

and distinguish his voice and inflection. This man is the keystone of Forestry, and the genius he has displayed has made much of the accomplishment of Forestry possible. An orchestra under direction of F. M. Giprich rendered appropriate music, and by request of Dr. Frowert the vast audience joined in singing 'America,' 'Red, White and Blue,' etc., so that every heart was thrilled. The entertainment was a great success and has created much interest in the minds of our citizens, which will result in many applications for membership in the Order."

Deputy-Supreme Chief Ranger C. W. Barton is assisting courts in Tyrone, Roaring Spring and Hollidaysburg.

An office and headquarters for Foresters has been located at 239 North Twelfth street, Philadelphia, where a competent corps of officers and deputies will push the work in Pennsylvania and vicinity. Recording Secretaries and members should send items of Forestry news to above headquarters.

Court Fairhill, No. 3935, one of the youngest of the local Courts, was visited recently by Dr. Frowert, S.S.W.; C. W. Mingle, H.S., and A. A. Campbell, D.S.C.R., last week, who favored the meeting with stirring and instructive addresses on Order work and features. Several new applicants were initiated and a general prediction of increased membership in the near future found credence. Sales of tickets for the Court's benefit on the 14th were piling up, the indications being that a handsome profit would be realized.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

A Fortunate Name.

COURT MT. STEPHEN, I.O.F., RECEIVES A HANDSOME CHEQUE.

(From *The Guardian*, Charlottetown, Feb. 4th.)

The Guardian was shown a cheque yesterday from Lord Mount Stephen to Mr. Richard M. Johnson, Chief Ranger of Court Mount Stephen No 3741, I.O. Foresters of this city. The cheque was for a handsome sum, and was a donation from his Lordship in recognition of his appreciation of this Court naming their branch of the society after him.

Court Mount Stephen was instituted on the 21st day of December, 1897, and the charter members saw fit to give it the above name. The Court has on its roll of membership some of the leading citizens of Charlottetown, including Attorney-General McDonald and others. During the past year the Court has made remarkable progress, and no doubt its growth was noted by His Lordship.

The generous gift came very unexpectedly and was an exceedingly pleasant surprise to the members.

It was at first thought to keep the matter quiet until the next regular meeting of the Court, but the news was too good to keep and it was thought best to tell the public through *The Guardian* of this appreciated gift, which has made every member of the Order here proud.

The Guardian congratulates Court Mount Stephen on this piece of good luck. In giving the Court the honored name of one renowned for benevolence and princely gifts a good selection was made, and in Liberty, Benevolence and Concord

the members are striving to uphold its growing reputation as a flourishing Court, and endeavoring to make it the banner Court of P. E. Island in numbers as well as in usefulness.

The letter from His Lordship's agent will be read at the meeting of Court Mount Stephen on Tuesday evening, 7th, and the cheque will be then presented.

Court Onaway, No. 206, has received a grateful letter from Mrs. Eliza A. McNeill, thanking the Court for its attention to her late husband, Mr. James S. McNeill, and the Supreme Executive for its promptness in payment of \$1,000 benefit.

QUEBEC.

Bro. R. J. Davis, S. D. H. C. R., paid Court Argenteuil 1804, I.O.F., an official visit recently, and duly installed the officers for 1899. After the installation the evening was spent in short speeches, etc. The officers and members have entered the year with a determination to double their membership, which we are sure they can do with the fine staff of officers installed for 1899.

Letters of acknowledgment have been received from Bros. Theodore Laundry of Court Champlain, No. 663, and W. Thibert, of Court Alexander, No. 3370, for the prompt payment of sick benefits.

WASHINGTON.

Some Young Gentlemen Who Would Like to Learn Whist.

Court Destiny, No. 598, of Tacoma, is still on earth, but we have been too busy in securing new members to devote any time to articles for your paper, although we like to see our name in print.

On January 6th our Court gave a very successful public installation and entertainment to the Foresters of the city and their wives and sweethearts, which was largely attended, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The installation ceremonies were conducted by our worthy H.C.R. Bro. Forsyth, assisted by Bro. H. Chap. McAllaster as Sup.-Marshal.

Some ten or twelve members of our Court have become imbued with the idea that they are whist players and have challenged the members of their sister Court, "Tahoma," to play a series of games. Each Court is confident of carrying off the championship, and the contest will doubtless bring to light some expert players. The winners of the tourney will be entertained at the expense of the defeated brethren. It is believed that in this way we will strengthen "the tie that binds" and increase our "brotherly love and concord."

It might also be well to add that after the close of our meeting of Jan. 20th we spent an enjoyable hour, partaking of delicious refreshments intermingled with mirth and merriment.

Even though you should not hear from us often, "Remember the name Destiny."

Net Returns

Housekeeper—"I ordered a dozen oranges today, Mr. Tightfist, and you only sent me eleven. How was that?"

Grocer—"Well, ma'am, one of them was bad, and I didn't think you'd want it."—*Philadelphia Catholic Standard*.