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- When a member joins the Court by Card.

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Editorial.

Notes.

We believe in the principle of supporting our supporters. We direct our readers to examine our advertising pages, and we suggest that they give their patronage to those who patronize our columns. We can assure them of honorable dealing and good values.

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In this number the familiar countenance of the Supreme Secretary adorns our first page, and will greet our 33,500 members. The brief sketch given of his active life will prove interesting reading. In our next issue we will give a portrait and sketch of Treasurer Davey.

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Our news items from the Courts are not as numerous, and from as wide an area, as we would like. We want to see every State and Province represented in the columns. Will our friends, when they have anything worthy of an item, send a short-pointed one, that every one will be glad to read.

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We want every member of the Order to get the FORESTER. The members pay for it, and should receive it. That some members do not always receive their copy is not to be wondered at, considering the large membership and the wide jurisdiction. We will esteem it a favor to be notified promptly of any irregularities in the receipt of our official organ.

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On Friday, the 4th inst., Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatekha, Supreme Secretary Jno. A. McGillivray, and Bros. Messrs. Campbell, M.P.P., Marter, M.P.P., and Matheson went to Ottawa and had an interview with the Minister of Justice with a view to having the I. O. F. placed under the Insurance Act. It is expected that their mission will be successful.

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The annual entertainment is becoming a fixed institution with many Courts. Sometimes a small admission fee is charged, thereby augmenting the revenue of the Court. Quite frequently the admission is by complimentary card, the object being to give members and their families and friends a pleasant evening, and those not members an opportunity of knowing what the Order is, has done, and is doing. Invariably new members are secured after such entertainments. The Supreme Executive and High Standing Committee are always ready to aid as much as possible.

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February the 18th was as good as a "bye election" for the I.O.F. That is, a bye election that results in a gain from the other side. No less than one hundred and forty-nine new applications were received at head office. The majority of these were additions to old Courts. For any one day, we believe that beats the record. How is that for "new blood?" "Our friends," who were predicting a falling off in the number of young men who would seek admission in our Order, are out in their prophesy. In the short month of February, 1736, applications were received. The average stock company would be satisfied with that number for a year.