

times can now have no further excuse for protecting their families against the contingency of death, and the consequent misfortunes liable to happen the poor widow and her little ones. Don't put it off until it is too late!

A quiet family wedding occurred at the residence of High Auditor Thomas Baker, of Court New York, 1009, Rochester, October 20th, at which time his daughter, Margaret C., was married to Christopher A. Nicholson. The residence was neatly decorated for the occasion, and the bride and groom looked their best. The ceremony passed off without a hitch, and the father gave the bride to his new son-in-law. A prettier wedding could not be imagined, and everybody was happy.

The High Court of New York is again to the front for October, this being the second time in its history. This fills the older members with pride and gratification, and is a reward for many hours of toil and worry during the days of the pioneer work, when all the work was exceedingly burdensome, without much prospect for such a gratifying result. Now, both old and young in membership come in for a share of the good results. It is, indeed, stimulating and encouraging, and the brethren are earnestly requested to keep up the good work during the winter.

COURT FORT SCHYLER, No. 1510.—At a meeting held on the 9th of November, the following motions were passed: First, that we hold a card party on the 23rd November, each member to invite one or two friends. Object, to increase membership and to induce members to attend meetings. Second, that we hold a dancing party on the 14th of December, the proceeds to help a sick brother. Third, that this court initiate new members during the months of November and December at charter rates, owing to dispensation granted to all courts so wishing, by Supreme Court, I.O.F.

COURT WATERTOWN has rented the third floor of the *Herald* building, and is to furnish it at a cost of about six hundred dollars. They will soon dedicate it to Forestry, with the assistance of the other Courts in Watertown. A progressive spirit invaded this court from its inception, due mainly to the active work of Bros. Faichney, Cooke, Boyd, Berdeau, Cottschalk, Sweet, and others. They will soon have a home of their own, of which they will feel justly proud; and three hundred members who can make the Welkin ring on special occasions, when out hunting for intruders, will rejoice on this occasion.

The Rev. W. J. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland, who honored our last High Court session with his presence, was, upon his return to Ireland, unanimously re-elected to that honorable position for the third term. This speaks well for the esteem in which the good brother is held by his brethren at home, who manifested their appreciation of his good works in a substantial manner by presenting him with a handsome gold watch as a souvenir of the love they bear him. Those who met the eminent di-

vine at the session warmly endorse the good deeds of his associates in the High Court of Ireland, and all agree that the honor and the gift were justly bestowed. The brethren of New York State send greetings to the High Court of Ireland, congratulating them upon the steady growth of the Order in Ireland, and having secured as their High Chief Ranger one so accomplished, worthy, and distinguished as the Rev. Bro. W. J. McCaughan.

The *Lodge Record* contains the following from Court Adirondack, at Malone, N.Y.: "Our delegates, Bros. T. M. Mercer and N. S. Dunlop, gave the members of this court a highly-interesting report of the High Court session held in Albany last month. The reception tendered them and other delegates, they said, shall always be a pleasant remembrance of the sociability of Forestry throughout this State. Bros. FitzGerald, Caldwell, and Rev. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland, were frequently spoken of in words of praise throughout their remarks."

The *Lodge Record*, a journal published in the interest of all fraternal societies, with headquarters at Watertown, has changed hands recently, and Bro. Bowhall, the new proprietor, starts off with a determination to emulate, if not excel, the very excellent career attained by his predecessor, Bro. A. B. Parker. It is not customary for us to flatter anyone, yet we are sensible of the achievements of Bro. Parker and the good work accomplished by the journal he has the honor of founding. While we desire to convey to the retiring publisher our appreciation of his untiring efforts in the cause of Independent Forestry since the origin of his interesting publication, we also desire to express to Bro. Bowhall, the present publisher, our congratulations upon his having acquired so valuable a publication, and trust that success may crown every effort in his new venture. We are assured that he has ability both as a printer and as an easy writer, and remain in the hope that the *Lodge Record* may be fruitful of well-doing and remunerative as well.

COURT THOUSAND ISLES, No. 550, ALEXANDER BAY.

On Monday evening, November 9th, a very pleasing event took place, in the way of a presentation, in remembrance of the Chief Ranger, F. W. Barker, for his good services for the last two years. The presentation was in the way of a large picture of himself, which hangs and adorns the wall of the courtroom. The presentation was made by Bro. W. H. Brownhill, who made a few passing remarks to Bro. Barker. All the members wish him success in his new sphere of labor. The increase of members is steady. There are several applications before the court. It is expected many more will come forward this winter.

COURT BELEVEDERE, No. 1616, Buffalo, N. Y.—By resolution the members of this Court express their sense of the loss they sustained by the death of Brother Edward H. Schwab, and they extend their sympathy to his wife, mother and friends,