

ness a half-hour was devoted to Good and Welfare, and this followed by refreshments served in the hall. The repast having been fully discussed, business was resumed, and a volunteer candidate initiated, in order to show the proficiency of the working team. The ceremony was gone through without a hitch, and to the entire satisfaction of all present. We noticed that the new members from Courts Ideal, Gardner and Hoople were especially pleased with the ceremonies.

Connecticut.

Court Nutmeg, No. 1404, Plymouth.

A brother writes:—"Court Nutmeg, No. 1404, has enjoyed the honor of being the first and only court of the I.O.F. in the State of Connecticut, for about two and one-half years, and while we have been proud to be at the head, and of the fact that our presiding officer was Chief Ranger of the whole State, we are now ready to divide the honor. In fact, we feel a trifle lonesome. Our Chief Ranger, Bro. James Edgerton says he can't stand the care of so much territory much longer. We are in a small place where men are scarce and hard to get. We have been getting them steadily though and have gone out of town after more. We expect, in time to extend a line of courts westward to the Hudson River, so as to get into communication with our brethren in the State of New York. We hope they will work our way. The Hudson is not impassable, and the forests are not so dense as to present a serious obstacle, so if the court nearest us will make an effort to come our way, we will try to meet them."

Montana.

Court Copper Seal, No. 3148, Anaconda.

A correspondent writes:—"Our little court is in its infancy, but hope in the near future to have over 100 members, as the foundation and workings of the Order please every one that have been spoken to, and we will soon put a man out to represent it to the public in all its features. The results of his work we do not question, when the proper man to approach the public, and one who will devote his time to the work, comes into our court."

Michigan.

Court Traverse, No. 853, Traverse City.

A correspondent writes: "We feel very highly honored as a court to have our much respected Bro. Chas. Caris, our delegate to High Court, come home with the much prized badge of H. Mess. Our Mess here is made of good material or he would have been dead—just think of the work he has been doing! 63 new members in fourteen days.

I never got a patient by water drinking, but thousands by strong liquor.—*Dr. Gregory.*

Great Britain and Ireland.

From recent British papers we learn that the Order is attracting considerable and increasing attention in the old land. Quite a number of public meetings under the auspices of the local court, have been held. The attendance of the general public has been good. Bro. Marshall, D.S.C.R. General Manager for Great Britain has attended a large number of these meetings, and has presented the principles and benefits with fullness and clearness. Once the Order is known and understood its growth in the British Isles is sure to be rapid and continuous.

The meeting of Court Pembrey, No. 2010, Burry Port, on the 25th March, is noticed at considerable length in the local press. The address of Bro. Marshall is given in full and was a clear and exhaustive presentation of the principles, benefits, history and working of the Order. At the close of the meeting Bro. Marshall was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

England.

Important Meeting in Bristol.

THRIFT IN LIFE INSURANCE.

(From the *Magpie*, March 13th.)

The steady yet rapid growth of habits of thrift amongst the English people, is one of the most distinctive and encouraging features of the nineteenth century. Savings banks have done much to foster this prudent disposition, but the increasing efficacy of and the greater facilities for Life Insurance, are developing it in a greater ratio, and every firm step of advance made in this direction should be welcomed.

Were such facilities as are now within reach of the humblest fully availed of, there would be no need of state-aided pensions, the laborer may with a slight amount of self-denial provide for his old age. The more the knowledge of the existence of such institutions as enable us to accomplish this is spread, the more will people be induced to acquire those habits which will ensure them support and comfortable independence when, as is inevitable, their powers fail them, and they must make way for the younger generation.

It was to expound the principles and system of a Society firmly established on a solid basis offering greater advantages at a cost much less than that of any of the British offices, that Mr. James Marshall, Manager of the London branch of the Independent Order of Foresters, addressed an attentive and intelligent assembly in Bristol, on Friday, the 28th ult.

It must not be supposed that the I.O.F. is working upon any insecure or insufficient foundation, since, in point of fact, the premium charged is at the same rate as is the average charge under this head made by the Companies, with an addition of about five per cent. for expenses of management. This keeps the I.O.F. well within the rate as pre-