

Illinois.

Illinois leads for September.

We congratulate the working force from the High Chief down, on the splendid work done, 179 applications is first rate.

If Illinois maintains the same relative pace, the day is not so far distant when first place will be theirs.

Bro. Herbeck has sent us an interesting item about Court Burroak, No. 3206. The court began with 34 members and has now 39. Opposition is being overcome. The first entertainment was given recently and was a fine success, socially and financially.

Court EGGLESTON, No. 1631, Chicago, gave a very enjoyable Stag party at their Hall on the evening of October 4th. A number of the members and friends present enjoyed games and refreshments, with pleasant talk of the Order and its future. Chief Ranger, Dr. A. W. Rogers made a few remarks followed by D.S.C.R., J. W. Rogers, father of the Chief who gave a brief outline of the work of the Order which was a means of bringing in several applications for membership. These entertainments will be continued during the winter, hoping through this social medium to largely increase their numbers. Court Eggleston will yet be one of the large and influential courts, being composed of solid business men.

Nothing but the abundance of work, and scarcity of time and money prevented us from accepting an invitation to be present at the entertainment given at the Central Music Hall, Chicago, by the Illinois branch of the Supreme Court on the 23rd October. We are sure the function was worthy of the brethren and their illustrious guest the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order. We will give particulars in our next issue.

Nebraska.

Court FOURMEN gave a social and dance Monday evening, September 21st, 1896. A very pleasant evening was spent, about 40 couple in attendance. Bro T. L. Combs gave the visitors a very interesting talk on Forestry, every body departed saying they had a most pleasant time.

California.

The *Herald*, Los Angeles, of Oct. 4th, says: "There was instituted in this city on Friday evening last in the beautiful courtroom of the Independent Foresters' Temple, which by the courtesy of Court Los Angeles was used for the occasion, by the Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, William R. Uber, a new court of this popular Order, which in so far as the personnel of its members is concerned, will compare most favorably with that of any in the jurisdiction. The new court, by reason of a good membership, starts out most auspiciously, and judging from the enthusiasm manifested, both a rapid growth and much success is predicted for this lusty

youngster. It is understood that this is the third court that Court Los Angeles has stood sponsor for, and inasmuch as they are now the largest numerically in the entire Order, it is trusted that the principle of heredity may hold good and augur success to this latest accession to their credit.

"A special vote of thanks was extended to the Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger for the care that had been exercised in securing such a favorable membership.

"Able addresses were delivered by the Chief Ranger of Court Los Angeles, R. E. Wisching, and the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, William E. Reavis, followed by the Past Chief Ranger, Louis Thorne, of Court Mateo, and others. The meeting adjourned at a late hour with three cheers for Court Mateo."

Court SOUTHERN HEIGHTS gave an entertainment in Potrero Opera Hall, on the 5th September, which was a great success numerically and socially. More than 500 people crowded into the hall. The hall was tastefully decorated with bunting, flowers, evergreens and deer-heads. Chief Ranger Barnes, who presided, delivered a short address, during which he spoke of the wonderful progress the court has made since it was instituted four years ago, and declared that it is now not only the banner court of the city but of the northern part of the State. An excellent programme admirably rendered won much well-merited applause, and Messrs. Thomas Longworth and Robert Stewart, who had the management of the affair, were voted many thanks for the pleasure afforded, as were also the several committees who assisted. High Chancellor Charles S. Perry delivered an interesting address explaining the Order and its benefits.

Court DIANA has been adding considerably to its membership of late, and now has ten applications under consideration. Its entertainment committee is preparing for a smoker in the near future.

Wisconsin.

The Order in Wisconsin, although not having a rapid growth, is growing steadily, both in many additions to organized courts, and the new courts being organized.

At our last H. C. meeting, in Feb., 1895, we had 26 courts, with a membership of about 670. To-day we have 63 courts, with a membership of about 1400, having more than doubled our number of courts and membership during the past 20 months.

Of the 37 new courts, 14 were organized by our own H. C. Within the past two months three new courts have been organized, one at Ahnapee, one at Marshfield, and one at Centralia.

Many of the courts in the State report quite an increase of membership during the past five months. Court Eau Claire, No. 907, reported an increase of 26 members in one month. Court Chequamegon, at Washburn, one of our small courts, has recently re-organized its work, and is entering the field for applicants with bright and glowing prospects of a rapid growth.