

A. E. Stevenson, Esq., High Chief Ranger of Illinois.

We have much pleasure in giving in this issue an excellent sketch of the H.C.R. of Illinois, together with a brief sketch of his active and successful career.

Bro. Stevenson was born in the village of Komoka, Middlesex County, Ontario, June 19th, 1860, where he lived with his parents until 1870, when they moved to Port Huron, Mich., attended the Public Schools in Port Huron from 1870 to 1876. After a public school education in Port Huron, he went to Hamilton and attended the Hamilton Collegiate Institute for two years, when he returned to Port Huron and studied law in office of Atkinson and Stevenson until fall of 1881, when he entered the law department of the



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University of Michigan, and attended the university during the winter of 1881 and 1882. While in the university was elected Judge of the (Moot) Court of Illinois, and was also elected Speaker of the House in the (Moot) Congress of the university. In June 1882, he was admitted to the bar as Attorney and Counsellor at Law and Solicitor in Chancery, remaining in the office of Atkinson and Stevenson. Oct. 31st, 1882, Bro. Stevenson was married to Susie S. Kimball, daughter of J. S. Kimball, one of the old residents of St. Clair County, Mich. They have an interesting family of three boys and one girl.

In the summer of 1883 he formed a co-partnership with E. G. Stevenson, his brother, and P. H. Phillips of Port Huron, Attorneys, under firm name of Stevenson's and Phillips, conducting a general law practice at Port Huron, Mich., and was Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the county of St. Clair. Bro. Stevenson remained in practice of law until

December, 1885, when he became Deputy Collector of Customs at Port of Port Huron, Mich., and was Gauger of the Port. This being under President Cleveland's first administration, he resigned in July, 1889. In fall of 1889 went to South Eastern Missouri, and with his brother, E. G. Stevenson, purchased a large tract of timber land and saw mill, and during the following winter transferred the land to the Wolverine Lumber Co., with E. G. Stevenson as president, H. T. Thurber (now Cleveland's private secretary), secretary, and himself superintendent, and being a stockholder, moved to Cairo, Ill., and built "The Wolverine" mill, said to be the finest hardwood saw mill in the U.S. He remained there until July, 1893, when they closed up business, having cut all the timber on their lands, and moved to Chicago, when he became D.S.C.R. and American agent of the Order, was elected High Secretary of Illinois in July, 1895, and to the office of High Chief Ranger of the Illinois branch Oct. 23rd, 1895. The Supreme Chief Ranger entrusted to Bro. Stevenson the important duty of securing a license for the I.O.F. in Illinois. With great tact and energy he went about the work, and in spite of many delays and discouragements the license of the legislature of Illinois was secured in October last. To the High Chief of Illinois the Order is chiefly indebted, for having secured a legal standing in that State. We confidently expect that the Order will now make rapid progress in Bro. Stevenson's jurisdiction.

Mr. Stevenson belongs to the Episcopalian Church. When in Port Huron he was superintendent of Grace Church Sunday School two years, and Lay reader of the church.

Our many readers will join us in wishing Bro. Stevenson a continuance of his successful career, and the progress of Forestry in Illinois where the Order has fought its hardest battle, will be watched with great interest.

High Court of Missouri and Kansas.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 22, 1895.

At a meeting of the High Standing Committee, held on Oct. 15, at St. Joseph, Mo., to consider the resignation of Bro. W. A. Wyatt, as H.C.R., tendered by reason of his moving to Omaha, Nebraska, which is out of our jurisdiction—his resignation was accepted, and the H. Sec. was instructed to convey to Bro. Wyatt the regrets of the H. S. Committee at having lost such a faithful and efficient officer, who has filled the position in such a manner as to merit the confidence and love of every member of the High Court; and to assure him that the best wishes of the High Court will follow him to his new field of labor. Bro. G. H. Winslow H.V.C.R., was elected H.C.R., and Bro. Dewey, of Court East Side, was elected to office of H.V.C.R., to fill out balance of term.

It hurts the corns on the feet of some people much more to go to church than to market.