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(ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.)

Limit of Age for Admission is from 18 to 55 Years.

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

To secure (1) the Mortuary Benefit, (2) the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, the members of the I.O.F. are required to pay the small monthly rates shown below:

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	\$0 28	\$0 76	\$1 52	\$2 28	\$3 04	\$3 80
19	32	78	1 50	2 34	3 12	3 90
20	40	80	1 60	2 40	3 20	4 00
21	41	82	1 64	2 46	3 28	4 10
22	42	84	1 68	2 52	3 36	4 20
23	43	86	1 72	2 58	3 44	4 30
24	45	88	1 80	2 70	3 60	4 50
25	47	94	1 88	2 82	3 76	4 70
26	49	98	1 96	2 94	3 92	4 80
27	51	1 02	2 04	3 06	4 08	5 10
28	53	1 06	2 12	3 18	4 24	5 30
29	55	1 10	2 20	3 30	4 40	5 50
30	57	1 14	2 28	3 42	4 56	5 70
31	59	1 18	2 36	3 54	4 72	5 90
32	61	1 22	2 44	3 66	4 88	6 10
33	63	1 26	2 52	3 78	5 04	6 30
34	66	1 32	2 64	3 96	5 28	6 60
35	69	1 38	2 78	4 14	5 52	6 90
36	72	1 44	2 88	4 32	5 76	7 20
37	75	1 50	3 00	4 50	6 00	7 50
38	78	1 56	3 12	4 68	6 24	7 80
39	81	1 62	3 24	4 86	6 48	8 10
40	84	1 68	3 36	5 04	6 72	8 40
41	88	1 76	3 52	5 28	7 04	8 80
42	92	1 84	3 68	5 52	7 36	9 20
43	96	1 92	3 84	5 76	7 68	9 60
44	1 00	2 00	4 00	6 00	8 00	10 00
45	1 04	2 08	4 16	6 24	8 32	10 40
46	1 09	2 18	4 36	6 54	8 72	10 80
47	1 16	2 32	4 64	6 96	9 28	11 60
48	1 25	2 50	5 00	7 50	10 00	12 50
49	1 35	2 70	5 40	8 10	10 80	13 50
50	1 45	2 90	5 80	8 70	11 60	14 50
51	1 55	3 10	6 20	9 30	12 40	15 50
52	1 65	3 30	6 60	9 90	13 20	16 50
53	1 80	3 60	7 20	10 80	14 40	18 00
54	1 95	3 90	7 80	11 70	15 60	19 50

* For rates of Monthly Assessments in the Hazardous and Extra Hazardous Classes, see Constitutions and Laws, or special literature of the Order.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional.

The Benefits are as follows:—(1) During each separate continuous sickness, a payment of \$3.00 a week for the first two weeks, \$5.00 a week for the next ten weeks; and at the discretion of the Executive Council a further sum of \$5.00 a week for the next twelve weeks; (2) A payment of \$50 towards funeral expenses, on the member's death, to his beneficiary.

To secure these benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrollment Fee of \$1.00 and a Registration Fee of \$1.00.

The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment
18	\$0 40	26	\$0 44	34	\$0 48	41	\$0 55	48	\$0 68
19	41	27	45	35	49	42	53	49	70
20	41	28	45	36	50	43	53	50	75
21	42	29	46	37	51	44	58	51	80
22	42	30	46	38	52	45	62	52	85
23	43	31	47	39	53	46	64	53	90
24	43	32	47	40	54	47	66	54	95
25	44	33	48				66	55	1 00

Our Investments.

The surplus funds of the Order are always invested with a due regard to safety. A large portion of the funds is deposited with Governments and with sound monetary institutions, the balance being invested in first mortgages upon improved realty and in municipal securities, as shown below:

Invested Funds.

The following shows where some of the funds are thus invested:

Deposit Ins. Dept. Canada.....	\$100,000 00
“ “ “ “ Gt. Brit. and Ire'nd	25,610 77
United States Government Bonds....	148,758 35
New Brunswick Government	20,000 00
Real Estate and First Mortgages on	
Real Estate.....	2,638,032 44
Debentures.....	132,375 73
Deposit Receipts.....	540 79

From the above it will be seen that we have already an invested Surplus Fund of

\$2,106,367.49.

No portion of the funds thus invested can be withdrawn except by the joint cheques of the undesignated officers who comprise the Executive Council.

S. C. R., Orobystekha, M.D., Editor International Good Templar, Toronto.

P. S. C. R., The Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, Q.C., Halifax, N.B.

S. V. C. R., Geter Morin, Montreal, Que.

S. Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto.

S. Treasurer, H. A. Collins, Toronto.

S. Phys., T. Millman, M.D., Toronto.

S. Coun., Hon. Elmer Stevenson, Detroit, Mich.

With what we have in the current bank account, our total surplus on hand at last report (1st May) was the magnificent sum of

\$2,310,858.18.

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1. Send all matter relating to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on points of Forestric law to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.
2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of Sickness, Sick Benefit Claims, etc., to the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, Temple Building, Toronto, Can.
3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.
4. The Monthly Reports and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports should be sent together in one cover, as per special instructions.
5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 1, duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent through the London office, so that certificates of membership may be promptly issued.
6. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary of their own High Court; those not under a High Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.
7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," Toronto. Until such list is received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.
8. Recording Secretaries will immediately notify the Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name and address in full.
 - When a member is initiated.
 - When a member is suspended.
 - When a member withdraws from the court.
 - When a member changes his address.
 - When a member joins a court by card.
 - When a member is reinstated.

Editorial.

The Surplus on the 30th of April, 1899, stood at \$3,318,898.18.

The I.O.F. is to be congratulated on having as its Supreme Counsellor so prominent a public man as Elliot G. Stevenson; or the City of Detroit is to be congratulated on having in its service so eminent a Forester. Brother Stevenson along with Gov. Pingree and another are the new Commissioners to make a success of Detroit's municipal ownership of street railways.

The Order of United Friends has gone into the hands of a receiver. Its misfortunes are due not to its rates but to the arrant knavery of one of its former officers. Its members, to the number of seven thousand, are applying to come into the I.O.F., and a number of its Imperial officers and members have already taken the obligations of L., B. and C.

It will be seen from the report of Dr. Millman, S. Phys., that the annual death rate of the I.O.F. for the year 1898 was 5.67 and that for the years 1893 to 1898 inclusive it has been only 5.57 per 1,000. So the right to impart the Forestric grip is not only a certificate of moral respectability but also a testimonial of good health.

Since our last issue we have learned with profound regret of the misfortune that has overtaken our well-beloved Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, by the death of his wife.

On behalf of the 150,000 readers of this paper we tender the Past Supreme Chief Ranger the sympathy of the Order.

The Foresters of Prince Edward Island have arranged to pay \$200 annually to the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, in return for which any Forester who has to go to the hospital will receive nursing, medical attendance, etc., free of charge.

Col. W. M. Drennan, of Kingston, writes concerning the Extension of the Order Tax: "In every hive of bees there are drones and workers; so it is in the Foresters, for every worker there are 50, aye, 100 drones. Those who work and bring in one or more members each, are benefited; they are exempted from the increase of assessment; those who are content to sit idle and be drones must be prepared to pay a small sum towards the cost of keeping up a small army of organizers. Could anything be fairer or more just than this arrangement?"

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a very convenient chart of the fraternal societies doing business in Canada, also tables of rates for \$1,000 insurance and expectation of life. The chart is issued by the Bulletin Publishing Company of Toronto.

We have to record the death, at the allotted period of three score and ten, of Bro. Wm. Stevenson, of Port Huron, Mich. The death took place in the hospital at Detroit, following an operation. Deceased was the father of our Supreme Counselor, Elliott G. Stevenson, and of Bro. A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R., the representative of the Order in United States. The funeral, at which the Supreme Chief Ranger represented the Executive, took place on May 2nd, and was very largely attended, as the deceased was very widely known and held in the greatest esteem.

As Foresters we take no interest in political strife. But we do like to see members of the I.O.F. honored by their fellow countrymen. The following list of M.P.'s sitting in the present House of Assembly for New Brunswick shows how public men, though differing in politics, may be linked together in L., B. and C. :

COUNTIES.	MEMBERS.
Albert	Hon. Henry R. Emmerson (Premier.)
"	Charles J. Osman.
Carleton	Frank B. Carvell.
"	Hugh Henry McCain.
Kent	James Barnes.
King's	Hon. A. S. White (Attorney-General.)
"	George G. G. Scovil.
Madawaska	Fred Laforest.
Northumberland	Hon. J. P. Burchill.
"	Charles E. Fish.
Queen's	Isaac W. Carpenter.
St. John County	Hon. Albert T. Dunn. (Surveyor-General.)
Sunbury	J. Douglas Hazen (Opposition Leader.)
Westmoreland	W. Woodbury Wells.
York	Alexander Gibson, Jr.

Official Circular No. 4.

To all Courts and Encampments, Greeting :

Again it becomes my duty to call upon you as members of a great fraternity to unitedly return fervent and heartfelt thanks to Our Heavenly Father, on this the 25th anniversary of the Independent Order of Foresters, for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us as individuals, and for the success and prosperity which continues to be accorded to the work of our beloved Order.

During the quarter of a century just ending the Order has accomplished much which should cause every Forester to be devoutly thankful and stimulate us to work still more diligently for the prosperity of an institution which has already done so much for humanity.

On the approaching 17th June we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we are members of a prosperous and united Order, which has within the first 25 years of its existence pushed its way, not without many trials and tribulations, to the foremost position in the fraternal society world; an Order whose system has been so formed and perfected that it serves not only as a model to kindred institutions, but also a guide to legislative action on the part of Governments; an Order whose continued progress and prosperity in its 25th year is shown by the following record :

THE SPLENDID RECORD OF THE I.O.F.
The Magnificent Benefits Paid.

Benefits paid last year (1898).....	\$1,176,125 14
Benefits paid from 17th June, 1874, to 31st Dec., 1898.....	6,279,992 84
<i>Total Benefits Paid During the 1st Four Months of 1899.</i>	
Mortuary.....	\$428,696 44
Total and Permanent Disability....	24,900 00
Old Age Benefits.....	1,300 00
Sick and Funeral	78,678 74

\$533,575 18

Total Benefits Paid From Organization to 1st May,
1899.

Mortuary.....	\$5,684,045 60
Total and Permanent Disability...	222,620 33
Old Age Benefits.....	12,148 30
Sick and Funeral	894,753 79

\$6,813,568 02

The Growth of the Membership.

Membership 1st July, 1881	369
Membership 31st December, 1881 ..	1,019
Membership 31st December, 1886 ..	5,804
Membership 31st December, 1891 ..	32,303
Membership 31st December, 1896 ..	102,838
Membership 31st December, 1898 ..	148,265

The Increases During 1898.

Increase of Benefits Paid.....	\$183,899 54
Increase of Premium Income	192,660 48
Increase of Total Income.....	292,660 42
Increase of Net Assets.....	600,000 00
Increase of Surplus Funds.....	627,537 58

The Expansion of the Surplus.

Surplus 1st July, 1881, date of Re- organization	\$ 0
Surplus 31st Dec., 1881.....	4,568 55
Surplus 31st Dec., 1886	53,981 28
Surplus 31st Dec., 1891.....	408,798 20
Surplus 31st Dec., 1896.....	2,015,484 38
Surplus 31st Dec., 1898	3,186,370 38

Increases in the Surplus.

Increase in first six months.....	4,568 55
Increase in first five years	49,412 73
Increase in second five years	354,816 92
Increase in third five years	1,606,689 18
Increase during year 1898	627,537 58
Increase from 1st Jan. to 1st May, 1899.....	132,527 82
Surplus 30th April, 1899.....	3,318,898 18

In view of these tokens of more than usual prosperity, vouchsafed to us as Foresters, the Executive Council call upon the whole membership to assemble together in the different localities, on *Sunday, June the 18th*, and to proceed together to some place of public worship, and there give thanks to Almighty God for His many mercies, and to pray for the continuance of His loving kindness to us all, and to endow the officers of our Order with prudence and wisdom in the administration of our affairs, to the end that humanity may be still further blessed and His great name glorified by and through the beneficent work of our Order.

The Executive Council have pleasure also in announcing to the membership that the applications for admission to the Order from the 1st January, to the 30th April, 1899, amounted to 7,198, of whom 6,152 have been accepted and 1,040 rejected, notwithstanding the apprehensions held by so many of our members, that the legislation of the Supreme Court at its last session would tend to paralyze the work of the Order.

While, however, the Executive rejoice on account of this creditable record, it can be made but a drop in the bucket to the work which we can yet accomplish during the balance of the year 1899. if only the membership, remembering their obligations to themselves and to their own loved ones, do their duty by the Order. The Executive Council desires to remind the membership that the securing of a new member is one of the greatest of their obligations to the Order, and an act by which they at the same time strengthen their own policy and confer blessings upon their friends and neighbors.

They therefore earnestly appeal to every brother to lend a helping hand to make the closing month of our Forestric year and our entrance into the second quarter of a century the most prosperous and memorable month in our history. For this purpose the Supreme Chief Ranger has granted a dispensation to all Courts desiring to do so, to initiate at charter rates during the month of June.

The following prizes will be awarded to the working courts and members :

1. To the Court which secures the largest number of beneficiary members, being not less than 25, during the month of June :

- (a) A beautiful colored lithograph of the Temple Building suitably framed.
- (b) A lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger suitably framed, and
- (c) A set of officers' sashes, or their equivalent in members' sashes or badges.

2. To the Court with not less than 20 beneficiary members which makes the greatest percentage of gain in beneficiary membership during the month of June :

- (a) A beautiful colored lithograph of the Temple Building, suitably framed.
- (b) A lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger suitably framed, and
- (c) A set of officers' sashes, or their equivalent in members' sashes or badges.

3. To each Court which secures 15 beneficiary members or more during the month of June :

- (a) A beautiful colored lithograph of the Temple Building, suitably framed.
- (b) A lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and
- (c) A set of officers' badges or its equivalent in members' badges.

4. To each Court which secures 10 beneficiary members during the month of June :

- (a) A beautiful colored lithograph of the Temple Building, suitably framed.
- (b) A lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and
- (c) A history of the Independent Order of Foresters bound in morocco.

5. To each Court which secures 5 beneficiary members during the month of June :

- (a) A beautiful colored lithograph of the Temple Building, suitably framed.
- (b) A lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

6. To each member who secures two new beneficiary members a beautiful souvenir silver commemorative medal.

Only candidates who have been actually initiated as beneficiary members within the month of June, can be counted for any of the foregoing prizes.

No Court shall be entitled to more than one prize.

Done at the office of The Supreme Court, Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto, Canada, 1st May, 1899.

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
JNO. A. MCGILLIVRAY, S. C. R.
S. S.

The Man in the Chair.

This is already the fifth month in the year and it is time the man in the chair should know and perform his duties. Does he get promptly into his seat on the stroke of eight, or does he dawdle about for ten or fifteen minutes before opening? Does he put the business through with snap and decision, or does he loll in his chair, as the late Chief Justice Begbie once said to a witness, "as limp as a dirty collar; like a sausage-skin stuffed with water?"

Why was he elected? Surely because the brethren felt he was the man whose living force would carry the Court to success. Does he now sit inert as the brute statue of an Egyptian deity until someone on the floor gets the business done in some haphazard sort of way?

This is not the whole duty of the man in the chair. It is not his whole duty to know nothing about the ritual, the Constitution, the forms of initiation, the proper salutations, the private work, the rules of order, the necessary business of the Court. It is not his entire privilege to act as chair-weight and anti-macassar for twelve months in the hope that somebody will feel it necessary to follow custom and present him with a jewel when effluxion of time brings relief. No, there are real duties and privileges that attach to the chair and it is now high time that the chair should know it and act accordingly.

The Wisdom of Van Buskirk.

Our friend of the National Fraternal Press Association says, "A promise to join an Order from your friend is all right as far as it goes but do not release your grip until he is safely initiated."

We once knew an old line manager write to a promising agent, "Favorable interviews do not add to the premium income of this Company." The truth is a general one; favorable interviews, sympathy and promises to join give the hope of good fruit; but you don't make cider out of apple blossoms. One shake with the new member is worth a forest of the glad hands of future candidates.

Butter Fraternity.

This is the time of year to put ice on the brother who is a "good attender" all winter, but whose fraternity on the first warm evening, like cheap butter, melts and becomes rancid. There is no reason why the glad summer season should interfere with the brotherhood of man. True, the "smoker" with closed windows, and the beer-crackers-and-coffee festival become less a labor of love than a contest of endurance. But the list of entertainments is only limited by human ingenuity.

Before the weather broke we saw an account of a "whooping-cough party" in New Jersey, and it was said the children "had a good time between coughs." The same State offers exceptional advantages for summer factions. Why not get up a "mosquito social," or a "snapping turtle raffle"? All that is needed to make fraternity flourish in summer is a little thought. Hold your after-meetings under the green-wood tree and you'll be none the worse Foresters. The brother who wants his lodge to adjourn over the hot months should hire out to an ice company. He would make a good advertisement; but his skin is warmer than his heart. Fraternity does not need summer holidays, because true fraternity is itself a holiday—the holiday of souls weary of the world's selfishness and bruised by the world's strife.

Speech of the S. C. R. at Court Sherwood Forest.

The Supreme Chief Ranger on rising was received with great applause, and with the singing "For he's a jolly good fellow" and "He's a daisy just now." He said, among other things:

CHIEF RANGER AND BRETHREN OF COURT SHERWOOD FOREST AND VISITING BRETHREN,—I thank you for the very hearty manner in which you have received the toast of the Supreme Court and the

Supreme Chief Ranger. You all know the kindness of the Supreme Court to me at its last session in, among other things, giving me a four months' holiday. Some of you knew the state of my health when, in obedience to the orders of the Supreme Court, I left for the Orient last February on my four months' holidays. The rest which I enjoyed during the ocean passage to Egypt, and the relief from the cares and responsibilities of office did me some good, but to be candid with you, I must tell you that the real improvement did not begin till, after visiting Jerusalem, I turned my face homewards. The order of the Supreme Court, as you know, was that I should go away and stay away for at least four months, but after five weeks of absence from this magnificent Temple of ours, I felt such an irresistible desire to be back here again in the midst of my colleagues and staff, that I felt sure my best plan was to turn homewards. I am not certain but that this intense desire to begin the homeward journey was due in part to my great anxiety regarding the status of the Order in the United Kingdom. By the laws of Great Britain we are required every five years to file with the Board of Trade, which is the Insurance Department of Great Britain, a "Valuation Report." Myself as well as the Executive Council had been more or less anxious regarding this report, and the letters which I received, just prior to my departure, with respect to this subject, were not as satisfactory as I could have wished. This, you may be sure, served to increase my anxiety about it to such a degree that I could not rest till I had begun my journey from the Orient back to London. You will be glad to learn that owing to the judicious management of this matter by Bro. Marshall, the able General Manager of the United Kingdom, I found, on my arrival in London, all matters connected with our Order in a much more satisfactory condition than I had anticipated. The work of the Actuary, one of the ablest in England, respecting our "valuation report," was about completed, and I found it to be exhaustive as well as comprehensive, and eminently satisfactory (applause). I am quite sure, when we are permitted to make public the confidential letter of the Actuary, which accompanied the report, that you and every Forester will be more proud of the Order than we have ever been before, and you will be more than ever satisfied that the I. O. F. rests on a sure and permanent foundation (great applause). I cannot say any more at present except to tell you that the report has been pronounced by the officials to be "re-editable," and those of you who understand the English official character, will agree with me when I say that this word means a great deal to us (renewed applause).

