

cations for membership were traceable to the individual members of Subordinate Courts.

The High Treasurer, Bro. Atwell Fleming, submitted a most satisfactory detailed statement of the finances.

Bros. T. R. Preston and Geo. E. Challes, High Auditors, reported the books of the various officers as eminently satisfactory.

A TRIBUTE FROM IRELAND.

Bro. the Rev. W. J. McCaughan introduced Bro. the Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R. of Ireland. He received a warm and fraternal greeting. Bro. Cregan said that the honor conferred upon him by the magnificent reception which they had tendered was, in consequence of its great enthusiasm, a surprise. "I belong," he said, "to a country whose people are modest in the highest degree; you all know that Irishmen are proverbially modest, and I am no exception to the rule." He also added that all Irishmen were handsome, and they could see that he was handsome. Speaking of the Order, he added, "I am greatly impressed with this High Court; it is a magnificent body. In the Old Country the Order is making great progress, and nowhere so great as in Ireland."

The officers of The Supreme Court, Dr. Oronhyatekha, S. C. R., John A. Macgillivray, Q. C., S.S.; H. A. Collins, S.T., and the Hon. Judge Wedderburn, H.C., were introduced to the High Court by P.H.C.R. Rev. A. Macgillivray. The Supreme Chief Ranger addressed the Court, explaining some of the contemplated changes in the Order. Judge Wedderburn also made one of his characteristic eloquent addresses.

The following officers were elected: H.C.R., Bro. W. B. Sanders; H.V.C.R., Bro. G.L. Wilson; H.S., Bro. Dr. Niddrie; H.T., Atwell Fleming; H.P., Dr. Hodgetts; H.C., J. A. V. Preston; H. Auds., Geo. E. Challes, W. T. Preston.

A vote was taken in reference to the place of next year's meeting. Orillia, Owen Sound and Toronto were put in nomination. It was decided to meet in Toronto, the time fixed being the second Tuesday in September.

The report of the Finance Committee provoked a warm discussion.

The officers were installed by Bro. Dr. Kendall, P.H.C.R. of New York.

HIGH COURT OF EASTERN ONTARIO.

The High Court of Eastern Ontario met at Pembroke on the 6th September, Bro. Dr. C. Day Clarke, H.C.R., presiding. The usual Committees were appointed.

The H.C.R. emphasized the wisdom of the action taken at Ottawa in dividing the High Court of Ontario. He referred to the Russell County fire, and to the liberality with which the courts had responded to the assistance of the brethren whose all had been destroyed by the flames. He gave the following statement of the visits made by each member of the H.S.C. during the year:

The H.C.R., 35 visits and public meetings; the H.V.C.R., 9; the H. S., 11; the H.T., 11; the H.C., 8; the H.P., 6.

During the year there had been 47 deaths in the jurisdiction, and there was paid to the beneficiaries of the deceased brethren \$58,374.69. The death rate in the jurisdiction has been only 4.7 in the thousand.

The High Secretary, Bro. G. L. Dickinson, reported that there had been an increase of 20 new courts and 1,065 new members during the past year.

The High Treasurer, Bro. M. B. Mallory, reported that there was a balance of \$2,181.99 in the High Court treasury. That the position of the High Court has improved by over \$9.00 as compared with its financial standing the previous year.

Bros. J.S.R. McCann and W. H. Meldrum, H. Auds., reported satisfactorily on the accounts and papers of the respective officers.

HIGH COURT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The annual session of the High Court was held in Alberton on the 11th and 12th August, 1898. The High Chief Ranger presided and appointed the usual committees, with the following chairmen:

Credentials, L. U. Fowler. Distribution, Charles Murphy. Finance, John M. Clark. State of the Order, Norman Carruthers. Appeals and Petitions, R. H. MacDonald. Constitution and Laws, E. S. McPhail. New Business, Dr. H. W. Robertson. Public Meeting, P. B. Clark. Press Com., Geo. F. Owen, D. K. Currie and J. D. Taylor.

The High Chief Ranger reported that the year had been the most prosperous in the history of the High Court; over three hundred new members had been added. The thanks of the High Court were due to the Supreme Chief Ranger for the great assistance rendered.

The High Secretary reported that there were 334 initiated, 24 admitted by card, 4 re-instated, 3 died, 20 suspended, 22 withdrawn by card and 36 social and honorary members.

The High Treasurer reported that the expenditure had been considerably within the income, and that they had \$512 over their liabilities.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws reported that drinking men should pay hazardous rates, and that the Companions of the I.O.F. be made part of the Order.

The P.H.C.R. sent a letter intimating his inability to be present through illness. A resolution of sympathy moved by Bro. J. M. Clark, and seconded by Bro. C. H. Vanidustine was adopted unanimously.

The following officers were elected, appointed and installed:

H.C.R., Bro. John W. Clark, Summerside; P.H.C.R., Bro. F. S. Jost, Charlottetown; H.V.C.R., Bro. George F. Owen, Cardigan; H.S., Bro. L. U. Fowler, Bedeque; H.T., Bro. A. P. Prowse, Murray Harbor; H.P., Bro. Dr. W. H. Dougherty, Cape Traverse; H.C. Bro. E. Stewart McPhail, Crapand; H. Auditors, Bros. J. E. Birch, Alberton, D. K. Currie, Summerside; H. Chap., Bro. Rev. J. M. Whitcombe, Summerside; H.S.W., Bro. R. M. Johnson, Charlottetown; H.J.W., Bro. D. A. Wedlock, Stanley Bridge; H.S.B., Bro. Kenneth McKay, Kensington; H.J.B., Bro. W. J. Montgomery, Port Hill; H. Mar., Bro. John F. McNeill, Montague; H. Mess., Bro. R. B. Auld, Freetown; H. Cond., Bro. Alex. McLeod, Orwell; H.J.S., Bro. J. Gordon McKay, Bradabane.

Bro. Frank S. Jost was elected representative to The Supreme Court.

Kensington was chosen as the next place of meeting.