

by the new act, of the "old age benefit." All policies issued since this bill became law, on the 1st day of May, 1896, and any policies of members "reinstated" after that date will be subject to the rates at the age of entry, or reinstatement, and be payable at death only: but the payment of premium will still cease on a member reaching the age of 70 as heretofore. It will of course be understood that the new Act does not in any way interfere with the rights and privileges of members who were initiated before said 1st day of May. The Supreme Chief Ranger pointed out that the "old age benefit" might be made a part of the total and permanent disability benefit at next session of the Supreme Court, but he suggested that the question be well considered and representatives to the Supreme Court instructed accordingly.

The question of consolidating weak courts was raised, and the Supreme Chief Ranger replied that he could not give an authoritative decision until he had examined the last revised edition of the Constitutions and Laws. He promised on doing so to communicate with each High Secretary on the subject. He also stated that the Supreme Executive had determined to cease issuing statements of accounts monthly in the FORESTER as heretofore, but instead thereof, to issue to each subordinate court a quarterly statement, with balance-sheet duly audited by the Supreme Auditors. This announcement was received with satisfaction, and it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Scott and Dr. Ward, that, "having heard the explanations of the Supreme Chief Ranger, this Conference approves the action of the Supreme Executive relative to the change in the mode of publishing the financial statements."

The thanks of the Conference were unanimously voted as follows:—

"To Brother Duncan, for taking the photograph and kindly offering to supply a copy to each member," moved by Brothers the Rev. W. J. McCaughan and Blamey.

"To Brother Wilkinson, for acting as Secretary," moved by Brothers Jenkins and Scott.

"To Brother Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., S.C.R., special thanks for his attendance, explanations and encouragement," moved by Brothers Walker and Ward. The last resolution was put to the Conference by Brother Marshall, General Manager, and carried with enthusiasm.

This concluded the business of the Conference, which had sat continuously for nearly four hours, and the members were pleased to accept the invitation of the Supreme Chief Ranger to dinner.

W. WILKINSON,
Acting Secretary,
ORONHYATEKHA, 25th May, 1896.
S.C.R.

The Rev. Ewing Gilfillan, of Ireland, is making his first visit to America, he is greatly pleased with what he has seen of the country. The handsome bachelor clergyman is probably the "highest" man in the Order, being 6 feet 6 inches.

Personal Mention.

Bro. J. A. Gilmour, D.S.C.R., is hustling in Prince Edward County—and gathering in members.

High Counsellor, Bro. John L. Starkweather, Michigan, was one of the delegates to the National Republican Convention at St. Louis.

Rev. John Ferries, Past High Chaplain and one of the most enthusiastic Foresters in Michigan, is about to remove from St. Ignace to accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Midland.

Bro. Morris Malins, of Court Birmingham, England, has come to Winnipeg, Canada. Bro. Malins is a son of the Past High Chief Ranger of Mid-England. We wish our young brother prosperity in the wide Dominion.

Bro. C. C. Whale, High Inspector of Ontario, in retiring from the chair of W.M., of Georgina Lodge, A.F., and A.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The membership increased from 10 to 111 while "Charlie" occupied the chair.

Bro. Wm. Green, of Court Queen City, Toronto, has been appointed manager of the New York Mutual Reserve Life Association of New York, for Eastern Michigan with headquarters at Detroit. Mr. Green's many friends will join in wishing him success in his new and responsible position.

Bro. Conrad C. Bennet, H.C.R. of New Jersey, who was present at the great demonstration at Foresters' Park on the 19th, was cordially received by his Canadian brethren. He had an opportunity of seeing how Independent Forestry, that had its origin in his State, has flourished on Canadian soil.

Bro. Goodard, F.S. of Court Destiny, No. 508, Tacoma, Wash., would like to hear something from the brother who borrowed money from him on August 10th, 1895. The amount was to be paid in two weeks. Will the tardy brother redeem his promise, and make good a Forester's word and obligation, or does he want to be blacklisted in every court in the Order?

High Secretary FitzGerald has succeeded in obtaining the application of Bro. Victor R. Blehdon, the Grand Receiver of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. No greater mark of esteem or confidence in our Order could be given than that the officers of the various orders throughout our State are seeking admission to our ranks.

Bro. W. F. Wilson, of Court Industrial, New York City, has applied for the \$5,000 limit of policy in our Order. As this brother is the President of the "Fraternal Societies Co-operative Indemnity Union," also "Supreme Treasurer of the Chosen Friends," and President of the "Fraternal Societies Union," (comprising all Fraternal Societies) it can be readily conceived that the brother believes in protection and has the confidence of his conviction that the Order of Independent Forestry is reliable, and that the Reserve Fund is the basis of security.