

be the Foresters' fancy drill competition and the band competition on the Exhibition Grounds, and the magnificent street parade through the city. The dedication of the grand Temple on the evening of August 30th will be a glorious and imposing ceremony, and will no doubt be witnessed by thousands. The sessions of the Supreme Court will be specially interesting to Foresters, as important questions relating to the welfare of the Order will be discussed and settled. After the Supreme Court meeting is over there will be ample time to visit the Fair, which runs from August 29th to September 10th, and see the many attractions there. To our American brethren and friends these will be very interesting. There will be representations of scenes in the Cuban war—blockades, bombardments, battles, and blowing up of vessels. Toronto will have many reasons to be proud of the triennial meeting of the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. in August and September, 1898, while the visitors will see one of the best fairs in the world.

### A Noble Expression.

The following, among many received, is so full of deep gratitude to the Executive Committee and kindly regards toward our beloved Supreme Chief Ranger, that we cheerfully give it a place in the already crowded columns of our August number. We know that it will be read with pleasure by thousands of Foresters:—

LOS ANGELES, CAL., July 19th, 1898.

Oronhyatekha, M.D.,

Supreme Chief Ranger, I.O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your circular explaining action of Supreme Executive regarding the placing of all members of the I.O.F. who have enlisted in the American army in this war with Spain, in the ordinary or preferred class, was read in open Court and elicited long and hearty applause.

By a unanimous vote the Court named the undersigned brothers a committee to draft a communication and forward same to you, expressing their heartfelt thanks for this noble and unselfish action of yourself and the Sup. Ex.—an action that will and has enkindled a flame of love for our beloved Order in the hearts of every true Forester, enkindled a flame that naught can quench, and one that will be a light and a guide in the future for him who is seeking a haven where Liberty and Concord, coupled with that most beautiful of virtues, Benevolence, is the sweet law that rules all who have sought protection under its shadow.

In conclusion, allow us to assure you that our prayer shall ever be, that He who holds the destinies of nations in His hand may grant you a long and happy career as the guiding spirit of the grandest and noblest Order with which man has ever had the privilege of affiliating.

We have the honor to subscribe ourselves

Yours in L., B. & C.,

WM. E. REAVIS,  
F. W. WISMER,  
O. H. NUNDALEY, } Committee.

### Flourishing Courts.

That our members all round the world may know how Independent Forestry flourishes in the Golden State on the Pacific coast we publish the following financial statement of Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532 of Los Angeles, California; also an item from the Los Angeles Times, re the 4th July parade in that city. We might further remark that Court Los Angeles, No. 422, claims to be the largest Court in the world, having reported 631 members in good standing in June.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., July 16th, 1898.

Statement of the Finances of Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, I.O.F., for the term ending June 30th, 1898:—

Balance on hand in General Fund, July 1st, 1898.....	\$1087 95
Balance on hand in Sick and Funeral Fund, July 1st, 1898.....	411 77
Balance in Bank in Sick and Funeral Fund, July 1st, 1898.....	800 00
Interest received on deposit in Bank.	
Sick and Funeral Fund.....	17 55

Total on hand..... \$2317 27

### RESPLENDENT IN GOLD.

"One of the handsomest of the many divisions of the long parade was the fifth, led by Marshal Wirsching, aids and color bearers, and the Riverside Concert Band of twenty-one men, in white trousers, black caps and coats. Section A was composed of Royal Foresters, Independent Order of Foresters. The court wore the full uniform of the Order. The officers were mounted, and the entire command was resplendent in gold braid, epaulettes and elegant chapeaux. The officers wore long, white plumes, while the rank and file were gay in plumes of scarlet. There were fifty men of the Royal Foresters in line. Thirteen city courts followed, carrying flags and wearing canvas hats with red, white and blue bands. After these came several country courts with similar distinguishing regalia. In all the Foresters turned out over 800 men."

### Cheap Excursion.

THE CLEVELAND BOYS ARE COMING.

Excelsior Encampment, Royal Foresters of Cleveland, Ohio, will run an excursion to Toronto via Buffalo during the meeting of the Supreme Court. The Encampment will come forty strong, accompanied by one of Cleveland's finest military bands, and will arrive in Toronto on Monday, Aug. 29th. From present prospects it is expected that fully 400 Foresters and their friends will embrace the opportunity of visiting Toronto and the Industrial Exhibition. Tickets, good for five days, have been placed at the very low figure of \$4.50 for the round trip, and can be procured from W. L. Bullard, 1617 Woodland Ave., and other members of the committee.