

A call having been made in the morning papers, the following Lodges were represented: Memphis Lodge No. 196, Germania No. 369, Unity No. 217, and Fountain No. 296. They met for the purpose of organizing the working forces of the Order, with a view to aid and relieve the sick and distressed members and their families in the most effective manner. They met in the office of Bro. W. I. Berlin, No. 39 Madison street, at 4½ o'clock P. M. After the object of the

meeting was explained, they elected officers as follows: H. M. Gage, President; Henry Clements, Vice-President; Max Herman, Secretary, W. I. Berlin, Treasurer, Rev. A. Thomas, Superintendent of Nurses.

A committee was appointed to draft by-laws, and the Secretary was instructed to publish a card in to-morrow's papers, calling a full meeting of the members of the Relief Committees at 10 o'clock A. M.

The members appointed to represent their Lodges were, H. M. Gage, M. A. Telford and J. H. Banks, of Memphis Lodge No. 196; Anthony Ross, Henry Clements and T. B. Allen, of Unity Lodge No. 217; J. B. Aldrich and E. Frederick, of Fountain Lodge No. 296; Rev. A. Thomas, Max Herman and John Brenner, of Germania Lodge No. 369.

Total new cases past twenty-four hours in the city, eighteen. Deaths, six.

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 1878.

The list of officers of the K. of H. Central Relief Committee appeared in this morning's papers. A meeting of the Committee is announced for 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of Bro. W. I. Berlin, No. 39 Madison street, when and where all the Lodge Committees were requested to attend, in order that the Relief Committee shall be complete, by each Lodge being represented.

Total new cases in the city, fifty. Deaths, eleven.

New cases of fever having appeared in other parts of the city than the "infected district," as it was termed, hence the apprehension that it will continue to spread all over it.

Pursuant to the call in the morning papers, the Relief Committee met, and was called to order by the President at 10 A. M.

Committee on By-Laws recommended that this body shall be known as the *Central Relief Committee, K. of H., of the City of Memphis*, whose officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent of Nurses, and an Executive Committee of one from each Lodge.

Executive Committee appointed: P. Sid. Jones, of No. 196; N. L. Avery, of No. 217; John Brenner, of No. 369; C. F. Aaron, of No. 296; L. B. Rubinson, of No. 583, and G. B. Elliott, of No. 280.

The Secretary was authorized to draw for \$25 on each Lodge in the city.

The Secretary reported the following deaths from his record: Bros. J. B. Campbell, of No. 196, August 2d; A. H. Goodman, of No.

217, August 15th; Dr. Ferd. Sarner, of No. 217, August 15th; Jos. Lory, of No. 196, August 19th; M. Bloomfield, of No. 217, August 20th; H. Schlemmer, of No. 369, August 21st (to-day).

Bro. J. B. Miller, of No. 196, died August 17th (in Helena, Ark.), but was not reported at the time to the Committee.

He also reported the following list of sick among the brethren and their families: Bro. Aug. Miller's (of 369) two children; Bro. Chas. Sauter (369); Bro. H. Schlemmer's three children; Bro. M. Huppert (369), of dropsy; Bro. Wm. Rommel's (369) wife and child; Bro. Dr. F. Saupe (369); Bros. Jos. Strehl (369), T. S. Cloyd (196), Wm. Glaentzer (369), John R. Kleiner (Rep. of 369) and three children, Dr. J. C. Rogers (217); J. Nagel's child, Jos. Lory's wife, J. D. Elliott's son; twenty-one in all.

THURSDAY, August 22, 1878.

Relief Committee met at regular hour.

The following new cases were reported to the Secretary: Bro. Jos. D. Elliott (217); Mrs. Jos. Lory's two sons.

Deaths reported: Bros. T. S. Cloyd at 2 A. M.; M. Huppert at 4 P. M.

Total new cases in the city, fifty-one. Deaths, ten.

FRIDAY, August 23, 1878.

Relief Committee met.

The following Committees from other Lodges were reported: Bros. Geo. B. Elliott, P. G. Kennett and J. P. Prescott, from Chelsea Lodge No. 280, and L. B. Rubinson, from Diamond Lodge No. 583.

New case reported to the Secretary: Bro. A. K. Gillen, (217.)

Deaths reported: Bros. Chas. Sauter, and Dr. John C. Rogers.

Received from

Germania Lodge No. 369 . . . \$25 00	Chelsea Lodge No. 280 . . . \$25 00
Fountain Lodge No. 296 . . . 25 00	Unity Lodge No. 217 . . . 25 00
Diamond Lodge No. 583 . . . 25 00	Memphis Lodge No. 196 . . . 25 00

Total new cases in the city, forty-six. Deaths, ten.

“The smile of nature beamed mockingly in the bright sunshine, and the gently-blowing winds breathed softly over this plague-stricken city. . . . Despite the dazzling light, the darkest of shadows enwrapped street and alley, highway and byway—the unseen shadow of disease and death. . . . The roll of stricken ran up alarmingly, and stout hearts began to shiver. . . . Brave men are fighting the plague with a heroism that cannot be surpassed.”—*Avalanche*, 23rd.

SATURDAY, August 24, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present: H. M. Gage, President; Max Herman, Secretary; W. I. Berlin, Treasurer; Rev. A. Thomas, Superintendent; P. Sid. Jones, John Brenner, L. B. Rubinson, C. F. Aaron and G. B. Elliott, Executive Committee; J. B. Aldrich, E. Frederick, Anthony Ross, T. B. Allen and J. P. Prescott. (First day the names of those present were noted on the roll).

New cases reported to the Secretary: Bros. Henry Clements (217), Vice-President of our Committee, and W. S. Fifer, (196).

Deaths: Bro. William Unverzagt (369), at 11.30 A. M.—now first reported.

Reported convalescent: Bros. Jos. Strehl and Dr. F. Saupe.

The *Appeal* of this morning remarks:

“Up to six o'clock yesterday evening, three hundred and six cases of yellow fever had been reported, and ninety-three deaths. . . . We all know the effect of fear upon those who, yielding to it, fled the city at the first announcement of yellow fever; how much more severe must be its effect upon those taken with the disease. They give up all heart and hope, and yielding to the fear inspired by the oft-repeated assertion that ‘they all die,’ make no effort to rally from the disease, and die as much from fright as from the plague. To what an alarming extent the fears of the people of Memphis have been excited it would be impossible to tell, and it would be equally impossible to say how much it has had to do in making the death-list and working the sorrow, the penury, want and destitution which the Howard and other benevolent associations and the Citizens’ Relief Committee have been and are trying to mitigate. . . . Instead of denying hope to ourselves, we should do everything to inspire it, and instead of asserting that all who take the fever have no chance of recovery, we should labor for it as if we had the assurance that in some remedies, in attentive and judicious nursing and skillful medical attendance, it can be found.”

We received a telegram to-day from S. D. F. McEwen, Dictator of Central Lodge No. 253, Columbia, Tenn., authorizing our President to draw on him for fifty dollars, being amount donated by his Lodge for the use of our Committee.

This assurance of fraternal sympathy deeply touched our hearts, and our Secretary was instructed to return our thanks for their generous donation.

This was our first donation from abroad, and cheered up our Committee in the discharge of their self-imposed duty.

Total new cases in the city up to 6 P. M., one hundred and six. Deaths, fifteen.

SUNDAY, August 25, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present: H. M. Gage, President; Max Herman, Secretary; Rev. A. Thomas, Superintendent (on duty); P. Sid. Jones, John Brenner, L. B. Rubinson, G. B. Elliott and E. Frederick.

Bro. J. B. Aldrich absent in Brownsville with his sick children.

New cases since last report: Bros. Wm. Souhr (Dictator of No. 369); A. M. Newsum (in Courtland, Ala.). Also, Bro. Wm. Glaentzer's wife (in confinement), midwife employed and sent to her yesterday; and Paul Schneider's child.

Deaths since last report: Bros. John R. Kleiner (Rep. of No. 369), John D. Elliott, and R. W. Mitchell, at 7.30 A. M.—now first reported.

Total new cases in the city, sixty-eight. Deaths, twenty-nine.

"A dark, gloomy, death-pervaded Sabbath it was. The church bells were silent, and the few that hurried to the place of prayer met only the low, soothing, God-breathed voice of the daring minister of the Gospel and brave soldier of the cross. The house of prayer had the holy calm of death about it.

'All things told the calm repose
Of the Sabbath day,'

made triply calm, wrapt as the city was in silence, and enveloped in the shadow of death. A slow, soft rain fell gently from the black-draped sky. The reporter read over the list—sixty-eight new cases, twenty-nine deaths. It was a gloomy day, but the record speaks for itself."—*Avalanche*, 27th.

MONDAY, August 26, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present: E. Frederick, President *pro tem.*; Max Herman, Secretary; W. I. Berlin, Treasurer; Rev. A. Thomas, Superintendent; John Brenner, L. B. Rubinson, C. F. Aaron, G. B. Elliott and J. P. Prescott.

New cases since last report: Bros. M. A. Telford and Aug. Miller, child of G. W. Dalton, child of Wm. Glaentzer.

Deaths: Mrs. Wm. Glaentzer (last evening, had a stillborn child), son of J. R. Kleiner, son of Jos. Lory.

Communications were received from Lincoln Lodge No. 430, St. Louis, Mo., enclosing \$10, and from Bro. O. N. Blackburn, of Louisville, Ky., asking for information "as to the extent of the scourge in the K. of H.," and if we needed help? Also one from the Dictator of Central Lodge No. 164, Louisville, Ky., expressing sympathy, and desire to aid us. Also, telegram from Reporter of Vanderbilt No. 79, Nashville, Tenn., saying, "Have sent one hundred dollars to K. of H. for yellow fever sufferers."

Total new cases in the city, ninety-three. Deaths, twenty-three.

TUESDAY, August 27, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present: H. M. Gage, President; Max Herman, Secretary; Rev. A. Thomas, Superintendent (on duty); N. L. Avery, John Brenner, C. F. Aaron, G. B. Elliott, E. Frederick, J. P. Prescott.

New cases since last report: Bros. Wm. Rommel, J. N. Stalm and wife, W. W. White, A. K. Gillen's wife, P. G. Kennett's wife, G. A. Junkerman's daughter Amelia, J. J. Sohm's mother and sister-in-law.

Deaths: Bros. Wm. Glaentzer and A. K. Gillen.

Reported convalescent: Children of P. Schneider, J. Nagel and Mrs. H. Schlemmer (3).

Bro. Geo. B. Elliott was elected as Assistant Superintendent of Nurses, to divide duties with Bro. Thomas, Superintendent.

Received communication from Fayetteville Lodge No. 181, Fayetteville, Tenn., inclosing \$25. Also following telegram from Lewis Wilson, G. V. D. of Ohio: "Will send \$100 to-morrow." This was from the K. of H. Relief Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"It is blue, very blue. The record of yesterday shows only a passage from bad to worse. . . . The plague is as great a gourmand as ever, and was only gorged by ninety-six new cases (in the city)." *Avalanche, August 28.*

Total deaths in the city, thirty-two.

From the *Appeal* of August 28:

"Ninety-six new cases and thirty-two deaths from yellow fever are the appalling reports from the books of the Board of Health. . . . The close, damp, disagreeable weather is increasing its ravages, and the scarcity of nurses and physicians is leaving the cases entirely at

the mercy of the disease. Several of the nurses have been stricken down already. It is blood-curdling to listen to the details of the heart-rending incidents encountered by the visiting nurses in various parts of the city. . . . To-day the nurses reported at the Board of Health office, two, three and four corpses in one house, the undertakers not being able to bury them. . . . One of the remarkable features of the disease as it prevails now is, that whole families have been swept out of existence—father, mother and children have followed each other in rapid succession to the grave, and in some instances several members of a family are lying dead at the same time, having died almost within the same hour.”

WEDNESDAY, August 28, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present: H. M. Gage, President; Max Herman, Secretary; Rev. A. Thomas, Superintendent; P. Sid. Jones, John Brenner, C. F. Aaron, G. B. Elliott and E. Frederick.

New cases since last report: Bros. L. Woeller and wife (three miles from town), F. Stierla and wife, A. K. Gillen's child.

Deaths: Bros. W. S. Fifer, and A. M. Newsum (in Courtland, Ala).

Total new cases in the city to-day, one hundred and nineteen. Deaths, fifty-eight.

“It is rayless night—gloom, gloom, gloom, the deepest gloom. The bare figures, heavy, shocking and repulsive as they are, do not of themselves alone measure the depth. The refugee who reads them as he sits a hundred miles away, needs to be told that he may appreciate their meaning, that out of three thousand white people in the city, eight hundred of them are sick, or dying, or dead; that medical aid has not reached many who have been tossing on beds of fever for days; that some of the dead lie unburied for days; that horrors, and suffering and destitution are to be encountered on almost every street. He can not realize one-tenth of what is seen by the faithful philanthropist whose day is spent in ferreting out the sufferers and bearing them succor. . . . We pause, and dare not guess what the morrow will bring.” “The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor and other benevolent societies are doing great and good work among their members. They each have their own corps of nurses, and themselves superintend those nurses, seeing that every brother of their order has the benefit of the best medical treatment and the best of care.”—*Avalanche, August 29.*

THURSDAY, August 29, 1878.

Committee present or on duty: H. M. Gage, President; Max Herman, Secretary; W. I. Berlin, Treasurer; G. B. Elliott, Assistant Superintendent; N. L. Avery, C. F. Aaron, E. Frederick and J. P. Prescott.

