

Alex. Munro sang a solo in excellent style. Bro. Waddell, D.S.C.R., recited "The City Choir," and some are looking yet for the point as to why grandpa should let down the bars. Miss T. McKeever touched every heart with a Scotch song which was well rendered. Mr. H. H. Smith brought down the house with his reading of the sale in some town of forty bachelors which made forty old maids happy at rather a high cost.

Bro. Wm. Loveday, C.R., moved a vote of thanks to the chairman which was cordially given. Bro. Waddell, on behalf of the Court and Order, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the friends from the city for their assistance, also to the ladies and friends who had assisted in the programme and the provision for the tea, which was enthusiastically carried. After this the audience rose and sang "God save the Queen," which ended one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in Kildonan school-house.

### British Columbia.

From the Pacific Province we have not had a word this month. On the principle that "no news" are "good news," everything must be lovely on the Pacific slope.

### Illinois.

In this State two strong new Courts have been instituted, one at Harvard, and the other at Woodstock. To Messrs. Randall and Fryer belong the honor of establishing them

### Missouri.

The principles of Independent Forestry are gradually spreading in this State. Court "Cote Brilliant" was established during the past month at St. Louis.

### Michigan.

The Order continues to make steady progress in this State. Two new Courts with a strong charter list were instituted during the month of Dec., one at Akron, and the other at Freeland.

#### Court Lakeview, Michigan.

The annual ball and supper of this Court was held in the Port Sanilac Opera House, on Friday, Dec. 25th. There was a large and brilliant company and an enjoyable time.

#### Minden.

The city was the scene of a large Forestry gathering on the afternoon of the 30th. A large number of Foresters and their friends from the surrounding district met, and were addressed by the Supreme Sec'y, John A. MacGillivray, Q.C., High Chief Ranger of Michigan, J. A. Grise, High Vice Chief Ranger, C. H. McGinley, and others. The audience completely filled the large Methodist church in the city, and received with marked appreciation the admirable addresses given. In the

evening the annual ball and supper of the local Court was held and attended by a large and fashionable company. The management was directed by H.V.C.R., C. H. McGinley, and the success of the demonstration must have been gratifying to our enthusiastic brother.

Has anyone heard anything about the Am.O.F. recently started in this State, that was to attract the members of the I.O.F. by cheaper assessments and no medical examination. Our members are all with us, and more are coming daily. Where is the Am.O.F.?

#### Court Rob Roy, No. 726, Clio, Mich.

Brother W. F. Tufford sends us the following:—

Brother J. A. Frise, High Chief Ranger of Michigan, visited Court Rob Roy recently and his address to the Court and instructions in the secret work was all that could be expected. Our Court is happy to have the High Chief Ranger to honor us with his presence, as it is not usually the case that the high officers visit small Courts in small villages. We were very thankful for his presence and shall always think we have been slighted if the Supreme Chief Ranger does not make us a visit when in Michigan, as our Court is only 12 miles from Flint. Our Court is on the gain, and the prospects begin to look brighter. We expect several petitions for membership soon, also we expect a visit from Saginaw Bros.

### Ohio.

We are pleased with the indications of life and growth in Ohio. A new Court was instituted in Cleveland last month and old Courts are increasing their membership.

#### 52 Applications for Membership in Court Trumbull, No. 707,

WARREN, O., 6th Jan., 1892.

To the Editor of the Independent Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We of Court Trumbull are filled to overflowing with our prosperity, and thinking it would be of interest to all Foresters, I give you a report of our present prospects. We were organized on the 15th day of December, 1890, under very unfavorable circumstances, and on Nov. 1st, 1891, we could muster but nine members in good standing. About the middle of November Bro. J. H. Dickson, of London, came to our aid. You can readily understand the disadvantages to be overcome, with a small membership, and the city full of other orders with large memberships, but Bro. Dickson was equal to the occasion, and on Jan. 1st we had 20 members to report, and eight were initiated last night, with 52 more applications for membership ahead. Last evening Bro. J. H. Mitchell, who has filled the chair of C. R. since our organization without missing a single meeting, vacated it for Bro. H. F. Grimesey, who was initiated Nov. 19th, and has since proposed 23 names for membership. You see we now have a P.C.R. and C.R. who show a good record in the past and whom we are willing to trust in the future, Brother Dickson is a Forester in every sense of the word, and our experience is that he will stay by a weak Court until they are on a solid footing.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

M. D. McCORLE, F. S.