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Private parties or any large number coming from any one point or contiguous points desiring special railway conveniences, can obtain the necessary information pertaining to same by applying to C. A. Stone, Temple Building, who will endeavor to make arrangements for the convenience and comfort of the delegates and their friends.

Correspondence.

His Last Prayer will be for the Good of the I.O.F.

The Value of the Disability Benefit.

CHAMBER OF COURT PEGET SOUND,
No. 538, I.O.F.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,
March 30th, 1898,

The Officers, Supreme Court, I.O.F.

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS,—Please accept my heartiest thanks for the draft for \$1,000 you sent me for my Permanent and Total Disability claim, also for the promptness in which it was paid. I cannot express myself as I would like to. Had it not been for the fact that I held an insurance policy in the I.O.F. I don't know what I would have done, as I have not been able to earn a dollar for over a year past, and now the doctor says that I should go to Arizona as it might help me a little. From the fact of my holding such policy, it has enabled me to procure credit, whereas, if I had not held such policy nobody would have cared to trust me. I see plainly now that a policy in the I.O.F. is all you need to procure you what you need in that particular, and I can never say too much in favor of our beloved Order. If I should go to a climate where it will help me and, perhaps, prolong my days, and if I continue to get better, I assure you that I will do all in my power to help you along in your good work, and if the good Father above sees fit to call me to that last resting-place, where we are all born to go, I hope that my last dying prayer will be for the good and welfare of the I.O.F.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
JAMES H. MCSORLEY.

Is the I.O.F. British?

ATTICA, N.Y., May 18th, 1898.

To the Editor of the FORESTER:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—My attention has just been called to Official Circular No. 13, issued by the Executive, dated at 24 Charing Cross, London, Eng., April 30th, 1898, whereby all members of the Order who have, or may hereafter, respond to the call of their country and serve in the army, navy or militia, shall from the date of the commencement of such service, to the close thereof, be classed as the "Ordinary or Preferred Class," instead of

paying hazardous or extra-hazardous rates, as such member or members may have been paying according to their respective vocations. In other words, by this edict so issued by the Executive, the member or members so defending his or their country are placed upon the Preferred list during such military or naval service.

By the Constitutions and Laws of the Order, the making of this circular by the Executive was wholly discretionary with that body. The question is, was it made in the interest of Great Britain, or was it made in the interest of these United States and humanity?

Great Britain has no war on, and therefore so far as that country is concerned no reason whatever exists for the issuing of the circular. This Order does no business in Spain, hence it was not issued in the interests of that country. Therefore but one deduction can be drawn therefrom, viz., that the circular was intended to apply and does apply to the so-called "Yankee" members of this most noble and glorious Order, residents and subjects of these United States. We sometimes hear the remark made that the objection to the Order is, "that it is a foreign corporation: a British Order," etc., etc. Can the circular above referred to impress any mind having any activity whatever that the Order is wholly British or foreign? I hope not; and whenever an American member of this Order may hear the remark made or the objection raised that the Order is a selfish foreign one, he should not enter into any discussion whatever, but point with pride to Circular No. 13, which will have the full effect of a period to a y discussion upon the subject.

In conclusion, permit me to say that Court Attica, No. 796, desires to express its sincere thanks, through the FORESTER, to the Executive of the Order, for this kind and generous act on its part, in voluntarily issuing Circular No. 13, which act in and of itself erases and wholly obliterates even the imaginary line between Great Britain and these United States in so far as this great Order is concerned.

If, however, the act of issuing Circular No. 13 can be styled wholly as a British act, may God bless the British and ever keep and preserve such a kind, humane and generous nation.

Sincerely yours in L., B. & C.,
O. P. STOCKWELL,
H.V.C.R. I.O.F., of N.Y.

The I.O.F. Redeems its Promises and Renders Aid When Most Needed.

OAKWOOD, May 13th, 1898.

To Court Mariposa, No. 1906,
Independent Order of Foresters.

DEAR OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—Please accept my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown me during the past year, and especially since the great affliction has come upon me which leaves me incapable of taking my place in the world among men as formerly.

You will also please forward to the Supreme Officers my heartfelt thanks for the very prompt payment of my Disability claim, amounting to \$1,500, which will have very much influence in lessening the care that would naturally arise under such circumstances.