

F.S., Geo. D. Melvin, M.D.
Treas., L. D. Jones.
S.W., D. H. Meyers.
J.W., Geo. N. Ritchey.
S.B., H. A. Meyers.
J.B., J. McElmon.
P.C.R., M. W. Somerville.
Chaplain, John Wilson.
Physicians, J. J. Lawson, M.D. and G. G. Melvin, M.D.

COURT LAKE, NO. 61, PORT COLBORNE, O.
Instituted 14th April, 1887, by Bro. A. Thompson.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

C.D.H.C.R., John Cook.
C.R., John F. Cook.
V.C.R., Robt. Richardson.
F.S., W. K. Minor.
J.W., Wm. Braven.
S.B., John W. Fleming, jr.
J.B., Jas. E. Bayle.
P.C.R., Richard Gaylor.
Physician, Frank King, M.D.

COURT FLORENCE, NO. 189, FLORENCE.
Instituted 2nd May, 1887, by Bro. A. R. Mills.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

C.D.H.R., Dr. Campbell.
C.R., D. S. Long.
V.C.R., A. McCreary.
R.S., Byson Brown.
F.S., W. T. Parsons.
Treas., David Corbett.
S.W., James T. Roberts.
J.W., Samuel Kirby.
S.B., Robt. McNeilly.
J.B., John Powell.
P.C.R., Geo. L. Hodgson.
Chaplain, Daniel Stags.
Physician, Joseph Campbell, M.D.

COURT BERLIN, NO. 154, BERLIN.
Instituted on the 3rd of May, by J. D. Kennedy, D.S.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

C.D.H.C.R., Dr. G. W. Wright.
C.R., William Caldwell.
V.C.R., Owen Bean.
R.S., Fred. C. Albrecht.
F.S., Wm. McNabb.
Treas., Henry Carr.
S.W., Levi Hans.
J.W., Geo. H. Poat.
S.B., Wm. Fischer.
J.W., Chas. Fischer.
Chaplain, A. Bernhardt.
Physician, G. W. Wright, M.D.

COURT LA HAVRE, NO. 205, BRIDGEWATER.
Instituted 6th May, 1887, by Bro. Thos. Clarke, D.S.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

C.D.H.C.R., W. R. Wentzel.
C.R., W. H. Cashon.
V.C.R., David MacLay.
R. S., Francis Davison.
F. S., Robert Dawson, jr.
Treas., Alex. Nelson.
S.W., J. Kenneth Dawson.
J.W., A. DeWolf Coffill.
S.B., R. C. Durling.
J.B., W. A. Munro.
P.C.R., Henry C. Barnaby.
Chaplain, Rev. John Ferry.
Physician, Jas. S. Calder, M.D.

COURT BLACK KNIGHT NO. 173, PRESTON, ONT.
Reorganized 10th May, 1887, by Bro. Jas. D. Kennedy, D.S.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

C.D.H.C.R., Henry Arnfield.
C.R., George Philips.
V.C.R., Frank Kremer.
R.S., Ora A. Salyerds.
F.S., George A. Roos.
Treas., Samuel Hilborn.
S.W., John C. Koess.
J.W., Edward Hagey.
J.B., August Evers.
J.B., Jesse Hilborn.
P.C.R., Geo. A. Clare.
Physician, W. B. Duck, M.D.

COURT GUELPH, NO. 37.

The first Anniversary of Court Guelph was held in their hall on the evening of Wednesday, 4th day of May, on which occasion there was present a large and enthusiastic audience. The following programme was rendered during the evening, viz.:

PROGRAMME.

1. Instrumental Duet. Mrs. Hill & Mr. Hulme
 2. Reading Mr. Butchart
 3. Solo—"Four Marys".... Miss Spaulding
 4. Solo..... Mr. Brydon
 5. Address..... Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.
 6. Duet (by request)—"Hunting Tower"
Miss Spaulding and Mr. Brydon
 7. Quartette—"The Friends," Misses Ceford
Messrs. Thompson and Scroggle
 8. Reading..... Mrs. Geo. Webber
 9. Solo—"Thy Voice is Near Me"
Miss M. Craig
 10. Reading Dr. McPhatten
- Instrumental Duet.... Mrs. Hill & Mr. Scoon
God Save the Queen.

