

Letters of acknowledgment have been received from Mrs. M. P. Brown, of Adrian, Mich., and from Henry P. McCabe, Emmett, Mich., for the prompt payment of Mortuary Benefits of Bros. Brown and William H. Whitehead.

NEW YORK.

New York Notes.

Our Syracuse, N.Y., correspondent jubilates that his State won the "blue ribbon" for July, and says, "Illinois won in June, and N. Y. fell in second best—now Illinois must fall in No. 2 in the procession. Both of these States must look out for Western Ontario."

Bro. John J. Quigley, chief of the Fire Department of Syracuse, and a \$2,000 policyholder in Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, was unanimously elected President of the National Firemen's Association, at Syracuse, last month. The brethren of Court Fire Brigade are jubilant over Bro. Quigley's honor, rightfully merited. He is a good Forester, and a brave fire chief.

Bro. Samuel Gompers, the first Supreme Marshal of the I.O.F., in 1874-5, and now President of the National Confederation of Labor, delivered a great address to about 10,000 labor union members, at Lakeside, Syracuse, N.Y., last month. Bro. Gompers is a "labor statesman," and got his inspiration in the I.O.F. over 25 years ago, and still keeps up his interest in our Order.

Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., has been "Swinging around the circle" for a while. Last month he was at Cortland, N.Y., started a Companion Court, put in several Foresters in Court Cortland, went to Deposit, and added a goodly number to Court Kokose, including Edgar Tate, foreman of the Great Eagle Milk Condensary, and four of his employees. Others will follow soon. Court Kokose, in a small town, is doing well now, having active brothers such as Postmaster Putnam, Assemblyman Axtell, John Sims and other good citizens. The Colonel came back to Binghamton, started a Court there, and from thence proceeded to Oswego City, and instituted Fidelity Encampment, No. —, with 36 Sir Knights. The following are the illustrious officers:—Ill. Commander, Adelard Charbonneau; Past Ill. Commander, Alexander Skillen; Ill. Lieutenant Commander, W. H. Workman; Ill. Orator, Josiah Reed; Ill. Chancellor John W. DeForest; Ill. Archivist, Fred J. Rubley; Ill. Marshal, George B. Clement; Ill. Captain of the Guard, John Slight; First Standard Bearer, Albert Martin; Second Standard Bearer, John F. Moore; First Ill. Sword Bearer, Andrew O. Anderson; Second Ill. Sword Bearer, Sumner Finster; Ill. Inner Guard, Carl Dahlgren; Ill. Outer Guard, George C. Cary; Ill. Organist, Frank E. Wills.

This is the first Encampment organized in Oswego County, N.Y.

WATERTOWN, N.Y. Aug. 10th, 1899.

J. A. MCGILLIVRAY, Esq.,

Sup. Sec. I.O.F., Toronto, Ont.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In behalf of Mrs. Sarah Hibbert, widow of our late brother, John A. Hibbert, of Court Garland City, No. 809, I express her appreciation and thanks for the prompt manner in which the settlement of \$1,000, under benefit certificate, was made at your hands. It is in gratitude, when she thinks of the loving foresight

which prompted our late brother in joining the Order, which has proven at this time such a blessing to herself and little ones.

Bro. Hibbert was accidentally drowned while on a fishing outing at Lake Ontario, and owing to the high winds prevailing and the character of the location the body was not recovered in several days, thus delaying the execution of proof papers. During this time of anxiety on the part of the widow and friends, Foresters from this city and Courts near the place where the fatality occurred were untiring in their efforts of search, and when within ten days of the time the proper papers were forwarded to your office, the draft for \$1,000 was handed the widow. It was received with true gratitude and feeling in the thoughts of the future of her three small children and a mortgage upon their little home. The case is an unusually sad one, inasmuch as the widow is in delicate health, and it is her hope that others may, in the consideration of her case, be brought to provide for their dependent ones, that such may receive the benefit similar to which she has been blessed because of the forethought on the part of her late husband and the promptness in which the Order has considered her need in time of distress.

Fraternally yours,

W. A. TROWBRIDGE, F.S.

Bro. R. N. Chaffee, the efficient, popular and courteous superintendent of Oakwood cemetery, at Syracuse, came near his death recently by the accidental fall of a timber upon his forehead. Had the timber struck him on the top of his head his death would have been instantaneous, and Oakwood would have lost the best superintendent within its history, and our Order one of its best members. Bro. Caldwell, on notice of the account of the accident, called on the injured brother and was surprised to find him at work with a gashed forehead, closed up by numerous stitches. He said, "Bro. Chaffee, you was admitted in our Order November 16th, 1892, and given a \$3,000 policy, and this is the first time I ever found you to be a 'sore-headed' Forester."

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

(Grenfel Sun, July 6th, 1899.)

C. R. Stovel, D.S.C.R., of the Independent Order of Foresters, was in Grenfel initiating for a day or two this week, and as a result of his visit some eight applications for membership in Court Prairie (the local Court) were received at a special meeting held last evening. He went off on the east-bound train this morning.

OHIO.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug 9th, 1899.

A new Court was instituted on Aug. 2nd, by Supreme Deputy, Bro. W. G. Philip. Bro. Marshall, of Court Lima, acted as Marshal during the evening, and Bro. Brenner, of Court Lima, as Secretary. They ably assisted the Deputy. The following are the officers of the new Court:—P.C.R., Emory H. Dorsey; G.R., George Halterman; V.C.R., Grant Mitchell; R.S., James Fraunfelter; F.S., Thomas Oxley; Treas., James W. Gensell; Organist, Elmer Crossley; S.W., Park Snyder; J.W., Samuel Milton; S.B., Morgan L. Harrod; J.E., Wm. Emerich.