New cases since last report: Rev. A. Thomas (our Superintendent of Nurses), stricken down to-day while in the self-imposed discharge of duty to his afflicted brethren; also, Bro. J. N. Stalm's two children, J. M. Johnson's two children, and J. J. Sohm's child.

Deaths to-day; Mrs. J. N. Stalm, about sunrise; Bros. Henry Clements and Wm. Rommel, about noon; Aug. Miller; L. Woeller and J. N. Stalm, about dark.

Bro. J. B. Aldrich was elected Vice-President (vice Bro. H. Clements, deceased).

Bro. E. Frederick was elected Commissary, to furnish supplies to sick members' families, which is now becoming a necessity to a greater extent than formerly.

Bro. B. Hughes was reported as Committeeman from No. 296, to fill a vacancy, and was present.

Received remittances as follows:

From Rose City Lodge No. 1090, Little Rock, Ark.	\$25 00
Germania No. 910, " " "	30 00
Eureka No. 643, Piedmont, W. Va.	10 00
K. of H. Relief Committee, Cincinnati, O.	100 00

Total new cases in the city, one hundred and forty. Deaths, seventy.

"We are doomed. It is hard, as we write in this dark, dismal night of death, not to realize the full meaning of that brief sentence. . . . Scarcely any are left, but those who are crowding down personal care, in the noble purpose of others' good. . . . To die for man is to imitate the greatest event in the history of our globe, it is to imitate the death of the Savior of the world. . . . Seventy dead and one hundred and forty new cases! God help us! If hope were not worn to a skeleton, if she had not taken herself to prayer, we might find a spark to kindle a weak glow of light in this impenetrable darkness, and expect that the heavy shower of to-day would wash from the air, from the gutter and from the bayou, a part of the foul pestilential air which is breeding death. The horrors of the hour cannot be told, even if the heart did not sicken at the task!"
Avalanche, August 30, written midnight, 29th.

FRIDAY, August 30, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present: H. M. Gage, President; J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; Max Herman, Secretary; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Frederick, Commissary; J. P. Prescott and C. F. Aaron.

New cases since last report: Bros. G. R. Merritt, Carl Schultz, W. I. Berlin, W. M. McElroy (at night), Rev. A. Thomas' wife, and Dr. F. Saupé's daughter.

Deaths: Bro. Carl Schultz. Bro. K. C. Lees died in Water Valley, Miss., to-day—now first reported.

Bro. W. I. Berlin sent in his resignation as Treasurer, which was accepted.

Bro. John A. Holt, teller and acting cashier of the Bank of Commerce, was then elected Treasurer of the Committee. (He accepted the position, but cannot attend Committee meetings, having sole charge of the bank).

Bro. G. B. Elliott was elected Superintendent of Nurses, in place of Bro. A. Thomas, deceased.

Received remittances from

Citizens of Princeton, Ky., through J. S. Hawthorn, V. D. of No. 685 . . .	\$53 10
Members of W. B. Hoke Lodge No. 177, Louisville, Ky.	31 75
Members of Peerless Lodge No. 493, Springfield, Ill.	20 00
Little Rock No. 452, Little Rock, Ark.	100 00
Central No. 164, Louisville, Ky.	10 00
K. of H. Relief Committee, Cincinnati, O., per Lewis Wilson, G.V.D. . .	60 00
Monitor No. 879, Columbus, Neb.	25 00

Total new cases in the city, sixty-eight. Deaths, fifty-eight.

SATURDAY, August 31, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present: H. M. Gage, President; J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; Max Herman, Secretary; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Frederick, Commissary; B. Hughes, J. P. Prescott and C. F. Aaron.

New cases since last report: Bros. L. Jennings, Alex. Hunn, J. J. Sohm, wife and child, Dr. J. B. Abercrombie, John Brenner's two children, and P. Schneider's wife.

Deaths: Bro. Jos. E. Russell (nursed by the Odd Fellows and Masons—now first reported), John R. Kleiner's son Joseph.

Convalescent: Bro. Wm. Souhr, Bro. J. N. Stalm's daughter, Wm. Rommel's child.

A committee was appointed (J. P. Prescott, Barney Hughes and J. B. Aldrich), to request the Supreme Dictator to relieve our Lodges from suspension for non-payment of assessments, which has now become impracticable, as none of the Lodges can hold meetings, for want of a quorum of officers and members.

Received remittances from

Excelsior Lodge No. 4, Louisville, Ky.	\$20 00
Mystic No. 212, Louisville, Ky.	20 00
Toledo No. 73, Toledo, O.	25 00
A. L. Rieber No. 679, Butler, Pa.	7 50

Receipts after this date will be found in our financial report.

Total new cases in the city, one hundred and fifty-two. Deaths, seventy.

"The King of Terrors continues to snatch victims with fearful rapidity. . . . But three short weeks ago our city was active with business of all classes, our people were happy and prosperous. . . . Now our streets are deserted, our stores and residences empty, and out of a population of more than fifty thousand, barely five thousand remain, and of these nearly five hundred are in the grave, and perhaps double that number lie suffering with racking pains and burning fevers." *Avalanche, September 1st.*

"We believe the new cases of yesterday will reach *two hundred* (reported one hundred and fifty-two). The region of the city known as the infected district is now so nearly depopulated by death and desertion, that but few cases are being reported from that quarter, but the great increase in numbers from the Ninth Ward (northern part of the city, called Chelsea), shows that the contagion has taken a firmer grasp in that locality. The Seventh Ward (south-east part) is also rolling up considerable numbers of new cases, as is also the Fifth Ward (north of the Seventh), where it is making frightful havoc among the colored people. There is still great need of physicians."—*Appeal, September 1.*

SUNDAY, September 1, 1878.

Another lovely Sabbath, clear and hot, but alas, still no rest for the sick and afflicted, nor their attendants. The fever is increasing.

Relief Committee met. Present; H. M. Gage, President; Max Herman, Secretary; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Frederick, Commissary; C. F. Aaron and J. P. Prescott.

New cases since last report: Bro. Dr. W. R. Hodges (280) last night, J. P. Prescott's wife and daughter yesterday, child of William Moreland.

Deaths: Bros. G. R. Merritt, W. W. White, M. A. Telford (one of our Committee), and W. M. McElroy. Also, Geo. H. Holst—now first reported, and G. Reder, who died in Danceyville (about fifty miles distant), whither he went with his family a week ago.

Yesterday Bro. Aldrich was authorized to employ a driver, with horse and wagon, for use of the Committee.

On sick list to-day, thirty-nine. Nurses on duty, about twenty.

The following communication was read to the Committee:

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

OFFICE OF SUPREME DICTATOR, }
BOSTON, August 27, 1878.

J. P. Prescott, Memphis, Tenn.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Consult with the members of your Lodges at once upon the advisability of your issuing a general circular calling upon all Lodges K. of H. to forward assistance to your city. I think it ought to be. Inform me to whom aid should be sent.

Yours in O. M. A., J. A. CUMMINGS, S. D.

Bro. Prescott was authorized to telegraph to the Supreme Dictator, answering his communication.

The committee appointed yesterday, to ask of the Supreme Dictator, relief for our Lodges from suspension, made a report, which was received and ordered forwarded at once. This petition to the S. D. was published in the *K. of H. Reporter* (Boston, Mass.), for September, 1878.

Telegram sent the Supreme Dictator, dated—

MEMPHIS, September 1, 1878.

To J. A. Cummings, S. D., Boston, Mass.:

Letter received. Have lost twenty-five members; over thirty on the sick list. New cases daily. Expenses heavy. We need assistance very much. Send to H. M. Gage, President Central Relief Committee, Knights of Honor.

J. P. PRESCOTT.

New cases in the city, one hundred and four. Deaths, eighty-seven.

MONDAY, September 2, 1878.

Relief Committee met. Present or on duty: H. M. Gage, President; J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; Max Herman, Secretary; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Frederick, Commissary; B. Hughes, C. F. Aaron and J. P. Prescott.

New cases reported : Bros. F. Restmeyer, A. O. Schultz (Rep. *pro tem* No. 369), G. W. Dalton, E. F. Brocchus (eight miles from city), W. I. Berlin's wife, W. M. Harton's wife, J. M. Johnson's wife, G. W. Dalton's wife and child, J. J. Sohm's father.

Convalescent : Bro. Aug. Miller's two children and G. A. Junkerman's daughter.

Serious cases : Bros. Dr. W. R. Hodges and Rev. A. Thomas.

Death : Bro. F. Stierla, at 7.30 last night.

On sick list, forty-five. Nurses on duty, twenty-one.

In a letter to Bro. Max Herman, Secretary, Bro. Lewis Wilson, G. V. D. of Ohio, writes :

"Cincinnati Lodges will do more. The little that was sent was for the purpose of speedy aid, and to arouse every Knight to the importance of assisting you at once. . . . You have the sympathy of every Knight of Honor, and we of Cincinnati will stand by you to the last dollar, if necessary. All honor to yourself and Brothers who so nobly stand at the post of duty. You may fall, but your names will be engraven upon all our hearts as Knights of Honor, tried and true."

New cases in the city, ninety-five. Deaths, fifty-two.

"The fever has spread rapidly to the southern part of the city. Fort Pickering is full of it. Chelsea (northern part) is covered with sick people. There is now no part of the corporate limits of the city not thoroughly infected with the fever poison. All of Sunday and yesterday hearses followed each other at a trot to the cemetery, unattended by any but the drivers. Even this was not fast enough, and corpses accumulated in various parts of the city, until the fearful stench became alarmingly offensive."—*Avalanche, Sept. 3d.*

TUESDAY, September 3, 1878.

Committee present or on duty : H. M. Gage, President ; Max Herman, Secretary ; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent ; E. Frederick, Commissary ; J. P. Prescott, John Brenner and C. F. Aaron.

New cases reported : Bros. Wm. Moreland, J. C. Thrall, Wm. Miller, Dr. S. H. Brown (of No. 280), wives of Bros. H. Windler, R. W. Mitchell and C. A. Griswold.

Convalescent : Children of Bros. J. R. Kleiner and J. D. Elliott.

Very serious cases : Dr. W. R. Hodges and Rev. A. Thomas.

Deaths: Wife of Bro. R. W. Mitchell, (he died August 25), and youngest child of Bro. J. J. Sohm.

A sister of Bro. R. W. Mitchell's wife occupying the next house, died the same day, and also another lady, next to her. Here were three wives (two of them sisters) all lying dead in adjoining dwellings on the same day. Only one infant child of one of the sister's families is left to the care of the father. The husbands, wives and children all died (except the infant).

On sick list, forty-eight. Nurses on duty, twenty-four.

The disease is spreading over the city rapidly. A number of our home physicians have been stricken down, three belonging to our Order, Drs. Abercrombie, Hodges and Brown. Several volunteer physicians from other cities have come to the relief of our afflicted community.

Total new cases in the city, seventy. Deaths, ninety.

"Break, break, break.

"Break on the cold gray stones of hearts, oh, sea of sorrow and of death. . . .

"It is a mournful figure, and dreary, but where can one too dreary be found for this time of death, this season of overwhelming sorrow? The black records of each day have grown monotonous in their horrid length and dark, repulsive character. We cannot lift up our hearts. We sit in ashes."—*Avalanche*, 4th.

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 1878.

Committee present or on duty: H. M. Gage, President; J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; Max Herman, Secretary; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Frederick, Commissary; J. P. Prescott, John Brenner and C. F. Aaron.

New cases reported: Bro. E. W. Gibson and wife, Wm. Souhr (relapsed), S. Schneider's wife, J. P. Prescott's son Walter (twenty-three years old), taken down this afternoon.

Deaths reported: Rev. A. Thomas last night, Dr. W. R. Hodges this morning; F. J. Bowman—now first reported, M. Samuels—not reported at that time, G. W. Dalton's wife.

On sick list, forty-nine. Nurses on duty, twenty-seven.

New cases in the city (reported by only half the physicians) sixty-eight. Deaths, ninety-four.

"Great God! How his murderous work has increased! Those that are left are busy burying their dead; those that are left may be taken to-morrow. . . .

"Impotence lies at the feet of Omnipotence, and grovels there in the dust.

"Yesterday's record is run up, and in all its blackness lifts its death's head and defies the best plague that ever did a job of slaying among the children of men. . . .

"Who has the heart to use the multiplication table in the arithmetic of sorrow, and figure out the hearts broken, the lives embittered, the homes desolated?

"Surely our cup of sorrow must be full.

"Black as the dead list is, to-day, in our city, it fails to represent all those ready for burial yesterday.

"The county undertaker has four furniture wagons busy all day. Upon each the coffins were piled as high as safety from falling would permit. These four great vehicles, doing the wholesale burial business, failed to take to the Potter's Field all of the indigent dead. At the time the officer made his report, sixty bodies were awaiting interment. . . . The plague's course is surely and quickly towards the south. In the suburbs, cases have appeared on every avenue almost, in many places deemed spots of perfect security."—*Avalanche*, 5th.

THURSDAY, September 5, 1878.

Committee present or on duty: J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; Max Herman, Secretary; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Frederick, Commissary; J. P. Prescott, John Brenner and C. F. Aaron.

New cases to-day: Bro. C. Munding, F. Stierla's child.

Deaths: Bro. H. J. Ward—not reported then, wife of Bro. H. Windler.

Bro. G. B. Elliott reports having visited a sick list of forty-five, and has twenty-eight nurses on-duty.

