

ONTARIO.

Toronto's Faithful Services Appreciated.

At the last regular meeting of Court Rosedale, No. 848, held in Temple Building 20th July, Brother A. E. Harris, Court Deputy, who has held that office continuously for over fifteen years, was presented with an emblematic watch charm suitably engraved. The presentation was made on behalf of the Court by the Chief Ranger, Brother E. S. Cummer, in a few well chosen remarks expressive of the members' high appreciation of his efficient services as an officer and his regular attendance at the meetings. Other officers may have occasionally failed to respond at roll call, but our Court Deputy never. Brother Harris made an appropriate reply, thanking the members for their kindly recognition of his services, and with short speeches by several other members, a very pleasant hour was spent.

Hamilton Foresters.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Marked by a Church Parade.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Independent Order of Foresters was marked by the Courts of the Order in Hamilton by a church parade, the members assembling at their hall, above the Traders Bank and marching to Emerald Street Methodist Church, where the pastor, Rev. J. A. Jackson, preached the annual sermon.

Rev. Mr. Jackson congratulated the Foresters on having through a quarter of a century of growth and prosperity attained the proud position of being the largest and strongest fraternal organization in Canada, illustrating in the most effective manner the triumph of the principle of co-operation over that of competition in the way in which that triumph was usually illustrated on this continent.

Taking his text from Genesis 4, 9: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Rev. Mr. Jackson showed how the question of Cain, which revealed his selfishness, had been repeated and acted upon by men in all ages, who had forgotten the claims of brotherhood in the desire for revenge, the lust for glory, or the struggle for place and power. Every man for himself had been the guiding precept of humanity, and the obligation to love and to help others had been sadly neglected.

If humanity had always realized and acted on the conception of brotherhood, the Foresters and kindred organizations would have had no need for their existence. The benefits secured to members and their families, while in themselves a good thing, would be cold and cheerless without human sympathy and the true spirit of brotherhood, which is or should be the basic principle of all such fraternities.

Incidental to the service a special musical programme was rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. C. J. Dempster. S. Walling presided at the organ, playing as a prelude Andante Con Motte (Mozart), and as a postlude Maistoso Martiale (Mendelssohn). The choir sang "We Praise Thee, O God" (McAfee), and Mrs. Dempster rendered during the offertory "A Dream of Paradise" (Gray).

Peterboro'.

The members of Court Chemong, No. 520, accompanied by a number of visiting brethren from lodges in the vicinity of Peterborough, attended divine worship at the George Street Methodist Church, evening of June 18, where a special sermon was delivered to them by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Shorey.

The Foresters to the number of 70 or more assembled in the Canadian Order of Foresters' Hall, on Simcoe Street, from which place they marched to the church.

Rev. Mr. Shorey took his text from Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians: "For as the body is one and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body, so also is Christ."

On returning to their Court room the members of the Lodge passed the following resolution:

"The unanimous thanks of Court Chemong, No. 520, I.O.F., is tendered to the Rev. S. J. Shorey for the excellent sermon preached for the Independent Order of Foresters, and also to the trustees and managers of George Street Methodist Church for their kindly reception and accommodation. Signed on behalf of the Court."

JOHN HETHERINGTON, D.H.C.R.

A. ALLISON, C.R.

J. W. BUYERS, Rec.-Sec.

In the morning over 20 members drove out to Lakefield and joined Court Lakefield, where fully fifty members of the Order marched from the Sons of England hall to the English Church, where Rev. Mr. Warren preached a powerful sermon to them, touching on the broad, imperial nature of the Order, and giving the figures of membership at about 150,000, with a surplus of over \$4,000,000, and benefits paid out amounting to \$6,000,000.

KINGSVILLE, July 10th, 1899.

On Sabbath day last Court Kingsville, No. 9, held her yearly go-to-church turnout.

We had a fine, cool day, and the turnout was good, 124 being in the procession line. H.V.C.R., Rev. Bro. J. H. Courtney, of Port Stanley, was duly on hand by invitation.

The Methodist Church opened the doors of their lovely home of worship to us, and lent their splendid big choir to the affair. Our Rev. Bro. R. I. Hamilton also did assist Bro. Courtney. The subject text was Proverbs 4 chap. 11 v.: "I have led thee in right paths." A most instructive and impressive talk was then given. The singing of the choir was extra good. A solo by Mrs. Davis H. McCoy was in this cultured lady's best form. After the march back to Court room lemonade was served out, when some good short speeches were given. The speakers were called on by Courts The C.R. of Court Victory first; then followed Court Cottam, Court Errol, Court Harrow, Court Ruthven. For Court Kingsville a few were called, Bro. Dr. McKenzie, Bro. Reeve, of Gosfield, A. H. Woodbridge, Bro. W. A. Grenville, who in speaking moved a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Bro. H.V.C.R. Courtney, for his very excellent and thrilling discourse.

This was duly seconded by Bro. C.R. of Court Victory, Woodslee. The reply by Bro. Courtney was as fine an effort as could well be done. Some had deplored the attendance of a brass band. Bro. Granville touched the subject as against the Lord's day, when Bro. Courtney cleared up the subject in a way convincing to all, that the Lord was not