## SECRET AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

### INDEPENDENT ORDER FORESTERS.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, the supreme chief ranger, has left for Ottawa to push forward the negotiations with the insurance department of the Supreme Court of the I. O. F., and will this evening address a public meeting at Cornwall, which is being held under the auspices of Court Stormont. An interesting gathering is anticipated from the amount of interest that is being taken in this meeting.

The following new courts have been instituted: Court Crampton, No. 723, at Crampton, Ont., with 19 charter members; St. Louis, No. 724, at Duluth, Minn., with 17 charter members; Kansas City, No. 725, at Kansas City, Mo., with 18 charter members.

### NATIONAL UNION.

The report from Senate Secretary J. W. Myers, of the Supreme Lodge of the National Union, for the year 1890 is truly interesting to the large membership of that order in this city. The National Union had a net increase of over 6,000 members during the last year and paid to the families of 141 members "who passed to that bourne from which no traveler returns" the snug amount of $456,000. Since the organization of that order, May 1, 1881, the families of 483 deceased members have received benefits amounting to $1,527,000, the production of 91 assessments spread through the nine and one-half years of the order's existence.

### MACCABEES.

A lodge of Lady Maccabees will be organized at Thornton. The late W. L. Anderson, of Port Huron, formerly of this city, was a member of Huron Tent, K. O. T. M.

### CHOSEN FRIENDS.

A pleasant departure from the customary routine was witnessed at the last meeting of South London Council, C. O. C. F., when the friends of R. Dunn took occasion to present him on that evening with a handsome gold pin, bearing the monogram of the order and the words, "To Friend R. Dunn as a slight recognition of his services in the council during the past two years."

The following officers have been installed by the South London Council: H. N. T. Colquhoun, past councilor; Ed. Pritchett, chief councilor; Geo. Young, vice-councilor; J. W. Kilbourn, recorder; R. Dunn, treasurer; Geo. Chapman, prelate; L. J. Hessel, marshal; Wm. West, warden; E. R. Newmans, guard; J. Wood, sentry; and H. N. T. Colquhoun, representative to the Grand Council.

### CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS.

London has added another to the long list of healthy C. O. F. courts. The new court, which is one of the most promising in the Province, will be known as Court Locksley, No. 291. It was instituted by High Chief Ranger Edward Towe, of this city, assisted by High Secretary T. White, of Brantford; D. D. H. C. R.s Bros. W. J. Strong, of Gorrie; H. W. McEwing, of Palmerston; Clayton, of Listowel; Clarke, of Granton; J. Jollintz, of Mitchell; Trebilcock, of London; H. J. B. C. Doe; R. Elliott, member of the Executive Committee; J. McCormick, D.D., London, and a number of brethren from the several city courts. After the court was instituted considerable interest was manifested in naming it. A motion was made to call the court "F. B. Q.," meaning the finest beyond question, but Bro. Woolverton Thomas moved in amendment that the court be named Locksley, as this is the real name of "Robin Hood." This name was finally decided upon. The following officers have been elected: Bro. F. Butler, P. C. R.; Bro. J. S. Ashplant, C. R.; O. H. Talbot V. C. R.; John Jones, chaplain; R. F. Wilson, R. S.; Thos. Rome, F. S.; John McCrimmon, treasurer; W. H. Rourke, S. W.; John McCombe, J. W.; J. B. Hunt, S. B.; Wm. Delve, J. B.; J. W. Logie, court physician. Bros. Ald. M. Scarrow, R. M. McEtheran and John Fleming, P. C. R.s, acted as scrutineers. The receipts of the evening were $143 32. A large number of candidates will be on hand to be admitted next Monday evening.

Court Middlesex, No. 118, C. O. F., was visited recently by Bro. H. C. R. Towe, of this city. The visitor complimented Court Middlesex on its financial position and the efficiency of its staff of officers. This energetic court has now in full formation a juvenile court, and only awaits the necessary documents to enroll.

### SONS OF CANADA.

Sons of Canada Supreme Secretary D. Blain, of Toronto, and D. D. Supreme President F. G. Westlake, of this city, paid an official visit Tuesday night to Evergreen Lodge, No. 37, S. O. C., St. Thomas, and installed the officers for the ensuing term.

The supreme session of the Sons of Canada will be held in Peterboro, Ont., on Feb. 14, the delegates from Tecumseh Lodge, this city, being Messrs. H. R. Abbott, F. G. Westlake and A. D. Hodgins. London Lodge, South London, has not yet chosen its representatives. Among the items of business to come up will be the question of memorializing the Ontario Government to have a "Hoisting of the Flag" demonstration at all the schools in the Province on Dominion Day; also an application to the Minister of Militia to allow the regulars or volunteers, as the case may be, to take part in the same.

### ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS.

The meeting of Court Brighton on Tuesday evening promises to be unusually interesting, as considerable business of an important nature will be disposed of. The entertainment tendered by the adult court to the juveniles will take place, and in order that the session may be terminated at a reasonable hour business will be commenced half an hour earlier. The balance sheet to be presented to the court on Tuesday shows that despite a large amount of sickness during the year the funds are in good condition. The total receipts for the year amounted to $1,745 67, of which $1,621 48 was expended in various ways, largely in sick pay, leaving a balance on hand of $124 19. The number good on the books is 180. The preparation of the balance sheet is always attended to by Bro. H. Sutherland, and reflects great credit on his ability. This is one of the most energetic courts in the city.

Court Pride of the Dominion, No. 5,660, A. O. F., at its last meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to Chief Williams and the members of the police department for their kindness to the late C. C. Pope, as well as for the courtesy shown the order by the department in making the arrangements for the funeral.

The records of the past year show that Court Forest Queen has been very prosperous during that period. After paying $615 98 to sick brothers the court has on hand a balance of $1,029 42, and start the year 1891 with 162 members good on the books. District Chief Ranger Bro. T. C. Bartlett, assisted by P. H. C. Treasurer Bro. James Wilkins, installed the following officers at the last regular meeting: R. Whitton, past chief ranger; A. O. Jeffery, chief ranger; S. T. Gale, S. C. R.; F. W. J. Ball, treasurer; R. H. Brock, financial secretary; W. Loughrey, minute secretary; J. Smale, S. W.; S. Fraser, J. W.; W. Boyce, senior beadle; W. Prodgers, junior beadle; W. J. Mitchell, surgeon; R. H. Brock, agent of endowment fund; W. Loughrey, Edwin Lee and Edward Pierce, auditors; G. Mortimore, T. R. Howard and A. O. Jeffery, trustees. Bro. Wilkins, on behalf of the court, presented Bro. Whitton, the retiring chief ranger, with a P. C. R. ribbon, also a certificate, beautifully framed.

The committee under whose direction the Juvenile concert was given in St. James' school house the other evening have every reason to feel gratified at the success that attended their efforts. The hall was crowded, the programme was first class, and everybody went away with a good impression of the juvenile branch and the people who manage affairs. A pleasing feature was the presentation by Bro. W. Rowe of a fine volume to the most industrious juvenile, and the speech of "Father" Marsh, in which he reviewed the spread of the work of Court Brighton for the past eleven years, was particularly happy. Bro. Wallace made an excellent chairman.

A. O. F. Organizer James Foote, of Stratford, has been in the city this week on official business.

### COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

Tuesday evening last about 50 of the Companions of the Forest of this city paid St. Thomas Circle a fraternal visit. On the arrival of the visitors Comp. Brown requested G. C. C. W. F. Ball to occupy the chair and initiate a candidate. He was assisted by Comp. S. Smith, of Victoria Circle, as V. C. C.; Comp. Cripps, as J. P. C. C.; Comp. Mrs. Cripps, as R. G.; Comp. Norrie, as L. G.; and Comp. Young, as I. G. After the initiatory ceremony and other business was concluded the St. Thomas companions served refreshments, which were enjoyed by all. Owing to the short time allowed by the railroad time-table the programme which followed had to be shortened somewhat. G. C. C. W. F. Ball opened it by giving an address, and was followed by Dr. Duncombe in a recitation, Comp. M. Jones with a song, and Comp. Nichol in his presentation of the "Awkward Squad." Votes of thanks being passed, the London companions hurried to catch the train and arrived safely home, feeling well pleased with the way in which they had been treated.

### ODDFELLOWSHIP.

The officers-elect of Elgin Encampment, I.O.O.F., St. Thomas, were installed on Monday night by D. D. G. P. Essery, of this city, assisted by Messrs. Bissell, Blackwell and Grant, also of London. The visitors were entertained at the Elgin House.

### CANADIAN HOME CIRCLES.

A circle of the Order of Canadian Home Circles has been instituted at Belmont, No. 151, with the following first officers: P. L., A. McPhail; L., J. McGrath; V. L., D. McCloud; Sec., S. Strachan; T., A. Allison; Fin. Sec., J. H. Strachan; C., J. N. Beattie; M., J. Collard; W., M. Taylor; G., A. Stewart; Sen., J. Evans; Med. Ex., Dr. C. A. Cline.

A circle of the Order of Canadian Home Circles has been instituted at St. Thomas, No. 152, with the following first officers: D. Jones, P. L.; Richard Healy, L.; J. Belfry, V. L.; Fred Carr, secretary; H. Flowers, treasurer; A. Healey, financial secretary; Mrs. O. Pearson, C.; John Shane, M.; Mrs. P. Jones, W.; Emily Moore, G.; C. Cosan, Sen.; Dr. T. Duncome, medical examiner.

### ORANGE ORDER.

At the annual meeting of Biddulph District L. O. L., held in Greenway, the following officers were elected for the current year and installed by Bro. Turner, P. D. M.: John Neil, D. M.; James Cathers, D. D. M.; W. J. Wilson, secretary; G. Grieve, F. S.; N. Grieve, treasurer; F. Davis, D. of C.; Wm. Delancy and W. Porteous, lecturers; Robt. Hutchinson, chaplain.

