

been prepared for them by the committee, composed of Ben S. Solomon (chairman), L. A. Kern, T. P. Jarvis, O. J. Jolly, and W. L. White. G. A. McElfresh, the High Chief Ranger, delivered an address, during which he gave a concise history of the Order, its objects and beneficiary features, and what he said was loudly applauded.

### British Columbia.

Population considered, the I.O.F. has probably as many members in British Columbia as in any province where it is known.

It is expected that the Supreme Chief will early in the autumn institute a High Court in the Golden Province.

The applications have been coming in steadily, and in goodly numbers for months past; for May the number was 36.

The last court organized was at Grand Forks, on June 8th. The I.O.F. is the only secret or fraternal Order represented in the place. Bro. J. H. Falconer, D.S.C.R., was the instituting officer. So well did he do his work that on the eve of his departure the court, by unanimous resolution, thanked him for his work.

Bossburgh is the next place to have a court of the I.O.F. Bro. Falconer visited the place recently and in a very short time secured nine of the leading citizens on his charter list.

Bro. Falconer writes:

C. S. Boss, who was the founder of this town, is on the list, as also Morris McCarty, the agent for the Townsite Company, who is a regular cyclone of a hustler, and is making the town a grand success, also the genial postmaster, Mr. Reynolds, and the two owners of the *Bossburgh Journal*, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hall. Dr. Vesser is another, and Alexander Ross, section foreman on the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company, who is an old Independent Forester, is also ready to affiliate with this new court.

### Great Britain.

Just as we are about ready for the press the mail brings us the British edition of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER. From it we learn that the work of extending the Order in the United Kingdom is being pushed with great vigor.

Court Hammersmith is making steady progress.

Bro. Gilmore, D.S.C.R., is exercising his persuasive eloquence on his countrymen in Dublin.

Court Hanley varied work with refreshments to the enjoyment of all, at a recent meeting.

Court Lewisham, according to the *Kentish Mercury*, held a very enjoyable meeting recently.

Court Risdene held an important meeting recently, when Bro. Gerring, H.C.R., gave an instructive address.

Reading has its first court; it was instituted by Bro. A. T. Blamey. It starts out with a fine staff of officers.

Court Maida Vale, London, had a social evening at which Bros. Marshall, Halford, H.V.C.R., and Emery, H.S., gave addresses.

Bro. Gerring, H.C.R., recently visited Court Hucknall. He was accompanied by the H.V.C.R., and gave an address that was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Rev. R. McNair, P.H.C.R., so well and favorably known in Ontario, is working in Scotland. He expects two new courts shortly in Glasgow.

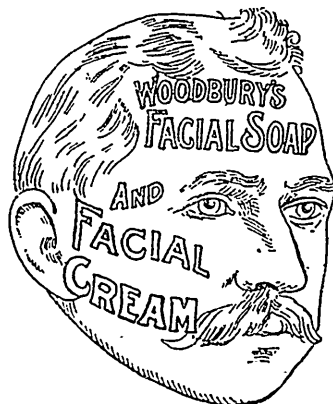
Court Bristol gave a supper that, according to the *Maggie*, was excellent. Bro. C. E. Price, H.V.C.R., told some of the good things that can be said of the Order. Bristol has three courts, and five more are being organized.

In the last few weeks, leading centres of population and influence have been visited and meetings held. At Norwich, Bros. Jas. Marshall, general manager for Great Britain, and Mr. Jas. Boddy, D.S.C.R., addressed an attentive audience on the merits of the I.O.F.

The courts in Liverpool are all profiting by the visit of the Supreme Chief. His address to the brethren at the reception to him have stimulated them to active efforts on behalf of the Order. Bro. Chiswell, H.C.R., A.A. Campbell, D.S.C.R. and others have been visiting and addressing.

Liverpool papers give full accounts of the splendid meeting held in that city to welcome Dr. Oronhyatekha and his party to the Old Land. The company of members and friends of the Order was a distinguished one. Mr. S. S. Chiswell, H.C.R. of Central England, presided. The feature of the gathering was the address of the Chief, who went very fully into the principles and operations of the Order, and whose words aroused the enthusiasm of those present. Capital addresses were also given by Bros. Marshall, Dr. Gibson, Belfast, Rev. R. McNair, G. F. Marter, M.P.P., Capt. Allen, H. J. Martin, the chairman and others.

Mrs. Celia T. Thayer, of Eau Claire, Wis., thanks the Executive Council for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit carried by her late husband, Frank B. Thayer, of Court Eau Claire, No. 907, who was killed in the accident on the Omaha Railway. She also thanks the members of the court for their sympathy and kindness in her great sorrow.



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