

The Outlook.

From all points comes the gratifying intelligence that the Order is pervaded by a spirit of harmony and activity; without harmony, activity in the interest of the Order is impossible. Sometimes there is the activity born of strife. When it is internal strife that causes it, the result is sure to be disaster.

The membership of our great Order is becoming thoroughly persuaded that Independent Forestry affords benefits of exceptional value; this is evidenced quite as much by decreased suspensions as by increasing initiations. Whatever slight difference of opinion there may be on points of law and administration, all are agreed that the fraternal advantages are considerable, and that the insurance is the cheapest that can be given consistent with security and efficient management.

All the indications point to a prosperous future, that will even rival the past.

The Order is but in its infancy, and yet in the fifteen years of its history it has secured and retained 40,000 members, paid over a *million* dollars in benefits, and laid by a reserve of *half a million*.

It is not too much to hope that in the next five years the membership will reach 100,000, and the reserve a *million*. There is practically no limit to what the present membership of 40,000 can accomplish.

In working for the extension of the Order, every member has a double motive. By every new member that he secures, his own security is increased, and the benefits of the Order are extended at the same time to another.

From comparisons with other organizations, Independent Forestry has nothing to fear. It combines more good points than any like institution in this or other lands. If any one is doubtful on this point, let him make the comparison. Its ability to do what it promises is proven by what it has done. All this makes the outlook encouraging in the highest degree.

The member of the Order who does not take advantage of the present favorable time and circumstances to bring in new members is not doing his full duty by the Order or his friends. Every subordinate court should be an organizing and canvassing agency, every member an agent, anxious to contribute one loyal member's share to the noble work of extending the principles of Forestry. The subordinate courts are, we are happy to say, taking up the work that was first done necessarily by organizers;

and that more work, and work better done, will be the result, is the confident expectation of those who have carefully surveyed the field.

The Late Dr. Wm. H. Henderson.

PAST SUPREME PHYSICIAN.

Very general and sincere is the sorrow over the early, and to many the sudden, death of Dr. Henderson. Those who saw him at the meeting of the Supreme Court in Detroit last year will remember how well he looked, and even a few months ago the Doctor seemed in good health and able to attend to the claims of his large practice. About three months ago he began to complain and on consulting some brother physicians, it was found that he was suffering from an acute form of Bright's disease. The progress of the disease was rapid and on the 3rd of August Dr. Henderson passed peacefully away, at the early age of 36. In his profession he attained a prominence seldom reached by so young a man. Among all classes he was highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities of head and heart. In 1885 he was Supreme Physician. He held the office for two years and in the Order made many warm friends.

His funeral was one of the largest seen for many years in Kingston. The services at the Congregational Church, of which he was an attached and liberal member, were conducted by the pastor, Dr. Jackson. The beautiful burial service of the Order was conducted at the grave by the Rev. Mr. Mackie, of St. Andrew's Church, Chaplain of Court Frontenac. Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician, represented the Supreme Executive at the funeral. Bro. Major Drennan had charge of the funeral. The sympathy of the whole Order goes out to the widow and fatherless children and relatives of our late brother.

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TO BE READ IN ALL SUBORDINATE COURTS.

TORONTO, 10th Sept., 1892.

To all Court Deputies.

RESPECTED AND DEAR BRETHREN:

1. The Executive Council have great pleasure in being able to announce to the Order that our total surplus now exceeds HALF A MILLION DOLLARS, an evidence of solid prosperity that must make the heart of every Forester glad.

2. Another cause for sincere congratulation is the fact that not only have the Executive Council been enabled to repay the deficit (with interest), which existed for some time in the Sick and