

a "Degree Team" for that purpose. The team intends equipping themselves with a neat collar to be used only on such occasions or for initiating members when desired to do so. This is an innovation in court work in Buffalo, and will no doubt result in general work among the courts.

P.S.C.R. Col. Caldwell is again to the front with a new court which he recently instituted at Syracuse and which he named "Mayor Baldwin," in honor of the first mayor of Syracuse. With the excellent personnel of this court and its 44 charter members, we have every reason to believe the Colonel's efforts will soon be rewarded by numbering this as one of the large courts of Syracuse. Bro. John Boyd, Chief Ranger, was formerly an attendant at Rev. A. McGillivray's church in Toronto, of whom he speaks in greatest praise.

Some time ago the officers and Sir Knights of Oronhyatekha Encampment, No. 62, Royal Foresters of Schenectady, conceived the idea of making their Encampment the best of its kind in the Order and began making efforts towards the purchasing of paraphernalia and uniforms by holding a "Fair." We are informed the result of their efforts exceeds the princely sum of one thousand dollars, and is mainly due to the energy of Sir Knight Samuel Barlow, the District Deputy for Schenectady County. We would not be surprised to see them attend the next High Court session, at Niagara Falls, in a body, and clothed in their beautiful new uniforms.

The good work goes steadily along in this State at the pace set one year ago. We feel a grateful sense of pride that the efforts of the brethren have made it possible for the High Court of New York to announce that for the twelfth time it has been first among the 36 High Courts in accepted risks. November has to our credit 302, with Michigan second, 242; Ontario (Central), 220, third; and Quebec fourth, with 213. December will no doubt beat the record with all High Courts, and we still remain in the hope that New York will outstrip all her competitors. With the encouraging reports thus far received we are confident of being first for December. Nineteen new courts have been instituted since July first, and as soon as the election and installations are over we are assured of several new courts in various parts of the State.

1827-1897. Thus stands the chronological record of one whom we revere, respect and love, through whose conception, fearlessness and superabundant desire to accomplish something for the general good of mankind the Independent Order of Foresters to-day owes its existence. Faithful and loyal to the cause he espoused nearly a quarter of a century ago and which he delights in championing on all occasions, he now takes the utmost pride in the realization of the development of his independence made manifest at Newark, N.J., on the seventeenth of June, 1874. We allude to Bro. Colonel A. B. Caldwell, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, who on the 13th day of December, inst., reached the ripe age of three score years and ten. He evidences as much interest in the welfare of the Order to-day as his marked career has shown since he became the "Founder" of Independent Forestry, which at large owes him a debt of gratitude never to be forgotten. May his days of usefulness never cease while life and health remain, and when the Supreme Chief Ranger of the universe shall conclude his earthly labors may his memory be cherished among the faithful until the end of time.

Ohio.

BRO. D. E. ROGERS, ESQ.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF OHIO.

It is always a pleasure to mention in the columns of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER those who by their ability and worth have rendered signal service to the Order, and to whose service the brethren have put the seal of their approval by electing them to positions of honor and responsibility.

Bro. Rogers, of whom we give an excellent likeness, has come rapidly to the front in Forestry circles in his native State. His promotion has come to him at an age when other men are counting themselves fortunate if they are entering upon a career that has the assured promise of ultimate success.



BRO. D. E. ROGERS, H.C.R. OF OHIO.

The High Chief Ranger of Ohio is a native of the Buck-Eye State. He claims kinship with the soil, as he saw the light on one of the fertile farms of Northern Ohio thirty years ago. In his early years he received the best education that the locality afforded. He lived on the farm till he was twenty-one years of age. Having chosen law as his profession, he was called to the bar of his native State in Oct., 1890, and entered on the practice of his profession in Alliance, where he still resides, and where he has succeeded in building up a large and remunerative practice.

Bro. Rogers is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in whose work he takes a lively interest. For three years he has discharged with acceptance and efficiency the duties of Superintendent of the Sunday School.