At the annual district meeting of No. 2 District, township of London, Orange Association, held at Ahoghill Lodge, the following officers were installed for the present year: Bro. Samuel Clare, master; T. W. Shoebottom, deputy master; J. McDonald, chaplain; J. H. Shoebottom, recording secretary; M. Roberts financial secretary; James Shoebottom, treasurer; F. Logan, director of cermonies; D. Spice, lecturer. After installation the officers and members sat down to a repast, in the disposition of which speeches, songs, etc., formed not an unacceptable feature. The meeting broke up with the National Anthem.

### FRATERNAL ALLIANCE.

Among the most interesting society events of the week was the organization of a branch of the International Fraternal Alliance in this city. The branch owes its inception to the efforts of Mr. J. C. Thompson, the attorney of the alliance, who has been at work in the city several days. The following is a list of the officers elected: Francis Whittaker, speaker; Chas. E. Keene, vice-speaker; W. D. Thomas, ex-speaker; F. Barnard, treasurer. J. B. Allenby, secretary; Fred. Lapthorn, sergeant-at-arms; W. F. Brown, chaplain, and Wm. J. Holmes and Geo. Stevens, doorkeepers. Addresses were given by several members present, all speaking chiefly of the advantages of the order's system. Bro. J. C. Thompson, attorney-general of the order, also spoke a few words of seasonable advice. Bro. Thompson is a pleasant speaker and his explanations of the workings of the order was greatly enjoyed. The members of the new branch are confident of their success in the fraternal world, believing that their order is equal to any other. The future meetings will be held in Sherwood Hall the first and third Monday of each month.

### MASONIC.

Elwood E. Thorne, past grand master of New York, is dead. In this announcement how many interesting reminiscences of Masonic life in the Empire State is recorded. The craft in that State and the fraternity throughout the United States lose an eminent Mason and an excellent man.

Two new commanderies of Knights Templar are about being organized in Philadelphia, each of which will have a large charter list, composed of active Masons.

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## HOW SAVAGES EAT.

### Curious Customs of Semi-Civilized and Barbarous Peoples.

In all thoroughly civilized countries the members of a family and their guests partake of meals while collected around a central board, but this is not so with the majority or even a fraction of the semi-civilized and barbarous nations. The Maldivian Islanders dine alone, retiring to the most secret parts of their huts for the purpose of eating their food. This custom probably arose among them in an early period in their history, for fear, perhaps, that another with equally as sharp an appetite and more bodily strength would deprive the feaster of his meal.

The coasters of the Fiji Islands will not eat until they can sit flat upon the ground directly over a triangle made of three small fish bones; then they only handle the food with the left hand.

The inhabitants of the interior of the same islands will not partake of food while a cloud is in sight, especially if the cloud lies in the west, fearing that the "Great Air Whale," whose bellowing (thunder) is often heard in that country, will pounce upon and utterly annihilate them for such irreverence.

Unlike the Maldivians the natives of the Philippines are sociable to an extraordinary degree. Whenever one of them finds himself without a companion to partake of his meal he runs till he meets with one; and I am assured that however keen his own appetite may be he will not venture to satisfy it without a companion.

The natives of Sakaria never partake of food while on the ground, but sling the meal into a woven grass bag and mount to the thick foliage at the top of some high tree, where the meal is eaten in solitary silence.

The Otaheitoans, although great lovers of society and very gentle in their manners, feed separately from each other, each particular member of the family taking his or her basket and turning with back to all the others in the room.

The Dyaks divide in pairs when the hour arrives for taking food; the father and mother at one platter, two sisters at another, and still two brothers at another. When the family is not equally divided as to sex, a brother and sister may eat together; but this must always be the youngest and oldest of the family.—[St. Louis Republic.

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The only perfect one of these dwellings now known to be in existence is in the possession of the French Government, and is kept in the Jardin des Plantes in Paris.—[St. Nicholas.

### A Well-Known Government Official in Ontario Gives His Experience.

A popular and well-known Government official, whose office is by no means a sinecure, was two years ago afflicted with nervousness, which resulted in partial paralysis of the right hand and part of the arm. The hand and fingers had lost all sense of feeling, and the gentleman was unable to continue his office work, as it was impossible for him to write. The best medical aid was consulted without any good results. He was advised to consult a specialist in New York, and while this move was being considered he was strongly recommended to try Paine's Celery Compound, which he did, instead of taking the trip to New York. After using three bottles he found a feeling of life returning to the hand which was numb before. He continued the use of the Compound, and today this official rejoices that he is made whole again. All feelings of nervousness are banished, and the hand and arm are restored to a perfect and natural condition. This is another convincing proof of the great value and efficacy of Paine's Celery Compound, as a remedy for all nervous troubles, as well as for paralysis.


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