

istence of Independent Forestry, no member of a court had been known to seek for aid in sickness or distress from any source outside the Order, a record which speaks volumes for the good spirit pervading the Subordinate Courts. A high tribute was paid to the Supreme Chief Ranger for the foundation then so well and truly laid. At that time (1881) the Order was composed of a little over 300 members, and had an indebtedness of about four thousand dollars. He next pictured in glowing words the unparalleled growth of the order since then, until now the membership is over seventy-five thousand, considerably over one-third of it being in Ontario, and during which time nearly three millions of dollars have been paid to the widows and orphans of deceased members, and that the large and magnificent sum of one million three hundred and seventeen thousand dollars is still on hand, and laying to the credit of the Order. He stated further, that the average age of the 75,000 members was 31, and, to show the carefulness with which the selection of risks was taken, that the death rate in this large membership was a fractional point over five in a thousand. Bro. Macgillivray is a good talker, possesses a fine and pleasing address, and these qualities, combined with a rich, mellow voice, make him a very entertaining speaker, one that wins his way into the hearts of his hearers, and we hope, on some future occasion when he will have more time to display his splendid abilities, that we may have the pleasure of hearing him again.

The fireworks at night were witnessed by an immense crowd and were very fine.

The town of Strathroy owes a debt of gratitude to the local Court of the Independent Order of Foresters for providing such a grand day's sport, especially when it is remembered that the promoters of the demonstration were taking the risk of good weather and a large crowd in order to clear themselves of expenses.

NOTES.

There are no flies on Court Sydenham.

The marshals looked well on their prancing steeds.

The Strathroy Band played the Washington Post.

The boys from Petrolia looked well in their uniforms.

Rev. E. W. Hughes, as a Chairman, is an unlimited success.

The dusky leader of the Melbourne band won great favor from the ladies.

"What a stalwart body of young men the Foresters are" was a remark often heard.

More "uniformity" in uniform would add greatly to the appearance of a Foresters procession.

Court Sydenham returns hearty thanks to Court Hopeful for her assistance in preparing and carrying out the day's sport.

On invitation of Bro. Millar the demonstration next year will be at Parkhill. They will doubtless aim at going one better.

At the close of the proceedings, representatives of the courts present, met and sent a

telegram to the Supreme Chief Ranger informing him of the success of the Demonstration and expressing their sympathy with him in his illness.

The crowd of over 1,000 was a most orderly one, no sign of intoxication on the part of any one, and not a loud or profane word.

To the Strathroy *Age* we are indebted for the above admirable report. The *Age* did yeoman's work in promoting the success of the gathering. For weeks in advance the programme was kept well before the public, but then the editor of the *Age* is a Forester and a right loyal one he is. —Ed.

Court Ridgetown, No. 221.

On Sunday morning, May 26th, the members of the local court, with many visiting brethren, met at their court room, and, headed by the Citizens' Band, marched to the Methodist Church, where their anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Philp. The house was crowded, one hundred members of the brotherhood were present, and a very enjoyable service was held. The reverend gentleman, who is himself an honorary member of the Order, welcomed his brothers to the church, assuring them that they could nowhere find a heartier welcome than was there extended to them. The text was selected from James 1: 27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The sermon was an eminently practical one, and was attentively listened to.

Court Signet, No. 358, New Market.

A very successful entertainment was given by this court a short time ago. The Townsend Shakespearian Company contributed the programme. All present were delighted with the entertainment. The court commends the company as one in every sense worthy of public confidence and patronage. Court Signet is growing.

Court Delaware Valley, No. 672.

A correspondent writes: "This court held its annual service on May 12th, in the English Church, Delaware, when an able discourse was delivered by Bro. Thos. Brown. The sermon was listened to with marked attention, and was highly appreciated by the brethren present. We had the largest society turn-out ever held in Delaware. We had quite a number of visiting brethren from Court Welcome, London, Sydenham Strathroy, Lambeth, Mt. Brydges, and Melbourne. The procession was headed by the Chippewa Indian Band. The collection was appropriated to purchasing books for the English C.S.S. Library. We expect Forestry to flourish after such success.

Ottawa.

We regret being obliged to hold over, owing to pressure on our columns, an account of the splendid reception tendered Bro. H. A. Collins, High Chief Ranger of Ontario, by his brethren of Ottawa. We will give a full account of it in our next issue.