

**Halifax.**

Court Seymore's At-Home was a grand success; over 500 members and friends were present.

Major-General Purcell, of the Royal Foresters, has been laid up, and Aberdeen Encampment miss their instructor very much.

Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger A. W. Purcell installed the officers of the following courts during the month of January: Courts Uniacke, Scotia, Halifax, Cherbucto, and Aberdeen Encampment. The D.S.C.R. is a true Forester, and performs his duties in true Forestric style.

Court Halifax, No. 1624, has had more than its share of deaths of its members' wives in the last few months, and in nearly all cases practically unexpected deaths. The brethren who have been called on to mourn their severe loss are: Bros. J. D. Spencer, manager for Miller Bros., piano dealers; H. W. Cameron, chemist and druggist; Ralph Isenor, of H.M. Dockyard, and C. W. Nickerson, deputy chief of police and former Deputy of the court. The first named brother's wife died the latter part of 1897; the last three in the month of February, on the 5th, 22nd and 26th respectively. To the bereaved brethren, their friends and relatives is extended the sincere sympathy of all worthy Foresters.

**Ontario.**

Court Valley City, No. 73, Galt, sends \$5 for the Foresters' Cottage, with the kindly hope that we may have abundant success.

Court Oronhyatekha, No. 23, Hamilton, with a promptness and liberality worthy of its name and its position as the banner court of the mother jurisdiction, has sent \$10.00 for the Foresters' Cottage, Muskoka.

St. Thomas is to have a third court of the I.O.F. The new one is to be known as the Business-men's Court. Bro. T. G. Davey is working it up. He expects to launch it with a charter membership of at least 75. The more the better.

Court Wingham enjoyed the services of Bro. T. G. Davey, P.S.T., recently. A week's canvass secured a goodly number of applications. In connection with this special work an entertainment was given in the town hall on March 4th. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Oaken, of Belgrave. Rev. Archdeacon Davis, S.C., of London, gave an excellent address on the principles and benefits of the I.O.F. A fine musical programme was also rendered.

Court Simcoe, No. 166, on Tuesday evening, the 8th day of March last, gave a most successful "At-Home."

Although the invitations were extended to Foresters and families only, it was a grand success, there being over 300 present to enjoy the evening.

The chair was taken by the Court Deputy, Bro. J. Porter, who, by his pleasing and entertaining manner, kept the audience in the best of good humor throughout the rendering of one of the best programmes ever given by local talent in the town of Simcoe, who, by the way, were members of Court Simcoe.

The intermission was taken up by partaking of a very bountiful repast prepared by the wives of the brethren of Court Simcoe.

During the last two months Court Simcoe initiated forty-two members, and have now a membership of 158, but they have not quit at that, as it was the determination of each brother present at the "At-Home" to secure a new member, and the readers of the FORESTER can rest assured that they will hear from them right along in their efforts to have the Banner Court.

**Ontario Centre.**

Bravo! Centre to the front again.

Court Sunnidale, No. 983, Stayner, sends "with pleasure" \$5 for Foresters' Cottage.

To have a place among "the big four" is an honor of which any jurisdiction may be proud.

For March the Centre is third, among thirty-three jurisdictions. It will be its turn to be first before long.

Court High Park, No. 3237, Toronto, sends \$2.35, with the wish that it were more. It is over 10 cents per member.

"The Centre will do its share to make the membership 150,000 by Sept. 1st, 1898." All right. Now let the other thirty-two jurisdictions speak.

Organizers J. L. Sanders and R. Tink, of the High Court, are keeping up their record. Nothing short of an average of 20 applications a week satisfies them.

Bro. Sanders, H.C.R., is planning a vigorous campaign for the closing months of May and June. The end of the Forestric year is to be better than the beginning.

Court Trade and Commerce Toronto, the special delight of Bro. Atwell Fleming, initiated 47 candidates since last report. Will the court that has done better please speak out.

Court Dryad, Harriston, believes in deeds. The secretary for the "Foresters' Cottage" Fund received \$5 from this court some time ago. They did not wait for the official circular.

Bro. Jas. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R., has been doing yeoman's service. During March he addressed good meetings at Elmvale, Hillsdale and Kilmount. To the court in each place applications are coming in.

The High Vice-Chief Ranger is booked for a number of meetings in April. No wonder that he is in demand; he is an earnest and persuasive speaker, a good singer, a clever reciter and an accomplished pianist.

Court Queen City will have to look to its laurels. Court Northern Light and Court Trade and Commerce are both after the banner, and judging from the pace at which they have started out it looks as if the last might be first before many moons.

Court Mad River, Creemore, is well represented in the village council. Dr. Niddrie, H.S., D. McArthur, banker and F.S. of the court, and J. Shepherd, S.W., are among the village fathers. Bro. Shepherd is also a member of the school board.

Public affairs are bound to be ably and energetically managed in the burgh on the banks of the Mad River.

Each day, each week, each month, each year is a new chance given you by God. A new chance, a new leaf, a new life—this is the golden, the unspeakable gift which each new day offers to you.—  
*Frederick W Farrar.*