

I can truly say that I am able, from personal experience, to testify to the fact that the I.O.F. redeems its promises and renders aid when most needed. That continued success may attend this noble Order is my sincere desire.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
WM. SHORT.

Thanks to the Executive and Brethren in Canada.

UNION CITY, PA., May 23, 1898.

MR. JOHN A. MCGILIVRAY,
Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Court Canadohta, 1717, at their last meeting instructed our Sec. to acknowledge receipt of "Official Circular 13," and extend a vote of thanks to the officers of the Executive Council and our brethren in Canada toward the friendly feeling as is demonstrated in said circular. No doubt every man loves his country and should answer to the call of his Government. We have no member at present in the field, but should there be another call for volunteers, no doubt some of the boys will respond. And the question has been asked, will our members forfeit their claim if enlisted? We are glad to have received the answer favorable. We shall comply with your request and notify you if any of our members go to the front.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
E. Crow,
Sec. Court Canadohta, 1717,

Companions of the I.O.F.

A WOMAN IN IT.

"They talk about a woman's sphere
As though it had a limit;
There's not a place in earth or heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a blessing or a woe,
There's not a whisper, yes or no,
There's not a life, or death, or birth
That has a feather's weight of worth
Without a woman in it."

"Hang out your banners on the outward walls.
The cry is still they come."

Court Victory, No. 151, Cleveland, O., gave a very enjoyable concert on May 20th to a crowded audience.

In our last issue we reported the number of Courts of Companions of the I. O. F. as 152. Now the number is—163. Before this reaches our readers the figures will be still higher.

Mrs. E. C. Brabrook is the talented C. C. of the newly-organized Court Victoria, Omaha, Nebraska, Companions of the I. O. F., and kindly gives the use of her residence for meetings.

Mainstee, Mich., has a fine Court of Companions. It began its career in Feb. with 47 charter members. The future success of the court is assured. An excellent staff of officers was installed by C. C. W. H. Stott.

Court Ingram, No. 135, Deseronto, Ont., had a very successful meeting on the 11th April. It was the second meeting since organization; 5 applications and 3 initiations were disposed of. As many more are expected at next meeting.

Court Alpena, No. 33, Companions of the I. O. F., Alpena, Mich., was organized in July, 1897, by J. Sinaberg, D.S.C.R., and now has a membership of 30, with 5 more to initiate. The court has a good staff of officers and is doing excellent.

Court Olive, No. 42, Marhleton, N.H., gave its first entertainment some time ago. More than one good end was served. The Companions became better known. The members and their friends had a good time, and the funds of the court were considerably increased.

Mrs. Mary E. Hall, D.S.C.C., of Bay City Michigan, was unable for some time owing to impaired health to fill all her appointments in connection with courts of Companions of the I. O. F. She is, we are happy to say, able to resume work again.

Col. Caldwell on April 25th instituted Court Blanche, Companions of Foresters, at East Syracuse, with 30 ladies and one gentleman. This makes the fourth instituted in New York by the "Founder," having instituted the first one at Schenectady called Court Mirian.

We are debtors to our fair sisters who are sending us items of news about their branch of our great Order. At the rate at which Courts of Companions are multiplying, the necessity of enlarging our columns, in order to give them the space they are entitled to, is pressing upon us.

Now the Pacific coast jurisdictions are having Courts of Companions. The first one was instituted in Washington, at Spokane. It will be known as Court Washington, and makes its debut with 36 charter members. To Deputy Supreme Chief Companion Forsyth, H. C.R., belongs the honor of instituting it.

Court Echo, No. 10, Niagara Falls, N.Y., initiated four candidates and received three applications. At the next meeting an "At Home" will be given, partly for the entertainment of the ladies, but chiefly to give the "poor men" a chance. May the good work of this court "Echo" through the land.

The Companions of the I. O. F. have instituted, through the efforts of Miss Saunders, Court Victoria in Omaha, and Court Trans-Mississippi in South Omaha, the members of which are very enthusiastic in their work. On the 29th of April a very enjoyable joint social session was held by all the courts, which was productive of great pleasure to those present.

Court Unity, No. 8, Marion, O., is meeting with great success. The membership has doubled since the institution of the court. They have a sick benefit of \$2 per week and \$100 in their treasury, and the rent of hall paid a year in advance. Their Easter social was a great success, and netted the Companions a handsome sum. The Companions can give the sterner sex some business pointers.

Court Oronhyatekha, No. 1, gave a ladies' minstrel entertainment and ball some time ago. It was pronounced by all the very best thing in the way of entertainments ever given by Companions or Foresters in Cleveland. The hall was crowded, and long before the hour for opening there was not even standing room. A cake-walk preceded the dancing, and all went home wishing the court success.

Court Los Angeles, No. 18, Los Angeles, Cal., is doing admirable work. Not yet a year in existence, they have aided in establishing Courts of Com-