The other matter to which I desire to direct your

attention very briefly is in connection with our revised rates. You know that very many brethren thought that the action of The Supreme Court at its last session regarding this subject meant certain disaster to the I.O.F. I must confess I myself expected a very great falling off for a time in the applications for membership; but when I tell you that from the first of January to date nearly 7,000 applications for membership have been received (applause), of which over 6,000 have been accepted, and that too without any special effort having been made by The Supreme Court to "boom" our work, I think you will agree with me that there is every cause for congratulating ourselves upon the present position of the Independent Order of Foresters (applause). Those of you who saw this morning's *Mail*, and read the synopsis of the Fraternal Societies Bill, which appeared therein, and which has just been introduced into the House of Commons by the Honorable the Minister of Finance, know that some of the provisions of the Bill are based very largely on the Act of Incorporation of the Independent Order of Foresters. I think this is a matter about which we can congratulate ourselves, as it indicates that we are on the right track (applause), and I venture to predict that before many years have passed you will find the majority, if not all of the surviving fraternal benefit societies, will be standing just where the I.O.F. stands to-day (renewed applause). But I must not detain you longer, except to say with reference to your singing that I am to be an angel by-and-bye (laughter), that, however pleasant such anticipations ought to be to anyone, I have no present intention of becoming an angel for awhile yet (renewed laughter). Let me now close by again expressing the great gratification I feel for this royal reception, and which is appreciated all the more because it is given by my own Subordinate Court.

Take the Centre of the Arena.

It is a common failing of even very superior men that after they have bravely struggled against adversity and achieved considerable success, they lose heart or interest in their task and fail in the work of completion. They are not good finishers. So it is with some of the fraternal. It has taken many long and weary years of incessant struggle for the fraternities to win the privilege of insuring the lives of their members openly and as of right. None can forget the way some of these orders have been belittled, sneered at by would-be actuaries, bullyragged by the great men of finance, viewed with suspicion by legislators, and pursued by injunctions and malicious perversions of the law. At one time the brethren of an Order meeting in their lodge-room, were held in much the same esteem as the early Christians meeting in the Catacombs.

But we have emerged, we are recognized, we are legalized, we are felt and we mean to win.

The day has gone by when the only class we could appeal to was that composed of the very poor. To-day we protect the merchant as freely as we do the laborer; and the lawyer examines our certificates and constitutions, and advances to the altar with as much confidence in our stability, as does the least studious working-man.

Bro Van Buskirk says:—"One of the 'bitter pills' for old-line companies to swallow is to see the fraternal distributing \$100,000 per day. This was the average in 1898."

There is more in it than a bitter taste. There is a bitter hunger and a terribly increasing emptiness. The old-liners are more and more being driven out of the field of straight life insurance. Their new policies are dream-like phantasies in which flit to and fro all sorts of alluring shapes of investment and shadows of profit; the payment in case of death is become a mere back-ground. In another ten years not an old-liner will be able to write anywhere a single straight life insurance policy. Why? Because, what with commissions to various agents, and dividends to shareholders, they cannot contest with the fraternities in insuring lives at a fair price.

But just here comes in the perversity of human nature. We have the enemy whipped, but instead of pursuing with horse, foot and Santiago ambulances, some of our good brothers are making elaborate flank movements. Instead of occupying the positions we have won in the field of insurance they go off on a by-path and talk "protection." They are not good finishers. Let us not weaken now. Let us take the centre of the arena and make the old-liners hunt their corners. The field of straight life insurance is our field.

Royal Foresters.

Editor FORESTER:

Replying to letter of John Burns, of Chicago, in last issue of FORESTER, asking when Toronto intended sending one of their crack regiments there. Now we have in Toronto an Encampment of Royal Foresters, and the finest trumpet band in Canada in connection with it, who are a semi-military organization and are well drilled and a higher degree of the Independent Order of Foresters. If a large I. O. F. demonstration and an Encampment could be got up in Chicago it would give the Order a grand advertisement and no doubt a great boom in that city, and I have no doubt but what arrangements could be made whereby the Encampment and band of the Royals of Toronto would be able to pay Chicago a visit this coming summer, say in the neighborhood of July 4th.

Yours, etc.,

C. A. STONE,
Col. Commanding
Temple Encampment, Toronto.

Death Rate for the Year 1898.

The following table shows the number of deaths, and the death rate per thousand, in the different jurisdictions. The last column shows the average death rate per thousand for the six years—1893 to 1898 inclusive:

Jurisdiction.	Average Membership 1898.	No. of Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000.	Average Death Rate per 1,000 for years 1893-1898.
British Columbia..	1,031	7	6.79	5.90
California.....	8,101	33	4.69	4.93
Colorado.....	273	0	8.04
Illinois.....	5,280	32	6.06	4.79
Indiana.....	1,912	12	6.27	6.10
Iowa.....	657	2	3.05	4.74
Maine.....	2,890	15	5.16	6.04
Manitoba.....	2,247	12	5.34	5.48
Michigan.....	13,132	63	4.79	5.61
Minnesota.....	3,957	15	3.79	4.04
Missouri & Kansas	1,975	5	4.65	3.47
Nebraska.....	385	3	7.79	5.71
New Brunswick....	5,624	33	5.87	6.75
New England.....	1,869	11	5.88	4.97
New Jersey.....	4,191	26	6.20	6.04
New York.....	12,272	76	6.19	5.35
North Dakota.....	2,126	13	6.11	3.98
N.-West Territories	913	7	7.67	6.24
Nova Scotia.....	3,159	9	7.59	5.67
Ohio.....	6,694	47	7.02	4.80
Ontario (Centre)...	10,333	65	6.29	5.57
(East).....	10,051	55	5.47	5.46
(West).....	13,246	76	5.74	5.72
Pennsylvania.....	1,400	4	2.85	3.52
Pr. Edward Island.	1,248	1	0	5.03
Quebec.....	13,380	97	7.25	6.97
Washington.....	786	7	8.90	6.18
Wisconsin.....	2,571	8	3.11	4.74
Gt. Britain & Ireland	4,551	23	5.05	3.97
Sup. Ct. Jurisdiction	634	0	4.00

The death rate per thousand of the entire Order for the year 1898 was 5.67, and the average death rate of the entire Order for the years 1893 to 1898, inclusive, was 5.57.

Yours in L., B. & C.,
T. MILLMAN, M.D., Sup. Phys.

A Corrected Definition.

An able contemporary, who is very particular about his fraternal phraseology, utters the following definition:

"We should never lose sight of the fact that a fraternal beneficiary society is a great co-partnership. It is not a corporation."

We know what the brother means. He means that a fraternity is not the heartless, grasping, soulless affair that the ordinary everyday corporation is supposed to be. Nevertheless, our contemporary's definition needs a little qualification in two respects.

First. In point of law and fact a fraternal benefit society is a corporation.

Second. A fraternal benefit society is *not* a co-partnership.

For the main distinction between a co-partnership and a corporation, is that in a co-partnership a man's liability is unlimited; in a corporation his liability is limited.

With these slight amendments the definition of our cotem. may stand.

The Foresters at Home.

(California Insurance Review and Business Record.)

There is an old saying—which is true in so many cases that it will bear much repeating—that "no prophet is without honor save in his own country." The vast success of the Independent Order of Foresters has brought down so many attacks upon it that we were curious to turn to the pages giving facts as to Canadian business of various insurance institutions, when we received the "Preliminary Statements of the Business of Life Insurance Companies in Canada for the year ending December 31, 1898"—through the kindness of Supt. Fitzgerald. We naturally expected to find that the Foresters had a very good proportion of Canadian business, but we were not prepared for the revelation given by the figures which showed the great strength of the Order at home. In the first place, excepting one industrial company, which it largely surpassed, it wrote nearly three times the business of any other insurance institution in the Dominion in 1898, and at the close of the year it had \$6,000,000 more insurance on its books than any other company in the same territory. Leaving out the largest Canadian company, it surpasses all others by \$44,000,000 or much more than double. In this connection it must also be remembered that the Order has been actively engaged in business for a much shorter time than a number of insurance companies. The splendid executive ability of the Order's able chief, Oronhyatekha, is still better shown when we consider that its business outside of Canada last year was two and one half times the Canadian business.

Before the Gavel Falls.

Johnny Cole read this essay before a recent meeting of the Juvenile Debating Club:

HANGING.

Hanging is what they do to a man that murders anybody and doesn't get crazy in time. They mostly hang poor men, because they haven't so many business cares and their minds are sounder. They sometimes hang women except when they insure their husbands. Pa says they don't hang them then, because they want to encourage thrift. In the States most anybody can take part in a hanging except the Sheriff. The Sheriff is generally overpowered and has to pass the keys out through the window. Then the leading citizens take the prisoner and hang him until he confesses and then they hang him till dead. Sometimes they have a sense of outrageous justice and then they burn him. We do things better in Canada. We have one man to do all the hanging and don't rope in amateurs. He gives his whole time to it and stands in with the Sheriff. The Sheriff just hands over Mr. Man and a fee and it's all done like posting a letter, something drops and you can't call it back. Pa says it's

so handy and quick they call it Radcliffe's Ready Relief, but ma says pa ought to be ashamed of himself. Pa jokes sometimes about hanging. The other day he told me serious-like to watch him hang up the butcher and tailor. But when we came to their stores pa was quite friendly and jollied them and said he'd be around soon again and square up. This is all I know about hanging, and maybe it isn't of much use nowadays to know anything more. It's a kind of monopoly in this country and the government doesn't seem to want to popularize it any or they wouldn't keep a clergyman called the Minister of Justice to unseat the fellows that have been elected for hanging. Least this is what pa says, but then pa ain't reliable on hanging.

Can Drink or Let It Alone.

Bro. Casey Gilfillan was in to-day. He has been drinking or letting it alone. This is his specialty. But Casey doesn't get half credit for either. The prohibs say he can't let it alone; and, worse than that, the boys say he can't drink a little bit. Casey says every man should work out his own experience; but last Thursday his would have been a month, if he hadn't preferred to pay for it in advance instead of working it out. To-day he started out with letting it alone, and then he switched on the alternative and began drinking; he hasn't switched back yet. This is the whole trouble with drinking or letting it alone. Drinking is cumulative, letting it alone is splendidly isolated, and the majority rules.

On War.

We have prepared the following data for the use of the Czar's Peace Palaver:

Modern wars are divided into three periods.

1st. The period of hostilities, lasting several weeks, sometimes months.

2nd. The period of war records (on which men run for office), lasting, say, 30 years.

3rd. The magazine period and pension period (which are concurrent), lasting for ever.

The soldier must face three pairs of evils:

1st. Bullets and ambulances.

2nd. Hunger and food.

3rd. Investigations and old age.

There are three difficulties about peace:

1st. It costs too much blood and treasure to maintain it.

2nd. The other fellow won't give up what we want.

3rd. There is no peace.

The High Courts.

HIGH COURT OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

The S.C.R. has received this letter:

PRINCE ALBERT, April 1st, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Our next H.C. meeting will open in Calgary during latter part of July next. Active steps are being taken towards making it the most interesting meeting yet held in the Territories. We will be glad if you as well as other S.C. officers will join us; dates can be fixed to suit your convenience. With kind regards,

Yours very truly, J. F. BETTS.

Among the Courts.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Court Lulu, No. 3700, Eburne, B.C., held its first concert and ball recently, which was a great success; over 35 couples being present. The concert closed at 10.50, when they all sat down to supper, after which they danced till daylight, and all went home with the girls in the morning.

CALIFORNIA.

MUSIC AND MIRTH IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The first social entertainment and dance given by the Independent Order of Foresters under the auspices of the City Board of Deputy High Chief Rangers, is now an event of the past. This brilliant event took place in the Odd Fellows' Hall, San Francisco, on Saturday evening, April the 8th. The hall, with a seating capacity of over two thousand, was packed to the doors, while hundreds were turned away. It was a representative gathering of San Francisco's citizens.

Bro. E. A. Mack, D.S.C.R., as master of ceremonies did himself and the Order proud. With his usual tact he carried out the excellent programme without a hitch.

Bro. T. P. Jarvis as floor manager was a whole team in himself. The boys and the girls have unanimously elected him permanent floor manager. We all swe. r by "Tay Pay."

The quiet, orderly way in which the large audience was seated is a sufficient indication that there was not a laggard amongst the reception committee, which was made up of the District Deputy High Chief Rangers of this city.

Hon. George A. McElfresh, High Chief Ranger of California, was the speaker of the evening. Although his speech was short, it was, as usual, bright and witty and was listened to with interest.

Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha was also called on for a speech. His arraignment of the master of ceremonies for attempting to mar a good programme by calling on him was productive of much laughter.

The announcement of the great improvement in the health of our beloved Supreme Chief Ranger was received with prolonged applause.

Mrs. Acland Oronhyatekha, gave a brilliant rendition of Ardit's beautiful waltz-song "Parla." She strengthened her hold on the hearts of all music-loving Californians by her encore number "Killarney."

By their generous applause the audience made evident their delight at the return from her long sojourn in the south of California's noted songstress, Mrs. Juliette E. Mathis. In her first song, "For all Eternity," she was especially sweet.

Mrs. Grace E. Dodge thrilled her audience by her singing of her opening number, "Delight."

The California Quartette, of which two, R. W. Smith and E. G. MacBain, are members of the Order, contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening. They form the star quartette of the West.

The floral tributes to the ladies who so kindly volunteered their services were such as only California can produce. Special mention must be made of the unique offering of Bro. G. A. Withers to Mrs. Oronhyatekha. It was a very large hand bouquet, and was an exact reproduction in colors of the emblem of the I.O.F.

Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence through illness of Hon. S. J. Duckworth, Superintendent of Organizers. It was through his untiring efforts that the whole affair was such a big success.

POP-CORN SOCIAL.

The members of Court San Antonio, No. 1297, held a pop-corn social on Tuesday, April 4th, 1899, to which they invited a number of their friends. All enjoyed themselves playing cards, eating pop-corn and other good things. Results, two applications, with more to follow.

M. T. LEONARD, C.D. and R.S.

Bro. Uber's zeal and energy have secured him a very complimentary testimonial from Court Silverado, No. 356.

The members of Court Temple, No. 510, tendered a complimentary benefit for one of its members Tuesday evening, which was attended by an audience that filled the hall of that Court. The programme, which was wholly by volunteers, was one of excellence, and comprised the following numbers: Selection, I.O.F. Orchestra; recitation, Mr. Wing; duet, Mrs. Drane and Miss Barry; reading, Miss Mayben; selection, orchestra; reading, Miss Hoover; bass solo, H. R. Mayben; reading, O. H. Hubbard; selection, orchestra. At the conclusion of the programme dancing was indulged in. The orchestra is composed of members of the Court. E. A. Beck officiated as master of ceremonies.

GILROY'S SALADS.

After the regular meeting of Court Gilroy, 819, the families and lady friends of the members were socially entertained in card-playing and dancing. Mrs. Forsythe and Mrs. E. H. Berry contributed readings, and Miss Genevieve Blake rendered a vocal solo. Refreshments were served, and the Foresters' wives and daughters praised for their tasty spread of salads and sandwiches, and especially for their delicious cake and coffee.—*Gilroy Advocate*.

INDIANA.

The brethren of Court St. Joseph, No. 1576, of South Bend, are furnishing watchers by the bedside of Bro. Van Grundy, who met with a very distressing bicycle accident recently. Bro. Barnard, C.R., took the first tour of duty.

At the last regular meeting of Court St. Joseph, No. 1576, Bros. LaFortune and Peach, R.S., presented their Court with a framed portrait of the S.C.R. The Court has 98 members, with one application pending and 99 hustling to get the hundredth. When they do capture him, then they are all going to get together for the first time since the Court was installed and celebrate.

MAINE.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Bonney, of Princeton, for \$1,000 Mortuary Benefit carried by her son, Manney Bonney. Bro. John B. Mercier has been appointed to administer the estate.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Penobscot, No. 1186, of Old Town, upon the death of the late Bro. Joseph D. Beattie.

MANITOWA.

(Clipping from *Manitou Misc. cury, Manitou, Man.*)

The Independent Order of Foresters deserves to be commended for promptness in settling death claims. Mr. Thomas Hagyard died on the 6th March, and was buried on the 8th. The claim papers in his case were made out and went away on the 10th, and a cheque for \$1,000, the full amount of his insurance, was received by the officers of the Court here on the 27th. The following letter of thanks has been received from Mrs. Hagyard:—

MANITOU, April 6, 1899.

The Financial Secretary, Court Manitou, No. 135, I.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—Please accept my sincere thanks, and also convey to your Court and the Supreme Court my sincere thanks for the very prompt manner in which the insurance on the life of my late husband has been paid.

I am also very grateful to the officers and members of Court Manitou for their kindness to my husband during his illness. My earnest wish and prayer is that your noble Order may continue to prosper.

Yours respectfully,

ELIZABETH G. HAGYARD.

MICHIGAN.

Reception to the High Chief.

The Foresters of Court Franklin, No. 369, were well represented Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, Lapeer, where a short executive session was held, after which an informal reception was given in honor of Bro. W. E. Brown, the new High Chief Ranger of the eastern division of Michigan.

When all were seated in the audience room, Miss Myrtle Elliott and Master Roy K. Lawrence appeared on the scene unnoticed by the High Chief Ranger, carrying with them a gavel tied with red, white and blue ribbons, upon which were inscribed: "Hail to the Chief," "Compliments of Court Franklin, No. 369," "Col. W. E. Brown, Lapeer, Mich.," and "Foresters' Temple, Detroit, Mich., March 1, 1899," the latter referring to the place and date at which he was elected to his present high position. The gavel was made from a naval orange tree, purchased nine years ago at Riverside, California.

As the little couple came to where the High Chief Ranger was sitting, G. N. Lawrence arose and addressed Bro. Brown, using these words:—

"High Chief Ranger Brown, as you have passed the highest office in the gift of Court Franklin, No. 369, and have been selected from among many Courts in Michigan as High Counsellor for the High Court of Foresters, and now you have been chosen and exalted to the highest position that can be attained by any Forester in this jurisdiction outside of the Supreme Court—that of High Chief Ranger—therefore it gives us great pleasure on this occasion to present you as a token of our esteem this gavel entwined with the national colors, with the uses of which you are already familiar. Take it, my brother, and may you, as High Chief Ranger, preserve order and decorum at all meetings during your term of office. Whatever may be your environments, let nothing occur to prevent the brethren at the close of your term of office to be able to say sincerely, 'Well done.'"

The "Colonel," who is always equal to the occasion, admitted that it was a complete surprise to him, but responded at length. Among other things he said that Court Franklin had the distinction of being the only Court in Michigan which had furnished the High Court of Foresters with the second High Chief Ranger. He not only regarded it an honor, but expected at some future time to see this same Court represented with another superior office.

The ladies then furnished light refreshments, after which the evening's entertainment closed with several impromptu speeches interspersed with recitations and music furnished by the Misses Florence Robinson and Myrtle Elliott.

