

## CHAT BY THE WAY

OUR ARMY over 5,050 members April 1st.

ON March 19th we had in good standing 5,034 members.

OUT of 131 Circles all but 20 were represented in the Supreme Session of 1890.

THE NEXT Session of the Supreme Circle will be held in Toronto in March 1891.

REV. CANON HOUSTON, of Niagara Falls, called at the Secretary's office at the close of the Convention.

THE Bonds of the Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary are placed at \$8,000.00 each for the current year.

**Sick Benefit Assessment No. 20 is called to the Supreme Treasury, and No. 21 from members delinquent May 1st.**

**Beneficiary Assessment No. 39 is called from members, and 38 to the Supreme Treasury delinquent from members May 1st.**

MAJOR R. W. SMITH, Lindsay, Past Leader of Circle 34, paid a social call to the Supreme Secretary's office during the month.

A LARGE number of our representatives wear the Home Circle Pin manufactured by Mrs. E. J. Speller, Yonge Street. It is a neat emblem.

IT has been decided to issue all notices of Assessments through the columns of the LEADER, and this plan will probably be put into operation in June or July.

AMONG our visitors we are pleased to record the names of Rev. Samuel Cumingham, Waterford; A. Q. St. George, Fenelon Falls; Capt. R. H. Bunt, Hampton, and others.

THE representative from International Bridge, Circle No. 112, Bro. C. W. Lewis, dates his acquaintance with the Supreme Secretary back to the exciting days of the Fenian Raid, along in the sixties.

THE Supreme Organizer, Bro. P. M. Pattison, Waterford, wants reliable men to assist him in establishing new Circles. Can you assist him? If not, please give this paper to some one who you think will do so.

IF you have not already secured your Circle Badges you should do so at once. The prices have been reduced by the Supreme Organizer to about cost. When your Circle is being inspected by your District Deputy they will be found useful.

THE plan of levying Assessments through the LEADER will save postage now paid by the Financial Secretary. The actual economy to the Order should be not less than \$500 per annum, and the members will receive the paper where formerly only a notice was received.

THE Toronto Circles are interested in the District Deputy for Toronto District. It is said that the successful brother or sister must be able to deliver the entire secret work of our Order without a Ritual. Brothers W. H. Apter and James G. Howorth of No. 37 can fill the requirements.

OWING to causes heretofore referred to we have another Sick Benefit call in April, making the *third* this year. From various sections we learn that the health of the community is improving and we may now look for a return to the normal condition of affairs. The Benefits of our Sick Fund Department have been realized in a substantial manner by a large number of its members during the past five months.

ONE of the Acts of the recent Convention was to authorize the appointment of District Deputy Supreme Leaders under such a plan as the Supreme Leader may think best to adopt. The arrangements for carrying this out are not yet completed but it may be safely said that the Circles will have a part in the appointment of these officers. One of the results will, we hope, be the exemplification of the secret work in each Circle and increased efficiency in this branch.

SOME of our delegates to the Supreme Circle, notably those who had not previously attended a Supreme Session, were surprised at the substantial appearance of our representative body. We know that our membership consists of a large majority of the industrial men of this province, and that as an Order we can without fear say that there is none better. We have more members as representatives in the Provincial and Dominion Parliament than any other Fraternal Society in Canada.

## BENEFICIARIES SPEAK

WATERFORD, JANUARY 31, 1890.

L. H. SLAGHT, Esq.,

Treas. Home Circle, No. 1,

Waterford, Ont.

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheques 2107 and 2108 for one thousand dollars each, in payment of Beneficiary Certificate No. 31, of my late husband, William Folsmbe. Thanking you for your promptness in settling this claim.

Faithfully yours,

ANNIE FOLSMEE

ST. CATHARINES, March 26th, 1890.

To the Leader and Officers of Circle No. 63, St. Catharines, Order of Canadian Home Circles:

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of Mrs. Sarah Jane Elliott, I beg to acknowledge your cheque for two thousand dollars, (\$2,000) being amount of insurance on the life of her late husband, James Elliott, who died on the ninth inst., and to thank you for your promptness in the matter, cheque having been received on the 17 inst.

Respectfully yours,

ALEX. McEDWARD,

Attorney for Mrs. Elliott.

—From the *St. Catharines Gazette*, March 28th, 1890.

## NO KICKERS THERE

I hope to go to the realms above, when I lie down to die; I hope that choirs, all clad in white, will greet my wandering eye. I know that I'll be filled with joy, in regions free from care, for angels tell me in my sleep, there are no kickers there.

Though rugged be the Jasper pave, no soul will dare complain; though sunlight shines the ages through, no spirits call for rain; though crowns be half a size too small, no seraphs tear their hair, and all is joy above, because there are no kickers there.

The music may be out of tune, no one will hold his ears; the robes may be tailor made, there'll be no moans or tears; the sandals may be often worn, none ask a better pair, for, glory to the Lord of Hosts! there are no kickers there.

And when the celestial council call for paving on the street, the man who gets the contract may work onward swift and fleet; no spirits will injunctions bring, nor cranks or croakers swear; the realms above are free from chumps, there are no kickers there.

Then take me from this vale of tears, where cranks come to the front, where men who never work or toil still lie around and grunt; I long to wear celestial robes and climb the golden stair, for well I know that in those lands there are no kickers there.

INDIGNANT Guest (after climbing six flights of stairs): "Why the clerk promised me a room on the second floor." Bell Boy: "Yes, sir, second floor from the top."—*Hotel Mail*.