

California has maintained a good average right along. For April, 143 applicants passed. They are bound to have 2,000 added to their membership for the Forestric year.

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Aspire to be something truly good and great, and that you will in a measure become. The mere aspiration for better things morally, is for a time at least the realization of them.

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How happy some people would have been had they heard in life one half the good things said of them when dead, Don't wait till your friend dies before speaking of his good qualities.

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North Dakota and Indiana have walked and worked side by side. Each has 78 added to the membership for April. A unit before the seven will make the figure about right for May and June.

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The I.O.F. was represented at the Canadian Fraternal Association by Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.; John A. McGillivray, S.S.; Dr. Millman, S.P.; G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., and Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R.

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Every member within reach of Foresters' Island Park will be there on June 19th when the 22nd anniversary of the Order will be observed. Everything is being done to make the day one of great enjoyment.

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Quebec has been taking a rest, we presume, preparatory to a big effort before July 1st. The April record shows 134 applications accepted. Their rival, Michigan, made a big gain on the eastern sister in April.

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In this issue will be found a list of 42 new courts instituted during April. This is the best possible evidence of the popularity of the Order, and the skill and efficiency with which its affairs are administered.

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Well done Manitoba. Population considered, the prairie province is, doubtless, first, with 87 accepted applications for April, standing *eight* among some 34 places reporting. Our congratulations to the workers.

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Ontario is not saying much about the April record. The novelty of holding second place is such a surprise. High Chief McNair and his working legion had better bestir themselves. What story will May and June tell?

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New York is a good third for April, with 241. One of the surprises of the future may

be to see New York taking first place. The field is unsurpassed, and the I.O.F. is only being rightly understood now in the Empire State.

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In spite of the clash of tongues and the excitement of a general election. The people of Canada are considering the benefits of membership in the I.O.F. They are more substantial than membership in any political party.

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Every member, when he pays his assessments and dues, should ask and receive a receipt. It is his right, and may prevent trouble afterwards. The members' receipt book is convenient; every member should have one.

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The applications for April were 2,433; of these 2,209 were accepted, a gain of *ten* per cent. over the same month of last year. No other institution that we know of has maintained the same uniform rate of progress from year to year.

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The programme of athletic sports at Foresters' Park on the 19th inst., to be found in another column, is an attractive one. The presence of Mr. Ed. Hanlan, the champion oarsman of the world, who is to row, will draw a great crowd.

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When you meet a man going down, don't increase his trouble, there will be plenty to blame. Speak a word of cheer. Lend a helping hand. Help him to regain lost ground. There is not anything in life more precious than helpfulness.

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A California worker writes: "I am pleased to add my thanks to those you are receiving from all quarters in regard to THE FORESTER. I can only say it is, and always has been the best agent for securing new members that I have been able to get hold of."

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The *Mutual Investor* is one of the latest candidates for public favor. It is published at Indianapolis, Ind., for the dissemination of insurance and building, and loan news. Its motto is: "Honest men, honest methods." The initial number is well got up, and contains several interesting articles.

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Among the factors that have made the I.O.F. popular and great, there is not one that the beneficiaries esteem more than the prompt payment of claims. Letters are received daily, speaking in the highest terms