

The Supreme Secretary Visits the Potteries.

The Supreme Secretary of the Independent Order of Foresters, Bro. J. A. McGillivray, Q.C., of Toronto, paid his initial visit to the Potteries July 9th, and in the evening addressed a meeting of Foresters and their friends at the Town Hall, Hanley, on the principles of the Order. Accompanying Bro. J. A. McGillivray, Q.C., on the platform were Bros. E. J. Powell, H.C.R., Mid-England; B. Cronyn, Manager-in-Chief, London; F. Walker, P.H.C.R., Mid-England; J. H. P. Montford, H. Sec., Mid-England; and P. P. Nichol, D.S.C.R., the prospective organizer for the Potteries and district. Bro. Powell was the chairman, and introduced the visitor to the meeting in a few remarks, in which he spoke of the great work done by that gentleman for the Order.

Bro. McGillivray commenced by saying that although he had visited Great Britain many times he had never before had an opportunity of visiting the world-renowned Potteries district. He did not come amongst them as an entire stranger, for his grandfather was born within a few miles of Hanley. Continuing, he explained that the Independent Order of Foresters was a Canadian organization with its head office at Toronto. As an indication of the amount of business they were doing he mentioned that they were at present paying out an average of £1,000 per day to the widows and children of deceased members. It was nineteen years ago since the Order was revived with a membership of about 600, and now they could boast of a membership of over 160,000. They had a capital of eight million dollars and upwards of four million dollars as a kind of reserve fund, a record of which they were justly proud, because no such history was to be found in the whole of the fraternal circuit. They had a larger surplus than all the fraternal organizations in the world combined. He knew that other societies boasted they had a larger capital, but the Independent Order of Foresters did not call building and such like capital. Continuing, the speaker dwelt upon the various benefits and workings of the society and said that their system was one of a purely business character so far as insurance was concerned. He denied a statement that had been made in the London Press that this Order was practically an assessment Order, but at the same time stated that the constitution would indeed be faulty if they had not some provision to provide for in the case of some great calamity overtaking either of the two countries. The cost of carrying the risk plus 5 per cent. was what they charged and not plus 45 per cent. It was alleged that the Order could not live because they did not charge enough, but he mentioned that during the last 100 years there had been something like 800 insurance companies doing business on the stock plan with large capital subscribed, and that only 49 of that number now existed. It was not entirely capital that they wanted, but a sturdy membership, and the Independent Order claimed to have both. The speaker emphasized the fact that this was not a secret society, and that they had over 10,000 Roman Catholic members. Concluding, he spoke of the society as not interfering with the consciences of any of its members with respect to religion, and said they had the high hope of expectation that they were the beginning of an organization that would live on and on through the ages.

Men's Influence Over Men.

Remarkable Words on Personal Magnetism From an Eminent Divine.

No subject has excited so much interest or awakened so much discussion among thinking people of late as that of Personal Magnetism. It is worthy of note that clergymen, doctors, college presidents, and men of science everywhere are giving it deep thought. Many of them have openly certified to the wonderful powers. The outspoken words of Rev. Paul Weller, of Gorham, N.Y., in this connection will call forth no little additional comment.



REV. PAUL WELLER.

In answer to a personal letter from an intimate friend, asking if it was true that he (Rev. Weller) had become a firm believer in Personal Magnetism and Hypnotism, Rev. Weller wrote:

"The facts are: The subject of Personal Magnetism or Hypnotism, to which I have devoted many years of study, was recently more forcibly than ever called to my attention through reading a scientific work on the subject, now being circulated by the New York Institute of Science, of Rochester, N.Y.

"I am a minister of the gospel, but I do not hesitate to say that the reading of that book and the subsequent study of its contents have worked an all-powerful, important and good influence over me. My recommendation of Personal Magnetism, a subject which every man and woman may study with profit, is made after thorough investigation and with complete knowledge of its great value. I make this statement deliberately. The study of Personal Magnetism, as set forth in the admirable book I have mentioned above, should be next to the study of the Holy Bible.

"Personal Magnetism embodies all the laws governing man's influence over man. It is the power that makes men mould the lives of men. It turns life's failures into successes. It makes you nobler, purer and better. It develops the latent powers of the will and makes one capable of the accomplishment of great deeds. I have received many letters on the subject, and to all writers I have answered: 'Write to the New York Institute of Science, Rochester, N.Y., asking for their scientific work on Personal Magnetism and Hypnotism. It will be sent to you free of charge. If its perusal does as much for you as it did for me, you will thank me the longest day you live for having called your attention to the book.' Yours truly,

REV. PAUL WELLER."

It will only be necessary for you to send your request to the New York Institute of Science, Dept. A 13, Rochester, N.Y., and you will receive the volume Rev. Paul Weller recommends, by return mail. IT IS FREE. A postal card will bring it.