New cases in the city, only thirty-six reported (several physicians not reporting). Deaths, ninety-two.

"The physicians have no time to make out lists of new cases, so the reporter has to search for himself. . . . Verbal reports show at least one hundred and fifty new cases, not officially reported."—*Avalanche*, 6th.

FRIDAY, September 6, 1878.

Committee present or on duty: H. M. Gage, President; J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; Max Herman, Secretary; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Frederick, Commissary; John Brenner and C. F. Aaron.

New cases reported: Bros. A. J. Wheeler (nursed by the Masons), P. Schneider, J. P. Merritt, F. Hauser, J. D. Huhn, P. G. Kennett, A. Wesche, with his father and mother.

No deaths to-day.

Convalescents: three wives and four children, two relatives.

On sick list, fifty. Nurses on duty, thirty-two.

Total new cases reported in the city, ninety-five. Deaths, one hundred.

“These new cases were reported by eight physicians only. Verbal reports from twenty-three more (out of forty) reported three hundred cases. Dr. Mitchell (Medical Director) gave it as his opinion at 11 o'clock last night, that the new cases would aggregate for yesterday (sick who had not seen a doctor before), fully six hundred. It is terribly dark, as the record reads to day.”—*Avalanche*, 7th.

Received following communication to-day:

GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, K. OF H.

OFFICE OF GRAND DICTATOR, }
AUGUSTA, Sept. 3, 1878. }

H. M. Gage, President Relief Board, K. of H., Memphis, Tenn.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Are you still in want and distress? If so, please inform me what you prefer sent to you, money, or any necessaries. Your Brothers in Georgia will aid you to the fullest extent of their ability.

May Heaven be gracious to you in your affliction.

Yours in O. M. A.,

SAM. H. SHEPARD, G. D. of Ga.

SATURDAY, September 7, 1878.

Received the following communication from the Supreme Dictator in response to our telegram of the first instant:

SUPREME LODGE K. OF H.

OFFICE OF SUPREME DICTATOR, }
BOSTON, MASS., September 3, 1878. }

H. M. Gage, Chairman Relief Committee, K. of H.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The enclosed circular has been sent to all Lodges K. of H. At the time it was sent I had no notice of your organization, but presume it will be just as well to have contributions sent to Dr. Goodyear's address, and

that your Committee will receive them for distribution. . . . Should be glad to receive a note from you, with any suggestions you can make. Our Brothers in more favored localities are willing and anxious to aid you.

In O. M. A., J. A. CUMMINGS, S. D.

The following circular is the one referred to above :

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

OFFICE SUPREME DICTATOR,
BOSTON, MASS., August 28, 1878. }

[SEAL]

Official Circular No. 6.

To all Lodges Knights of Honor:

BROTHERS—The members of our Order in Mississippi and Western Tennessee are suffering from that terrible scourge, yellow fever. All residing in the infected districts, who are able to do so, have very properly fled from the danger. But many are obliged to remain. Business has ceased, wages are stopped, and the labor and attention of all who are well is required to care for those in distress. With no time or opportunity to provide themselves or families with the necessaries of life, the horrors of want and starvation will be added to the ravages of disease, unless prompt assistance is rendered from abroad.

A practical test of the teachings of our Order is thus presented, and calls for immediate action on the part of those who are located in more favored localities; and I earnestly request all Lodges of our Order to forward such contributions of money or provisions as they may feel able to give, to Dr. D. F. Good-year, Grand Treasurer, Memphis, Tenn., who will see to the proper and faithful disposal of the contributions. Let every Lodge respond promptly to the "distress call."

If Lodges will notify me of the amount and time of sending such contributions, a record of the same will be kept, and published for the information of the Order.

Fraternally in O. M. A.,

J. A. CUMMINGS,
Supreme Dictator.

Attest:

J. C. PLUMER,
Supreme Reporter.

SATURDAY, September 7, 1878.

During the week the weather has been clear and very warm, bright and intense sunshine. Still, naught but disease, suffering, death and gloom, that gloom which appals the bravest, prevails over our devoted city.

Again our Committee is invaded by the terrible scourge. Our Secretary, Max Herman, was stricken down last night, while occupying his little cot in our office. This morning he was moved to a more comfortable and large room, in the upper part of this building (39 Madison street, Planters Insurance building).

Committee met about noon. Present: H. M. Gage, President; J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; G. B. Elliott, Superintendent; E. Fredrick, Commissary; J. P. Prescott, John Brenner and C. F. Aaron.

By acclamation, Bro. Aaron was appointed Secretary.

New cases reported to-day: Bro. Max Herman (our Secretary), wives of Bros. Chas. Meyers and G. B. Elliott (our Superintendent), H. L. Palmer's son, N. Hirth's child.

Convalescent: Bro. G. W. Dalton and two children.

Deaths: Bros. A. O. Schultz, last night; S. L. Raines—not before reported, A. J. Wheeler at 5 P. M., and N. Hirth's child.

On sick list, fifty-two. Nurses on duty, thirty-six.

[NOTE.—The above is the last regular reported meeting of our Committee, for several weeks, owing to the sickness and death of several members. In consequence of which, there was no daily, or rather, hourly, record made of the sickness of members, for some days hereafter. But, from memory and entries on nurse tickets, the writer is able to arrive at some facts and circumstances which may be of interest to the relatives and friends of those referred to.]

When attending the Committee meetings on Friday, August 30, and the subsequent day, he remembers having been made acquainted with Bros. H. W. Buckle and B. A. Eisler, of Excelsior Lodge No. 4, Louisville, Ky., who had left home and family ties to come to this terribly stricken place, to aid and assist their sick and suffering brethren, to nurse them in their sick rooms. Such was their ambition, a holy mission, a self-sacrificing task they felt it their duty to perform. The writer tried to prevail upon one of them (who said he was a druggist), to seek employment in a drug store, where help was sadly needed, but he declined, preferring to go out as a nurse.

By the nurse book, it appears that Bros. Buckle and Eisler were both assigned as nurses at the same hour, on Friday night, August 30, at 9 P. M., but nursing in different houses, at least two miles apart. September 3, one of them was transferred to nurse at another house, about half a mile south of where the other brother was located. Here they probably continued on duty until Saturday, the 7th.

It also appears that another member of the Order (whom the writer does not remember seeing), Bro. Fred Bungner, of Germania Lodge No. 910, Little Rock, Ark., came to Memphis about the same time and for the same purpose, the relief of his suffering brethren. By request, he was put on duty as nurse September 1st, at 6 P. M., continued there

until the 4th, at 9 A. M.; but cannot trace him after that date up to Saturday, 7th. As heretofore observed, Bro. Max Herman, our Secretary, on the morning of the 7th, was moved up stairs, into the large room, which we subsequently termed our "Hospital." As well as can be learned from all the memoranda the Committee have, (as all of our Committee who were about the office Saturday afternoon and night died of the fever), it would seem that our three Brothers, Buckle, Eisler and Bungner, were taken down with the fever during Saturday afternoon. We find that a nurse was detailed to Bro. Herman, at 2 P. M., another nurse to the "Hospital" at 4 P. M., and two more nurses to the "Hospital" at 7 P. M.—all on Saturday afternoon. It is evident that these three last nurses were sent, one each to our three other sick Brothers who were sent to the "Hospital" room above our office, and where Bro. Herman was placed in the morning. One of our best physicians, who was a K. of H., was employed to attend them, which he did, promptly and regularly. They were supplied with comfortable bedding and such nourishment as they needed. [From Saturday noon until Tuesday noon the writer was not in our office, as he was detained away by the fatal illness of his only son, who died Sunday night and was interred Monday afternoon, hence his narration and conclusions are based upon information from others and office memoranda.]

This closes our notes for that dreadful Saturday, but worse news is yet to be narrated.

Total new cases in the city, reports very meagre. Deaths reported, ninety-seven.

AVALANCHE OFFICE, MIDNIGHT, September 7, 1878.

"Another black leaf turned!

"Another chapter in our book of misery turned.

"As castaways on desert isle each day for occupation's sake enter up in their 'log' the monotonous record of the dreary day, so we sit down to our log-book to-night. . . .

"The day's record is horrible. The few new cases reported are not a tithe of those which have occurred. . . . The nurses in two more days cannot attend one-half the sick." . . .

SUNDAY, *September 8.*—Another terrible day upon our Committee, doomed almost to annihilation. To-day Bro. H. M. Gage, our President, was stricken down at the office, and sent home in a carriage. During the afternoon, news arrived of the illness of Bro. G. B. Elliott, Superintendent of Nurses, and a nurse was detailed for him at 6 P. M.

Bro. C. F. Aaron's wife and son required a nurse at 8 P. M. Bro. Barney Hughes (of the Committee), took a nurse home with him at 10 A. M.

This left not more than three of our Committee fit for duty, all others being sick or afflicted in their households.

After getting in all reports from friends and through nurses, we find that our list of new cases to-day are: Bros. C. W. Hoffman, John Strehl, P. Zoeger, F. Neidig, Henry Brown, Barney Hughes, H. M. Gage and Geo. B. Elliott—eight members; also, wives of Bros. V. Balling, Henry Brown, C. F. Aaron, Wm. Moreland; and two children of V. Balling, two of Wm. Elliott, one of C. F. Aaron, and one of William Moreland; also, a brother of V. Balling, mother of C. F. Aaron, and sister-in-law of Wm. Elliott—making twenty-one new cases to-day.

Reported convalescent: Bro. E. F. Brocchus (eight miles in the country), wives of Wm. Rommel and F. Stierla, wife and child of J. J. Sohm, and child of J. N. Stalm.

Deaths: Bro. F. Restmeyer at 1 A. M.

On sick list to-night, sixty-six. Nurses on duty, about forty.

Total deaths in the city, ninety-nine.

MONDAY, *September 9.*—Another gloomy day. Even nature seemed to sympathize with our afflicted people, by removing the sunshine with intervening clouds, and weeping showers falling during the afternoon and night. The air became cooler—a benefit to the well, but worse for the sick. Our Committee has no Superintendent to visit the sick now, and no one to spare from the office—only three present, at most.

New cases reported to-day: Bros. J. H. Mathes (editor of the *Evening Ledger*), Wm. Elliott (Captain steamer *Augusta*, on board), and B. R. Gates; also, Bro. Wm. Souhr's wife.

Reported convalescent: Bros. A. Hunn and C. Munding, and the wives of Bros. W. M. Harton, J. M. Johnson and W. I. Berlin; also, two children of John Brenner.

Deaths: Bro. J. C. Thrall at 1 A. M., Walter, only son of J. P. Prescott, at 9 last night, and little son of Bro. C. F. Aaron; also, wife of Bro. C. A. Griswold.

Sick list, fifty-nine. Nurses on duty, forty-one.

Total new cases in the city (two days) six hundred. Deaths to-day, one hundred and eleven. Cloudy—rain fell to-night.

TUESDAY, *September 10*—Was a stormy day, the rain poured in torrents until noon, and high winds prevailed most of that time. Continued raining, more gently the remainder of the day. It was such a day as we seldom see, and was the first heavy rain in Memphis since the early days of July, over two months ago. It was a great drencher, and quite thoroughly cleansed our reeking streets and alleys, and washed out the filthy bed of Bayou Gayoso. It doubtless had a beneficial effect, as our new cases decreased, and the mortality of these cases also lessened to some extent.

No new cases reported to-day.

Deaths: Bro. J. B. Faires—now first reported; Whitfield, son of Bro. Wm. Elliott, and a son of V. Balling.

On sick list, fifty-seven. Nurses on duty, forty-one.

The first of the following notices appeared in the *Appeal*, the second in the *Avalanche*, to-day. They speak for themselves at the time:

K. OF H.

Out of twenty members composing the K. of H. Relief Committee, we are now reduced to a working force of three members, and want more help. If there are any K. of H.'s left in the city, we trust they will come to our aid.

J. B. ALDRICH,

Vice-President K. of H. Relief Com.

K. OF H.

Report for September 9.—Out of twenty members composing your Relief Committee, only three remain on duty. We need your help in looking after our sick and their families.

If in your power to respond to this distress call, please report at 39 Madison street.

C. F. AARON, *Secretary.*

J. B. ALDRICH, *Vice-President.*

About noon to-day the writer visited the office of the Committee, the first time since Saturday noon, and found present Bros. E. Frederick, John Brenner and J. M. Johnson, the latter a volunteer Committeeman, assisting in any way he could. He remained about three hours and could learn but little about our sick, owing to the storm, which almost prevented locomotion over our streets. Some allusion was made to the sick brethren up in the "Hospital," but he did not fully understand as to where the room was located. But they still had a nurse each, and did not lack for assistance.

Dr. Mitchell reports to the Board of Health one hundred and sixty-eight new cases, and ninety-nine deaths.

“A stricken city!

“Alas, fair Memphis! What sights meet the eye of those who yet remain in your midst! . . . On every side is met the bowed form of some citizen who has lost a relative or a friend.

“The small burnt piles of bedding that are seen on every street but tells the passer-by, ‘A death has occurred here.’ These blackened spots are growing in number daily. . . . During the day, there is bustle and confusion. Doctors are hurrying by. The hearse is met on every square. . . . Each day brings its changes. The form that but yesterday was seen in the full vigor of manhood, to-night lies tossing upon a bed, aching with fever. . . . Who will be left to tell the tale to-morrow?”—*Avalanche, 11th.*

The following communication, received about this date, explains itself:

SUPREME LODGE K. OF H.

