

Balshannon and I spread it open and found a carefully drawn plan of Holy Cross. At the foot of the paper there was a memorandum signed "George Ryan." "I may tell you" said the robber" that if I succeeded in burning yo' home, stealing yo' hawsses, and running yo' cattle, Mr. George Ryan proposed to pay my wolves the sum of ten thousand dollars."

"Carry out your plans" said the Patron. I'd love to fight your wolves. I've got some dynamite, too. Think of what you lose."

"Lose nothing!" said the robber. "I'll collect fifty thousand dollars compensation from Ryan!" He stooped down and gathered his son in his arms. "And now, will you have us as guests in yo' home"

Balshannon lifted his hat and made a little bow, much polite.

"My house," he answered in Spanish, "is yours, senior!"

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#### Why the I. O. F. Grows.

**T**HE Western Canadian published at Maniton, Man., in its issue of July 21st, has the following article: "It need only be said that the spirit in which the Rev. Mr. Gordon was dealt with is the same as that in which the Supreme Executive deals with all the members of the I O. F.

"The Independent Order of Foresters deserve credit for honesty in dealing with members of the Order.

"In October, 1903, the Rev. A. Gordon received \$200 as the first payment of his policy of \$2,000, he having, as he supposed passed his 70th year. Not being certain as to the exact date of his birth he got an older brother to look up records and make a declaration of date of birth for him. When this was done it was found he had really passed his 73rd birthday. The facts of the case were laid before the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and in a few days an additional cheque for \$600 was sent for Mr. Gordon's benefit, with a letter stating that as soon as he reaches his 74th birthday, a further cheque for \$200 will be sent him; so that by next October he will have received \$1,000, or half of his total policy. The Financial Secretary, Mr. Huston, has received a letter from Mr. Gordon in which he says.—

"Your letter was a great surprise to me. I had not dreamed of receiving the payments on my policy since I was seventy years of age. It is a great pleasure to have to do business with the Independent Order of Foresters. Their promptitude and honesty is most commendable. The prosperity of the Order is an illustration of the influence honesty and sound business principles have with the public."

