

in red, white and blue. From the ceiling at the front end of the room was suspended a large transparent screen with the words "Court Dexter, No. 49, I.O.F." The tables were placed in the centre of the room in the form of a letter H. Bouquets of roses and lilies adorned the tables in great profusion. Covers were laid for 200 guests. The *menu* was of that high order for which the ladies of Dexter are noted.

The gathering was a grand success and reflected great credit on the committee for the creditable manner in which every particular was carried through.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. W. H. Brown, of Watertown, who spoke on the "Principles of the Order." Reference was made to the rapid speed of the order through Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; through England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. It was also stated that every life assurance claim had been promptly paid on the death of a member.

The regular meeting of the court was held in their court rooms on Thursday evening, April 9th, 12 applications were received for membership in our noble order, and we have every prospect to increase our membership before the close of the year to 100.

New Jersey.

Court General Scott, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, held a fine meeting at its capacious rooms in that city, on the 25th ultimo. Col. A. B. Caldwell, founder of the Order, who has not visited any court there for 16 years, was invited to address the brethren. Subsequently, as Judge Wedderburn, of New Brunswick, our esteemed Supreme Counsellor, arrived in New York City, the Colonel and Dr. Charles L. Collier, New York City manager, invited the Judge to go to Elizabeth also, and a right good time they had. Col. Caldwell was introduced by High Chief Bennett, and he spoke nearly an hour on the history and progress of the Order, giving due praise to Supreme Chief Oronhyatekha for his herculean labors in rapidly spreading the Order over the globe. The name of Dr. Oronhyatekha was loudly cheered. Judge Wedderburn, the "Cicero of the Order," then followed in an eloquent speech, which was loudly applauded. Dr. Conter was loudly called for and gave a practical working of the Order, which was greeted with enthusiasm. The meeting then closed with short speeches from Revs. Buckle and Hayes and officers of the High Court. Elizabeth has about 1,300 members.

Ohio.

Court Rusk, 1085, Portsmouth.

The court has changed its meeting place from K. of P. Castle, to Germania Hall. This is more central and will be the means of increasing the membership.

Court Rusk enjoys the distinction of having one of the best sets of officers in the Order. They are workers, backed by years of experience in secret order work.

Court Black Diamond, 3007, Jackson.

It is a pleasure to visit this court. They are well up in the work, and in initiatory work cannot be excelled. A candidate that receives the mysteries from them is impressed and instructed in a way that he will never forget. No person can take the adoption degree in Court Black Diamond without feeling he is made better by being a Forester.

The court will soon ask for a dispensation and begin the work of increasing the membership.

Rev. Ewing, the Chaplain, is in Florida for his health. He is one of the honorary members.

Illinois.

Court Chicago, No. 3044.

Court Chicago, 5044, located at 6155 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, had a very interesting meeting on the 5th inst., and were honored by the presence of High Counsellor W. C. Shaffer and High Treasurer Florence Donohue of Court Illinois, Bros. Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers Rogers and Card. The Chief Ranger of Court Twilight and members, and General Cox (ex) and several members of Court Good Intent, and Bros. from Court Golden Rod and Auburn Park. A very lively meeting was held and one candidate, Fred. Hagen, was initiated in the mysteries of Forestry. Court Chicago is the coming court of Chicago, and has one of the finest lodge rooms in the State, and their paraphernalia is strictly up to date. Visitors are always welcome.

California.

Last Tuesday evening Court Southern Heights gave a grand complimentary social entertainment and ball in the Potrero Opera-house. The place of a semblage had been tastefully decorated for the occasion and was very attractive. Chief Ranger, J. S. Barnes, who presided, occupied a seat on the platform, with George A. McElfresh, High Chief Ranger of California; Charles S. Perry, High Counsellor; P. L. Archibald, General Deputy High Chief Ranger, and William Stewart, District Deputy. After an address of welcome by the Chief Ranger, the High Chief Ranger, in a well-delivered and brilliant address, drew attention to the distinguishing features of the Order, and congratulated the court on the progress it had made since its institution, and upon its great prosperity. The membership of the court is now nearly 100. The speaker was listened to with very close attention by the audience, which numbered nearly 100.

The address was followed by a long and varied programme, the various numbers being given in good style by the participants, who all well deserved the applause and encores accorded them. The indications are that there will be a marked increase in the membership of this court.

The members of Court Sutter and Court Sierra entertained their friends on the 22nd of March at Odd Fellows' Temple. The meet-