OFFICE OF SUPREME DICTATOR,
BOSTON, MASS., *September 6, 1878.* }

J. P. Prescott, B. Hughes and J. B. Aldrich, Committee:

DEAR SIRS AND BROS.—Your communication of September 2d at hand. Do not fear that any of your Lodges will be suspended during your present affliction. I have no doubt that every member of the Order throughout the country would condemn my action should I suspend your Lodges for non-payment of assessments under present circumstances. Keep me informed of your condition and wants. Thanks for papers at hand this morning.

Yours in O. M. A., J. A. CUMMINGS,
Supreme Dictator.

WEDNESDAY, *September 11.*—The rain has ceased, the air cooler from a brisk north wind. Nature promises a better condition of things.

Our Committee present to-day were Bros. J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; C. F. Aaron, Secretary; E. Frederick, Commissary; John Brenner, J. P. Prescott and J. M. Johnson (volunteer), the largest number since Saturday last. For how many days shall we meet each other in Committee? The future alone can tell.

New cases this morning: Bro. G. F. Maender, wife of Bro. J. Darmstadter, and daughter of Wm. Souhr.

On sick list, sixty. Nurses on duty, forty-seven.

No deaths reported to day.

About 4 P. M. Bro. Aldrich drove off (six miles out, where his family was staying); Bro. Aaron also went home, leaving Bros. Frederick, Johnson and Prescott in the office. About 5 P. M. Bro. Frederick sat before the fireplace, shivering with the unmistakable chill upon

him. It looked very ominous. Calling our driver, and ordering him to put two pair of blankets and a pillow in his spring wagon, Bro. Frederick seated himself with him, when they drove off to his room. Our little band was broken again, never to be reunited.

We learned through the nurses, that our sick brethren up stairs were getting along very well and in good spirits, but each of us were so overtaxed with duties, that it was impracticable to visit them.

In the city, sixty-nine new cases reported then (but two hundred and sixty-four is correct), and one hundred and four deaths.

“Death continues his march triumphantly. Soon there will be none to oppose him. The brave band of heroes that are still left battling for their lives are like the leaves of the roses in autumn time, falling one by one. The contest has been sharp and decisive. The battle ground is strewn with dead bodies, and the Grim Monster still advances. The aged and the young, the rich and the poor, the high and the lowly, all share the same fate—death. What a sight will greet the absent ones when they return and count the little mounds that have been raised o’er the spot where the heroic garrison lie buried.”
Avalanche, 12th.

THURSDAY, *September 12.*—Another cool and pleasant day, and as it were, nature smiles in the midst of human wretchedness and misery.

Bro. Frederick’s nurse reports his to be a severe case of fever—had two nurses last night.

New cases reported to-day: Bros. L. W. Blakemore (belongs to a Lodge in Forrest City, Ark.), Conrad Ballinger, H. C. Bigelow and E. Whitmore; son of M. Adams, and a young friend of Bro. J. B. Aldrich, in his city residence.

On sick list, sixty. Nurses on duty, fifty-four.

Reported convalescent: Bro. A. K. Gillen’s son, and child of F. Stierla.

Of our Committee present to-day, there were Bros. J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; C. F. Aaron, Secretary; J. M. Johnson, Acting Commissary; John Brenner and J. P. Prescott; the latter assisting the Secretary in his onerous task of placing and relieving nurses on duty with fresh ones, paying off those relieved, &c. All were busily engaged, in truth, overtaxed, with constantly increasing duties, fatiguing to body and mind, the pressure of which can be comprehended only by those who participate in such scenes. While in the midst of

these laborious duties, about 11 o'clock A. M. a nurse from our Hospital up stairs came in with the astounding intelligence that one of the four sick brothers up there had just died, but could not give his name, further than it was not the one they called the Secretary (referring to Bro. Herman.)

As none of our Committee had been advised that either of the sick Brothers were seriously ill, this news greatly surprised them. Instructions had been issued by the Board of Health to have all corpses interred within six hours after death, if possible—therefore an order was sent immediately to the undertaker for burial, well knowing it would be several hours before he could fulfill it. Bro. Aaron took charge of the matter, and said it would be attended to in due time. About 5 P. M. he remarked that he did not feel very well, and started home. A few minutes after, one of our Hospital nurses stepped into the office, and asked if we intended to have our deceased brother up stairs buried to-day. Those then remaining in the office (Johnson and Prescott), understood from Bro. Aaron that it had been done, hence were surprised to learn otherwise. Renewed the order to our undertaker, who answered that one of his hearses had broken down. The weather was very hot, and it was dangerous to have the body remain over night in our hospital, where three brethren were lying sick; but we at last succeeded in getting him buried about dark.

News also came of the death of Bro. Wm. Elliott, at 4 o'clock, on steamer City of Augusta, at the landing. His eldest son, a promising youth, died on Tuesday; his youngest son was down with the fever; also his wife's sister, and his wife unable, from rheumatic affliction, to assist any of them. Here was another "Hospital" on the City of Augusta, at the river landing.

In the city, two hundred and three new cases reported, and ninety-eight deaths.

"The cup of sorrow has been drained to the dregs. Now we are nerved to any fate. . . . Death has lost its terrors. It has been witnessed so often of late, so many dear friends have been stricken, no longer is felt the pain of the wounded and bleeding heart. The dart is embedded and the shaft protrudes, but the sense of feeling has gone. The eyes have wept until the fountain has gone dry. . . . The undertakers find it impossible to bury the dead fast enough. The keepers of cemeteries cannot have graves dug in time to receive the coffins brought, and often it is that sorrowing friends must wait until the narrow tombs can be made which is to hold the form of the departed."—*Avalanche, 13th.*

FRIDAY, *September 13.*—Committee present to-day: Bros. J. B. Aldrich, Vice President; J. M. Johnson, Acting Commissary; John Brenner and J. P. Prescott.

Bro. Johnson, residing near him, brought news that Bro. Aaron, our Secretary, had a decided case of fever, and had called in a physician and nurse. Our little band has been broken again, never to be reunited.

Bro. Aldrich's duties were to receive and acknowledge remittances, and purchase supplies and medicines. Bro. Johnson's to issue them on the requisition of brethren and their physicians. Bro. Brenner looked after the welfare of his German brethren and their families, of whom a large number were sick. This left but one (Bro. Prescott) to take the Secretary's desk and perform the allotted task as best he could. It required every moment of his time during this day, to relieve and detail nurses to duty with the sick. Fifty-four were on duty, and seven more detailed to relieve, or for the

New cases reported, as follows: Bro. E. G. Kirchbubel and wife, N. Hirth's wife and daughter, Jacob Braun's son, and G. Junkerman, relapsed; Bro. J. C. Gee (nursed by the Odd Fellows).

Reported convalescent: Dr. Saupé's daughter.

Deaths: Bro. George B. Elliott, our Superintendent of Nurses, died at 11 o'clock last night. A noble-hearted man, one who has offered up his life, a sacrifice to the well-being of his brother Knights. He was a devoted member of the Order. F. Neidig, last night; William Miller, A. Wesche's father, also J. A. Simmons—now first reported.

On sick list, sixty-one. Nurses on duty, sixty-one.

During the day we learned that it was Bro. B. A. Eisler, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 4, Louisville, Ky., who died yesterday in our Hospital. Bro. Charles Meyers, of No. 369, had called in and accompanied one of the nurses to the sick-room. He reported that Bros. Herman and Bungner were doing very well, but Bro. Buckle had a more serious case. Bro. Meyers saw that their wants were properly supplied and that their nurses were attentive to them. Dr. Jones made his usual visits to them.

New cases in the city, two hundred and sixty-two. Deaths, ninety-three.

SATURDAY, *September 14.*—To-day is a beautiful and pleasant one overhead, but words cannot describe nor portray the distressing condition of the people now remaining in our devoted city. With an average daily list of one hundred deaths, double that number of new cases, the impossibility of obtaining a physician in many cases, the demand for nurses of any kind exceeding the supply, drug stores closing for want of prescription clerks, our grocery stores nearly all closed, only a few open on Main street, in the center of the city; no vehicles to be seen on the streets except a doctor's buggy; hearses always in sight; express wagons and furniture wagons, forced into duty as hearses and loaded with six to twelve ghastly boxes, some empty and others occupied, and on their lonesome route to the Potter's Field or a cemetery. Coffins were piled up like goods boxes on our pavements in several streets; as in a few hours they were called for, hence the labor of storing them in the building was superfluous. The County Undertaker had a lumber yard in the middle of two streets, (Winchester near Main, and Second near Union), with all the carpenters he could employ, black and white, in making rough coffins for the pauper dead. The Citizens' Relief Committee were compelled during one week, probably longer, to assist him in employing and paying off his men, and also providing materials.

A number of our own physicians had been stricken down and died, their places were partially supplied by volunteer physicians from other cities, who had nobly come to the relief of our people. Several of them also, sickened and died, martyrs in the cause of humanity.

Our little Committee, now reduced to three active members, wended their way separately to our office, 39 Madison street. Bro. Johnson arrived first, when he was startled by the announcement of a nurse from our Hospital up stairs that all three of the sick Brothers in that room were dead. Bro. Buckle died at 3 A. M., Bro. Bungner at 4, and Bro. Herman about 6 o'clock. This distressing news was equally astounding to Bros. Prescott and Aldrich, when they came in shortly after. Ere the record of these deaths was made, news came of the death of Bro. J. C. Gee last night at one of the Howard hospitals; of Bro. C. Ballinger, and also of the father of Bro. A. Wesche. Five funerals to provide for by the Committee at once. Bro. B. R. Gates also died last evening. Truly the harvest of death is plentiful to-day. Merciful God! how short a time will it be ere we shall all be taken? Such were our thoughts, if not expressed in words.

New cases to-day: Bro. Chas. Decker; Aug. Miller's wife, N. Hirth's son, and C. A. Griswold's daughter.

Reported convalescent: Bros. J. J. Sohm, P. G. Kennett, H. C. Bigelow, C. W. Hoffman (came to office), John D. Huhn (had left the city), Dr. J. B. Abercrombie, W. I. Berlin, and wife of S. Schneider.

Deaths as before narrated: Bros. J. C. Gee and B. R. Gates last night; H. W. Buckle, F. Bungner, Max Herman and C. Ballinger, this morning; also, mother of Bro. A. Wesche.

On sick list, fifty-one. Nurses on duty, fifty-three.

New cases in the city, two hundred and thirty-four. Deaths, one hundred and twenty-seven.

SUNDAY; *September 15*.—With gloomy forebodings, excited by the sad and distressing events of yesterday, our reduced Committee approached their office this morning. The scenes and events they had just passed through were calculated to unnerve the bravest; and yet theirs was but the uniform experience of all the society committees in the city.

Present to-day: Bros. J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President; J. P. Prescott, Secretary; J. M. Johnson, Commissary. C. W. Hoffman was appointed Superintendent of Nurses.

New cases: Mrs. L. Woeller's two sons and daughter, and Charles Meyer's child.

Reported convalescent: Mrs. Aug. Miller, J. J. Sohm's father.

Deaths: Bros. Ed. Worsham, from a relapse (nursed by Masons)—now first reported; J. G. Lonsdale, Jr.—now first reported; A. T. Smith died to-day in quarantine near St. Louis (information came a few days later); and L. W. Blakemore, of Forrest City Lodge No. —, Arkansas.

Bro. Dr. S. H. Brown is improving very slowly. Bros. John Strehl and E. W. Gibson are very low.

Our sick list is: members, nineteen; wives, fifteen; children, twelve; relatives, five; total, fifty-one. Nurses on duty, fifty-one.

The following notice appeared in this morning's *Appeal*:

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE K. OF H.

MEMPHIS, *September 14*, 1878.

BROTHERS—I have received the gratifying intelligence from Bro. Cummings, S. D., of Boston, that no Lodge will be suspended for non-payment of assessments in the fever districts, during the prevalence of the epidemic. All losses will be promptly paid, upon presentation of authentic evidence of death. Brothers, who are absent, be of good cheer; and be prepared, when called upon, to pay all assessments without carping.

Fraternally yours,

D. F. GOODYEAR, *G. Tr.*

Surely this was good news to our brethren, present or absent.

Frequent inquiries had heretofore been received from our brethren in reference to the condition of the Order in Memphis, the number of sick, deceased, &c, but our accumulating duties deprived us of the time required to respond by letter to their kindly expressed wishes, and give them the information desired: therefore, our Secretary prepared an abstract of our sick, convalescent and deceased, as nearly correct as the condition of our record (somewhat imperfect in consequence of the death of one Secretary and sickness of another) would allow under the circumstances. Our first report appeared in this morning's *Appeal*, a copy of which was mailed to each Grand Dictator and Grand Reporter, and many of the other officials and members of the Order abroad. From the paper they could also learn the condition of our city generally, so far as it was scourged by the prevailing epidemic. For a little while we had published our receipts in the papers, but their help became so reduced and the demand on their columns so great, that they had to decline doing so, although regretting their inability.

New cases in the city, one hundred and ninety-seven. Deaths, ninety-eight.

MONDAY, *September 16.*—Committee present, same as yesterday.

Bro. Charles Meyers (of 369) drops in and assists us occasionally.

New cases reported: Bros. Lucien Brown, John W. Ennis and wife, Ed. Bolle's sister, P. Zoeger's wife and son.

Convalescent: Mrs. George B. Elliott, H. L. Palmer's son.

