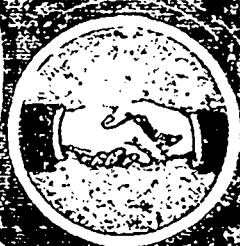
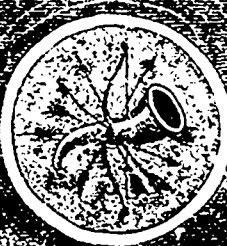


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THE NEW YEAR.

Oh ! hushed as the zephyr that gently re-
poseth,
And breathlessly sinks on life's bosom to
sleep,
And calm as the crocus its bright petals
closeth,
Then silence and moonlight are spread
o'er the deep.

So hushed be the sigh from the heart softly
stealing,
That ling'ringly turns to the dreams of the
past,
So calm be the visions of prescience, revealing,
That change dimly pictured is coming at
last.

Like a phase of our lives the old year has
passed o'er us,
What hopes on its wings has it wasted
away ?

Like a fire-flashing meteor that trembled be-
fore us,
Then passed, and we see but the grey dawn
of day !

Oh ! New Year, we pray thee, bring balm to
the fever
Of yearning thy forerunner taught us to
feel ;
Submission and faith to the heart-ert be-
liever,
That grace from above, alone potent to
heal !

Some hearts there may be whose old bonds
of affection

Are loosed as thou com'st, and who love
us no more ;
Unkindness brings strength to endure, and
rejection,
And let not our spirits vain idols adore.

It may be that fortune, and fame, and ad-
vancement,
When nearest we thought them, eluded
our grasp,
That the honor we sought proved a subtle
entrancement,
Too frail to be reached by our famishing
clasp.

Or that which we had may have dwindled
and faded,
From plenty's fair haven to poverty hurled,
Or our brows with laments for the dead have
been shaded
And we left 'o battle alone with the world.

Still, hushed as the zephyr at eventide
sleeping,
And calm as the floweret that closes at
night,
Oh, Spirit of Mercy ! at peace in thy keeping,
We'll journey again with the year's rising
light.

For friends may be faithless, and hopes may
be blighted,
And chill death may sever the hearts that
were true ;
But we go to the land where true hearts are
united,
Its haven our beacon, for ever in view.

—Boadicea.

Again wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year.

By order.

E. S. CUMMER, ORONHYATEKHA,
Supreme Secretary. Supreme Chief Ranger.

Cost of Insurance.

The Foresters claim that the actual cost of insurance is much less than the sums collected by the Old Line Insurance Companies as premiums, and therefore the rates may be lowered with safety and advantage to the insured, as has been done in the I. O. F. The following table explains itself :

Name of Company.	Age of Company.	Amount Paid for each \$1,000 of Death Claims.	Amounts Collected for each \$1,000 of Insurance.
New York Life	46	\$ 11 02	\$ 56 76
Mutual Life	45	16 62	54 07
New England	44	14 57	48 45
State Mutual	42	9 48	49 21
Mutual Benefit	42	18 19	47 99
Connecticut Mutual	41	20 26	49 44
Massachusetts Mutual	36	11 91	45 80
Berkshire Life	36	9 41	48 60
Equitable Life	30	10 62	48 12
North-western Life	30	9 06	46 48
		\$131 14	\$494 92

That is to say that these 10 Old Line Insurance Companies, all over 30 years old, collected last year, for each \$1,000 of insurance held, \$494.92, *one-third* of which is \$164.97, a sum quite sufficient to have covered all the death losses which the Companies had to pay, viz, \$131.14.

Important Decision.

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered an opinion of unusual interest to holders of life insurance policies. Thomas L. Hume, of the District of Columbia, died in 1881, totally insolvent, but leaving \$35,000 life insurance policies, payable to his widow or children. The administrators and creditors of Hume's estate sought to force application of the proceeds of the policies to the payment of the debts due to the creditors, on the ground that the premiums paid by Hume were a fraudulent transfer of an in-

solvent's estate, and void as against creditors, and that consequently the proceeds of the policies should inure to the benefit of the Hume estate, and not to the beneficiaries named in the policies. The Supreme Court holds that the beneficiaries are entitled to the proceeds of all the policies without any deduction whatever on account of premiums paid, holding that a husband and father has a full right to insure his life in the interest of his wife and children, and that where such policies are effected in the name of the beneficiaries they are no part of the estate of a deceased insolvent, and therefore cannot be regarded as a fraudulent assignment of any part of his estate when so effected.

Address of the C. R., Court Frontenac.

VICE-CHIEF RANGER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—At the close of my second term I have (1) to express my gratitude for the loyalty with which you have supported me in the efforts I have made to advance the interests of the Order, and (2) to express the pleasure which we all feel at the success that has attended the work of the Court.

The extraordinary development of it, its steady and substantial growth, its use in public esteem, must be contemplated with the fullest measure of satisfaction.

In placing the merits of the Order before the people early in the year, we labored under some discouragements. We had the competition of other friendly societies whose operations challenged attention. We had to deal with the embarrassment of discussing our aims, our objects, and our principles with those who were prejudiced against secret societies of any kind. We had to educate the people who were inclined to listen to us as to our standing, our accomplishments, our usefulness. We had to resort to the expedient of in some way and to some extent advertising our plans and our purposes. We had to be patient and yet enthusiastic in a good cause, and we have had our reward.

To-night, Court Frontenac is not only the bearer of an honorary title; it is not only the banner Court of the Order; it is not only the winner of every token of grand and heroic service—it is an exemplar to all kindred societies in this city. It is a compliment to us Brethren, that our successes have been pointed to as an inspiration to other Orders, that our persistency in rectitude of action has put life into other branches of benevolent enterprise; that our warm advocacy of a much

esteemed Society has been held up for the admiration of the citizens generally. Ours is certainly an exalting record.

And yet it could not be otherwise and this Court do its duty, its whole duty, and nothing but its duty. The Independent Order of Foresters rests on a foundation as solid as that of Gibraltar. It is based on the principles of equity and justice. In meeting and out of meeting, liberty, benevolence, and concord has been the motto of its members. The spirit of the constitution has influenced them to the fullest extent, and the term and the year close without the remembrance of a single incident to mar the harmony of this Court.

We, of Court Frontenac, have been bound together by the strongest of fraternal ties. We have been actuated by the same motives, the same aspirations, the same impulses. We have been buoyed up by the highest hopes. We have moved with such unanimity as to make conquest irresistible. We have had it from our Supreme Chief Ranger that our record is without a parallel, that our work cannot be too highly appreciated, and this declaration, as published in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, is practically our song of triumph, which is to-day being sung from one end of the Dominion to the other.

Brethren, let us not weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. The reports of the Secretaries are exceedingly suggestive and of nothing so much as the responsibilities of the future. We have raised Court Frontenac to a position of eminence. Let us see to it that we keep it there. We seem to have somewhat surprised our superiors by the nobility of our work. We know we have surprised ourselves by it. We have shown, however, what can be done by earnestness, and courage and perseverance. And the end is not yet. We stand even now in the throes of the last lively struggle for Court Supremacy. We have reached the final—for this year at any rate—exacting test of our imperishable zeal. We have not the desire to merely leave light foot-prints in the sands of time; we are ambitious of making 1888 memorable in the history of Forestry, of having inscribed upon our banner the victories we have won. This final strain upon our devotion may be a severe one, but Court Frontenac knows no such word as fail. Our Forestric horizon is as yet unclouded; our Forestric sun does not sink behind the distant hills at even time; our energies are unimpaired, and before the advent of the glad New Year we shall have

stormed the last ramparts, and captured the citadel, and the finger of the just one shall have written our name, the name of Court Frontenac, high up upon the scroll of honor.

But do we live and move and have our being for show alone? Is it pomp and circumstance and display that carry us along and nerve us for the great responsibilities we assume? Are we influenced by the vanities which afflict the world, and mar the best work of humanity? Nay, nay, my brethren. I know you better than to suppose anything of the kind. My faith and yours in Forestry demands that we do our best in its behalf. The better the Order the larger our interest in it. We enjoy the sociability of our meetings; we find occasion for a fuller and freer exercise of the virtues we possess in Forestry; but we recall the fact that we do not live for these alone. Each of us to-night must feel as did the poet when he wrote:

I live for those who love me,
For those I know are true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too,
For those human ties which bind me,
For the task my God assigns me,
For the hopes that beam within me,
And the good that I can do.

I live to hold communion
With all that is Divine;
To feel there is a union
'Twixt Nature's heart and mine.
To profit by affliction,
Reap truths from fields of fiction,
Grow wiser from conviction,
And fulfil each great design.

I live to hail that season,
By gifted minds foretold,
When man shall live by reason,
And not alone for gold,
When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted,
The world shall be truth-lighted,
As Eden was of old.

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

And now, as Chief Ranger, I again thank you, officers and members of Court Frontenac, for your undeviating loyalty to the chair. It is a source of pride to me that I have been permitted to preside over a Court which has achieved so much for Forestry. I have done what I could in the interest of the Court and of the Order, and with the deepest gratitude

for past favors, I place my office and its honors at your disposal.

[Brother Meek was unanimously re-elected Chief Ranger of his Court for another term, though he had requested relief from the duties of office, in doing which the Court did itself honor and consulted its best interests.—ED.]



Minutes of the High Court of New Jersey.

Newark, 10th November, 1888.

In accordance with the order of the High Standing Committee the officers and representatives from Subordinate Courts assembled in the Court-room of Court Progressive, No. 254, at 8 p.m.

The High Court of New Jersey was opened in due form by High Chief Ranger G. Chauncey Wardell.

The following officers were present :

- High V. C. R., Elwood Phares.
- " Sec., B. H. Marsh.
- " Treas., R. J. Aljoe.
- " Coun., T. B. Clark.
- " Auditors, W. Stevens, W. F. Wenke.
- " Chap., R. A. Mulford.
- " J. W., Wm. Bembridge.
- " Marshal, E. G. W. Ladd.
- " Con., B. O. Horton.

‡ The following appointments were made by the H. C. R. to fill vacancies :

- High S. W., T. B. Clark.
- " S. B., Wm. Stevens.
- " J. B., W. F. Wenke.
- " Messenger, J. W. Long.

Brothers B. H. Marsh, B. O. Horton and R. A. Mulford were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows :

To the H. C. R., Officers and Representatives of the High Court of New Jersey.

Your Credential Committee submit the following as their report :

We have examined the credentials in our possession, and find the following named Brothers qualified as Representatives :

Court Elizabeth, No. 1.—R. J. Aljoe, Thos. Haywood, jr., J. W. Long, J. C. Fenwick, Wm. Bembridge.

Court Washington, No. 44.—Henry J. Cox, George Reed and B. O. Horton.

Court Richmond, No. 234.—Ellis Stinemire and Wm. Stevens.

Court Progressive, No. 254.—E. H. Allen and I. N. Sherwood.

Court Lafayette, No. 344.—Wm. R. Houghton and Thos. Terrill.

B. H. MARSH,
R. A. MULFORD,
B. O. HORTON, } *Credential Committee.*

Upon motion of Brother Aljoe, seconded by Brother Clark, the report of the Credential Committee was adopted.

The High Secretary appointed Brother J. M. Moses, of Court Washington, No. 44, as High Journal Secretary.

The H. C. R. conferred the High Court Degree upon the Representatives present.

The H. C. R. appointed the following Standing Committees :

Finance.—E. H. Allen, J. W. Long and W. R. Houghton.

State of the Order.—T. B. Clark, J. M. Moses and I. N. Sherwood.

Distribution.—R. A. Mulford, Thos. Terrill and B. O. Horton.

