

The Supreme Court has granted us a dispensation to initiate members free of charge, except the nominal examiner fee, which is one dollar, and gives through its Supreme Deputy one dollar and an I.O.F. pin, and the High Court of Michigan gives the other two dollars.

This is the first time that such a dispensation has been granted to our Court, and I hope that you will make use of this opportunity in securing your friends and acquaintances for the I.O.F. during October and November, for they will never have such a chance again. The agreement is between the two divisions to give an Oyster Supper on the last meeting night in December, the division securing the least number of members to treat the winning side.

In order for my division to be a winning one, I urgently request you to try your utmost to secure as many new members for me as possible. I am quite sure you don't want our division to be the losing one. If you have some friend that wants to become a member and you have not the time to go after him, you will please mail me his name and address, and I will go and see him, and will give you the benefit of the member.

As soon as you get an application filled out, take applicant and have him examined, by either of the following physicians: Dr. W. A. Repp, 593 Chene St. and 1255 Gratiot Ave., New Phone 5325; Dr. H. Harrison, 240 Moran St., New Phone 5786.

Mail all applications to my address, A. Bender, 1332 Gratiot Ave., and I will keep a record of the same for my division and you will get the money from us.

In order to make members of my division hustle still more than upon the above terms, I will give to the member that secures the largest number of members, five dollars in gold; to the member that secures the second largest number of members, three dollars in cash; and to the member that secures the third largest number of members, a gold I.O.F. badge.

Hoping that you start to canvass your friends right off in order to have them initiated during November. If you want applications ring me up by telephone and I will mail them to you.

I remain yours in L., B. & C.  
AUGUST BENDER, Financial Secy., Captain.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., September 19, '99.  
COURT KALAMAZOO, No. 1531,  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

GENTLEMEN,—We wish to take this method of expressing our thanks for the prompt adjustment of the claim of Burt G. Clapp for \$1,000, and at the same time express our admiration of your noble Order and its plan of assurance.

ASHLEY CLAPP AND FAMILY.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. J. W. Elves, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for the prompt payment of the disability claim of her husband, J. W. Elves (Court Sault Ste. Marie, No. 1262, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.)

### NEBRASKA.

Forestry has taken a new start in Nebraska, and applications are coming in thick and fast. Thanks to the labors of D.S.C.R. Bro. Williams, the dispensation, and increasing confidence in the Order, Nebraska expects to increase her membership from

400 to 1,000 members by Jan. 1st. As the saying is, things are coming our way.

Court Ak Sar Ben, No. 3358, held a social Friday evening, Oct. 6th, at which a large number of visitors from neighboring courts were entertained. Eleven candidates were initiated and made acquainted with the new infernal machine, after which cigars and refreshments were served and speeches were made by prominent Foresters. The attendance was in the neighborhood of 100.

Omaha Encampment, No. 74, Royal Foresters, has commenced drilling, and expects to capture all prizes at Los Angeles. They expect to procure complete uniforms in the very near future, and intend to give a grand banquet Oct. 25th, to which all Foresters are invited.

The Chief Ranger of Court Ak Sar Ben has just received draft for \$500, payable to the beneficiary of Maynard E. Sayles, who died of wounds received at Manila in a battle with the Filipinos.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
T. R. HORTON, F.S.,  
Court Ak Sar Ben, No. 3358.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Blackville, No. 1965, Blackville, N.B., on the occasion of the death of the child of Bro. Jas. P. Wetmore.

### NEWFOUNDLAND.

#### Rambling Remarks from Bro. Gilmour.

The Courts of St. John's are trying for a set of badges, which is promised to those getting the most members by end of year.

Bro. John Crosbie is the proprietor of the Crosbie House, and has just married a girl from Exploits.

Bro. Dr. Anderson has just married a Miss Woods. He met her for the first time the day I went to Heart's Content, and before two days was engaged. They were married a couple of weeks ago. Quick time, but —

Then there was another society in Heart's Content called the Sons of Fishermen. Since I instituted the I.O.F. they have had to close, and now the head man wants to come in, but he will not be able to pass the Doctor's medical examination, and he is kicking because he did not try while I was there.

Things are still going ahead here. Avalon initiated five at its last meeting and others will be ready for the coming meeting.

Terra Nova, look out, only a few weeks more if you expect to get there.

The News, of Sept. 30th, in reporting Avalon's meeting says: "The meeting of Avalon last evening was well attended, some very interesting work was gone through, the Court is becoming very popular, and increasing their membership."

Brother Dr. Tait, the pioneer of Forestry in St. John's, was a visitor in Avalon, and delivered an excellent address (he could not do anything else) on Forestry and urged the members to keep at it.

Congratulations, Bro. Crosbie. May you both live long to happily preside as the host and hostess of the good Hotel Crosbie.

Word comes that Cableville is the "only pebble on the beach" in Heart's Content.