

Minnesota.

Just forty-eight applications for September.

We expect that the 3,300 members in this jurisdiction will make the membership an even 5,000 by the meeting of Supreme Court.

Court Abraham Lincoln had its first social evening on October 6. The attendance was large and the spirit excellent. The event of the evening was the presentation of a bust of Abraham Lincoln by Bro. O. H. O'Neil, H.C.R., to the court on behalf of a number of the members. Bro. M. E. Nichols, C.D., accepted the splendid gift for the court. Dinner, speech and song followed. The court is bound to have a prosperous season.

The High Standing Committee has issued a circular offering seven cash prizes, aggregating \$100, to courts and members for applications brought in between Sept. 1 and Jan. 1.

Court Minnesota, No. 453, will move to the hall in the McQuillan block, northeast corner of Third and Wabasha streets. The first meeting at the new hall will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8, and a special programme is being prepared to make it entertaining. Two candidates will be initiated, and a debate will take place on a question of vital importance to every Forester in the city.

At the last meeting of Court Minnesota a resolution was adopted extending the sympathy of the members to the widow and family of their late brother, P. J. Hogan.

It takes on an average but ten or twelve days from the time proofs of death are forwarded to the Supreme Court for the beneficiary to receive the amount of the policy. In a recent case, proofs of death of a member of Court Minnesota were made out and forwarded on Aug. 12, and on Aug. 23 a draft for \$3,000, the amount of the insurance certificate, was handed to the widow by W. P. Hayes, the Court Deputy. The money to pay losses is always on hand, and there is no such thing as waiting until it is gathered in from assessments.—*St. Paul Pioneer Press*.

Court Kilkenny, No. 3171, gave its second annual entertainment early last month. The gathering was one of "beauty and intelligence." Neighboring towns were largely represented. The music was excellent and the arrangement of the best. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, paintings, the "Chief" picture being conspicuous.

Washington.

The tide is rising.

Washington will give its fair proportion towards making the membership 150,000 by Sept. next.

We expect the brothers of Spokane will be doing good work as soon as the harvest is gathered. Bro. Forsyth will be with them shortly, and when he is there give him all the assistance you can, brothers.

Bro. Forsyth is devoting all his time to the interest of Forestry in his jurisdiction. The results will, no doubt, be highly advantageous to the Order.

Court Seattle, No. 526, has invited the sister courts in the city to join with them each month on their last meeting night and enjoy the social and fraternal features of the Order. They intend to work for an increase all along the line and make the next three months a hummer.

On resigning the position of Chief Ranger of Court Destiny, Tacoma, to give his whole time to the Order throughout the State, Bro. Forsyth, H.C.R., was presented by the members of the court with a gold pencil and fountain pen, in acknowledgment of long and valuable services to the Court.

Court Puget Sound, No. 538, gave a ball Sept. 30th, at Rank's Hall, Seattle; a very pleasant time was enjoyed by those present. High Treasurer R. J. Dodds is Chief Ranger of the court, and he is anxious to increase the membership of his court. The H.C.R. and H. Sec. dropped in to see the brothers, and they are always welcome.

The H.C.R., who is State Organizer, has been in Olympia lately doing good work for the court there, and the brothers have promised to give a good report of themselves in the near future. While Bro. Forsyth was there he advertised the I.O.F. thoroughly and secured a number of prominent citizens for members. Bro. O. E. Stickler rendered good assistance to the High Chief Ranger.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England.

ROTHWELL (NEAR LEEDS) COURT PREMIER, NO. 2028.

The members of the above court and their friends, through the kindness of Brother Balme, held a Foresters' picnic at his farm, on the 11th ult. Tea was partaken of in the barn, which had been kindly cleared out for the occasion. The tea and provisions were excellent; cricket, tennis and other games were heartily entered into. The match Ladies v. Gentlemen afforded much amusement, but as the umpire seemed to give his decisions generally in favor of the ladies, we will not append scores; all seemed agreed that they defended their wickets very manfully. Stumps were drawn about 9 p.m., everyone enjoyed themselves heartily, and the Foresters' picnic to Saint Swithen's Farm was pronounced a decided success. Some of the members were away on their holidays or would have been present. On the motion of Brother Elstro, C.R., and Brothers Drew and Ward, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Balme for the privilege enjoyed.—*Rothwell Times*, 8th Sept., 1897.

A good muster of the members of Court Danum, No. 2074, Doncaster, and their friends turned up for the annual excursion, on Bank Holiday, Aug. 2nd. It was decided to go to Cleethorpes, and the party travelled in specially reserved carriages by the 7.30 a.m. train, per the Great Central Railway. Upon arriving at Cleethorpes, the members separated, some to get the benefit of the sea breezes, and others to sample the many attractions which the lively little seaport presents for the enjoyment of its patrons. All spent a most enjoyable day.

S. S. Chiswell, P.H.C.R. of Central England, in laying down the duties of the chair, does not by any means give up his active interest in the Order. In or out of office, Bro. Chiswell will be found doing his part.

An extraordinary instance of the value of life assurance has just occurred. Mr. C. H. S. Hockin, son of Admiral Hockin, of Torquay, went to America a few years ago. After enjoying ranch life for some time, he joined the mounted police of North-