

been somewhat cold, but now we have as fine a hall and as well furnished as can be found north of the city, and we may look for a rapid increase in our Order, as it is the banner Court in Chesley.

Presentation.

At an adjourned meeting of Court Maple, No. 155, I. O. F., last night, J. M. Penwarden, D.D.H.C.R., assisted by O. Cruse, C. D.H.C.R., installed the officers for the ensuing term :

P. C. R., T. H. Culverwell.

C. R., C. Baskett.

V. C. R., W. Hayden.

R. S., P. R. R. Williams.

F. S., J. Sharpe.

Treas., I. Durdle.

Chaplain, D. H. Lowry.

Phys., C. E. B. Duncombe, M.D.

S. W., J. Baskett.

J. W., G. Smart.

S. B., W. H. Baskett.

J. B., C. A. Lowry.

Previous to the installation, the Finance Committee presented a highly satisfactory report for the past term, the increase in membership since 1st July being 94 ; receipts for Endowment Fund, \$934.47 ; for Sick and Funeral Fund, \$299.43, total receipts from all sources, \$1,948.15. There has been one death in the Court during the term, Brother J. Carr, who was a member exactly 23 months, and who paid into the Endowment Fund \$19.34 in the whole of that time.

Another very pleasing event took place at the same time, being the presentation of an address and a P. C. R.'s badge on behalf of the Court, and a gold pin on behalf of Brother J. Sharpe, to Brother O. Cruse, who has held the office of C. D. H. C. R. four years, and who is about leaving the city for the benefit of his health.

At the close of the proceedings a number of the members adjourned to the restaurant of Mr. J. Wilkinson, where Brother O. Cruse was entertained to a complimentary supper, served in the usual excellent style of Mr. Wilkinson, and which gave general satisfaction. Brother J. M. Penwarden occupied the chair, and Brother A. B. Ingram, M.P.P., the vice-chair. After doing ample justice to the good cheer provided, the cloth was removed and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honored. Excellent speeches were made by the respective chairmen and Brothers Cruse, Wrigley, and others, and a remarkably eloquent speech by Mr. G. Pennington,

who, although not a member of the Order, takes great interest in it, and expressed his intention of becoming a member shortly. The very pleasant entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.—*St. Thomas Daily Times, 17th January, 1889.*

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ADDRESS.

To Brother Oliver Cruse, C.D.H.C.R., Court Maple, No. 155, I. O. F., St. Thomas.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having learned of your intended early departure to find a temporary home and a climate more conducive to your health on the Pacific Coast, the brethren of your Court desire to-night to extend to you a kindly farewell and to wish you a cheerful God-speed.

As one of the Charter members of our Forestic home in this city you labored assiduously and continually to establish a prosperous Court, and your untiring efforts have largely assisted us to establish for Court Maple its present proud record of being the third largest Court in existence, its membership now numbering about 225. As one of its Past Chief Rangers, as its C. D. H. C. R. since the date of its organization, and as a Past Ill. Com. of St. Thomas Encampment of Royal Foresters, No. 1, your name will long be held in kindly remembrance by each and every member.

Always a regular attendant, a willing worker, a liberal and cheerful contributor, and a faithful watchman in times of sickness, your place will not be easily filled by those upon whose shoulders greater responsibilities must now rest than has been necessary during your presence among us.

That your health, which is now feeble, may speedily be restored in the more regular climate you purpose hereafter, for a time at least, to enjoy, is our sincere desire; and we ardently hope also that during your enforced residence in the far west you may find remunerative employment for your willing hands to perform, and that strength may be given you to do all you undertake to accomplish.

Among those in the sister nation to which you are now going we believe you will find many friends and worthy associates. Though ruled by separate governments we all are brothers and children of a common race, and a million of Canadians in the United States, and the thousands of Americans who have