New Business.—G. Reed, E. G. W. L and Ellis Stinemire.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

To the Members of the High Court of New Jersey :

BRETHREN,—At the last meeting of the High Court, when I was honored by being elected your High Chief Ranger, I hoped that at this meeting we would have representatives from a large number of new Courts, but reviewing the past year I feel that it is practically a year lost. While we have gained greatly in membership, there has not been one new Court instituted in the jurisdiction by the High Court. We have had placed in our charge by our Worthy Brother D. S. C. R. Clark one Court, which bids fair to become the Banner Court of New Jersey.

We have a large uncovered field, and although our State is overflowing with Orders of a similar nature, I feel confident that if the objects and benefits of our grand Order were properly placed before the people we could plant a Court in every city and town in the State. We have plenty of members with the ability to do this, but I was unable to find any who have the time to devote to it. We have a membership of about 400, against 253 last year, which is a very creditable showing for five Courts.

As you will see by the officers' reports, our finances are in excellent condition, and would warrant a still further reduction of the per capita tax, but I recommend that it remain as it now stands (50 cents), and the High Secretary be paid a salary, the amount to be fixed by the High Court.

No questions have come before me for decision, and the High Standing Committee have found it necessary to meet but once, and then only to fill vacancy, which shows that perfect harmony and union exists, and the officers and members of the Courts are thoroughly conversant with the laws of the Order.

Thanking you all for your kindness and co-operation, and wishing the High Court greater success,

I am yours, in L., B. and C.,
G. CHAUNCEY WARDELL,
H.C.R.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Newark, 10th November, 1888.
To the H. C. R., Officers and Members of the High Court of New Jersey :

BRETHREN,—I herewith submit my report for the term ending 10th November, 1888.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Number of Courts, July, 1887.....	4
" " instituted	1
Total.....	5
Number of members, July, 1887.....	249
Increase during year.....	91
Total membership, July, 1888.....	340

Statement No. 1.

Detail receipts from Subordinate Courts :

Name of Court.	No.	Per capita Tax.	Supplies.	Total.
Elizabeth	1	\$ 75 00	\$ 9 47	\$ 84 47
Washington	44	32 75	6 27	39 02
Richmond.....	234	18 50	9 99	28 49
Progressive.....	254	7 00	4 95	11 95
Lafayette.....	344	.....	3 70	3 70
Total		\$133 25	\$34 38	\$167 63

Statement No. 2.

EXPENDITURES.

Per capita tax to S. C.....	\$ 69 61
Supplies from S. C.....	31 78
	<hr/> \$101 41
Rent	\$ 4 00
Stationery and expressage.	1 97
Warrant book.....	3 50
	<hr/> 9 47
By balance	57 58
	<hr/> \$168 46

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Ex. H. S....	\$ 83
For per capita tax.....	133 25

For supplies..... 34 38

168 46

Paid High Treasurer

Statement No. 1

ASSETS.

Due from S. C. for royalty on Court Lafayette.....	\$ 5 00
Stock on hand	34 70
Cash in hands of Treasurer.	139 80
	<hr/> \$179 50

LIABILITIES.

Due S. C. for supplies..... 20 40

Total worth of H. C.... \$159 10

Respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.;
B. H. MARSH,
High Secretary

HIGH TREASURER'S REPORT.

To: the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the H. C. of N. J. :

BRETHREN,—I herewith submit my report for the year ending 10th Nov., 1888 :

Receipts.

Received from H. S., 13 Jan., '88..	\$ 67 97
" " " 29 Jan., '88..	10 00
" " " 27 July, '88..	50 00
" " " 6 Aug., '88..	31 19
" " " 9 Nov., '88..	9 30
Balance on hand last report	82 22

\$ 250 68

Disbursements.

Per warrant No. 1.....	\$ 33 50
" " " 2.....	3 26
" " " 3.....	28 52
" " " 4.....	4 00
" " " 5.....	1 97
" " " 6.....	3 50
" " " 7.....	36 13

110 88

Balance on hand..... \$139 80

Respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.
R. J. ALJOE,
H. Treas.

Moved by Brother Horton, seconded by Brother Aljoe, that the reports be referred to the Distributing Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Brother Phares, seconded by Brother Houghton, that it be the sense of this High Court that special meetings be called for instruction. Motion carried.

Moved by Brother Allen, seconded by

Brother Ladd that the H. C. R. visit each Court officially four times a year. Motion lost.

The Distribution Committee reported as follows :

1. The Distribution Committee recommend that the report of the H. C. R. be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

2. Report of the H. Secretary, Sec. 2, to the Committee on the State of the Order and the financial statement of the same to the Committee on Finance.

3. The High Treasurer's report to the Finance Committee.

R. A. MULFORD, }
THOS. TERRILL, } *Distribution Committee.*
B. O. HORTON, }

Moved by Brother Phares, seconded by Brother Aljoe that the report be received and recommendations adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Brother Aljoe, seconded by Brother Horton that the Committee be requested to report on the Officers' Reports this evening if possible. Motion carried.

Bill of High Secretary for postage, expressage, &c., amount \$2,08, read.

On motion of Brother Horton, seconded by Brother Ladd the bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Recess of 15 minutes declared by H. C. R. Court called to order at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Brother Marsh, seconded by Brother Mulford, the H. Secretary was instructed to procure bill heads, letter heads, &c., for the High Court.

Finance Committee report that they have examined the reports of the H. Secretary and H. Treasurer and find them correct, and also report the bill of the H. Secretary as correct.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee was received.

Committee on State of the Order report the following :

The Committee on the State of Order have examined the reports referred to them, and would respectfully report that they feel encouraged at the number of new members gained during the year, which has been unsettled, both in business and Lodge matters, owing to the Presidential campaign. But during the coming year we trust we will be able to increase our numbers to a much greater extent, owing to the great inducements offered by the Order.

We would suggest that the recommendation of the H. C. R. in regard to the H. Secretary's salary be adopted, and the amount be fixed at \$20.00 per annum. We also recom-

mend that the per capita tax shall remain at the present amount, 50 cents per annum.

T. B. CLARK, }
J. M. MOSES, } *Committee*
I. N. SHERWOOD, }

Moved by Brother Aljoe, seconded by Brother Horton, that the report be received and recommendations acted upon. Motion carried.

Moved by Brother Horton, seconded by Brother Ladd, that \$20.00 be stricken out, and \$15.00 inserted in the recommendation of the Committee.

H. C. R. declared the motion carried.

Brother T. B. Clark appealed from the decision of the H. C. R.

The decision was not sustained by the Court.

The motion was again voted on and lost.

On motion of Brother Mulford, seconded by Brother Long, the recommendations were adopted.

Committee on New Business recommend that a committee be appointed to procure badges or jewels for the High Court officers.

GEO. REED, }
E. G. W. LADD, } *Committee.*
ELLIS STINEMIRE, }

Moved by Brother Horton, seconded by Brother Long, that the recommendation be non-concurred in. Motion carried.

On motion of Brother Horton, seconded by Brother Mulford, the report was referred back to the committee.

Moved by Brother Clark, seconded by Brother Haywood, that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7.45 p.m., 12th November, 1888. Motion carried.

On motion of Brother Mulford, the High Court adjourned.

12th November, 1888.

The High Court resumed business at 8 p.m., with G. Chauncey Wardell, H.C.R., in the chair.

The minutes of session on 10th November, 1888, were read and adopted.

The Credential Committee reported that the credential of Brother H. L. Rogers, of No. 1, was correct.

On motion of Brother Aljoe, seconded by Brother Ladd, the High Court was reduced to the Subordinate Court Degree.

On motion of Brother Aljoe, seconded by Brother Ladd, the High Court proceeded to the election of officers.

Brothers E. G. W. Ladd, B. O. Horton and Wm. Stevens were appointed tellers.

The following Brothers were elected :
H. C. R., E. H. Allen, of No. 254.

tem nurses having restored their charges to the original owners, Brother Long took the chair and speeches, songs, and organette harmonica and Jewsharp solos, were the order of the evening. The speeches were all very short and to the same point, because Brothers Mitchell, F.S., Pole, Wash, Baylis, C.R., Scott, Chap., Augerman, Bosser, Holmes and McLean had all eaten too much, but Brothers Colman, Thomas, Myles and Rankin, with their instruments and voices made the evening pass quickly.

The public school principal, Mr. W. Campbell, was present and gave an address, after which, the Court having ended its labors in L., B. and C., was duly closed, and the members with their *better halves* hied them homeward, all better for what they had seen, heard, and eaten, during the evening. The decorations comprised silverware, colored glassware, flags, cakes, etc., and were very artistically arranged. The cakes were of all shapes and sizes, and were of the class which only good housewives can make. There were frosted, candied, jellied, and plain cakes, and cold fowl, beef and pork. Of the cakes two deserve special mention, as they had outlined upon the frosted surface the letters "I. O. F." and the figures "180" in red candies, having a very pretty effect.

Our Court has been progressing steadily and now has 38 members in good standing upon the roll.

If the ladies were admitted to membership the roll would now contain at least 150 names, and the Brethren of Court Fidelity hope to see that event soon come to pass.

As I find that I have trespassed on your kindness and space to a greater extent than I first intended, I must beg of you to excuse me, but the efforts of the ladies *cannot* and *must not* go unrewarded.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously by this Court to the ladies for their kind and bountiful spread. Some of the members seem to be of the opinion that the ladies should be admitted to membership, and a supper similar to the one furnished us last night incorporated in the ritual for Subordinate, High, and Supreme Courts.

GOOD AND WELFARE.

TO THE DEAF.—A person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it FREE to any person who applies to NICHOLSON, 30 St. John Street, Montreal.

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Waking Up.

Napanee, 17th December, 1888.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, Editor of the Forester :

DEAR DOCTOR,—The following resolution and the enclosed clipping from the Napanee *Beaver* will explain themselves :

Moved by W. S. Williams, seconded by N. A. Caton, and resolved, that the best thanks of Napanee Court, No. 30, I. O. F., are due, and are hereby tendered to Brother C. C. Whale, Provincial Organizer and Inspector, for the excellent address made by him in the Town Hall, Napanee, last week on Forestry, and for his pains and the zealous manner in which he urged upon the people the necessity of becoming members of our Order, and we hereby express the hope that he may be spared long to devote his time and energy for our cause, and that a copy of this resolu-

tion be forwarded to Brother Halkett, H.S., and to THE FORESTER.

On Friday evening last a public meeting was held in the Town Hall with a view to reorganizing the local Lodge of the Independent Order of Foresters. The Court here has been dormant for some years, but a nominal organization has been kept up, and a number who prized the benefits of the institution in the way of insurance and sick benefits have maintained their connection. The present activity is due to the presence of Mr. Whale, Superintendent of the High Court, who has been soliciting in behalf of the institution for a week past. The deputat. on from a distance consisted of Dr. Millman, S.P.; A. R. Milne, H.C.R., and C. C. Whale, Superintendent of the High Court; James Stokes, C.D.; John R. Thompson, P.C.R., and John Fletcher, V.C.R., of Court Deseronto, No. 9; J. D. Murray, C.D.; W. Smith, Treasurer; F. Took, Recording Secretary; Captain Skinner and D. O. Spencer, of Court Picton, No. 177; and R. Meek, C.R.; T. W. Moore, C.D.; H. Bawden and T. C. Wilson, of Court Frontenac, Kingston. The chair was occupied by A. R. Milne, H.C.R., and a number of excellent addresses were delivered, during which the organization and work of the institution was thoroughly reviewed. The speakers were A. R. Milne, Dr. Millman, Messrs. Meek, Moore and Bawden, of Kingston; Stokes, of Deseronto; Murray, of Kingston, and W. S. Williams, of Napanee. A number of those desiring connection with the Order were taken. On Monday evening the Court resumed its meetings, and promises to be one of the best in the district. It has in its membership some of the best men in Napanee.