Improving: Bros. Dr. S. H. Brown (very slowly), William Moreland, J. P. Merritt, H. M. Gage (much better), B. Hughes, J. H. Mathes.

Deaths: Bros. E. W. Gibson, 6 P. M.; John Krimme—now first reported; Jacob Braun's son, William Souhr's daughter, C. F. Aaron's mother.

Dr. J. B. Abercrombie reported to our office to-day, having just recovered from the fever. We had assigned him the southern part of the city, below South street, to attend our sick, which duty he discharged faithfully. He is a member of No. 296.

By instructions of our Grand Dictator, J. W. Childress, Jr., we remitted \$100 to Moscow, Tenn., for the relief of K. of H. there.

New cases in the city, one hundred and sixty. Deaths, one hundred and eleven.

TUESDAY, *September 17.*—New cases: Bro. C. Rasp, steward of Peabody Hotel; Jacob Braun's wife, E. G. Kirchhubel's child.

Convalescent: Bro. L. Jennings, from a relapse, Mrs. A. K. Gillen, Mrs. P. Zoeger, Bro. Aldrich's friend, in his city residence.

Improving: Bros. John Strehl, C. F. Aaron and E. Whitmore.

Deaths: Bro. John W. Ennis, last night; son of Mrs. L. Woeller.

New cases in the city, two hundred and five. Deaths, ninety-six.

WEDNESDAY, *September 18.*—New cases to-day: Bro. R. Renshed, at Buntyn, four miles out on the Charleston Railroad; C. Ballinger's son and V. Ballinger's child.

Convalescent: Bros. Barney Hughes, J. Harvey Mathes, Mrs. A. Thomas, G. Junkerman's daughter, from a relapse.

Improving: Bros. Dr. S. H. Brown, E. Whitmore, H. Brown.

Very low: Bro. E. Frederick.

Deaths: Bros. Conrad Rasp, last night; C. F. Aaron (our second Secretary), at 3 A. M.; Fred. Winn, in Louisville, Ky. (advised by telegraph); F. E. Pleitz, in Fort Pickering, on Monday afternoon—not interred yet, and now first reported to the Committee. Ordered burial at once. Bros. J. C. Walston and H. S. Reynolds—now first reported. Tom Collins, one of our nurses, taken sick about the 13th, while nursing Bro. J. Harvey Mathes, died last night. He was from Hot Springs, Ark.

New cases in the city, one hundred and forty-four. Deaths, sixty-eight.

THURSDAY, *September 19.*—New cases to-day: Bro. M. Ochsner, about four miles in the country.

Convalescent: Bros. J. P. Merritt, F. Hauser, wives of E. G. Kirchhubel and N. Hirth, daughter of J. P. Prescott, son of Wm. Elliott, child of Wm. Moreland, daughter of E. G. Kirchhubel, two children of N. Hirth.

Deaths: Bro. E. Frederick (our late Commissary), last night. His wife is in Illinois. Ed. Bolle's sister.

New cases in the city, one hundred and forty-five. Deaths, sixty-two.

[*Telegram sent to New York, to be read in Booth's Theatre.*]

“Deaths to date, two thousand two hundred and fifty; number sick now, about three thousand; average deaths, sixty per cent. of the sick. We are feeding some ten thousand persons, sick and destitute, in camps and in the city. Our city is a hospital. Fifteen volunteer physicians have died; twenty others are sick. A great many nurses have died—many that had the fever before, and thought themselves proof. Fever abating some little to-day, for want of material, perhaps, and things look a little more hopeful. We are praying for frost—it is our only hope. A thousand thanks to the generous people of New York.”—*From the Appeal of 20th.*

FRIDAY, *September 20.*—New cases: Bros. E. G. Kirchhubel and W. M. Harton, H. L. Palmer's niece Maggiè.

Reported convalescent: Bro. H. M. Gage, President of our Committee.

Our sick list is: members, fourteen; wives, eleven; children, ten; relatives, three; total, thirty-eight.

New cases in the city, seventy-eight. Deaths, sixty-nine.

“IT IS TERRIBLE.

“One phase in the condition of the plague-smitten Southern cities is scarcely realized at the North, even with the daily descriptions given in the papers, of the distress prevailing there. All industries have ceased. The stores are closed, the factories are not running, wharves and depots are deserted, for boats and trains neither arrive nor depart, so that means for earning their daily bread is taken away from those who are not stricken with the fever. . . . Work is the panacea for many evils, and at such times as these if the head and hands are occupied the danger is diminished ten-fold; and besides the agony of brooding over the pestilence, hundreds and thousands of people have nothing to live upon. Their money is gone, and they can earn no more. Even if they could, the store of provisions is exhausted. Markets are closed, market wagons have ceased to come in from the country.”—*Ledger, 20th.*

SATURDAY, *September 21.*—New cases: Bros. Sam. Schneider, G. W. Moore and wife, C. Ballinger's boy, W. R. Kendall's nephew Richard.

Deaths: Bros. Lucien Brown, this morning; J. C. Buster—now first reported. City papers, with abstract report, mailed to brethren abroad.

By direction, per telegram and letter, from J. W. Childress, Jr., G. D., we remitted \$100 for the relief of brethren at Grand Junction, Tenn.

New cases in the city, one hundred and fifty-four. Deaths, thirty-nine.

“Reports from the country bring the painful intelligence that the fever is spreading to an alarming extent among many of our citizens, who, at the first appearance of the epidemic in our city, fled with their families to the interior, where they sought shelter in such dwellings and huts as could be found. The disease has followed them, and their sufferings must be greater than were those who remained in Memphis, deprived as they are of medical aid, nurses and nourishment.”—*Avalanche, 21st.*

SUNDAY, *September 22.*—Another holy Sabbath, but brings no rest to our Committee.

New cases: Bro. John Raquet's wife, John Krimme's wife, H. L. Palmer's mother and niece Hetty, Bro. C. G. Fisher.

Convalescent: wives of Bros. J. W. Ennis and Wm. Souhr.

Deaths: Bro. John Raquet's wife.

Bro. H. M. Gage, President of the Committee, reported at the office this morning, but looking very feeble, we advised him to return home and take care of himself for a few days. He is rooming at Bro. C. G. Fisher's. On his return, he found his friend and Brother, C. G. Fisher, stricken down with the fever. Bro. Fisher has been Chairman of the Citizens' Relief Committee, and enjoyed the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens. His illness occasioned profound regret in the whole community.

New cases in the city, one hundred and seventeen. Deaths, thirty-two.

MONDAY, *September 23.*—New cases: Bro. E. J. Corson, wives of Bros. C. Ballinger and H. Sigler; C. Ballinger's daughter Anna, and W. R. Kendall's nephew Robert.

Reported convalescent: Bros. John Strehl, Wm. Moreland, wife and child, Jacob Braun's wife.

By instructions of J. W. Childress, Jr., G. D., we remitted another \$100 to our brethren in Moscow.

New cases in the city, one hundred and fifty-six. Deaths, sixty-four.

“The hopes that had been raised in the hearts of the people that the fever was abating, were rudely dispelled yesterday, when the reports of new cases began pouring in. All during the forenoon there was one continuous call for nurses, and many who were on the eve of departing home, thinking their services were no longer required, were placed on duty, and the demand was in excess of the supply. As the physicians extend their visits to the suburbs, many instances are discovered of whole families who are stricken, and have lain for days without any attention whatever.”—*Avalanche*, 24th.

TUESDAY, *September 24*.—New cases: Bros. C. T. Smithson, a visiting Brother, at Peabody Hotel, and C. A. Griswold.

Convalescent: Bro. R. Renshed, at Buntyn.

Deaths: Bro. W. M. Harton, 6 P. M.

New cases in the city and suburbs, one hundred and nineteen. Deaths, thirty-seven.

WEDNESDAY, *September 25*.—New cases: Bro. Peter Stein, H. L. Palmer's wife and daughter Ella (twenty years old), Phil. Sauer's daughter Amelia, P. Maurer's daughter Anna, C. Decker's wife.

Convalescent: Bro. H. Brown and wife, Paul Schneider.

Deaths: Bros. E. G. Kirchhubel and G. W. Moore, this morning; John Krimme's wife, D. Brown—now first reported.

Received communication of September 21st from Charles H. Voorhees, G. D. of New York, acknowledging receipt of the *Appeal* and advising us of remittances through C. M. Haywood, Grand Treasurer. Also inclosed copy of his circular to the Lodges of New York, calling upon them to contribute to our relief.

New cases in city and suburbs, one hundred and twenty-five. Deaths, forty.

THURSDAY, *September 26*.—New cases: Bro. Dr. W. C. Cavanagh, four miles south of the city; E. W. Lanham's wife, northern vicinity; Charles Decker's two daughters.

Convalescent: Bro. A. Wesche, Mrs. L. Woeller's son and daughter.

Deaths: Bros. C. G. Fisher, Chairman Citizen's Relief Committee, this morning; Ed. J. Corson, as drug clerk for S. Mansfield & Co.,

stood heroically to his post until stricken down; C. Ballinger's wife and P. Maurer's daughter Anna.

To-day we remitted \$100 for use of K. of H. in Holly Springs, Miss., and also \$100 to Vicksburg, Miss., for same purpose.

New cases in the city and suburbs, one hundred and thirty-four. Deaths, forty-one.

"The storm of wind and rain which visited our city yesterday morning at 2 o'clock, had the effect of purifying the atmosphere, and may have been what the living desired, but it sounded the death knell of many a sufferer, who laid upon his bed, as every change of weather, where the barometer falls, is unfavorable to the sick."—*Avalanche*, 27th.

FRIDAY, *September 27th.*—New cases: Bros. C. Toledano, this morning, and his wife and child, in the afternoon; L. Leutke, in Fort Pickering; N. Dumser's wife, P. Sauer's second daughter and three sons.

Convalescent: Bro. E. W. Gibson's wife.

Deaths: Bros. C. Decker's wife, last night; P. Sauer's daughter Amelia, this morning.

New cases in the city and suburbs, one hundred and seventeen. Deaths, twenty-eight.

"The fever, although not abating in cases, is not as malignant as it was several days ago. It gradually, as the cool north wind greets us, becomes milder, and one can judge from the death rate, if correctly reported, that persons who take it from this time on, have at least two chances out of three of getting over it. . . . Our people have lost all appearance of panic, and are now coolly awaiting 'their turn,' as it were, like the soldier who goes out on picket, knowing not whether he will ever meet his comrades again."—*Avalanche*, 28th.

SATURDAY, *September 28.*—New cases: Bro. G. W. Wolf, brought back from Hickman, Ky., sick on the way; laid out all night on a railroad platform, with no attention; Bro. C. A. Gaston, Jacob Braun and J. M. Peabody, wife and mother of Sam. Schneider, five miles out; wife of M. Ochsner, sick two days; N. Dumser's daughter Mary, P. Maurer's daughter Tillie.

Convalescent: Bros. G. F. Maender, S. Schneider and E. Whitmore, wife of J. P. Prescott, M. Adams' child, Charles Meyer's child, V. Balling's brother.

Deaths: Bro. M. Ochsner, wife of H. L. Palmer.

By direction of J. W. Childress, Jr., G. D., we sent \$50 to K. of H. in Collierville, Tenn., and of W. H. Wall, Acting G. D. of Mississippi, we sent \$100 to brethren at Canton, Miss.

New cases in the city and suburbs, eighty-five. Deaths, forty-nine.

“The destroyer still lingers in our midst. The gleam of hope which shined in upon us a few days ago has been dimmed by the dark clouds of despair which now o’ershadow us. We had hoped and prayed that Death would ere this have ceased his ravages, but the grim monster still continues his work, and seems to maintain his work with fierce tenacity.”—*Avalanche*, 29th.

SUNDAY, *September 29*.—New cases: Bro. A. Brener, F. Henniger’s wife and child.

Deaths: Bros. G. W. Wolf and L. Leutke (yesterday), P. Sauer’s son (fourteen years old), H. L. Palmer’s mother (eighty years old).

New cases in city and suburbs, ninety-one. Deaths, twenty-nine.

MONDAY, *September 30*.—New cases: Bros. T. Koffod, John Strehl’s wife.

Convalescent: Bro. C. Decker and two children, Mrs. V. Balling and child, child each of P. Sauer, P. Zoeger and Paul Schneider.

Deaths: Bro. J. B. Weaver, at Cedar Grove, nine miles out on M. & L. R. R.—now first reported, H. L. Palmer’s daughter Ella, P. Sauer’s son (four years old).

Reduced pay of nurses from \$4 to \$3 per day, as other societies had done so. The Howard Association reduced last week.

New cases in the city and suburbs (a large proportion in the latter), one hundred and fifty-one. Deaths, twenty-eight.

“There is no hope left after a glance at the deaths and new cases reported for the past two days. . . . There is no need of further anticipating a decrease of deaths or new cases until frost comes, which event is yet, we fear, ‘far off.’ One month more of suspense awaits those who have escaped, and remain in this plague-stricken city.”—*Avalanche*, *October 1st*.

TUESDAY, *October 1*.—New cases: Bros. William Schilling, H. L. Palmer (exhausted from nursing his large family, having lost a son-in-

law, G. B. Elliott, wife and grown daughter), wife of Conrad Rasp, T. B. Allen's child.

Convalescent: Bros. C. T. Smithson and C. A. Griswold, wives of S. Schneider and C. F. Aaron, two nieces of H. L. Palmer, C. A. Griswold's daughter.

