

ing manual labor, and in consequence of total disability clause in his policy he was paid one thousand dollars by your most excellent Order. This money came at a time when it was most needed, and saved him from becoming a dependent on his brothers who were, though perfectly willing, yet not in position financially to furnish him the care and attention a sick person in his condition required.

On the 16th of January last my brother died in the General Hospital at Buffalo, and the balance of his policy, viz., one thousand dollars, was promptly and cheerfully paid the beneficiaries, of which I was one.

Please accept my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your kindness and attention, and express the same to your Home Office. May your tribe increase in numbers and prosperity, as I consider it one of the most beneficent of all life insurance concerns.

Yours truly,

MARK S. ROUNDS.

How the I.O.F. Redeems its Pledges.

It not unfrequently happens that there is a difference between promise and performance. It is easier to promise than to perform. Sometimes when the intentions are the best, the ability or opportunity, or both, are lacking. The record of the I.O.F. shows unswerving fidelity to its principles. It has always claimed to pay benefits at the earliest possible moment. The hundreds and thousands of beneficiaries that have profited by the bounty of the Order bear unsolicited testimony to the promptness with which their claims have been honored. The following from among many letters will illustrate what we say.

"COURTESY, SYMPATHY, KINDNESS."

SAGINAW, W.S., MICH., March 5th, 1898.

MR. T. H. BROUGH, City.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of one thousand dollars paid to me yesterday, as widow and beneficiary of my late beloved husband, by the Order of the Foresters.

For myself and my children in our circumstances, and in our great bereavement, I can scarcely find words to express my deep gratitude to you, and to the noble Order to which you belong, and especially to Court Saginaw, No. 494, of which my dear husband was a member, for the great and constant courtesy, sympathy and kindness you have all shown to me. I shall always hold it as a precious memory, and I pray God to bless you all.

Sincerely and thankfully yours,

MRS. ANGUS MCINTYRE AND FAMILY.

A RECORD BREAKER.

DAYTON, OHIO, March 9th, 1898.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Esq., Sup. Secy.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I desire to personally compliment the Executive Council on the prompt manner in which the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000 of the late Bro. Collins was paid. It was indeed a record breaker, and speaks well for the Officers at Headquarters, and will be the means of bringing many

good men into the ranks at Dayton, and also those already in will be more loyal Foresters when they see so many like acts on the part of their officers.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

J. M. SWEETMAN.

Well Done, Illinois!

Illinois planned and worked for first place in March, and success has crowned the efforts of High Chief Stevenson and his zealous colleagues. The jurisdiction has the great satisfaction of securing the largest number of applications among the 33 High Courts of the Order; 430 applications are down to their credit. The Empire State, that led so often during last year, comes second with 346, leaving the rival of the west the substantial lead of 84. Illinois affords a capital illustration of what can be accomplished by concerted, plucky action. We congratulate the workers; they have achieved a great triumph. When it is remembered that a few years ago the Order was struggling for a foothold in this State, its pre-eminence now is all the more gratifying. We hope the example of Illinois will stimulate other jurisdictions. Illinois will doubtless do its share to make the membership 150,000 by Sept. 1st. Well done, Illinois!

The Foresters' Cottage.

Muskoka Sanatorium for Consumptives.

In our next issue we will give a cut of the cottage the Order intends building in connection with the Sanatorium at Gravenhurst, Muskoka. The plans are by Bro. G. W. Gouinlock, the architect of the Temple. Below we give the letter that accompanied the unsolicited contribution of \$5.00 from the venerable and honored founder of the Order, Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.H.C.R., Syracuse, N.Y. The hope is that the cottage will be built and furnished by the modest contributions of the many rather than by the larger gifts of the few. That the brethren, irrespective of locality, will give, is evident. The first contributions came from Tacoma, Washington, Court Destiny sending \$5, and Court Tacoma \$2. We are sure that the deed and words of Bro. Caldwell will not only command the admiration, but will also evoke the liberality of Foresters everywhere. We will give a list of additional contributions in our May issue:

SYRACUSE, March 17th, 1898.

Rev. Alexander Macgillivray:

MY ESTEEMED BROTHER—Enclosed find my mite for the Muskoka Sanatorium. It is a God-given work, and Heaven will reward its projectors, and all those who aid in their endeavors to relieve the poor consumptive brethren. The sudden changes of climate during the past few years seem to accelerate that infectious and terrible disease, consumption, which baffles court and lodge examiners, as