

## Companion Courts.

### CALIFORNIA.

#### THEY ROCKED THE P.C.R.

On Monday evening, Jan. 16th, at Norwalk Hall, the I.O.F. and the Companions of the I.O.F. met for the purpose of installing their newly elected officers for the next year. G. A. McElfresh, of Los Angeles, High Chief Ranger of California, was present and acted as installing officer. The ritualistic work of the two Orders being the same, the officers of both Courts were installed together. The ceremonies passed off very nicely, brother McElfresh performing his part of the work in an impressive manner. After the installation ceremonies were over, a short musical program was rendered by Prof. Holgate, Bessie Trullt, Mamie Young and Beulah Hawkins, at the close of which Mr. McElfresh gave a nice address, in which he pointed out the superior advantages of the protection afforded by carrying a life insurance policy in the Independent Order of Foresters.

The speaker's address was prefaced by a Texas anecdote which brought down the house.

After the close of the program, the ladies invited the company out to the banquet hall where a bountiful repast awaited them, and to which all did ample justice, after which a general social good time was enjoyed by all.

One pleasant feature of the evening, which we almost forgot to mention, was the presentation to Mrs. T. A. Ray, the retiring Chief Ranger of the Companions of the I.O.F., of a handsome rocking chair, given by her Companions, as a token of their appreciation of her efficient services as their chief for the past year. Mrs. Ray accepted it in a nice little speech, returning her thanks for the same. Upon the whole the affair was a decided success and all went home feeling better for the evening's meeting and season of good cheer.

### ILLINOIS.

The Companions of Chicago held a Union Meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 25th, at Washington Hall, H.C.R. A. E. Stevenson presiding. The meeting was called for the purpose of meeting with the High Standing Committee and to receive all necessary instructions in the work.

The meeting was well attended and very satisfactory. H.C.R. Stevenson explaining all points in his usual bright way.

It was decided that we give a Union Ball shortly after Easter, the proceeds to be used for purchasing paraphernalia for a model degree team.

Judging by the enthusiasm the ball is an assured success.

We were admitted to the High Court of Illinois last October, and under the able guidance of H.C. R. Stevenson, it is an assured fact that the Companions' work in this jurisdiction will keep booming.

### MICHIGAN.

Companion Court Stewart, No. 57, Belding, Mich., has a membership of 87 in good standing and several applications for admission to the Court.

The meetings are well attended and a good interest shown.

A most successful entertainment was held in November, and the Court is now having a contest, which will end Feb. 1st, when the defeated side will give an entertainment and supper.

The object of the contest is to secure new members, and also to help keep an interest in the meetings.

At the last meeting of the Court our Supreme Court Deputy, Alta M. Stewart, was present and installed the officers; also gave a very interesting talk on Forestry and its benefits.

Our Chief Ranger, Lena M. Putman, on behalf of the Court, presented Mrs. Stewart with a beautiful bouquet of flowers; she, in return, thanked the Court for the flowers, also for the courtesy extended to her during her stay in Belding.

Companion Court Unique, No. 79, and Court Tunnel, No. 159, with Mrs. C. W. McCauley and W. F. Stevenson as installing officers, held a joint installation of officers in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Thursday evening, after which a fine programme of music, etc., prepared by the ladies, was highly enjoyed by the members and friends present, and then the company partook of a bounteous supply of refreshments, and made the rest of the evening merry by dancing and card playing.

#### ROCHESTER, MICH., Jan. 19, 1899.

Court Lily of the Valley, No. 17.—Perhaps a few words from our Court will be of interest to the readers of THE FORESTER. Our Court was organized under the Sisterhood, later became a Companion Court, and at present time has a membership of 43, with 14 insurance members. We have very pleasant times with the Court of Forsters in the way of suppers, etc. On the eve of Jan. 5th we held a joint installation with the Foresters, High Secretary, S. E. Joslyn, of Bay City, acting as installing officer. After installation a programme was rendered, after which the party, numbering about 100, repaired to Foresters' Hall, where tables laden with good things were spread, and the inner man satisfied. The tables were decorated with flowers and colors of the Order, which added to the beauty of the occasion. All went home of one mind—that the meeting had been a success.

MATILDA FISHER, C.R.

### MINNESOTA.

Court Benevolence, No. 82, Companions of Court Lumber Heights, Minneapolis, Minn., held an open installation Jan. 3, 1899, to a crowded house.

Upon invitation the members of Court Lumber Heights, No. 1963, were present in a body to witness the installation ceremonies.

M. L. Crapser, Court Deputy, acted as installing officer. At the conclusion of ceremonies a musical programme was rendered, after which the ladies with their guests enjoyed the remainder of the evening in a social dance until a late hour. All reported having spent a good social time.

### OHIO.

#### A PRIMITIVE EXPEDITION.

A very pleasant surprise awaited the members of Court Champion, No. 1494, on their installation night, Jan. 13th. After the installation of officers there was a rousing alarm at the inner gate. On the S.B. opening, the hall was invaded, and the mysteries of the meeting disturbed by the ladies.