

## GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

### ENGLAND.

#### Bohemian Concert at Brixton.

The most successful and best attended concert and meeting yet held under the High Court of London took place Monday, Jan. 9th, 1899, at the Gresham Hall, Gresham Road, Brixton.

The success of the gathering was due to the efforts of four Courts, viz.: Court Cumberwell, No. 2047, Brixton, No. 2198, Clapham, No. 2217, South Lambeth, No. 2249, and to the representatives of the Courts upon Committee for arranging concert. The following acting respectively, Court Cumberwell, Bros. Holden, P.C.R., Wiltshire, F.S.; Court Brixton, Bro. Manchoe, R.S., Bro. Mayo; Court Clapham, Bros. Carley, C.R., Porter, R.S.; Court South Lambeth, Bros. Howlett, C.R., Welsford, Treas., White, F.S.

Bro. Howlett was a very efficient Chairman and upon his right were Bro. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., and Bro. Cronyon, D.S.C.R., Asst. S.S. The officers of High Court on dais being Bros. Tidman, P.H.C.R., Court Eremus; Stott, H.S., Court Streatham; Emery, H. Treas., Court St. Pancras; Rev. Wolston, H. Chap., Court Lewisham; Slocombe, H.A., Court Streatham; Tydeman, H.J.S., Court Streatham; Richards, H.J.B., Court Wimbleden; Kertlass, H. Cond., Court Eastbourne; Terson, Court St. Martin.

Letters of regret were received from Bro. M. C. Ward, P.H.C.R., Court Cumberwell, at his inability to be present and from Bros. Forsbrook, D.H. Phys., Court Belgrove; Rev. Shirley, H. Chap., Court Fulham (enclosing a handsome donation towards expenses), Major Davies, Royal Marines, H.J.W., Court Raven; Lee, H. Treas., Court Best Help.

A very enjoyable programme of music by the St. Andrew's Orchestra, Stockwell; songs by Madame Mary Bright, Miss L. Jepp, Mr. Uren, Bro. Welsford and the Lansdowne Quartette was carried through, accompanist Bro. Carley. Musical sketch and Ventriloquism by Mr. Sidney Gaduey; Recitation by Bro. Mayo.

Very telling speeches were made by Bro. Marshall followed by Bro. Cronyon and listened to attentively and appreciated by the audience. Though not an "At Home" one could meet Foresters and lady friends in every direction and it was a very pleasant experience to get the grip and see a smiling face wherever one moved. Visitors and Brothers appeared highly pleased with the entertainment.

One feature of the programme was the song and chorus "Success to the I.O.F. Courts," words and music by Bro. Welsford, the chorus of which was heartily joined in by the audience.

Bro. Wightman, Court Batterson, contributed two humorous songs. Messrs. Bilson and Spratt mandolin and banjo duetts.

The platform and tables were very tastefully decorated with plants and flowers by Bro. Welsford of the Nurseries, Lansdowne Road, South Lambeth.

Before close of proceedings a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Bro. Howlett for presiding. The duties of steward were well carried through by Bros. Holden, Hayward, Wiltshire, Court Cumberwell; Porter, Court Clapham; White, Court South Lambeth.

A special social meeting of Courts England's Standard Bearer, 2004, and Myrose, 2134, was held on the 18th Jan. in the chambers of the latter Court, when the installation of their respective officers for 1899 was carried out. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Halford, H.V.C.R., who appointed Bro. Davies, H.J.W. and D.D.H.C.R., High Marshal, and Bro. V. I. Lee, H. Mess., High Conductor. Many members had brought friends, and altogether over 60 people spent a very pleasant evening. Light refreshments were provided. Bro. Reant brought a small orchestra, which greatly administered to the enjoyment of all present. Bro. Dix recited, and Bro. Paton gave some capital comic songs, while Bros. Wrigut and Lowe also contributed vocal items. After the arrival of Bro. Emery, H.T., Bro. Powell, D.D.H.C.R., made a speech, welcoming all present, and proceeded to contrast our system of life insurance with that of the ordinary company, and pointed out very fully the many advantages which were to be had from membership in the I.O.F. He also dwelt on the social side of our system, of which the present gathering was an example, and by 10.50, when the meeting broke up, everyone was well disposed to agree with him on this point, at least.

### SCOTLAND.

#### Royal Irvine's Banner.

An open meeting of Court Royal Irvine was held in the Coffee House, Irvine, on Tuesday evening—Brother Provost Murchland presiding. The object of the meeting was two-fold—to receive an Honour Banner for the Court, and to present Brother ex-Buillie Robert Armour with a High Chief Ranger's Jewel from the High Court of Scotland. In opening the proceedings,

The Chairman said—I take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind letter of congratulation on the occasion of my being elected head of this municipality. The honor of being elected Provost of such a royal burgh as Irvine—with its 1000-year-old traditions, and the important impress it has made upon the Scottish history of the West—is very great indeed; but it is doubly more so when that honor is conferred unanimously and harmoniously upon one who had not thought that he would be called upon to be the successor of a long line of able men, who have left such good and noble achievements behind. (Applause.) The object of this meeting is a happily-conceived one. It is the presentation by Bro. Marshall, General Manager of Forestry in Britain, of the Honour Banner to Court Royal Irvine, and of a High Court Jewel to Bro. Armour on the occasion of his vacating the chair as High Chief Ranger of Scotland. (Applause.) You all know the deep interest Bro. Armour has taken in Forestry work, and the enthusiasm he has displayed in furthering the interests of this Court since its inception. For the past two years he has held the honourable position of High Chief Ranger of Scotland, receiving high commendation for the manner in which he discharged the duties pertaining to that office; while at the present time he is serving his sixth year as Chief Ranger of "Royal Irvine." (Appl.) Away from this Court, I can speak of Bro. Armour's worth, and the high appreciation in which he is held by those who have the benefit of his acquaintance—and those who don't know him miss much. (Appl.)