You will be gratified to learn that the visit of Brother Whale and the Brethren named in the above notice has been followed by the initiation of several new members and an excellent prospect of more to follow.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
J. BOWERMAN.

Highgate Items.

The members of Court Dominion, No. 25, celebrated their sixth anniversary on the 6th of December by giving an "at home" to their wives, families and friends. It was a very successful affair. The ritual services were gone through with in first-class style. A number of the ladies expected to see the "goat," but he was securely fastened in the ante-room. Our Brother, Rev. Reynolds, gave a neat speech on Forestry. We had also one each from Brothers Beattie and McPhail. Mrs. Risk assisted at the organ in singing the Foresters' Anthem and the other odes. Miss Maud Beattie gave two fine recitations. Miss Reynolds also gave us two beautiful songs. The Committee and Brothers desire to thank Mrs. Risk, Miss Reynolds and Miss Beattie for their kind assistance. After the services about 60 sat down to an oyster supper at Brother Beedle's

Hotel, which he served up in the usual first-class style.

Brother John Rettemere is home again. We missed you, John.

Brothers Loudon and Phenix have been advanced to the position of conductors on the M. C. R.

We have our hall nicely decorated with evergreens.

We will miss Brother Samson next term, but hope he will pay us a visit often.

We would like to have a visit from Brother Gardiner. Come down and see us, Harry.

Where is that committee appointed to entertain us? Please come on with something.

THISTLE.

The Foresters' Meet.

AN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS IN THE CITY HALL.

The Occasion a Very Enjoyable one—The Music, Addresses and Readings Highly Appreciated—A Presentation to Chief Ranger Meek—The Supreme and High Court Officers Present.

(From the British Whig, 4th Jan.)

Last evening the city Hall was crowded to the doors to witness the public installation of the officers of Court Frontenac, No. 59, Independent Order of Foresters. During the past week about 600 complimentary tickets were issued, and from the attendance it would seem that not one was unused. With the members of the Order there were over 1,000 present. Foresters, wearing badges, were scattered throughout the hall, and were most enthusiastic over the event.

The hall was tastefully decorated. Seldom has it looked handsomer. The Decoration Committee laid itself out to do something grand, and accomplished this result. There was a fine display of bunting, not only upon the stage, but about the windows. The platform was set with a forest scene and beautifully draped with flags, the Union Jack, Stars and Stripes and Royal ensign being entwined in a delightful way. Across the stage were three arches of colored lights, one large one bearing upon it in living fire the letters "I. O. F." The furniture for the occasion was furnished by Brother Drennan and well set off the platform.

A most excellent programme was presented, one that would have done honor had a high admission fee been charged. It was eight o'clock when the local officers reached

the platform and were assisted to the various seats provided for them. Brother Meek, C.R., occupied the chair, and at once introduced the orchestra, consisting of Messrs. Madill, Shea, Abernethy, Stoddard and Miss Meek. A salute march was presented and applauded. The chairman welcomed the guests of Court Frontenac, and trusted that the programme to be presented would meet with their approbation. The arrival of the Supreme Court Officers, Dr. Oronhyatekha, London; E. Botterell, Ottawa; Dr. Millman, Kingston, and the High Court Officers, J. B. Halkett, Ottawa; A. Milne and T. W. Moore, Kingston, was the signal for much applause. The distinguished officers, dressed in Forestric uniforms, and looking quite gorgeous, were accompanied to the right of the platform. They were accompanied by a number of local Foresters, sashed and ribboned. The excellent programme was then proceeded with. It was thus:

- Song—"For You" Miss Orser
- Reading from Mark Twain H. Bawden
- Song—"Steering Home" J. Galloway
- Clarinet Solo—"Scotch Airs" W. Madill
[with orchestral accompaniment]
- Address Brother Botterell, P.S.C.R.
- Song—"My Trust in You" Miss B. Greenwood
- Song—"When McGinnis Drives up to the Door"
[W. Shea

He complimented Kingston on its progress. As an old Kingstonian (cheers) he had a feeling of pride of what had been accomplished in it in a public way. But in a private way the citizens also knew what was to their advantage. He dwelt on the Order and its phenomenal progress, and intimated to the ladies, whose numbers somewhat awed the speaker, that if they wanted sound, healthy husbands and stirring sweethearts they should look for such to the Foresters. Besides, if the husband died, the widow would secure the handsome endowment for which he had been paying. He pointed out the features of the Order, and advised the ladies when they decided to take the arm of anybody to see that it was the arm of a Forester. He advised young men to join the Order, to provide for later years. In point of morality a Court of Forestry was a good place to spend one's time. Men in it had to be sober, industrious and respectable. If they were not, they suspended themselves. He hoped Court Frontenac would so grow that the city hall would be its future meeting place. He was proud to see it the banner Court, though the banner was taken from Court Ottawa; its membership was creditable to the Court and showed the good judgment of the citizens of Kingston.

This portion of the programme was most interesting. The ladies, handsomely dressed and with most attractive faces, sang with much expression, captivating all hearts. Mr. Galloway was vigorous and excelled himself in his stirring song. The reading of Mr. Bawden was amusing and given with much distinctness. The clarinet solo, by W. Madill, with the orchestral accompaniment, was one of more than ordinary merit. Seldom has such an effort been witnessed in Kingston. The execution of the Scottish airs was so delightful that an encore was insisted upon, and gems from Ireland offered and appreciated.

As a comic singer Mr. Shea made a decided impression. His first song was so pleasing that he was compelled to respond with "Susan's Sunday Out." William is a funny fellow!

Brother Botterell, P.C.R., introduced as a hero of the Order, walked over to Brother Millman, S. Phys., had his pulse felt, and then proceeded to make a pleasant and witty address. He pointed out the benefits to be derived from membership in Forestry. It would seem that the longer a man was attached to the Order the healthier he got.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The installation was then proceeded with. The installing officers consisted of the Supreme and High Court representatives previously mentioned. Before beginning, Brother Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., advanced to the front and intimated to the audience that he took them into his confidence. "It is expected," said he, "that nothing that you hear will be repeated outside the four walls of this building (laughter)." Should any of your citizens suddenly disappear to-morrow, you will understand that they have broken faith with me." The local officers were called to the altar, and placing their hands on the open Bible and on their hearts, took the obligation of office as delivered by the Supreme Chief Ranger. Then the officers were invested and conducted to their respective stations. The ceremony was concluded in the space of half an hour, when the presentation of a gold watch, chain and sea occurred. This was an event that was looked for by many in the audience, and kept them on the tip-toe of expectancy.

Brother Meek, C.R., was about to resume the programme, when Brother Milne, H.C.R., intervened and said there was an addition to

the programme, but he could hardly tell how to introduce it. He gave the sign of distress (of course the ladies did not see it), asked if no one would help him, and found Brothers Galloway and McCann ready to assist. He left the proceedings in their hands. The Chief Ranger was called up and addressed by Brother Galloway, who intimated that Court Frontenac, No. 59, realized that much of the success attained by it had been due to his enthusiasm and indefatigable efforts. He was always willing to aid in every movement that added to the interest to the Court, and hence the desire of the brethren to retain him, for the third time, in the highest office in the gift of the Court. The growth of the Court was in a large measure due to his zeal and energy. His devotion was appreciated, and the testimonial (handed him by Brother McCann) was not as an equivalent for services cheerfully rendered, but a slight token of esteem for himself. The gift, it was hoped, would serve as a link to bind him in memory to old Court Frontenac, No. 59, as long as he lived.

The address being concluded, was succeeded by a burst of applause and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Brother Meek, C.R., said he could not sufficiently thank the members of Court Frontenac for this manifestation of their love. The handsome gift had not been anticipated, and came as a surprise to him. What had he done to deserve special recognition? Nothing more than the duty that devolved upon him as an officer of Court Frontenac. He had simply led in the good work, as he felt he ought to do, and the members of the Court had followed him, and between them they had accomplished the work that challenged admiration. He traced the success of Court Frontenac for the past year, and referred to the various tests that had been made of the loyalty and devotion of its members. In June, by the addition of 56 members to the list, a complete set of badges was won; in October, by a further increase of 82 members, the Uxbridge organ (upon the platform) was secured; in November and December, by recruiting to the extent of 62 members, a set of officers' sashes would come, and with them the banner long promised Court Frontenac, and upon which it was purposed to inscribe victories they had won. He quoted a little prophecy that had been made by him at the last regular meeting of the Court and showed how literally it had been fulfilled. He had done, he said,

what he could for the Court and the Order, without looking for other reward other than devotion of the members. Of this regard he had no doubt. He had been given many evidences of it. For their generosity he was profoundly grateful. He thanked them for their beautiful present from a full heart.

THE SECOND PART.

Selection—Schottische Orchestra
 Song—"Let Me Like a Soldier Fall" ... J. Sherlock
 Duet—"Life's Dream is O'er" . Misses Greenwood
 and Orser
 Address..... Brother Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.
 Song—"Serenade" Miss Orser
 Selections—"Forest Garden Valse"..... Orchestra
 "God Save the Queen."

The second part of the programme was equally as interesting as the first. The orchestra performed so admirably, played so uniformly, that the audience could hardly refrain from insisting on encores. After an absence of a year from the stage, Mr. J. M. Sherlock sang with fine effect. His voice, strong and clear, was heard to advantage. Seldom has he sung better. Seldom has any singer been greeted with such a spontaneous expression of approval as followed his rendition of the song. His return to public life will be a source of gratification to many. Misses Greenwood and Orser were very nappy in their duet, their voices blending most harmoniously. Miss Orser, later, in a "Serenade," showed the compass of her voice, and was stormed with applause as she concluded.

Dr. Oronhyatekha was most happy in his remarks. He told a number of very amusing jokes, one especially at the expense of the Chief Ranger. He was in Kingston two weeks ago and calling upon Mr. Meek was greeted as one editor greets another. On the conclusion of the visit, desiring to visit High Chief Ranger Milne, Mr. Meek called a carriage by telephone. "This is the conversation I heard," said the Supreme Chief Ranger. "Hello, is that you, Wilson? Well, send a carriage to the *Whig* office to take the Supreme Chief Ranger to the insane asylum." When the laughter subsided the doctor said the nearer he got to the institution the madder he got, and the more he vowed to hereafter do his own telephoning. He dwelt on the advancement of the Order, and especially upon the marvellous work done by Court Frontenac during the past six months. It had won all the prizes; it wanted the earth, "and," said he, "we are willing to give it what it wants." He had promised a banner,

believing that the Court had absorbed all the respectable men of Kingston, but they had captured that too, and his rashness would cost \$150 or \$200. But the example set by the Foresters of Kingston was worth ten times the amount the Executive Committee would have to pay for the banner, and it would cheerfully recognize the services Court Frontenac had been to the Order. Its zeal had inspired other Courts, so that during the past eight months the average increase of the Order had been 500 members per month. He intimated that the way they rewarded worthy Brethren was by giving them gold watches. It was a part of the system. He hoped none, however, would join the Order to secure gold watches only. He had enjoyed the gathering. He was delighted with the confidence and esteem in which the Court held its Chief Ranger, and he felt sure that every Forester in the Court and through out the Order would vote that the honor was never more deserved. He wished the audience a happy New Year, and hoped that every eligible young man would become a Forester, so that the record of 1889 would surpass that of 1888.

The entertainment concluded with a selection by the orchestra and the national anthem. The services of Mr. Horace Reyner and Miss Jessie Meek were highly appreciated as accompanists. After the meeting the distinguished visitors, officers of the local Court musicians and singers were entertained at McLaughlin's restaurant. A most felicitous time was enjoyed. There was a delightful spread, and any amount of fine talking and toasting.