The meeting was satisfactory in every respect and is likely to result in a number of additions to the membership of the Court.

After the public meeting a number of the brethren of Guelph and Puslinch met with the S. C. R. at the Continental, where a pleasant social time was spent for the rest of the evening. A number of the Royal Foresters from Puslinch were present in uniform and presented a most creditable appearance.

I. O. F. CONCERT.

A grand concert under the auspices of Court Arva, No. 126, I. O. F., will be held in the Town Hall, St. Johns, on Friday, May 27th, 1887. Among those already secured to take part in the programme are the following: Fred. Saunders, Jack Cowan, Fred. McCarty, Fred. Leonard, Charlie Richardson. Ald Davis, of London, will give a short stirring address. Dr. J. W. Mitchell, of London, will occupy the chair. Mr. W. K. Evans, of London, will preside at the piano, furnished by Mr. R. S. Williams, of London.

NOTES.

The Supreme Chief Ranger returns this month to New Jersey, with the hope that he will organize a High Court some time during the third week of May.

We beg to thank Bro. H. C. Creed, H. C. R., of N. B., for corrections in *index* to Constitution sent in. He is the only one who has pointed out any defects. The index must be pretty nearly perfect.

One of our H. C. R.'s. has decided that a High Court Officer cannot be tried by his Subordinate Court at all. The decision is erroneous. Any officer of the Supreme Court from the S. C. R. down, or any officer of a High Court bears precisely the same relation to his own Subordinate Court as every other

member thereof, and is amenable to said Court for any offences he may commit, unless the offences occur in connection with his official acts as such Supreme or High Officer.

The Constitutions are getting ready slowly. We did not expect it would take more than two weeks to get them ready, but it is going to take apparently about two months instead. We hope however to have them out by 1st June. All Courts—new Courts we mean—which have not received at institution one copy for each charter member will please write to the S. Secretary towards the end of May, reminding him of the number of Constitutions that the Court is short, and they will be at once supplied.

Dr. Shaw has written us another letter, in which he states that he was formerly an editor of a publication whose literary merit was far above the INDEPENDENT FORESTER, and that the English in his first letter is good. As to the first statement it simply makes Dr. Shaw's offence more gross. As to the second our readers can judge for themselves. We recognise the right of every member to complain of any irregularities in connection with the work of this office, and we are happy to say, in every instance before the receipt of Dr. Shaw's letter, it has been done in courteous terms. Such complaints we have always treated respectfully, and, we trust, fraternally. Dr. Shaw saw fit, on the other hand, to introduce himself to us by writing an impertinent letter. He got his answer. If he is not satisfied with that answer it is not our fault.

THE LITTLE CUP BEARER.

The little cup-bearer entered the room
After the banquet was done;
His eyes were like the skies of May,
Aglow with a cloudless sun.
Kneeling beside his master's feet,
The feet of the noble king,
He raised the goblet, "Drink, my liege,
The offering that I bring."

"Nay, nay," the good king smiling said,
"But first a faithful sign
That thou bringest me no poison draught;
Taste thou, my page, the wine."
Then gently, firmly spoke the lad,
"My dearest master, no;
Though at thy slightest wish my feet
Shall gladly come and go."

"Rise up, my little cup-bearer,"
The king, astonished, cried;
"Rise up, and tell me straightway why
Is my request denied?"
The young page rose up slowly
With sudden paling cheek,
While courtly lords and ladies
Waited to hear him speak.

"My father sat in princely halls,
And tasted wine with you.
He died a wretched drunkard, sire"—
The brave voice tearful grew.
"I vowed to my dear mother,
Beside her dying-bed,
That for her sake I would not taste
The tempting poison-red."

"Away with this young upstart!"
The lords impatient cry;
But, spilling slow the ruby wine,
The good king made reply:
"Thou shalt be my cup-bearer,
And honored well," he said;
"But see thou bring not wine to me,
But water pure instead."