

Companions of the I.O.F.

This new organization is making great progress. Last month we reported 129 courts. On the 1st April the number was 152.

We have less to complain of this month in the way of news. Our sisters are privileging us to hear from them, for which favor we are grateful.

Mrs. Julia M. Warren, of Attica, N.Y., has been appointed and commissioned a Deputy Supreme Chief Companion, and is engaged in organizing courts of the Ladies' Branch of the Order.

Court Mizpah, Massena, N.Y., was instituted on March 17th, by S. W. Dodge, M.D., D.S.C.R. The court has a good list of charter members, a capable staff of officers and will doubtless do good work.

Court St. Clair, Companions of the I.O.F., was organized at Yale, Mich., on March 5th, by Mary Davenport, D.S.C.C., with a charter membership of 26. An efficient staff of officers was installed.

Court Saginaw, No. 103, is progressing. The members gave a pedro party on March 2nd; the attendance was large, the hall being filled to overflowing. The membership is 40, with more to follow.

Court Republic, No. 16, C.I.O.F., gives a basket social entertainment and dance Saturday, March 26th, at Aurora Hall, Milwaukee avenue and Huron streets. The tickets are only 15 cents. The ladies guarantee a pleasant time.

Good news has just been received from Court Peoria. This court now numbers 48 ladies, all enthusiastic and determined to make their court a credit to our honored chief. (This court is the first court of Companions that Dr. Oronhyatekha personally instituted.)

Court Havilin, No. 38, C.I.O.F., gave their first entertainment, lunch and dance, Feb. 15th. The entertainment was excellent. Everybody went away rejoiced, and the Companions of Court Havilin were so pleased that they have announced a prize masquerade to be given March 15th.

The first court of Companions was organized in Winnipeg recently, by Bro. Waddell, P.H.C.R., assisted by R. Muir, H.C.R. and Jas A. Stewart, organizer for the Order. The court has a good charter list and will be known as Court Shining Star. More are sure to follow in the Prairie Province.

Galt has the honor of having the first Court of Companions in the Mother High Court. Bro. Alex. J. Wilson, D.S.C.C., who has been the efficient R.S. of Court Valley City, No. 73, for many years instituted it. Court Harmony has now 56 members, is well officered, and doing excellent work.

A court of Companions of the I.O.F. was organized at Monson, Me., March 5th, 1898, by D.S.C.C. H. E. Smith, with 22 charter members. It will be known as Court Snowden, No. 134.

The Foresters of Court Idris feel proud of their baby (as they call it) and expect good results from it.

Court Crystal, No. 20, Frankfort, was instituted last July by Supreme Deputy W. C. Smith, with a charter membership of 21 members. We have now 31 members in good standing and have 7 more to initiate at our next meeting, at which time we hope to have the presence and assistance of H.C.R. M. M. Callaghan.

Court Wilson, Cleveland, has an active membership of 38. All are interested in the success of the court, and work for its prosperity. Candidates are initiated at every meeting. Preparations on a large scale are being made for a social to be held on the 20th inst. by Courts Columbia, I.O.F., and Court Wilson, C.C.O.F.

Bro. A. Cornwall, Deputy Supreme Chief Companion, instituted another Court of Companions of the Independent Order of Foresters on the 15th day March, 1898, to be known as Court Old Glory, with a charter list of 43 names. Great credit is due Companion A. L. Smith for the energetic and unceasing efforts to make this court a grand success.

Court Friendship, No. 22, West Owosso, is reported as doing splendid work. The number of members is steadily increasing, and the enthusiasm is rising proportionately. The court gives sick benefits, and has a snug sum in the treasury. The Companions expect to take possession of their Forest Home in May, when it will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

On February 12th, the first court of Companions of the I.O.F. was instituted at Spokane, Washington, by John A. Forsyth, D.S.C.C., consisting of 38 charter members, and we look now for Forestry to make good progress in Spokane during the next 6 months. Mrs. Frankie Rhodes rendered great assistance to the High Chief while there in the institution of the Companions.

Court Isabel, No. 51, Buffalo, Companions of the Foresters, gave their friends and the public an opportunity to enjoy their hospitality and to learn something of the benefits to be derived by being members of the Order as well as of their branch of the Order. An interesting evening's entertainment was presented, for which a slight admission was charged, and the result was about \$25.00 increase of their court funds.

The Companions of Court Ruth, No. 95, Syracuse, N.Y., held a very interesting and perfectly enjoyable evening party at the residence of Mrs. J. Boyd, No. 201 Boyden St., Syracuse, recently, at which over 100 guests were present. The entertainment was furnished by, and participated in, the ladies of the court, and it can be said by those participating that it consisted of a round of pleasure long to be remembered.

Court Carter H. Harrison, Chicago, was organized Feb. 3rd, with a charter list of 32 names. This is a very promising court, with a membership possessing energy and push.

The ladies met weekly during February for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the secret work, and to initiate candidates, but have now arranged to meet regularly on the second and fourth Thursdays, at 2525 S. Halsted-street.

Court Pride of Illinois was organized Feb. 8th with 22 charter applicants. A number of brother Foresters of Court Pride of Illinois have promised to join the Companions, and with their assistance the Companions of West Pullman, ere long, will give as much credit to the Companions as Court Pride of Illinois, No. 1989, does to the I.O.F. The ladies are enthusiastic, energetic and determined to have their court second to none.

The C.C. of Court Ontario, No. 47, Oswego, in response to the hint in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER of Feb. 15th, writes:—"On Feb. 10, C.C. Ontario, No. 47, gave an entertainment for members