

ly is all that we can say, but in the heart are feelings of appreciation that words do not express.

This Court is a very proud one; we are proud of our existence, proud of our membership, proud of our Bro. the High Physician of Illinois, Bro. L. A. McFadden, who led us into existence, and proud of our record. We were instituted on June 20, '98, with 60 charter members, and in one year from that date we had more than doubled our membership, and by the end of this our second year we hope and expect to double again. At our last meeting we received 15 applications, and the boys are still out hustling. We have never yet held a meeting entirely void of applications. Hoping all other Courts may do as well, I am

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,  
G. I. LEFLER, R.S.

### INDIANA.

UNION CITY, INDIANA, Nov. 15, 1899.

That the entertainment given by Court Union City, No. 1188, on Oct. 27th, the celebration of their seventh anniversary as a Court, was a whole success, is proven by the fact that they have, up to the 10th of Nov., initiated three of the visitors who were present. Court No. 1188, at its first meeting in November, decided by a unanimous vote that each member would do their best to secure at least one new member by January 1st, 1900. Three of the brothers have so far been successful. Our Court has been making a steady growth for the past two years, and truthfully boasts of securing its recruits from the very best people in the community. It also delights in telling the people that it meets at least 52 times a year, which brings the fraternal spirit of its members to the topmost round.

### A BROTHER OF ABOVE COURT.

The Independent Order of Foresters will meet to-night in special session for the purpose of initiating twenty new members. This is the third meeting held within two weeks for this purpose which shows that this Order is in a very good condition. All members are cordially invited to be present.—*Daily Tribune*, Alexandria, Ind., Nov. 7, 1899.

### IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, I.A., Nov. 21st, 1899.

I want to trouble you again with a few items from the great state of Iowa. I have been here for some little time, and I have finally succeeded in establishing two very fine Courts. One was organized on October 4th with about 60 members. I think it has now in the neighborhood of 85. I will close the charter of another new Court to-night. The first Court is known as Court Council Bluffs, No. 3786, located at Council Bluffs. The second one is to be known as Court William Frise. They start out with about 26 members. They named the Court after my father who died some years ago.

We have a very fine staff of officers in Court Council Bluffs. The Court Deputy H.C.R. is a young man, who is very popular and is one of the best leaders that Council Bluffs can produce. He is in the bicycle business and he is known the world over. Too much cannot be said of our new Court Deputy, Harry K. Smith.

The Chief Ranger, who is known among the people of this section as Colonel C. Budtz, is a man

nearly as large as our noble Chief, and always ready and willing to assist a brother Forester. He and Bro. Smith have been very kind to me and have assisted in every possible manner to make our organization a success.

The Court Deputy of Court William Frise is Bro. Frank Colburn, a very popular young man among the railroad men. I was very successful and very much gratified to secure for Chief Ranger of this Court, Bro. John B. Rishel, who is the agent for the Chicago Rock Island R.R. He is a thorough business man and a perfect gentleman, and I can see a bright future for this Court as well as Court Council Bluffs. All other societies have fought us very hard to keep us from getting an organization here, but with hard work and a good deal of patience, with the help of Bro. Frank Elgan, we have succeeded in making a fine start.

I received a letter from Bro. E. G. Dilley, Chief Ranger of Court Sioux City, No. 1101, in which he informed me that they were giving smokers every little while. At their last meeting they took in eight candidates. The members in Sioux City are all a fine lot of young business men.

Forestry in Iowa is just beginning to grow, and I think within another year that she will compare very favorably with all other jurisdictions. I do not exactly know just what my next address will be as there are several invitations that have been extended to visit them first. I will write you later on. With kind regards I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
J. A. FRISE, D.S.C.R.

### MAINE.

### Dedication of New Hall of Court Penobscot.

(Bangor Commercial.)

Maine now has an encampment of Royal Foresters. The headquarters are Old Town, and the Encampment was instituted Friday evening in connection with the dedication of the new hall of Court Penobscot, in the Hamilton block. Old Town has given the hospitality of the city over to the Foresters for two days.

The new hall of Court Penobscot is one of the prettiest lodge rooms in the State, and of it the members feel justly proud. An inspection of the new quarters of the lodge finds everything for comfort and convenience from an elaborately furnished assembly room to well equipped kitchen and banquet halls. The furniture of the assembly room consists of solid oak stands and settees, the seats being upholstered in rich gold plush. Upon the floor is spread a handsome Roxbury tapestry carpet. The altar is a novel affair, made to resemble an old oak tree, and it was the work of T. A. LaGasse, of Old Town. The gavel with which the Foresters are called to order is made from a piece of the "Maine," and was presented the lodge by J. S. Gallant, who was in Cuba during the Spanish-American war.

Friday evening the new hall and furniture were dedicated. At the appointed hour, the Court was opened in due form, and a committee sent out to escort Judge William Wedderburn and the members of the High Court from the hotels to the lodge room where they were received. The members of the High Court present were Clarence Scott, of Old Town, High Chief Ranger; Dr. M. MacDavid, of Augusta, High Secretary; George L. Spaulding, of Orono, High Treasurer; H. L.