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The above are all invested as "Permanent Deposits," and cannot be withdrawn except on a joint cheque of the whole Executive Council. The total cash on hand being, on the 1st instant,

$117,821.96.

Official Circular No. 6.

Office of the Executive Council,
1st Jan.. 1889

To all Subordinate Courts:

BRETHREN,—The Executive Council have delayed the issuance of the S. A. P. in order that they might be able to lay before you the grand work done by our Order during 1888.

On the first of January, 1888, we numbered 7,811 strong and on the first of January, 1889, we numbered in good standing

11,517 MEMBERS,

a net gain during the 12 months of only 3,706, making an increase of 47 per cent.

We had, a year ago, $86,102.42 in the surplus funds of the Order. On the 1st January, 1889, this had increased to the magnificent sum of

$117,821.96.

We have paid during the year, to the widows and orphans or other beneficiaries of 62 deceased Foresters, for endowment benefits alone, the sum of $81,000.00. Brother Frederick Port, of Aylmer, Ont., was paid $1,000 for total and permanent disability benefit, and a large sum has been paid for sick and funeral benefits.

This is but a partial statement of the good work being done month by month the whole year round by our Independent Order of Foresters. The Executive Council in sending to you one and all a "Happy New Year's" greeting, feel that they are entitled to claim that *success is ours*, and we ask you not to weary in well-doing, but continue the good work throughout the year 1889.

That the Order was never in a better position than it is to day is shown by the fact that our death rate for 1888 was only 6.3 in a 1000.

The noble example set by THE Banner Court—Court Frontenac, No. 59, and by Courts Kennebecasis, No. 24; Parkhill, No. 156; Maple, No. 155; Jubilee, No. 27, and others will, we trust, be emulated by all our Courts.

Be good enough to call the special attention of your Court to the annual card for the Directory. It is very desirable that all our Courts advertise their principal officers and the nights of meeting, so that brethren may be able to visit your Court, if perchance they are in your locality upon your nights of meeting.