

20th. On the 22nd we had our court meeting: 24th paid his widow her \$50 funeral benefit and received policy: 25th sent same to Supreme Court; and on June 1st we presented the widow a N.Y. draft for \$2,000 - eleven days in all. Can any order come up to this? None of the other orders in which the brother was insured have shown up (June 5th), as, Odd Fellows, Home Circle and Knights of the Golden Eagle. Another cloud has been made bright by the I.O.F.

Court Providence, No. 1497. This court is still working away, and judging from the increase of membership there are quite a number putting their trust in "Providence," as the membership now is over fifty, with from eight to 10 to initiate at their next meeting-night. The court is progressing in elegant style, with a good membership and a good financial standing. There is no such word as "fail" with them. They expect, after their next meeting-night, to be located in their elegant new lodge-rooms in the "Produce Exchange Bank Building," Broadway, corner Ohio, Cleveland, O., where they will be prepared to entertain all visitors in royal style. Go and see them when in the city.

We look earnestly each month for our FORESTER, to see and learn of the advance in standing, financial as well as in membership, of the greatest Fraternal Benefit Society the sun ever shone upon. The thousands in Ohio are striving, each and every one, to increase the number of members, and thereby increase the happiness, and secure many lonely women as well as bright children from need and want, when the grim destroyer calls for the wage-earner of the now bright and happy home. Only those who are in the circle of concord know of the good deeds constantly being done by many, if not all, of the sub. courts, to those who are in need. May God bless this our Forestry circle, and may its influence become greater and wider as time rolls on.

Bro. Ira N. Porter, of Court Olentangy, No. 1883, Delaware, writes: "We were instituted June 15th, 1895; then left in the dark. Still, there were a few of the ever faithful who believed it a good thing and stayed with it; and now, after two years of hard struggles, by the kindness of the H. S. Committee, Bro. D. Gleason came to us. Through his efforts and his faith in the cause he has not only increased our membership, but renewed the vigor of the court. We are under obligations to Bro. Gleason, who goes to Zanesville to assist the brothers there. Give him your support, and you will not find Gleason wanting in the 'round up.'" "It is better to give than receive." May we all give our mite, and thereby help mankind.

Court Standard, No. 847, June 9th, 1897. Two candidates introduced to the goat, and five applications on the table. Every one of the members seems imbued with the idea, "Nothing succeeds like success," and they are bound to close the 200 mark by July 1st. The court has now several very sick members who are under the care of the very efficient and successful court Physician, Dr. Campbell. He also is an enthusiastic Forester, while Stenler, Smith, Buel, and Snyder lead him a merry race, and a host of brothers who cannot be beaten by more than a neck. Bro. W. G. Phillips, P. H. C. R., is always up and doing something for the good of the I.O.F. He has in charge the courts of Cleveland, and the Royals as well, for church devotion on

June 20th. He is always welcomed at the courts visited by him, because his countenance beams with smiles, and his words of encouragement and good advice are always received with thanks.

Court Portage, No. 1872, bids fair to be the banner court of Northwestern Ohio. With a membership of sixty-one June 1st, we will greet you July 1st with eighty members. *Keep your eye on us!* The wave of prosperity has come to us! Past Chief Ranger Cameron and Financial Secretary Fletcher have their coats off, and the way they expound Forestry would do credit to its progenitors. Agreeable to the suggestion of the Supreme Chief Ranger the court will attend divine service, conducted by the Rev. Bandeen, June 20th, in a body. Rev. Bandeen, of the U. B. Church, is a recent and valuable addition to our court. Chief Ranger Christlieb wants a uniform, and is talking Royal Forestry. Brothers George Nuhfer and Gus Turry, who have decided musical talent, will organize a Foresters' band. In September the court will move into new and commodious rooms.

Court Middletown held a social session last night—a delightful occasion. The local lodge I.O.F., No. 1553, better known as the Foresters, met in social session at their headquarters in the Leiber block last night. A general review of the lodge business was had, and it plainly showed the vast amount of benefit which is derived from a membership.

After the business meeting the party, numbering almost a hundred, adjourned to the banquet hall of the Masons, where an elaborate feast had been prepared, consisting of all the delicacies of the season. It was the pleasure of a *Journal* representative to be present, and he can say, without fear of contradiction, that never, in his somewhat checkered career, has he met with a better or jollier crowd of men than were congregated there last night. Their hospitality and things to eat were simply superb.

Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16th.

The news as reported by the various courts throughout the State is uniformly encouraging, in many cases surprisingly so, and unless Court Pennsylvania, of Erie has lately added largely to her membership, she will have lost her position at the head of the list. Courts Mountain City, of Altoona, and French Creek, of Franklin, are both after the honor of being the leading court.

Court Du Bois is on the high road to prosperity, having lately added twenty-five new members in a very short time.

Court Elk, of Ridgeway, reports the addition of seven new members, and claims that they are now going to push right ahead to the front; they formerly held one meeting a month, but intend to have two each month hereafter.

Organizer Robt. Kidney has returned to the work in the State and has been giving special attention to some of the weaker courts.

Court Tyandinaga, No. 3525, was lately instituted by H. C. R. Geo. W. Strickland, assisted by High Secretary Chas. W. Mingle. The court promises to be one of the best that our Chief Ranger has organized. All the inhabitants of the beautiful town of Washington who read the news paper the morning after the institution commented