

P.H.C.R.; and Stevenson. H.C.R., were present, and made short and stirring addresses.

W. P. Clancey, Chief Ranger of Court Independent, No. 1792, is proving to be a valuable worker in Chicago. Bro. Clancey is sargeant of police, and was a member of the "Illinois" Order for about twelve years. Leaving that order in March last, he and eight others, members of Court Union, No. 41, of Illinois Order, formed Court Independent. At their first meeting they initiated 27, and next meeting 43; July 1st had 178, and now over 200, and expect to keep on increasing. Through the efforts of Bro. Clancey, Court Bun Oak, 3200, at Hegewisch was organized, also Court Colehour last month, and still he keeps on, and Tuesday Aug. 11th he and H.C.R. Stevenson instituted another court at 53rd and Union Ave. Chicago. This work all being done by him for the good of the Order without any recompense whatever, says that he will soon have 500 members in Court Independent, as this court has several good workers and all are working with Bro. Clancey in a very hearty manner.

The High Standing Committee of Illinois have decided to offer all members in their jurisdiction that bring in two beneficiary members by Nov. 1st, a handsome lapel button. This button will be made especially for the members of Illinois, and we would like to see every member of the Order wearing one of these buttons after Nov. 1st.

COURT WHITE CITY, No. 1620, of Chicago, have settled down to work in good shape. Saturday night, Aug. 8th, they held a special meeting and invited the High Standing Committee of Illinois to be present, and although a very hot night, most of the committee turned out, and found twenty candidates present for initiation. The initiation was conducted by the High Court Officers much to the satisfaction of the members present. After court adjourned, several of the wives and sweethearts of the members, together with friends, was found waiting and was invited into the hall, when Dr. Luenberg, Court Physician, acting as chairman, called meeting to order and short addresses were made by H.C.R. Stevenson, H.S. Richards, H. Treas. Donohy, H. Coun. Schaefer and Bro. Golden, one of the acting members of Court White City, who read some of the history of Forestry of olden times, and showed Forestry was one of the first fraternities in the world. After this part of the programme, ice cream and refreshments were furnished in abundance, and the visitors went away determined to be Foresters or Forester's wives in the near future. This court expects to have another class of twenty to initiate next month, and soon expects to be in the foremost ranks, and we have no doubt but what they will, judging by the class of new members initiated.

Mrs. C. Eisenhaur, of Lunenburg, N.S., expresses her thanks for payment of \$1000, amount of Mortuary Benefit carried by her late husband, Bro. Eisenhaur.

Minnesota.

High Court Meeting.

PROCEEDINGS OF EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The eighth annual session of the High Court of Minnesota was held at Red Wing on August 12th. The session was called to order at ten a.m. by the High Chief Ranger. After hearing the reports of the officers and the appointment of the usual committees, an adjournment was taken until 2:30 p.m. Upon reassembling, the reports of the committees were taken up and considered. The only question exciting much discussion being a recommendation of the Committee on Laws to hold biennial sessions of the High Court. After considerable argument his proposition was finally voted down, and the sessions will continue to be held annually.

From the reports of the officers it appears that the Order has increased in this jurisdiction, from one thousand five hundred and eighty-two, July 1st, 1895, to twenty-four hundred, July 1st, 1896, and the number of courts has increased from forty two to fifty-one.

J. A. McGilivray, Supreme Secretary, was present, and in the evening delivered an eloquent address upon the fraternal features of the Order.

The following are the officers elected and appointed:

High Chief Ranger—J. C. O'Keefe, Minneapolis.
High Vice-Chief Ranger—F. C. Irwin, Belle Plaine.
High Secretary—O. H. O'Neill, St. Paul.
High Treasurer—E. N. Young, Minneapolis.
High Physician—Dr. F. W. Dimmitt, Red Wing.
High Counsellor—T. J. McFermott, St. Paul.
High Journal Secretary—J. H. Barnard, St. Paul.
High Chaplain—S. F. Fullerton, Duluth.
High Senior Woodward—B. F. Maceman, Winona.
High Junior Woodward—J. C. Lewis, Minneapolis.
High Senior Beadle—J. W. Rielly, St. Paul.
High Junior Beadle—F. J. Leonard, Jordan.
High Marshall—F. A. Whitner, Minneapolis.
High Conductor—Dr. E. O. Cosman, Minneapolis.
High Messenger—Geo. F. Edwards, Stillwater.
High Auditors—W. J. Sheehy, Montgomery; D. A. Pellett, Minneapolis.

It was voted to hold the next meeting of the High Court at Winona.

NOTES.

The Supreme Secretary was delighted with his visit.

Minnesota should add at least 2,000 to its membership during the current Forestry year.

The two O's have been re-elected to the most important positions in the High Court.