

Press Committee—W. H. Godwin, Kingston; J. S. Eagleson, Ottawa.

The freedom of the city was granted to W. A. Howard, of Cumming's Bridge, and an address of welcome in behalf of the Foresters of Kingston was read by W. H. Godwin, and replied to by the High Chief Ranger.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

In his report, the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Spence referred to the progress of Forestry under the jurisdiction of the High Court. During the year twelve new Courts have been established. The initiations during the year were 489. There are now 207 Courts, and the membership on the 30th June was 10,224. Last year the Finance Committee estimated an income, including cash on hand, of \$6,653.81, which has been more than realized, as the actual amount received has been \$6,934.33. The estimated expenditure was \$6,965.57, which included \$2,785.57, to be paid to clear off total debt to Supreme Court, thereby showing a deficit of \$311.76. To avoid this, \$2,000 has been paid on account to Supreme Court, leaving a balance due on old account of \$785.57, which, with supplies for past year and salaries unpaid, will make a total indebtedness of \$1,520.63 on June 30th. Against this there is cash in bank, furniture supplies, High Court dues unpaid, amounts owing by subordinate Courts, and following previous estimates, including High Court dues now owing, making a total asset of \$3,704.59. Deducting the amount of liabilities, \$1,520, there is an available total of \$2,133.96, \$1,793.50 of which was paid and in cash on 14th ultimo. During the year the High Chief Ranger had issued fifty commissions to Court Deputies. By a change in rates there have been 16,000 members added to the Order, and \$650,000 of a surplus. Sixty-seven brethren have had "the silver cord loosed" that bound them to earth.

THE FINANCIAL STANDING.

Bro. G. L. Dickinson, the High Secretary, reported that the assets and liabilities show that the financial position of the High Court has improved, \$1,076.67, compared with the same statement last year. On account of deaths of members the Court has distributed the large sum of \$81,500. He expressed regret at the retirement of the High Treasurer, Bro. M. B. Mallory.

The report of the High Treasurer, M. B. Mallory, showed a balance on hand of \$1,727.92.

J. S. R. McCann and S. Lowe, High Auditors, reported that they had found the books of the High Secretary and High Treasurer correctly kept. The reports were accepted.

The following were appointed officers for this session: H. Chap. Rev. W. H. Quartermain, Renfrew; H. J. S., W. E. Miller, Brockville; H. S. W., G. H. Groves, M. D., Carp; H. J. W., A. Cote, Ottawa; H. S. P., J. Stokes, Deseronto; H. J. B., J. Dimean, Springbrooke; H. Cond., T. A. Chapman, Baltimore; H. Mess., R. Cronk, Trenton; H. Marshal, J. A. Beatty, Pembroke; Auditors, J. S. R. McCann and S. Lowe, Kingston.

At the afternoon session invitations were received from Courts at Picton and Cornwall, asking the High Court to meet at either of their places next year.

A motion asking that all contracts for printing be rendered for when the amount exceeds \$100 was carried.

KINGSTON, Aug. 25.

After the opening exercises of the High Court of Foresters in the city hall this morning a very pleasing incident occurred when Dr. Herald, on behalf of the High Standing Committee, in a very felicitous address, presented Dr. Mallory, the retiring High Treasurer, with a valuable clock as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the Court. The Credential Committee reported 18 officers and 123 delegates present and entitled to seats. Bro. Dr. Clark, Past H.C.R., then took the chair and the High Court proceeded to the election of officers. Bros. Fawcett, Glen and Agar were appointed tellers, and the election resulted as follows: H.C.R., Geo. Spence, Cobourg, (re-elected); H.V.C.R., Bro. A. A. Fraser; High Secretary, G. L. Dickinson, elected by acclamation; High Treasurer, Bro. J. S. R. McCann, Kingston; High Physician, Dr. W. E. Crain, Chrysler; High Councillor, Bro. G. A. Payne, Campbellford, elected by acclamation; High Auditors, Bro. S. Lowe, Kingston, and W. Rowan, Ottawa, elected by acclamation. Fraternal greetings were received from the Ancient Order of Foresters, meeting in Toronto, and R. Meek, on behalf of the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada. Suitable replies were sent thereto.

At the afternoon session the Committee on Appeals reported that nothing had been laid before them for their consideration. The Committee on State of the Order recommended the division of the jurisdiction of this High Court into twenty-seven districts, and the appointment of a District Deputy for each who shall communicate with the Courts in his district within six months from this High Court meeting, and visit them when requested by the High Standing Committee. They congratulated the High Court on the forming of twelve new Courts and the initiation of 489 members during the year. The High Court will meet the third Tuesday of August, 1900, in Brockville. A report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws as to representation in High Court was laid over for discussion till next year. The Grand Cross of Merit was conferred on Bro. C. D. Clark, Past H.C.R. At this evening's session the appointed officers were: High Orator, Rev. J. H. Strike; High Journal Secretary, N. S. Miller; H. S. Woodward, F. R. E. Campeau; H. J. Woodward, Mr. B. Mallory; H. Sen. Bradle, W. H. Code; H. Jun. Beadle, — Ewart; H. Conductor, M. D. Cline; H. Messenger, J. D. Ager; H. Jun. Messenger, D. Brett; H. Organist, Rev. W. H. A. French; H. Marshal, J. F. Cruse. The finance report recommended: For mission work, \$1,250; salaries, \$350; H.C.R., \$200; H.V.C.R., \$50; H. Auditor, \$30; appointed officers, \$50; printing, \$300; H.C. meeting, \$450; debt Supreme Court \$1,314.83; salaries due, \$225; H.S. Committee, \$300; travelling expenses, \$800; credential, \$30; press, \$20; total, \$5,379.83. Estimated receipts on hand, \$229.93; 11,000 members, per capita, \$5.500; profits on supplies, \$200. Total, \$5,929.93, leaving a surplus of \$550.10. The convention closed at 10 o'clock. Many of the delegates left for home on the evening train, the remainder depart on the morning train.

Endurance is the crowning quality,

And patience, all the passion of great hearts.

—Lowell.