

many years to point to their recovery, under the Divine blessing, to the thoughtful and generous action of their brethren in Forestry of Saginaw.

SAGINAW, E.S., MICH., April 4th, 1898.

Upwards of a year ago, two members of Court Waldone, No. 529—James E. Marshall and Malcolm McDonald—each developed symptoms of consumption that refused to yield to the best medical treatment.

Upon the statement of physicians that a change of climate would be the only hope of recovery, and upon the urgent recommendation of the Court Physician that the brothers leave as soon as possible, the court at once set to work to bring this about.

Tickets to Port Arthur, Texas, were purchased and given to the brothers, together with sufficient funds for their immediate needs. Every detail concerning their comfort was carefully looked after, and the morning of March 29th saw the two brothers on the way to their destination. Word has since been received from them which conveys the information that they arrived safely at their destination, and that they already feel that the healthful climate of Texas will produce the relief they could not obtain at home.

The brothers and their families are enthusiastic in their praises of the court for the valuable assistance rendered and the commendable interest manifested by it in its members, and desire that to the world shall be published the information that the true fraternal principles of Forestry were never more vividly illustrated than in the case under notice.

### Is Fraternity Only a Name?

Members of the I.O.F. have been told so often that fraternity is but a name, that for practical purposes the professions of brotherhood carry but precious little of brotherly kindness or consideration. The strength of the fraternal tie in the I.O.F. is being strikingly exemplified just now by many courts in the United States, the courts agreeing to pay the assessments of brothers who have volunteered, at their country's call, to engage in the war with Spain.

The following resolutions illustrate what is being very generally done:

*Resolutions Passed by Court Missoula, 1549, Missoula, Montana, I.O.F., Thursday Night.*

At a meeting of Court Missoula, No. 1549, Independent Order of Foresters, held Thursday, May 12th, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, in the course of human events war exists between Spain and the United States, and several of our brothers having enlisted in the service of our country, be it resolved:

First—That the best wishes of our court go with them while absent.

Second—That while absent the court pay the necessary assessments on their policies.

Third—That we shall gladly welcome them home again after serving our country's cause, but if otherwise decreed we shall remember them as having fallen in the first war ever waged by a great nation

for the liberty of an oppressed people on the sublime principle of universal freedom of mankind.

Fourth—That these resolutions be published in our local press, and a copy of the same sent each of our volunteer brethren.

DAVID BLACKIE,  
M. R. C. SMITH,  
E. J. SALSMAN.

### "Heartfelt Thanks for Prompt Payment."

23 TEILO STREET,  
NORTH HILL STREET,  
LIVERPOOL, 3rd May, 1898.

To Oronhyatekha, M.D., Supreme Chief Ranger, and members of the Executive Council, Independent Order of Foresters:

DEAR SIRS,—I beg to return you my heartfelt thanks for the very prompt payment of the sum of two hundred pounds, the amount of the policy held by my late husband, John Ross, who was a charter member of Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050.

I desire also to express my indebtedness to Mr. A. A. Campbell, Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Mr. S. L. Ferguson, Mr. W. F. Stevens, Mr. W. Graham, Mr. J. Nicholls, and to the other members of the Order in this city, for their kind assistance and sympathy in my bereavement.

That your noble Order may grow and prosper in its good work is my earnest prayer.

Yours most sincerely,

HARRIET ELIZA ROSS.

Wherever people have had experience of the benefits of the I.O.F. and of its methods of doing business, they are unstinted in their praise. The above letter from a beneficiary in Liverpool, England, shows how the Order is appreciated in the old land.—Ed.

### The Whole English-Speaking Race Together.

Bro. H. E. Payne, D. S. C. R., of Fargo, N. D., and one of our most active workers in the jurisdiction, in a letter to the Supreme Secretary, writes the following words that will find a responsive echo in the heart of every one of our 135,000 members:

"As a Christian, a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and one humble member of the English-speaking race, I feel to thank God, the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, that He is making the 'wrath of man to serve Him' in the present war, by bringing the whole English-speaking race together, and to pray Him that we may never again be allowed to drift apart. May the time speedily come when the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack may float from the same mast-head."

Life insurance assessments are, or ought to be, as much a part of household expense as a barrel of flour. The one will appease the hunger of the present, the other of the future.