

risk" for each year of age from 50 to 69 years, both inclusive. It was necessary to give this table because, since 1st of October last, everybody joining the I. O. F. of 50 years of age or over would have to pay the increasing rates of assessments shown in this table, the increases taking place from year to year as the member got older and older. The table does in no sense mean that we will in the future admit up to and including the 69th year of age. The limit is still 54 years of age as formerly, except as shown above. The only reason the table in question runs up to the 69th year is because of the fact that those who join at 50 to 54 years of age pay each year the increased rate shown in the table and that they, like all the rest of our members, quit paying any more assessments after they have reached their 70th birthday.

Sick Benefits.

Officers and members are once more informed that the new Constitution requires that notices of illness should be sent to the Supreme Physician, Brother Dr. Millman, and not to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to Supreme Secretary.

So likewise should the Sick Benefit Claim be sent to the Supreme Physician, who is now the authorized officer to deal with such claims. It is the determination of the Supreme Physician to follow the Constitution strictly, and any claim that is filed after the expiration of the 30 days provided for in the Constitution will invariably be treated just as the Constitution directs. Members and Courts will therefore govern themselves accordingly.

Don't Do It.

Don't send an application for membership to Brother Atwell Fleming, the Business Manager of THE FORESTER is not yet Supreme Secretary.

Don't send your Monthly Reports to the Manager of the Bank of Toronto. We have already intimated that that eminent financier has not yet been promoted to the Supreme Secretaryship.

Don't send your own private cheque on your own bank for the monthly remittance. It makes the Supreme Secretary look as if he would like to swear, and would, no doubt, but for the fact that profanity is not allowed within our "Forest Home."

Don't send corrections for the card of your Court in THE FORESTER to the Supreme Chief Ranger, as they are likely to get into the waste basket. The Supreme Chief Ranger is only Editor of THE FORESTER, and is not the Business Manager thereof.

Don't confess that you have no friends nor influence by failing to bring into your Court at least one candidate between now and Christmas. Read THE FORESTER and learn for yourself what a grand and noble work the Order is doing. Think what a blessing you may bring to a family by getting the father to join your Court. Work like a beaver to increase the number of members in your own Court and thereby scatter blessings among you: your women and at the same time bless yourself.

Semi-Annual Returns.

The new Constitution provides for several new Forms, among them being the Semi-Annual Returns, being *Form No. 12*. They are intended to be used by all Courts for making their monthly returns for the months of January and July of each year. Attention is drawn thus early to them because no other will be accepted from Courts for next January, and a plea that they have none on hand will be of no avail. Subordinate Courts had better supply themselves with these new Forms in time, so that there be no possibility of any catastrophe overtaking them.

The Mortality Rate for October.

In the experience of the I. O. F. October has always been the most fatal month. This year it has been no exception to the rule, as will be seen by the terribly long roll given to us by the Supreme Secretary in his Mortuary Statement for October. We have, however, some reason to congratulate ourselves that, long as the roll is, the demands on the treasury, on account of this death roll, exceed the October receipts by only a thousand or two; for in some of the past years this demand has been nearly double of our October receipts. Why should the month of October, especially such an October as we have had this year, prove so fatal as it has done? Will some of our learned Court Physicians and sanitarians tell us the causes, and having told us the causes tell us the remedy? It will be cause for sincere thankfulness that though November is half gone only two or three deaths in the Order have been thus far reported.