

great that he was invited to continue his studies at Oxford under the personal supervision of Sir Henry Acland, Regius Professor of Medicine. The Doctor started to practise medicine; but there was a broader field open to him, and the Independent Order of Foresters claimed him. He found the Order a wreck; to-day a membership of nearly 150,000 and a surplus of \$3,000,000 stand mainly as the result of his work. In 1881 there were 369 members in the Order, and a treasury that was strictly *non est*. A comparison of these two statements affords perhaps as brilliant a comment on the S.C.R.'s work as could be made.—*The Foresters' Gazette*.

Personality of the Head of the Order.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, the present highest officer, or Supreme Chief Ranger, of the I.O.F., as he is called, is a unique personage. He is a full-blooded Mohawk Indian, and is known as well on the other side of the Atlantic as in Canada and the United States.

His early qualities of self-reliance and perseverance were developed in his work among the Foresters, which has been marked by such remarkable success. On one occasion, when out of funds, he is said to have turned a few pennies by sawing a cord of wood for a Methodist minister.

Oronhyatekha acquired his early training at Kenyon College, Toronto University, and at Oxford, England. It was while practising medicine in London, Canada, in 1875, that he was initiated into the Independent Order of Foresters. He rose rapidly to high positions in the Order, and in 1881 he was elected to the office of Supreme Chief Ranger, which he has held ever since.

Oronhyatekha's wife was Miss Ellen Hill, of the Mohawk tribe, a great grand-daughter of the celebrated chief, Joseph Brant. They have a son and daughter. They are proud of their race and language, and in their charming home the Mohawk tongue is generally used.—*The Daily Republican, Ohio*.

"Our Special."

The Hunter, Rose Company have issued as an extra number of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, called very prettily the "Dulce Domum Supplement," a most admirable publication, which for artistic get-up, both in design of cover and in the appropriate illustrations, has rarely if ever been equalled on this continent. The covers are beautifully printed in colors, showing on the front a big figure of a most fair woman, representing the I.O.F., seated on a globe and shielding a wounded man, a widow and child, and an orphan with steaming porringer. Over the globe the woman holds entwined large-sized English and United States flags, while beneath her feet are hands clasped, representing the girdle of the world by the I.O.F. On the back also in colors are portraits of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Queen and President. McKinley, the last two being in the centre of shields representing their flags. The contents of "Dulce Domum," with their beautiful illustrations in red, are "The Hour Glass," by Robert Barr; a brief summary of the

area and population of the United States; a sketchy history of Toronto, with becoming views; "The Seventh Man," by Q.; the life of Dr. Oronhyatekha, by Lady Meg; "Discouraging a Truth Teller," by Will S. Gidley; a description of The Temple Building; Old Hearts Aflame, by P. Y. Black; the marvellous history of the Independent Order of Foresters—From Birth to Manhood; "Salomy Jane's Kiss," by Bret Harte, and appropriate selections.

The price is twenty-five cents, and no member of the Order should be without a copy.

High Court Meetings

HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO.

The twenty-first annual communication of the High Court of Ontario opened on the 9th of August in the school-room of Christ's Church, Chatham.

The High Chief Ranger, A. H. Backus, presided. The Ven. Archdeacon Davis conferred the High Court Degree.

The High Chief Ranger reported expectations for the year had, in a large measure, been reached. There were 1,456 applicants accepted by Subordinate Courts in the jurisdiction, 231 of whom were rejected by the Supreme Physician. There were 77 deaths as compared with 71 the previous year; 266 suspensions as compared with 532 last year; making a net gain of 875, as compared with 342 last year, and leaving the membership of the High Court on June 30th, 1898, 13,242. Fourteen new courts were organized during the year, making 279 courts in good standing.

INVESTMENTS.

During the year I had an opportunity given me of examining in detail the business departments of the Executive Offices in Toronto, of examining the investments, and ascertaining the methods of book-keeping and banking. I can assure you that if even a one cent postage stamp is sent forward years after, the receipt of that stamp can be traced as well as what disposition has been made of it.

THE SUPREME CHIEF.

The health of the Supreme Chief at one time was a matter of most anxious concern to his physicians and friends. He was at last induced to give up work entirely and take perfect rest, and all will rejoice to know that he returned so improved that he was able to fully take charge of his former work and devote his great energies and abilities to the further upbuilding of the Order.

HIGH SECRETARY.

Bro. Frank E. McCormick, St. Thomas, reported not one cent in the books against any court for supplies; the membership shows an increase which more than doubles that of last year, and the suspensions are only one-half of what they were last year.

HIGH TREASURER.

The Venerable Archdeacon Davis, London, reported that less than two years ago the liabilities of the High Court were \$4,228. The High Court is now out of debt, and had in addition on the 31st July, \$2,667 to credit in the bank.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following committees: