

bership over 125 per cent. owing to the energetic and persevering work of D. S. C. R. Duckworth, who has, with the assistance of the local members, secured 63 applications for membership, 48 of whom have finished up and been taken in upon form 59; most of the remaining 15 living out of town, were unable to be present up to date. Whatever dissatisfaction heretofore existing against the Extension of Order Tax has, as the result of the good work accomplished by the D.S.-C.R. been entirely disseminated, and I think the members see the justice of paying some one else for doing the work, which they could but do not do themselves.

CHAS. W. PICKARD, R.S.

Rain or Shine.

Court Pilarcitos, No. 3245, of Halfmoon Bay, Cal., is one of the newer courts, but is likely to go far. The members are not made of sugar, as was testified by their annual meeting recently. The bad roads and a threatening storm did not deter members from coming twelve miles to witness and take part in the initiation of seven new candidates. This speaks well for the interest shown by the members, and indicates that Court Pilarcitos is in the hands of an energetic body of men. Bro. J. H. Nash, D.D.H.C.R., presided and the Court elected as Chief Ranger J. L. Debenedetti.

Jollity at Salinas.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies of Court Buena Esperanza, No. 3479, Salinas, Cal., members and their families sat down to an elegant banquet, where mirth, wit and general jollity prevailed until midnight. A large number of invited guests were present and the affair was a credit to the Court. After the ritualistic ceremony had been concluded, all present were ushered into the banquet room. and the sight that greeted the eyes of those present made the inner man leap for joy. Chief Chef, Wm. Vanderhurst, accompanied by his well-drilled aids, B. R. Holston and David Wallace, kept the assembly well supplied with everything from a cream cake to a joke.

After partaking of a most sumptuous repast, after-dinner speeches were in order. Assistant Chef David Wallace, with the sang-froid of a Chauncey Depew, threw his apron over his shoulder and acted in the capacity of toast master.

Among the responses made Superintendent of the Juvenile Court, R. J. Adcock, waxed eloquent in his plea for the rising generation.

From the banquet chamber the jolly crowd adjourned to the assembly room where they were favored by a choice instrumental solo in b flat by C. R. Estabrook, who responded several times to the vociferous encore. Miss Hattie Pierson then took her place at the organ, and after a well received solo by Chas. Terrill, partners were chosen for a dance. At midnight the assembly broke up, all well pleased with their evening's enjoyment.

Gilroy's Court is a Health Resort.

Court Gilroy, No. 819, of Gilroy, Cal., was organized in October, 1890. It began with the small membership of seventeen and has now over one hundred in local fellowship, numbers having moved to other parts of the country. No death has occurred in this Court, which speaks well for the medical examiner and the habits of the mem-

bership. Well known men of the community have presided with honor in the chief chair.

A public installation was conducted in Y. M. I. hall under the direction of J. W. Thayer, Past High Physician and representative to the Supreme Court: F. W. Blake, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger; J. J. Cornell, of Los Gatos, District Deputy High Chief Ranger; C. W. Cobb, of San Jose, Past Chief Ranger, Acting Supreme Marshal, and others. The new C.R. is Bro. John L. Fisher. A few brief words were spoken by Bro. E. J. Nesbitt, Past High Vice-Chief Ranger of California. He spoke of the progress of the fraternal work of the Order and of his visit to London, Belfast and Glasgow as a delegate to the Supreme Court from California High Court a few years ago. Bro. J. J. Cornell, the District Deputy, made a few remarks and the meeting was surrendered to the charge of the ball program and refreshment committee. The floor was cleared and the orchestral music by Geo. Hollaway, Chas. Thiriet and Will Blake, put all in motion for the grand march.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Mathilde Volke for the prompt payment of \$2,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, Bro. S. E. Volke, Court Noe Valley, No. 1729, San Francisco, Cal.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Ida E. Caskey for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, Cyrus E. Caskey, Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, Los Angeles, Cal.

COLORADO.

Denver Pulls Itself Together.

Rarely are you favored with news from our Court Auraria, 1709, nevertheless we are still here and doing our part to advance the interests of the Order. There are a great many Foresters in our city who are members of other Courts, members that have come here for their health and members who have come here on business and in mining pursuit.

At our last meeting January 4th, we held the annual installation of officers, the Chief Ranger being Bro. Ira H. Spicer. The Financial Secretary had sent a number of personal invitations to outside members and we had a large gathering and a merry time. After the officers were installed refreshments were served and a short programme was enjoyed, most of those present taking some part either by telling a story, singing, or making a short impromptu speech.

Our Court intends having several such friendly gatherings during this season, in order that they may become acquainted with the members that are visiting Denver.

ILLINOIS.

This Election was a Re-Election.

The election of officers which is generally a big event at Court Lakota, No. 1092, of Chicago, was a little quiet this time owing to the fact that the members were so well pleased with the present officers of the Court that they re-elected them. We gave an entertainment ball on the 18th of Dec., which was a success in every respect. We have the business of the Court in such nice shape