

for the interest he takes in the Court. He offered a gold badge to the first member that brought in the first five members. Court Belvedere offered to frame the certificate of membership for the member that brought in the first three members. The brother that carried off the both prizes was Bro. A. Guit-dean, and likewise the badge of honor.

### Pennsylvania.

The Order is making rapid progress in this State, from the *Ridgway Advocate* of Nov. 14th, we clip the following:

Geo W. Strickland, of Altoona, who is making his headquarters for the present at DuBois and who has been at work in Ridgway for the past couple of weeks in the interest of the Independent Order of Foresters, organized a court of that society Friday evening in K. of P. hall. Mr. Strickland is the High Chief Ranger of the Order in this state and is a hustler of tact and ability.

Dr. D. P. Robbins, of Erie, was present and rendered valuable assistance in the work of organization.

### Court South Erie, No. 1122.

The members of the above court made a fraternal visit to the sister court at North-East on Thursday evening, October 17th. The ride was very much enjoyed. Upon our arrival we were met by the officers of Court North-East, who escorted us into their elegantly furnished court room, where, after the usual routine had been transacted (including an initiation), a pleasant and social evening was spent. Speeches were made by several brothers on the work and aims of the Order, which must bring forth fruit (not grapes, this being the centre of the grape belt), as considerable enthusiasm was stirred up amongst those present. Now that Pennsylvania has its own High Court, we intend to let the advantages of the Order be made more fully known, and the Executive may look for a large accession of membership from this corner of the State. After having had a jolly evening, we broke up in the "wee sma' hours," and landed home nicely in time for work next morning. Such gatherings as these are what builds up. Let there be more of them." So writes a brother, and we agree with him.

### Great Britain.

Since the Mid-England Session the Order in Nottingham, England, has been making progress, all the Courts are active and new members are joining. The Arkwright Court had four propositions at their last session.

### Court Maida Vale, No. 2062, London, England.

A very praiseworthy effort has been made by this court to put themselves in evidence before the community. On Thursday, 24th October, thanks to excellent arrangements and the publication of a first-class programme, there gathered about three hundred people belonging to the immediate neighbourhood of the court-room. Vocal and instrumental music alternated during the

evening. Mid-time there was tea, coffee, and cake *ad libitum*, and an address from Brother Marshall, explanatory of the system of the Order, and illustrative of the advantages of membership. Additions to membership are promised.

### Friendly Societies.

#### Court Lewisham, No. 2139, I.O.F.

#### FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

(From the *West Kent Argus*.)

The first anniversary meeting of this court was held on Thursday, 31st ult. The officers present included—Bro. Hamilton Willcocks, C.R., in the chair, Bros. A. G. Blackwell, V. C.R., G. Codrington Ball, P.C.R., Rev. A. C. R. Wolston, A.K.C., Chaplain. J. P. Henry, M.D., Court Physician, H. Codrington Ball, Hon. Treasurer, H.M., H.C., Lon., Charles Clark, C.D. H.C.R., Edwin C. Allen, Financial Secretary, S. J. Burgess, R. Sec., U. A. Mabile, S.W., A. E. Meyer, J.W., A. O. Bentley, L.B., C. Baker, J.B. There was also a good attendance of members to receive a visit from the High Court of London, which was represented by Bro. James Marshall, S.D., S.C.R., and general manager of the Order for Great Britain, Bro. Martindale, C. Ward, M.D., H.C.R., Bro. E. Telman, F.S.I., P.C.R., Bro. H. R. Harvey, H. S.B., and Bro. Weedon, H.S.W. The subordinate courts were represented by Bros. Glover and Griffin, Court "Walworth;" Bro. Lias, Court "Standard Cleveland," Ohio, U. S.A.; Bros. Cornish, R.S., Cockrun, C.D., H. C.R., and Bro. Smith, of Court "West Norwood;" Bro. Spittle, F.S., Court "Chancery;" Bro. Harvey, Hon. Treasurer, Court "Maida Vale;" Bro. Weeden, C.R., Court "St. Pancras;" Bro. C. Harrison, Hon. Treasurer, Court "Best Help." Letters were received, regretting their inability to be present from Bro. Shum, F.S., Court "Walworth;" Bro. Leckenby, C.D., H.C.R., Court "Chancery;" Bro. H. S. Moore, C.D. H.C.R., Court "Whitehall;" and Bro. Rev. St. Clare Hill, Chaplain, Court "Walworth;" Bro. George Emery, High Counsellor, Bro. A. Randall, C.R., Court "Battersea;" and Bro. W. G. Stott, High Organist, H.C., Ldn. Great regret was felt by the absence of Bro. Ackland Oronhyatekha, Secretary Medical Board, and Bro. W. T. Mason, High Secretary H. C., Lon.

After the transaction of general business, Bro. Dr. Martindale, C. Ward, H.C.R., made a lengthy speech as to the stability and the good the Order was doing, and the great benefit it was to its members as a fraternal society. He was glad to see that they were awakening to this fact in London, for it constantly happened that we could do one another good in finding work and helping a necessitous brother. It was his good fortune to attend the Supreme Court held in Chicago, 1893, where he saw for himself the great benefits derived from the Fraternal Branch of the I.O.F. He was delighted at the courtesy and hospitality offered him by the brethren on the other side