

humor, and pronounce Court White City No. 1 sociable, and we are sure this entertainment will be the cause of a good, healthy growth in this court.

Dec. 8th, COURT ILLINOIS, No. 1623, of Chicago, gave an entertainment in their new hall which proved to be a hummer. Standing room was at a premium, and the programme, consisting of music and recitations, was most excellent. Bro. Schaefer, H. Coun., who is also P. S. of this thrifty court of nearly 200 members, outdid himself in his address on Forestry. H.C.R. Stevenson was out of the city, so was unable to attend, very much to the regret of the members of Court Illinois.

COURT HAMLIN, No. 3308, Chicago.—Garfield Hall was filled to overflowing Tuesday evening, Dec. 1st, at an entertainment and dance given by Court Hamlin, No. 3308, which was organized Aug. 5th, last, to their friends and neighbors. P.H.C.R. Pierson and High Councillor Schafer, of the High Court of Illinois, were present and gave short talks on Forestry. Three new members were initiated at the next meeting.

COURT INDEPENDENCE, No. 1792, Chicago, is at this time probably the most aggressive court in the Order. The members gave their first social function recently, which was attended by upwards of 800 people. On the 5th December the court initiated 23 and received 24 applications. By the 1st of January, the membership, we are assured, will be 400. The anniversary of the institution of the court will be celebrated on March 6th, by which date our ambitious brethren expect to be the banner court of the world. Courts Los Angeles and Ottawa are to be heard from on that point, however. The "Chief" is expected. A hall capable of seating 3,000 is already secured, and the biggest of big times is expected. To all of which we say go ahead. The honors for those who work for them.

Indiana.

Now that politics have been relegated to the rear, the courts in Indiana are displaying more activity, and are securing many new members. The reports of the secretaries show sixty-two applications pending, and prospects good for the winter months.

COURT MIAMI, of Peru, still holds the banner with a membership of 142, and as it has twelve applicants seeking admission, it will doubtless retain the honor to the close of the year.

COURT FOUNTAIN, of Attica, lost by death, on Oct. 31, Brother Albert Mohler. The sympathy of all Foresters is extended to this court, and to the friends of its deceased member.

Chas. G. Rehrig, H.V.C.R., was the instituting officer for Court Vanderburgh, of Evansville, and attends all the meetings of this court. This is an example which would be good for all organizers to follow.

The members of COURT ELLWOOD, No. 1097, have recently shown what a live court can do. At a regular meeting in November they resolved to increase their number, and appointed Bro. Lute Douge "Chief Hustler." At the next meeting of the court Bro. Douge presented 12 applications. A special meeting was held on Dec. 2nd to confer the degree.

COURT KEEKONGA, of Ft Wayne, is the recipient of two very beautiful gifts. The members of this court, who are connected with the "Institution for

Feeble-minded Youths," presented it with a beautiful altar, and the Chief Ranger gave it an elegant cover. The boys are so proud of their presents that they have had two signs painted to slide into a reflector over the street, so that should a Forester pass through that part of the forest he will know that Court Kekiunga is in session, and that the gifts are on exhibition.

COURT UNION CITY reports the outlook for the winter campaign very promising. The H.J.S. is a member of this court, and a more enthusiastic Forester is not to be found in "Hoosierdom."

The High Secretary recently had the pleasure of a day's visit with Uncle John Fitzwilliam, the F.S. of Court Gen. Milroy. This court was named in honor of Bro. Fitzwilliam's commander in the "War of the Rebellion." Notwithstanding he is a veteran well advanced in years, Uncle John can still give the younger members many pointers as how to "get there."

COURTS LANASCO, MANHATTAN and VANDERBURGH, of Evansville, held an open meeting in Frick's Hall, on the night of Dec. 2. The meeting was largely attended by the members and their friends. Bro. John Hartman was master of ceremonies, and this insured a pleasant time. A splendid programme of music and recitations was rendered for the enjoyment of all present. Refreshments, consisting of cake, lemonade, ice cream, coffee, and sandwiches, were served after the programme. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Entertainments of this nature always advance the welfare of the Order, and this one will doubtless add many new members to the courts in Evansville.

Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania has not been heard from lately in these columns but we are not dying of "dry rot." The work in the State steadily progresses, and our January returns are expected to reveal to all a grand surprise in the way of increased membership.

Our growth since the August meeting of the High Court has been uniform and encouraging.

H.C.R. Geo. W. Strickland has been busily engaged in the western part of the State putting in new courts, seven having been instituted by him since August 1st. Three more courts, it is expected, will be placed to his credit before the 1st January, 1897.

Deputy S.C.R. Robt. Kidney, who has been engaged in the work of organizing in Philadelphia, expresses himself as much pleased with the progress made. Four new courts in the city owe their existence to his untiring efforts.

There is still a large uncovered field for organizing in the State, and with the opening of the new year the High Standing Committee have decided to offer liberal pecuniary inducements to any brother who thinks he would be successful in that line, the particulars of which may be had on application to the High Secretary.

Court Quaker City had the pleasure of initiating two candidates last month.

Court Wm. Penn had a very enjoyable entertainment at their last meeting, quite a lively and interesting programme for the good of the Order having been arranged by the entertainment committee. Several musical numbers were rendered, and the recitations of Bro. Harry Nichols, who is unsur-