

energetic work. Our High Chief Ranger, Brother Col. B. F. Parker, has been for some time with his regiment at Chickamauga Park, Ga. It is very probable that he will soon be sent to Cuba for active service. It is earnestly hoped by all that our worthy H.C.R., who has offered his services so generously for the protection of our country, will have a safe return after the present struggle is closed.

The members of Court Mount Horeb are making preparations for a glorious celebration on the 4th of July. A large attendance is expected and a very enjoyable time.

Court Dewey, of Lancaster, reports that they are doing excellent work. They have now a hall of their own, and a large increase is expected during the next six months in this court.

The city of Antigo will have a 4th of July celebration, in which the members of Court Antigo intend to take an active part. This court, although a small one, has been doing excellent work.

Court Wisconsin, of the I.O.F., and Court Prosperity, of the Companions, located at Madison, will hold an anniversary entertainment about the 24th of June. A grand time is expected. Court Wisconsin has now 90 members and Court Prosperity 40. These courts are doing excellent work and are a credit to both Orders.

Court So, Milwaukee, recently held an entertainment, at which Brother Capt. Parkinson, of Toronto, spoke very enthusiastically of the Order, and urged the members to earnestly unite in working for the best Order now in existence. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant and profitable evening was enjoyed by all.

It is hoped that all the courts will enter into the spirit of the times, and not only seek to obtain members, but to entertain them by monthly meetings and enjoyable gatherings. In this manner our Order will not only be the best Insurance Order, but will also be made the best fraternal Order and the strongest in the State.

### Obituary.

The funeral of Bro. J. J. Wilkinson, of Leeds, England, took place on Saturday, June 18th, and was attended by an excellent representation of the membership in Leeds, including the H.C.R. of Central England, Bro. H. J. Martin; the H. T., Bro. Gibson, and Bros. Cobham, Ronald, McDougall, Garside, Witts, Langhorn, Watson, Batty, etc., etc. The procession, which was very large, was headed by the Foresters, next to whom came the committee of the Leeds Temperance Society, followed by a deputation of Freemasons and by a long array of Good Templars. Our deceased brother was one of the first to join the Order in Leeds, and was most popular and held in high regard by all the bodies of which he was an active and influential member. He occupied the position of District Chief Templar of Central Yorkshire for some years, and will be much missed.

"Kind sir," faltered the beggar, "won't you give a hungry fellow \$10,000?"

"No," answered the man brusquely, "I dare say you would at once spend it for a glass of cheap beer."

In the Klondike, as elsewhere, charity was kind and endured much, and all that, but it had to be careful.—*Detroit Journal*.

## GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

### England.

Court St. Pancras, No. 2003, London, have recently initiated Bro. Wm. Sutherland, the present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, I.O.G.T. Our hearty congratulations to this court on securing so distinguished a brother to our Order.

Court Streatham, No. 2154, London, held a special meeting on June 13th, for the purpose of formally passing a "Proof of Claim," occasioned by the very sudden death of Bro. A. J. Archer, Treasurer of the court. The deceased brother met with the court at its usual monthly meeting and from all appearances left in the best of health, yet within 24 hours of the meeting he had passed away, to the great grief of the brethren, especially seeing he had always been a warm supporter and zealous upholder of the Order since his acceptance into the court. A kind letter of condolence was unanimously passed to be sent to his widow, and arrangements were made to forward a wreath in the name of the court he loved so well.

### Southern England.

In accordance with the proclamation of the S.C.R., Independent Foresters of Bristol and Bath assembled at St. Werburgh's Church, of which Bro. Rev. Henry Denning, High Chaplain, is Rector, on Sunday, June 19th.

### Wales.

Court Aberdare, 2209, held a very interesting session May 25th, adding one new member to its fold and receiving five new applications. Bro. Joseph Hammond, C.D.H.C.R. of Court Gualia, 2013, was present and delivered a very able address on the different plans of Insurance Companies showing up the strong points of the I.O.F. system. Bro. Hammond's address was well received by all present and the court accorded him a hearty vote of thanks.

Court Aberdare is in splendid condition. The members intend it to be the largest court in Wales very soon.

Bro. Geo. C. Davies, R.S. Court Aberdare, 2209, is coming to the front as an inventor. He has just received a patent for a window fastener which promises to bring him a fortune.

Bros. J. A. Jenkins, H.C.R., B. M. Wilkinson, H. Sec., and W. T. Williams, D.S.C.R., attended the Glasgow conference. They report a very interesting and harmonious meeting.

Bro. James I. Rees, C.R. Court Aberdare, 2209, is smiling over the arrival of a little "Lady Forester." Bro. Rees contemplates increasing his insurance.

Wales is suffering from a colliers' strike, for over two months, that is having a serious effect on all lines of business.

### Scotland's High Court.

The annual session was opened at Glasgow on the 31st May. H.C.R. Armour called to order at 2.15 p.m. The places of H.C., H.S.B. and H.J.B. were vacant, and necessary appointments made to fill the same. The High Court duly opened, and