

of the Order at heart, and the Jackson Foresters thoroughly appreciate his worth. A banquet was prepared and the evening made in every way enjoyable. George J. Gonebach acted as toastmaster. Responses were made by D. T. Smith, Robt. R. Lyman, T. W. Payne, F. W. Smith and the guest of the evening, Bro. Harrison, whose short address greatly pleased his hearers.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

A Better Plan than Traverse's Plan.

BAY MILLS, MICH., December 19th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—Court Traverse City has a very good plan for securing members, but Court Bay Mills, No. 1865, has a much better one.

Instead of taking some High Court Deputy by the arm and introducing him to our friends, we take our friends by the arm and bring them right into our Court-room, where they are duly initiated.

In this way we have more than doubled our membership in the past two months and are still going ahead.

Some of our members did some splendid work in securing members; Bro. C. H. Scott, H.S. for Northern Michigan, was instrumental in adding about forty new names to our Court. Brothers W. H. Dickson and C. J. Wallace were not far behind him. Some of the other brothers let us know they were living by bringing in one or two names.

Considering we had only a small village to work, I think our plan beats Traverse City all out.

J. A. MCBAIN,
Fin. Sec.

MINNESOTA.

Duluth Members Entertain Supreme Court Officers.

There was a large gathering of Duluth members and their ladies recently in Odd Fellows' hall to greet the Supreme Treasurer of the Order, H. A. Collins, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Gilmore and Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Miss Davis, all of Toronto. S. A. Kemp, H.C.R. of Northern Minnesota, presided at the meeting, and made a short address of welcome to the distinguished guests of the evening. There were a number of short talks by different officers of the local Courts on various phases of Forestry and its beneficent and fraternal designs.

The principal address of the evening was by Supreme Treasurer Collins, who brought out the stability of the Order, and gave an insight into its financial methods and standing. His remarks were very interesting and closely followed by the members. Bro. Gilmore gave a short address, and Miss Davis talked of the benefits and work of the Ladies' Auxiliary—or the Companion Courts.

Short speeches were made by Dr. W. W. Routh, High Secretary; Frank Crassweller, Past High Counsellor; Dr. Clark, of Superior, Vice High Ranger of Wisconsin; W. A. Hicken, Past Chief Ranger of Duluth, and W. B. Henderson, of Duluth. Letters of regret were received from Hon. Geo. R. Laybourn and several other prominent members of the Order in different parts of the State.

Court Hugo, No. 3154, celebrated its second anniversary with a grand ball and supper. There was a large attendance, and all report having a good time. The Court realized the handsome sum of \$24.00, and three applications for membership.

JOHN C. SWANSON, C.R.

Court Hobart's Venerable C.R.

Tuesday evening, 5th Dec., J. L. Colman instituted a Court of Foresters at Ely, Minn. The installation was a success, from every standpoint, and great credit is due the "major." The Court was started with a large membership, and judging from the enthusiasm shown the condition will long continue. The personnel of the Court is exceptionally good, it being headed by Chief Ranger Thomas Wakefield, a Forester of thirty years' standing. Notwithstanding the innumerable obstacles the "major" met with he made the Court an assured success. The Court was named in honor of the late Vice-President. The officers elected are: C.D., Chas. Bale; Phy., C. G. Shipman; C.R., Thos. Wakefield; P.C.R., T. F. Bearinger; V.C.R., Olof Knutson; R.S., Joe Hopperton; F.S., John E. Cook; Orator, Wm. Koehler; S.J.C., John J. Renner; S.W., Edward Edwards; J.W., Jos. E. Thomas; S.B., Jos. Wakefield; J.B., George Cruthers.

The *Ely Times* says: "Prior to taking up the work at Ely Mr. Colman instituted a very substantial Court at Winton, with a membership of 30. The Foresters are a welcome addition to the range towns, being financially one of the strongest fraternal societies in existence. Having a surplus exceeding \$3,500,000."

MONTANA.

MISSOULA, MONT., Nov. 22, '99.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of Nov. 16th, enclosing draft of \$2,000, favor of Mrs. Isabella Blackie, widow of our late Brother David Blackie. We desire to express to the Supreme Officers our appreciation for the prompt manner in which claim has been paid, draft being in our hands 20 days from date of death. In consideration of the great distance from Supreme Office, this is an excellent showing for the promptness in which claims are paid by I.O.F.

Mrs. Blackie is located at Victor, 36 miles from here. Will return certificate soon as same has been signed and witnessed.

W. G. Wood,
Rec. Sec.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

An acknowledgment has been received from Mr. and Mrs. James Alston, St. John, N.B., for the prompt payment of \$1,000, mortuary and funeral benefits of their late son, Jas. W. Alston, Court Frederick, No. 368, Carleton, N.B.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 1st, 1899.

ORONHYATEKEA, M.D.,

DEAR SIR,—I received to-day from the officers of Court LaTour, No. 125, cheque for \$2,000, being the amount of endowment certificate in your Order on the life of my late husband, I. Edgar Golding. He had a small amount of old line insurance, but this is the first I have yet heard from. Considering that the proofs of claim were forwarded only