

Liverpool, No. 2050, and J. O. Jones, H.J.S., Court Anfield, No. 2008, was proposed by the High Secretary, and seconded by the H.C.R. and carried unanimously. A similar vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Bro. I. M. McCulloch, C.R., Court Mount Pleasant, No. 2008, and seconded by Bro. Hassall, C.R., Court North Meols, No. 2071, Southport was carried with acclamation.

It was intimated that the meeting being an initial effort, and having been such a marked success, a similar one should be held within the present year, and that the advisability of having a pic-nic sometime during the summer be submitted to the various courts for an expression of their opinion, and there is very little doubt but that these suggestions will be acted upon.

Court Garston, No 2122, Leicester, Eng.

A public meeting, convened by Court Garston, was held on Monday evening, the 29th April, 1895, in the fine hall of the Presbyterian church, Garston. There was a good attendance of the brethren from Garston and Widnes, and a fair number of strangers, amongst them a few agents connected with Insurance Societies, who work very energetically in this district.

Bro. Dr. O'Hagan, Physician to Court Garston, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Bro. S. Southern Chiswell, H.C.R. for Mid-England; Joseph Andrews, High Sec.; S. Swain, C.D.H.C.R., Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050; J. M. McCulloch, C.R., Court Mount Pleasant, No. 2008, and J. Pithkettley, C.R., Court Garston. Bro. Chiswell gave an admirable address on the I.O.F., and the advantages it possessed over all other insurance companies. He was listened to with marked attention throughout, and at the close a vote of thanks was accorded to him. A similar vote to the chairman brought this, the first meeting of its kind in this district, to a close.

The brethren of Court Garston are to be congratulated on taking the initiative in what is undoubtedly a step in the right direction.

Court "Beeston Hill," No. 2119, Leeds, Eng.

A Grand Social evening in connection with the above court was held in St. Luke's School, Leeds, on Friday, February 15th, 1895.

A large number of Foresters, together with their wives and sweethearts, were present.

A large stage erected at the end of the dancing room was arranged as a drawing-room, where the non-dancers spent a happy time amongst the microscopes, stereoscopes, and other interesting objects, kindly lent by D. Parsons, Esq., which gentleman also gave a limelight lecture on a "Tour in Switzerland."

The whole company sat down at 9.30, to a splendid supper, great credit being due to the Foresters' wives who had looked after this part of the proceedings.

During the evening an announcement was made to the effect that Brother Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., intended paying a visit to Leeds in August. This was greeted with tremendous cheers, and all promised to give the Chief a right royal welcome.

Ireland.

MEETING OF THE HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the High Standing Committee of the High Court of Ireland was held on the 3rd June. There were present:—Rev. W. J. McCaughan (in the chair), Dr. Williamson, Dr. Gibson, R. W. McKnight, Wm. Mahaffy, and J. H. Barrett. It was decided to hold the High Court meeting in August, as soon as possible after the meeting of the Supreme Court in London, and to give a reception to the Supreme Executive, — Oronhyatekha, Esq., M.D., Toronto; Edward Botterell, Esq., from the House of Commons, Ottawa; Hon. D. D. Aitken, House of Representatives, Washington; John A. McGillivray, Esq., T. G. Davey, Esq., Thomas Millman, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S., and the Hon. Judge Wedderburn. A telegram was received, intimating that Bro. Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, amidst a demonstration of welcome at Toronto, on Thursday, laid the foundation stone of a massive pile of buildings, as the central offices for the Order.

Lecture in Lurgan.

An interesting lecture, entitled "America," was delivered in the Town Hall, Lurgan, recently, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Foresters, by the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of Belfast, High Chief Ranger. There was a large attendance of the public. Mr. John McCaughey, J. P., Chief Ranger, occupied the chair. The lecture dealt principally with the United States and Canada, and was illustrated by limelight views. The able and fluent style in which Mr. McCaughan described the various pictures was very much appreciated by the audience. At the conclusion, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Hanna, seconded by Mr. Thomas McGeown, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, who, in reply, enumerated some of the advantages to be derived from a connection with the Independent Order of Foresters. A second vote of thanks was, on the motion of Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. R. Mathers, accorded to Mr. James English and Mr. Harry McCaughey, who manipulated the lantern.

Court Ballymena, 2011.

The monthly meeting of the above flourishing court was held on Monday evening, 29th April, 1895, Bro. Samuel Hood, C.R., presiding. This meeting of the court was invested with peculiar interest, as in the forenoon of that day all that was mortal of Bro. James F. Boyd was consigned to the grave. Bro. Boyd had been one of the first charter members of the court, and had been one of the most regular attendants at its meetings. After the usual business had been transacted, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved that, "At this the first meeting of the court after the death of B. J. Boyd, the officers and members of the court record their sincere and genuine sympathy with the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters of our deceased brother, and that the Recording Secretary communicate this vote to Mr. Boyd, the father of deceased." The court was afterwards closed in due form.

Since the death of Bro. Boyd, four new members have been received into the court.