Deaths: Bro. Jacob Braun, last night; J. S. Hatcher—now first reported, P. Maurer's daughter Tillie, P. Sauer's baby, S. Schneider's mother.

Our sick list is: members, ten; wives, eleven; children, eight; relatives, three; total, thirty-two. Nurses on duty, thirty.

New cases in the city and suburbs, ninety-nine. Deaths, thirty-three.

"The fever has spread until it has embraced within its death-fold every residence within a radius of twelve miles, and the end is not yet. It has branched off and followed the line of railroads running out of the city, until it has extended for fully fifty miles, to the north, east and south. Only the west has escaped, and not altogether, for there are several cases of fever in Hopefield."—*Avalanche*, 2d.

WEDNESDAY, *October 2*.—New cases to-day: Bro. Aug. Stratman, wives of Ed. Kathriner and Phil. Sauer, one son and three daughters of P. Zoeger (died September 11th), child of H. Brown, two children of N. Dumser.

Convalescent: Bro. William Elliott's sister-in-law, Emma Miller.

Deaths: Bro. E. W. Lanham's wife, at 1 A. M.; N. Dumser's daughter Mary, last night at 8 o'clock.

City papers, with abstract report, mailed to brethren abroad.

New cases in the city and suburbs, eighty-two. Deaths, twenty-seven. (Fifteen more deaths reported in the country).

THURSDAY, *October 3*.—New cases to-day: Bros. G. A. Junkerman, J. W. Crocker and John A. Holt, our second treasurer and the teller and acting cashier of the Bank of Commerce. Another officer of our Committee is stricken down, and it would almost seem that our Committee is an especial mark for the terrible destroyer in our city, to aim its shafts at. The illness of Bro. Holt and also of Bro. J. W. Crocker, book-keeper of the same bank, deprived that institution of officials. In consequence, the bank was closed from necessity, and

was not reopened until after the recovery of Bro. Crocker. Also wife and child of Bro. F. Restmeyer (who died September 8th), two children of G. W. Moore (who died September 25th), two sons of John Kutsch (seventeen and thirteen years old), and a nephew of H. L. Palmer.

Convalescent: Bro. H. Brown, wives of Paul Schneider and M. Ochsner.

Deaths: Bro. J. M. Peabody, at 9 last night; J. Darmstadter's wife, last evening (leaving an infant a few weeks old); Ed. Kathriner's wife, this morning.

New cases in city and suburbs, one hundred and thirty-eight. Deaths, thirty-four.

FRIDAY, *October 4.*—New cases: Bro. F. Woerne, wife of Bro. G. W. Matthews, at Raleigh, nine miles distant; daughter (five years old) of P. Zoeger, being his fifth child taken down; sister of H. L. Palmer.

Deaths: Robert, nephew of Bro. W. R. Kendall, at 5.30 P. M.

New cases in city and suburbs, one hundred and thirty-nine. Deaths, thirty-five.

"The Citizen's Relief Committee are establishing depots in the suburbs and country adjacent. A depot has already been established in the eighteenth civil district (eastward), that includes also the fifth and fourteenth. Depots are to be opened on next Monday. Also, one in North Memphis, another in South Memphis, and one in the fifteenth civil district (northeast of the city). In addition, there is Camp Joe Williams, with six hundred residents, and two hundred others near by, who are receiving relief; also, Camp Father Matthew, with four hundred residents, and one hundred near by; Camp Benjes, with two hundred. When rations are issued to the different camps, they are delivered to responsible parties in charge, who take good care the rations go to the proper persons."—*Avalanche*, 5th.

SATURDAY, *October 5.*—New cases: Charles, son of Bro. John Brenner, and Katherine, daughter of John Kutsch.

Reported convalescent: Two children of N. Dumser and one of F. Henniger.

Deaths: Bros. Aug. Stratman, 8 o'clock last night; John A. Holt, our Treasurer, at 2.30 A. M., and Thomas Koffod, at 4 A. M. Our

Committee mourns the death of another of its officers, who was a gallant Knight of Honor, and ever faithful to all trusts imposed on him. He had served as a bank official during the epidemic of 1873, with fidelity and promptness, and doubtless felt that he could pass through another safely, but, alas! he, as also were hundreds of his friends and fellow citizens, terribly disappointed, fell a sacrifice at the post of duty and love for their fellow man. Also, wife of Bro. H. Wehrum, a few miles in the country—now first reported, and Lillie (eight years old), daughter of our late Bro. P. Zoeger.

New cases in city and suburbs, one hundred and five. Deaths, forty-five.

SUNDAY, *October 6.*—New cases to-day: Bros. Jacob Darmstadter and Joseph Hild, child of S. Schneider and Mrs. Servatius, mother-in-law of Bro. J. Darmstadter (in his household).

Deaths: Bro. P. Zoeger's daughter (fourteen years old) and John Kutsch's son (seventeen years old), both this afternoon.

New cases in the city and vicinity, fifty-seven (over half outside the city). Deaths, in the city, eighteen; in the vicinity, seventeen; total, thirty-five.

MONDAY, *October 7.*—The Dictator of Germania Lodge No. 369, notified Bro. Aldrich, acting President, that he had appointed Bro. Charles Meyers on the Committee, in place of Bro. John Brenner.

New cases: Bros. H. Banshaf, three or four miles out, and George Behrens, wife and two children of William Schilling.

Deaths: Bro. J. S. Johnston—now first reported, John Strehl's wife, Phil. Sauer's wife, child of T. B. Allen.

New cases in the city and vicinity, ninety-four (more than half in the vicinity). Deaths, in city, twenty-six; in the vicinity, twenty-two; total, forty-eight. This shows a steady decline of the fever in the city, and a rapid increase in the country.

“Yesterday there was one continuous call for nurses, and the demand was in excess of the supply. In addition to the request for nurses in the suburbs, appeals for physicians, nurses and supplies were received from Brownsville (fifty-seven miles), Masons (thirty miles), Galloway's (forty miles), Paris (one hundred and fifty miles), on Louisville Railroad; Collierville (twenty-two miles), Moscow (forty miles), Tusculumbia (one hundred and thirty-seven miles), on Memphis and Charleston

Railroad, and Garner (seventy-five miles), south, on Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad. Reports from these and other points where the fever has made its appearance, is truly startling. The cry of distress which we were forced to give utterance to six weeks ago, is now being echoed on every breeze that comes wafted to us from the small towns along the line of the Louisville, Memphis and Charleston, and Mississippi and Tennessee Railroads. Deplorable as may be our condition, theirs is exceedingly so. With us, a hundred or more brave hearts banded together and fought to the death the plague, until at last a gleam of hope beamed upon us, by still leaving a few of that band unscathed. In the country, one case of fever generally causes a stampede of the entire community, and it is left to the Howards and Citizen's Relief Committee (of Memphis) to succor the sick and distressed of those towns where the fever has appeared. If the present spell of warm weather continues for ten days longer, not a single village or hamlet along the railroads will escape."—*Avalanche*, 8th.

TUESDAY, *October 8.*—New cases: Bro. Phil. Maurer (Treasurer of No. 369), and his son, wife of John Kutsch and his third boy (sixteen years old), Cora, daughter of H. L. Palmer, and child of J. G. Gegg.

Convalescent: Bros. A. Brener and G. A. Junkerman, Richard, nephew of W. R. Kendall, and C. Toledano's child.

Deaths: Bro. J. Darmstadter at 2½ p. m., and child of F. Restmeyer this morning, daughter of J. Kutsch last night.

New cases in city and vicinity, sixty-seven. Deaths, thirty-three.

WEDNESDAY, *October 9.*—New cases to-day: Bro. T. P. Holland, Jennie, daughter of H. L. Palmer, and child of G. W. Moore (third taken sick).

Convalescent: Bros. Jos. Hild and P. Stein.

Deaths: Bro. F. Woerne died at 11 last night.

New cases in city and suburbs, fifty-seven. Deaths, forty-five.

Showery during the day and night, which had a depressing effect upon the well, and was most unfavorable to the sick. The increased number of deaths tells the story more plainly than it can be written.

"There were issued Tuesday and Wednesday, to 970 destitute families, 27,630 rations; Camp Joe Williams, 7950; Fifteenth Civil District, 2500; Citizens of LaGrange (fifty miles eastward), 2000;

Citizens Rozell's Station (four miles out), 800; Hopefield (across the river), 600; Citizens Tenth Ward, 2000; W. I. Berlin and Gallo-way's Depot, 1000; order St. Joseph, 500; Citizens Ninth Ward, 1000; grand total, 45,980."—*Avalanche*, 10th.

THURSDAY, *October 10.*—New cases: wife of our late Bro. Max Herman, and infant of C. Toledano.

Deaths: Bro. H. L. Palmer, this morning. Our Brother sank under his accumulated afflictions, and could not survive the death of mother, wife, grown daughter and son-in-law (Bro. Geo. B. Elliott). He leaves four children: Mrs. Elliott, her sisters, Cora and Jennie, and a younger brother, all of whom had the fever and recovered.

On sick list, thirty-nine. Nurses on duty, thirty-six.

New cases in city and country, forty-five. Deaths, thirty-nine.

"The people of the North still continue to send us food, clothing and money. They have not wearied in well-doing. Their committees are still at work, and their great dailies are still urging collections for our sick and destitute people. With a generosity unbounded they are piling up measure after measure, each one larger than the other, and all overflowing, even after we have said, 'Thanks; we have enough and to spare.' What can we say? Words will not tell the sense of gratitude we feel at an exhibit of manly perseverance in a good work surpassing anything the world has known before."—*Appeal*, 11th.

FRIDAY, *October 11.*—New cases to-day: Bro. Fred. Woerne's wife, who had very young children, requiring a nurse to take care of them. Also, L. Raquet's father-in-law.

Convalescent: Bro. C. A. Gaston, wife and two children of Wm. Schilling, two of C. Ballinger's children, one of John Brenner's, and one of P. Zoeger's.

Deaths: Bro. F. Restmeyer's child.

New cases in city and country, one hundred and three. Deaths, thirty-nine.

SATURDAY, *October 12.*—New cases to-day: Bro. John Brenner, Annie, daughter of H. Banschaf, and two children of Jos. Hild.

Convalescent: Bro. C. Toledano, wives of G. W. Moore and H. Sigler.

Deaths: Bros. T. P. Holland at 6 A. M., and Phil. Maurer at 11 A. M.

New cases in city and country, seventy-six. Deaths, twenty-six.

About 4 P. M., our Bro. J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President, and acting President, received an unwelcome telegram from Louisville, informing him that his wife had taken the fever. (He had sent her there about a week previous). This necessitated his going to Louisville by first train in the morning.

SUNDAY, *October 13.*—Weather clear and pleasant. Bro. J. B. Aldrich left on morning train for Louisville, to attend on his wife, reported yesterday by telegram to have an attack of the fever. This reduces our Committee again. Only Bros. Prescott, Johnson and Myers remain on duty. Fortunately, our sick list has been reduced very materially, thereby lightening our heretofore onerous task.

No new cases or deaths to-day.

On sick list, thirty-three. Nurses on duty, thirty-three.

Bro. T. B. Allen, of our Committee, who has been superintending the sick of our Order in Moscow (forty miles east), this morning reported Bro. J. J. Steger, of that place, in a dying condition, and anticipating his death hourly, the family requested that a metallic coffin be shipped on the noon train, via Memphis and Charleston Railroad. As Bro. Allen stated that Bro. Steger was in good circumstances, our Secretary did not hesitate, and ordered the metallic case selected, and sent to the depot, without delay.

[NOTE.—About a week afterward, our Secretary learned from Bro. Allen, that our Bro. Steger was in a fair way of recovery, and that he did not think he would need that article we had furnished him with, this time. And sure enough, Bro. Steger got well, and although after a while, he reshipped the case back to the undertaker, (paying all expenses, of course), who accommodated him by cancelling his account for the same, yet he has never called on our Committee with a vote of thanks for our effort to do him, or more likely, his family, a favor.]

New cases in city, twenty-five; country, thirty-six; total, sixty-one. Deaths in city, fifteen; country, six; total, twenty-one.

MONDAY, *October 14.*—New cases: Bros. W. D. Burdell's wife and child, J. K. Aldrich's wife (six miles out), child of John Strehl, son of M. Adams, relapsed.

Convalescent: Bro. J. W. Crocker, child of H. Brown, and child of P. Maurer.

New cases in city, thirty-one; country, forty-four; total, seventy-five. Deaths in city, nineteen; country, fifteen; total, thirty-four.

Our sick list is: members, four; wives, nine; children, nineteen; relatives, four; total, thirty-six.

TUESDAY, *October 15.*—New cases, Bro. F. Henniger's son (twenty-one years old, taken on 11th), and son of John Kutsch, relapsed.

No other reports.

City papers, with abstract report, mailed to brethren abroad.

New cases in city and country, sixty-six. Deaths, thirty-one.

WEDNESDAY, *October 16.*—No new cases reported.

Convalescent: Bros. S. Schneider's son and J. G. Gegg's child.

Deaths: Bro. G. Behrens at 1 A. M., and son of Bro. F. Henniger at 2 A. M. These two in adjoining dwellings.

New cases in the city, nineteen; country, twenty-one; total, forty. Deaths in the city, nine; country, seventeen; total, twenty-six.

"Total cases to date, seven thousand and seventy-eight; deaths, three thousand and twenty-two."—*Appeal*.

