

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Rome Wasn't Built in a Day

Court Cableville, 3328, Heart's Content, has been established now five months at Heart's Content; charter members 17, initiation 3, by card 1, total 21; rejected 2; beneficiary total 19; social 2. This will seem a poor show, but we are somewhat handicapped. First, Heart's Content is a small fishing village whose inhabitants are extremely poor. Second, we had, before the I.O.F. started, a Fisherman's and Orange societies, both of thirty years standing in the place.

We pay nothing for the Court by the kind permission of the Cable Co.'s Supt. We use their Variety Theatre and ball room, which makes a splendid Court, including an anteroom and lobby between the front door and Court room. We had the election and re-election of officers at the last meeting. Most of officers were re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

Missing.

Bro. John Mitchell, a charter member of Court Elizabeth, No. 1, a member of our Order for 23 years, is missing, causing much worry to his wife and anxiety to friends and members of his Court. He disappeared from his home in this city last August, and has not since been heard from.

Bro. Mitchell is 51 years old, has black hair mixed with gray, heavy brown mustache, blue eyes, and the first finger of right hand is crooked.

Court Hoboken, 1487, had an unusually large attendance at their last meeting; two candidates were led over the rough road to Forestry. Mr. Frank Strack and Mr. Gerhard Knoops were the victims. Dr. C. A. Peterson, of Court Eiche, 1363, was a welcome visitor. The officers were installed for 1900. During the festivities that followed the following Bros. took part: Frank Strack sang comic songs; Fred Schwetje, comic recitation; A. G. Megner gave zither solos, Chas. Engel sang German songs, Wm. B. Dede told drummers' tales, Chris. Gunbrecht, Frank Meyer, Owen Cox, Henry Korb, all sang songs; Dr. C. A. Peterson gave piano solos.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Schmitt, for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit and \$50 funeral benefit of her late husband. Court Columbus, No. 920, Elizabeth, N.J., are thanking the brethren for fraternal attentions during his illness.

NEW YORK.

Forestric Echoes from New York.

Our highly respected P.S.V.C.R., ex-Congressman D. D. Aitken, of Flint, Michigan, in a recent letter to one of the old-timed Foresters at Syracuse, thus mentions his friend and Supreme associate, Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.:—"The Order is making a most wonderful record." . . . "The Chief is a wonderful man—in many respects the most remarkable it has been my fortune to meet, and it would be a sad thing, indeed, were his health to fail, not only because of the I.O.F., but because of the thoughts he is furnishing and the advanced

impressions he is making along the line of co-operative advancement as well as co-operative insurance."

The brethren and companions of 16 Forestric organizations in Onondaga County feel proud to think that they carried off the "blue ribbon" again for December, and the High Court of the "Empire State" now hosts Forestric "Excelsior" on its banner for the greatest number of members of any other High Court jurisdiction. Our venerated Chieftain, Dr. Oronhyatekha, predicted that New York State would, in the near future, reach 50,000 members, and our loyal brotherhood are struggling hard to fulfil that prophecy.

The many friends of State Deputy, James H. Walker, of Oswego, will regret to learn that he is in mourning for the sudden loss of his only daughter, a maid of 16 years.

D.D.H.C.R., George F. Rowley, of Syracuse, has gone the "grand rounds" of his bailiwick, and reports his 10 Courts in a most prosperous condition—all having taken good advantage of the three months' dispensation.

D.D.H.C.R. Richard D. Latham reports similarly in his Oswego county district.

On the 11th ult., Dr. M. C. Rutherford, High Chief Ranger of New York, publicly installed his own Court, Rochester, No. 1687 (which is now the largest Court in his state), and Companion Court Pricilla, jointly. After the installation the H.C.R. addressed the large gathering in an eloquent manner, and then introduced Col. Caldwell, founder of the Order, who was his guest. The veteran colonel of 72 years was at his best in relating the earliest history, many amusing incidents within the last 26 years' growth of the Order, and said, "While I labored hard for seven years at the commencement to get 14,000 members together, the able executive last November and December, in two months only, beat us pioneers by adding, 14,503. And again, look at last year, 1899, during the twelve months, 30,966 were added to our fold, while 4,275 applicants were rejected by Dr. Millman, the lynx-eyed Supreme Physician, showing that our Supreme Medical Board has no rival in the fraternities for strict examinations, as our average death rate is 5.67." He then gave a succinct account of the Order's status, urged the visitors present to unite, wound up with a glowing tribute to Supreme Chief Ranger Dr. Oronhyatekha and was cheered to the echo. A grand ball followed till morning.

Bro. Collins at Court Rochelle's Installation.

A large audience gathered in Metropolitan Hall on January 15th, to witness the installation of officers of Court Rochelle, No. 1332. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Supreme Treasurer H. A. Collins, of Toronto, Canada, who was ably assisted by Bros. P. Martin, the High Treasurer of New York, and Edward Downey, the District Deputy of New York City. Metropolitan Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with bunting, and on the Chief Ranger's chair the initial letters of the Order, I.O.F., were arranged with incandescent lights. The new Chief Ranger is P. H. Homan. The installation was followed by a speech by the Supreme Treasurer, H. A. Collins, who eloquently described the benefits of Independent Forestry, and thoroughly captured the hearts of all present with his witty remarks and brilliant flow of oratory.

After the entertainment the members and their