Synopsis of a Sermon

Preached to the Independent Order of Foresters in the Methodist Church, Lucan, 25th Nov., 1888, by the Rev. S. Sellery, B.A., B.D. (published by request).

Subject, "Benevolence;" text, Luke iv., 29.

The correction of mistakes on religious subjects was one of the many purposes for which the Son of God was manifested in the flesh. A good part of His Sermon on the Mount is taken up with such corrections, and in the story with which the text is connected He disencumbers the second great commandment of the law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," of the interpretations with which bigotry and selfishness had veiled its meaning, and presents it in its original e-

tent and comprehensiveness of obligation. The lawyer who asked the question, "what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"—the question which led the Saviour to give the beautiful parable from which the text is taken—was quite familiar with this great commandment of the law—familiar with the letter of it, but certainly did not grasp its meaning, its spirit, its original import. "Who is my neighbor?" asked the lawyer. Even among the more devout Jews it seems to have been disputed how far the precept extended. Our Lord settles the question in the beautiful parable which follows, this question of the lawyer. Our Lord's answer was clearly this. Every man in distress, of whatever country, of whatever rank, profession or character is our neighbor. To him we are to stretch out the hand of relief, and with respect to him the law authoritatively enjoins, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." On this principle of universal benevolence here inculcated I wish to make a few observations, and then touch the question of special organized benevolence as represented by the Order present on this occasion.

The practical value and moral beauty of this spirit of true benevolence, so strikingly brought out in the parable before us, appears from a variety of considerations:

1. We find that God has established a principle of universal dependence through every part of his intelligent creation. As creatures we have a two-fold dependence—a dependence upon God and upon our fellows. As soon might we have created ourselves as preserve ourselves. A celebrated Divine has said that the whole universe trembles over the gulf of eternal nothingness, and is only preserved by the power of Almighty God. "In Him we live and move and have our being." We are also dependent upon each other. We are bound together by the great law of interdependence which runs through all life's varied relations. Men of one calling are dependent upon men of another calling. Men who toil with their brain are dependent upon men who toil with their hands, and men who toil with their hands are dependent upon men who toil with their brain. No single department of labor is independent of other departments. The man of science is indebted to the farmer and the mechanic, and the farmer and the mechanic are indebted to the man of science. In view of this mutual dependence, how proper, how becoming, that men of different callings entertain kindly, brotherly feelings

toward each other, and manifest a practical interest in each other's prosperity and advancement.

2. Another fact which should teach us sympathy and lead to the practice of active benevolence is this: We all stand upon the same level as to our liability to distress and suffering. What others are suffering to-day we may suffer to-morrow. We are neighbors to the distresses of every man. We have no charter of exemption from the calamities that have fallen upon others. The man of wealthy and luxury to-day may be in poverty to-morrow. The joyful wife of to-day may be the lone, desolate, weeping widow of to-morrow. The happy, romping children of to-day, enjoying the affections and care and counsel of loving parents, may be the disconsolate orphans of to-morrow, thrown upon the world's charity. In view, then, of our liability to every kind of suffering, how sympathetic we should be towards those who are in circumstances of trial and sorrow.

3. Further, what is more beautiful in character than a spirit of benevolence? Who does not admire the spirit of the Good Samaritan! It is because of the inherent loveliness of this spirit that we admire a man like Howard, the distinguished philanthropist, who in his work of reformation laid down his life a thousand times that others might find theirs, that we admire a Miss Nightingale nursing the sick and dying soldiers who had fallen in the service of their country on the field of battle; that we admire a Grace Darling launching her boat amid the stormy billows to rescue the helpless shipwrecked crew. What is more detestable than the opposite of this Spirit—a narrow, selfish, miserly spirit that has no concern for the woes or maladies or distresses of others?

4. Then there is the rich enjoyment to the individual who practices benevolence. That man is to be profoundly pitied who has not realized the truth, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." There is no sweeter joy on earth than the joy to be found in doing good, in ministering to the wants and relieving the distresses of others.

5. This spirit of benevolence is the very spirit of our Christianity and is fostered and developed by Christianity. There were no charitable buildings in ancient Rome or Constantinople. In reading the descriptions of the splendid Metropolis of Antiquity, our vision is greeted by no reference to a house of mercy. It is Christianity that has studded the Christian nations of the earth with benevolent institutions, as the stars spangle the

heavens. Wherever there is a suffering son of Adam Christianity says go and help him.

But, while the Saviour inculcates this spirit of universal benevolence, teaches that every man of every country is our neighbor, did he intend to break down all those peculiar regards which spring out of ties of intimate relationship? Did he intend to teach that our affection towards all mankind should be equal? I think not. Dr. Wheeler remarks that while we love our neighbor as ourselves this love may not be of the same kind as the love of self. It may be more moral and less instinctive in its nature. The love that we have for our neighbor must, in the nature of things, differ from the love that we have for our nearest relations. The relation that a man sustains to his family differs from the relation that he sustains to any outside his family, so that your family have claims upon your affection and sympathy and care that others have not. Now, I think this will apply in a wonderful sense to certain organizations—organizations like the one represented here to-day. The Order of Foresters is a Benefit Society—a system or organized benevolence. We may do more harm than good by bestowing our charities without any regard to method or system. If a man of wealth should go through our large cities bestowing charity or giving aid to all beggars indiscriminately, in many cases he would be only promoting idleness and drunkenness. The important thing is to possess a benevolent spirit and to be judicious in the exercise of this benevolence.

The object of the Independent Order of Foresters "is to unite in one Brotherhood all good men without regard to sectarian creeds, political dogmas or conditions in life; to provide for relief in sickness or disability; to establish, upon the mutual aid plan, a fund for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased members; to foster a spirit of co-operation in all departments of labor and commerce; to assist the unfortunate and relieve the distressed; to encourage and protect the professional man, laborer, artisan, tradesman and farmer, and all engaged in industrial pursuits." The insurance aspect of the Order commends itself to all thoughtful persons. That man who is without capital and who has only a moderate income, is false to one of the highest interests of his family if he does not provide for that family by insurance.

The benevolent aspect of the Order also is worthy of the highest commendation. The home to which affliction has come is visited by the physician as well as by members of the

Order, and provided with the needf till health is restored. Many families would be in absolute want on account of the protracted illness of the bread-winner were it not for the aid received through this Society. This Order now numbers 10,758 and has a reserve fund of over \$112,000.

[Since the above sermon was preached the membership has increased to 11,517 and the surplus to \$117,821.96.—ED.]

Annual Concert.

The annual concert of Court Mount Brydges, No 183, I. O. F., was held in the Town Hall at that place on the evening of 20th November, and proved an immense success in every way, the hall being filled till standing room was at a premium, by a highly appreciated audience, among whom were to be seen a large number of the brethren of Court Fidelity, No. 180, of Appin, who came in full Court regalia and sashes. They chartered a special lorry for their 14-mile ride. Send us word when you have a concert, Brothers. A very lengthy programme was rendered by the Watsonian Concert Company, of St. Mary's, assisted by selections on the musical glasses by Mrs. and Miss Sage, of Walton. The Concert Company gave the best of satisfaction, while the delicious harmony produced on the glasses by Mrs. Sage and her beautiful daughter held the large audience entranced. These ladies are musical artists of rare ability. They have traveled extensively through the principal cities of Canada and United States, playing before crowded houses for consecutive nights. They are probably the most pleasing attraction procurable for society entertainments. The chair was ably filled by Prof. J. B. Watson, manager of the Concert Company, and during the evening gave a very eulogistic address in favor of the I. O. F. The following programme was rendered: Part 1.—Plantation melody, Oh, Maria, Arlington quartette, E. M. Long first tenor, J. L. Harris second tenor, Will W. Ellis baritone, Chas. L. Kunkler basso; musical glasses, selections, Mrs. and Miss Sage; topical song, "It's English, You Know," Will W. Ellis; character song, Heathen Chinee, J. L. Harris; song, Havn't for a Long Time Now, E. M. Long; character sketch, Old Virginia, Chas. Kunkler; comic song, Ain't He the Baby? Will W. Ellis; Irish song, Wheel the Baby Out, J. L. Harris; solo, Committed to the Deep, E. M. Long; musical glasses, selec-

tions, Mrs. and Miss Sage; sketch, Fun in a Pawn Shop, Harris, Ellis and Kunkler. Part II.—Melody, Swin de Golden Ribber in de Morn', quartette; musical glasses, selections, Mrs. and Miss Sage; song, Not Before Pa, E. M. Long; female impersonations, J. L. Harris; ballad, Life's Story, Will W. Ellis; negro melody, Little 'Liza Loves You, C. L. Kunkler; song, Under the Weeping Willer, E. M. Long; musical glasses, selections, Mrs. and Miss Sage; comicalities, the sketch team, Harris and Ellis; the latest out, a practical joke, company.

Court Kennebecasis.

Court Kennebecasis, No. 24, Norton Station, King's Co., N. B., is working zealously. New members are yet being proposed, and we will doubtless have more initiations soon. On the last night of meeting, 5th December, the following resolution was unanimously passed, and to which Brother Ryan briefly and touchingly replied:

Whereas—It has pleased Almighty God to suddenly bereave Brother Howard Ryan, of this Court, in the very sudden death of his father, Mr. Freeze Ryan.

Therefore resolved—That wetender Brother Ryan our sincere sympathy in the deep loss which he has sustained.

DR. J. J. LAWSON, *Treas.*
C. E. BLACK, *R.S.*

Appreciation.

Court Seguin, No 107, I. O. F.

Parry Sound, 26th Oct., 1888.

*To the Editor of the Independent Forester,
London, Ontario:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the regular meeting this evening it was,

Resolved.—That this Court do hereby express its satisfaction at the prompt and courteous manner in which the Sick Benefit Claims of the members of this Court have been dealt with, and that the Recording Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

JNO. PURVIS, *R.S.*

Send all Medical Examinations to Dr. T. Millman, Rockwood Asylum, Kingston, Canada, who is the Secretary of the Medical Board.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of December, 1888.

