

GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

ENGLAND.

Bro. Price's Lecture.

A small but interested company attended a meeting held on the lawn of Prospect House, on Friday evening, to hear an address on the benefits and system of this progressive Order, by Bro. C. E. Price, H.C.R. of Southern England. He explained the old age pension to which every member of the Order is entitled, stating that at age 70 he (the speaker) would, if he required it, be entitled to a pension of £109 odd per annum, with a burial benefit of £20. He called particular attention to the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, which he considered one of the most valuable features in the many-sided protection which the I.O.F. gave to all its members. Having described the rest of the benefits, he gave a full explanation of the system which enables the I.O.F. to give these several benefits combined, for considerably less than the premiums for ordinary whole life insurance, and demonstrated that while so doing the members were paying ample to make their policies thoroughly secure. Brother Harvey, C.D., of London, endorsed the statements of the speaker, and pointed out that only first-class lives were accepted, the medical examination being a strict one. Those present expressed themselves as deeply impressed with what they had heard, and would give it their careful consideration with the view of getting a Court of the I.O.F. established in Ilfracombe.—*Ilfracombe Chronicle and North Devon News*, Sept. 2nd, 1899.

“Walworth” Independent Foresters Go to Arundel.

On Thursday, 31st August, the members and friends of Court Walworth, No. 2167, Walworth, Eng., had a most pleasant excursion to Arundel. Advantage was taken of the cheap afternoon excursions arranged in connection with the Early Closing Association, and by the kindly offices of Mr. Restall, the genial Secretary of the E.C.A., a saloon carriage was placed at the service of the party, so that a most comfortable journey to and fro added further enjoyment to the outing. After a ramble in Arundel Park, or a drive round the surrounding beautiful country, the whole party re-united at the “Black Rabbit” and did justice to the very substantial high tea provided by the host. When darkness set in and compelled outdoor ramblings to cease, an impromptu harmonic whiled the fleeting pleasant minutes away until it was time to return to town. The whole party thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and the whole affair was voted a great success, thanks to Bro. H. Glover, who organized the outing.

IRELAND.

Dublin Notes.

July, August and September are the great holiday months in Ireland and most of our Dublin Foresters have been away and are away seeking enjoyment and pleasure at the seaside, through the Lake District of England, the Highlands of Scotland or the beautiful glens, woodlands and mountains of their own dear land of Erin.

Last week the Foresters who could be found in Dublin got together and arranged a picnic party; with their friends they numbered some fifty merry souls. Proceeding by “brake” and “bicycle” they enjoyed a magnificent drive through the Phoenix Park, one of Ireland’s show places. A vast tract of plain and woodland, hill and dale covering many thousands of acres, an historical spot made famous as the scene of that most atrocious outrage, the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke. Passing out of this magnificent demesne, the road winding down through the beautiful valley of the Liffey, past the world-famous Strawberry Beds on to Lucan where the party put up at the splendid “Spa Hotel” situated on the hill above the Sulphur Springs celebrated for the medicinal qualities of its waters. As Foresters are always healthy, this party did not take advantage of the nauseous glassful of water offered so generously by the attendant at the well. After a most pleasant hour spent in the romantic and lovely glen, nature’s demand for something to eat began to be felt, particularly by the ladies who were longing for a “drop of the crathure.” Back to the hotel, where a beautifully laid out repast was at once attacked and demolished. After tea the “camera fiend” got to work and with a stern and anxious frown he said “Peace, be still,” the button snapped and the work was done. Back at 9.30 p.m. in the bosoms of their families (i.e. those who had families) the Dublin Foresters, “all that was left of them,” after spending a most delightful afternoon and feeling that such means is one of the best ways to promote social and fraternal intercourse amongst the members and one of the most successful ways to further the interests of the Order at large.

Belfast and the North of Ireland—Opening Up New Ground.

Two new Courts of the I.O.F. were recently instituted by Bro. D. L. Cottrell, D.S.C.R., Organizing Deputy North of Ireland, one in Larne and the other in Glengormley, a suburb of Belfast. At these meetings he was assisted by Bros. Rev. I. Cregan, H.C.R.; Dr. Gibson, J.P., H. Sec.; W. Bell, P.H.C.R.; J. Wilson, H.T. and John Leeburn, F.S.

At the Larne meeting Bro. Rev. Ewing Gilfillan presided and subsequently intimated his intention of affiliating with the new Court, which was named Court Larne, No. 2274. The charter members of this Court include several prominent business men in the town, the Chief Ranger being Bro. D. McQuillan, J.P., chairman of the Town Council. Court Deputy, W. G. Young, (Town Clerk); Physicians, Dr. J. K. Brownless and Dr. W. J. Wilson; S.J.C., Jas. Foster, (ex-chairman T.C.); P.C.R., Chas. L. Mackean; V.C.R., Andrew Cruikshanks; R. Sec., W. J. Pinkerton; F.S., George Barry; Treas., Robt. Robinson; Or., Rev. E. Gilfillan; Org., J. H. Taylor; S.W., Malcom Fleming; J.W., F. K. Gibson; S.B., J. Buchanan; J.B., J. McAuley. A further accession to membership is anticipated.

The recent High Court meeting in Belfast was extremely harmonious and likely to result profitably. The coming winter will witness a forward movement, and Bro. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., has kindly consented to help at public meetings.