

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.**Central England.**

Court Wentworth, No. 2161, Sheffield.—At the usual monthly meeting of the above court, held in the Trinity Wesleyan School, Highfields, on Monday, Feb. 20th, Bro. W. H. Chambers, Recording Secretary, was presented with a watch in token of the esteem in which he is held by the members. Chief Ranger Roper, in making the presentation, alluded to the services Bro. Chambers had rendered to the I.O.F. and to Court Wentworth in particular. He had been Recording Secretary ever since the formation of the court in April, 1895, and during that time he had done a great amount of gratuitous work, and the members had always found him a most willing and obliging comrade.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT ITEMS.

Court Garston, No. 2122, still continues to grow, and Court Widnes, No. 2126, is waking up from a long sleep and is adding new members.

The membership in this district is looking forward with great pleasure to the proposed visit of the S.C.R.. They promise him a rousing reception.

The new staff of officers of Court Mt. Pleasant, No. 2098, are taking hold of the work of the court with great vim. Court Mt. Pleasant has doubled itself in the past few months.

Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050, under the Chief Rangership of Bro. Ferguson, is making new members every meeting. This court has more than doubled its membership in the last few months.

Court Roby, No. 2137, is the liveliest little court in the district. They had 9 members on their roll a few months ago, but now they boast of over 20, with new additions at every meeting. They propose to give a genuine Lancashire Hot Pot supper after the March meeting.

Court Birkenhead, No. 2116, was organized in October, and has initiated at least one new member every meeting night since institution. This court has a very valuable acquisition in the person of Bro. E. B. Maxwell, who recently transferred his membership from the H.C. of London.

Court Liverpool, No. 2007, is going to give the "biggest and best" party ever attempted in Liverpool or "bust a button." The members are all swelling up about the grand party to come off in March. We understand tickets will cost half a guinea. Court Liverpool, as becomes the largest court, always does things on a grand scale.

Scotland.

The work is progressing slowly, but there is sure to be a grand High Court in Scotland before very long.

Two new courts were instituted in March by Bro. McNair, P.H.C.R.—one in Glasgow which is composed of business men, the other in Kilmar-nock. Both will start out under favorable conditions.

The High Court of Scotland meets in Glasgow in May. All the representatives are looking forward with expectation to the event. The promise of the presence of the S.C.R., Oronhyatekha, who is very popular, will secure a good meeting and will prove helpful to the Order here.

A magnificent social gathering was held under auspices of Court Dundee Pioneer, No. 2159, on the 22nd of Feb. Many friends of the members were invited, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. The addresses were all excellent, and the strangers went home persuaded that the I.O.F. was their proper place and good results will follow. Bro. McNair represented the Supreme Court upon the occasion; the High Court being ably represented by Bros. Scott and Slater. Bro. H.V.C.R. Chapman and his associates are deserving of all praise for their excellent work.

On the invitation of Bro. Mozart Allan, C.R., the members and friends of Court Fraternity, Glasgow, met in the Gordon Halls, Paisley Road, on February 28th; the company numbering over 100. After a sumptuous repast, an excellent programme of dances and music was given by the friends of the Order. In a masterly speech Bro. McNair, Canada, explained the principles of the Order, and during the evening the meeting was addressed by Bro. Armour, Irvine, and Bro. McNeill, Wishaw. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the energetic C.R., by whose means this court has almost doubled its members during the 24 years he has held office. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A smoking concert under the auspices of Court Scottish Pioneer, No. 2005, was held in the North British Station Hotel recently. Bro. Herriot, C.R., presided, and was supported by Rev. R. McNair, P.H.C.R., Ontario, and the officers of the court. The wealth of talent—vocal, instrumental, and dramatic—provided an entertainment which was much above the average "smoker," and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of guests present. During the course of the evening Bro. McNair gave a short and pithy address on the principles of the Order, urging those present who were not members to seriously consider the advantages of membership with a body like the Independent Order of Foresters.

Ireland.

It looks as if the Green Isle will have the space to which it is entitled in our columns from this out. Two esteemed brothers in north and south, respectively, have honored us with communications. If this is kept up our cup of happiness will be full.

Bro. W. Gibson, H.S., expects that before the end of April two new courts will be instituted in the north.

Court St. Fin Barre, Cork, is pushing to the front. At a recent meeting it initiated two members, and had six applications handed in.

Court Blarney, exercising the persuasiveness its name implies, has proved itself a "good one" by adding new members at almost every meeting.

Bro. S. Martin has been working away in the south, and is meeting with gratifying success. Early last month Court Limerick was instituted in the city of that name.

The meeting of the High Court on June 2nd is looked forward to with special interest, and promises to be attended by representatives. The Supreme Chief Ranger is expected to be present.

It is life we have to do with, not death. The best preparation for the night is to work diligently while the day lasts. The best preparation for death is life.—*McDonald.*