										RECEIPTS.			
No. of Members	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endow'mt Asses'mt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.	No. of Members	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endow'mt Asses'mt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.		
151	Elizabeth	1	\$139.75	...	...	85	Alvinston	67	\$70.91	...	\$ 3.00
69	Hope	1	60.94	\$20.24	...	40	Thamesford	68	30.12	\$3.21	...		
48	Beaver	2	55.48	...	...	36	Woodstock	69	41.44	3.89	...
63	Stromont	3	48.23	13.42	\$17.42	17	Concord	70	16.33	3.12	...		
108	Dufferin	4	104.18	21.60	3.12	32	Moncton	71	37.76	...	10.00		
17	Myrtle	5	19.24	3.56	4.00	26	Rosewood	72	18.97	1.42	...		
69	McGregor	6	61.21	1.51	4.00	81	Valley City	73	70.21	26.41	18.99		
44	Mount Royal	7	39.22	2.16	5.55	46	Southampton	74	75.97	...	2.00		
36	Forest City	8	40.26	14.71	2.76	12	Credit Valley	75	9.13	...	...
17	Kingsville	9	46.00	15.31	2.63	21	Sylva	76	15.03	...	...
131	Victoria	10	67.51	...	...	32	Oil City	77	27.73	8.28	3.58
10	Royal Oak	11	8.99	1.15	...	115	Mississippi	78	93.75	3.84	28.00		
96	Welcome	12	89.73	34.03	7.15	55	Excelsior	79	73.90	3.42	17.74		
40	Winnipeg	13	53.89	1.92	1.69	42	Beaconsfield	80	52.14	...	...
51	Crediton	14	38.51	3.02	...	37	Madawaska	81	41.06	1.68	1.28		
26	Cobourg	15	25.77	4.44	...	14	Davenport	82	15.83	2.68	...		
7	Manitoba	16	6.00	...	...	10	Sidney	83	9.22	3.12	...
24	Elora	17	19.19	7.49	...	17	Robin Hood	84	28.28	...	...
14	Springfield	18	11.91	...	...	31	Ontario	85	103.53	...	...
83	Keewatin	19	84.46	14.38	...	54	Union	86	70.32	6.21	6.00		
11	St. Clair	20	9.59	.99	...	50	Midland	87	47.70	...	13.00		
20	Wellington	21	20.24	...	...	26	Rosedale	88	19.77	4.53	...
41	Fergus	22	35.65	11.33	2.66	10	Bonnechere	89	8.16	...	...
125	Oronhyatekha	23	171.01	11.85	7.95	12	Olive Branch	90	...	...	...
69	Kennebecasis	24	63.00	12.01	5.50	20	Hillsboro	91	22.97	2.75	...		
38	Dominion	25	27.89	11.66	...	32	Hazel	92	27.53	...	1.00		
50	Pr. Alexandria	26	48.43	13.96	...	45	Deseronto	93	27.92	12.28	15.04		
59	Jubilee	27	44.10	22.55	24.50	77	Petitcodiac	94	70.12	6.82	2.72		
41	Bruce	28	42.44	3.08	1.60	50	Collingwood	95	38.95	4.76	2.66		
73	Elgin	29	58.32	6.06	.76	17	Lorne	96	16.61	...	...
13	Napanee	30	10.08	...	...	22	Lisgar	97	16.41	7.05	...
46	Rideau	31	55.39	...	...	32	Harwich	98	31.50	...	4.00
25	Mt. Sherwood	32	71.56	...	...	41	Tyrocnell	99	...	...	...
29	Intervale	34	23.38	6.27	...	18	Albert	100	22.22	2.26	...		
4	Springbrook	35	...	...	...	37	Gordon Falls	101	32.19	5.62	.50
40	Guelph	36	4.53	...	...	48	Acadia	102	40.43	9.68	...
17	Thames	37	33.82	6.89	2.90	7	Blomidon	103	9.44	...	...
59	Amity	38	15.81	...	...	35	Columbia	104	26.32	...	...
27	Glen	39	62.00	...	2.00	12	Londonderry	105	10.04	.38	...		
222	Ottawa	40	21.59	6.87	...	47	Haldimand	106	43.17	5.51	14.66		
13	Petrolea	41	233.36	2.96	4.50	84	Seguin	107	68.17	27.79	...		
49	Sydenham	42	21.18	.52	...	17	Hiawatha	108	19.17	...	...
73	Washington	43	52.53	12.66	6.65	23	Evangeline	109	32.45	3.72	2.75		
68	Shelburne	44	60.24	...	6.00	24	Stanley	110	21.81	3.09	2.00		
35	Oxford	45	74.80	...	.50	30	Durham	111	26.07	10.50	...
72	Erie	46	...	...	2.67	30	Equity	112	36.72	2.05	2.00
8	Northern Star	47	66.69	20.87	1.64	41	Pearl	113	22.67	10.80	2.98		
13	Russell	48	6.48	...	...	53	Royal Jubilee	114	41.27	1.29	17.62
28	Alliston	49	10.26	...	...	24	Admiral Digby	115	22.42	...	...
53	Puslinch	50	30.87	.44	2.00	29	Welland	116	39.79	1.86	...		
40	Canada	51	35.99	14.59	3.02	15	Bad Axe	117	12.82	5.56	2.65		
31	Enterprise	53	47.57	13.13	2.00	22	Locksley	118	35.46	...	3.00		
59	Sarnia	54	50.03	4.59	...	8	Bear River	119	8.35	...	...
17	Hopewell	55	83.25	...	...	30	York	120	24.16	8.76	8.00
41	Harmony	56	17.90	...	...	78	Loyalist	121	60.64	...	12.00
14	Protection	57	33.19	12.60	...	21	Sissiboo	122	22.87	...	...
383	Frontenac	58	23.08	...	...	44	Exeter	123	44.38	.46	...
23	Maple Leaf	59	304.44	27.38	31.18	25	Stellar	124	22.08	...	...
62	Oak Leaf	60	23.29	...	...	26	La Tour	125	...	...	...
15	Grand River	62	51.25	19.68	...	15	Arva	126	24.42	3.54	...		
28	Garnet	63	12.03	...	...	157	North'n Light	127	166.58	...	23.00
34	Eureka	64	25.03	5.15	...	11	Crescent	128	16.46	.54	...		
18	Queen City	65	30.52	13.00	5.91	9	Birtle	129	8.77	...	...
		66	18.31	.33	...	9	Mizpah	130	8.28	.85	...		

THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

No. of Members.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endowment Ass. amt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endowment Ass. amt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.
19	Jewel	131	\$16.33	\$6.23	\$8.54	32	Kars	203	\$32.92	\$ 2.73
12	Middleton	132	10.03	2.19	...	10	Onangondv	204	6.89	...
27	Credit	133	26.76	2.58	...	26	La Have	205	29.09	...
20	Progress	134	15.45	...	...	26	naway	206	23.20	.78
24	Manitou	135	27.08	2.98	...	26	L can	207	22.93	5.89
	St. Anthony	136	...	...	...	16	Blenheim	208	15.61	.74
31	Milton	137	44.59	1.85	...	11	May Flower	209	13.46	...
34	Jarvis	138	33.52	11.30	23.83	11	Clare	210	13.97	...
56	Milicete	139	69.71	12.38	2.66	31	Tilbury	211	24.89	1.12
19	Algoma	140	28.65	4.11	...	52	Royal	212	48.76	18.82
26	Alexandra	141	27.64	...	...	21	Lansdowne	213	...	...
28	Carp	142	20.09	1.16	...	59	Kemptville	214	55.92	7.21
35	Lambeth	143	30.22	6.11	...	10	Minnewawa	215	24.77	...
65	Manotik	144	62.65	.35	...	9	Amherstburgh	216	9.77	...
97	St. Mary's	145	83.46	13.06	...	38	Gower	217	53.85	2.34
31	Rockland	146	29.75	11.30	...	15	Sylvan	218	13.35	1.11
40	Fulford	147	42.53	14.25	7.58	10	St. Lawrence	219	8.88	1.13
24	Saugeen	148	18.22	5.76	9.61	21	Clifton	220	21.87	4.79
60	Prince Albert	149	56.18	1.10	...	10	Ridgetown	221	11.32	.65
30	Happy Retreat	150	24.08	1.66	...	9	Cy of the Val	222	11.71	...
47	Gen. Gordon	152	41.18	15.54	10.00	24	St. John	223	25.67	...
23	Belmont	153	24.64	...	...	62	Stadacona	224	103.67	1.99
49	Berlin	154	80.90	29.26	11.12	15	Lincoln	225	15.93	4.78
233	Maple	155	170.72	55.56	25.15	18	Winona	226	27.84	7.51
129	Parkhill	156	92.81	27.35	21.78	6	Falls View	228	9.79	1.30
16	Ivy	157	18.54	...	...	48	Laurentian	229	52.11	.66
17	Forest Queen	158	10.86	3.92	2.60	15	Empress	230	15.67	2.77
9	Putnam	160	7.29	2.83	...	20	Dunnville	231	19.32	.40
5	Summervale	161	...	...	...	38	Valley	232	46.05	.71
30	Carleton	162	29.12	.69	...	13	Pelham	233	11.38	2.62
35	Huron	163	38.40	12.98	...	63	Richmond	234	52.20	...
65	Dresden	164	70.12	10.96	8.14	35	Selkirk	235	33.36	7.96
30	Miramichi	165	25.76	...	1.00	9	Raymond	236	8.24	3.17
64	Simcoe	166	73.47	2.66	4.00	8	Otter Valley	237	6.06	1.35
25	Toronto	167	23.95	7.12	...	5	Monk	238	6.62	2.62
26	Brant	168	33.76	3.94	...	67	Flint	239	72.54	4.95
40	River Speed	169	33.29	3.89	6.00	21	St. James	240	21.01	...
57	Hamilton	170	60.45	5.32	17.03	39	Spadina	241	40.59	5.92
20	Garden City	172	20.39	1.84	...	23	Brock	242	17.96	3.10
39	Black Knight	173	29.91	10.07	...	25	Bracebridge	243	27.15	5.27
34	Nelson	174	...	...	...	5	Gravenhurst	244	6.15	1.23
11	Ethel	175	9.66	...	...	13	Hastings	246	11.24	...
22	Cookshire	176	12.62	2.98	...	37	Lansing	247	48.49	...
41	Pictou	177	29.39	2.84	10.00	28	Relief	248	...	...
24	Glenmorris	178	24.35	6.05	4.80	23	North Toronto	250	19.72	4.26
24	Port Perry	179	42.46	.88	...	48	Argyle	251	53.95	3.46
35	Fidelity	180	...	...	...	20	Kinburn	252	21.04	...
14	Lindsay	181	14.18	4.27	...	38	Progressive	254	29.43	...
25	Phoenix	182	24.77	5.87	...	20	Woodham	255	17.95	...
29	Mt. Brydges	183	25.87	9.50	2.63	46	Caledonia	256	50.94	6.99
27	Butternut Rge	184	22.46	.45	2.00	27	Greenwood	257	21.04	2.20
37	Beaverton	185	35.22	4.41	...	21	Eglinton	258	53.52	2.22
12	Rock Glen	186	9.46	3.35	...	31	Mystic	259	37.11	1.79
78	Desmond	187	72.36	...	16.00	17	Doon	260	25.94	10.60
63	Aurora	188	64.30	9.94	...	14	Michigan	261	9.35	4.70
13	Florence	189	13.29	1.79	...	43	Sts. of Mackaw	262	49.53	.43
31	Salisbury	190	36.23	1.18	...	15	Benevolence	263	12.25	.66
6	Success	191	6.40	1.47	...	9	Pleasant	264	10.29	...
10	Theford	192	10.57	...	2.00	30	Pembroke	265	25.41	3.40
40	Peerloss	193	41.17	16.98	8.08	24	Herbert	266	30.14	...
13	Denfield	194	35.66	3.72	...	23	Marion	267	21.81	8.76
14	Waterdown	195	16.60	1.80	...	9	Harbor	268	8.07	3.38
45	Sauble	196	...	...	...	49	Balmoral	269	64.14	12.65
15	Shakespeare	197	10.59	4.88	...	14	Prospect	270	10.72	...
23	Refuge	198	25.65	3.07	...	6	Pontiac	271	5.12	...
7	St. Paul	199	9.90	4.96	...	17	Bellevue	272	15.31	...
10	Triumph	200	10.70	2.18	...	9	Croswell	273	8.04	3.16
17	Ruby	201	15.03	4.40	...	11	Albion	274	8.82	.66
29	Chautauqua	202	32.05	...	15.00	26	Cedar	276	35.68	.32

