

Michigan.

Never in the history of the Order has so much interest been shown as during the past six weeks. Favorable reports of increase in membership are being received from nearly every section of the state.

The demonstration at Detroit on the 10th inst., in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the Order, will be beyond question the most successful in the history of Michigan Forestry. A full account will be given in the next issue.

State Organizer Weeks is proving the right man in the right place. The action of the High Standing Committee in instructing him to go to those courts only where the court would allow him to collect a deposit of one dollar, is meeting with popular approval, and is furnishing a revenue sufficient to more than pay all of his expenses.

High Chief Ranger Joslyn announces that the winners of the several prizes offered for last year's competition will be announced in the next FORESTER. The delay has been caused by the failure of the courts to make reports to him. If any courts have not yet reported they will be given until July 15th, after which no report will be received.

The passing of Michigan by Quebec in the membership last month proved a great help to the work in the State. It seems as though all the courts in the State are vying with each other to see which shall do the most work to forge us as far ahead of Quebec as to make it impossible for him to again get in sight of the dust left in our pathway.

Court Business, recently organized at Bay City, promises to give the other courts in the State a smart race for first place. Many of the business men of the city never knew the real basis of the insurance furnished by the Order, and only need to be asked to become members. Bro. Birchard promises to make the membership 100 the first six months, and to double that before the end of the Forestry year. He'll keep his promise, too.

Court Gaylord was organized at Gaylord June 4th, by the H.C.R., Bro. Joslyn and State Inspector Bro. A. A. Weeks. There were 25 names on the charter list secured by Bro. Weeks, including the most substantial business men in the community. Many others signified their desire to become connected with the Order, and Gaylord promises to have one of the best courts in Northern Michigan in the near future.

In response to circular No. 1 a large number of the courts have asked for the services of the State Organizer. The High Chief Ranger will endeavor to send the organizer to those courts which most need assistance, rather than where the most applications could be taken. The following is nearly a complete list of the class to be visited in the near future:—St. Louis, Alma, Ithaca, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Chelsea, Monroe, Northville, Pontiac, Mendon, Jackson, Marshall, Eaton Rapids, Lowell, Hastings, Thompsonville,

Oopernish, Cadillac, Traverse City, Petoskey, St. Ignace. The members of these courts should each prepare as many names as possible to give the organizer on his arrival and also assist him personally in the work. This will add greatly to the good he is able to accomplish.

Michigan's representatives to the Supreme Court include some of the best known business and professional men in the State. If my jurisdiction presents a more able delegation it will do well indeed. The delegation includes two ministers, two physicians, two Members of Congress, a State Senator, and Members of the State House of Representatives, two prominent manufacturers, one merchant, one bookkeeper, and a college professor.

New York.

Court Brooklyn City, 1697.

Forestry in the great metropolis of the west is making substantial progress. There are four courts in New York, and five in Brooklyn.

Court Brooklyn is the Mother Court, and is, as well, writes a correspondent, the largest in the city. Dr. Coulter, who has charge of the eastern office of the United States, is looking closely after the interests of the I. O. F. in New York.

Court Lynne, No. 498, Three Mile Bay.

What the membership of this court lacks in numbers it makes up in enthusiasm—the numbers are coming. Chief Ranger Bro. G. H. Herrick is a popular and capable officer. Court Lynne will do its share to bring New York State to the front.

New Jersey.

New Jersey, the birth-place of the I.O.F., sends greeting to her brother Foresters throughout the world.

In honor of our "coming of age," New Jersey has resolved to double its present membership before our next birthday.

Never in the history of the I.O.F. in this state, has the prospect for a rapid increase in membership been as bright as it is at present. Every court is alive and working, with "Progress" as their motto.

Our High Court session, held in Newark, June 4th, was a model of harmony and enthusiasm. The officers' reports show a gain of 700 members during the past year, and this, notwithstanding the business depression so seriously experienced in this state.

Our representatives to the Supreme Court are, Rev. George Buckner, Dr. P. A. Banker, and W. T. Bingham, a clergyman, a physician, and a journalist. They are thus prepared to dispense spiritual or medical advice to their fellow voyagers, and to write us their sufferings from the effect of the rollicking billows.

Court Elizabeth, No. 1, the oldest court in the United States, still retains the state ban-