

Illinois.

COURT KENWOOD, No. 3316, gave their first entertainment, Nov. 6th, at Jefferson Hall, Chicago, and it was a great success in every respect, the following programme being carried out, and it is not necessary to say that encores were numerous. W. R. Gillett's address on Forestry proved to be very entertaining as well as instructive, and at the close of the entertainment some six new applications were taken, and at least a dozen more will follow in a few days. The regular programme was followed by refreshments and dance. At "refreshment time" H. C. R. Stevenson and H. V. C. R. Irving appeared, and met with a very enthusiastic greeting. We have no doubt but that this court will give several more entertainments of this kind during the winter, and that they will become very popular, and be the means of building Court Kenwood up to a good, large prosperous court. We wish the members success.

The members of COURT WOODLAWN, No. 1621, invited their friends to a smoker at their hall, 355 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Friday, Nov. 6th. Short addresses were made by Dr. Schultz, H. Phys. and O. B. of Court Woodlawn, and H. C. R. Stevenson, showing the growth and prosperity of the Order, followed by a musical programme, after which both members and visitors indulged in sandwiches, cake, apples and sweet cider, and had a social smoke, clay pipes and tobacco, and a general good time. The visitors decided unanimously that the members of Court Woodlawn were good, social people, and several decided to immediately become members of this court, and secure the social benefits, together with the great insurance benefits of our noble Order.

COURT WATAGA, No. 3251 of Champaign, Illinois, gave to Bro. William R. Gillette, D. S. C. R., a vote of thanks for the energy and ability displayed by him in reinforcing our Court, procuring for us, as he has, 25 applications in less than two weeks' time, and that a vote of thanks be also extended to our High Chief Ranger Stevenson for sending so able a Deputy to help us, also that one copy of this resolution be given to Bro. Gillette, one copy sent to our High Chief Ranger, and the third copy to be sent for insertion to the INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

COURT INDEPENDENCE, No. 1792, intend giving a grand ball at Boulevard Hall, corner Washington Boulevard and Halstead Streets, Chicago, Dec. 11th, and it will be first class in every respect, as Court Independence never does anything by halves, and we are sure this large hall will be crowded to overflowing on this occasion, although there is room for 300 couples on the floor at once. If the brothers of other courts in Chicago want to pass a pleasant evening dancing, they should not fail to attend Bro. Clancy, C. R., says visitors will be well taken care of, and shown true Forestry hospitality.

A correspondent writes: "Court Glen Oak, No. 3027, I. O. F. of Peoria, Illinois, initiated 15 members in October, and have 20 applica-

tions to pass on in November. This court was organized on Nov. 20, 1895, with a charter list of 78, and now has 150 members in good standing. The S. C. R., Dr. Oronhyatekha, will pay us a visit on Dec. 17, which we expect will boom things. Look out, you Illinois courts, we are after you all, and will be the banner court of the State!" It looks very much like it.

Missouri and Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 13, 1896.

The High Standing Committee at their last meeting decided to offer a solid gold medal for the court in the jurisdiction which made the largest increase in membership between August 1st, 1896, and July 1st, 1897; this medal to be given or held by the court making the largest annual increase in membership thereafter. Any court holding this medal for (3) three consecutive years, it becomes the property of the court. Also, to any member obtaining (3) three or more members and having them initiated before July 1st, 1897, will receive one dollar for each member. No salaried deputies are entitled to this prize.

There has been an immense increase in the enthusiasm of all courts heard from since last report, and the High Standing Committee hopes this feeling will continue, and bring forth the much desired increase in membership. The High Chief Ranger makes a personal appeal to each member of the Order in his jurisdiction to bestir himself, and at least show his good intentions toward the Order by bringing in one new member before the end of our year, which is July 1st.

COURT WEST ST. LOUIS at its last meeting received three applications. The prize circular was read, and the whole court declared that it would not be for the want of trying if they did not get the gold medal. Were much pleased at the showing of Missouri and Kansas in the death-rate column in THE FORESTER.

COURT ELI, at Kansas City, had a well-attended open meeting on November 5th. The H. C. R. gave a short talk on how to get in new members.

COURT EAST SIDE declares through their officers and members that they must, and will, have the gold medal.

COURT POCAHONTAS, No. 1474, ST. JOSEPH, is having a steady increase of membership since July, and we expect to increase faster since election is over than before, as the members will get the gold and silver from their minds and settle down to business; for as the High Court has offered premiums, this Court expects to have them, and also get some of the Supreme Court prizes.

Our initiation work is progressing nicely, and we expect to have it down in fine working order before many weeks. Our attendance at lodge meetings is good, and we expect an interesting time this winter.