No. of Members.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endow't Assets nt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Name of Court.	No. of Court.	Endow't Assets nt.	S. & F. Benefit.	General Fund.
23	Shawville....	276	\$21.99	\$ 1.02	...	10	Zephyr....	346	\$15.35	...	...
17	Bryson.....	277	14.54	.39	...	25	Burrard... .	347	259.01	...	\$6 70
52	Ioaco.....	278	48.44	19.15	\$9.09	12	Leisure Flour	348	7.61	...	...
28	Eganville....	279	28.67	4.38	...	13	Riverside....	349	12.14	\$.34	2.00
10	Lachute.....	280	8.97	2.07	...	29	Weidman....	350	23.26	9.05	1.00
62	Harvard....	281	58.10	...	2.00	16	Actonvale... .	351	18.12	3.21	...
39	St. Marks....	282	28.85	..	22.00	21	Cannington..	352	15.14	..	2.00
12	St. Albans... .	283	...	...	...	27	Tittabawasse .	353	23.82	10 78	2.47
17	Cayuga.....	284	18.30	...	...	15	Mason.....	354	17.01	...	...
83	Oscoda.....	285	62.17	23.40	15.60	12	Fremont.....	355	10.28	...	...
47	Windsor Mills	286	43.86	13.74	...	15	Pride of Akron	356	16.45	...	6.00
19	Britannia....	288	13.74	.36	...	23	Signet.....	358	41.77	8.67	8.69
9	Au Sable....	289	7.76	1.10	...	13	Appui.....	359	8.37	.35	.70
27	Shefford....	290	25.30	3.44	4.00	59	Banner.....	360	65.49	...	...
20	Eyesache....	291	14.02	5.03	...	10	Schomberg... .	361	...	...	...
32	Yamaska....	292	24.41	10.24	10.20	13	Osgoode....	362	13.07	...	29.63
26	Alpena.....	293	37.88	6.55	..	17	King City ..	363	18.72	...	46.00
18	Oshawa.....	294	19.99	.73	6.00	20	Oakwood....	364	4.64	...	32.00
16	Calgary.....	295	18.78	4.75	8.06	23	Star.....	365	...	...	...
15	Aberfoyle... .	296	10.09	5.07	...	28	Kings.....	366	17.09	4.51	14 00
13	Fortune.....	297	11.03	4.14	2.86	19	Tagoona.....	367	...	...	...
19	Cold Brook... .	298	15.72	5.79	..	9	Members at large	9.33	...	...	...
10	Missisquoi... .	299	17.46	3.92	...		H. C. of Ontario	...	...	2000.00	...
21	Maple Ridge .	300	18.26	...	...		G. T. B. A.....	14.15	...	1.00	...
14	Rock.....	301	16.19	3.79	..		L. Encampment	...	...	25 00	...
19	Burns.....	302	16.68	.67	.68		nd. Forester ..	...	...	20.00	...
19	Bedford.....	303	38.57	2.40	5.86						
12	Sutton.....	304	13.92	2.92	...	11618			\$11357.05	\$1467.24	\$3209.39
44	Eden Mills... .	305	36.12	14.23	...						
37	Bay City....	306	29.65	9.87	8.48						
22	Willowdale .	307	40.66	3.72	.86						
19	Bolton.....	308	21.25	.53	..						
10	Garfield....	309	10.66	...	...				
7	Superior....	310	5.19	...	...				
21	Ouyahoga....	311	...	...	...			
50	Buckeye.....	312	47.35	...	6.00						\$16,633 68
29	Liberty....	313	23.52	1.71	.66						
23	Que. Victoria	314	22.44	...	...				
	Stanbridge..	315	...	...	...			
17	Meadowvale .	316	11.07	3.47	...						
23	Eastman....	317	32.63	9.26	...						
19	Resort.....	318	14.00	.37	2.74						
24	Valens.....	319	18.61	7.77	4.00						
12	Magog.....	320	14.17	2.43	..						
19	Sherbrooke..	321	...	...	...			
23	Manistiqué .	322	25.00	...	2.00						
17	International.	323	16.30	1.18	1.00						
5	Masonville... .	324	6.65	...	...				
31	Presque Isle..	325	73.00	...	.50						
23	Miranda.....	326	45.76	15.89	5.37						
14	Ivanhoe....	327	10.67	.33	...						
20	Dover.....	328	8.53	.38	4.00						
8	Stouffville... .	329	9.45	...	...				
33	Buckingham..	330	35.65	.44	8.00						\$122,238 21
14	Thurso.....	331	9.85	...	...				
10	Markham....	332	...	...	...			
12	Trent.....	333	27.42	1.12	2.23						
13	Warkworth .	334	11.61	...	...				
	Bonnie Doon.	335	...	...	...			
26	Flower City .	336	11.47	5.94	7.57						
53	Vassar.....	337	36.15	15.96	76.97						
19	Charlottetille.	338	15.25	.75	...						
13	Triflavian... .	339	...	...	...						1,000 00
11	Danville....	340	3.09	4.45	...						
10	Coaticook... .	341	...	...	...			
	Monarch.....	343	...	...	...						1,000 00
93	Lafayette... .	344	70.07	...	4.00						
34	Waverley....	345	28.53	11.41	24.31						

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.	
From Endowment assessment.....	\$11,357 05
" Sick and Funeral Benefit.....	1,487 24
" General Fund	3,209 39
	<u>\$16,633 68</u>

CONTRA—CR.

By paid the Supreme Treasurer... ..	\$16,033 68
Submitted in L., B. and C.,	
E. S. CUMMER, <i>Supreme Sec.</i>	

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for the Month of December, 1888.

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance per last report	\$ 108,925 33
" Cash received from S. Sec.....	11,357 05
" Interest on Deposits & Investments..	1,955 83
	<u>\$122,238 21</u>

CONTRA—CR.

Dec. 1, by cheque 2808, Eliza, widow late Brother Thos. Boardman, Court Northern Light, No. 27, Endowment in full.....	\$ 1,000 00
Dec. 3, by cheque 2813, Adeline Mary, widow late Brother Edwin J. Greaves, Court Frontenac, No. 59, Endowment in full	1,000 00
Dec. 10, by cheque 2824, Isabel, widow late Brother John Morrison, Court Sarnia, No. 55, Endowment in full.....	1,000 00
Dec. 26, by cheques 2877 and 2878, Geo. Ellsworth, and Edgar Philip,	

Sous of late Brother Philip S. Martin, Court Lindsay, No. 181, balance Endowment claim.....	2,000 00
Dec. 26, by cheque 2879, Isma, widow late Brother John Smith, Court Dufferin, No. 4, Endowment in full	1,000 00
Dec. 27, by cheque 2830, Jno. Morris, Sr. guardian of infant children late Brother Wm. Butler, Court Eureka, No. 65, Endowment in full	1,000 00
Interest charged twice to P. O. deposit	222 08
5 per cent. to General Fund..	567 85
Balance:	113,448 28
Total.....	\$122,238 21

SURPLUS FUNDS.

P. O. Sav. Bank.....	\$11,779 56
Dominion Sav. Bk.....	10,871 02
Ont. Loan and Deb. Co... ..	21,580 08
Can. Per. Inv't. Co.....	5,000 00
School Debentures..	5,067 48
Bank of Toronto..	10,367 10
Huron and Erie S. & L Co.	10,000 00
Bank British N. America	10,000 00
Uxbridge Town Deb.....	9,112 50
Freshold Sav. & Loan Co.	10,000 00
Rat P'tage De'tures.....	3,000 00
Current Bank acct.....	10,822 08
	\$117,599 88

SICK AND FUNERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To balance per last report.....	\$1,775 46
" Cash received from S. Sec.....	1,467 24
	\$3,242 70

CONTRA—CR.

Faid for Sick Benefits.

Dec. cheque.	days.	
1, 2790, Jas. V. Amies.....	10	\$ 7 14
2791, Robt. Garner.....	21	15 00
2792, Sam. Foist.....	84	60 00
2793, Robt. Drone.....	53	37 86
2794, Wm. J. Mills.....	60	42 86
2795, E. J. P. Dubelbeis.....	34	60 00
2796, J. W. Berkel.....	14	10 00
2797, Henry Brydgc.....	31	22 14
2798, Jno. S. Hull.....	14	10 00
2799 Douglas Lawson.....	11	7 86
2800, Jas. C. Clark.....	10	7 14
2801, E. C. Culp.....	17	12 14
2802, W. S. Pirco.....	29	20 71
2803, Chas. Ringrose.....	67	47 86
2804, Geo. H. Sharps.....	25	17 86
2805, A. ex. McWilliam.....	30	25 71
2806, B. F. Watson.....	38	25 71
2807, Peter Tullock.....	40	28 57
3, 2811, Alf. Ray.....	35	25 00
10, 2816, W. J. George.....	49	35 00
2817, W. H. Bradley.....	7	5 00
2818, Henry P. Howell.....	26	18 57
2819, A. J. Reycroft.....	19	13 57
2820, Jno. Hall.....	10	7 14
2821, Sam. Maguire.....	14	10 00
2822, Jno. G. Bradley.....	11	7 86
2823, Alex. Fraser.....	56	40 00
24, 2846, Foster Boynton.....	60	42 86
2847, Milton O. Holman.....	62	44 29
2848, Jno. Quid.....	14	10 00
2849, Jno. H. Craig.....	8	5 71
2850, Jos. Wood.....	9	6 43

2851, Alex. McWilliam.....	25	17 86
2852, Henry S. Dunford.....	35	25 00
2853, Jno. Urquhart.....	8	5 71
2854, Henry Simpson.....	14	10 00
2855, Wm. H. Simpson.....	7	5 00
2856, Robt. Hawthorn.....	7	5 00
2857, Robert Garner.....	21	15 00
2858, Chas. E. Worthington.....	24	17 14
2859, E. Ainsworth.....	31	22 14
2860, David A. Munford.....	18	12 86
2861, Henry Whitlock.....	30	21 43
2862, Slannage Jacobs M D.....	24	17 14
2863, Farquhar Stewart.....	12	8 57
2864, Wm. T. Thomas.....	38	27 14
2865, Jno. Lyndon.....	21	15 00
2866, Wm. E. McConnell.....	7	5 00
2867, S. E. Randall.....	11	7 86
2868, W. B. Williams.....	10	7 14
2869, Geo. Clark.....	12	8 57
2870, Thos. Aitkins.....	11	7 86
2871, G. C. Flintoff.....	10	7 14
2872, Geo. Weeden.....	7	5 00
2873, Aaron Auger.....	19	13 57
29, 2881, Funeral benefits late Brother John Smith.....		50 00
2882, Duncan J. McColl.....	18	12 86
2883, Jas. Chase, Jr.....	28	20 00
2884, W. A. Daniels.....	12	8 57
2885, Jno. Young.....	49	35 00
2886, Chas. A. Forshes.....	15	10 71
2887, C. A. Miller.....	35	25 00
2888, Fletcher S. Kelly.....	23	16 43
2889, Jno. C. Welden.....	14	10 00
2890, Louis J. Dewar.....	14	10 00
2891, Jno. Thompson.....	14	10 00
2892, Jas. Gilray.....	42	30 00
2893, Jos. Querria.....	14	10 00
5 per cent. to General Fund		73 36
Balance on hand.....		1,903 65
		\$3,242 70

GENERAL FUND.

To cash received from S. Secretary.....	\$3,209 39
" 5 per cent. Endowment receipts.....	567 85
" 5 per cent. S. & F. receipts.....	73 36
	\$3,850 60

CONTRA—CR.

By Balance.....	\$ 54 60
Dec. 1, by cheque 2809, Wm. Fell & Co. Souls.....	23 50
Dec. 1, by cheque 2810, E. H. Kordes, binding account.....	25 00
Dec. 3, by cheque 2812, J. Kilgour, furniture S. C. R.....	35 00
Dec. 7, by cheque 2814, Advertiser Printing Co., on account.....	200 00
Dec. 8, by cheque 2815, Dr. Oronhyatckha, salary December.....	208 00
Dec. 10, by cheque 2825, D. Wilson & Co., badges.....	403 55
Dec. 10, by cheque 2826, I. Thornton, salary.....	75 00
Dec. 10, by cheque 2827, J. Bayly salary.....	75 00
Dec. 10, by cheque 2828, B. Bayly salary.....	60 00
Dec. 10, by cheque 2829, Loughry & Tackaberry.....	10 00
Dec. 10, by cheque 2830, S.C.R. travelling expenses.....	50 00

	No.	314	4	0
		319	1	0
Court Queen Victoria	No.	314	4	0
" Valens	"	319	1	0
" Magog	"	320	1	0
" Sherbrooke	"	321	2	0
" Presque Isle.	"	325	3	0
" Miranda	"	326	4	0
" Ivanhoe	"	327	1	0
" Dover	"	328	1	0
" Thurso	"	331	2	0
" Trent	"	333	1	0
" Warkworth	"	334	1	0
" Bonnie Doon	"	335	1	1
" Flower City	"	336	1	0
" Vassar	"	337	6	0
" Triflavian	"	339	1	1
" Lafayette	"	344	2	0
" Weidman	"	350	1	0
" Cannington	"	352	2	1
" Mason	"	354	3	3
" Siguet	"	358	1	0
" Appui	"	359	3	1
" Panner	"	360	7	0
" Osgoode	"	362	3	0
" King City	"	363	15	3
" Oakwood	"	364	14	2
" Star	"	365	27	1
" Kings	"	366	8	0
" Tagona	"	367	11	0
Total			606	44

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

Mortuary Statement for the Month of December, 1888.