"To-night we write with hope filling our breast. The death record in the city is the smallest since the fever was declared epidemic on the 23d of August last. At last we can see the beginning of the end. Everything looks favorable. A heavy rain, which began falling at 9 o'clock, still continues, with indications of the weather turning cold, and bringing the frost that will end our present woes.

"The absentees cannot watch with greater anxiety the progress of the fever, than do we who are here in the very midst of death; and every favorable turn of the epidemic is to us the knowledge that we will soon be joined by loving friends. Their return will be hailed with joy and gladness, but in the happiness of the meeting many a familiar face will be missing. Elmwood, that 'silent city of the dead,' contains the loved forms of hundreds who, in their devotion to the cause of suffering humanity, paid with their lives the love they bore their fellow man. Their noble sacrifice may perhaps be rewarded in the Great Beyond. They fell martyrs, and their memories should ever be revered by the living, for whom they died."—*Avalanche, 17th.*

THURSDAY, *October 17.*—No new cases to-day.

Convalescents reported: Bro. H. Bانشaf, wife of C. Toledano, children of C. Ballinger (one), P. Zoeger (two), G. W. Moore (three), H. L. Palmer (two), his sister, and J. Darmstadter's mother-in-law.

Bro. Aldrich telegraphs that the recovery of his wife is doubtful. We hope it will not prove so.

New cases in city, seventeen; country, thirty-one; total, forty-eight. Deaths, in city, seven; country, nine; total, sixteen.

FRIDAY, *October 18.*—We had hoped to have recorded our last new case, but to-day we have reported the son of Bro. William Moreland (twenty-one years old).

New cases in the city, eighteen; country, twenty-two; total, forty. Deaths, in the city, fourteen; country, six; total, twenty.

“At 3 o'clock this morning, there was a frosty laden air on the Chickasaw Bluffs. There was, however, a steady wind a little north of west, and unless that wind ceases within another hour, the frost will not fall. It will be a white frost, not sufficient to kill the fever. We must still wait and hope.”—*Avalanche, 18th.*

SATURDAY, *October 19.*—A heavy black frost this morning, which was cheering and gladdening to all, a harbinger of returning health to our people.

New cases reported: Bro. F. Henniger (who lost his grown son last Wednesday), this morning, and his daughter Alma (sixteen years old), this afternoon.

Convalescent: Bro. John Brenner, wife of G. W. Matthews, at Raleigh, nine miles distant; two children of Joseph Hild, one each of J. Strehl and C. Toledano.

Death: son of Bro. John Kutsch, of a relapse, caused by imprudence.

Our sick list is: members, one; wives, seven; children, five; relatives, two; total, fifteen, showing a gratifying decrease.

New cases in the city, ten; country, thirty; total forty. Deaths in city, seven; country, thirteen; total, twenty.

“The picture is about completed. The finishing touches are being given, and the welcome home to absentees will soon be sounded. Frost fell Thursday night in the vicinity of Memphis. In the country it

was seen on every fence and log. The backbone of the epidemic is broken, and there is a future near at hand, which will, we hope, soon be realized; a future that will join us with our absent friends and unite us to loved ones, the image of whose familiar faces have often, amid the gloom and despair of the past two months, appeared to us in dreams that are soon to be a reality."—*Avalanche*, 19th.

SUNDAY, *October 20.*—New cases: Bro. John Kutsch and F. Henniger's daughter Rosa (seven years old).

New cases in city, eight; suburbs, eighteen; total, twenty-six. Deaths, in city, five; suburbs, seven; total, twelve.

City papers, with abstract report, mailed to brethren abroad.

MONDAY, *October 21.*—New cases: Wife of Bro. W. H. Berry, on Poplar street extended, about three miles out. She has seven children, the oldest eleven years, the youngest six weeks old.

Death: Bro. F. Henniger, at 1 A. M. The loss of his son had a very injurious effect upon him; he seemed to have lost all fortitude.

Much to our gratification, Bro. H. M. Gage, President, reported to-day, having returned from a trip to Louisville and St. Louis to recruit his health, enfeebled by his attack of fever.

New cases in city, seven; suburbs, sixteen. Deaths, in city, eight; suburbs, nine; total, seventeen.

TUESDAY, *October 22.*—No new cases nor deaths.

Letter from Bro. Aldrich, about his wife, says: "This is her twelfth day, and she still lives, and the doctor now thinks she will recover. As soon as she is out of danger I will be with you. Regards to all the boys."

New cases in the city, twelve; suburbs, thirteen; total, twenty-five. Deaths in city, six; suburbs, six; total twelve.

WEDNESDAY, *October 23.*—No new cases.

Convalescent: Bro. John Kutsch's son (sixteen years old), nephew of H. L. Palmer, and uncle of J. Raquet.

Death: Bro. John Kutsch, 6 P. M. yesterday.

New cases in the city, eight; suburbs, twenty-one; total, twenty-nine. Deaths in city, four; suburbs fifteen; total, nineteen.

THURSDAY, *October 24.*—No new cases to-day.

Deaths: Wife of Bro. W. Holder Berry (leaving seven young children), and F. Henniger's daughter Alma (sixteen years old).

New cases in city, fourteen; suburbs, nine; total, twenty-three. Deaths in city, eight; suburbs, ten; total, eighteen.

FRIDAY, *October 25.*—No changes reported.

New cases in city, three; suburbs, eight; total, eleven. Deaths in city, seven; suburbs, eleven; total, eighteen.

SATURDAY, *October 26.*—No new cases nor deaths.

Convalescent: Wives of Bros. Max Herman, F. Woerne, W. D. Burdell and J. K. Aldrich, daughters of C. Ballinger (Emma) and Henry Bانشaf (Anna), wife of John Kutsch, and child of W. D. Burdell.

Our sick list is: members, none; wives, two; children, two; relatives, none; total, four.

New cases in city, seven; suburbs, eight; total, fifteen. Deaths in city, six; suburbs, two; total, eight.

SUNDAY, *October 27.*—New cases: Bro. Dr. A. C. Ewell and wife of John Brenner.

Death: Lorenz Bender, now first reported.

In the *Appeal* office, out of seventy-five persons—men, women and children—thirty-four were buried, thirty-nine convalesced, and only two escaped. Col. J. M. Keating, its editor, was one of the latter.

New cases, in city, three. Deaths, in city, three; country, two.

MONDAY, *October 28.*—Heavy frost and thin ice, the first of the season, and the welcome harbinger of returning good health in our city.

No new cases nor deaths.

New cases, in city, two. Deaths, in city, five; suburbs, five.

The Board of Health announced the fever as epidemic no longer, and invited absentees to return home.

Bro. J. B. Aldrich returned home, with the good news that his wife is convalescent.

TUESDAY, *October 29*.—No new cases nor deaths.

Deaths in the city, four; suburbs, three; total, seven.

WEDNESDAY, *October 30*.—Deaths: F. Henniger's daughter Rosa (seven years old), at 1 A. M.

Deaths in city, three; suburbs, five; total, eight.

Total cases to date, seven thousand one hundred and fifty-eight. Deaths, three thousand and eighty-four.

THURSDAY, *October 31*.—New cases: Bro. J. V. Stanbrough, taken down yesterday.

No deaths from yellow fever in the city, and only one in the suburbs. The disease has ceased to be epidemic.

SATURDAY, *November 2*.—During the past week, our Committee, composed of H. M. Gage, President, J. B. Aldrich, Vice-President, J. P. Prescott, Secretary, J. M. Johnson, Commissary, Wm. Souhr, Chas. Meyers and B. Hughes, held three meetings, with a view to dispose of the supplies remaining on hand, part of which was distributed among our brethren, and the balance disposed of and proceeds placed with our other funds.

To-day we closed our office, which we had occupied since the 21st of August last, a period of two months and a half nearly, and for the use of which, the Committee unanimously tendered their thanks to Bro. W. I. Berlin.

The Committee also passed upon and approved numerous unsettled bills, the details of which are unnecessary to specify in this report, and which will be settled in due time, should our funds be sufficient; if not, some arrangement will be made, no doubt, to discharge the legitimate liabilities of the Committee.

It would be a gratification to the writer, were he able to close this record of suffering and death among our brethren in the city at this date, and make no further remarks, except those pertaining to our financial statements. But he regrets to be compelled to add a few more items of sickness and death to our already too long a list.

At this date we had only five cases on sick list, two members, two wives and one member's son (grown), all doing well except one, Dr. A. C. Ewell.

All of those five recovered, except Dr. Ewell, who died November 3d, about noon. On the same day the wife of Bro. E. H. Stevenson, D. of No. 296, was taken, and died on the 9th.

Bro. C. P. Bellinger was taken down on the 9th, Bro. Wm. Wesche on the 11th, his wife and child on the 13th, all of whom recovered.

Bro. Van B. Martin died on the 4th, and G. Bammel on the 10th.

Bro. Fred. Ries died on the 10th, also his son died. His wife and daughter likewise had the fever, but recovered.

Bro. S. J. Ward died on the 17th. Date of sickness not reported.

On the 14th November, Bro. J. K. Aldrich, a brother of our Vice-President, who was in the city during the epidemic, except at night, when he stopped six miles out, with his wife, in a friend's house, was taken with a violent case, and, notwithstanding careful medical attention and nursing, he died on the 20th. This was our last case and the last death among the members of the Order.

Following this report, the length of which we hope will not make it unworthy of perusal, will be found a list of our deceased members, arranged by Lodges. Also, in detail, the receipts and expenditures of the Committee during and since the epidemic.

The duties of the Central Relief Committee, K. of H., in Memphis, have ceased; how well they have performed those duties, they leave to the fraternal judgment of the brethren of the Order.

We return our acknowledgments to the Citizens Relief Committee and the Howard Association, for so liberally honoring our requisitions for supplies, and also to the Southern Express Co., the Memphis & Charleston R. R. Co., and the Memphis & Louisville R. R. Co., for courtesies in delivering packages free of charge.

To our brethren abroad, who so nobly and generously responded to our "distress call," and cheered our often drooping spirits with words of sympathy and encouragement, we return the grateful thanks of the Order in Memphis.

Fraternally submitted in O. M. A.

H. M. GAGE, *President.*

J. B. ALDRICH, *Vice-President.*

J. P. PRESCOTT, *Secretary.*

DEATH LIST OF KNIGHTS OF HONOR

DURING YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC OF 1878.

MEMPHIS LODGE No. 196—143 MEMBERS.

Aug. 2	John B. Campbell.	Aug. 17	J. B. Miller.
19	Joseph Lory.	22	T. S. Cloyd.
25	R. W. Mitchell.	28	W. S. Fifer.
29	M. A. Telford.	31	Jos. E. Russell.
Sept. 1	G. H. Holst.	Sept. 4	F. J. Bowman.
9	J. C. Thrall.	13	J. A. Simmons.
13	B. R. Gates.	15	J. G. Lonsdale, Jr.
18	H. S. Reynolds.	25	D. Brown.
26	C. G. Fisher.	26	E. J. Corson.
Oct. 4	John A. Holt.	Nov. 4	Van B. Martin.

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UNITY LODGE No. 217—136 MEMBERS.

Aug. 15	A. H. Goodman.	Aug. 15	F. Sarnar.
20	M. Bloomfield.	23	Dr. J. C. Rogers.
25	John D. Elliott.	27	A. K. Gillen.
29	Henry Clements. †	29	L. Woeller.
Sept. 1	W. W. White.	Sept. 3	M. Samuels.
7	S. L. Raines.	12	Wm. Elliott.
15	John W. Ennis.	17	J. C. Walston.
21	J. C. Buster.	Oct. 1	J. S. Hatcher.
Oct. 5	T. Koffod.	Nov. 17	S. J. Ward.

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CHELSEA LODGE No. 280—63 MEMBERS.

Aug. 29	J. N. Stalm.	Sept. 1	G. Reder.
Sept. 4	Dr. W. R. Hodges.	12	George B. Elliott. †
13	J. C. Gee.	15	A. T. Smith.
21	Lucien Brown.	24	W. M. Harton.
Oct. 2	J. M. Peabody.	Oct. 10	H. L. Palmer.

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FOUNTAIN LODGE No. 296—72 MEMBERS.

Aug. 28	A. M. Newsum.	Aug. 30	K. C. Lees.
Sept. 1	G. R. Merritt.	Sept. 1	W. M. McElroy.
10	J. B. Faires.	16	E. W. Gibson.
18	C. F. Aaron. †	18	E. Frederick. †
25	G. W. Moore.	30	J. B. Weaver.
Oct. 12	T. P. Holland.	Nov. 3	Dr. A. C. Ewell.
Nov. 20	J. K. Aldrich. †		

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GERMANIA LODGE No. 369—116 MEMBERS.

Aug. 21	H. Schlemmer.	Aug. 22	M. Huppert (of dropsy).
23	Charles Sauter.	24	Wm. Unverzagt.
25	John R. Kleiner (Rep.)	29	Aug. Mueller.
29	Wm. Rommel.	30	Carl Schultz.
30	Wm. Glaentzer	Sept. 1	F. Stierla.
Sept. 3	Rev. A. Thomas.	6	A.O. Schultz (Rep. <i>protem.</i>)
8	F. Restmeyer.	11	P. Zoeger (omit'd on p. 29).
12	F. Niedig.	13	Wm. Miller.
14	Max Herman.	14	C. Ballinger.
16	John Krimme.	16	F. E. Pleitz.
17	Conrad Rasp.	18	Fred. Winn.
25	E. G. Kirchhubel.	28	M. Ochsner.
28	L. Leutke.	29	G. W. Wolf.
30	Jacob Braun.	Oct. 4	A. Stratman.
Oct. 8	J. Darmstadter.	8	F. Woerne.
12	Phil. Maurer (Treas.)	16	George Behrens.
21	Fred. Henniger.	22	John Kutsch.
27	L. Bender.	Nov. 10	Fred. Ries.
Nov. 10	Geo. Bammel.		

