

Auditors' Report.

LONDON, October 29th, 1887.

*Jronhyakha, M.D., Supreme Chief Ranger,
I.O.F.*

The under-signed auditors report that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer for the months of July, August and September, and find that they have been kept with the usual care and accuracy. The balances of the several funds shown by the Supreme Treasurer's books on the 1st October inst are as follows:

At credit of Endowment Fund....\$71,887 85
At credit of Sick & Funeral Fund. 2,170 52
At debit of General Fund..... 2,496 40

Since the last audit the sum of \$5,000 has been added to the "Permanent Reserve Fund" and is in the form of a debenture issued by the Canada Permanent Investment Company, which, with the coupons attached, is now in the vaults of the Supreme Court at the Executive office. The "Permanent Reserve Fund" is now made up as follows:

Deposit in Post Office
Savings Bank....\$10,000 00
Interest to June 30, '87 1,104 42
\$11,104 42

Deposit with Dominion
Savings & Invest. Sy. 25,000 00
Interest to June 30, '87 1,093 30
26,093 30

Deposit with Ont. Loan
& Debenture Co. ... 20,000 00
Interest to June 30, '87 180 59
20,180 59

Debenture Canada Permanent
Investment Co. 5 000 00

Total Permanent Reserve Fund..\$62,378 31

The amount of Endowment Fund in open bank account is \$9,509.54.

We desire again to draw attention to the annoyance and inconvenience to the Supreme Court officers and to some extent to ourselves, arising from the neglect of Court officers to return vouchers promptly to the Supreme Treasurer.

We find that a good deal of unnecessary trouble and extra work in the Supreme Secretary's office is caused by the careless manner in which monthly returns are made out and sent in. Here is a specimen: On the morning of the 27th inst. a return was received, accompanied by a remittance to pay assessments for the month, but neither the name nor the number of the Court was filled in, nor was there any other mark or memorandum on the return which would indicate what Court sent it. As a last resort the postmarks on the envelope were examined. These showed that the letter had been mailed at Smithville, and turning up the membership register it was found that the names in the return corresponded with those in the Court at that place and the money was credited to the Court. But had it not been for the postmark on the envelope it would have been almost impossible to identify the return and give proper credits in the books.

Some Courts, we find, persist in sending in assessments for members who have not been passed by the Medical Board, notwithstanding that they have been repeatedly notified not to do so. It would be well for these Courts and members to understand that such assessments are sent entirely at their risk, and that the payment thereof creates no claim upon the Supreme Court until the Medical Examination

tion has been properly passed by the Medical Board.

Respectfully submitted,
THO. LAWLESS, } Supreme
B. W. GREER, } Auditors.

Why You Should Join the I. O. F.**(1) Because**

A membership in the I. O. F. will secure \$500 or \$1,000, or \$1,500 on total and permanent disability from disease or accident, without any additional cost to that of Insurance.

(2) Because

No other one Order gives Free Medical Attendance, Sick Benefits, Funeral Benefits, Endowment Benefits Annuity Benefits, Disability Benefits and Insurance at death, except the Independent Order of Foresters.

(3) Because

Every Forester when he reaches the age of 70 years is freed from any further charges, and from that time forward will receive an annuity of \$100, or \$200, or \$300 a year. The balance of Insurance is paid to his family on death; so that in the I. O. F. you do not have to die to win your Insurance money.

(4) Because

By joining the I. O. F. you can leave \$1,000, or \$2,000, or \$3,000 Insurance, payable to your wife, children, or other Beneficiaries, as you may have directed, at a cost ranging from 60 cents per month per \$1,000, and upwards, according to age, which is a little more than one-third the cost in Insurance Companies.

(5) Because

By paying two extra assessments or \$1.20 per year and upwards, according to age, for each \$1,000 of Insurance, every member can secure the payment to himself of the whole Insurance of \$1,000, or \$2,000, or \$3,000, on reaching his expectation of life, which is reached from the sixty-third year and upwards according to age at joining.

(6) Because

Once a Forester always a Forester is the general rule. If a member becomes suspended through non payment of dues, etc., by being re-examined and paying up arrears, or by being re-rated at present age, he can re-instate himself at any time, and if the Court with which you are connected goes down, you can pay direct to the Supreme Court and thereby keep your standing good.

(7) Because

The I. O. F. is a sound financial Institution, having already \$62,378.31 in its Permanent Reserve Fund, which is safely deposited with the Government, and with the safest Monetary Institutions of the land. The various benefits of the Order are paid with the utmost promptness; the Insurance Benefit having been paid in from four to fourteen days from the death of a Brother.

"I've reckoned wit out my host this time," remarked the female gymnast as she gracefully glided down the rope fire-escape and performed the vanishing act.

If the young lady who bangs on the piano and sings "Nobody Loves Me," would go into the kitchen and help her mother, perhaps somebody would.

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The Knights of Caissa's Cross

BY ROBERT H. SEYMOUR.

(From Columbia Chess Chronicle.)

PRELUDE.**"THE STRANGEST EVENT OF MY LIFE."**

My trusted and honored friend Richard Winslow, recently deceased, bequeathed to me his private cabinet, and all its contents. This cabinet was of peculiar construction, and contained several secret compartments, the locality of which, and manner of opening, I had become acquainted with by a sealed communication found in one of the drawers, directed to myself.

Upon opening the secret receptacles I found several manuscripts, one of which was endorsed "The strangest event of my life, to be published after my death in such a form as my friend, to whom I have left my cabinet and contents, may deem expedient."

Having carefully examined the manuscript, I now give it to the world substantially as my friend had written it, suppressing only actual names, and localities, and simply changing the title. As Mr. Winslow was a man of veracity I can see no reason to doubt his story, but the readers can judge for themselves.

RICHARD WINSLOW'S STORY.**CHAPTER I.****THE CROSSED DOOR.**

Not far from Cape Arundel on the coast of Maine, it was my pleasure to spend every year a few weeks allotted to my Summer vacation. Many hours I have sauntered among the groves that abound there. On one of my strolls I lost my way in the depths of a pine forest, and when wandering about came unexpectedly upon an old mansion, apparently without any inhabitants. A close investigation revealed a house, cross-like in shape, black with age, but otherwise in good repair. A small garden in the rear showed evident signs of cultivation. This indicated that there were dwellers within the house, although the general appearance gave no evidence of it.

Approaching the main entrance, I was surprised to notice what appeared to be a faint red cross upon the door with various white figures painted upon its surface arranged as follows.