Bro. Collins, S.T., Visits Jackson.

One of the most notable meetings of the Foresters in Jackson took place at the lodge room in the John Webb block last evening. Not only was the session one of importance from the standpoint of admission of members, but also from the fact that several of the high officials of the Order were in attendance. Courts Gibraltar and Van met in joint session, there being present the greater proportion of the membership. During the evening a class of 20 candidates was initiated, the ceremonies being carried out in a manner highly satisfactory.

When the lodge work had been concluded the assemblage partook of light refreshments, after which the Foresters were called to order by Bro. George J. Genebach, who delivered an address of welcome, the response being by Grand Counsellor W. J. Sampson, of Hillsdale. Vocal solos were rendered by J. B. Foote and Dr. H. D. Hodge, a piano solo by F. G. Adler, jr. J. H. Zaver responded to the toast, "The New Forester," J. M. Adams to "Court Gibraltar," and W. A. Crouch to "The Prison City." Supreme Treasurer Collins gave an interesting address on the growth of the Order. There were in addition several interesting impromptu remarks made by various members of the Order.

At present Forestry in Jackson is enjoying a prosperous growth, there being two courts, with a membership of over 250, and two ladies' auxiliaries.

Decorations and Honors at Wyandotte.

Bro. W. H. Sparling, H.T., visited Court Wissahickon, No. 3785, on Monday evening, March 27th. We are always glad to have Bro. Sparling with us; his speeches are enthusiastic and infuse new life into the brethren who hear them. Bro. Sparling also presented our Court with a beautiful set of officers' badges. Our different Bro. Officers paraded around with the new badges as proud of them as a boy would be of his first pair of pantaloons.

To say the least we are all proud of our new badges and are very grateful to Bro. Sparling and trust that he will soon come again.

Court Wissahickon is also again honored by having one of our brethren, Henry Rohrig, our Fin. Sec., elected by the people of our beautiful city as Mayor of Wyandotte.

Yours fraternally in L., B. and C.,
WILL TRAVIS, R.S.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Bro. Millard P. Brown of Court Adrian, No. 1078, for payment of disability claim. A local paper says:

"Court Deputy J. B. Richards, of Court Adrian, No. 1078, received a draft from headquarters this morning for \$1,000, which was delivered to Millard P. Brown, the photographer, who is on the permanent disability list of the Order, which entitles him to one-half the amount of his insurance. Mr. Brown has been suffering for some time with rheumatism, which has developed a complication of other ailments that have disabled him now for many months. On October 13th last he was examined by competent physicians and application made for permanent disability. Under the rules of the Order this application must be held on probation for six months, when if there is no improvement, the member will be entitled to his benefits. In the case of Mr. Brown he grew worse instead of better, and the disability claim was allowed, and the check as above stated arrived here to-day, three days before the six months' probation had expired. This prompt method of doing business, deserves commendation. The relief comes to Mr. Brown and his family as a glad ray of spring sunshine, and proves the old adage that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

A New Rap and Password.

A special meeting of Court Owosso, No. 669, was held in their hall on the night of April the 19th. High Court Deputy W. M. Bunkert, of Detroit, Mich., was working in the interest of the Court, and at that meeting there were 6 applications for membership voted on and accepted to ride on the goat of Forestry. While the meeting was in session and everything was still and quiet, there was a rap on the door of the obligation room and in came the ladies of Court Alta, No. 21, Companion of Foresters, with baskets full of good things for the inner man. After lunch was finished, Bro. W. M. Josslyn, Chief Ranger of Court Owosso, stated that the ladies of Court Alta had planned the surprise on Bro. Bunkert and to show their regard for the brothers.

Bro. Bunkert, High Court Deputy, spoke of Owosso as a place long to be remembered in his days to come, for the visible efforts for the up-building of Forestry in this city, and he hoped to return again some day and find the same loyal band of workers for Liberty, Benevolence and Concord. After the address cards and dancing were indulged in for a short time, after which the Brothers and Sisters departed for home; and may Forestry live and prosper.

JOHN VAN HOTES, R.S.,
Court Owosso, No. 669.

ADRIAN, MICH., Apl., 10th, 1899.
Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.,
Toronto, Can.

DEAR SIR AND BRO,—Yours of the 8th inst., containing cheque No. 15344, in payment of Bro. M. P. Brown's permanent disability claim is duly received. I immediately delivered same to the Brother and will state if I had received \$5,000 I could not have been more elated than to see the look of thankfulness on his face when I handed him his cheque. It came just right, in fact three days sooner than we expected it, and think it will do a power of good for Forestry in Adrian.

Three cheers and a tiger for Forestry.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
J. B. RICHARDS, C.D.

HARBOR COURT, No. 268,
SAND BEACH, Jan. 30th, 1899.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER AND BRETHREN,—While God in His infinite wisdom has chosen to remove from this earth the holiest tie that bound me here, and while money can never replace the sunshine, happiness and love in my home, I sincerely extend my heartfelt thanks to you, and to the Supreme Court through you, for the provision made by this Order for the widows and fatherless, and pray God's blessing upon the Order and members throughout the land.

Yours in sorrow,
MRS. CHRIS. WELLOCK.

MINNESOTA.

Court Kilkenny, No. 3171, showed a net gain of 70 per cent. from Jan. 1st, 1898, to Jan. 1st, 1899, and a gain of 20 per cent. from the time of institution to the present time.

It does not appear as if the new rates would retard the growth of this Court in view of the fact that three applications have been received since Jan. 1st, 1899, a very good showing for the vicinity.

Court Lake Pepin, No. 1096, Lake City, on Mar. 20th, initiated three candidates after which refreshments were served and a general good time was participated in by a large attendance. This Court has increased its membership 25 per cent. since Jan. 1st, 1899, and has a number of applications on file.

Court Adelphi, No. 1505, Minneapolis, will give one of their enjoyable entertainments and smoke socials on Wednesday Evening, April 12th, 1899.

Court Red Wing, No. 980, held the most enthusiastic meeting Monday evening, March 13th, that it has held for some time, made so by the presence of Bro. Robt. Kidney of Toronto, Can., and Bro. F. Campbell of Ellsworth, Wis.

Bro. Kidney dwelt about an hour on the principles and benefits of the Order. After the meeting refreshments were served and everyone went homesatisfied and anxious to get out and work for the interest of the Order.

The High Court of Northern Minnesota is to be commended for the manner in which the work of organization has been pushed since the institution of the same by our beloved S.C.R. June 30th, 1898. Since September they have added twelve new Courts besides strengthening a number of weaker ones throughout the jurisdiction. High Secretary Bro. A. McG. McDonald has just returned from the Red River Valley, where he visited with Courts Crookston, Philothien and Artesian, and reports that Forestry is becoming very popular throughout the Valley, and speaks in glowing terms of the royal manner in which he was received and entertained in the Courts he visited. He regrets his inability to extend his visits to other Courts in that vicinity.

At the time our High Court was instituted we only had two Courts on the St. Vincent line of railway; thanks to the energetic work of Bro. J. L. Coleman, D.S.C.R., to-day there is only one town on the entire line that has not got a Court of I.O.F., and Bro. Coleman expects to capture that town in the near future. Bro. F. L. Laing, D.S.C.R., has done some very efficient work among our old and weaker Courts, to wit, Aitken, No. 3443, and Mille Lacs, 3622, besides instituting at Brainard and Cloquet and at Nickerson on April 3rd.

Bro. Coleman instituted a new Court at Lakeside, a suburb of Duluth, on the 23rd March, with a full charter list, making the eighth Court that he has instituted since Sept. 5th, 1898. He expects to institute a Court at Proctorknott in April, besides a Companion Court at Lakeside. The new Court at Lakeside makes six Courts in existence in the city, besides two Companion Courts, with a prospect in the near future of two more Companion Courts. The interests of our beloved Order are well looked after in this jurisdiction. In January, Courts Commerce, Loyal and East Duluth consolidated to curtail expenses; the name Court Commerce was retained, and the Court is in a very flourishing condition and confidently expects to catch up in membership to Court Duluth, No. 724, although Court Duluth has over 400 members.

Court Duluth was very happily surprised at her last meeting by a visit from Companion Court Pride of Duluth. A very happy evening was spent. After the business of the evening was completed the Court went into social session, which was interspersed by music, cards and dancing.

The new Court at Lakeside are very energetic Foresters; when only one week old they issued invitations for a social and dance to be held on Easter Monday evening, April 3rd.

Enjoyable Basket Social

Court Central Duluth, No. 1727, had another of its enjoyable basket socials at Sloan's Hall, West End. There was a large crowd present. Some of the baskets were the finest ever put up at any of the socials, and one brought as high as \$3.80. The dancing was kept up until four o'clock in the morning. As usual when Court Central entertains, everybody had a delightful time. The committee expresses itself greatly indebted to Mr. Sloan for his assistance in making the affair a success.

Thanks the I.O.F.

James Duane, Esq., Chief Ranger Court Central Duluth, No. 1727, Independent Order of Foresters:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I deem it my duty to convey to you, and through you to your associate officers and members of Court Central Duluth, No. 1727, I.O.F., the officers of the High Court and Supreme Court, my most heartfelt gratitude for the kind consideration of the Order during my present illness and disability, and for the recent payment to me by the Order of the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) amount allowed me by the Order owing to my disability. Trusting that the Order, in which I believe I was providentially directed to apply for membership, may continue to flourish, and be a further blessing to suffering and bereaved humanity.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
JOHN HILL.

Duluth, Minn., March 28, 1899.

MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 30th, 1899.

March was one of the brightest months that Court Eastside, No. 874, has had for some time. Two very interesting meetings were held in the month, and as some very particular work has been

carried on at both meetings, our attendance shows an increase. Although new members have been a little scarce, Eastside will open the second quarter of the year with some fine initiatory work, to be followed by a steady growth until she stands on the topmost round of the ladder of success. As the members of Court Eastside do not believe in looking backward, they can see nothing but a bright future before them.

Yours fraternally,
L. E. CRAWFORD, R.S.

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, NEB., March 27th, 1899.

To officers and members of Court Omaha, No. 1091, I.O.F.:

GENTLEMEN,—It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge receipt of draft No. 15207 for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), in payment of benefit certificate, No. 190689, held by my late husband, George W. Armstrong.

Allow me to thank the members of your Court for their courtesy and kind attention in my bereavement, also for your prompt payment of said certificate.

Yours gratefully,
GRACE C. ARMSTRONG.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A Pointer.

Bro. W. J. Southern, R.S., of Court Washade-moak, No. 1394, suggests that the Foresters of New Brunswick should hold a monster demonstration this summer in St. John or some other suitable place. He says:

"I feel that if we had a massing together of a large body of Foresters from the different Courts in the Province that it might be the means of driving out that lethargy which appears to at present exist.

"I have no doubt that if the officers of the High Court were to take the matter in hand that it might be brought to a successful issue, and, on the occasion some of our worthy Supreme Court officials might be induced to take part in the proceedings of the day, with, probably, our grand old Chief at the head of it, who, I feel sure, would receive a very warm and cordial welcome from the brothers of this Province.

"I am comparatively a new member of the Order, only having joined in the summer of 1897, but may say that I have never regretted having become connected with what I consider the best fraternal society in the land at the present day, and have done my utmost to encourage the members of the Court to take a lively interest in the Order to which I have the honor to belong. Having the principles of Forestry thoroughly at heart I would like to see the membership rise to at least 250,000 by the end of the present year.

"I trust you may be able to find space in your next issue for the above, and also hope that the High Court of N.B. will give it their serious consideration."

How to Get Light Without Medicines.

COURT GREEN BAY, No. 786,
PORT ELGIN, N.B.

To the Supreme Court, I.O.F., Toronto:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the beautiful souvenir lamp presented to me for securing six new members in one month. I appreciate it very much and tender my heart-thanks for it. I am sorry so few took advantage of your offer and did not secure some of the gifts, as well as help along our noble Order.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
CHRISTIAN SUNDRY.

HARDWICK, N.B.,
April 6th, 1899.

To the members of Court Fairland, No. 3359, I.O.F.

GENTLEMEN,—I desire through you to express my sincere thanks to the Supreme Executive of the I.O.F., for the prompt payment of the endowment of \$500 on the life of my late husband, John A. Mills, a member of your Court.

MRS. MARY MILLS.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Court Terra Nova, No. 4040.

News, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Last evening a meeting was called in the K. of P. hall, Water Street by Mr. J. H. Gilmore, the Organizer of the Independent Order of Foresters, for the purpose of organizing a branch in this city. The Court starts with a charter list of over 38 members, and will be known as Court Terra Nova. It will meet in future on the last Thursday of each month in some hall yet to be decided upon.

In the address which Bro. Gilmore made, he spoke with some pride of the fact that wherever the members of this island visit abroad, be it Great Britain, Ireland, Norway or Sweden, United States or Canada, they would always find members of the Order to give them the right hand of fellowship, and, if need be, to alleviate their needs without reference to the country from whence they came or the altar at which they worshipped.

Mr. Soper was then appointed Secretary *pro tem*, and the following will be the first officers of the Court, viz.:

C.R., Dr. Hallett; V.C.R., J. F. McGrath; P.C.R., George Neal; Rec. Sec., H. Cowan; Fin. Sec., S. E. Garland; Orator, S. Woods; Treas., E. H. Davey; Supt. Juv. Courts, W. Soper; C.D., W. O. D. Kelly; S.W., M. Sullivan; J.W., R. Crosbie; S.B., W. J. Allan; J.B., W. F. Butler; C. Phy., Dr. J. S. Tait.

There are other Courts in process of organization in this city, and before leaving Mr. Gilmore expects to have a good High Court together with a Court of Companions, for the I.O.F. gives the same benefits to ladies as men, and at the same rates.

The *Trade Review*, of St. John's, says: The Foresters' Society which is about to be established here, is one of the most successful mutual benefit institutions in the world; one has only to read the figures which are published in to-day's issue, to perceive the immense advantages to be derived by

its members. Apart from the financial aspect the purely fraternal side is worth considering. It is non-denominational and non-national, and has its branches on both sides of the Atlantic. Its broad platform, by accepting men of all creeds, has done more to promote tolerance and Christian charity than any similar institution in the world. Mr. Gilmore, the gentleman who has come here to institute the branch, has been for many years connected with the Society, and he will be pleased to give additional information to any person desiring it who calls at the Crosbie Hotel.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

BERLIN, N. H.,

February 16th, 1899.

To the members of Court Maynesboro, No. 1468,
I.O.F.

GENTLEMEN,—I desire through you to express my sincere thanks to the Executive Board of the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. for the very prompt payment of the endowment of \$1,050 on the life of my late husband, David Lefebvre, a member of your Court. My husband died Feb. 3rd, the certificate was received in Toronto on the 6th, and the cheque was sent on the 9th.

I also wish to return my deep gratitude to you all for the beautiful flowers, kind attention, and sympathy shown me in my sad bereavement.

May your noble Order ever prosper and be a blessing to those in need.

Yours sincerely,

JENNIE LEFEBVRE.

NEW JERSEY.

Public Installation of Court Provident, No. 3130,
of Westfield, N.J.

The lodge-room of Court Provident, No. 3130, at this place, was filled by an appreciative audience on Monday evening, March 27, at which time the recently elected officers were installed publicly.

Alexander Dick, of Elizabeth, High Journal Secretary installed the officers, assisted by J. H. Davis, of Elizabeth, High Secretary; Frederick Severs, of Elizabeth, High Treasurer, and A. W. Sharrat, High Vice-Chief Ranger. The officers installed were: Chief Ranger, E. W. Chamberlin; Vice-Chief Ranger, E. N. Brown; Financial Secretary, C. A. Brown; Recording Secretary, Louie E. Hendrickson; Treasurer, J. F. Dorvall; Chaplin, T. Thompson; Court Deputy, Elmer E. Love; Senior Woodward Dr. T. R. Harvey; Junior Woodward, Chas. Michael; Senior Beadle, Martin Canfield; Junior Beadle, R. M. Stickle.

After the installation exercises, which were very interesting, came an entertainment. Louie E. Hendrickson acted as master of ceremonies and first introduced Miss May Stoddard, of Elizabeth, who favored the audience with a well rendered piano solo. She was followed by Miss Effie Dick, of Elizabeth, with a sweetly sung solo which was loudly applauded. The next to favor was Miss Alice Dick, who also sang a solo in a rich, clear voice, which was much appreciated by those present, as the applause denoted. John Ferris, of Elizabeth, kept the audience in a roar of laughter for several minutes, after which High Journal Secretary Dick made an interesting address in which

he told of the advantages of being a member of the Independent Order of Foresters. J. H. Davis, of Elizabeth, also rendered several solos and recitations.

The entertainment being finished, light refreshments were served by John Slater, the stew rd of the Westfield Social Club. The hall was prettily decorated with palms and plants. The committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of Messrs. C. A. Brown, Elmer E. Love and Louie E. Hendrickson and they were ably assisted by all the members of the Court.

The members of Court Provident did not cease their labors at the close of the entertainment but at once started out to hustle and as a result a special meeting of the Court was held on the following Thursday evening, at which time eleven new applications for membership were received; many of the applications were those of business and professional men. Court Provident expects to soon have for one of its members Matthias Sinclair, of Court Eggleston, Chicago, who is now a resident of this place. He was formerly Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger and an organizer of courts in the west. The members of Court Provident intend to double their membership before the year passes.

Court Ridgedale Smoker.

Court Ridgedale, No. 1564, is one of the most progressive institutions of the town and is adding to its membership every meeting. Thursday evening, April 13th, the Court gave a smoker which proved to be a very enjoyable affair, and was attended by 250 members and their friends. Alderman Lines, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, presided. The guests of honor were High Chief Ranger Titsworth, and State Deputy Dick, both of whom expressed their pleasure over the prosperous condition of the Court. Sharrette's orchestra, Geo. Horne, and a phonograph were the professional features of the entertainment, while solos were sung by Messrs. Mullen, Keefe, Smith, Barnes and others, a number of speeches were made by the guests, and a cake walk also brought down the house. Refreshments were served.

NEW YORK.

Court Earnest of Brooklyn, only instituted in December last, starts off with the ring of success by holding a pleasant gathering in the court-room, where an enjoyable evening was spent in social cultivation. Bro. T. W. Smith, District Deputy, was present and appreciatingly thanked the brethren for the enthusiasm manifested, instructing them fully in the secret work, for which he was very heartily thanked by Bro. John Keefe the Chief Ranger. Remarks were made by Bros. Thos. Maher, Treas.; C. H. Bowden, Fin. Sec.; Andrew Thiel, Senior Woodward and C.D.H.C.R., Alfred E. Jackson. The hospitality of Court Earnest was fully appreciated by the visiting brethren. The Chief Ranger, Bro. Keefe, offered a handsome prize to any member bringing in the first five members. Court Deputy Jackson presented the Court with a beautiful frame for the Charter, which was hung at the head of the court-room, with impressive ceremony, by District Deputy Smith. It is evident from the interest already manifested by the members of this Court that it will soon be one of the leaders in the City of Churches.

We have received grateful acknowledgment of prompt payment of Mortuary Benefit of our late Bro. R. Braun of Court Rochester, No. 1687, from his father, Julius Braun.

Sensations at Dunkirk.