No. 186. Brother John Morrison, of Court Sarnia, No. 55, located at Sarnia, Ont., died on the 2nd of December, of cancer of the stomach, aged 47 years. Initiated 24th February, 1885. Paid into Endowment Fund \$43.70. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Isabel Morrison. Paid by cheque No. 2824.

No. 187. Brother Edwin Jos. Greaves, of Court Frontenac, No. 59, located at Kingston, Ont., died on the 2nd of December, of typhoid fever, aged 3 years. Initiated 9th June, 1888. Paid into Endowment Fund \$4.44. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Adeline M. Greaves. Paid by cheque No. 2813.

No. 188. Brother James Carr, of Court Maple, No. 155, located at St. Thomas, Ont., died on the 30th of November, of pleuro-pneumonia, aged 40 years. Initiated 30th December, 1886. Paid into Endowment Fund \$19.32. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Claris Ann Carr. Paid by cheque No. 2894.

No. 189. Brother John Smith, of Court Dufferin, No. 4, located at London, Ont., died on the 9th of December, of internal hemorrhage, aged 31 years. Initiated 28th May, 1886. Paid into Endowment Fund \$20.70. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Isma Smith. Paid by cheque No. 2833.

No. 190. Brother Joshua G. Reynolds, of Court Elizabeth, No. 1, located at Elizabeth, N. J., died on the 3rd of December, of cancer of the stomach, aged 60 years. Initiated 8th November, 1881. Paid into Endowment Fund \$113.40. Endowment of

\$1,000 designated to his wife, Ruth A. Reynolds. Paid by cheque No. 2910.

No. 191. Brother Robert N. Bryan, of Court Elizabeth, No. 1, located at Elizabeth, N. J., died on the 3rd of December, of internal hemorrhage, aged 49 years. Initiated 27th March, 1883. Paid into Endowment Fund \$67.62. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Charlotte Jane Bryan. Paid by cheque No. 2909.

No. 192. Brother Ed. J. C. Dubelbeies, of Court Flower City, No. 336, located at Rochester, N. Y., died on the 15th of December, of phthisis, aged 24 years. Initiated 31st May, 1888. Paid into Endowment Fund \$5.94. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his mother, Magdaline Dubelbeies. Paid by cheque No. 2935.

No. 193. Brother Robert C. Thompson, of Court Parkhill, No. 156, located at Parkhill, Ont., died on the 14th of December, of typhoid malarial fever, aged 48 years. Initiated 21st May, 1885. Paid into Endowment Fund \$26.62. Endowment of \$1,000 designated to his wife, Ellen Thompson. Paid by cheque No. 2911.

Submitted in L., B. and C.,
E. S. CUMMER,
Supreme Secretary.

It is Absurd

For people to expect a cure for Indigestion, unless they refrain from eating what is unwholesome; but if anything will sharpen the appetite and give tone to the digestive organs, it is Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Thousands all over the land testify to the merits of this medicine.

Mrs. Sarah Burroughs, of 248 Eighth street, South Boston, writes: "My husband has taken Ayer's Sarsaparilla, for Dyspepsia and torpid liver, and has been greatly benefited."

A Confirmed Dyspeptic.

C. Canterbury, of 141 Franklin st., Boston, Mass., writes, that, suffering for years from Indigestion, he was at last induced to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla and, by its use, was entirely cured.

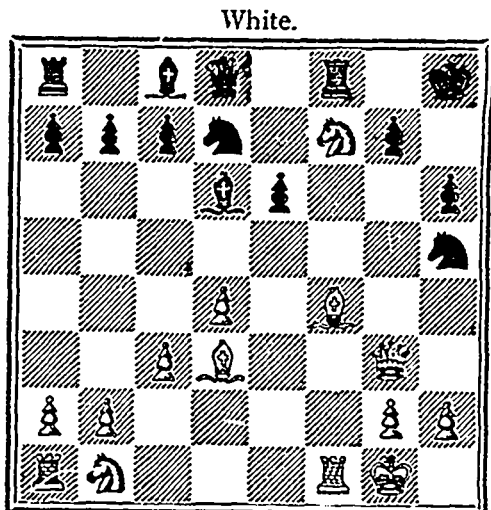
Mrs. Joseph Aubin, of High street, Holyoke, Mass., suffered for over a year from Dyspepsia, so that she could not eat substantial food, became very weak, and was unable to care for her family. Neither the medicines prescribed by physicians, nor any of the remedies advertised for the cure of Dyspepsia, helped her, until she commenced the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. "Three bottles of this medicine," she writes, "cured me."

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 Price \$1; six bottles, \$5. Worth \$5 a bottle.

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| 4 Kt x P | 4 P to K 3 <i>b</i> |
| 5 P to B 3 | 5 B to Q 3 |
| 6 B to Q 3 <i>c</i> | 6 P to K R 3 <i>d</i> |
| 7 Castles | 7 Kt to K B 3 |
| 8 Kt to K 5 | 8 Q Kt to Q 2 |
| 9 B to K B 4 | 9 Castles |
| 10 Q to B 3 | 10 K to R sq |
| 11 Q to Kt 3 | 11 Kt to R 4 |
| 12 Kt x P <i>c</i> <i>e</i> | |

Position after White's 12th move



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| 13 Q to Kt 6 | 12 R x Kt |
| 14 B x P <i>f</i> | 13 Q to Kt sq |
| 15 B to K Kt 5 | 14 Q Kt to B 3 <i>g</i> |
| 16 P to K Kt 4 | 15 B to Q 2 <i>h</i> |
| 17 K x B | 16 B x P <i>ch</i> <i>i</i> |
| 18 K to Kt 2 | 17 Kt x P <i>ch</i> |
| 19 K to Kt sq | 18 B to B 3 <i>ch</i> |
| 20 B x R | 19 R x R <i>ch</i> |
| 21 Kt to Q 2 <i>k</i> | 20 Kt to Kt 6 <i>j</i> |
| 22 B to B 6 | 21 Q to K B sq |
| 23 Q x Kt | 22 Q x B |
| 24 R to Q sq | 23 Kt to B 4 |
| 25 Kt to B 3 | 24 Q to R 3 |

And the 3½ hours allowed for play being completed, the game was adjudicated as a draw. (L)

NOTES.

From the Kentish Express.

a One of those American inventions which has yet to receive strict analysis. White soon gets a clear field, but has to pay for it by means of sacrifice.

b 4 B to Kt 5 before the advance of the King's Pawn is desirable.

c Both players have strayed from the path generally followed but this has the mutual

advantage of more rapidly placing the brunt of the battle upon each one's own ability.

d An unnecessary step to prevent White occupying his K Kt 5th square, which would have given no "point" of positional advantage.

e A pretty reply to an apparently annoying move.

f Carrying out the attack in a spirited manner.

g R x R *ch* would have been of no service here; in fact would, in all probability, have lost what, under such pressure, is most valuable—time.

h Black's forces are very cramped, and the text is about the best that can be done, though B to K 2 has some claims. B x P *ch* is of no use.

i A dangerous capture, as it might open the K R file to White's attack hereafter. Still Black has plenty of prospects in his checks.

j 20 Q to R 2 would help Black to keep the lead.

k Why not 21 B to Q 3?

l To predict the result of this game would be to speculate much. For though in material Black is ahead, in position White appears to have some advantage; and, in face of these facts, a draw is the most satisfactory decision to arrive at.

CANADIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION.

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The sixteenth annual meeting of the Association will be held at 4 p. m. on Monday, January 14th, 1889, and followings days, in the rooms of the Montreal Chess Club, No. 14, Phillip's Square, Montreal.

The Tourney, open to all chess players of the Dominion, on payment of an entrance fee of \$1, will begin as soon as the organization of the meeting and the settlement of preliminaries have been effected.

It is proposed to give five prizes: First, \$25; second, \$20; third, \$15; fourth, \$10; fifth, \$5. In addition to these prizes, a trophy (value \$100) will be competed for, under conditions to be determined at the meeting.

It is very desirable that clubs and members should at once renew their annual subscriptions, addressed to the secretary-treasurer, as above. Clubs are expected to contribute a minimum of \$5; individual members pay \$1. Life membership is obtained by a single payment of \$20. By order, J. Henderson, Sec.-Treas

Acknowledgment.

Court Frontenac, No. 59, I. O. F.,
Kingston, 14th Dec., 1888.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.:
GENTLEMEN,—At a regular meeting of this Court, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

“That the officers and members of Court Frontenac, No. 59, I. O. F., having received the beautiful Organ which was offered as a first prize to the Court which initiated the largest number of candidates during the month of October, desire to thank the Executive Council of the Independent Order of Foresters for their prompt and satisfactory fulfilment of their terms of competition.”

I am, yours in L., B. and C.,
J. S. R. McCANN, R. S.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Resolution of Court Dufferin, No. 4, I. O. F., of London, to Mrs. John Smith and family:

Whereas—It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to suddenly remove from our Forest Home our beloved Brother, John Smith, thereby severing from our fraternal chain one more link, and filling our hearts with sorrow for the loss we have sustained,

Therefore, resolved—That while we bow in submission to the will of Him who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind, we cherish in our hearts the remembrance of the many virtues of our departed Brother and cover his frailties with the ever-green mantle of Forestry.

Resolved—That while we mourn the loss of his friendship and society of our Brother, who

has passed through the Forest of this life before us, that we strive to emulate his example in all that is good, and thus heed the Divine injunction, “Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.”

Resolved—That we tender to his bereaved and sorrow-stricken widow, family and friends our heartfelt sympathy, trusting that they may find comfort and consolation in Him whose sympathy is far greater than humanity can offer.

Resolved—That we drape our Charter for 30 days, and that a copy of these resolutions be entered in the minute book, a copy sent to the widow and family of our late Brother, and a copy be inserted in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and daily press.

HY. GIBBENS, P.C.R.
JAS. CRAWFORD, P.C.R.
HY. PRATT, P.C.R.

London, 14th December, 1888.

Chambers of Court Elizabeth, No. 1,
Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 14, 1888.

Whereas—It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to remove from our Forest Home our well-beloved Brothers, Joshua G. Reynolds and Robert N. Bryan,

Therefore, resolved—That in the death of our Brothers we are very forcibly reminded of the uncertainty of this life, and strongly admonished of the necessity of being always ready for the life beyond.

Resolved—That we tender to the bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy in these, the darkest hours in their history, trusting that He who doeth all things well will regard them with tender compassion in this great affliction.

Committee—
C. C. HARRIS.
C. SMITH.
E. PHARES.

Notes.

Brother George Craig writes us: “You will observe by the foregoing that our Court which had been at a stand-still for nearly two years has taken a sudden boom. Since Brother Whale visited us in his official capacity we have bought 40 dollars worth of badges, besides other supplies. If he does as well for other Courts as he has for us, the money paid him will be a good investment.”

