

SECRET AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

INDEPENDENT ORDER FORESTERS.

The Independent Order Foresters of Ontario are going to have a grand picnic on Saturday, June 20, and expect their brethren from far and near to be present. They are all in their power to have a grand time.

The high chief ranger will visit Thamesford on Saturday.

The number of members on May 1 was 27,925 and the reserve fund on June 1 amounted to \$380,741 87.

The supreme secretary and high vice chief ranger intend visiting as many courts as possible between now and Aug. 11 in the city of Toronto.

MASONIC.

Among the names mentioned as candidates for the office of district deputy grand master for this (London) district is that of Mr. O. J. Bridle, of Union Lodge. A number of his friends have signified their intention of supporting him strongly at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The name of Mr. W. R. Bro. A. B. Munson is also mentioned for a second term. He has performed the duties well.

No better illustration of the religious but unsectarian character of Free Masonry could be afforded than by the fact that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York contains 708 clergymen, representing the Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Universalist, Congregationalist, Dutch Reformed, Lutheran, Unitarian and Jewish churches.

North Dakota has three lodges of Masons already, with 1,464 members.

Was Shakespeare a Free Mason? This question has often been discussed, and the opinion has been expressed that the great dramatist was a member of the order.

A seal which was brought lately to the office of the Stratford-on-Avon Herald throws some light on the matter.

It has been pronounced by Mr. Mackie, of Birmingham, to be of the time of James I. On one side is a portrait of Shakespeare and on the reverse Masonic emblem.

The seal is in the possession of E. Birch, of Stratford-on-Avon.

R. W. Bro. George C. Davis, grand junior warden, visited St. Thomas brethren last night and was well received.

ANCIENT ORDER UNITED WORKMEN. A grand A. O. U. W. temple will soon be erected at Portland, Oregon.

The death rate per 1,000 for the year 1880 was 9.13; for the year 1890 it was 10.32, an increase of 1.19.

The Loyal Grand Lodge of Iowa is very prosperous, and its membership now is close to 6,000.

In many jurisdictions the mortality this year has been higher than usual because of a gripple. This is especially the case in Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.

Each of the two latter States has three assessments for May.

The total amount of beneficiary money disbursed by the order in 1890 was \$4,762,167, or \$5,000,000 in round numbers.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODDFELLOWS. A brother out West received the initiation and first degree in the I. O. O. F., and before applying for the second and third became totally deaf.

When he asked for these the question arose whether they could be given him on account of his deafness, and the grand master of his jurisdiction decided in his favor.

The grand sire was appealed to, and he gave a decision confirming the action of the grand master, to the effect that the second and third degrees shall be given to the brother by allowing him to read the ritual, see the floor work and to have the passwords communicated to him written upon a piece of paper, said paper to be immediately destroyed.

This is said to be the first case of the kind on record.—(Baltimore Telegram.)

Oliver Branch, D. of F., Toronto, had an official visit from the deputy grand master Wednesday evening, June 10. Six candidates were initiated. The beautiful work rendered by a well-drilled team was the feature of the evening.

Captain Cooper, who has been instructor, was made the recipient of a jewel and address.

The successful lodge is the one which is constantly seeking new ideas, adopting new methods to replace the old, clinging lovingly to the good of the past and rejecting that which may be improved upon, constantly awake to anything that will improve its condition, extend its membership, increase its finances, and develop the order at large.

A fraud by the name of Watson, with various aliases, is going around. His usual plan of operation is to claim that he is waiting for his mail, and ask to have a check cashed. He has been claiming to be a member of the Grand Lodge, New York, from which lodge he has been expelled.

He is described as "about 21 years of age, slender build, tall, light complexion; the time of leaving New York was clean shaven. Very plausible in conversation, apparently well up in the work; a smooth talker."

It is understood some of the Rebekahs throughout the Province are going to ask the grand master to call a convention of Rebekah Lodge to meet in Stratford during the Grand Lodge session next congress, in accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge last year approving of such a scheme.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Short meetings of Prospect and Myrtle Lodges on Monday and Tuesday evenings were held owing to the heat.

