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Companion Courts.

MICHIGAN.

Companion Court Muskegon sends greetings. Having never seen ourselves in print, we would like to have you know we are strong in courage if not large in membership.

Our last meeting, Sept. 6th, 1899, was the best we ever held. D.S.C.R. Alta M. Stewart was with us and inspired us with enthusiasm for I.O.F. work.

At the close of our meeting, Companion Mc-Gowan served an elegant repast of cantaloups, coroa wafers, ice cream and angel food cake, which

was greatly appreciated.

H.C.R. R. J. MacDonald has commissioned our C.R., Lillian B. Phillips, D.H.C.R., and she is doing efficient work for the Companions, having a class of five mortuary benefit members to initiate at our next meeting, at which time Mrs. Stewart is again expected to assist us in our work.

Our brothers in the Subordinate Courts are awakening, and we soon expect Muskegon will have two of the largest Courts in Western Michi-

CARRIE E. RODGERS, Rec. Sec.

OHIO.

Man.field.

Court Juanita, No. 4, Companions of Foresters, on August 14th chartered a Pullman car and went to Gallion, to pienic with Companion Mrs. Sorg, of our Court, who recently moved there. We were all very sorry when Mrs. Sorg left Mansfield, but when we received such a pressing invitation to picnic at her lovely home in Gallion, we were glad she lived there. We took forty-six Compan-ions and not one man in the crowd. We reached Gallion at 9.30 a.m., and found Companion Mrs. We alighted from the Sorg anxiously waiting. train and, after a hearty handshake, we lined up and marched to the home of Companion Mrs. Sorg, on Union Street, where we received a hearty welcome by High Chief Ranger Mr. Sorg, of Ohio, followed by Mr. Patterson, father of Mrs. Sorg;

ed by a solo by Companion Mrs. Dot Clugston, after which short addresses were made by Companions Snyder, Sorg, Hunt, Gross, Croft, and Marks, then a duet by Companions Hins and

We were welcomed by their Chief Ranger to the Court room, then meeting was called to order, and after their business was transacted officers of Court Daisy turned their chairs over to the officers of our Court to exemplify the Ritual.

Our Chief Ranger, Mrs. Bear, took the chair and called to order, then excused the team to don their regalia and get ready for initiation, which was soon done. After initiation was over and the floor work all done, the applause was loud and long. We received so many compliments on our work and beautiful robes, that we felt well paid for our trouble, and proud of the Order. We were then called to order, and a few remarks were made for the good of the Order. It then being train time we were dismissed and lunch was served which all enjoyed.

We then departed for home, feeling that we were better Foresters than ever before, and we hope that Companions of Court Daisy will prosper in their work just begun, and we hope to have them visit us at our Forest Home in Mansfield.

I remain yours in L., B. and C., A MEMBER.

Wondrous Works.

The manufacture of the American Pianos and Organs by Messrs. Cornish at their immense factories at Washington, New Jersey, is one of the most interesting exhibitions possible. The vast works are really wonderful, and the making of the Cornish American Pianos and Organs can be followed in all stages from the rough lumber brought in from the extensive drying kins, and cut up by the big circular saws in the lower end of the first machine-floor to the examination of the exquisitely finished product in the warerooms. The magnitude of their business has made it necessary for them to still further increase their factory space and they have just finished an addition to their main building, which will give 20,000 cubic feet more room; they have also enlarged their office facilities so that they are and the house was ours for the day. After a short now in better shape than ever to handle orders and rest we began our exercises. Our Chief Ranger, can now build and ship at the rate of 60 Pianos and Mrs. Bear, made the speech of the day, follow- Organs per day, or 18,000 per annum.