

passed as an imitative and dialect reciter, were very amusing.

Court Union Traction is to be presented with a set of badges for having attained a membership of 75, and they will now be the envy of the other courts in the city.

Among the younger jurisdictions, not one is doing better than the "Keystone" State. Courts are being instituted almost weekly.

Bro. Geo. W. Strickland, H. C. R., has just instituted a strong one in Bradford, and he has two more under way. He expects that Bradford will have 500 members inside of twelve months.

Pennsylvania may be counted on to do its share to bring the membership up to 150,000, and the surplus to \$3,000,000, by August, 1898.

The court recently instituted at Meadville is settling down to excellent work.

There is not a better field anywhere, for Forestry, than this fine old State.

### Ohio.

Read the sketch of the Chief Ranger of the Buckeye State, to be found in another column.

Ohio was up in three figures with applications for November. It is not going back to two any more.

After this issue we hope to give regularly a half-column or more of Ohio news.

Court Epworth, No. 1253, of Cleveland, gave a most successful concert on the evening of Dec. 7th. The programme was enjoyed by everyone.

Capt. Parkinson, of Toronto, has been working in the State for a couple of months back, and rendered capital service in building up weak courts.

Court Fort Greenville, No. 1689, which was instituted some two years ago, was practically doing nothing, but Monday evening, Dec. 21st, had a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting. Six new members were fully initiated, four more passed the board of medical examiners, and six applications for admission are pending. The officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year.

Through the courteous treatment of our Supreme Chief in sending Capt. W. A. Parkinson here to build up our Order we owe much. Capt. Parkinson is a man of ability and understands Forestry thoroughly, and has made many friends while in our city.

### Minnesota.

COURT LAKE PEPIN, No. 1096, has made good progress during the year. The officers have done their work well, and the members have been regular in their attendance. An excellent staff of officers has been installed for 1897, and a year of more than ordinary prosperity is looked for.

COURT DULUTH, 724, COURT COMMERCE, COURT EAST DULUTH.—From these courts we have the following cheering word: "We are all now in our new Forest Home in the Kalamazoo Building, and have had placed at the main entrance the most elaborate marble sign in the State of Minnesota, which is now startling the natives at the head of the lakes. A committee is now making great preparations for a union installation of officers of all the courts in this district, which is to surpass anything of this kind held in the city before. Forestry is now in a flourishing condition, with an outlook of an increase of members. Court Duluth appreciates the

change of having our official organ in the city at the first of each month instead of the last, as before."

### California.

California occupies a good place for November. The accepted applications were 155. The State will do as well, if not better, for the new year.

Court Los Angeles, No. 422, re-elected all their old officers, which is the best evidence of service to the court. Court Los Angeles, being the banner court of the world, has won this distinguished honor by the excellent service of the present set of officers. The enthusiasm shown at the re-election of the officers to another term shows the appreciation of their good work. During the evening there were eight candidates instructed in the mysteries of the degree.

Court Mateo, No. 3343, gave a most enjoyable entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, upon the occasion of the dedication of their new hall, 1,916 East Seventh Street, the audience in attendance filling it almost to its utmost capacity. The address of the evening was delivered by the Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger and Organizer of Court Mateo, William R. Uber, his topic being The Aims and Objects of Our Order. The subject was presented in a most decidedly practical and, at the same time, interesting manner. An excellent musical and literary programme followed. At the conclusion of the programme, ice cream, cake and lemonade were served to the audience. Court Mateo, although recently organized, is making wonderful progress. Nineteen applications for membership have been accepted, and the court will have initiatory work at every meeting for some time to come.—*Los Angeles Herald*, 1st Dec., '96.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

#### Wales.

Court Aberystwyth, No. 2159, held a public meeting on the 27th Nov. R. Doughton, mayor of the town, presided. The meeting was well attended. Bro. Marshall, General Manager, was present and gave a full and clear exposition of the principles, aims and benefits of the Order.

Court Uskside had a particularly interesting meeting recently, the members turning out in full force to do honor to their Chief, Bro. Goldsworthy, on his election as mayor of Newport. Bro. Chas. Price, H. V. C. R. of Southern England, was present and gave an address. A resolution congratulating Bro. Goldsworthy was carried with much enthusiasm. In a happy reply the mayor expressed his confidence in the I. O. F. and urged the brethren to renewed efforts for the extension of the Order.

#### England.

Court Castle, No. 2179, Newcastle-on-Tyne, met on the 25th Nov. Bro. Councillor Wm. Shufflebotham, V. C. R., gave an admirable paper on the benefits of Forestry. The court is in fine working order.

Court First Boulton had a "jolly smoker" in the Talbot Restaurant, on 4th Nov., which came off successfully in every particular, as was due to so