

The Foresters' Cottage.

The following application from a member of the Order has been received, and the accompanying reply may be interesting to the brethren generally. Whether any different arrangement than that stated in Mr. Gage's letter can be adopted lies altogether with the members. The Order might maintain several free beds for Foresters in the cottage, and so provide a comfortable home for those who need such special treatment as could only be obtained at or in the vicinity of a Sanitarium:

LOST RIVER, QUE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.

I would like to know somewhat concerning the Foresters' Cottage, as to the acceptance of patients, rules, conditions, terms, etc., or to whom I might apply for same.

I am a member of Court Arundel, No. 3635, Arundel, Que., Argenteuil County.

My left lung is very slightly touched, and am now taking every precaution I can to cure myself; but perhaps a month or two at the cottage would cure quickly and beyond a doubt.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

CHAS. S. WALSH.

TORONTO, Aug. 1st, 1898.

ORONHYATEHKA, M.D., SUP. CHIEF RANGER, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

DEAR DOCTOR,—Patients at the Sanitarium are required to pay a fee of \$6.00 per week; this, with a Government grant of \$2.00 per patient, will cover the cost of board, medicine, etc.

In emergency cases, where a patient is confined to room and a nurse is required, an additional charge of \$4.00 per week is made. At the present time any moneys received in this way go to the nurse for her special service. We trust in another year, when the institution is further developed that for those who wish to endow a four-roomed cottage we will be able to make the charge \$1,000 per year, or at the rate of \$5.00 per week for each patient.

The above are the charges; as to how they are furnished, we must leave that to the patients to answer. At present there is no endowment fund. If the patient is unable to pay the amount, we suppose that, as already in many cases, the sum must be paid by friends, church societies or benevolent organizations.

Fully one-half of the patients at the present time are maintained in this way.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. GAGE.

Court Allied Trades, No. 3919.

At the last meeting of Court Allied Trades, No. 3919, Toronto, the following resolution was passed and carried:

"That, whereas Bro. W. A. Vickery, V.C.R., of this court, who has left this city (Toronto) to accept a more lucrative position in the city of Winnipeg, and who has been one of the most energetic and indefatigable workers in the organizing and management of this court, it is resolved that we hereby tender him our very hearty congratulations upon his appointment; and, while expressing sincere regret at the departure of so valuable and highly esteemed a colleague, earnestly wish him every possible success in his new sphere of labor."

Companions of the I.O.F.

Court Mizpah, No. 86, Companions of the I.O.F., Toledo, installed their officers at their last meeting, and elected delegates to attend the convention at Toronto. Their present membership is fifty-two, with three candidates ready to be initiated at their next meeting. The court is prospering.

Court Red Clover, No. 180, Companions of the I.O.F., Washington, was instituted by D.S.C.C. Forsyth on June 22nd. The court has now forty-four members; a number of applicants are waiting for initiation, and they expect to double their membership almost immediately.

Court Memorial, No. 23, Companions of the I.O.F., Bay City, has a membership of sixty. They held a social during the month and made \$75. They meet on the first Tuesday of each month, and conclude their business and wind up the evening with ice cream and cake.

Court Minnehaha, Companions of the I.O.F., held a public installation of officers during the month. The meeting was called to order by Bro. W. H. Stott, who acted as master of ceremonies. In the absence of the Chief Ranger, Justice Taylor gave an address of welcome on behalf of Court Manistee, No. 808. He said: "I bid you welcome, and it gives me pleasure to see so many here, and all who are not Foresters, I hope will be, as it is one of the best orders in existence."

Past Chief Companion Mrs. V. S. Watson responded on behalf of Court Minnehaha, and afterwards acted as installing officer.

The following officers were installed:—Chief Companion, Mrs. Frances Rock; Vice-Chief, Mrs. Emma Wagner; Chaplain, Mrs. H. W. Chick; Financier, Miss Hattie Hunt; Marshal, Miss Blanche Hainer; Conductor, Miss Gertie Solomon; Guard, Mrs. Susan Oleson; Scribe, Miss Allie Mortenson; Past Companion, Mrs. V. S. Watson.

The court has over a hundred members. After the installation ceremony, a fine literary and musical programme was rendered, and the proceedings concluded with abundant refreshments. Some time since the ladies surprised the gentlemen with a sumptuous luncheon, and the gentlemen took occasion to reciprocate, and did it in a royal manner.

Court Tara.

Court Tara gave a benefit to assist the family of Bro. Thomas Hand, who was dangerously injured by an explosion in the Bruce Mines. The brethren of Owen Sound assisted with their local talent. Bro. H. A. Collins, the Supreme Treasurer, was present, and gave one of his thrilling addresses on benefit and fraternal societies, and on the I.O.F. in particular. Almost \$100 was realized.

A tedious preacher had preached the assize sermon before Lord Justice Yelverton. He came down, smiling, to his lordship after the service, and, expecting congratulations on his effort, asked, "Well, my lord, how did you like the sermon?" "Oh, most wonderfully," replied Yelverton; "it was like the peace of God, it passed all understanding; and, like His mercy, I thought it would have endured forever."