

but not by raising objections or dwelling on the difficulties, but by going to work. What does it after all mean? Only this, that every 13 men in the Order secure among them one application. We see something accomplished every day, that is, in advance of anything that preceded it. We will see it in Independent Forestry. We have been seeing it regularly. We have 33 well organized High Courts. The number named will only call for an average of 303 from each. Some will fall below it, others will double it. There are some organizers that will secure 100 applications for that month. Every Forester who is thoroughly in earnest in his wish to build up the Order will at least make an effort to secure one, and no court will allow June to pass without one or more initiations. We will be glad to give in May FORESTER the views of our workers on this proposition.

### New York Submits Handsomely.

The "Old Founder," in a fraternal letter to us, thus cleverly mentions Quebec's victory:

"Oh! you seductive Quebec! Notwithstanding New York held the blue-ribbon for fourteen consecutive months, and once before, against all comers, in you pop for January, with your united French, Scotch and English forces, and clear us out 'horse, foot and dragoons.' High Secretary Fitzgerald and the rest of us imagined that we were a Gibraltar, but the conceit has been knocked out of us, but not our grit, for we have picked our flints and will try again to overcome your puny majority of four. If we can't outflank you we will invalid you, providing Michigan will keep in the background. That state is Ai(t)ken to force us to capitulation."

### Printers' Ink.

The I.O.F. has been a generous patron of the advertising columns of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals generally. We do not know of any Order that has been kept more prominently before the public during the past half-dozen years. Nor do we know any kindred organization that has made more substantial progress, or that enjoys to a higher degree the confidence of the reading and discerning public. It may be true that but few seek admission to a fraternal society because they have read its literature; it is doubtless true that literature creates a sentiment in its favor, and prepares the way for the Deputy when he goes forth in quest of applications. The work is much easier when he finds that the person he is seeking to bring into the Order is familiar with the Order and its great work. We heartily commend the example of those courts that publish, in the

local press, resolutions of condolence, cards of thanks, etc. Such matter is sure to be read; the persons concerned are known; and the good work of the Order is sure to be generally discussed, and that favorably. We hope every local court will see that the local press publishes resolutions of condolence, in sympathy with the family of a departed member, which they pass, as well as the letters of thanks that they receive from beneficiaries for prompt payments of benefits and practical sympathy shown. The general public will in this way become more fully informed of the Order's work, and will be more easily induced to seek the benefits that it offers. The Order as well as the individual is to "let the light shine."

### One-Sided Fraternity.

Fraternity implies mutuality and co-operation. In order that one may give he must first receive. When the giving exceeds the getting, the bases of continuance are disturbed, and the beginning of the end is reached.

The other day we received a long, earnest letter from a warm-hearted brother in British Columbia, in which he complained in severe terms of the lack of the fraternal spirit in this and other kindred orders. The case in point was that a brother who had been overtaken by ill-luck was forced to lose his standing through his inability to pay his assessments. Our correspondent says, and that rightly, that the case shows a lack of the brotherly spirit. We are not informed, however, that the brother whose case is cited acquainted his court with his straitened circumstances. That fact alone would have secured him the temporary assistance he needed. We must not impose too heavy burdens on the fraternal spirit. Most men are so busy, the vast majority of them, of necessity, with their own affairs, that they are not giving a thought to the concerns of their fellows. Not through want of heart, but from want of time. In many years experience of the I.O.F. we have never known a deserving brother to be denied the assistance he needed to keep his membership good. We have known quite a few instances of individuals who acted as if the Society existed for their benefit. The court paid, not one, but several assessments, and when it stopped doing so, and insisted on the brother paying like the others, as he was quite able to do so, he got angry, refused to pay, repudiated his indebtedness, and left the court, saying, "If that's what you call fraternity, I'll have no more to do with it."

We have heard of a treasurer that was short in his accounts, and when asked to refund, coolly answered, "I thought this was a fraternal society; if one has to account for every cent I'll quit." He