

served by the blare of brass or thumping of a drum. Rev. Bro. Hamilton followed in some good, well chosen remarks. The Chief Ranger, Bro. John Golden, spoke briefly asking Bro. Courtney to close, all agreeing that this had been the best march-out yet.

Bro. Amos Broadwell and others of the committee fairly overdid themselves in decorations and comforts, Bro. James Hillis, Bro. Alex. Casadden and others. May the text words used become each Forester's motto to be a true and devoted Forester and walk fully in the way that leads up to the Great High Court on high, where our High Chief Ranger and brother, Christ Jesus, duly awaits our signal at the door to welcome all weary worthy wanderers in.

AMOS BROADWELL,
Recorder Court Kingsville, per Bro. G.

KIRKTON, July 20th, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BRO. Court Woodham, No. 255, is a Court that is still living, and as it is some time since we asked for space in the FORESTER, I take this opportunity of conveying to our brethren of other Courts a short account of how we are progressing. I might say we are growing slowly but sure. We have had a meeting every month this year. We have between thirty and forty members. We hear some members complain of very little interest taken in their Court. Asking these same members the reason you will often get the following answer: "I don't know, I have not been there for two or three months." In the answer the reason is given.

Last Sunday evening at this village there could be seen a large procession of Foresters, both I.O.F. and C.O.F., wending their way to the Methodist church of this place, where, under the auspices of Court Woodham, No. 255, the Rev. Mr. Ball preached a very impressive sermon, taking for his text these words, "Love as brethren; Love the brotherhood; Fear God." The foundation of his discourse was based on the word love. He urged upon us the duty of loving not only the brotherhood but all men, and also our love to God. Many were the hearers that listened to his entreaties of love, and many were the hearts that went out in gratitude as he repeated that old, old story of the cross. In closing he spoke of a few of the many advantages of a fraternal organization. He said the man with the ability to carry insurance and failed to do so and had nothing but a few paltry dollars to offer his wife and family at his death committed a great sin. At the close of the service the members marched back to the I.O.F. chambers where they indulged in a few short speeches. A vote of thanks was tendered the visiting brethren and also a vote of thanks was conveyed to the Rev. Mr. Ball. A circle of concord was formed while the doxology was sung and the friendly gathering was brought to a close, each feeling that fraternity is more than a name. Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,
FRED P. JOHNSON, V.C.R.

Bro. Hearn at Strathavon.

The members of Court Queen's Valley, No. 3702, Strathavon, Ont., held a very successful picnic on July 4th. An eloquent and instructive address on Forestry was delivered by Edward J. Hearn, of Toronto

Cathcart.

The members of Court Cathcart, No. 1753, together with contingents from the lodge at Harley, attended divine service at Cathcart on the eve of the 18th of June, and listened to a very interesting and impressive sermon by the Rev. Bro. Geo. Carpenter. The church was specially decorated for the occasion with ferns, while behind the pulpit was a streamer bearing the motto of the Order. After church the members repaired to the lodge room where speeches were delivered and an enjoyable time spent.

On the 29th of June the I.O.F.'s held their fifth annual lawn party, and spent a very enjoyable and profitable evening. An address was delivered by the High Chaplain of Ontario and music furnished by the celebrated Dufferin Rifles band. Proceeds go towards the erection of a new hall.

Court Cathcart is in a very prosperous condition. Its young and energetic Chief Ranger, Bro. John M. Smith, is a hustler.

OBITUARY.

Death of Bro. H. N. Hughes, of Court Kempenfeldt, Barrie, Ont.

DIED.—In Barrie, Ont., on Wednesday, June 7th, 1899, Herbert N. Hughes, aged 26 years.

The above is, in brief, the record of the first break in the ranks of Court Kempenfeldt, No. 1661, I.O.F., Barrie, Ont., which, though a somewhat youthful organization, is one of the healthiest, in a physical sense, as well as constitutionally, in Central Ontario. Bro. Hughes was one of our first members, and served the Court and the Order faithfully during his connection with it, both as a member and as an officer. Not alone as a Forester is his untimely demise deeply deplored, but also as a citizen of the community, in which by his pluck and enterprise in mercantile circles, coupled with unswerving integrity and loyalty to sound business principles, he enjoyed an enviable reputation, and his death is felt as a distinct loss to the community at large. Indeed, his untiring efforts in business pursuits is responsible for the cutting off of his career before its prime, acute diabetes being the result of unremitting application to work, and which ultimately caused his death.

On behalf of Court Kempenfeldt a letter of sympathy was indited and forwarded to the bereaved parents and family of our deceased brother.

Accompanying the letter the officers were glad to be able to present the cheque of the Supreme Court for \$1,000, being the amount of our late brother's Mortuary Benefit claim, the promptitude with which the same was executed being a source of gratification on the part of this Court, as well as that of the beneficiaries.

Friday, July 21st, was a red letter day in the annals of Court Zephyr, at Zephyr. On that day Bro. W. B. Sanders, H.C.R., and Bro. Morgan, P.H.-V.C.R., paid a visit to the Court, receiving a most cordial welcome. The day was an ideal one, bright and cloudless, and though harvest was well commenced there was a goodly gathering of brethren to do honour to the visitors and to support the good cause. At 2.30 the procession, led by the excellent Zephyr brass band, started for the grounds, situated in a beautiful grove kindly lent for the occasion, which was comfortably seated. Rev.