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Physician, J. J. Glendeaning, M. D.

COURT EASTMAN, NO. 317, EASTMAN, QUE.
Instituted on the 3rd April, 1888, by C.
W. Jones, D.S.C.R.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

C. D. H. C. R., Capt. Wm. Warne.
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V. C. R., R. E. Clifford.
R. S., E. A. Stevens.
F. S., L. D. Phelps.
Treas., E. A. Esty.
S. W., James Fasey.
J. W., Isaac Hilliker.
S. B., Wm. Martin.
J. B., Prescott Knight.
P. C. R., George E. Smith.
Chap., C. C. Eldridge.
Physician, J. D. Page, M.D.

COURT RESORT, NO. 318, LYNDOCH.

Instituted on the 6th April, 1888, by A. R.
Mill, D.S.C.R.

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C. R., Geo. Jeffries.
V. C. R., John Shott.
R. S., Chas. Linn.
F. S., H. H. Roberts.
Treas. T. L. Roberts.
S. W., Walt. Kellum.
J. W., O. Andrews.
S. B., W. J. Symons.
J. B., Wm. Linn.
P. C. R., G. W. Rider.
Chap., A. Reid.
Physician, W. Tisdale, M.D.

\$1,000.00.

Southampton, 16th Feb., 1888.

To Dr. Oronhyatekha and Officers of the
I. O. F.:

DEAR SIR,—I desire to thank you for the prompt manner in which the insurance on the life of my late husband, was paid by your Society.

I am also thankful to the officers and members of Court Southampton, No. 74, for their kindness and attention during my late husband's illness, and for the sympathy they have shown to me. Wishing your noble Order every success.

I remain, gratefully,
MRS. ANNIE MCAULAY.

\$1,000.00.

Picton, 23rd March, 1888.

To Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., and Officers of
the Supreme Court I. O. F.:

DEAR SIR,—I desire, through you, to return my most sincere and grateful thanks to the Executive Board of the Supreme Court I. O. F., for the prompt manner in which they have paid the endowment on the life of my late husband, Dr. Henry A. Evans, amounting to \$1,000.

I am also thankful to the officers and members of Court Picton, No. 177, for their attention and sympathy. May God spread your noble Order, and prosperity be with it.

Yours truly,
ETTA L. EVANS.

Card of Thanks.

Court Raymond, No. 236,
Fonthill, 14th March, 1888.

To Dr. Oronhyatekha, Editor Independent
Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me through the columns of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER to express my very hearty thanks for the receipt of cheque No. 1932, for \$7.14, for ten days' sick benefits, and for your promptness which is a great credit to the Order, which should be in every village in the land. It is truly a friend in need, which must be a friend indeed. Wishing you and the Order every success.

I am, yours in L., B. & C.,
WILLIAM HILTS.

Condolence.

At a special meeting of Court Picton, No. 177, I. O. F., the following resolutions of condolence were presented and adopted:

Whereas, in the all wise dispensations of Our Great High Chief above, God the Father, we are called upon to mourn the loss of a Brother member of this Court,

Resolved, that in the death of Brother Henry A. Evans, M.D., while we recognize and acknowledge the chastening hand of our sion to His Divine Will, we feel that our Heavenly Father, and bow in humble submission has suffered a great loss by the removal of this Brother, who was one of earth's brightest ornaments, and while we mourn we are assured that our loss is gain to him, and that he has gone to the great reward in store for the faithful steward, that to his bereaved family we extend our profoundest sympathy in this their great affliction.

That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Court, and that a copy be sent to the family of our late Brother, and be published in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and the town papers.

Chambers of Court Picton, 16th Feb., 1888.

To Dr. Oronhyatekha, Editor Independent
Forester:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I thought I would write you a few lines and let you know how our new Court, Aberfoyle, is progressing. We started with 11 charter members, five of us went in on withdrawal cards from Court Puslinch. We thought, and know now, it would spread our noble Order to have a Court here, although it is only two miles from Court Puslinch. The new members are all well satisfied with it and we hope to have several more this month. My name appears as R. S. in the directory for Court Puslinch; you will please change it to C. Quilman, as I now hold that office in Court Aberfoyle.

Our C. D. H. C. R. and C. R. are hustlers on the Forester question, as they never miss a chance to talk in praise of our noble Order. Hoping to have the S. C. R. to come and give us a lecture at some near date.

I remain, yours in L., B. & C.,
WM. J. COUZENS, R.S.

Quebec, 16th March, 1888.

To Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At a regular monthly meeting held at their rooms, Masonic Hall, Quebec, the brethren of Court Stadacona, No. 224, I. O. F., presented their Chief Ranger, Rev. E. I. Rexford, with a very

handsomely mounted cane made from a piece of the wrecked man of war L'Original, which has been lying at the bottom of the St. Lawrence for over a hundred years, as a token of good will on their part towards him as presiding officer of the Court.

Court Stadacona is progressing very favorably under Bro. Rexford's rule, we having had seven initiations at our February meeting, and expect to have as many more for April.

Yours in L., B. & C.,
JAMES ELIAS, R.S.

Ball and Supper of Court Maple,
I. O. F.

The annual supper and ball of Court Maple, No. 155, I. O. F., was a decided success. A large number of the brethren, their wives and sweethearts sat down to a sumptuous repast at the dining parlors of Mr. A. Mussulman.

The time was pleasantly spent in some excellent speeches and songs, and like the ancient and modern sons of merry Robin Hood, wherever assembled good cheer, mirth and sociability were a few of the features of the evening's entertainment. The two fold attraction—the ball and supper—was the first attempt made by the young Court. The committees in consequence worked very hard towards a successful gathering. The result, considering the age of the Court, was very gratifying. The financial returns may not be very large, but it was enjoyment the boys went in for, and all present had it in abundance. Court Maple represents some of our most respectable citizens, and as one of the great family of friendly societies it disseminates and inculcates the greatest of its many virtues, charity towards all, and kindly and practical sympathies in the hour of loneliness and distress.

District Deputy Chief Ranger, Dr. Penwarden, presided. He gave a brief history of the Independent Order, and the many benefits that would accrue to those who became members. The Order, he said, was composed of none but good and true men. He abjured his hearers, no matter what their nationality, creed or politics so long as they were good and true, to join and partake of benefits innumerable. There was in connection with the Independent Order an insurance benefit, a sick benefit, a benefit to the widow and orphan, and an intellectual and social benefit, which made a man a better citizen and fitted him for a higher sphere in life. The grand benefits of the Order are the endowment of \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000, payable at expectancy of life or at death, or on total disability, or between the seventieth and eightieth birthdays. By paying two small semi-annual payments in addition to the monthly payments a member will receive the amount insured when he arrives at the expectancy of life. The expectation of life ranges at from 63 years and upwards, according to the age at initiation. The sick benefit is five dollars weekly and free medical attendance, and the personal care and attention of the brethren. The funeral benefit is \$50, and the widow and orphans of the deceased brother are watched and cared for with never ceasing kindness. The Order, the eloquent brother said, was based upon the broadest principles of mutual and fraternal intercourse, and all social and business relations of life. Its grand object was to unite in one true brotherhood all good men to provide for relief in sickness or disability; to establish upon the mutual aid plan a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased members; to foster a spirit of co-operation in all departments of labor and com-