

Most Worthy of Attention.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.O.R., Toronto, Ont.:

DEAR EDITOR,—With your kind permission I would like to have a few minutes chat, through the columns of THE FORESTER, with my numerous brethren, about a method of securing better attendance in Subordinate Courts.

While at Gueph, last August, as a delegate to the High Court of Ontario, I fell into conversation with many other representatives regarding the inner workings of their respective Courts, and was surprised to hear many of them complain of irregular attendance, and in some cases of indifference among their members.

The writer is a member of a Court in a small village. At the beginning of the current year we had a membership of 23 or 24, and the Court was suffering from a complaint called "non-attendance," with some appearance of the disease becoming chronic. A faithful few were left to manage everything. Members became so indifferent, that instead of coming to Court they would hand in their dues by proxy. Our officers were capable men who heartily performed their duties, and had the good of the Order at heart, but the members would not "turn out." One evening at Court, the writer proposed a debate to come off under "Good and Welfare," at our next meeting. A subject that any member could speak on was selected, and sides chosen, many being put on for the debate who were absent; it being left to the leaders to see them and explain. There was a slight increase in members at the next meeting and barrels of eloquence were expended by the debaters in upholding the respective merits of the "Horse and Cow."

So much interest was aroused by the debate that we had another two weeks later on "Reciprocity." This was won by the negative side, under the able leadership of our Court Physician.

I must not take up valuable space in telling you all we did to hold the truants after getting them interested; suffice to say, that our "Good and Welfare" was made as attractive as possible, by songs, recitations, mock trials, and frequently a debate; while the reading of a monthly paper, prepared by one of our brothers and called the "Full Moon," causes a deal of interest by its collection of Forestric news and personal items. But not only was interest taken in these by the members, but all our officers seem to vie with each other as to who shall carry out his duties most faithfully, and members work hard to get in new members. At present we have 31 strong, and still endeavoring to press "onward and upward." From the forty volumes in the Court library (purchased with the proceeds of a successful picnic) our members can obtain a book every two weeks to help them pass the long evenings.

To any Court that is troubled as we were, I respectfully ask them to try our medicine. Get them interested in some such way and you faithful ones will have your hearts gladdened to hear the stay-aways, acknowledge "its good for us to be here."

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

A RADICAL.

"Oh! brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother.
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

—Whittier.

Court Watford Enthused.

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Oronhyatekha, M.D., S.C.R., Toronto:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in being able to state that our worthy brother C. C. Whale, Esq., of Toronto, was present with the members of Court Watford, No. 444, of this place, at a special meeting held this evening, called for the purpose of listening to said brother. Brother Whale gave us a very long, interesting and instructive address on Forestry and the workings of the same, which seemed to inspire and enthuse the principles and benefits of our Order in all our brethren. I may also state that we were virtually in the dark on Forestry before hearing Brother Whale, but now we are considerably enlightened and prospects are that we will have a very prosperous Court ere long. We are initiating members at nearly every meeting.

Truly yours, in L., B. and C.,

W. E. FITZGERALD.

A Newspaper Directory for Canada.

Messrs. A. McKim & Co., Advertising Agents of Montreal, are preparing what will be the first comprehensive newspaper directory of this country.

Canada is now quite large enough and its journalistic interests of sufficient importance to require its own annual Newspaper Directory, and there are several new features of the proposed work which will make it a valuable hand-book for all seeking information concerning the Canadian Press.

We bespeak for this enterprising firm the hearty support and co operation of Canadian publishers generally.

Once Was Enough.

A young gentleman, says the *Calgary Herald*, who lately left his home in England, having exhausted his credit, telegraphed to his parents:

Your son Walter was killed this morning by a falling chimney. What shall we do with the remains?

In reply a cheque was sent for £20, with the request, "bury them." The young gentleman pocketed the money and had an elaborate spree. When in a condition for writing he sent his father the following note:

I have just learned that an infamous scoundrel named Smith sent you a fictitious account of my death, and swindled you out of £20. He also borrowed £10 from me and left the country. I write to inform you that I am still alive and long to see the parental roof again. I am in somewhat reduced circumstances, the accumulations of the last five years having been lost—a disastrous stock operation—and if you would only spare me £20 I would be ever thankful for your favor. Give my love to all.

A few days later the young man received the following dignified letter from his outraged parent:

My Dear Son: I have buried you once, and that is the end of it. I decline to have any transactions with a ghost. Yours in the flesh,

FATHER.