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  - When a member withdraws from the court.
  - When a member changes his address.
  - When a member joins a court by card.
  - When a member is reinstated.

## Editorial.

**The Surplus on the 1st January, 1899, stood at \$3,186,370.36.**

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"Readjustment of the rates and of the benefits" will speedily place the I.O.F. in the first ranks of the insurance corporations of the world.

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It will be a gratification to all Foresters to learn that no less than 1,217 applications for membership came in during the first seven working days of January, of which 1,096 were accepted and 121 rejected by the Medical Board.

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The greatest record ever made by the Independent Order of Foresters was for November and December, 1898, during which no less than 11,024 medical examinations were received, of which 9,879 were accepted and 1,145 rejected.

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It will be seen by the report from the various jurisdictions that the High Chief Rangers, Brothers McElfresh and O'Neill, are most actively pushing the work in their respective territories. The success attending Brother McElfresh's efforts is shown by California's position in the honor roll.

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The Supreme Secretary has just returned from quite an extended trip in the Maritime Provinces. He held meetings in St. John and Moncton, New Brunswick. He visited Newfoundland also, and as the result of such visit Brother James Gilmore, D.S.C.R., has been despatched to St. John to plant the Order in that Province.

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We would like to direct the attention of everybody to the terse way matters are put by Brother S. S. Chiswell, P.H.C.R. of Central England, relative to the new rates,—“Revised rates with revised benefits,” speaks volumes, and puts the situation in a nutshell. Brother Chiswell always says something when he speaks.

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The Companions are already showing their superb qualities as actors in the field of benevolence. An evidence of this is given in the instance