

March. We are advised to look for surprises in May and June.

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We beg to call attention to the masterly address by the General Manager for Great Britain and Ireland, delivered in Christiania, Norway. It will well repay every Forester, but especially organizing officers, to read it carefully.

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The attention of Court Deputies is specially called to the official proclamation of the S.C.R. setting aside Sunday, June 19, as a day of thanksgiving. Deputies are requested to have the proclamation read in open court, with a view to action thereon.

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No one pretends to say that it is beyond the power of a great organization like the I. O. F., with 130,000 members, to secure for June 10,000 applications. Just imagine 13 men finding it impossible in a whole month to persuade **one** man to join them.

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Every court in the Order should arrange to attend Divine service in a body on June 19th. If that day is not convenient, then on some other Sunday. The I.O.F., while not a religious organization, believes in acknowledging the Divine Ruler of the universe and praising Him for His goodness.

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By cable we are informed that a very large meeting of the High Court of London (England) was held on the 10th instant, in Exeter Hall. Substantial numerical and financial gains were reported. Bro. James Marshall, General Manager for Europe, was elected H.C.R., and Bro. E. Tidman, Representative to the Supreme Court.

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Do not drop your membership because of some disappointment or misunderstanding. Please remember that your continuance in good standing is of more consequence to you and your family than anybody. It does not matter very much to the I.O.F., when members are coming in by thousands every month, if a few hundreds should drop out. It matters a great deal, however, to the member and his family. Keep your membership good; life is uncertain. Death is on the way to meet us all.

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Attention is directed to the record from the Insurance Counsellor respecting the amount of new insurance by various companies and orders during 1897. It will be seen that the position of the Independent Order of Foresters is not by any means an insignificant one, as of the twenty old-line companies given in the Table, there are only five that wrote more insurance than the I.O.F., and out of the twenty Mutual Assessment Societies only one, namely, our friend the Mutual Reserve Fund Association of

New York, wrote more than the I.O.F., and in our own class, namely, among the Fraternal Beneficiary Societies, only two exceeded the good work done by the I.O.F.

### The Supreme Chief Ranger.

The 130,000 members of the Order, as well as the larger number that are not members, but are interested in its benevolent and fraternal work, will learn with keen satisfaction that the health of Dr. Oronhyatekha, that was seriously impaired through excessive work, has been completely restored by his trip to the East. A letter from Venice, received some days ago, stated that he had discarded all medicine, and was as well as ever and ready for more hard campaigning, if need be, in the interest of the I.O.F. The Chief is now in Great Britain, where he will attend the annual meetings of the several High Courts before returning to Toronto, where he is expected towards the end of June. Dr. Oronhyatekha has rendered services of the highest possible character and value to the I.O.F. It is the hope of everyone that knows him, and his friends are by no means confined to the Order, the building up of which has been his life-work, that he may have many years of health in which to enjoy the fruits of his eminent services.

### Gratifying Progress in Great Britain and Ireland.

From every jurisdiction in the Old Land there comes cheering accounts of growing interest in the Order, and an increase in the number of applications. For some time now the number of applications monthly has been well up in three figures.

From the time the I.O.F. was introduced in the British Isles its growth has been as marked and progressive as it was in America in the same number of years in its early history. The various High Courts will be meeting in the course of the next few weeks. The reports to be submitted will, we are assured, show substantial gains, thorough organization, a spirit of unity and harmony among the members, and an established and complete confidence in the Order. The presence of the Supreme Chief Ranger at the meetings of the several High Courts will add to the interest of these meetings, and his counsel and encouragement will stimulate the workers to renewed effort. The Chief has always been an ardent believer in the ultimate success of INDEPENDENT FORESTRY in the Home Land. His faith has been evidenced by his work there on its behalf, and success has come fully as soon as he expected. It is estimated that for June the United Kingdom can, and will, give 1,000 of the 10,000 applications that are asked for that month.