

Chief Ranger of Court Alfaratta, called the assemblage to order, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the guests.

## MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAMME.

Piano solo, Mr. A. J. Paterson, of Fresno.  
Address by Rev. I. B. Self, of Hanford.  
Original song (composed by one of the Companions), "Our Motto," by Mrs. W. Moyer, Mrs. D. S. Fish, Mr. C. Fox and Mr. I. Blakeley.  
Reading, "Fraternity," Mrs. Campbell.  
Song, "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," Miss Iola Williams and Mr. Gray, of Armona.  
Reading, "Whiskers," Miss Simpson.  
Song, "Come, Sing a Merry Song," Messrs. Odom, Gibson, Donaly and Dalys Gray.

The above part of the programme closed with the Foresters' anthem and benediction. The guests were then invited to the banquet tables, and ample justice was done the many good things appearing thereon. Mrs. D. P. Campbell acted as toast-mistress, and the gathering was most agreeably entertained for an hour or more in listening to the following toasts and responses:

Occasion—Mrs. M. Howell.  
Response—Mrs. D. S. Fish.  
Guests—Mrs. H. Curtis.  
Response—Mrs. W. Sanborn.  
Companions—Mrs. F. Middleton.  
Response—Mr. Roy Watson.  
Foresters—Mr. M. Howell.  
Response—Mrs. B. Ashford.  
Wives of Foresters Who Are Not Members of the Companions of Foresters—Mrs. A. Buckner.  
Response—Mrs. V. Buckner.  
America—Mr. Clarence Fox.  
Responded to by all singing "America."

After the singing of "America," Andy Buckner arose, and, in behalf of Court Alfaratta, presented Mr. M. Heinlen with a large cake, on which appeared the colors and emblems of the Order, said gift being given to Mr. Heinlen by the Court in appreciation of the many favors extended them of late in hall and other matters.

## INDIANA.

ELWOOD, IND., June 19th, 1899.

On May the 26th the ladies in the east division entertained the entire Court (Quincy, No. 62) at the home of Mrs. E. R. Williams, E. M. Street. After a short time spent at games and social enjoyment, the ladies adjourned to the dining-room, where a handsome table and dainty lunch awaited them. The dining-room was decorated in the national colors; the favors were red and white roses, tied with blue ribbon. Beautiful flowers were in profusion everywhere.

The lodge is in a prosperous condition, and the ladies received many compliments for the graceful and happy manner in which they entertained.

According to instructions from headquarters to remember our anniversary on Sunday, June 18th, we are glad to inform other Courts that we—Court Elwood, No. 1097, Elwood, Ind., and Companion Court Quincy, No. 62, Elwood, Ind.—attended service in a body at the Baptist church Rev. Mr. Chandler, the minister, and a genuine Forester, gave a splendid address, which was listened to with marked attention. On the same evening

the Order again marched in a body to the cemetery for the purpose of decorating the graves of our two brother Foresters.

In regard to our Companion Court, we are prospering, as we have eleven new names sent up and more coming. We are looking forward to the month of June as a bright one for us, and hope to have a glowing account of our work to report.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
O. W.

Companion Fin. Sec.

## KANSAS

Comp. Court Evergreen, No. 227.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, June 9th, 1899.

Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—While we have been reading so much about other Companion Courts, I will write you a few lines in regard to our Companion Court Evergreen, No. 227, organized in March by Bro. S. F. Bendure, D.S.C.R. of Court Wyandotte, No. 600.

We are taking great interest in our Court; we meet every Tuesday eve, and have real good meetings.

We have 27 members enrolled; 10 of them are beneficiary and 17 social.

We have great hopes of our Court growing strong.

We extend to you our best fraternal wishes in your noble Order.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

MR. E. H. BENDURE, R. Sec.  
MISS T. R. STEELE, C.R.

## MICHIGAN.

TO THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, Greeting:

June 6 and 7 marked an eventful time in the history of Companions of Western Michigan.

A grand rally extending from the farthest Companion Court south to the far north was enjoyed.

One hundred Companions were present in the two-days' meeting, and fifteen Courts were represented.

A programme had been previously arranged and was closely followed, which made the five sessions of interest and profit.

It was remarked by all participants that a happier time had never before been enjoyed.

So much enthusiasm prevailed it was voted unanimously to organize a permanent association to be known as the "Assembly of Companions of Western Michigan."

The following officers were elected: President, Alta M. Stewart, of Grand Rapids; 1st Vice, Florence M. Young, Evart; 2nd Vice, Hattie Rennie, Traverse City; 3rd Vice, Lizzie Mapp, Cadillac; Sec., Clara S. Cable, Battle Creek; Treas., Katherine M. Callaghan, Reed City.

The Assembly will meet in Grand Rapids on May 16 and 17, 1900.

It is believed by the promoters of this movement that to get acquainted and to know what each other are doing is one of the great needs of our work, and we believe the ball has been started that will bring great credit to our noble work in many ways, and result in many additions to our membership.

ALTA M. STEWART,  
D.S.C.R.