

justice to his family. The balance of the programme was very interesting, both the singing of the quartette and the selections rendered by the elocutionist present.

At half-past nine o'clock the banquet hall was thrown open, and all Foresters present took their places at the table. After they had finished their repast, Dr. Oronhyatekha was called upon to respond to a toast given by the toast-master of the occasion. The Dr. said, among other things, that he felt he had great reason to be proud of the position which he held, and that he believed the time would come when the Independent Order of Foresters would be the largest Fraternal Insurance Institution in the world, and that at this time he would rather be Supreme Chief Ranger of the I.O.F. than be Governor-General of Canada, or President of the United States. He also gave a brief account of his work in the Order, and stated that on this evening he had instituted the first Court of Companions of Foresters that it had been his privilege to organize. He prophesied that in the near future Courts of the Companions would be numbered by hundreds, while the membership would quickly run into the thousands. As a matter of fact, though hardly three months have elapsed since work was begun in earnest, already there were over forty courts in existence.

A. E. Stevenson, the popular and energetic High Chief Ranger, was next called upon to respond, which he did in a brief manner, stating that the credit given to him for the remarkable growth of the I.O.F. in Illinois was, in reality, due to the faithful workers in the several Subordinate Courts, and he hoped they would be enabled to work together as efficiently and agreeably for the next two years as they had done during the past term, and he prophesied that should such be the case, we should have a membership two years hence of between ten and fifteen thousand.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers consumed but little time, as in most cases the choice was a unanimous one. The following brethren will hold office for the next two years:

ELECTED.

High Chief Ranger, A. E. Stevenson, Chicago; Vice-Chief Ranger, Thomas Stevenson, Joliet; High Secretary, E. T. Richards, Chicago; High Treasurer, Florence Donohue, Chicago; High Physician, Dr. L. A. McFadden, Peoria; High Counselor, W. C. Schafer, Chicago; High Auditors, John B. Lenson, Chicago; F. H. Knapp, Chicago.

APPOINTED.

High Journal S., S. S. Noble; H. S. W., F. W. Fulks; H. J. W., C. G. Glendenning; H. S. B., S. J. Allen; High Journal Secretary, John Sutherland, Chicago; High Senior Warden, F. M. Fulks, Bloomington; H. Junior Warden, Dr. C. G. Glendenning, Clinton; High Commander, D. Decamp, Chicago; High Messenger, E. R. Knox, Hoopes-ton; High Chaplain, F. W. Wagner, Freeport; High Marshal, N. C. Galloway, Blue Island.

REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPREME COURT AT TORONTO, 1898.

Chairman, A. E. Stevenson, who received practically the unanimous vote of the Delegates present, E. T. Richards, Florence Donohue, C. H. Gillig.

After the customary votes of thanks the High Court adjourned to meet two years hence, the place and date of meeting to be fixed by the High Standing Committee.

NOTES.

Illinois goes marching on!

15,000 at next High Court meeting is the membership for which High Chief Ranger Stevenson and his comrades are going to work.

A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R., attended the Fraternal Congress held in Port Huron the first of the month. He reports a very interesting time.

Citizens in Chicago note with interest the prompt manner in which all claims are met by the I.O.F. It has always been the policy of the Order to pay every verified claim with the least possible delay.

Officers and members in all our courts have buckled on the armor in good earnest, and we may confidently look for a bountiful harvest during the months that remain of 1897. Chicago is getting wideawake as regards Forestry.

The courts of this city seem to be enthused with new life since the meeting of this branch at Peoria. Evidently a number of the delegates received new impressions at that meeting with reference to our Order at large and in our own State.

Agreeably to instructions of High Court the High Standing Committee appointed Bro. W. R. Gillette, D.S.C.R., High Inspector for the jurisdiction. From Bro. Gillette's character and qualifications for the position, good results for the I.O.F. are anticipated from his appointment.

We give on another page a picture of the High Court, with the "Newsboys" of Peoria in the foreground. They will be men and Foresters some day. The look on "the Chief's" face is indicative of how he felt on the occasion. It was he who called the boys to be photographed with the High Court.

The women of Chicago are taking very kindly to the movement instituted by the Supreme Chief Ranger toward the organization of the Companions of Foresters. A number of courts have been instituted here, and Mrs. Dr. Schroeder, the Organizer for this jurisdiction, meets with nothing but encouragement in her work.

The Illinois Branch is offering a series of prizes to those who secure applications during the months of November and December. Any Forester who is enthusiastic and desires to do something for the Order can now feel that he is being well repaid for the pains he may take in securing additions to our membership. The prizes are not only beautiful but they have real value. The solid gold watch charm, with raised moose head and ruby eyes, is a very beautiful ornament, and any member securing only twenty-five applications can win one. It is well worth trying and we hope a number of Illinois brethren will be wearing this charm the first of the coming year.

Michigan.

Bro. VanSickle is hustling at Albion, and is having good success.

Bro. Mudge, D.D.H.C.R., succeeded in putting in Courts at Eldenville and McBain this month.

Bro. Ely, D.D.H.C.R., after a hard fight, succeeded in putting in a court at Blaine on Oct. 5th. Bro. Ely never gives up.

The H.C.R. accompanied the S.C.R. to the meeting of the High Court of Illinois at Peoria, and reports a pleasant and successful meeting.

The High Chief Ranger is commencing an active campaign for new members, and before the year is