

come wives, for every good unmarried Forester has a sweetheart, and as soon as a sweetheart becomes a wife, the benefit certificate is taken out for her, and sometimes before—think of it, absolutely safe insurance at an expense of less than 3 cents a day for each \$1,000.

A recent change in our Constitution, made by the Canadian parliament, and "for this we acknowledge our great gratitude to the S.C.R." allows the Order to issue \$4,000 and \$5,000 policies. By the new law the Order was required to deposit \$100,000 with the Canadian Government within 60 days after the passing of the Act. Our worthy S.C.R. pursued a course that is characteristic of him in all matters pertaining to the Order. Did he wait the 60 days, not at all. The marked cheque of the Order for \$100,000 was deposited with the Government at once, in fact a day before the Bill received assent of the Governor-General. That is the way our Executive does business, and that is the kind of business that has made the Order as successful as it is to day.

The greater part of the musical programme was given by Knickerbocker Court Glee Club, and was of excellent quality. Bro. H. M. Blight, who heard of the reception in the city, where he had been on business from Toronto, stopped over for the occasion, and contributed a fine baritone song. Mr. Seth Crane's Bass Solo was sublime, and his "Foresters' March" exceedingly appropriate and effective. The following chorus will give some idea of the song, which was written by Bro. Theo. Miller, M.D.:

FORESTERS' CHORUS.

The hour is loudly sounding,
Each heart is filled with glee,
While Foresters are marching
To the music of the tree.
From north and south they're coming,
Like a strong, resistless flood,
To bear each others burdens,
And do each other good.

Mr. Watty Hides, director and accompanist, Miss Berkle, and others, all deserve high praise.

Mrs. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger's amiable wife, was introduced to a number of the ladies.

The social part of the programme may be said to have culminated in the presentation, by Court Knickerbocker, of a very chaste silver loving cup and jug. Mr. Harry Lever, Chief Ranger of the Court, making the presentation, and admirably expressing his own feelings and that of the court as follows:

The hour is late, and I will detain you but a few moments while the last, but by no means the least, pleasurable duty of the evening is performed.

The worthy representative of the Supreme Chief in our neighbourhood is Dr. C. L. Coulter, D.S.C.R., the father of Court Knickerbocker, whom we all delight to honor, for we all know in so doing we are honoring the Supreme Chief, whose appointee he is, and through him the Order itself. I say "father" because Dr. Coulter first brought us together, taught us with patience, our first lessons in Forestry, guided our tottering footsteps in our infancy as a court, and now that we are

rather lusty youngsters, I know he delights in our rapid growth, and must take unto himself with pride the knowledge that his earnest zeal, loyal, honest and faithful work for Forestry, has resulted in the establishment of many courts as devoted to the Order and its principles as is Court Knickerbocker.

Dr. Coulter, I regret that the compulsory retirement of the Supreme Chief prevents his hearing these words of eulogy and praise I would speak on behalf of our court. However, the pleasing duty devolves upon me of presenting to you this loving cup, which I now hand you, and which is meant to express, in some small degree, the sentiments of love, appreciation and honor of Court Knickerbocker to its founder and staunchest friend. While the intrinsic value of the gift is not great, the sentiments which inspired it are strong. While the service is of silver, the hearts of the givers are pure gold in respect to their motive, as I have endeavored to express it. Please accept it with the sincerest good wishes of Court Knickerbocker, and may you be long spared to continue your good work.

Mr. W. J. Duncan, the able and energetic editor of the *New York Dispatch*, was present throughout a considerable portion of the meeting, but was suddenly summoned from the hall on important business before he had an opportunity of expressing, as he desired, his interest in the work of our beloved Order.

A most enjoyable, lengthened and enthusiastic gathering was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen," as enthusiastically as it could be sung even in the old country itself, and everything ending appropriately with the "Star Spangled Banner."

High Court of New York.

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 24, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts in the State of New York,
Greeting:

BRETHREN:—Pursuant to By-Laws of the High Court, Article IV., you are required to comply with its provisions as follows:—"Section 1. The High Court dues, payable by each Subordinate Court, shall be at the rate of fifty cents per year for each beneficiary member in good standing upon its roll, which shall be payable in advance; one-half on the first day of January and one-half on the first day of July, and shall be transmitted by each Financial Secretary to the High Court with the semi-annual return to the High Court."

Section 146, Article 2, of the Constitution, also requires to be forwarded to the High Secretary of the High Court, immediately after the first of January and July of each year, "the semi-annual returns, Form No. 25, together with the High Court dues."

Chief Rangers and Court Deputies should personally superintend making these reports that no error or omission may occur.

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