At their last meeting in their hall in the Sullivan Block on Central Avenue, Dunkirk Court, No. 3964, initiated seven candidates and then had a banquet, about 80 covers being laid. Guests were present from Brocton, Westfield and Silver Creek. Among the toasts was the following: "Sensations Experienced by a New Candidate," Dr. G. G. Hollister.

A Brisk Little Court.

WEST STOCKHOLM, N.Y., April 1st, 1899. Court West Stockholm, No. 3693, is not quite eighteen months old; we commenced with sixteen members and now we have nearly forty. One new member joined at our last meeting, Mar. 28, the first one under the new rates, and we expect one to join at our next meeting, April 12.

This is one of the many examples of the growth of the Order, for the people appreciate a good thing when they get it.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
GEO. B. WADLEIGH, Chap.

Court West Stockholm, No. 3693, has suffered its first loss in the death, by pneumonia, of Bro. Calvert D. Lamb, a worthy and highly esteemed brother. This Court extends to the bereaved wife, children and friends, its heartfelt sympathy in this their sad affliction.

Card of Thanks.

ST. REGIS FALLS, N.Y., Mar. 15, 1899. To the Officers and members of Court West Stockholm, No. 3693:

DEAR SIRS,—I desire to return my most sincere thanks to you, and through you to the Supreme Court for the prompt manner in which you paid the endowment on the life of my late husband, Calvert D. Lamb, amounting to \$1,000. I also wish to thank the officers and members of Court West Stockholm, No. 3693, for their kind attention and sympathy during my sad bereavement.

Wishing your Order prosperity in its noble work, I remain,

Yours sincerely, CORNELIA A. LAMB.

Black Four Hundred.

The members of Court Brooklyn City, No. 1697, enjoyed their annual entertainment and reception at Apollo Hall, No. 102 Court street, Brooklyn.

Part I. of the programme consisted of a minstrel entertainment by the Court Brooklyn City Minstrels, under the direction of S. Simmons. They opened with the stirring chorus of "The Black Four Hundred's Ball." C. Erhardt officiated as interlocutor Bro Simmons as "bones," and F. Christopher artistically juggled the tambourine. Between gags and funny stories, vocal selections were rendered by J. E. Ryerson, F. Christopher, G. Christopher, S. Simmons and F. L. Sliter. The minstrel programme terminated with the singing of "Old Black Joe" by the entire company.

Part II. of the programme included Miss Lucy

Martin, a clever singer of coon songs; Kennedy and Anderson in an amusing sketch; F. L. Sliter, baritone; a sketch, "A Touch of Nature," by Bro. Simmons and Master Stephen Simmons, and selections by the Eagle Quartette.

Union Ball at Syracuse, N.Y.

The ball opened by High Marshal Ford introducing P.S.C.R. Caldwell, who briefly stated the objects and benefits of the Order, and wound up with Byron's words: "On with the dance." At midnight Bro. Ford announced that Bro. Caldwell would lead the grand march, but Bro. C. ordered Bro. Ford to lead on with Miss Mamie Reiley, and he would "follow in the procession." The march was performed to the "queen's taste." This ball was a great financial as well as a social success, and a snug surplus will be divided among six loyal Courts, which represent the "best element." The country Courts were finely entertained, and voted the city Courts their thanks. Courts Martha Washington, Ruth and Naomi were invited guests and were handsomely entertained by the committees.

Over the orchestra was "our Henry's" moose head, displaying his broad antlers; on his left was Founder Caldwell's framed photograph, adorned with American flags, and on the right of the moose (emblem of the Order), was Dr. Oronhyatekha's (S.C.R.) full-size framed portrait festooned with the British, Irish and American flags. As Col. Caldwell was passing this group, a Lady Companion said: "Those pictures are three of a kind." "Yes," replied the veteran of 72 years, "and they always beat two pair ever since I knew them."

NORTH DAKOTA.

When does this Brother Sleep?

At the regular meeting of Court Mount Blanc, No. 630, Milton, on Wednesday evening, April 12th, our High Chief Ranger of the High Court of North Dakota, C.F. Clark, was present. Here reached our town about five o'clock p.m., and from that time until eight in the morning he by his untiring efforts received four applicants who were made Foresters at sight. Bro. Clark is an untiring worker for the good of the Order, and succeeded in arousing us to new efforts to further advance the welfare of our Court. We have now about 35 members, and hope to increase this number to 50 before July.

Fraternally,

GEO. P. GIBSON, C.D.H.C.R.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

Bro. R. C. Stovel, D.S.C.R., spent a few days in Fort Qu'Appelle in the interest of the Order, and succeeded in adding to the membership of the local Court very considerably. He attended the regular meeting of Court Qu'Appelle, 3902, Wednesday, 22nd inst., and in his official capacity conducted the business of the meeting, in the course of which he addressed the Court at considerable length on the good and welfare of the Order.

Independent Forestry at Kenlis.

A special meeting of Court Pheasant Plains, called for the despatch of business and to meet

Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Stovel, was held at the schoolhouse, Kenlis. There was a large attendance, and in addition to the regular business three new members were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and an address to the members delivered by the visiting officer. After the Court closed refreshments were served and short speeches and songs enlivened the remainder of the evening. The members of Court Pheasant Plains contemplate the erection of a fine new hall in which to hold their meetings and serve other purposes as well, and, no doubt, as with everything undertaken in this progressive district, the undertaking will be successful.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Court Blomidon, No. 951, of Wolfville, gave a very successful reception on the evening of Friday, March 31st, in the Assembly Hall of Acadia University. Members of Courts Evangeline, of Kentville, Habitant of Canning, and Rand, of Hantsport were present by invitation. It is estimated that from 800 to 1,000 persons were present. Bro. F. M. Logan presided, and gave an appropriate address. Addresses were also given by Rev. Mr. Donkin, and Dr. Keirstead. The Wolfville band gave a number of selections which were much enjoyed, as were also the piano and concertina solos by Prof. Adams. The programme also included well rendered vocal solos by Mr. L. W. Sleep, songs by the Foresters' Quartette, comprising Bros. Sleep, Woodman, Starr and Morse; readings by Mrs. B. G. Bishop and Bro. Logan, and violin and cornet solos by Prof. Duston, of Boston. A pleasing feature of the evening was an intermission of half an hour which was spent in promenading and conversation, while the band rendered appropriate music.

The bringing together of neighboring Courts and friends of the Order in this manner is clearly a move in the right direction.

By the death of Bro. Albert E. Coggins, Court Bryer, No. 800, of Westport, N.S., loses one of its best members. Bro. Coggins was in the prime of life, 42 years of age, and much respected by the community and beloved by his brothers of Court Bryer. His funeral, which took place yesterday, was attended by not only his own brother Foresters, but also by the Foresters of our Sister Court, Widows' Friend, and also by Tyro Division, No. 145, Sons of Temperance, and was the largest ever seen in our village. Bro. Coggins left a wife and two children, who have the sympathy of all in their great trouble; he was a devout Christian and we trust a heavenly seat in our Father's Court awaited him, and where he is to meet those gone before.

At-Home of Royal Jubilee, No. 114.

The largest and the banner Court of Halifax held its annual "At Home" at Foresters' Hall, Hesselein Building. The chairman of the entertainment committee, his associates, and the ladies who assisted in making the function a success, deserve congratulation. The room was prettily decorated with flags and bunting.

Some 300 were present, and it was an early hour in the morning when the affair broke up.

Court Seymour gives a Stag Dance.

The members of this enterprising Court gave a smoker, inviting the brethren of Court Chebucto

across the harbor to have a time with them. The members of these two Courts have a high opinion of each other, and another tie to bind them in good friendship was made last night. After the business of the Court had been transacted, and the visiting brethren had arrived in a body, Chief Ranger Hubley spoke a few words of welcome, and then proceeded with the programme.

Between each of the selections, speeches bearing on the welfare of the Order, and the good feeling existing between the sister Courts, were made by Bros. E. J. Pauley, J. Forsythe, H. S. Condon and D. McDonald, of Chebucto, and Bros. J. A. Zwicker, J. N. Scott and A. W. Purcell, of Seymour.

Abundance of smoking material and refreshments were provided. Bro. Donald Robb, chairman of the committee, can congratulate himself on the success of the smoker. At the close the Dartmouth boys indulged in a general breakdown, each grabbing hold of a Seymour brother for a partner. The fun waxed fast and furious till 11.40, when the Chebucto boys had to leave to catch the last boat, giving three cheers for Court Seymour as they went.

OHIO.

On Friday Evening, March 17th, Brother L. J. Beauchamp, the celebrated lecturer, traveller and writer, and a member of Court Ft. Hamilton, No. 1749, under the auspices of Court Aleph, No. 1610, Trenton, delivered one of his famous lectures on "The Agent of the Young Man." The discourse of two hours' duration was so eloquent, full of wit and humor, that he will again be called upon, in the near future, to entertain another audience.

On April 5th the Courts at Canton held a union meeting in the hall of Court Brady, No. 1557, it being the conclusion of Supreme Deputy Evison's stay of a week or ten days in that city, during which time he was instrumental in securing twenty candidates. About twenty-five of Court Pride's members came down from Akron, and with their team, under the able directorship of Bro. Gonder, initiated nine of the new candidates in exemplified form. After the conclusion of the business, the assemblage, numbering in the neighborhood of one hundred, adjourned to the "Yohe House," where a bounteous spread was awaiting them. Brother Hauser, Recording Secretary of Court Brady, No. 1557, delivered an eloquent address of "Welcome," which was followed by toasts on various subjects by P.H.C.R. Rogers, High Secretary Robeck, Supreme Deputies Evison and Philip, Chief Ranger Wright of Court Pride, and others. There is no doubt but that the members of the Courts in Canton have been very much enthused by Brother Evison's visit, and good results are looked for from now on. In view of the fact that there are so many fraternal organizations represented in this vicinity, the result accomplished by Supreme Deputy Evison cannot be passed without the most favorable comment.

The last meeting of Court Fremont, Monday, April 10th, was largely attended. Business of importance was transacted with a will. Resolutions were adopted bettering the conditions of our sick committee. The Recording Secretary wishes the Brother who got his keys would return them. One application was received. At the next meeting there will be a candidate initiated. Members are asked to attend, as other business will come before the Court. Resolutions were adopted in memoriam of our late Brother William Terbrack.

The entertainment and ball given by Court Ohio, No. 537, April 13, was a grand success, both financially and socially. The address on Forestry delivered by Brother W. G. Philip, Supreme Deputy, was brief but interesting, through which Court Ohio received another application.

A new Court was instituted at Barberton on April 22nd, charter list having 36 members. Name of the Court as chosen was "Magic City," (number not yet received). The instituting officer, Bro. Evison, D.S.C.R., after about three weeks of very diligent work, owing to the fact that there was so much competition with other fraternal organizations, succeeded in organizing a Court that the citizens of Barberton can very well feel proud of. He was assisted in his work by High Secretary, Bro. Robeck. About forty of the members of Court Pride of Akron chartered a street car and came over to assist in the work, and the initiating team, marshalled by Bro. Gonder, covered themselves with glory in the initiation of the new members. Several of the members of Companion Court Pride were also in attendance, desiring to surprise their husbands who were present. The material selected by Bro. Evison comprises some of the liveliest of Barberton's citizens, and a healthy growth is looked for.

BRECKSVILLE, O., Mar. 28th, 1899.

Court Brecksville, No. 1786, and Chippewa Lodge, I.O.O.F., spent the evening of Mar. 17th in having a general good time. The first part of the evening was spent in playing games, listening to music and a very interesting literary programme, after which all joined in partaking of supper, "warm sugar" being the principal feature. Dancing later on. All present reported having spent the evening in a pleasant and profitable manner. Yours in L., B. and C.

COURT BRECKSVILLE.

We have received a copy of the resolution of condolence sent by Court East Toledo, No. 3182, to Bro. Joseph Vincent on the occasion of the death of his beloved daughter Zoa.

DAYTON, OHIO.

Again has our Court been called on to mourn the loss of a worthy brother, Wm. D. Warwick, who died Wednesday evening, March 1st, just a short time before the opening of the meeting. A kind and loving husband and father and a genial companion in the workshop and Courtroom, he will be missed by all who were his associates.

His funeral took place from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, March 4th, and was attended by a large concourse of brother Foresters, as well as the Metal Polishers' Union, of which he was a member. He was buried with the rites of the Order in beautiful Woodland Cemetery. Peace to his ashes.

H. C. McREYNOLDS, R.S.,
Court Dayton, No. 1,000, I.O.F.

A letter of thanks has been received from the widow of Bro. Warwick, for prompt payment of endowment and funeral benefit.

Letters of acknowledgment have been received from Francis M. Reed, of Canton, for sick benefits, as well as thanking Court Brady, No. 1557, for brotherly attention; and from Mrs. Katie Yant, of Cleveland, for prompt receipt of mortuary benefit of her late husband, who was a member of Court Standard, No. 847.

ONTARIO.

Court Sherwood Forest, No. 3105, at its last regular meeting was attended by its distinguished and well-beloved brother, Oronhyatekha, M. D. Among the well-known members of this Court who gathered to greet the Chief were Major McGillivray, S.S., Bros. Bell-Smith, George A. Harper, A.S.C.R., Dr. Rose, W. H. Hunter, Atwell Fleming, H. T., Evison, D.S.C.R., and others. The visiting brethren were represented by Bro. Harry Collins, S.T., Dr. Millman, S. Phy., G. A. Wilson, H. V. C. R., and J. C. Morgan, P.H. V. C. R. Four candidates were initiated, and under the head of good and welfare Col. Paterson, P.H. C. R., gave an instructive address on the history of the I.O.F., and an inquiry into its financial stability. After the meeting had closed the members took the elevator to the ninth floor of the Temple, and were welcomed by the enlivening music of Bro. Gliomma's orchestra. The banquet hall was tastefully decorated, and a large assemblage of the brothers and guests filled the seats.

The Supreme Chief Ranger in response to the toast to his health, reminded his hearers that he had been requested to take four months' vacation, but had returned in five weeks. Those who know him intimately are strongly impressed with the difference these five weeks have produced. The tired expression has disappeared and the Chief's features are lighted up with the same fire of vivacity, and his voice rings with much the same vigor as when in his prime. He disclaims all immediate intention to be an angel. The matters of special interest referred to in his speech will appear in other columns.

The Executive was responded to by Major McGillivray, and Dr. Millman, and the High Court by Bros. Wilson and Morgan. Though Bro. Morgan was the last speaker of the evening, his loyal and patriotic utterances warmed the audience to enthusiasm.

Among the enlivening parts of the programme were recitations by Bro. Bell-Smith who gave a Cockney discourse having reference to Sir Enery Hirling in the "Merchant of Venus" which so delighted those present that Bro. Smith had to give a second one in the patois of the Habitant; character sketches by Mr. Youle, who can take a very part, from that of an impudent school-boy to that of an old kirk parson; and songs by Mr. Lincoln Carlyle, whose song of "The Baby on the Shore," made the delighted audience laugh "as they never did before." Every one present acknowledged this to have been one of the pleasantest Subordinate Court meetings ever held in the Temple.

Toronto, April 5th, 1899.

Court Lithos, No. 3030, held their monthly meeting in the court-room, Temple Building, last night at 8 o'clock. Bro. J. C. Morgan visited the Court and entertained the members to a very pleasing and instructive lecture (in a conversational way) on his six months' trip to Victoria, B.C., Crow's Nest Pass, and the mining districts. He described the way and means of travel through the mountains on cayuses (small native horses) by the bridal paths with their numerous turnings and terribly dangerous ascents and descents adjoining Wild Horse Creek, where the Chinese are busy at work in the mines. He spoke of the way the Chinese had of thieving, and the wonderful means they used in order to raise lettuce.

and horse-radish and other vegetable products. The gold and silver found in the sluices is carefully placed in a safe which they have on the spot by the owners of the mines. The safe is carefully guarded day and night by armed men.

During Bro. J. C. Morgan's stay in Victoria, B. C., he was entertained by the Chief Magistrate and Chief of Police, not in an uncivil way, but as a friend. Being a member of the I.O.F. no doubt endeared him to their hearts and best attention.

The Chief of Police escorted him safely through the Chinese quarters, where he witnessed some very wonderful things going on in their gambling dens and opium houses. He and the Chief were both armed with revolvers in case of trouble, but as neither of them were Irish no trouble occurred.

Bro. Morgan spoke in the highest possible terms of our worthy Chief, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and his wonderful perseverance in establishing for the benefit of mankind so noble an Order as the I.O.F. and said that only such a one as our aforementioned right trusty and well-beloved Chief could found an institution of the kind.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Morgan and graciously accepted by him, and with promise from him that he would again visit us, our Court was closed.

In L., B. and C.,
W. J. SYKE

Clarksburg, Ont.

Court Blue Mountain, No. 956, held their annual concert in the Music Hall here on the evening of March 14, and it was in every way a decided success. The chief attractions that brought an audience of over 300 out over very bad roads was the announcement that High Chief Ranger, Bro. W. B. Sanders, and the ever popular Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Barrie, would be present and deliver addresses in the interest of Independent Forestry, and take part in the entertainment.

It is a pleasing characteristic in both of these brethren that they always keep their appointments, and their visit here has greatly strengthened Independent Forestry. They were able to explain its workings, and by statistics show that it was the cheapest life insurance obtainable consistent with efficiency and safety.

Both brethren are hosts in themselves, and with the addition of local talent, including Mrs. C. E. Keast, Misses Cumming, Mr. W. B. Cruickshank, Mr. Carroll, and our own Chief Ranger, Mr. Clifford Sine, presented one of the best entertainments that we have ever had.

Independent Forestry is flourishing in the far-famed "Beaver Valley," and it is our sincere wish that Bros. Morgan and Sanders may long be prominently connected with the Order to which they are rendering such splendid service.

Dr. Frowert at Hamilton.

Dr. Chas. E. Frowert, of Philadelphia, gave his magnificent lecture on "Independent Forestry" at Hamilton.

The lecture was under the auspices of the city Courts, of which there are seven in Hamilton: Oronhyatekha, Amity, Hamilton, Orient, Pride of Barton, Alert and Benedict, meeting in the splendid hall over the Traders Bank.

Court Oronhyatekha.

LECTURE ON NATURAL SCIENCE AND PRESENTATION
TO R. S. FRASER.

The meeting of Court Oronhyatekha, No. 23, Mar. 27, was unusually interesting, a feature of the gathering being the presentation of a handsome fancy enamelled, gilt-mounted eight-day clock by the Court to R. S. Fraser, who had satisfactorily served the Court as Chief Ranger during the year 1898. Dr. McGillivray, the Court Physician, made the presentation in a neat speech of congratulation.

Bro. Fraser, who presided over the Court during one of its most progressive years, feelingly expressed his thanks for the clock and the many kind things said of him by the brethren present, and he said he would always have a warm spot in his heart for Court Oronhyatekha. The clock bore the inscription: "To R. S. Fraser, from Court Oronhyatekha, No. 23."

Chief Ranger Samuel Heath was in the chair, and after the regular Court business and the presentation ceremony were over, Dr. McGillivray gave a very learned and interesting address on "Natural Science."

Heard From at Last.

STRATHROY, ONT., March 2nd, 1899.

