

## NEW YORK.

## Elmira's Ambition.

DR. OROSHYATEKHA, S.C.R., I.O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you please announce, through THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, that Court Chemung Valley No. 1853, of Elmira, N.Y., intend to invite the High Court of the State of New York to meet in this city in 1900? You will do the Court and members a great favor in so doing.

The Court will reach the 100 mark soon. We have a large Companion Court to help entertain: we have the finest park in the state, also the best hotel.

There is not another Court within eighty miles of this city. The High Court coming here will help to advertise the Order through this section. We must have the next High Court.

I remain yours, in L., B. & C.,

N. J. Howe, D.H.C.R.

## Niagara Falls, N.Y.

We have again to congratulate Court Hennepin No. 1152, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., for the manner in which they celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Foresters.

On Sunday, June 18th, the members of this Court met at their hall at 10 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chief Ranger W. Berry, and after the order of march had been defined, the Court proceeded across the river to the hall of Court Clifton, of Niagara Falls, Ont., where they met the members of the latter Court. The two Courts attended the morning's service at the Methodist church. Fifty Foresters were seated in the beautiful little church, and the service was most impressive.

In the evening Courts Hennepin, Echota and Clifton met at Court Hennepin's hall at 6.45 p.m., while Court Evershed met at their own hall at the same hour. The two bodies left their respective places of gathering and met half way. The counter-march, which was then very prettily executed, was witnessed by over a thousand people. The two hundred Foresters who had just met, marched down Main Street to the First Congregational Church. The pastor, Rev. W. E. Dudley, extended a most cordial welcome to the brothers, and in very appropriate terms congratulated the Foresters on the good work done by them at Niagara Falls, N.Y. At the close of the divine service the members marched to Court Hennepin's hall where they were dismissed by Chief Ranger Berry.

Keep on, Hennepin, the eyes of the entire Order are on you!

BUFFALO, June 2, 1899.

OROSHYATEKHA, M.D., S.C.R., I.O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—The prompt payment of the total and permanent disability claim of Bro. O. C. Olmstrom to his wife has given much satisfaction to the members of Court Lehigh No. 744. At our last regular meeting it was voted that our Recording Secretary should write you, expressing our pleasure that claims of that nature are paid in such a businesslike manner, for it is the feeling that such methods go far towards increasing confidence in the Order not only among the members, but also the general public.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

WILLIAM SANDY,

R.S. Court Lehigh No. 744.

SILVER SPRINGS, July 2, 1899.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court I.O.F.:

I wish to extend to you my sincere thanks for the prompt payment of the endowment on the life of my late husband, John Wm. Westfield, amounting to \$1,050.

I also wish to thank the officers and members of Court Silver Springs, No. 718, for their kind attention and sympathy during my sad bereavement.

Wishing your Order prosperity in its work, I remain,

Yours very truly,

MRS. LENA WESTFIELD.

LITTLE FALLS, N.Y., May 30th, 1899.

Major J. A. McGilivray, S.S., enclosed find Benefit Certificate of late N. N. Joquay's, properly filled out and testimonials of his widow. The members of Court Astoranga, 1364, express their thanks for the prompt payment and hope to see the Order grow in numbers.

Faternally yours, L., B. & C.,

EDW. BEVERLY, Rec. Sec.

## NORTH DAKOTA.

COURT WALHALLA, No. 3109.

WALHALLA, N.D.

Sunday was a red-letter day here. The weather was all that could be desired. At 2 o'clock about 100 brethren of this and neighboring Courts met at the Court room and marched, headed by the citizen's band, to Mager's Grove, where we found about 500 people gathered to attend divine service. Bro. Rev. Hocking delivered a very able and impressive address on "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." After service we marched back to the Court room feeling much benefited and pleased with our anniversary services.

Yours in L., B. & C.

## NORWAY.

TRANSLATION OF LETTER OF RECEIPT BY WIDOW M. LEE.

AT KONGSBERG, NORWAY.

I, undersigned, Widow Grethe Lee, have this day received from Capt. C. Reynolds, for account of the Independent Order of Foresters, the amount of Mortuary Benefit due to me on behalf of my deceased son, John M. Lee, according to Endowment Certificate No. 33701, dated 13th March, 1893, at Alpena, Michigan.

The amount due to me, as stated on said Endowment Certificate, \$500 (five hundred dollars), is settled by draft No. 6607—£102 5s. 6d. (one hundred and two pounds five shillings six pence), British sterling, on Parr's Banking Co., London, dated 12th May, 1899.

I also declare that the sum of \$500, (five hundred dollars), in favor of my deceased husband, Peter Lee, as stated on said Endowment Certificate, have been likewise paid to me by Capt. C. Reynolds, as per draft No. 6608, £102 5s. 6d. (one hundred and two pounds five shillings six pence) British sterling.

While I, with sincere thanks to the Executive of the Independent Order of Foresters, for punctual and speedy settlement of my claim, acknowledge the receipt of same, I hereby declare that I am lawfully entitled to receive said sum on behalf of my deceased son and husband, as well as other relations of our family; and I finally declare that