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DIAMOND LODGE No. 583—47 MEMBERS.

Sept. 7	A. J. Wheeler.	Sept. 15	Ed. Worsham.
15	H. J. Ward (correct'd date).	Oct. 7	J. S. Johnston.

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EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 4, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Sept. 12	B. A. Eisler.	Sept. 14	H. W. Buckle.
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GERMANIA LODGE No. 910, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Sept. 14 Fred. Bungner.

FORREST CITY LODGE No. —, FORREST CITY, ARK.

Sept. 15 L. W. Blakemore.

Total membership in the city Aug. 1, 1878	577
Total deaths of Memphis members,	102
Visiting members,	4
Total,	106

RECAPITULATION.

	Cases	Recovered	Died
Members,	153	47	106
Wives,	66	46	20
Children,	107	77	30
Relatives,	20	13	7
Totals,	346	183	163

EXPLANATION AS TO MEMBERS.

Number of members who were sick and died (one out of the city) on or before August 21, 1878,	7
Number of members who died, attended by own families or other persons, or by another society (twelve out of the city),	44
Number of members who recovered, attended one, by own family, the other by a society,	2
Number of members who died, after sickness of three days or longer, but Committee notified only one day before death,	7
Number of members who died, and Committee notified only two days before death,	7
Number of members who died, and Committee notified three days or more before death, nursed and attended to by them,	42
Number of members who recovered, having been nursed and attended to by the Committee,	44
Total, as above,	153

SUPPLIES CONTRIBUTED.

1878

- Sept. 11 From C. A. Robinson, Wm. Meyers and W. H. Fariss, Rel. Com. K. of H., Huntsville, Ala., 50 doz. eggs, 100 chickens.
- 13 From Limestone, No. 1132, Limestone, Tenn., 13 sacks flour, 50 pounds each.
- 16 From Gate City, No. 346, Atlanta, Ga., 2 cases Rhine wine, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. canned beef, 2 bushels meal, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen cans ox tail soup, 1 barrel grits, 100 pounds flour, 1 pound tea, 4 pounds coffee, 11 pounds sugar, 10 pounds rice, 1 gallon whisky, 1 dozen jellies, 2 dozen cans tomatoes, 2 dozen lemons.
- 18 From Teutonia, No. 141, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 can butter, 1 case eggs.
- 18 From Lord Baltimore, No. 275, Baltimore, Md., 2 dozen cans peaches, 1 bale socks, 2 packages of sugar, 2 dozen assorted jellies, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen packages ground coffee, 3 cans extract beef, 6 packages tea, 1 can fruit, 1 sack coffee, 1 box candy, 1 jug sherry wine (from R. T. Duncan).
- 22 From Teutonia, No. 141, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 coop chickens, 1 brl onions
- 22 From citizens of Scottsboro, Ala., through Bro. Snodgrass, 2 boxes eggs
- Oct. 8 From Success, No. 773, Warrior, Ala., 30 sacks flour.
- 8 From Maryland, No. 1133, Baltimore Md., 8 jars assorted jellies, 7 papers corn starch, 28 glasses assorted jellies, 1 paper gelatine.
- 10 From Teutonia, No. 141, Knoxville, Tenn., 1 coop chickens, 1 case eggs.
- 10 From Oriental, No. 532, Careyville, Tenn., 2 coops chickens.
- 10 From L. K. Byers, Altona, Ill., 1 keg wine.

RECEIPTS.

1878

Aug. 21	From Germania Lodge, No. 369, Memphis . . .	\$ 25 00
21	“ Fountain Lodge, No. 296, Memphis . . .	25 00
22	“ Diamond Lodge, No. 583, Memphis . . .	25 00
23	“ Chelsea Lodge, No. 280, Memphis . . .	25 00
23	“ Unity Lodge, No. 217, Memphis . . .	25 00
23	“ Memphis Lodge, No. 196, Memphis . . .	25 00
24	“ Central, No. 253, Columbia, Tenn . . .	50 00
26	“ Lincoln, No. 430, St. Louis, Mo . . .	10 00
26	“ Martin Schmidt, of Corona, No. 537 . . .	5 00
27	“ Fayetteville, No. 181, Fayetteville, Tenn . .	25 00
27	“ N. L. Avery, of Unity, No. 217 . . .	2 00
28	“ Rose City, No. 1090, Little Rock, Ark . .	25 00
28	“ Germania, No. 910, Little Rock, Ark . . .	30 00
28	“ Eureka, No. 643, Piedmont, W. Va . . .	10 00
29	“ Relief Committee, K. of H., Cincinnati, O. through Lewis Wilson, G. V. D. of Ohio .	100 00
29	“ Members W.B.Hoke, No. 177, Louisville, Ky.	31 75
29	“ Citizens of Princeton, Ky., (of all religions), through J. S. Hawthorn, V.D., of No. 685	53 10
29	“ Members Peerless, No. 493, Springfield, Ill.	20 00
30	“ Little Rock, No. 452, Little Rock, Ark . .	100 00
30	“ Central, No. 164, Louisville, Ky . . .	10 00
30	“ Relief Committee, K. of H., Cincinnati, O. through Lewis Wilson, G. V. D. of Ohio .	60 00
30	“ Monitor, No. 879, Columbus, Neb . . .	25 00
31	“ Excelsior, No. 4, Louisville, Ky . . .	20 00
31	“ Mystic, No. 212, Louisville, Ky . . .	20 00
31	“ Toledo, No. 73, Toledo, O . . .	25 00
31	“ A. L. Rieber, No. 679, Butler, Pa . . .	7 50
Sept. 2	“ Franklin, No. 320, Franklin, Ky . . .	20 00
2	“ Una, No. 518, Lexington, Ky . . .	25 00
2	“ Glasgow, No. 263, Glasgow, Ky . . .	25 00
2	“ Crescent, No. 413, Tusculumbia, Ala . . .	50 00
2	“ Thos Turley . . .	8 00
2	“ D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer . . .	561 00
2	“ Christian, No. 820, Hopkinsville, Ky . . .	50 00
2	“ Dixon, No. 569, Henderson, Ky . . .	25 00
2	“ North Star, No. 803, Kasson, Minn . . .	25 00
3	“ Jefferson, No. 5, Louisville, Ky . . .	25 00
3	“ Lee, No. 713, Marianna, Ark . . .	25 00

Carried forward, \$1,618 35

REPORT OF CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE,

		<i>Brought forward</i> ,	\$1,618 35
Sept. 5	From	Centennial, No. 200, Louisville, Ky	25 00
6	"	Relief Committee, K. of H., Cincinnati, O.	100 00
6	"	Alpha, No. 37, and Germania, No. 38, K. & L. of H., Cincinnati, O., through Lewis Wilson, G. V. D. of Ohio	20 00
6	"	Austin, No. 418, Austin, Texas	50 00
6	"	Cedartown, No. 273, Cedartown, Ga	6 10
6	"	Omaha, No. 829, Omaha, Neb	25 00
6	"	Golden, No. 1, Louisville, Ky	25 00
6	"	Boyle, No. 385, Danville, Ky	25 00
6	"	Brother Keneyld	5 00
7	"	Plattsmouth, No. 1043, Plattsmouth, Neb	25 00
7	"	Fremont, No. 859, Fremont, Neb	10 00
9	"	D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer	525 00
10	"	Mystic, No. 212, Louisville, Ky	50 00
10	"	Abraham Lincoln, No. 710, Detroit, Mich	50 00
10	"	Little Rock, No. 452, Little Rock, Ark	50 00
10	"	Alpha, No. 424, Wheeling, W. Va	25 00
11	"	Georgia, No. 127, Atlanta, Ga	100 00
11	"	Washington, No. 455, Paducah, Ky	25 00
11	"	Schiller, No. 400, St. Louis, Mo	50 00
11	"	R. E. Lee, No. 6, Louisville, Ky	12 50
11	"	S. H. Shepard, G. D., Augusta, Ga	150 00
11	"	Hardin, No. 249, Elizabethtown, Ky	98 40
11	"	Nebraska City, No. 925, Nebraska City, Neb.	40 00
12	"	Christian, No. 820, Hopkinsville, Ky	69 15
12	"	Hero, No. 991, Effingham, Ill.	17 25
12	"	Keokuk, No. 544, Keokuk, Iowa	25 00
12	"	Illinois, No. 268, East St. Louis, Ill	50 00
12	"	Warren, No. 248, Bowling Green, Ky	10 00
12	"	Marion, No. 601, Indianapolis, Ind	10 00
13	"	D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer	350 00
14	"	Relief Committee K. of H., Cincinnati, O.	90 00
14	"	Jas. A. Mathews	10 00
14	"	Ely, No. 45, Corry, Pa	25 00
14	"	Iron Banks, No. 802, Columbus, Ky	25 00
14	"	Mizpah, No. 822, Springfield, Ky	25 00
14	"	S. H. Shepard, G. D., Augusta, Ga	100 00
15	"	C. H. Cogswell, G. D., Cedar Rapids, Iowa,	15 00
18	"	W. B. Hoke, No. 177, Louisville, Ky	13 15
20	"	Crescent, No. 413, Tusculumbia, Ala	4 00
17	"	D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer	500 00
18	"	Muhlenberg, No. 908, Greeneville, Ky	25 00
19	"	S. H. Shepard, G. D., Augusta, Ga	150 00
18	"	Saunders, No. 974, Wahoo, Neb	11 00
18	"	Centennial, No. 200, Louisville, Ky	10 00

Carried forward, \$4,644 90

		<i>Brought forward</i> ,	\$4,644 90
Sept. 18	From S. L. Finley, Benton, Tenn.		5 00
20	" North Star, No. 803, Kasson, Minn.		25 00
20	" Mrs. A. W. Anthony, Kasson, Minn.		5 00
20	" Indianapolis, No. 14, Indianapolis, Ind.		8 25
20	" Arminius, No. 7, Louisville, Ky.		106 55
20	" C. H. Cogswell, G. D., Cedar Rapids, Iowa,		33 00
19	" Lincoln, No. 430, St. Louis, Mo.		25 00
16	" Adelphi, No. 1159, Little Rock, Ark.		50 00
21	" W. L. Wood, G. Rep., Indianapolis, Ind.		100 00
21	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		250 00
23	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		500 00
25	" S. H. Shepard, G. D. Augusta, Ga.		50 00
26	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		500 00
26	" Dayton, No. 23, Dayton, Ohio		50 00
27	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		250 00
28	" " " "		82 00
28	" Amo, No. 274, Lagrange, Ky.		25 00
30	" St. Francis, No. 492, Forrest City, Ark.		25 00
30	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		500 00
Oct. 1	" " " "		500 00
2	" " " "		183 58
2	" C. M. Haywood, G. T., Owego, N. Y.		100 00
2	" Centennial, No. 200, Louisville, Ky.		20 00
3	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		154 50
7	" " " "		311 25
8	" " " "		124 10
8	" " " "		100 00
9	" " " "		122 45
11	" " " "		250 00
8	" Little Rock, No. 452, Little Rock, Ark.		6 50
12	" Riverside, No. 959, Camden, Ark.		10 00
12	" Piedmont, No. 558, Statesville, N. C.		25 00
14	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		268 50
16	" " " "		218 00
19	" " " "		502 80
20	" C. M. Haywood, G. T., Owego, N. Y.		100 00
26	" H. W. Robinson, for ladies of Bridgep't, Mich.		17 00
26	" Toledo, No. 73, Toledo, O.		25 00
26	" D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer		672 15
30	" " " "		471 00
Nov. 5	" " " "		112 35
Dec. 15	" " " "		465 70
15	" " " "		157 60
15	" " " "		408 50
21	" " " "		707 00
1879			
Jan. 16	" " " "		668 05

Carried forward, \$13,935 73.

REPORT OF CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE,

1878		<i>Brought forward</i> ,	\$13,935 73
Oct. 18	From	S. H. Shepard, G. D., Augusta, Ga	60 00
18	"	Crescent, No. 413, Tuscumbia, Ala	34 60
30	"	Sales of rations	64 40
Dec. 9	"	W. L. Wood, G. Rep., Indianapolis, Ind. . . .	21 80
1879			
Feb. 5	"	C. H. Eaton, G. Rep., Boston, Mass	10 00
20	"	Geo. T. Smith, Newark, N. J.	56 00
		Total receipts	<u>\$14,182 53</u>

RECAPITULATION.

From Memphis Lodges	\$150 00
From other Lodges and sources	3,617 00
From D. F. Goodyear, Grand Treasurer	<u>10,415 53</u>
Total	\$14,182 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

For nurses	\$6,704 31
For burial expenses	667 50
For expenses	2,013 85
For supplies	2,066 02
For physicians	1,639 65
Remittances to other places for relief of K. of H.	<u>850 00</u>
Total	\$13,941 33
Balance in hand,	<u>\$241 20</u>

REMARK.—There still remain several physicians' bills unsettled (balances on some of them), the aggregate of which considerably exceed the amount remaining in the hands of the Committee. It is to these reference is made on page 52 of the Report.