

The semi-annual reports of the High Court have come in very rapidly up to the present writing, and more returns have been received than at any other time in the history of the Order at the same time of the year.

Courts should bear in mind that their representatives are not entitled to per diem or mileage or any voice in proceedings of the High Court, unless their High Court dues for the semi-annual term are paid before the meeting.

High Chief Ranger Joslyn publicly installed the officers of Court Elkton on Tuesday evening the 14th inst. Visitors were present from all of the surrounding courts, and the meeting was one of the best ever held in that section of the State.

An appeal has been issued requesting the assistance of the courts and members of the Order in Michigan, for the assistance of Bro. James L. Donohue, of Midland, who was very seriously injured by a gasoline tank explosion a few days ago.

A number of the representatives to the Supreme Court have been elected as delegates to the coming meeting of the High Court and nearly every one of the representatives who went to the old country will be at Lansing to attend the annual gathering.

The High Vice-Chief Ranger publicly installed the officers of Court Berne, of Pidgeon, on the evening of the 9th. A large number of visiting members from surrounding courts were in attendance. The interest among members of the Order present, is largely increased as a result of the meeting.

Dr. D. A. MacTavish of West Bay City, and the High Chief Ranger addressed a public meeting of Court Bay City, No. 306, recently, giving interesting accounts of the trip across the ocean. Court Bay City is in a flourishing condition and has taken in a number of new applicants during the past few weeks.

Court Bad Axe, No. 117, had a public installation of its officers on the 8th inst., conducted by H. V. C. R., Townsend. The installation services were followed by a stirring address by the brother, after which the annual party was held. The evening was a pleasant one, and Forestry in Bad Axe is by no means on the wane.

Court Mountaineer, Saginaw, East Side, had a public installation of officers on the 7th inst., conducted by the High Chief Ranger with the assistance of the High Vice-Chief Ranger. After the installation, the High Court Officers present, gave interesting accounts of the condition of the Order in Michigan and of the meeting of the Supreme Court and the trip through the old country during the past summer.

The officers of Court Owosso, were installed on Wednesday evening the 15th inst., at a public meeting, the admittance to which was ten cents, the proceeds going for the benefit of members of the Order whose effects were destroyed in the recent fire in the car shops. The installation services were conducted by the High Chief Ranger, assisted by Past High Physician Dr. A. L. Arnold. A neat

sum was realized for the benefit of members of the Order.

One of the most encouraging indications of the growth of Forestry in Michigan and of the strength of the Order, is the number of courts whose membership is large. There are now in Michigan two courts whose membership is over two hundred; fifteen whose membership ranges between one hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and seventy-five, and over fifty whose membership ranges from fifty to one hundred, and there are few courts in the State that are not in a flourishing condition.

The public installation of officers at Decker-ville on the 8th inst., proved one of the most interesting events in the history of Court Marion. The High Chief Ranger and High Secretary were present and conducted the exercises, assisted by Bro. William Cumming of Court Custer of Brown City. Although the night was a stormy one, there were upwards of two hundred and eighty persons present, many of whom were ladies. After the exercises an excellent oyster supper was served, to which two hundred guests sat down. Court Marion has increased during the past two years from a membership of less than twelve to eighty-three, and is now one of the leading courts in the Thumb.

Court Grand Rapids, No. 1765, had a public installation of its officers on Monday evening the 13th inst., conducted by High Chief Ranger Joslyn, assisted by State Organizer Bro. Weeks. A large number of members from other courts in the city were in attendance, and the Foresters' wives turned out *en masse*. After the services of installation, Brother Joslyn gave a talk on Forestry for half an hour, followed by Bro. Weeks, who gave a very interesting account of his work as State Organizer, and encouraging reports of the condition of the Order throughout the State. Refreshments followed the literary exercises and the meeting is indicative of the rapid growth of Forestry in the "Flour City."

The High Court will meet in annual session on the 25th and 26th of February, in Representative Hall, in Lansing. The meeting will open at ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 25th. A uniform rate of one and one-third fare, on the certificate plan, has been arranged for by all the railroads in the State. Oronhyatekha has promised to be present and address the meeting in Representative Hall on the evening of the 25th; the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, Bro. Arken, will also be present, it is also expected that the Supreme Secretary, Bro. McGillivray will be in attendance, and the Supreme Treasurer, our own Harry Collins has signified his intention to be present if it is possible for him to do so. On the whole, the meeting promises to be the most interesting in the history of the Order in this State.

'Tis easy enough to be pleasant

When life flows along like a song,

But the man worth while is the man who will smile,

When everything goes dead wrong.

—EUGENE.