

and their families, served coffee, sandwiches and cake, and got 10 applications that night, which we initiate on March 10th, and serve coffee, sandwiches and cake. On Feb. 18th we sold tickets, served lunch to the Oswego Court Dancing Club and made \$20. On April 13 we give a dancing party, and serve ice cream and cake." Truly a live court.

Court Robin Hood, No. 12, C.I.O.F., Cleveland, was well attended at the last meeting, and initiated four candidates and received one by card. Court Euclid visited the court in a body, and was received and welcomed with great cordiality. After regular business, "good and welfare" speeches were made by the Companions, which were much enjoyed, especially Companions Cornwall and Robertson; after which lunch was served, the Companions hoping to meet many times in the future.

Past Chief Companion Carrie Bowman was surely well pleased with her warm reception back after her long absence.

A fair Companion writes:—"Court Waldone, No. 68, Companions of I.O.F., has never been introduced to the outer world. We are a grand society, and expect to grow in success and strength as the weeks lengthen into months. Our court was organized Dec. 8th, 1897, with 63 charter members, most of whom are taking commendable interest in the work of the society for the promotion of good, both socially and financially. Time alone can develop our society as we aspire to be developed. The interest is growing among our Companions; in order to make our work successful each individual must do her part, studying earnestly to bring about the best results. An encouraging feature is the punctual attendance of officers, also a large attendance of members. A most enjoyable card party was given by the court, No. 68, the evening of March 8th, and it was a decided success, the guests numbering over 200. Light refreshments were served by the Companions. We have 4 for next review with 7 applications, and have initiated since our organization 14 members. Let us not rest until every court of I.O.F. has connected with it a Court of Companions, that we may be joined more firmly in the golden chain of friendship."

Court British Pioneer, No. 44, is the first court of Companions in the United Kingdom, having been instituted on Sept. 27th, 1897, at 60 Cotham Hill, Bristol, by Mr. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.C. In spite of the drawbacks which necessarily attach themselves to the launching of all new institutions, the members have stood to their colors, "Red, White and Blue," and are determined to make their court a success. Meetings have been held regularly on the first and third Monday of each month; the first being a social evening, to which members invite their friends, preparatory to making them members at the second. Notices are sent out, printed on neat cards, which also show very clearly the advantages of membership in the I.O.F. The latest decision of the court is that a cycling club be added to the benefits of membership, and affiliated to the National Cyclists' Union for the protection of its riders. This court was organized by Marion E. Price, D.S.C.C., who is also Chief Companion, and at institution honorary membership was conferred on Bro. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.C., and Bros. C. E. Price, H.C.R., and C. E. Bowman, H. Auditor (High Court Southern England). Canadian and American Companions are requested to visit British Pioneer.

Among the Courts.

CANADA.

British Columbia.

From the Pacific Province news is limited this month.

The applications for March number 47.

Court Burrard, No. 347, Vancouver, is the strongest court in the Canadian West. It has a membership of 249.

Forestry in British Columbia has made great progress during the past year. Bro. J. H. Falconer, D.S.C.R., is visiting different parts of the Province, and reports the Order as "booming."

Manitoba.

Manitoba will furnish its quota to make the membership 150,000 by Sept. 1st, 1898.

The first Court of Companions was recently instituted by H.C.R. Muir in Winnipeg with a good charter membership.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend." The February FORESTER got belated somewhere on its way to the Prairie Province, and the brethren, who miss a good thing, are rebuking us for the delay. The March FORESTER was on time. We were commended and are therefore happy.

Bro. John D. Sinclair, of Court Point Douglass, a few days after his marriage, was waited upon at his home by the brethren of the court and presented with a congratulatory address, in which mention was made of his valuable services to the court, both as a private member and officer. The best wishes of the members were extended to Mrs. Sinclair and himself. A handsome parlor lamp accompanied the address. We unite our congratulations to those of the court to Bro. Sinclair and his bride.

Winnipeg.

Court Greenridge, No. 1633.—The C.D. of this energetic court writes as follows: "Initiated two candidates at our last regular meeting, 28th Feb. We now number 50 members. Can any country court in the Prairie Province boast as much? If so, let us hear from you. We are bound to lead, let all who can follow. We are making arrangements for a concert to be held in Fortsters' Hall on 28th March, and guarantee a pleasant time for all who attend."

The FORESTER of issue 15th Feb., 1898, was delivered in Winnipeg on 15th March, 1898, just one month after date of issue. Is this not rather long to be on the way? Where does cause of all this delay arise?

Court Birtle, No. 129. — There was a slight error in the figures. It should read: "This court has now a membership of 74 members (not 14, as printed); a year ago it was only 20. The membership is now 76."

Bro. Charles L. Eaton, of Court Adelpia, No. 1505, for himself and family, thanks the brethren of his Court "for their generous acts, kind sympathy and desire, if possible, to share their great sorrow," caused by the death of Mrs. C. L. Eaton.