It may not be generally known by the world that there is a flourishing little town called Strathroy in Western Ontario, county of Middlesex, of about 4,000 inhabitants, situated on the banks of the picturesque and turbulent Sydenham river, in which there is a flourishing Court of the I.O.F., of about 100 strong, named Court Sydenham, No. 43, and it therefore may not be generally known, but nevertheless it is a fact, that the amount of pent-up hitherto unknown talent contained in this Court, is, we make bold to say, unsurpassed by any other Court in this jurisdiction, or possibly on the earth. Our C.R. Bro. W. F. Hill is the right man in the right place. We had a suspicion of this when we placed him there, and that suspicion has been more than confirmed. When he warms up to his work and waxes eloquent he is, well, simply immense; and then our V.C.R. W. J. Hamilton, his equal can, we believe, hardly be found; and as to our C.D., H.C.R. Bro. Win. Pole, with his genial manners and his beaming countenance, to say nothing of his profound knowledge of Forestry, he can hardly be eclipsed. Then there is our Recording Secretary, Bro. F. W. Reamey, with his gentlemanly bearing and pleasant address; his powers as an orator are far above the ordinary. We also must not fail to mention Bro. A. Reid, Trustee, whose eloquence as an orator is only exceeded by his extreme good looks and knowledge of the constitution.

We have with us now Bro. T. G. Davey, P.S. Treas., helping us to increase our membership in our Court, and we expect to be able to make an overwhelming report to you next month.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
JAS. B. HODGINS, F.S.

Meeting Addressed by Bro. the Rev. Archdeacon Davis.

On Tuesday evening, Mar. 9, the Rev. John Neelands opened the Foresters' meeting in the Fire-

men's Hall, called by the consent of Court Sydenham, by Organizer T. G. Davey, of London. The opening address by Bro. Neelands was inspiring and appropriately paved the way for the succeeding speaker.

Archdeacon Davis was pleased to address the Foresters of Strathroy. He liked to see ladies at such meetings as it is in their interest Forestry is largely carried on.

INSURANCE.

We must have insurance in our minds. It is a Christian duty to provide for our future by insurance. It is not only right but it is our bounden duty to make provision for the future. Leaving the principle of insurance as a Christian duty, the Archdeacon went on to declare his belief that insurance societies kept down crime and poverty in our land to a wonderful degree.

There had been societies, and the speaker had had dear experience of some of them, which did not fulfil their obligations. He valued his I.O.F. policy because the guarantee that it would be worth its face was sufficient to satisfy him. There is a reserve of nearly four millions. Not a dollar of the Society's funds can be handled by one man. It is not the cheapest society in existence. I am glad it is not, but it is safe. The cheque will come as sure as the member dies. I belong to several cheaper societies, but the premiums have been raising on me and I do not know where they will end.

As to the officers of the I.O.F., Dr. Oronhyatekha, the "Big Indian," as he is sometimes called, is the well known and beloved Supreme Chief Ranger. The Doctor is a big man, big in physique, big also in intellect, so big that a number of life insurance companies in the States have been trying to secure his services, offering him a very much larger salary than that derived from the I.O.F. The Doctor, however, preferred remaining with the Society which is virtually a product of his creative and executive ability. A short history of the Order was given from the time the present Supreme Chief Ranger took hold of it in 1881, when it had a little over 300 members and an indebtedness of \$4,000, up to the present when its membership numbers 148,000 and its surplus amounts to over \$3,200,000.

The death rate for the past few years in the I.O.F. has not reached six in the thousand. What a tribute to the care of the Supreme Physician and the lodge physician!

The At-Home held in Oddfellows' Hall, Chesley, under the auspices of Court Bruce, No. 28, was a decided success. The members, their wives and friends were engaged in playing progressive crokinole and other games until 9.30, when a halt was called and hot coffee, sandwiches, pie and cake were served in abundance.

A programme having been prepared, our genial Court Physician, Dr. J. M. Stewart, was called to the chair, and after welcoming the guests of the evening, gave a short address on the Order and career of Court Bruce. The Court, he said, had only lost four members by death in a period of sixteen years.

Miss E. Reid was called on for a solo, which was well rendered. A recitation from Mr. J. A. Dobie was greeted with applause. Bro. Barton, Secretary of the Court, gave a very pointed address on the history of the Order.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

The annual supper and entertainment of the I.O.F., of Kingsville, was held in their spacious lodge-rooms in Conklin block. There was a very large attendance, and ample justice was done to the good things provided by the ladies. Bro. J. R. Golden, local Chief Ranger, occupied the chair very efficiently.

The Foresters have made a steady growth here, and it is one of the most prosperous Orders in the town. It numbers over 128 and has had but few deaths in its ranks for years.

At the regular meeting of the Order last evening five new members were added to the roll and others are to follow through the efforts of Bro. W. J. Turnbull, D.S.C.E., who is working here in the interest of the Order for a week or two. Bro. Turnbull has also visited Court Cottam, No. 3435, with good results.

Court Sennfelder, No. 1,500, on Monday evening, March 8th, installed the following officers for the present year:—P.C.R., Bro. W. C. Jephcott; C.R., Bro. A. A. Adams; V.C.R., Bro. Chas. Likens; F.S., Bro. S. Finch; R.S., Bro. Geo. Marshall, Buntin, Reid & Co.; Chap., Bro. Taylor; Deputy, Bro. F. L. Bungay; Treas., Bro. Fred. Stone; S.J.C., Bro. E. Jackson; S.W., Bro. A. Lampert; J.W., Bro. Pringle; S.B., Bro. Moss; J.E., Bro. R. H. Ramsay, jr. At the close of the installation a friendly game of cards was played, and refreshments terminated a very pleasant evening.

NEWMARKET, ONT.

The members of Court Signet, No. 358, were honored during the month of March with a visit from Bro. Robt. Tinck, D.S.C.R., and as a result of his labors the membership of our Court has been considerably increased. Wednesday evening, Mar. 22nd, was the red letter night for the Independent Foresters of this vicinity, when Court Queensville, No. 834, consolidated with Court Signet, No. 358; the interests of the Supreme Court on the above occasion being ably looked after by Bro. Tinck, who, after the consolidation ceremony, made a very impressive and interesting address. Short addresses were also made by Bro. Brinson of Court Signet, and Bros. Wright and McKenzie of Court Queensville.

A resolution was passed endorsing the good work done by Bro. Tinck. While in our midst he proved himself to be a hard and faithful worker and we trust that he may be long spared to continue the good work of our Order.

After the regular business of the Court was concluded, refreshments were served and a fine luncheon was enjoyed. About midnight the members dispersed, all present declaring it to be the best meeting ever held by Court Signet.

From the enthusiasm displayed at this meeting you may expect to hear more of us in the future.

I am yours in L., B. and C.

THOS. DOYLE, F.S.

Bro. Tinck has also visited Court Cathcart, No. 1147, at Burk's Falls, with favorable results.

We have received word of the successful installation of Odessa, No. 424.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Letters of acknowledgment have been received from Rev. J. Ball for mortuary benefit of his son, H. E. Ball, Court Atwood, No. 782.

From Mrs. Clara Proctor for mortuary benefit of her late husband, Court Welcome, No. 12.

From Mrs. Rachel Colville for mortuary benefit and funeral expenses of her late husband, Court Sherwood, No. 868.

From Wm. J. Stevenson for sick benefits, Court Queens Valley, No. 3702.

From Mrs. Nellie Popham for mortuary benefit of her late husband, Court Metcalfe, No. 609.

From Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Farley for mortuary benefit of their late son, Court Forest Home, No. 431.

From Bro. David J. Irwin for sick benefits, Court Moonstone, No. 3004.

From A. P. Aylesworth for sick benefits, Court Selby, No. 1909.

From Thomas Clark for sick benefits, Court Forest City, No. 8.

From Mrs. Janet Forbes for mortuary benefit of her late husband, Court of the Knights, No. 3901.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The funeral of the late Charles G. Scott took place yesterday afternoon, and apart from the sorrowful nature of the solemnities was a notable gathering, in that it was a striking testimony to the standing of Bro. Scott in the community. Services were held at the family residence at Toad Hollow at 2 o'clock and at the First Methodist Church in this city at 3 o'clock. Rev. O. J. Gage, pastor of the United Brethren Church, conducted religious services and the Odd Fellows took general charge of the obsequies and conducted services according to the ritual of the Order at the church and at the grave. Members of the Foresters and K.O.T.M. also attended. Rev. Mr. Gage's sermon was a fitting tribute to the virtues of the deceased. The remains were interred at Oak Hill cemetery.—Bradford Daily Recorder.

To J. J. Freeman, C.D., and W. J. Dixon, F.S., of the Independent Order of Foresters.

DEAR SIRS,—I desire to express to you, and through you to the Supreme Court, and to Court Valient, No. 3351, of Bradford, my sincere appreciation for all the kindness shown me and to thank you for the promptness with which you have paid the \$2,000.00 due on the death of my late husband, Chas. G. Scott.

MRS. SADIE B. SCOTT.

Officers and members of Court Valient wish to express to the Supreme Court their appreciation of the promptness with which this claim has been settled.

J. J. FREEMAN, C.D.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The two Courts in the City of Charlottetown have secured the new hall in the Prowse block, and every Tuesday night in the year Foresters visiting the city may attend a meeting in this beautiful hall; either Court Avondale, Court Mt. Stephen, or Prince George Encampment will be in session.

All who know the popular Treasurer of Court Strathcona, Bro. Fred. Morris, will be pleased to hear that he has recovered from the operation for appendicitis performed upon him in the P.E.I. Hospital on March 9th.

Court Westmorland has secured a handsomely furnished hall, owned by the L.O.A., at Crapaud. This Court is one of the largest in the Province, and should follow the example of all progressive Courts and meet semi-monthly.

Court Onaway has been called upon to mourn the loss of another member, Bro. Stephen Weeks, who died on Mar. 23rd, aged 50 years.

The H.C.R. has lately visited Courts Onaway and Tignish.

By the following news item which has appeared in the Summerside papers, our esteemed H.C.R. may not be in a position to continue visiting the Courts as his new business may require all his time: "Mr. J. M. Clark has withdrawn from the firm of Schurman, Lefurgey, Clark & Co., (S side), and is about opening a lumber yard in the P. R. Baker premises on Water St. West."

A most enjoyable literary and musical entertainment was given in the hall at Brookfield, under the auspices of Court Wiltshire, No. 1189. The hall was crowded to the doors, and the greatest interest and enthusiasm greeted nearly every number on the programme while all were heartily received. Bro. E. Campbell, P.C.R. of the Court, presided in a very happy manner. Special mention ought to be made of J. W. Sutherland's singing, Bro. Gordon McKay's reading, and Bro. Clarke's capital address on Forestry. Rev. Bro. Miller also spoke in a happy vein. Bro. Fowler's recitation was very funny, and caused much mirth. The Foresters' ode closed the entertainment.

The officers elect of Court Westmoreland, No. 1105, of Crapaud, entertained the brethren of the home Court and the visiting brethren from Court Elliot, West River, to a sumptuous repast at the home of V.C.R. Bro. D. S. McQuarrie.

While the Court was in session, Mrs. McQuarrie, assisted by the wives of the officers, had laid covers for nearly forty guests, and, needless to say, there was a tempting variety of good things on the banquet tables. The tables and brilliantly lighted rooms were tastefully decorated with potted plants and flags.

After the various officers had been duly installed by P.H. Phys. Robertson, the brethren repaired to the banquet-room, where they did ample justice to the dainty preparations of the good sisters.

The speeches in reply to the toasts were of a high order, and were interspersed with music, Mrs. B. D. Howatt presiding at the organ.

The toasts were drunk in sparkling cold water.

QUEBEC.

The occasion of presenting Court Alexander, No. 3370 with a banner was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Bro. Victor Morin, S.V.C.R., and Bro. Breton, Supreme Organizer, graced the occasion by their presence, and an operetta and comedy were successfully acted.

A surprise party of Court Montmorency, No. 3274, presented Bro. Bellefleur, C.R., and Madame Bellefleur with their portraits. The festivities on the occasion will long be remembered.

Letters of thanks have been received from Bro. Thos. O'Hara, of Court Autumn Leaf, No. 3334, for prompt payment of sick benefit; from Mrs. Ed. Dubois, for \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband (Court Plessis, No. 401); from Mrs. J. B. A. Latour, for \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late

husband (Court Asbestos, No. 1784); from Mrs. L. T. Valcourt, for \$2,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband; from Mrs. Emma Fourier, for mortuary benefit of her late son.

MAGOG, Mar. 21st, 1899.

To the Secretary of Court Waterville, No. 1344, I.O.F.:

DEAR SIR,—I deem it my duty to convey to you, and through you to the Supreme Court, my most heartfelt gratitude for the kind consideration of your Order during my present illness and disability, and for the recent payment to me by the Order of the sum of \$500, amount allowed me by the Order owing to my disability.

Trusting that your Order, in which I believe I was providentially directed to apply for membership, may continue to flourish and be a further blessing to suffering and bereaved humanity,

I remain yours in L., B. and C.,

JOSEPH FISHER.

WISCONSIN.

NEKOOSA, Wis., Mar. 23rd, 1899.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.:

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the prompt manner in which my claim for \$1,000 was paid, being the amount of my late husband's policy in the I.O.F.

The circumstances connected with my husband's death made some delay, but was paid sooner than I expected.

Also many thanks to this Court and officers who helped me in my affliction. Wishing the I.O.F. every success.

Yours sincerely,

POLLY HENDRICKS.

GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

ENGLAND.

High Court of London.

On the 21st March last a most successful gathering of brethren in this jurisdiction was held, the proceedings taking the form of a conference for the increased prosperity of the Order. Bro. J. Marshall, H.C.R., opened the gathering in Court form and was supported by all the members of the High Standing Committee. Brief addresses having been given by Bro. Dr. Martindale C. Ward, P.H.C.R.; Bro. Walter G. Stott, H.S., and Bro. G. Emery, H.T., each of whom dealt with practical points incidental to their respective departments. The meeting was then thrown open for free discussion by the brethren. This advantage was greatly appreciated and led to much light being thrown upon various matters of importance and the general impression was that the gathering had proved a great success. Bro. B. B. Halford, H.V.C.R., submitted a series of rules (approved of by the H. S. Com.) in regard to a "Court of Instruction," which will supply a long felt want of London brethren. Bro. J. Marshall, in his concluding remarks, gave a most lucid reply to various points that had been raised and the best thanks of the brethren were tendered to him for the kindly manner in which he had provided "coffee and smokes" to increase the evening's pleasure.

Court Streatham holds the field in that portion of South London from which it takes its name. Periodically outsiders are admitted to the sanctum of the brethren there, and permitted to enjoy the sweets of high-toned social association. It has to be said that the brethren dispense their favors with an open hand, and that all that can be done to make a pleasant and profitable evening for their invited friends is carried successfully through. On April 13 ladies were included and ready acceptance of this invitation, which comes but once a year, came in to the entertainment committee and Bro. Barnard, C.R., gave formal and fitting welcome to the ladies and gentlemen present as visitors, and won golden opinions for the Order in doing so. Bro. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., was amongst those present. The programme was exceptionally good throughout, a rare thing to be able to say when it is made to include vocal and instrumental music, (including performance by the justly famed whistling Englishman), recitations, legerdemain, etc.

Eastbourne.

Under the happiest auspices, the members of Court Eastbourne, No. 2205, celebrated another of those enjoyable evenings on 13th April, which was graced by the presence of the Mayoress of Eastbourne (Mrs. H. W. Keay), and several ladies. The concert was held under the presidency of Councillor John Easter, who made a capital deputy for his worship the Mayor (Alderman H. W. Keay) who was engaged in London on important municipal business; the Deputy Mayor (Councillor C. O'Brien Harding) was also unable to be present owing to illness. The chairman said he was sorry these two distinguished gentlemen were not among them. Proceeding, he said he knew nothing about the Independent Order of Foresters, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, but looking at the list of gentlemen who called themselves brethren of the Order he thought it must be an excellent institution, otherwise they would not have associated themselves with it, Bro. T. E. Varley Kirtlan's name as C.R., being an excellent recommendation to others to join. He also understood that ladies were admitted in a portion of the Society.

The programme arranged by Mr. J. T. Parsons, the well-known musical director of the Court, was capably sustained.

Bro. T. E. Varley Kirtlan, at the call of the chairman, said on an occasion like that, on behalf of Court Eastbourne of the Independent Order of Foresters he extended to the Mayoress and the visitors generally a hearty welcome to their social evening. The benefits of the Independent Order of Foresters commended themselves to those gentlemen who were not already members of the Order, and any information desired would be given by any member. Lately a lady's branch of the Order had been started, which was called a Companion Court, in which ladies bore equal part with gentlemen in life assurance, with separate governance of their own Court, and he hoped they would shortly see a Companion Court established in Eastbourne. It remained for him to ask them to accord a hearty vote of thanks to Councillor Easter for his kindness, at short notice, in presiding over them, and also to the Mayoress for her kindness in coming among them. (Applause.) He asked them also to thank all who had assisted in the programme; particularly in this connection he mentioned the names of Mr.

J. T. Parsons, who had arranged the programme, and Mr. Wormald for his assistance in accompanying the vocalists. (Applause.)

The chairman thanked the company on behalf of the Mayoress and the kind words expressed about her presence, and also for the kind reception that had been accorded to him personally. It had given him great pleasure to be present with them, and he was almost tempted to ask to become a member of the Order. (Hear, hear.) He belonged to so many orders that he was afraid he had hardly got room for another one. From what he had seen and read of this Society, which commended itself strongly to all who liked to go in for life assurance, it seemed to him that it was worked on very good principles, and he was sure many were the benefits to be derived from becoming members of it. (Applause.)

The arrangements for handing round light refreshments, made by the stewards, Bros. H. S. Griggs, A. J. Wood, A. Cain, and A. H. Barker, were deservedly appreciated. The interesting concert was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.—*Eastbourne Standard*.

LONDON, ENGLAND,
BRIXTON, April, 1899.

To the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters.

GENTLEMEN,—I would acknowledge receipt of draft for £100, in payment of amount for which my late brother, Frederick Evetts, was insured in your Society, and which I to-day received as his beneficiary, and would tender my sincere thanks to Mr. E. M. Heard, Secretary of Court Rustic 2183, in which my brother was a member, for the kindness he and the members of the Court have shown me, and for the trouble taken in the necessary proof of my claim for the insurance money, and I am most thankful to the officials of the Order for their promptness in attending to my interests and for the speedy settlement of the claim.

Respectfully and gratefully yours,
EMILY EVETTS,
81 Hawley Rd., Brixton.

OAKLEIGH HOUSE, CARLTON COLVILLE,
LOWESTOFT, ENGLAND, March 28th, 1899.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, Toronto, Canada.

SIR,—I have the pleasure to inform you that on the 21st inst. a very enjoyable gathering was held of Court Suffolk Pioneer, No. 2211. The meeting was held at Lowestoft, and the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, gave an entertaining lecture entitled "A Day on Ben Nevis," assisted by a splendid series of views. The Chaplain in vivid language described to the members and their friends his journey to the summit of the Scotch mountain. The meeting was presided over by C. R. Bro. Arthur Smith, who afterwards briefly and lucidly pointed out to the non-Foresters present the unique advantages of the I. O. F. After light refreshments, and a short time spent in friendly chat, the meeting terminated.

