

HIGH COURT OF WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, WASH., Aug. 15th, 1900.

To all Courts in the State, Greeting:

BRETHREN,—The first semi-annual term of 1900 is now closed, the reports pretty well in hand and the prizes for the securing of new members awarded, and we desire to thank the active brothers for their good work.

The results were not as good as we had reason to expect, but we hope for better work during the present term.

The following prizes are offered for the term from August 1st to December 31st, 1900, for the securing of new members:—For the securing of one new member, a member's badge. For the securing of two new members, a member's badge and one dollar, or a Past Chief Ranger's badge. For three new members, a member's badge and two dollars, or a Past Chief Ranger's badge and one dollar. For four new members, a member's badge and three dollars, or a Past Chief Ranger's badge and two dollars. For five new members, five dollars and a badge. For the largest number of new members (not less than six), ten dollars. We now hope, brothers, that you will all get in and work, and make a good showing for our state by the close of the year.

An organizer has been engaged to organize new Courts within our jurisdiction, but, brethren, for the building up of existing Courts, we must rely upon the individual members, and earnestly request you to do your best. Our state is prosperous, everybody is working, and it should not be hard to get members under such conditions if you will only remember to call the attention of your neighbors and friends to the stability and benefits of our noble Order, and show them that we offer just the protection that they need for their dependents; hand them an application, and you will be surprised to see how many will join.

It was the intention at this time to publish another Court directory, but so few changes have taken place, that we have decided not to publish another directory until next year. Now, brethren, please get down to work and earn some of the prizes offered. Bear in mind that ours is not the cheapest insurance in price, but that the price is according to the quality, and that, without a doubt, you can offer the best value for the money. We are second to none.

Hoping that we may realize a handsome increase in membership within our state before the close of the present year, we remain,

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.

ATTEST: JAMES GREGG,
L. N. HANSEN, High Chief Ranger.
High Secretary.

GREAT BRITAIN.**HIGH COURT OF THE NORTH OF IRELAND.**

The High Court of the North of Ireland held its annual meeting Aug. 24th, at noon in the Foresters' Chambers, Wellington Place, Belfast, when there was a large attendance of the officers and delegates.

The following officers were present:—Bros. Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R.; Wm. Bell, P.H.C.R.; John McCaughey, J.P., H.V.C.R.; W. Gibson,

M.D., J.P., H. Sec.; James Wilson, H. Treas.; Wm. Mehaffey, H. Couns.; James Holywood and Wm. McFadyean, H. Auditors; Rev. T. R. Ballantine, H. Orator, D. L. Cottrell, H.J.S.; James G. Gamble, H. Organist; Baptist Gamble, H.S.W.; T. H. McKnight, H.J.W.; J. Dickson, H. Marshal; J. C. Gilbert, H. Cond.; S. R. Howard, H. Mess.; James Gowdy, H.S.B.; E. M. Stewart, H.J.B.; Dr. Chas. Kevin, P. H. Phy.; Thomas Lawless, A.S.C.R., Toronto; B. Cronyn, D.S.C.R., London; S. Martin, D.S.C.R., Dublin.

There was a full attendance of delegates from the Courts in the North of Ireland.

The High Chief Ranger, Rev. James Cregan, presented an admirable annual report. He said he had great pleasure in welcoming the brethren to their annual High Court meeting, and especially so as they met for the first time in their beautiful new "Forest Home," for which they were indebted to the admirable foresight and initiative of their High Secretary, Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.D., J.P. The High Treasurer, Bro. James Wilson, and the Supreme Court Organizer, Bro. D. L. Cottrell, had also rendered very valuable assistance to the Order. The ladies' Court of Companions during the year had been a very great help in promoting the social side of the organization. In the course of the year, 190 were initiated into the Order in Ulster. With regard to the position of Forestry throughout the world, it stood higher than ever. Their honored and beloved Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, had planted the Order this year in India, France and Australia. On the 1st July, 1900, the membership numbered 168,795, with surplus funds amounting to £859,412 0s. 3d.

The High Secretary, Bro. Dr. Wm. Gibson, in submitting his report, stated that the membership amounted to 1,100, and that they had attracted to their ranks many of the best youths of their city and country.

The High Treasurer, Bro. Jas. Wilson, submitted the Treasurer's report, which showed a substantial balance on the right side.

The High Court adjourned for lunch at half-past two o'clock, and business was resumed at half-past three.

The reports of the various committees were then received and adopted. The election of officers for the succeeding year was entered upon. The executive officers were re-elected, and the following appointments were made:—H. Orator, Rev. J. A. Kelly, Dunmurry; H.J.S., D. L. Cottrell, D.S.C.R.; H. Organist, T. A. T. McKinstry; H.S.W., Rev. J. W. Gamble, Lisburn; H.J.W., S. R. Howard; H.M., J. W. Browne; H.C., R. J. Bell; H. Mess., H. Miller, Antrim; H.S.B., J. S. Brolly; H.J.B., J. McComb.

The High Court closed with the usual ceremonies, to meet again in Belfast, in 1901.

HIGH COURT OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND.

High Standing Committee, 1900-1902:—H.C.R., Bro. E. Found, 5 Bridge St., Bath; P.H.C.R., Bro. C. E. Price, 11 S.C.R., 5 Alpha Terrace, Millbrook, Southampton; H.V.C.R., Bro. A. Curtis, 1 Portwood Terrace, Portwood, Southampton; H. Sec., Bro. W. J. Ford, 31 Nicholas St., Bristol; H. Treas., Bro. C. E. Bowman, 34 Elton Road, Bishopston, Bristol; H. Phys., Bro. C. W. J. Braasher, 128 Cotham Brow, Bristol; H.C., Bro. A. P. Chilcott, Park St., Bristol.