

Proof that Bro. O'Keeffe did his duty as H. C.R., and Bro. O'Neil his as H.S.

The invitation from the Foresters of Duluth to the "working Editor," to be present at the reception given to the "Chief" on July 25th, has just been received. On that day he was at Victoria, B.C. To be present would have been a delight, both on account of the hosts and the guest they were honoring.

A recent communication from Court Stillwater, No. 1035, Minnesota, speaks in high terms of the promptness with which the mortuary benefit of the late Bro. John Kelly was paid, and also of the fraternal spirit shown by the members, not only of the court to which the brother belonged, but of other courts. The best way to commend the Order is to live up to its principles.

### California.

On July the 4th last, at Los Angeles, Cal., there was held one of the grandest 4th of July demonstrations ever held in that city of its kind. The parade was especially fine; it consisted of 10 divisions. The 1st Brigade Royal Foresters of California occupied the whole of the 6th division. First came the Los Angeles City Band, then the "Royals," gorgeous in their uniforms and the regalia of the Order, their prancing horses, nodding plumes and glittering trappings making the finest showing of anything in the line. At their head rode Brig. General G. A. McElfresh on a beautiful white horse, and immediately behind came the Brigade Staff Officers, all finely mounted and formed in columns of three, as follows: H. S. Eberle, Ass't. Adj. Gen.; W. H. Perry, Judge Advocate Gen.; L. Dearth, M.D., Surg. Gen.; C. M. Young, Insp. Gen.; O. H. Nunnally, Quarter-Master Gen.; Aides-de-Camp, C. D. Howry, F. Leach, W. E. Revis.

1st Regiment Royal Foresters of California formed the 2nd detachment, under the command of S. R. McCready, Colonel, and R. W. Martin, Ass't Col., H. Hersfeldt, Major, R. E. E. Wirshing, Major, and Captains Billmeyer, Badham and Smith. 3rd detachment: Los Angeles Encampment, No. 17 in command of Capt. C. Freeman, Sergeants Williams and Marsh, all finely mounted. California challenges the world on having the best organized, best drilled and most efficient body of Royal Foresters in the world.

The Rev. C. C. McLean, a noted divine of Los Angeles city, and who delivered the anniversary oration on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary services held in that city, was made a Forester-at-sight by G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., and attached to Court Morris Vineyard, wherein he applied and was accepted for a \$5,000 certificate and also joined the court's local Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, which pays a weekly benefit of \$7.00 during sickness and disability, and \$50 towards funeral expenses. (I enclose programme of the exercises, also a copy of Bro. McLean's oration which I hope that you will publish in full, as I consider it one of the most practi-

cal sermons on Forestry that I have ever heard.)

Bro. McElfresh, H.C.R. of Cal., does not allow the "grass to grow under his feet," when work is to be done. During his present term he has delivered 79 public addresses, publicly installed the officers of 14 courts, held 1 private installations, attended 26 private meetings of courts, reorganized 1 defunct court, instituted 4 new courts, and has travelled over 9,000 miles on stage and rail in the prosecution of this work. What High Chief can show a better record in seven months?

Members of Court Orange, No. 827, I.O.F., and their friends, to the number of about 125, held a very pleasant social re-union in their hall on Monday evening last. G. A. McElfresh, High Chief Ranger of this state, was present and delivered a witty and telling address, illustrated by anecdotes and abounding in plain statements on the welfare of the order. A quartette from the Arion Club, consisting of Messrs. Ernest Parker, Evan Davis, Henry Lockwood and D. C. Pixley, gave two musical selections. Light refreshments, consisting of ice-cream and cake, were served. The evening was most happily spent and will no doubt be the means of adding to the strength and effectiveness of the Order.

#### DELIGHTFUL MEETING.

A large and appreciative audience was in attendance at the public meeting, held by Court Alfalfa, I.O.F., at Santongue's Hall, June 20th. The orchestra played an overture which was followed with recitations by Miss Bessie Leland and Madge Crum. After another beautiful rendition by the orchestra, master of ceremonies, D. M. Crum, in a neat little speech introduced the speaker of the evening, High Chief Ranger, G. A. McElfresh, who gave a very interesting talk on the rights, privileges and benefits of the Order, to the delight of all present.

Next High Court Session of the High Court of California will be held at San Jose, beginning Oct. 13th, and I most respectfully ask your attendance, and assure you a royal welcome, such as California has always given you. Please let me know at as early a date as possible if you can favor us with your presence. I will be especially pleased to arrange for your entertainment.

#### CALIFORNIA NOTES.

COURT MORRIS VINEYARD, Los Angeles, has added 198 members in the past few months. Court Los Angeles had better keep moving on.

Among the pleasing functions awaiting the Chief is the dedication of Forester Temple in Los Angeles. One of the best equipped fraternal homes in the state.

The H.C.R. addressed a large enthusiastic audience at Buena Park on Aug. 18th. The meeting was held under the auspices of Court Buena, No. 3063. A fine programme was rendered, after which ice cream with cake was served. The affair was considered the