Lowestoft, sir, as you are doubtless aware, is the most easterly point in England, and I ask you to accept our sincere and hearty greetings from Foresters in the east, to you, sir, in the west. I am, sir,

Yours in L., B. & C.,
CHAS. CHAMBERS, C.D.

CENTRAL ENGLAND.

7 ST. MARY'S AVENUE,
LISGARD, CHESHIRE, ENGLAND.

Happy to say Court Maritime—the nautical Court of Liverpool—continues to make excellent progress. We are already well represented by our maritime membership in both hemispheres and our only regret is that there are not more hemispheres. Were there six, I am sure we should have a member in each. However, Alexander sighed for more worlds to conquer, and although old Alexander was not a member of our Court, we have several brethren who are beginning to sigh because the world is too small for their enthusiasm.

Yours in L. B. & C.,
A. A. CRANE, F. Secty.

Court Armley Excelsior, No. 2106.

The most enjoyable and the most successful social gathering yet held by the members of this Court took place in the Temperance Hall on Saturday evening, Mar. 18th. For the first time since the formation of the Court the ladies were invited, and the company present numbered close upon 60. The court-room had been very tastefully and neatly decorated for the occasion by Bro. Sawdon, and it presented a very inviting appearance. The officers present were: Bros. J. Falford, C.R.; J. Topham, H.C.R.; T. K. Diggle, C.D.H.C.R.; J. Clough, V.C.R.; T. Clough, R.S., and F. Poole, F.S. Bro. Alford gave a hearty welcome to the friends and brethren present, and in the course of his remarks touched upon the wonderful benefits to be obtained by joining the Order, for which he predicted a long and useful career. Bro. Topham, who is admittedly one of the most forcible exponents of the Order in Yorkshire, spoke at great length on the advantages the Order possessed over the old-line companies, and emphasized the fact that it had come to England to stay. The progress which it had made since it was planted in this country had exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine of the brethren in Canada, and he ventured to predict that before very long, instead of the members having to coax their friends to join the Order, the latter would seek admittance of their own accord. He claimed that the members of the I.O.F., from a medical standpoint, were the healthiest and soundest body of men in the whole world. Bro. Diggle, than whom few are more conversant with the principles and workings of the Order, also made a telling speech, and urged upon the young men present the desirability of joining the Order without delay. The speeches were interspersed with music, songs being contributed by Miss Storey, Miss David, Mr. W. Steel, Bros. W. H. Harrison and M. R. Gaunt. A most difficult and intricate violin solo was contributed by Mr. Irwin Sawdon, and a very clever and amusing ventriloquial sketch was given by Bro. T. Cunningham. Bro. H. H. Rickard presided at the piano with conspicuous ability. The thanks of the Court are due to Mrs. Sawdon, Mrs. J. Clough and Mrs. T. Clough for dispensing the refreshments. Several additions to the membership of the Court are expected as a result of the gathering, and an application for a benefit certificate for £1,000 has already been received.

A meeting in connection with the Order was held in the assembly room at the Central Reform Club, Drake St., Rochdale, on the 11th ult. It is

desired by the officials to establish a Court of the Order in Rochdale. Bro. James Marshall, S.D.S. C.R., explained the principles of the Order, the benefits of membership, and the method of managing the business.

An address on the surpassing merits of the benefit system of the I.O.F. was delivered in Levenshulme, Manchester, on 10th ult., by Bro. Marshall, of London. The meeting was organized by Bro. W. E. Dyson for the extension of the Order in this district, and a deputation of earnest Manchester brethren supported the speaker.

Annual Dinner at Doncaster.

On Thursday night last week the second annual dinner of the members of Court Danum, No. 2074, was held in the Glyn Hotel. The dinner, which was well attended, was in every respect splendid, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, are to be complimented on the manner in which the good things were cooked and the promptness with which they were served.

Among those present, besides the members and officials of Court Danum, were the Mayor of Doncaster (Councillor H. H. Birkinshaw), Bro. H. J. Martin, H.C.R., Central England; and Bro. J. Gibson, H.T., Leeds. During the evening a presentation was made to Bro. Alf. Smith, Financial Secretary. Bro. G. J. Waldron Johnston, M.D., High Phys., Court Phys., made the presentation on behalf of the Court. The present consisted of a beautiful, massive writing cabinet, and was presented to Bro. A. Smith as a token of the respect with which he is held by the Court, and for the manner he has worked as Financial Secretary to the Court. Another very pleasing ceremony was performed during the latter part of the evening. The Mayor, having signified his intention of becoming a member of the Order, Bro. H. J. Martin, H.C.R., proceeded to make him a Forester at sight, in the presence of the members of Court Danum and the Companion Court Tertius. This is a very rare occurrence, and only very few of the prominent officials of the Order have the power of enrolling members in this way. The last occasion of a member being enrolled in this way was in Glasgow, where the ex-Lord Provost of that city was the candidate. Fortunately, Bro. Martin enjoys the power of being able to dispense with the usual formalities of proposing, balloting, and character inquiring; and the members of Court Danum were therefore honored by witnessing the Mayor of Doncaster take the vows and obligations of the Order as a member of their Court, there and then. When the dinner was over, a move was made to another room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

SCOTLAND.

Supper Party of Court Dundee Pioneer.

The members with a few friends of this enterprising Court met together in the Royal British Hotel. A sumptuous supper was served in good style. Noticeable on the flower-bedecked table, and mid the sheen and display of brave weapons and choicest ware were the artistic toast lists, one to each guest as a souvenir of the occasion. This list bearing for frontispiece an excellent sketch of the prize sculpture bust of our honored Chief, Dr. Oronhyatekha, was designed with rare skill by Bro. George Tudhope, F.S.

Her Majesty the Queen having been duly honored Bro. Jas. Chapman, H.C.R., Chairman, then intimated the toast of the Order, which was drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. Chapman thereafter detailed in interesting fashion the outstanding features of the progress marked by the I.O.F. during 1898. Bro. A. Scott, P.H.C.R., Edinburgh, made effective reply. "Our High Court" "Our Guests," "The Ladies" and "The Chairman," were toasts that followed and received able and gracious treatment at the hands of the respective speakers. A capital programme of songs and readings was sustained throughout the evening by Brothers Fraser, J. A. Scott and Grant. Mr. N. Scrymgeour, an outsider, contributed an enjoyable and laughable story of which he modestly refrained from claiming authorship. Bro. Geo. Scrymgeour in a few witty sentences hit out at our want of knowledge of the unwritten work of the Order. An aged Brother all the way from Canada rendered happy service with a bright little speech and a humorous ditty.

The feature of the evening's entertainment was the introduction of the gramophone manipulated by Bro. Slater, Edinburgh. Like his cheery comrade from the capital (Bro. Scott), Bro. Slater has got "a way wid him" of making merry hearts. By the medium of this wonderful machine or instrument we were enabled to listen to the voice of Gladstone, now silent, also that of Lord Salisbury and others; band music, cornet solos, songs, came in rapid succession and caused much merriment. The singing of "Auld Land Syne" brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Court Dundee Pioneer is making good headway in the city.

Court Kilmarnock, No. 2222, held their first anniversary supper in the Oddfellows' Hall on 18th, ult. Bro. Henry Murdoch, C.R., presiding, when there were over thirty of the members present. The Chairman, in a few opening remarks, having welcomed the guests of the evening,

Mr. W. McFarlane, financial secretary, submitted the financial report for the past year, which showed the finances of the Court to be in a very satisfactory condition, with a substantial balance on the right side. In explaining how the finances of the Order were conducted, he showed that by a unique system of cross-checking the liability to mistakes was reduced to a minimum. The admirable arrangement of exchange of receipts, and auditing conducted at each meeting, along with the fact of all the officials handling the money being bonded in varying amounts according as the amount of money handled increased, had made the ways of the "transgressing financier" very hard indeed. He also pointed out that, while like all other insurance companies, the I.O.F. were bound to profit by lapses, still machinery was provided in the Court dues to prevent this by paying members' premiums in cases of inability through illness or otherwise. He claimed that the brotherhood of the Order, while acting in many directions, showed itself to his mind particularly in the fact that on the death of a member, the Court carried out all the work of proving the claim, and that the widow had absolutely nothing further to do than sign the receipt for the money, the said money, in the majority of cases, being paid more promptly than by even the best of the British companies.

Rev. R. McNair, in speaking of the stability of the Order, showed how, in spite of their cheaper rates, the I.O.F. really charged as much for pure insurance as any other company, the difference

made up in charging for shareholders' dividends, etc. He then briefly explained the "Old Age Disability" and "Old Age Pension" schemes, which allowed a man at 70 years of age to choose either his insurance in ten yearly payments or an old age pension as long as he lived, even although he lived to 100.

Mr. Monie, in a happy address, complimented the court on their progress during their first year's existence. He briefly described his experience in Canada, and spoke of the fraternal feeling existing there which was comparatively unknown here. He went there as an independent, bent on sifting the system thoroughly, and spoke with admiration of the readiness with which the executive officers met his inquiries. He assured the Court that they need have no fear in recommending the Order to their friends' attention.

Mr. Jas. Thomson, spoke of his impressions of the I.O.F. and its methods, and said he had formed a very high opinion of the business-like way the work of the Order was carried on.

Mr. George K. Christie, in pointing out the best means of increasing the membership, advised the members to study up the principles of the Order, which seemed to him to be the principles of Christianity carried into active work.

The musical part of the programme was ably sustained by Messrs. J. F. Robertson, W. Barr, R. Hunter, J. Haddow, J. Howie, H. Murdoch, J. McGilvray, J. Scott, and W. McFarlane, while Mr. W. Brooke, of Winton Place Church, ably presided at the piano. Messrs. J. Brown and W. Johnston moved votes of thanks, which were acknowledged by Messrs. Walker, Monie, and the Chairman. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very successful meeting to a close.—*Kilmarnock Standard.*

IRELAND.

Belfast.—Court Royal Avenue, No. 2232.

The first social meeting in connection with above Court took place on April 6th and proved an unqualified success. With an eye to business each member of the Court had the privilege of inviting two friends who would be likely to join the Order, and the result was satisfactory. T. A. T. McKinsty, Chief Ranger, took the chair and subsequently invited Bro. Dr. Gibson, the popular High Secretary of the North of Ireland, to preside. After a very enjoyable repast, the programme took the form of a smoking concert.

Brother Doctor Gibson in his address, said, as the most of those present were non-members, he would relate something for their information. He explained very fully the position, aims and objects of the I. O. F., its progress since its introduction here, and lastly the undoubted stability of the Order as a whole.

Brother Gibson was listened to with marked attention, and the general tenor of his remarks was greatly appreciated.

Brother Gibson having to leave early, his place was taken by Brother William Bell, Past High Chief Ranger, who possesses the ability of a quiet but successful worker.

The items on the programme were rendered effectively as follows:—Songs—Bros. H. C. Douglas; J. Drennan and Messrs. Brown; Baillie; Williams and Pitcaithley. Recitations—Bros. J. H. Thomson; W. M. Hadden; James Campbell and Mr. J.

McDermott. Mr. J. D. Douglas proved himself a very able accompanist.

Bro. D. L. Cottrell, D.S.C.R., in moving a vote of thanks to the friends and visitors who assisted, said, that by their help the meeting was successful, and he might say, that anything undertaken in connection with the I. O. F. was a success. The Order since its formation was a success. Its membership in 1881 was 1,019, while to-day it numbers 150,000. During that time its record was unique. Its average death-rate was under 6 per thousand. In 1881 the surplus was £938, it had since paid in benefits the magnificent sum of £1,250,000, and up to the present time the surplus had accumulated to £680,000 and all this had been done on a premium rate of less than half of that charged by old line insurance companies. The management of the Order could not be excelled. Thanks to the untiring zeal of the Supreme Chief Ranger, whose unswerving loyalty had gained for the Order a first place in the fraternal insurance world.

Brother McKinsty supplemented the motion with the hope that all the friends present would join the Order, which was carried unanimously, and Mr. McDermott on behalf of the visitors replied.

Brothers Hadden and Magowan moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried amidst the strains of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Brother Bell suitably replied, and the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

Since the above meeting it is gratifying to note that several applications for membership have been received by the Court. Others will doubtless follow.

I. O. F. Cycling Club.

A largely-attended meeting of the members of this well-known society was held in their Chambers, Royal Avenue, Belfast, for the purpose of forming a Cycling Club in connection with the City Courts. The chair was occupied by Dr. W. Gibson, J.P., and among those present were the following:—Messrs. W. Bell, D. L. Cottrell, T. L. Carruthers, J. Dunlop, J. H. Firth, R. J. Gass, J. G. Kirkpatrick, S. Beggs, D. H. Wilson, J. Byrne, S. M. Emerson, T. Handforth, W. B. King, etc. A motion having been passed unanimously that a club should be formed, to be called the "I.O.F. Cycling Club," the following office-bearers were appointed:—President, W. Gibson, Esq., M.D., J.P.; captain, Mr. S. M. Emerson; vice-captains, Mr. W. J. Stewart and Mr. D. L. Cottrell; secretary, Mr. T. L. Carruthers; assistant secretary, Mr. R. J. Gass; treasurer, Mr. J. Hollywood; committee, Messrs. W. C. Boyd, J. Wilson, T. Handforth, J. Dunlop, J. Byrne, S. Beggs, J. Moore, A. Alexander, and S. Baillie. The formation of rules and other business was postponed for a further meeting. A very enthusiastic meeting was terminated by a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Court Glanmire was instituted in the City of Cork, on 12th ult., by Bro. S. Martin, D.S.C.R., the organizing deputy for the South of Ireland. The Order throughout the South of Ireland had made most rapid progress and has many influential adherents in Dublin and Cork. Bro. Martin hoped to be able in the near future to report a further institution of new Courts in Dublin. The new Court opens with a full charter list.

Royal Foresters.

LONDON, ENGLAND.

The quarterly convocation of the London Encampment of Royal Foresters was held in the chambers of Court Myrose, 2134, Chevalier Dr Ward, Ill. Commander, presiding. After some discussion a committee was appointed to consider, in conjunction with the London Courts of the I. O. F., the question of having a united picnic in the summer.

Two petitioners were raised to the Royal degree, and letters of credence were read from the Temple Encampment, Toronto, in favor of Sir Knight B. Cronyn, Asst. S. S., who was warmly welcomed and invited to fill the chair. The election of officers was then proceeded with, many being re-elected, including Chev. Dr. Ward, president of the Medical Board, Chev. E. Tidman, P.H.C.R., and Sir Kt. B. B. Halford, H.V.C.R., who were unanimously named Ill. Com., Ill. Past Com. and Ill. Lieut. Com. respectively. Sir Kt. C. Hopkinson was elected Ill. Archivist in place of Sir Kt. F. Nutt Smith, who was compelled to retire owing to pressure of business.

The officers were installed by Sir Kt. B. Cronyn, after which an adjournment was made to Armfield's hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided, and the usual toasts were duly honored.

SCOTLAND.

The Encampment of Royal Foresters met in Edinburgh under the charge of Lieut.-General Marshall of London, on 6th ult. Amongst those present were Sir Knights Chapman, (H.C.R.); Duncan, (H.S.); Slater, (H.T.); Scott, (P.H.C.R.) and Smith, (H.A.) of the High Court of Scotland. Bro. S. G. Fraser of Court Dundee Pioneer was exalted and enrolled as a member of the Encampment.

YORKSHIRE.

The first annual dinner in connection with the Royal Foresters of Yorkshire (I.O.F.), was held at the New Waverley Hotel, Leeds. Bro. H. J. Martin, High Chief Ranger for Central England, presided, and Dr. Waldron Johnston (Doncaster) occupied the vice-chair. There was a large company present. In the course of the evening the chairman proposed "The Independent Order of Foresters," and gave figures showing the progress that had been made. He stated that in 1882 the membership of the Order was 1,019, with a surplus fund of £719. In December, 1898, the membership had risen to 140,000, and the surplus funds to £700,000. Dr. Johnston responded. Brother J. Gibson, High Treasurer, proposed "The Yorkshire Encampment of Royal Foresters." In his opinion the wonderful growth of the Order was due to the great fraternal spirit which prevailed in its working, and he thought those members who were elevated to the rank of Royal Foresters should be those who had been the best workers in the Subordinate Courts. The following were the principal officers elected and installed for the next twelve months:—Ill. Com., Bro. H. J. Martin, H.C.R.; Ill. Past Com., Bro. J. Gibson, H.T.; Ill. Lieut.-Com., Bro. Dr. Waldron Johnston, H.P.; Ill. Orator, Bro. W. N. Banks, S.W.; Ill. Archivist,

Bro. S. Boyd, C.D.H.C.R.; Ill. Marshal, Bro. A. W. Seanor, H.J.S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

At an adjourned meeting of the Encampment of Royal Foresters of P.E.I., the following officers were installed by Past Illustrious Commander Jost:

Ill. Com., R. M. Johnson; Ill. P. Com, F. S. Jost; Ill. Lieut. Com., J. W. Sutherland; Ill. Orator, L. U. Fowler; Ill. Chancellor, Dr. Dewar; Ill. Archivist, Murdock McLeod; Ill. Marshall, K. Finlayson; Ill. Captain of Guard, John H. Bell; Ill. Standard Bearers, D. McMillan and G. W. Worthy; Ill. I. G., E. H. Duchemin; Ill. O. G., W. E. Poole.

This branch of the I.O.F. is now making great progress, and the membership is increasing quite rapidly.

The regular meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July and October.

A ROYAL FORESTER'S FUNERAL.

St. John, N.B.

The remains of A. A. Mabee, of Adelaide street, N.E., were interred in Cedar Hill Cemetery this afternoon with due solemnity and with all the honors the Foresters of St. John could bestow on a beloved brother. Rev. David Long, of Victoria Free Baptist Church, was the officiating clergyman, and also at the house and grave the ritualistic ceremonies of the Foresters were gone through with by E. J. Todd, brigadier-general of the N. B. Foresters; B. J. Logan, Orator of the Encampment and Past Chief Ranger of Court Loyalist. The body of the late Quartermaster-general of the Encampment reposed in a beautiful cloth-covered casket, across which was draped a Union Jack. The plumed hat, sword and belt were also placed on top of the coffin. In the background were heaped the very many beautiful floral pieces of which the appended list is the chief ones.

The pall was borne by personal friends of the deceased, who were selected just before the funeral at Court Loyalist headquarters. The guard of honor chosen from the ranks of the Encampment were:—Samuel Price, Jacob Kempt, Solomon Weldon, Capt. Wasson, Jas. Thorne and Thos. Granville. W. Watters marshalled Court Loyalist members and the many representatives from sister Courts, while B. J. Logan captained the Royal Foresters. The attendance of the general public was large and representative. All along the route of procession the solemn strains of dirge music from the Artillery Band lent particular impressiveness to the obsequies.

FLORAL TRIBUTES.

From the employes of the A. A. Mabee Wood-working Co. a very handsome combination piece, a cross, crescent and bar. The cross composed of pink roses, carnations, svansonia, smilax and asparagus. The crescent was of white roses, carnations, azaleas, abutilons, hyacinths, smilax and asparagus, while the bar was made up of carnations, hydrangea and smilax. The word "Asleep" in purple letters was written across the piece.

