

ner for membership. Among the 230 Foresters on its roll are 15 of the original charter members.

Court George W. Childs, a year old, is justly proud that its hundredth member is the Hon. Foster M. Voorhies, state Senator, and probably the next Governor of New Jersey. Brother Foster travelled the R.R.R. like the rest of us.

There are eight new courts under way in the state, with prospects of being in full working order before meeting of Supreme Court.

Bro. and Dr. Cassady, of Burlington, brought in 26 new Foresters in one month. It will take a pretty lively hustler to beat that record.

All the courts observed the Order's 21st birthday, by attending church on June 16th. In Elizabeth, Courts Childs and Washington united, and nearly filled one of the large Presbyterian churches.

Elizabeth has a population of 44,000, one thousand of whom are Foresters, while another thousand are preparing to become Foresters at an early date.

### North Dakota.

#### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

ARDOCH, N. D.,  
June 15th, 1895.

*To all Subordinate Courts in North Dakota:*

BRETHREN—You are hereby notified that the next meeting of the High Court of North Dakota will be held in Oddfellows' Hall, on July 13th and 19th, 1895, at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Business of the greatest importance will be brought up, and a full representation is earnestly requested.

Your attention is especially called to the official circular recently issued, and it is important that each court should comply with its request.

Yours in L. B. and C.,

J. H. FRANE, H.C.R.

G. R. Jacobi, H. Sec.

#### NOTES.

Court Thompson, No. 1,595, celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of the I.O.F. in truly Forester style. The boys are all wide awake.

The Foresters' picnic at Crystal, on June 14th is expected to eclipse the "big blow out" at Foresters' Island. Ontario can beat us in numbers, but not in material.

Court Hunter, No. 1,645, is getting to the front. It is one of the youngest in the State, but the boys have arranged for a "big day" on the 17th.

Court Voss, No. 1,726, mourns the loss of one of its members, Bro. Govey, who died May 24th. The funeral was conducted by the members, assisted by large delegations from sister courts, over 150 being in line. The bereaved family have received much practical sympathy from the court since February 1st.

After paying all funeral expenses, the widow was presented with a check for \$1,000. The Foresters truly exemplify their principles.

Court Bay Centre, No. 736, is getting to the 100 mark with both feet. This court is buried alive in an out-of-the-way spot, but when it comes to the number of members, it is very much alive, leading all the courts in the State.

Court Grand Forks is located in the largest and best city in the State, but for some reason it brings up the rear regarding the number of members. Why is this "thusly?"

North Dakota has been truly fortunate during the past year, having only two deaths to record. What is the matter with us?

Court Arvilla, No. 776, held a picnic on June 14th, which was well attended and very enjoyable to all.

Court Grandin, No. 511, celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Order by having a sociable time. Several courts in the immediate vicinity assisted, and a general good time was indulged in.

Court Ardoch, No. 496, attended Divine service on June 16th, at the M. E. Church. The boys turned out 50 strong.

### Minnesota.

A review of the work done in this jurisdiction for the past year shows that the Order has made material progress, and, everything considered, the members may well congratulate themselves upon their energy. A brief synopsis of the work shows the following:

Court Minnesota, No. 453, on July 1st, 1894, had a membership of 51. During the year they have received accessions, by initiations, 60; by card, 2; total, 113. Losses: by suspension, 8; by card, 4; by death, 1. Net membership, 100.

Court Fairview, No. 518. By reason of financial difficulties this court has not made as good showing as it usually has done, and will report a smaller membership than last July. Still, they are not disheartened, and every one of their 56 members begins the new year with a determination to work hard for their court and bring it again to the front.

Court Farmington, No. 547, makes a good showing for the year, having succeeded in almost doubling its membership.

Court Winonah, No. 568, will report 50 members, as against 31 last July, and the members say they have hardly gotten down to their best work and promise a much better showing the coming year.

Court Luluth, No. 724, has been the Banner Court of the State up to the last month, having had a membership of 140; but Court Hillside, No. 1236, got its working clothes on, and brought its membership up from 39 on July 1st, 1894, to 150. Court Hillside is composed of enthusiastic Foresters, and when they start out to do anything they set a hot pace. At their last meeting in May they initiated a class of 61 in one evening, and they do say that none of the candidates felt at all slighted in the matter of getting their share of the "fun."