Each Court the month by a brother member. does its own work, manages its own affairs, looks after its members in sickness, and treats each one as a brother and not as one to be fleeced for the support of supercilious officials.

This Order, the I. O. F., will bear the closest investigation, and courts such.

Yours, etc.,

JAMES A. SIMPSON,

F. S. Court St. Mark, I.O.F., No. 282. Toronto, Jan. 16th, 1892.

Among the Fraternities.

Masonic.

J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Masonic body, is making his second provincial tour. Everywhere he is royally received by the members of the The amount of work he does is only equal-Craft. led by his endurance. As a rule, he speaks three times a day, and drives many miles. His addresses are everywhere listened to by large numbers.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Mr. M. D. Carder, of St. Thomas, Grand Recorder of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, has just completed his annual report, which shows that order to have made satisfactory progress during the past year. During 1891 the receipts were \$361,300.12; paid for death losses, \$302,000; applications received during year, 3,333; insurance taken, \$6,666.000 : membership on December 31st, 1891, 25,260; assessments for year, 13; average number of assessments for the past thirteen years, 13.

Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West,

At the meeting held at Owen Sound on the 9th March, Dr. Oronhyatekha read the report of the Committee on Insurance, the principal clauses of which recommended that the Orange Mutual Benefit Society be transferred to the control of the Grand Lodge of British America, and that the society be represented in the Canadian Fraternal Association for the protection of such societies from improper legislation. The report was adopted without amendment.

A Mean Man, A Very Mean Man.

INTRODUCTORY.—I took charge of four congrega-tions at a salary of \$300. I was compelled to purchase a horse for \$125 and paid a \$100 for rent, thus leaving \$75, with such perquisites as marriages and donations might bring, to support myself, wife and child.

Occasion. - I had served probably two months, when an elder of one of the congregations came to borrow the young and high-spirited horse. Very reluctantly the horse was loaned to him on condition of being carefully handled. As afterward ascertained, the elder re-loaned the animal to a son of his, who took him to a race-course and gave him bury.

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a three-mile heat. The horse, over-heated, took cold, and a sudden inflammation of the lungs set in, from which he died in the elder's stable.

MEANNESS.-The elder never even apologized, much less offered a remuneration, and seemed to think that Providence had thus ordered it, to keep his minister more humble and dependent.

CLIMAX OF MEANNESS .- The elder's subscription for my support was \$10, and when he was asked by the deacons to pay it, he actually handed in a bill of \$10 for doctoring the minister's horse that died, a borrowed horse, in his stable. Against all remonstrances he persisted, and thus paid his subscription. He was, however, so magnanimous as not to

charge anything for burying the horse. Canada would be hopelessly beaten in that com-petition. We have no such elder. We make no entry. Give that fellow a wide berth. -----

Do all the good you can in the world and make as little noise about it as possible.

Charity, like the sun, brightens every object on which it shines, but a censorious spirit casts every character into the shade.

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself, for every man has need to be forgiven .- Lord Herbert of Cher-