A pillow of white roses, lilies, carnations, azaleas, hydrangea, hyacinths, smilax and asparagus, with the word "Father" in violets.

From New Brunswick Encampment Royal Foresters, No. 4, a large Maltese cross with cross-swords and crown. The cross was composed of white roses, carnations, azaleas, swansonia, smilax and asparagus. The crown was made up of pink and white roses, azaleas, carnations and ferns, and the swords were made of blue flowers.

A Maltese cross of pink and white roses, carnations, azaleas, swansonia, smilax and ferns, with letters I. O. F., L. B. C., in purple—from Court Loyalist

A crescent of lilies, white roses, carnations, abutilons, swansonia, smilax and asparagus—from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kiley.

Companion Courts.

MICHIGAN.

COURT PROGRESSIVE, No. 147,
DETROIT, April 17th, 1899.

Companion Court Progressive, No. 147, has a staff of officers to begin work with this year who are in every sense of the word able and efficient workers. Our C.R. is Mrs. Hattie Tallmage; V.C.R., Mary L. Cummings; P.C.R., Maggie Davis; Court Phys., Dr. Isabella Holdom; Orator, Miss Emma Eich; Treas., Miss Marguerite McKenzie; Fin. Sec., Miss Anastasia Saville; Rec. Sec., Miss Lizzie F. Tremblay; S.B., Mr. Elbridge Marsh; J.B., Mrs. Martha Huisken; S.W., Mrs. Maggie Hanon; J.W., Miss Rosie E. Connor; Organist, Mrs. Etta Marsh; C.D., I. Eley. We have 59 members, 42 being beneficiary, which is saying a great deal, as we are only 7 months old, and hope in the next 7 months to increase to a many more. We gave several entertainments since organizing, and found it helped to build up our Court. Companion E. Marsh gave a musical entertainment and dancing party at his home in Highland Park last Thursday night for the benefit of our Court, and it was well attended, not only by Foresters, but their friends, who seemed delighted, and it no doubt will be the means of making our Order more popular, besides, it brought us a nice sum for the treasury. The Companions of Court Progressive extend their hearty thanks to Comp. Marsh and his wife for their liberal way of entertaining, as it will long be remembered by us all.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

LIZZIE F. TREMBLAY, R.S.

The Ladies of Manistee.

The Companion Court Minnehaha, No. 117, of Manistee, Mich., gave a very successful supper and entertainment at their hall in the Cameron block Tuesday evening, April 25th. The ladies were kept busy waiting upon the crowds of hungry people who came in between the hours of 5 and 7.30. After the feast of good things had been enjoyed a social session followed, and shortly after 8 o'clock C. R. Fred Lindblom rapped for order and announced that the programme arranged for the evening would now be in order, which he trusted would be as enjoyable as had been the dainties which had just been set before them by the ladies as testimonials of their culinary skill. He spoke of the good and safe insurance provided by the Order of Foresters, and of the splendid social features of the same as evidenced by the pleasant social gatherings.

A pretty song then followed by four little girls, the A B C quartette. A well-rendered recitation by Miss Alma Mortenson was next highly enjoyed, as was also the selection on Good Reading, by Mrs. LaFave.

Bro. Rev. A. M. Brodie spoke in his usual entertaining manner upon the Order of Foresters, giving an interesting outline of the rise of Forestry.

Bro. Geo. Wheeler pleasingly entertained with a recitation, after which Bro. M. M. Callahan, of Grand Rapids, High Secretary of the Western Division of Michigan, spoke in a very interesting manner upon the benefits of the Order and the good it is doing in every city, village and hamlet, carrying blessings to every household. The ladies in their auxiliary society as Companion Foresters were praised for their wonderful success. They have demonstrated by their prosperity their ability to conduct a large fraternal body with the same facility as the men. In fact, they are becoming the real backbone and stay of Forestry.

Great credit is due the committee of arrangements, and especially to the Chairman of the Committee, Miss Blanche Hainer, and the society will realize a neat little sum from the proceeds of the entertainment.

MINNESOTA.

Court Duluth, No. 724, was agreeably surprised by the ladies of Companion Court, No. 208; the evening was spent joyously, and every one was delighted, it being the first occasion of Court Duluth being honored by the ladies, and we trust it will be continued, this convincing us all of the old proverb, "Woman came after man and has been after him ever since." Come again ladies, that we may have many more such enthusiastic Forestry meetings.

Companion Court Formed.

A large Companion Court was instituted at West Duluth, Minn., Saturday evening, April 8th, by D.S.C.R., J.L. Coleman, H.C.R., W. A. Hieden and H.S., A. McG. McDonald. Fifty-three ladies were admitted as charter members in the Order, after which the following officers were elected: C.D., Mary Brotherton; Phy., Dr. D. Graham; C.R., Margaret M. Seguin; P.C.R., Mary O'Brien; V.C.R., Elizabeth McKinnon; R.S., Mary Zell; F.S., Mary Petruschke; Treas., Pauline Jewett; Orator, Anna M. Ramlon; S.J.C., Eliza Boerner; S.W., Josie Briggs; J.W., Victoria Laflam; S.B., Anna McBeth; J.B., Mary Burke; Organist, Mary Mills; Trustees, Bell Bellmore, Hilda Martin.

After the instituting services were completed, coffee and lunch was served. Dancing followed up.

DULUTH, MINN., April 10th, 1899.

To the Executive Council, I.O.F., the Temple Building, Toronto, Canada:

GENTLEMEN,— I desire to express to you my sincere thanks for the promptness with which I received the mortuary benefit of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars for which my sister Companion Rose Jevanard was insured for in our noble Order.

Words of mine cannot convey to you my heartfelt appreciation for all the love and kindness, and for all the fraternal sympathy shown me by the Companions of Court Pride of Duluth, No. 208, during the days of my great sorrow, and I can only ask and pray that God's blessing will rest upon all Foresters, so that helpfulness and love and kind-

ness may always come to comfort the sorrowful and the distressed through our fraternal and sympathetic Companionship in Forestry.

Sincerely and fraternally in L., B. and C.,
HILDA E. JEVANARD.

ONTARIO.

A Court of Lady Companions of the Independent Order of Foresters named Empress has been instituted in Kingsville. The charter list of this new Court was well filled. The Lady Companions will at their business sessions consider and carry out any social, benevolent or charitable work which may commend itself to their notice as urgent and desirable. Lady Companions who have been elected to fill official positions are as follows:—C.R., Mrs. Frank Slater; P.C.R., Mrs. Peter Bussey, Cottam; V.C.R., Mrs. Wm. H. Cowie; R.S., Mrs. Worthy Waggott; F.S., Mrs. Carrie McDonald; O., Mrs. Charles Leggett; Treas., Mrs. E. T. Carter; S.W., Mrs. A. Broadwell, Jr.; J.W., Mrs. H. Allen; S.B., Mrs. J. McKay; J.B., Mrs. A. Cascaddon; C.D., Mrs. Cowie; Court Phy., Dr. W. J. McKenzie.

All the Lady Companions have applied for the full benefits as provided for men. The ladies have learned that woman's possibilities in the field of fraternal beneficiary societies have just begun to open to her. There are still thousands of homes to protect, children to educate by the means the mother provides in life, and untold avenues of effort in times of sorrow and death when the ministering sisters of our societies may enter with bowed head and sympathetic hearts to cheer and sustain in time of sickness and trouble. We predict a successful career for this Companion Court.

Any lady wishing to join can get full information from any member of either Court Empress or the men's Court, Kingsville, No. 9.

OHIO.

The members of Companion Court Robin Hood, No. 12, gave a grand surprise to Mrs. A. Cornwall at her home, 73 Ware street, Cleveland, on Wednesday evening, April 12, the occasion being the 15th anniversary of her wedding. A party of 32 persons were in the house when Mrs. Cornwall came home from a neighbor's, who invited her from home.

Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mallion, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Herzie and friends, who furnished music for the party, Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Peterson, and I had better mention our venerable Brother, D. Gleason. The Companions of Court Robin Hood presented Companion Mrs. Cornwall with a beautiful rocking chair and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark presented Mr. Cornwall with a beautiful vase and Mrs. Cornwall with a splendid set of glassware. Pedro was then played until midnight. Then all sat down to supper afterwards. Mr. Cornwall presented his surprise to the company and Mrs. J. B. Clark presented it to Mrs. Cornwall. It consisted of a large crayon picture of their baby boy in a magnificent frame, which was another very pleasing surprise to her. Then the party were entertained with various electrical exhibitions with a Topley Holt's machine and other appliances, which were very interesting to all present. In conclusion appropriate speeches were made by Mr. E. L.

Stanley, Mr. J. B. Clark and Mr. D. Gleason, responded to by Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall, thanking the party one and all for their kindness and very pleasing surprise. All then retired feeling it had been good to be there.

Companion Court Victory gave one of its popular card parties at its hall, corner Wade Park and Dunham avenues, Friday, April 21.

Supplementary.

The following pages contain matter received since the paper was made up into page form. This does not necessarily mean that our correspondents were remiss in despatching their communications, but only that the same were received after the appointed time.

HIGH COURTS.

HIGH COURT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
SUMMERSIDE, April 17th, 1899.

To the Courts of the Independent Order of Foresters under the jurisdiction of the High Court of P.E.I., greeting:

In my annual report to the High Court to be held at Kensington in August next, I will recommend that the High Court avail itself of the offer of the Trustees of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, as contained in their by-laws, to wit:

"Free beds may be established by either of the following modes—first, by the annual payment of \$200; second, by the payment of \$3,000 at one time as a permanent foundation."

In view of the fact that free medical attendance is held out to the public as one of the benefits given by the I. O. F., and as thirty-four out of our thirty-five Courts in this Province are not giving free medical attendance for several reasons that I need not mention here, and as we owe something along the line of free medical attendance to our own members as well as to travellers who are our brethren, I feel sure if we arrange for this room in the P.E.I. Hospital it will more than fulfil the promise made by our Order, and be a great blessing to the members who, in sickness or accident, require better treatment than can be had at the average home, for not only will they receive the free medical attendance (that the literature of the Order promises) from the hospital doctors, who are the leading physicians of the city of Charlottetown, three of whom are members of our Order, but they will receive free nursing from trained nurses, free board, free medicine, free washing, etc.

If we arrange for a room with one bed, which will be given us for \$200 per annum, and find, in the course of time, that this is not sufficient, we can have a second bed in the room by paying an additional amount.

If any of our members, when sick or disabled, prefer to go to the Charlottetown Hospital rather than to the "Forester Ward" in the P.E.I. Hospital, arrangements will be made with the Charlottetown Hospital for the free treatment of such members.

As to how the \$200 per annum is to be secured I think that the High Court can spare from its pres-

ent revenue \$50 per year, and we can levy under section 306, sub-section 2 of the Constitution, a sum from each Court equal to one cent per month for every member whether beneficiary, social or honorary, and the Courts can raise the money in any way they wish either by collecting the one cent per month from every member, or two cents per month from one-half the members, take the whole amount of 12 cents per year from their general fund or raise the same by socials or entertainments.

Before we ask the High Court to adopt this proposal for a room in the Hospital, I desire that every member shall be consulted, and for that purpose I am sending at this early date this circular, and I here ask all Courts to fix a night for the discussion of this important matter, and notify all your members to attend, so that your delegates to the High Court, who are to be elected at the first regular meeting in July, will have their instruction how to vote in the High Court upon this question.

I am, yours fraternally,
J. M. CLARK, High Chief Ranger.

A copy of the above circular, which speaks for itself, has been sent to all Courts.

HIGH COURT OF WASHINGTON.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
TACOMA, WASH., April 21st. 1899.

BRETHREN,—I again address you in the interests of our Order in this State. I am sure it must be very gratifying to you all to notice the healthful growth of our Order in general.

I am aware that some of you were rather disappointed at the changes made at our last Supreme Court meeting. But as those changes were made in the best interests of all connected with our Order, not for the present time alone, but rather to place our Order on a rock of security for future years to come, we each one must recognize the wisdom and forethought of such action. Now, brothers, the longest lane must have a turning, and we must also realize we are losing precious time. The thing to do is for us to jump in and make up for lost time. We can all do something, and I am frank to say the Foresters of this jurisdiction will not be behind the rest. I do wish that each Court would send to the High Court office items each month of what your Court is doing, so that we may be able to send it to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER for publication, and in that way become better acquainted.

I again call attention to the change in our laws making the Recording Secretary the official between the Supreme and High Courts through which all communications are sent. You should, therefore, see that his name is placed on file at the Supreme as well as High Court office.

In remitting money for supplies to the High Court I would again ask that the same be sent by draft, express or postoffice money order. The warrants issued by your local Courts and sent to the High Court are no good to us, and cause bother and delay.

Now, brothers, bear in mind that everyone is expected to do his duty by word or deed in advancing the welfare of and building up our Order. With kindest and best wishes to you all, I am

Fraternally yours in L., B & C.,

JOHN A. FOR-YTH,
High Chief Ranger.

AMONG THE COURTS

MANITOBA.

The Great Manitou.

Bro. Waddell, P.H.C.R., of the High Court of Manitoba, met Court Manitou, No 135, at their regular meeting. After the regular business of the Court, the P.H.C.R. gave a very interesting and instructive address explaining the secret work of the Order fully, and congratulating Court Manitou on being the Banner Court of the Province. Other Courts are after them, but at the present rate of progress Court Manitou proposes to clear the track and keep the lead. They now number over a hundred and a half and look back with friendly pride at the competitors.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

PORT ELGIN, N.B., April 29.

A large number of the members of Court Green Bay, No. 786, assembled at the Barker House on Thursday evening, 27th inst., to tender their departing brother, Capt. John H. Grant, a complimentary oyster supper previous to his departure for Missouri. The dining-room was tastefully decorated, and the divales were prepared in a most tempting manner. Dr. H. R. Carter, the popular Chief Ranger of the Court, presided, with the guest of the evening on his right. After the cravings of the inner man had been satisfied, the chairman proposed the toast of the Queen, which was loyally honored. Our Noble Order was responded to by Bro. J. G. Lamb. Our Visitors, by W. M. Spence, was next proposed, and brought replies from visiting brethren. In proposing Our Guest, the chairman presented Capt. Grant with a pair of gold-bowed spectacles and an address, expressing the Court's high esteem of Bro. Grant and wishing him every success in his western home. The Captain made a feeling reply in which he heartily thanked the members for the expressions of their good-will. A number of toasts followed, all of which were enthusiastically received. The singing of Auld Lang Syne terminated the proceedings of a very pleasant evening.

ONTARIO.

Brother Canavan's Tour.

A special meeting of Court Severn, of Severn Bridge, was held on April 13th, to receive Bro. Canavan, a D.S.C.R. from Toronto, who has been busily engaged visiting Courts, delivering addresses, and instituting Courts throughout the district. Notwithstanding short notice, a large number, composed of the chief officers and members, were present, amongst whom were Bros. Barnhart, Ormsby, Miller, Burt, Meering, King, Congdon, Wilson, Forsyth and Baker.

On the evening of the 14th, Bro. Canavan proceeded from Severn Bridge to McCormack's school house, accompanied by a number of Court Severn members, and held a meeting in the interests of Forestry. The chair was taken by Mr. Michael Clipsham, who welcomed the visitors in a few well-chosen words.

Bro. Congdon, of Court Severn, in a brief and pointed manner, introduced the subject of fraternal

life insurance and the benefits derived therefrom, instancing local cases in which families known to his audience by fraternal assistance had been saved from much of the privation and suffering which follow from sickness and death. He strongly urged the establishment of a Court at Sparrow Lake, or the joining of Severn Court by those who desired to become Foresters.

Mr. Canavan, who was cordially greeted, held the close attention of the audience for more than an hour.

The speaker sketched the rise and progress of the Independent Order of Foresters, describing its founding in Newark, N.J., 25 years ago, and its reorganization about 18 years ago, when Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger, and a staff of skilful officers, raised the Order from weakness, decay and the encumbrance of debt, to its present proud position of strength, wealth and solidity. Dr. Oronhyatekha, the greatest living champion of his race, by his consummate skill and genius, had infused into the rapidly declining Order a vitality which makes it to-day the safest, soundest, most popular and most enduring fraternal assurance organization in the world, with a membership of 150,000, and the enormous surplus of \$2,500,000, both membership and surplus continually increasing.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Court Fairhill, No. 3935, gave a smoker on Thursday evening last to its members and their friends, which was an all-round success in point of both crowded house and applications for membership. A varied and generally enjoyed entertainment was given, including refreshments and the weed in both pipe and cigar form. Among those who made the evening pass most pleasantly were Henry M. Harrison, who introduced phonographic features, the cake walk, and ventriloquism; D. S. C. R. Barton, in a stirring and instructive address on Order work and progress, and whose singing and recitations won rounds of applause; Recording Secretary T. S. Cowan, of Court Union Traction, No. 3209, in a talk on Forestry and in song and elocution, covered himself with renown; Daniel Humphreys rendered two songs that caused all present to long for more; Harry Alvey, in an expert harmonica performance, made a decided hit; while Messrs. Boles and Tuley scored successes in recitations. Letters expressing regrets at their inability to be present were received from High Secretary C. W. Mingle and Supreme Senior Woodward, Dr. Chas. G. Frowert. Members of the Court visited Court Union Traction on Monday evening, where C. W. Mingle, High Secretary, conducted the impressive and beautiful ceremony known as the "Oriental Degree."

Something for Dr. Frowert.

LAPEER, MICHIGAN, April 27th, '99.

Oronhyatekha, M.D., Supreme Chief Ranger, I.O.F., Toronto, Ont.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot resist the temptation of complimenting Brother Dr. Frowert and his two able assistants, not only for their most brilliant and earnest advertisement of the Order, but for the first-class entertainment afforded us in the High Court of Michigan. Circumstances prevented my attending the lecture in Detroit, but

I attended the one in Saginaw last evening and although standing room was at a premium, hundreds being turned away, not an individual left the packed house during the entire programme. After introducing Dr. Frowert I left the rostrum and went to the back part of the hall and found that there was not even an opportunity left to lean against a post. I stood during the entire programme of two hours, and must say that I was so completely entertained and enchanted that I felt no fatigue from the trying position. Scores of ladies were also standing, and listened to the entertainment throughout without a murmur. The Doctor's illustrations would not be what they are were it not for the expert at the stereopticon, and no one could create more enthusiasm than Mr. Gormley by his singing. I trust that many Foresters may be privileged to see and listen to the entertainment, and were it possible I would be delighted to have a dozen more assigned to me.

We were all delighted to hear the Doctor's good report of your health, and trust that you may soon be able to accept our invitation to Michigan.

Fraternally yours, in L., B. and C.,

W. E. BROWN,
High Chief Ranger.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. D. B. McLeod, M.A., of Court Balnagowan, having accepted the call from Zion Church, is now a resident of Charlottetown. On the evening of April 14th a committee from Court Avondale, consisting of John H. Bell, C.R., D. K. Dobie, P.C.R., F. Renouf, V.C.R., and John McInnes, Chaplain, waited upon the reverend brother at the Queen's Hotel, and presented him with an address, bidding him welcome to the city.

Brother L. U. Fowler, High Secretary, accompanied the committee and introduced them to Bro. McLeod. He briefly replied, thanking the committee for their kind address, and promised to visit the city Court at an early date.