At the next meeting of Prospect Lodge the rank of page, esquire and knight will be conferred on several candidates.

Mipath Lodge will hold a reception on the evening of June 26 to the new grand lodge, and D. G. S. Bro. Dr. English, of the same lodge, is to be congratulated on the honor bestowed upon one of its oldest members, Bro. Fitzgerald.

The members of the Grand Lodge were enthusiastic in their praise of the treatment received at the hands of the London lodge.

The members of Prospect Lodge are again considering the advisability of presenting a more commodious lodge room.

The present one is too small for the growing lodge.

A meeting of the Mipath Lodge was held on Monday evening, June 18, at 8 and 9. It is expected this will be the occasion of the largest turn-out of Knights of Pythias ever held in this section of the

country. London will go by special excursion.

The report of the Grand Lodge of Ontario shows a material gain in lodges and membership for 1890. The indications point to a greater gain during the present year.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in St. Thomas.

The meeting just over was the largest and most enthusiastic ever held by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

There were over 1,500 Knights of Pythias in good standing in Ontario, and as many more who are not.

The endowment rank of the order numbers nearly 25,000 members with \$53,000,000 endowment in force.

Pythian sisters have 25 temples in Ohio and over 40 in Indiana.

ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS. The members of Court Hyde Park will attend divine service on Sunday, June 27, Conclave No. 2.

He has received an invitation to be present on the occasion, as have also several others in the city.

The Demonstration Committee is leaving no stone unturned to make the affair in this city on Dominion Day a success.

The programmes are now out, and contain a host of attractions. A large turnout of Foresters from the West is expected.

Monday evening last the quarterly meeting of the East Circle, Companions of the Forest, was held, a large number of companions being present.

After routine business the election of officers took place, and resulted as follows: C. G. Comp. Miss M. Bowdler, S. C. Comp. Miss S. Wood, R. G. Comp. Miss M. McKenzie, L. G. Comp. Miss E. Gold, I. G. Comp. Miss F. Pugsley, O. G. Comp. Miss S. Cook, S. Comp. W. Richards, R. Comp. Miss S. Yates, Treas. Comp. Mrs. M. Stead, Phys. Comp. A. R. Pingle, delegate to Supreme Circle, Comp. W. Richards; circle deputy, Comp. E. A. Richards.

It is the intention of the Companions to be well represented in the A. O. F. procession on Dominion Day. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD. The Woodmen are rapidly gaining members in this city and also throughout the order.

The Sovereign Camp issued 680 certificates in the past six days.

Head Consul Ramplin of Ontario will go to Chatham Monday to organize a camp with over 40 charter members.

The Woodmen are making a start in Toronto. Two deputies left for that place several days ago.

LODGE NOTES. Long Island is to have an Oddfellows' Home.

Oddfellows, 694,335 members; relief, \$2,725,263.

The Knights of Pythias' membership is over 300,000.

Masons number 15,000 lodges and 2,000,000 members.

Chosen Friends (with 45,000 members) are enjoying a boom these days.

The proceedings of the C. O. O. F. M. U. grand lodge meeting at Woodstock has been fully reported in the telegraphic columns.

The attendance at lodges of all kinds grows beautifully less as hot weather advances. Many adjourn after during July and August.

It is estimated that nearly \$160,000,000 have been disbursed in relief and death benefits by fraternal societies during the past twenty years.

Items forwarded to the editor of this column before Thursday afternoon by secretaries or others interested in societies will be received with thanks.

The re-election of Bro. Edward Towse to the position of high chief ranger of the Canadian Order of Foresters has been the cause of many congratulations to that gentleman.

The A. O. U. W. has 256,507 members; \$34,562,300 benefits paid. April was "Banner month," the increase in membership being 3,467. Aggregate amount of insurance covered by this fraternity, \$500,000,000.

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"With the baby and all, num, it's fourteen pounds and a half. Shall I—?"

"How dare you make such a suggestion," screamed the woman, as she snatched her baby and rushed out of the shop.

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