

apparently the same; but with death came a marked and painful difference. In one case the husband and father was a member of a beneficiary order, and his family were provided for by his thrift and forethought; in the other, no protection was secured, and when he died he left his family penniless, constrained in the first days of their sorrow to battle for bread. It is the sacred duty of every man to provide for those depending on him.

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In the *Canadian Woodman* we read: "The Select Knights have gone over to the Independent Order of Foresters, who take in every—"

The Select Knights know a good Order when they see it. Their decision to join the I.O.F. is creditable to their taste and judgment. This Order takes in "every" one who passes its medical examination and complies with the Constitutions and Laws. Last year it took in 30,137 and rejected 3,929. Yes, the I.O.F. is doing business, if not for "every" body, for a very great number.

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"Is any member sick?" is a question asked at every court meeting. If the answer is an affirmative one, such action is taken as the nature of the case requires. The brother is visited; if watchers are needed, brothers are appointed for that fraternal duty; should the nature of the sickness call for a trained nurse, the nurse is engaged at the expense of the court; and should the afflicted brother's resources be exhausted, the brethren see that there is no lack for the things needed. Fraternity is a name, a precious and hopeful one.

Well Done Quebec!

For two months in succession the old province of Quebec leads with the highest number of applications among the *thirty-three* High Courts of the I.O.F. When it is remembered that the great majority of the people of this province speak a language and profess a religion different from that of the people among whom the Order has secured the greater proportion of its members, it will be evident how thoroughly, non-racial and non-sectarian the I.O.F. is in its principles, and how strongly it appeals on its merits to all classes, creeds and nationalities. It says volumes, too, for the thrift and forethought of our French fellow-members, that they are securing for their families the substantial benefits the Order provides. In dealing with the great popularity of the Independent Order of Foresters in Quebec, the fact must be borne in mind that its merits have been always presented ably. The High Court since its institution has been officered by men of marked ability who were and are enthusiastic in their loyalty to the principles of the I.O.F. Probably the publication of the *FORESTER* in

French, of late, has done more than anything else to stimulate the zeal of our brethren in Quebec. Whatever the causes, the gratifying fact of a wide and growing interest is evident, and we heartily congratulate Quebec on its splendid work. Our worst wish for them is that they improve on their excellent work.

Foresters' Cottage for Consumptives.

We give below the circular letter of the Supreme Chief Ranger, anent the Foresters' cottage in connection with the Muskoka Sanatorium for those in the first stages of consumption. We have not heard a word that was not commendatory of the scheme. And now that the scheme is officially before the Order, we have no doubt the response will be prompt and liberal. We confidently expect that the necessary funds will be forthcoming, and that the Supreme Chief will, in this eventful year, have the privilege of dedicating during the time the Supreme Court is in session, for its benevolent and merciful work, the cottage built by the free-will offerings of the members of the Order.

FORESTERS' COTTAGE.

SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES, GRAVENHURST, MUSKOKA.

Toronto, 9th February, 1898.

To the Court Deputy, Officers and Members:

DEAR BRETHREN,—It has been thought appropriate and in harmony with the benevolent spirit of the Order to build a cottage in connection with the Sanatorium for Consumptives, located on Lake Muskoka, near Gravenhurst, Ontario.

The object of the Sanatorium is to secure for the patients, under the best possible conditions as to climate, medical treatment, etc., a chance to recover from the first symptoms of pulmonary disease. It is estimated that nearly one-half of the deaths among adults result from lung troubles. Scientific men believe that if prompt and effective measures were taken in the early stages of consumption the mortality from this cause would be greatly reduced.

A six-roomed cottage can be built and furnished for about \$2,500. It will always be available to the limit of its capacity for members of our Order. It has been proposed to have the cottage dedicated to its benevolent work during the meeting of the Supreme Court in Toronto next August.

I appeal to your benevolent spirit to make a donation for this noble work. Give at once. "He who gives quickly gives twice."

Send contributions to Bro. A. Macgillivray, who will acknowledge them in *THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER*.

"Wishing for your court and membership continued and increasing prosperity,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

J. A. MCGILLIVRAY, ORONHYTEKHA, M.D.,
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P. S.—Will you kindly have this matter dealt with at the first meeting of your court.