

by a few remarks from Mr. Irwin. Many brother Foresters from the latter city and Montgomery were also present. The crowd that remained for the hop being so large Hallinan's Hall was also opened and the local orchestra engaged for the latter place.

### New Hampshire.

Court Mt. Washington, No. 1448, Lancaster, N.H., begins the new year with an excellent staff of officers. After the installation ceremony, the members, with their friends, ladies and gentlemen, had a social evening. In the course of proceedings Bro. Rev. Mr. Eames presented Bro. Bartlett with a handsome clock from the court in token of his valuable services on behalf of the court.

The membership of the court is over 100.

### Iowa.

Forestry in Iowa has had a hard struggle, and for several reasons has not prospered; but since the inauguration of our present High Chief Ranger, Bro. A. D. Fleu, of Davenport, who is working very hard to put the present courts in this State in a working and presentable condition, we are in hopes that the time will soon come that Iowa in Forestry will be represented in her proper place "as a leader and not a follower."

This city being a railroad centre we have the pleasure of seeing our High Chief Ranger more frequently than most of the courts. I can assure the members that while stopping over for railroad connections he is never idle. While on his way to and from Waterloo and Vinton he succeeded in obtaining us four applications, proving to us that he is not only enthusiastic for the Order, but his heart is in the work; and I think the courts Bro. Fleu has visited will bear me out when I say his visit and talk in the court-room puts new life and vigor in every member present, and as one of the High Standing Committee I am in hopes he will be able to visit every court in Iowa before the expiration of his office. Then look out for Forestry in Iowa. We have started, and its influence will be felt at our next High Court meeting in May, at Davenport. From now on the word will be "Excelsior."

Bro. Fleu installed the officers of Court Veritas, No. 1304, at our last regular meeting, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the attendance and work of this court. We now have 50 members in good standing, and expect to initiate quite a number in the near future.

### Wisconsin.

We hear from Bro. Col. Parker, H.C.R. of this jurisdiction, all too seldom. In a recent letter he writes:

"The Independent Order of Foresters is doing very well, with prospects for an increased membership. We have gradually increased our membership. During the last three years the growth has been large, but with considerable impediments in the way it has been fairly satisfactory. We organized and forwarded returns for four courts in January; as many more will be organized in February, and we hope to continue it at that rate for several

months. Deputies C. A. Van Ness and J. S. Hall are at work in south-western Wisconsin; C. L. Grand and George A. Arnett in the eastern and central part of the state. Recently the Supreme Court sent Bro. Robert Kidney from Toronto to report to me for work. I have stationed him at La Crosse, the western part of the state, with directions to increase the membership of the two local courts, and furnished him with a number of towns and cities in that part of the state at which I expect he will plant our Order with new courts. He writes very encouragingly of the prospects. His appearance indicates that he will be a very valuable helper. I expect another organizer very soon and when he comes I shall divide the state in to about four districts, planting our organizers with headquarters at the centre of population. The Order in this state is thoroughly loyal to the Supreme Court. They have supreme faith in the Order for the purposes for which it was organized. Nearly all the courts are growing and give promise of increased growth and interest during the year, while we are nowhere near the banner courts and make no such predictions, but it will be well for those who are competing for high honors to keep their eye on Wisconsin during the ensuing months."

### England.

Court Liverpool, No. 2007, thinks nothing of initiating 10 candidates at a time.

Courts in the Liverpool district continue to initiate candidates at every meeting.

Court Garston, No. 2122, has three applications in the order of business for next meeting.

Court Roby, No. 2137, initiated one candidate at their last meeting, and acted upon three new applications.

Court North Meols, No. 2071, at their December meeting, initiated one candidate and entertained eight new applications.

Court Birkenhead, No. 2116, initiated two candidates at last meeting, and, besides admitting one member by card, had two new applications.

Court Widnes, No. 2126, has sustained a heavy loss through the death of Bro. Wm. Hodgkinson, an influential citizen, and a prominent member of the court. The lamented brother was but 45 years of age. He was a successful business man, and a member for a number of years of the town council. The members of the court have by resolution expressed their sorrow for his death, their esteem for their late brother, and their sympathy with his widow.

The members of Court Garston, No. 2122, Garston, near Liverpool, have sent the following letter to Bro. H. Bawler, on the death of his wife:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We the members of this court wish to express our deep sympathy with you and your family in the loss you have sustained through the death of your beloved wife, and we sincerely hope you will receive Divine comfort during your bereavement.

Yours fraternally in the bonds of L., B. & C.,

Signed on behalf of the court,

JOHN PITKETHLEY, C.R.,

STEPHEN SMART, V.C.R. & H.M.,

JOHN W. STOFFORD, F.S.,

JOHN JOHANNESON, R.S.

GARSTON, Jan. 4th, 1898.