

ceeded with by the Rev. Mr. Bowman, all singing the opening doxology, followed by an invocation, after which a song of praise was led by a select choir of voices under the directorship of Mr. Alfred E. Findlay. The congregation joined heartily with the choir in singing the familiar tunes selected—the hymns having been printed on the programmes—after which Rev. Mr. Bowman led in prayer. The choir then rendered a beautiful anthem, entitled "O! how lovely," with excellent effect. After Scripture reading another song of praise was enjoyed by all and a silver collection was taken during which the pianiste, Miss Whelan, rendered another appropriate voluntary. The choir then sang an anthem, "Greatly to be praised," which would have done credit to any of our best city churches. Next came the sermon by the Rev. James A. Bowman, B.A., who took his text from Joshua xxiv. 26, 27.

Court Manitou, No. 135, contains nearly 160 members in good standing, and expects to reach 200 before the end of the year. Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month in their hall at 8 o'clock.

SPELKIRK, June 12th, 1899.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court I.O.F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROS.—I wish to tender to you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the prompt manner in which you paid my Sick Benefit Claim, amounting to \$63.72.

I also desire to thank the officers and members of Court West Selkirk, 1126, for the brotherly attention and many acts of kindness which I have received at their hands during my illness.

Wishing our beloved Order continued prosperity and success in its benevolent work, and again thanking you for your kindness, I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

THORSTEN THORSTENSSON.

ONTARIO.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Hartley, No. 979, on the death of the late Bro. W. G. Manning. Deceased was a young man of much promise, and his much respected father, who is a staunch member of the I.O.F. in Hartley, has the sympathy of the whole community.

Talbot Gathers them in at Cedar Springs.

BLENHIM, June 19.

A very large number of the local I.O.F. fraternity drove up to Cedar Springs yesterday afternoon and assisted Court Talbot in their annual parade and church services. Foresters were present from South Buxton, Fletcher, Charlene Cross, Blenheim, Newbury, Blythwood and Brantford, about 120 being in the procession, which was headed in the parade by the fine city band of Chatham, their playing being all that could be desired.

Rev. Mr. Brown, of Blenheim, preached an eloquent sermon from Galatians 2: 20, the Baptist church being crowded to the doors, after which the Courts adjourned to the fine new lodge room, where congratulatory remarks were made by several of the visiting brethren.

140 McPHERSON AVE.,

Toronto June 19th, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROS.—Enclosed you will find the mortuary benefit certificate of our late Bro., Edwin

R. Phillips, receipted. It was paid on the 10th day of June, and we received the thanks of the beneficiary for the prompt way in which the Supreme Court settled the claim.

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,

J. KING,

Rec. Sec. Court Rouill, No. 674.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Sup. Sec

WATFORD, ONT, June 12, '99.

To the Officers and members of the Supreme Court I.O.F.:

DEAR BROTHERS,—I desire to return to you my most sincere and grateful thanks to the Supreme Court I.O.F., also Court Watford, No. 444, I.O.F., for the prompt manner in which you paid the endowment on the life of my late husband, James A. Hume, amounting to \$1,000, also \$50 funeral expenses, just five days after proof of death left Watford. I also take this opportunity of thanking the officers and members of Court Watford, No. 444, for their kindness and attention through the great trial I have undergone. Wishing your noble Order every success, and may God bless and prosper you,

I remain yours truly,

CATHARINE HUME.

P. S.—Please have this published in THE FORESTER.

KINGSTON, June 10th, 1899.

I beg to thank the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters for the payment of five hundred dollars, being half of my endowment policy in this Order, on account of my becoming totally disabled, and to express my high appreciation of the relief thus received, and of my being exempt of any further assessments on the balance of my endowment. And also for the receipt of ninety-two dollars sick benefits paid me during my recent illness.

EDWARD S. SEDDARD.

PENNSYLVANIA.

On June 7th the Deputies and High Court officers in Philadelphia were called together by Dr. Chas. G. Frowert to pay a visit to the Supreme Chief, who, he said, was about to start for Toronto that evening. It is needless to say that the Deputies were arrayed in their best attire, and accompanied the Supreme Senior Woodward, Dr. Frowert, and the High Secretary, Bro. Chas. W. Mingle, to 22nd and Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, where a surprise was in store for them.

Dr. Frowert, after a few preliminary ceremonies, led the Deputies to the inner sanctuary of the sculptor, where he introduced to them the bronze statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, who received them with a cold, stately glance, not even deigning to recognize them individually or give them the fond greeting they had hoped to receive.

Court Fairhill, No. 3985, Philadelphia, at its recent meeting clearly set the pace for friendly Court competition, by initiating six out of eleven applicants for admission to Forestry benefits. Their guests on this occasion, Court Union Traction, including the everlasting orator, Recording Secretary Cowan, he of the funny story with common sense moral fame, and Financial Secretary of the same Court. D.S.C.R. Barton leaped into the breach and made Court procedure hum, and at