

Court of Foresters in the east end of the City. Through this the Court has lost an untiring friend, and zealous worker in the interest of the Order, but much gratified at seeing Brother Bowen with them on every meeting night.

The Court has to mourn the loss of their beloved Brother, Chas. E. Firkins, who departed from his Forest home below, on the 12th February, at the age of 22. The endowment policy of \$1,000 was paid to his relatives on the 10th May.

The Court owes a deep debt of gratitude to Brother Robert Griffith, C.D., for his untiring efforts and energy in securing the endowment benefit of Brother Firkins, and promptness in handing it over to the executor.

The Court has to congratulate itself upon the good health enjoyed by all its members during the past six months. Brother Rev. I. J. McFadden, Brother Thos. Bolter and Brother John Hoodless, have been called upon by the sick committee, but their illness was not serious. Brother Joseph Fletcher was confined to his room for ten days, and attended by Brother Dr. Griffith. Brother Fletcher receiving Supreme Court sick benefits.

On 14th February, the Court was honored with a fraternal visit from Brother C. C. Whale, Inspector and Organizer for the High Court of Ontario. Also Brother William Griffith, P.H.C.R., has been pleased to pay the Court fraternal visits on different occasions. Sister Courts of the City have, at various times, honored Court Hamilton with their attendance.

On the 14th January, Brother Alex. McKay, M.P. received his commission as D.D. S.C.R.,

Also on that date, after the installation of officers, the brethren together with Sister Courts, partook of a banquet which was gotten up in honor of the occasion.

On the 25th April, an open meeting and concert was held, when the following ladies and gentlemen took part:

Mrs. Bowen and Bridgewood, Misses Clendenen and Bryant, Messrs. Young, Martin, Fanson, Horth, Johnson, Bryant and Brother Irvine, C.R.

Brother Bowen, P.C.R., gave an eloquent address on the good and welfare of the Order. The proceedings throughout were a success, and no doubt helped to increase the popularity of Court Hamilton.

On the 27th June, the semi-annual election of officers was held, when with one exception,

all were elected by acclamation. The following were elected for the ensuing six months:

C. R., J. G. Pocock.

V. C. R., A. L. Davis.

R. S., Wm. Donoghly.

F. S., C. H. Dempster.

Treas., J. S. Ralston.

Chap., Rev. I. McFadden.

Phys., Dr. Griffin.

S. W., J. W. Warrack.

J. W., Thos. Meade.

S. B., W. M. Hampson.

J. B., Jos. Fletcher.

Finance Committee—A. L. Davis, L. L. Irvine.

Hall Trustee—J. S. Ralston

The following were elected representatives to the High Court, which meets in Kingston on the 13th August: A. L. Davis, Robert Griffith, F. A. Grohs.

Although the increase of membership has not been large during the past six months, yet the Court has enjoyed unusual prosperity, both socially and financially. Socially because the officers and members have worked together in perfect harmony. I don't think, Chief Ranger, that I ever saw such unanimity of friendship in any society, as has existed in Court Hamilton during my term of office as Recording Secretary, financially because your Financial Secretary, Brother Dempster, has devoted a great deal of valuable time, talent and energy, in fulfilling that very important office in Forestry.

In conclusion, Chief Ranger, allow me to thank yourself, officers and brethren, for the courtesy and kindness shown me during my term of office as Recording Secretary. My labors have been made both light and pleasant, partly because I have had the good will and assistance of both officers and members of the Court alike, more especially Brother Dempster, Financial Secretary, and also Brother Robert Griffith, C.D., who has always been willing to help and give me valuable assistance, and partly because I love the Order to which I belong, believing it to be the best benefit society in organization to-day.

Before closing, I would urge upon each and every member of Court Hamilton, to take advantage of the dispensation granted them by the Supreme Chief Ranger, to initiate members during the month of July at charter rates, and sincerely hope that everyone will do their utmost to increase the membership of our noble Order.

Respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.,

A. L. DAVIS, R. S.