Bro. Professor E. E. Jordon, C.D. of Court Mount Stephen, recently delivered a lecture in Charlottetown on "Rudyard Kipling." Brother Jordon had a full house and the local press speaks very highly of our brother's first effort on the lecture platform.

Bro. Chas. Dawson, C. R. of Court Petrel, has gone to Idaho, every one who knows Charley wishes him success.

Bro. A. T. Wright, of Court Minnewawa, has returned from Klondike; he is just as fine looking as he was a year ago, when he left us for the land of *gold and cold*.

Court Petrel is about moving from Lower Tryon to North Tryon. When in the new quarters in the Chisholm Building, the members will enjoy one of the best court-rooms in the Province.

The members of Court Minnewawa are mourning the loss of one of their members, Bro. Edwin P. Robins, who died at Cornell University. The funeral from the Methodist church, Bedeque, was the largest ever seen there. The members of the Court, with a number of visiting brethren, made a fine appearance as they walked to the Methodist cemetery.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of April, 1899.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their March Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Stars and Stripes.....	3841	Multnomagh	3965
Sylvan Dale	3937	Anglo.....	3169
Point Lobos	3945		

NOTE.—The above Courts not having romitted their Assosments stood suspended on 1st April, and will stand suspended till duly reinstated.

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Utility.....	1910	Elklarion.....	3513

Receipts, April, 1899.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.
997	British Columbia.	\$ 1131 53	\$ 76 72	\$ 135 50	4622	New Jersey.....	\$ 4718 65	\$ 59 87	\$ 507 75
8709	California	11453 42	153 95	1147 71	13566	New York	14413 78	877 21	1591 00
10835	Central Ontario.....	11027 82	1266 59	1205 60	2240	North Dakota	2527 49	62 63	301 25
263	Colorado with Utan annexed.....	475 34	8 60	41 30	581	Northern Michigan	501 73	40 20	51 25
10286	Eastern Ontario.....	10623 13	900 60	1145 51	1280	North'n Minnesota	1513 39	117 53	170 00
6775	Illinois	6683 55	65 06	677 95	1067	N. W. Territory....	1212 60	73 38	149 30
2009	Indiana	2232 73	14 83	233 05	3289	Nova Scotia.....	3116 27	249 04	353 45
661	Iowa.....	830 53	1 48	79 15	7390	Ohio	7509 21	124 97	952 95
3144	Maine	2624 29	826 00	422 35	13583	Ontario	13407 97	2461 24	1600 20
2414	Manitoba	2449 11	224 42	316 70	1567	Pennsylvania	2101 65	39 87	207 75
10142	Michigan	9734 22	709 28	1118 15	1411	Pr. Edward Island..	1116 42	36 44	125 75
3295	Minnesota	3767 12	14 47	409 70	14451	Quebec.....	15116 64	4495 67	1724 95
1079	Missouri with Kan-sas annexed.....	1357 98	9 75	129 45	868	Washington.....	1319 51	15 95	116 90
468	Montana.....	793 86	16 40	81 75	4147	Western Michigan	4420 44	215 23	521 42
383	Nebraska.....	408 64	2 57	70 90	3171	Wisconsin.....	3735 33	25 50	426 55
5740	New Brunswick....	5397 88	949 44	626 06	220	S. C. Jurisdiction..	395 36	4 72	38 15
2124	New England.....	2013 93	644 66	369 20	5490	G. Britain, Ireland and Norway.....	7016 15	39 56	676 50
					148317				

Received on account of Fire Insurance.....	430 79		
" " " Sundry Refunds	90 60		
" " " Organizing and other accounts			1051 00
Grand Totals.....	\$157,672 09	\$14,817 23	\$18,753 55

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund	\$191,272 87
" General Fund.....	
Total.....	\$191,272 87

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies.....	\$890 43	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$880 43
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Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans...\$26,388 89	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer	\$26,388 89
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Submitted in L. B. and C.
JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for April, 1899.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$3,158,448 84
" Supreme Secretary.....	157,150 70
Cheque No. 6312, cancelled.....	\$ 10 00
" 5819 ".....	1,000 00
" 6208 redeposited.....	1,000 00
	2,010 00
Overcharge cheque.....	60
Refunds to Loans.....	90 00
Received on account of Fire Insurance.....	430 79
	\$3,313,130 93

Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—

Paul Hey.....	Court S. Manchester, 2104\$	486 65
Thomas Gowdio.....	" Ballymena, 2011...	973 32
D. R. Evans.....	" A fan, 2039	1,946 64
Silas Davis.....	" Seabright, 378.....	500 00
Rosa Jevanard.....	" Prido Duluth, 208	1,000 00
Walter Moss.....	" Moulinette, 960	1,000 00
Milton H. Curry.....	" Epping Forest, 1755	500 00
Joseph A. Dool.....	" Pleasant Hour, 904	956 53
John Davis.....	" Mississippi, 78.....	500 00
R. G. Ostrander.....	" Milford, 469.....	1,000 00
David C. Forbes.....	" Of the Knights, 3901	1,000 00
John N. Morgan.....	" Kalkash, 564.....	2,000 00
F. M. Harrison.....	" Sebastopol, 1148.....	2,000 00
John Sternborg.....	" Fort Schuyler, 1510	500 00
Charles R. Brown.....	" Rochester, 1637.....	1,000 00
Harry J. Petrey.....	" Neahawanta, 3263	1,000 00
Gunther Limprecht..	" Gretna, 1217.....	1,000 00
Lorenzo Smith.....	" Glover City, 3496.....	1,000 00
William W. Short.....	" Favorite, 1630.....	2,000 00
Arthur W. Alden.....	" Island Brook, 1605.....	1,000 00
Richard T. Davis.....	" Picasant Hr., 904.....	1,000 00

Stephen L. Weeks.....	Court Onawa, 206.....	\$1,000 00
Thomas Couloy.....	Harbor, 268.....	1,000 00
William Nolan, Jr.....	Wynona, 568.....	1,000 00
T. H. Parker.....	Vespra, 1008.....	500 00
William J. Slado.....	Westwood, 793.....	1,000 00
A. Weinberger.....	Charles, 3161.....	16 87
George A. Morphy.....	Elgin, 29.....	1,000 00
Charles W. White.....	Iroquois, 851.....	3,000 00
Robert J. Hopkins.....	Belvedere, 1616.....	1,000 00
Hans Hallverson.....	Happy Retreat, 150.....	1,000 00
James Dunn.....	Trent, 333.....	1,000 00
Joseph I. Pellerin.....	Laviolette, 885.....	1,000 00
James Miller.....	Picton, 177.....	1,000 00
Charles G. Scott.....	Valiant, 3351.....	2,000 00
Samuel Kelly.....	Lake Erie, 1205.....	1,000 00
Charles W. Potter.....	Maughs, 1191.....	1,000 00
Duncan H. Hallett.....	Keswick, 697.....	1,000 00
James Holmes.....	Windsor Mills, 286.....	1,000 00
Fred Clement.....	Josca, 278.....	500 00
John B. Bourronill.....	South End, 1562.....	500 00
T. J. Cramer.....	Los Angeles, 422.....	2,000 00
Charles A. Saxton.....	Los Angeles, 422.....	33 34
William A. Terbrao.....	Fromont, 355.....	1,000 00
George J. Elgin.....	Miama, 651.....	1,000 00
Elroy Holloway.....	Clayton 171.....	2,000 00
Arthur J. Van Duser.....	Monce, 3511.....	2,000 00
Everest La Borgo.....	St. Jean Bapt., 1350.....	2,000 00
Joseph I. Beaupre.....	Daignillon, 3807.....	2,000 00
John H. Stamp.....	South Park, 1953.....	2,000 00
Richard A. Moore.....	New London, 1158.....	1,000 00
Edward Vance.....	Emerson, 1637.....	2,250 00
Alfred Fortin.....	St. Hubert, 687.....	1,000 00
Herbert L. Wells.....	Huntington, 1437.....	3,000 00
Alex. Sutherland.....	Frontenac, 59.....	1,700 00
Low Sapher.....	Crawford, 1651.....	3,000 00
Calvin L. Coggins.....	Brear, 800.....	1,000 00
Harvey Millisor.....	Ququa, 1502.....	1,000 00
Paul A. Stubnalzy.....	Badger Tent, 1012.....	1,000 00
Myer Gottliffe.....	Stadacona, 221.....	1,000 00
W. S. Mostyn.....	Iroquois, 851.....	1,000 00
Alexander Lamb.....	Stonewall, 1066.....	1,000 00
H. B. Emerson, M.D.....	Mountview, 1137.....	1,000 00
William Leusk.....	Green Ridge, 1633.....	50 00
Peter A. Prescott.....	Marshfield, 3298.....	1,000 00
W. H. Sulby.....	Good Cheer, 746.....	1,000 00
William G. Fisher.....	Mt. Brydges, 183.....	1,000 00
Fred. D. Poor.....	Dopeyster, 1222.....	1,000 00
A. D. Davis.....	Tyrian, 1083.....	2,000 00
Frank Winnagle.....	Trumbull, 707.....	500 00
Peter N. Bendz.....	Nicolet, 1392.....	1,000 00
Herbert J. White.....	Gen Moor, 3086.....	3,000 00
John Elliott.....	Victoria, 10.....	1,000 00
Joseph D. Beatty.....	Penobscot, 1186.....	1,000 00
William A. Phillips.....	An Sable, 239.....	1,000 00
Leonard Rudolph.....	Galion, 1369.....	2,000 00
Felix Rieffer.....	Du Vernet, 1271.....	3,000 00
John Miller.....	Saskatchewan, 1030.....	1,000 00
Andrew Main.....	Myrtle, 5.....	1,000 00
Edwin R. Stone.....	Romeo, 756.....	1,000 00
John G. McPherson.....	Harwich, 93.....	1,000 00
Samuel Westaway.....	Exeter, 123.....	333 34
Phillias Langlais.....	Levis, 1512.....	1,000 00
German A. Forsyth.....	Moulinette, 960.....	1,000 00
Patrick Golden.....	Central, 635.....	1,000 00
Peter McLellan.....	Lucknow, 451.....	1,000 00
O. P. Doray.....	Sutton, 301.....	1,000 00
W. McKenzie Mason.....	Brook, 212.....	500 00
Wayne Bowman.....	Lake Erie, 1205.....	1,000 00

\$104,346 50

Old Age Disability—

William Wallace, C. Welcome, 12.....	\$ 200 00
George Harrison, C. Blenheim, 203.....	100 00
James L. Williams, C. Dufferin, 1.....	100 00
Benj. Bridgewater, C. Dresden, 161.....	100 00

500 00

Total and Permanent Disability—

Solomon Shandon, C. Miranda, 326.....	\$ 500 00
Millard P. Brown, C. Adrian, 1078.....	1,000 00
Edmund D. Adams, C. Danville, 310.....	1,000 00
Thomas J. Smith, C. Gardena, 625.....	250 00
John E. Hughson, C. Blenheim, 208.....	500 00
John M. Kiley, C. Valley, 232.....	1,000 00
A. D. Merry, C. Ebeceme, 857.....	500 00
John Trzystelski, C. Universal, 423.....	500 00
William H. Sprague, C. Caro, 506.....	500 00
Wm. C. Ballance, C. Portsmouth, 622.....	500 00
Isaac Fischel, C. Oscoda, 285.....	400 00
Henry Koch, C. Valley, 232.....	500 00
G. A. M. Logan, C. Manitou, 135.....	500 00

5,150 00

Doctors' Fees.....	80 00
Refund of Assessments.....	315 39
Commissions.....	99 50

Fire Insurance re Loans.....	\$ 675 90
Law Expenses.....	168 18
English Refunds of Assessments.....	123 80
Sundry Payments re Loans.....	1,300 05
Five per cent. to General Fund.....	7,857 55

Balance..... \$ 123,116 87

3,195,014 06

\$3,318,130 93

Sick and Funeral Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, as per last Statement.....	\$ 69,567 78
" Supreme Secretary.....	14,817 23

\$ 84,385 01

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Claims.....	\$ 22,737 59
" Funeral Claims.....	625 00
" Refund.....	30 17
" English.....	63 42
" 5 per cent. to General Fund.....	740 87
" Balance.....	60,187 96

\$ 81,385 01

General Account.

RECEIPTS

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 18,783 55
" " on account of supplies.....	880 43
" Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	7,857 55
" " " Sick and Fun. Ben. Fund.....	740 87

\$28,262 40

CONTRA—CR.

By Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 3,041 65
" Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	9,951 26
" Wages of Employees.....	3,951 85
" General Management Expenses.....	5,235 26
" "Forester" and Supplies.....	4,479 79
" Balance.....	1,602 58

\$ 23,262 40

Surplus.

Deposited with Ins. Dept. of Dom. of Canada.....	\$ 100,000 00
" Great Britain and Ireland.....	95,610 17
" U. S. Government Bonds.....	148,753 35
" New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Est.....	2,693,682 41
Debentures.....	133,375 73
Deposit Receipts.....	510 79

3,196,367 49

Current Account..... 62,312 73

\$3,258,710 22

Sick and Funeral Surplus..... 60,187 96

\$3,318,898 18

Grand Total Surplus.....

Yours in L. B. and C.
H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Treas.

The Elite of Altoona.

To Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger C. W. Barton belongs the honor of having organized a large Court on Friday, April 28th, in Altoona, Pa. It is called Court Elkhurst, and is made up mainly of the prominent men of that city. High Secretary Mingle assisted in the ceremonies. A. P. McLeod was chosen as Chief Ranger, with H. L. Smith as Court Deputy. Mayor Giles and his Chief of Police are both members of the Order.

Uniting United Friends.

On Monday night, April 17th, Deputy Campbell organized a new Court composed entirely of appellants who were formerly members of Philadelphia Council, Order of United Friends, and on Tuesday another Court was instituted from members of Meade Council.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of April, 1899.

During the month of April, the Medical Board reviewed 1,619 medical examination papers, of which 1,379 were accepted and 240 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected	Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected
British Columbia.	7	1	Nova Scotia.....	11	4
California.....	73	11	North Dakota.....	20	2
Colorado.....	1	1	N. W. Territories.	13	4
Connecticut.....	8	1	Ohio.....	89	16
Illinois.....	118	10	Ontario (Centre)...	21	3
Indiana.....	22	2	Ontario (East)....	17	5
Iowa.....	17	2	Ontario (West)...	104	21
Kansas.....	4	1	Oregon.....	1	1
Maine.....	55	8	Pennsylvania.....	82	5
Manitoba.....	30	5	P. E. Island.....	4	1
Michigan (East)...	113	17	Quebec.....	121	41
Michigan (North)...	4	3	Rhode Island.....	2	1
Michigan (West)...	56	3	Vermont.....	8	1
Minnesota (North)	39	9	Washington.....	3	1
Minnesota (South)	19	4	Wisconsin.....	41	5
Missouri.....	4	1	England.....	29	12
Montana.....	3	1	Ireland.....	12	1
Nebraska.....	3	1	Scotland.....	3	1
New Brunswick...	19	1	Wales.....	1	1
Newfoundland...	7	1	Norway.....	1	2
New Jersey.....	48	15			
New York.....	128	22	Total.....	1379	240
New Hampshire...	16	2			

Yours in L. B. and C.,
T. MILLMAN, M.D.,
Sec. of Medical Board.

Acknowledgments.

An Acknowledgment From Maine.

APRIL 29TH, 1899.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA, S.C.R.,
Toronto, Ont.

MY DEAR CHIEF,—Enclosed find policy of our late brother, J. D. Beattie, duly receipted. The cheque was delivered this noon by Bro. O. B. Fernandez, R.S. and Court Deputy, in my presence. The wife and family were surprised that it came so soon. It has been just fourteen days since the brother's death. We could have done better, but were delayed here by the absence of attending physician. Still I am pleased with the results. Bro. Beattie died April 15th; burial services held the 18th; Court meeting, 18th; returns mailed, 20th, at noon; draft drawn and mailed at Toronto, 25th; received in Old Town, 28th; delivered to beneficiary, 29th, at 12.30. Fraternity of the highest quality, and duly appreciated too. The deceased brother was also insured in the New York Mutual, and proofs were mailed same day I mailed ours.

I wish to thank you and the other members of the Executive Council for their promptness. It will help us in a quarter where we have been able to do but little heretofore.

Am glad to know that you are back at the helm, and that your health is improved.

Fraternally,

CLARENCE SCOTT.

MARSHFIELD, WIS., April 24, 1899.

I hereby wish to acknowledge the receipt of a draft for \$1,000 for mortuary benefit of my beloved husband, P. A. Prescott, who belonged to Court

Marshfield, No. 3298, I.O.F., located at Marshfield, Wis., for which I feel very grateful.

Just one week from the day the proof of claim was sent from here I received the draft of \$1,000, and I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Independent Order of Foresters for the fine treatment I have received from their hands, and the wonderful promptness in paying my claim.

EMMA C. PRESCOTT.

MENDON, Mich., April 24th, 1899.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROS.,—I wish to tender to you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the prompt manner in which you paid my sick benefit claim, amounting to \$41.00. I also desire to thank the officers and members of Court Mendon, No. 1121, for the brotherly attention and the many acts of kindness which I have received at their hands during my illness.

Wishing our beloved Order continued prosperity and success in its benevolent work, and again thanking you for your kindness, I remain,

Yours fraternally in L. B. and C.,

WM. SAMUEL WHITEHORN.

COURT NEAHTAWANTA, No. 3263.

Mr. John Y. Clanton:

DEAR SIR,—Please accept my sincere thanks for the prompt payment of my late husband's insurance. I feel that I can sincerely recommend your Order to others.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. DORA PETRIE.

VASSAR, April 23rd, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.:

DEAR BROS.,—I desire to return through you my most sincere and grateful thanks to the Supreme Court, I.O.F., also Court Vassar, 337, I.O.F., for the prompt manner in which they have paid the endowment on the life of my husband, W. C. Hall, amounting to \$1,000, also \$73.15 for sick and funeral benefits. I also take this opportunity of thanking the members and officers for their kindness and attention through the great trial I have undergone. Wishing your noble Order every success, and may God bless and prosper all Foresters and their families, I remain,

Yours in L. B. and C.,

MARY C. HALL and family,
Vassar, Michigan.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, 2104, Apr. 21, 1899.

16 Clarendon R., C-on-M, Manchester.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of draft for £100.00 in settlement of my late husband's (Paul Hey) insurance policy in your society, which was settled with great promptitude and to my entire satisfaction.

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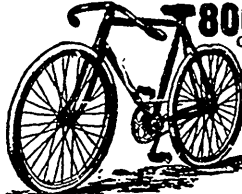


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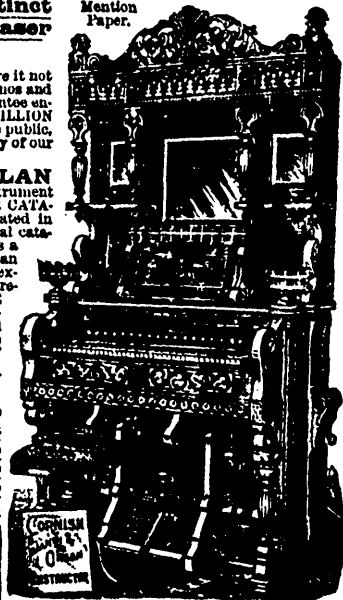
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