

Editorial.

Notes

Nova Scotia and Indiana walk side by side with 43 to the credit of each.

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England with 71, and New Brunswick with 56, are the only remaining jurisdictions over the half century.

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March last, went March twelve months ago 463 better in the way of applications. The I.O.F. goes marching on.

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And once again we remind you that every member you bring in strengthens the Order and increases your security.

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The membership March 1st was 89,645, by this time it ought to be over 93,000. There is still time to make it 100,000 by July 1st.

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Some courts have not initiated a member since 1896 came in. The spell should be broken by the initiation of several in May and June.

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The surplus on April 1st was \$1,673,466.15. Twelve months ago it was \$1,273,257.95. a gain of \$400,208 in one year, that looks very much like prosperity.

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In this issue we report 35 new courts. Rather a good showing for a bad year. Would like to hear of the Order that has done better, or even as well.

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Read over the prize list offered by the Supreme Executive. Every one has a chance to win the badge of honor. Secure two members and the badge is yours.

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Minnesota, Pennsylvania and New Jersey run an even race. Each shows a gain of 58 for the month. This is the first time that three jurisdictions made the same record.

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Every Forester within 100 miles of Foresters' Island Park, ought to make it a point to be present on the 17th June at the celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Order.

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Population and everything considered, Maine holds a foremost position with 79 accepted applications. From the day of its introduction into the State, Forestry has gone right ahead in Maine.

Bro. Col. Parker, H.C.R., of Wisconsin, has 87 to the credit of his State. Better work than this has been done, and will, doubtless, be done again. May and June will be up in three figures.

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Dead men earn no salaries. Some day you will be taken from your loved ones. As a proof of your love provide for that day of loss and sorrow. Don't leave them to the charity of the world.

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"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," and a practical manifestation of the thought will be the securing of a certificate in the I.O.F. for the benefit of the loved one.

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Ontario keeps at the head of all jurisdictions in the matter of accepted applications. For March the number was 322. Considering the fact that Ontario has nearly 30,000 members, this is a very good showing.

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Ohio occupies a good position with 181. The tide has been steadily rising in this jurisdiction. The probabilities for a large membership are good, and the High Committee are determined to improve on any former record.

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Again we have great pleasure in saying "Well done" to North Dakota. The brethren there, led by their High Chief Ranger, are pushing the work in fine style. The accepted applications for March were 144. April will do better.

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The Dominion elections are fixed for the 23rd June. Now is the time to secure that member you promised to bring into the Order. Remember the Forestry year closes on the 30th June. The number to be 100,000 by that time.

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Quebec for March is a very good second, being only 22 behind the sister jurisdiction of Ontario. Just a year ago Quebec quietly moved up to second place, passing Michigan in the race. So far Michigan has not recovered lost ground.

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May and June made the best showing in 1895, and also in 1894. We hope that the showing for these months will be better than last year, while we will be quite willing to see any two of the following months of the year give more applications.

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New York, with 248 applications for March, is closely followed by Illinois, with 231. Both