

1898 at the present time. When we bring to our minds the fact that in some of our sister societies two and three extra assessments have been made to meet the extra losses caused by the epidemic which prevailed during the past winter, while we have been able to pay all our death losses from our ordinary monthly income, with the exception of the month of March, when our losses and current expenses exceeded our monthly income by \$1,266.13, and in April when we paid \$4,806.34 in death losses and current expenses more than our monthly income, in the Endowment Department we have reason indeed to be thankful for having been so wonderfully spared by a most merciful Providence. But when we remember further that during the month of May just past, we had only five deaths in the Order, calling for \$5,000, while our ordinary income in the Endowment Department during that month amounted to the sum of \$18,545.90, thus giving us a surplus for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of \$13,545.90 for that month alone, we ought with one accord to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for the manifold mercies vouchsafed to us as Foresters. And for that purpose I do hereby appoint Sunday, the 22nd day of June, 1890, as a special day of prayer and praise to God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and I earnestly enjoin upon all our brethren to assemble together upon that day in some place of worship and devoutly offer thanks and ascribe praise to God from whom all blessings flow, and humbly to pray that our officers may be ever guided by Divine Providence, so that they may administer the laws of our beloved Order with wisdom and discretion to the end that the works of our hands may continue to redound to the glory of our Father in Heaven and the good of our fellowmen.

Done at the office of the Executive Council at Toronto, this 2nd day of June 1890.

ORONHYATEKHA,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

"We mustn't be in a hurry to fix and choose our own lot; we must wait to be guided. We are led on, like the little children, by a way that we know not. As if we could choose for ourselves where we shall find the fullness of the Divine Presence, instead of seeking it where alone it is to be found, in loving obedience."—*George Eliot.*

Official Circular, High Court of California.

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, 1st May, 1890.

To all Subordinate Courts:

At the institution of the High Court of California, Independent Order of Foresters, I had the honor of being appointed High Chief Ranger for the coming year.

I therefore address this circular letter to each Chief Ranger of the various Subordinate Courts of this Jurisdiction, asking you to cause it to be read in your own Court.

Until the organization of the High Court of California, and the arrival of Brother Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, it was impossible for that perfect organization (which is absolutely needed), to be properly effected. The need of a proper authority near at hand, to whom questions could be referred, was very much felt, and a great many of the Courts were apparently working in the dark.

Proper organization having now been effected, the High Chief Ranger, and the High Standing Committee will be glad to assist any Court in any way whatsoever, either by personal visit, (especially if there are matters which the Court is not clear upon), or by correspondence. To this end and for the proper working of our Order, we invite correspondence upon any point which may require light thrown upon it.

I would especially urge the various Courts to be prompt in all departments of their work, especially in remitting to the proper persons the dues and assessments.

It is only by promptness and strict attention to the Constitution and By-Laws, that we shall, as an Order, achieve that success which we are all striving after in this jurisdiction.

The Independent Order of Foresters is essentially a poor man's Order, although we do not exclude the rich. It is one of the best fraternal societies in the world, and one which appeals to all that is manly and noble in man's nature. Many a widow, who otherwise would have been left in abject want and penury, has arisen to call the Order blessed. To my personal knowledge, the small monthly assessments, are as nothing to the majority of Foresters, compared to the security they feel that their loved ones at home, will, by their forethought, be placed beyond poverty. No true man should neglect making provision for his family in case of death; hence each brother can not only be doing good for the Order, but also for humanity,