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Editorial.

Notes.

Be sure and read the Supreme Chief Ranger's letter.

Both of the editors have been down with the "grip." On that malign malady must rest the responsibility for each and every shortcoming in this issue.

"Bricks can't be made without straw." Our readers like a fresh, readable organ. We want to make the FORESTER such to each of our 32,000 readers. Send us short, bright items; a postal card will do it, and sometimes a line is better than a page.

We have much pleasure in presenting to our readers in this issue a portrait and sketch of our well beloved Bro. Ed. Bo terell, P.S.C.R. In our February number we purpose giving portrait and sketch of Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, D. D. Aitkin, of Michigan.

The liberal prizes offered by the Supreme Executive have created considerable enthusiasm among the membership. Several Courts are already actively at work. One recently organized in the far West says "We are in for all the prizes." The next three months will probably see the largest increase in membership in the history of the Order.

An exchange says: "We always publish the letters of the 'Kicker's' bad spelling, bad arguments, bad temper and all, then they are laughed at, and they never trouble us again." The cure may be effective, if severe. We believe in a different course. To publish domestic "tiffs" is neither politic nor kind. To show a brother's weakness is not a brother's part. A little time for reflection usually wins the "Kicker" from the error of his way.

The custom of holding anniversary entertainments is, we are glad to observe, growing in popularity. Usually complimentary cards of invitation are issued to members for distribution where they are likely to accomplish most good, this never fails to secure a large attendance, and the opportunity to present the merits and benefits of Forestry, that is always improved, is followed by applications for membership. The more our Order is known the more popular it becomes.

You know of several among your acquaintances who are in every way eligible for membership in the I. O. F. You have been going to speak to them about its merits; you have promised them some literature on the subject; you have even said you will bring them an application to fill out and sign.—Don't you think you have talked about enough? Action now is in order. Bring the literature, explain the leading features, produce the application, have your friend sign it, present it at your Court, and go home with the consciousness that you have done your duty by your neighbor in leading him to take one of the wisest steps of his life, and also that you have been loyal to the Order of which you are a member. This will make an excellent beginning for the New Year. Our 32,000 members might try it.