

Companions Henry Ellis, Illustrious Commander; Com. George R. Rodger, M.D. (Past High Physician of the High Court of New York), as Illustrious Lieutenant-Commander; and Comrade F. J. Spraker, as Illustrious Past Commander. At the first meeting in June a number of candidates were initiated. This encampment has started right, and will, no doubt, become prosperous at once. We are glad to see Dr. Rodger again interesting himself in matters Forestric, as he is regarded as one of the reliable pioneers in the work in this State. The High Secretary is indebted to the doctor for a flint arrow-head, presented on a beautiful, bright, sunshiny Sunday morning, at the Giant's Causeway, Ireland, in the month of August, 1895, while travelling in that country as representative to the Supreme Court.

Court Oswego has just had its first loss since its organization in 1890, in the death of Bro. J. Reid. The day was fine, and 135 brethren turned out to do honor to their esteemed brother. District Deputy W. W. Wellington says: "It was the best society funeral held in Oswego for many years. Every Forester was proud to know he belonged to the Order. In point of numbers and appearance Court Oswego made an excellent showing, classing itself among the very best. The burial service at the grave was conducted in a perfect manner and everything 'worked like clock work.'" The widow thus exhibits her appreciation to D. D. Bro. Wellington: "I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of Court Oswego, No. 549, for their many acts of kindness during the illness of my late husband, John Reid, who was a member of your court; and the Executive Council of your great Order are highly commended for the prompt manner in which it paid the claim of \$1,000 Mortuary Benefit. May your noble Order ever prosper is the sincere wish of myself and family. Sincerely yours, Mrs. Ellen Reid."

We must express the appreciation that is within us for the very flattering mention in the last two FORESTERS of the manner in which the State of New York is gradually, but surely, accumulating a large membership, and the fact that we have, with but one exception, led all other High Courts in accepted risks for the past eight months, also that we have attained *fourth* place, in point of membership. The latter is appreciated the most, and those who entered the Order in the pioneer days in this State can best appreciate this information, when it is understood that the High Court was formed in 1890 with only twelve subordinate courts, and a membership of about 200. Now we have 200 courts, and a membership a little over 9,000. The sturdy, willing, true and loyal hearts within the membership have done their share to bring this result to its great proportions, and no one is more familiar with this fact than the popular High Secretary of New York, who, more than any one else, appreciates the general assistance given him in his earnest endeavors to place the State of New York among the leading High Courts of the Order. We would not be surprised to see New York in second place at the next session of the Supreme Court in 1898, if the brethren will keep up the interest manifested from the inception of the High Court. This of all the years since the formation of High Court has experienced the greatest business depression in this State, notwithstanding which the greatest interest and prosperity to our Order have occurred during the past year.

Ohio.

The Independent Order of Foresters is one of the permanent institutions doing fraternal insurance in Ohio. It has come to stay. Under the guidance of the H.C.R., the army of almost 6,000 strong cannot be resisted. "Victory, victory, long live Forestry" is the battle cry.

Court Butler, No. 1380, and Court Fort Hamilton are two as prosperous courts as can be found in Southern Ohio. They each have over 100 members in good standing, and the meetings are well attended, and hardly a meeting passes without from one to 15 initiations.

Court Shelby, No. 555, sends its contribution to the "Bronze Statue Fund." Thanks, brothers; you were not the last! Bro. J. F. Oman, the efficient Court Deputy, can always be depended on for aid when asked. He writes: "We were *all* glad to contribute our mite. We honor our S.C.R., and we wish the greatest of prosperity to our noble Order."

Court Butler, No. 1380, gave a social dance on the evening of April 29th. As this was the first entertainment of the kind given by the Foresters, they feel justly proud of the results both socially and financially, and the court feels that the success was due to the efficiency of its hustling committee, composed of Bros. W. R. Chester, J. Janser, Jas. Travis, G. Schmidt and F. C. Lambert.

Brother J. D. Clark, our H. C., is doing the year work of his life, it matters not how much good he has done in the past, or the eminence he has attained at the Bar. All this passes into utter insignificance when compared to the amount of happiness, contentment and satisfaction he has given to the many homes, wives, mothers and children, by the spreading of the principles of Forestry throughout this commonwealth, by his directions to his associates and the 103 sub. courts in Ohio. This will remain as a monument to the zeal, care and faithfulness of our standard-bearer of Ohio.

Bro. Prentiss, H. Treas., visited Toledo June 9th, and gave an address to a large number of Foresters and *would-be* Foresters on "The Superiority of Fraternal Insurance," and illustrated it by the example of the I.O.F. Bro. Prentiss was received "with open arms." Bro. A. Cameron, D.D.H.C.R., of Toledo, Ohio, expects to open a new court soon in Toledo, with a large charter list: 37 names now on hand. Bro. Cameron is persevering, faithful, energetic and an enthusiastic Forester. He makes success come out of distrust and doubt by his never-give-up style. Go on, brother!

Court Pride of Akron, No. 356. The pride of the bustling city of Akron, although many other Orders are in the city, and "new timber" is scarce as hen's teeth, they do find good and sound men for membership. Three (3) additions in one night, recently, and applications galore on the table. The team work is fine; most of the team had the entire ritual at their tongue's end, and everything went on as merry as a May day. Especial praise is due the P.C.R., who acted as C.R. for the evening. No one can do better. We had a merry time in their new, commodious and well-lighted hall.

Court Howard, No. 281, Cleveland. Quick time, promptness and despatch characterize all transactions of the I.O.F. Our Bro. J. G. Davis died May