BARRIERS BURNED AWAY.

By Rev. E. P. Roe.

(Continued.)

Some one pushed back the sliding-door a little and passed through the room. Through the opening he caught a glimpse of the gay scene within. Suddenly Christine appeared floating lightly through the waltz in her gauzy drapery as if in a white vapory cloud. Through the narrow opening she seemed a radiant, living portrait. But her partner whirled her out of his line of vision. Thus in the mazes of the dance she kept appearing and disappearing, flashing on sight one moment, leaving a blank in the crowded room the next.

"So it will ever be, I suppose," he said to himself bitterly; "chance and stolen glimpses my only privilege."

Again she appeared, smiling archly on the man whose arm clasped her waist.

A frown black as night gathered on Dennis's brow—then a sudden pallor overspread his face to his very lips.

The revelation had come! Then for the first time he knew—knew it as if written in letters of fire before him, that he *loved* Christine Ludolph.

At first the knowledge stunned and bewildered him, and his mind was a confused blur; then as she appeared again, smiling upon and in the embrace of another man, a sharp sword seemed to pierce his heart.

Dennis was no faint shadow of a man who had frittered away what little heart he originally had, in numberless flirtations. He belonged to the male species, with some thing of the pristine vigor of the first man, who said of the one woman of all the world "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh;" and one whom he had first seen but a few short months since, now seemed to belong to him by the highest and divinest right. But could he ever claim his own?

In his morbid, wearied state, there seemed a "great gulf fixed" between them. For a moment he fairly felt faint and sick, as if he had received a wound. He was startled by hearing Miss Winthrop say at his side—

"Mr. Fleet, you will not leave yet. I have many friends wishing an introduction to you. What is the matter? You really look sick."

At her voice he flushed painfully. He was so vividly conscious of his love himself that

he felt that every one else must be able to see it, and darkness and solitude now seemed a refuge. Recovering himself by a great effort, he said—

"Pardon me, I do—I am not well—nothing is the matter—a little rest and I will be myself again."

"No wonder. You have been taxed every way beyond mortal endurance, and I think that it is a shame the way you have been treated. Pray do not judge Chicago society altogether by what you have seen here. Let me get you some refreshment, and then I will acquaint you with some people who can recognize a gentleman when they meet him."

"No, Miss Winthrop," said Dennis courteously but firmly, "you are not in your own home, and by staying I would not accept your hospitality. I appreciate your kindness deeply, and thank your friends who have expressed a willingness to make my acquaintance. It would not be right to stay longer in this house than is necessary. I do not feel resentful. I have no room in my memory for Miss Brown and her actions, but at the same time self-respect requires that I go at once," and he took his hat.

"I am not surprised that you feel as you do. But give me the pleasure of welcoming you at my own home as soon as possible," she said, and gave her hand to him in parting.

Dennis took it respectfully and bowed low, saying,

"I shall not willingly deny myself so great a pleasure," and was gone.

Christine came in a few moments later, and found only servants clearing the room for dancing.

"Where is Mr. Fleet?" she asked.

"Gone, mum."

"Yes," said Miss Winthrop, coming in at the same time, "he has gone now in very truth; and I don't think the power exists that could lead him toarken these doors again. I doubt if I ever come myself never saw a clearer instance of—of—well—*shoddy*."

"It seems to me that you Christians are as proud as any of us."

"Isn't there a difference between pride and self-respect? I am satisfied that if Miss

Brown were in trouble, or poor, Mr. Fleet would be the first to help her. O Christine, we have treated him shamefully!"

"You seem to take a wonderful interest in this unknown knight in rusty armor." (Dennis's dress was decidedly threadbare.)

"I do," said the impulsive girl frankly, "because he is wonderfully interesting. What man of all the large audience present to-night, could have acted the part he did. I am satisfied that that man is by birth and education a gentleman. Are you ready, with your aristocratic notions, to recognize chiefly Miss Brown's title to position? What could her coat of arms be but the dollar symbol and beer barrel?"

"Come, remember she is our hostess."

"You are right; I should not speak so here; but my indignation gets the better of me."

"Would you invite him to your house?"

"Certainly. I have; and what is more, he has promised to come. Supposing that he is poor, are not many of your noblemen as poor as poverty? My parlors shall be haunted only by men of ability and character."

"You are not going to shut out this little heathen," said Christine, putting her arm about her friend.

"Never!" said Miss Winthrop, returning the embrace with double warmth. Then she added sadly, "You are not an unbeliever from conviction and knowledge, Christine, but from training and association. While I admire and honor your father as a splendid and gifted man, I regret his and your skepticism more deeply than you can ever know."

"Well, Susie," said Christine with a smile, "if they shut out such as you from your Paradise, I do not wish to go there."

"If with my clear knowledge of the conditions of entrance, I *shut myself out*, I will have no right to complain," said Miss Winthrop sadly.

But the absence of two such belles could not long remain unnoted, and having been discovered, they were pounced upon by half a dozen young gentlemen, clamorous for the honor of their hand for the "German."

In spite of herself, Christine was vexed and annoyed. Dennis had seemed, in his obscurity, a nice little bit of personal property, that she could use and order about as she pleased. He had been so subservient and eager to do her will, that she had never thought of him otherwise than her "humble servant." But now her own hand had suddenly given him the role of a fine gentleman, Christine was too logical to think of continu-

ing to order about, as she might Pat Murphy, a man who could sing Mendelssohn's music as Dennis had.

She congratulated herself that the arrangement of the store was nearly completed, and only one show-room unfinished.

"I suppose he will be very dignified when we meet again," she thought to herself. "I should not be at all surprised if my impulsive little friend Susie loses her heart to him. Well, I suppose she can to any one she chooses. As for me, rich or poor, stupid or gifted, the men of this land are all alike," and with a half sigh she plunged resolutely into the gayeties of the evening, as if to escape from herself.

CHAPTER XXVI.

NIGHT THOUGHTS.

Dennis passed out of the heavy, massive entrance to the wealthy brewer's mansion with a sense of relief as if escaping from prison. The dusky and solitude of the street seemed a grateful refuge, and the night wind was to his flushed face like a cool hand laid on a feverish brow. He was indeed glad to be alone, for his was one of those deep, earnest natures that cannot rush to the world in garrulous confidence when disturbed and perplexed. There are many sincere but shallow people who must tell of and talk away every passing emotion. Not of the abundance of their hearts, for abundance there is not, but of the uppermost thing of their hearts, their mouths must speak, even though the subjects be of the delicate nature that would naturally be hidden. Such mental constitutions are at least healthful. Concealed trouble never preys upon them like the canker in the bud. Everything comes to the surface and is thrown off.

But at first Dennis scarcely dared to recognize the truth himself, and the thought of even telling his mother, was repugnant. For half an hour he walked the streets in a sort of stupor. He was conscious only of a heavy, aching heart and a wearied, confused brain. All the time, however, he knew an event had occurred that must for good or evil affect his entire existence; but he shrank with nervous dread from grappling with the problem. As the cold air refreshed and revived him, his strong, practical mind took up the question almost without volition on his part, and by reason of his morbid, wearied state, only the dark and discouraging side was presented. The awakening to his love was a very different thing to Dennis, and to the majority in

this troubled world, from the blissful consciousness of Adam when for the first time he saw the fair being whom he might woo at his leisure, amid embowering roses, without fear or thought of a rival.

To Dennis the fact of his love, so far from promising to be the source of delightful romance and enchantment, was clearly seen the hardest and most practical question of a life full of such questions.

In his strong and growing excitement he spoke to himself as to a second person,

"O, I see it all now. Poor, blind fool that I was to think that by coveting and securing every moment in her presence possible, I was only learning to love art. As I saw her to-night, so radiant and beautiful, and yet in the embrace of another man, and evidently an ardent admirer, what was art to me! As well might a starving man seek to satisfy himself by wandering through an old Greek temple, as for me to turn to Art alone. One crumb of warm, manifested love from her would be worth more than all the cold, abstract beauty in the universe. And yet what chance have I? What can I hope for more than a passing thought and a little kindly condescending interest? Clerk and man-of-all-work in a store, poor and heavily burdened, the idea of my loving one of the most wealthy, admired, and aristocratic ladies in Chicago! It is all very well in story books for peasants to fall in love with princesses, but in practical Chicago the fact of my attachment to Miss Ludolph would be regarded as one of the richest jokes of the season, and such a proof of country rusticity and folly by Mr. Ludolph, as would at once secure my return to pastoral life."

Then hope whispered, "But you can achieve position and wealth as others have, and then can speak your mind from the standpoint of equality."

But Dennis was in a mood to see only the hopeless side that night, and exclaimed almost aloud—"Nonsense! Can it be even imagined that she, besieged by the most gifted and rich of the city, will wait for a poor unknown admirer? Mr. Meilen, I understand, approaches her from every vantage ground save that of a noble character, but in the fashionable world how little thought is given to this drawback," and in his perturbation he strode rapidly and aimlessly on, finding some relief in mere physical activity.

Suddenly his hasty steps ceased, and even in the dusk of the street, his face gleamed out distinctly, so great was its pallor. Like a ray of light, a passage from the Word of

God revealed to him his situation in a new aspect. It seemed to him almost that some one had whispered the words in his ear, so distinctly did they present themselves—

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Slowly and painfully he said to himself, as if recognizing the most hopeless barrier that had yet been dwelt upon—

"Christine Ludolph is an infidel."

Not only the voice of reason, and of the practical world, but also the voice of God seemed to forbid his love, and the conviction that he must give it all up, became as clear as it was painful. The poor fellow leaned his head against the shaggy bark of an elm that stood in a shadowy square which the street lamps could but faintly penetrate, and watered the gnarled roots with many hot tears.

The night wind swayed the budding branches of the great tree and they sighed over him as if in sympathy.

The struggle within his soul was indeed bitter, for though thus far he had spoken hopelessly, he had not been altogether hopeless, but now that conscience raised its impassable wall high as heaven, which he must not break through, his pain was so great as to almost unman him, and only such tears as men can weep fell from his eyes. In anguish he exclaimed—

"That which might have been the chief blessing of life has become my greatest misfortune."

Above him the gale caused two fraying limbs to appear to moan in echo of the suffering beneath.

"This then must be the end of my prayers in her behalf—my ardent hope and purpose to lead her to the truth—she to walk through honored sunny paths to everlasting shame and night, and I through dark and painful ways to light and peace, if in this bitter test I remain faithful. Surely there is much to try one's faith. And yet it must be so as far as human foresight can judge."

Then a great pity for her swelled his heart, for he felt that her case was the saddest after all, and his tears flowed faster than ever.

Human voices now startled him—some late revellers passing homeward. The tears and emotion, of which we never think of being ashamed when alone with Nature and its Author, he dreaded to have seen by his fellows, and hastily wiping his eyes, he slunk into the deeper shadow of the tree, and they passed on. Then, an old trait asserting itself, he condemned his own weakness and waver-

ing spirit Stepping from the sheltering trunk against which he was leaning, he stood strong and erect.

The winds were hushed as if expectant in the branches above—

“Dennis Fleet,” he said, “you must put your foot on this folly here and now.”

He bared his head and looked upward.

“O God,” he said solemnly, “if this is contrary to Thy will—Thy will be done.”

He paused a moment reverently, and then turned on his heel and strode resolutely homeward.

A gust of wind crashed the branches overhead together like the clash of cymbals in victory.

The early spring dawn was tinging the eastern horizon before the mansion of the rich brewer was darkened and the gay revel ceased. All the long night, light airy music had caused late passers by to pause a moment to listen, and to pity or envy the throng within as disposition might dictate. Mr. Brown was a man who prided himself on lavish and rather coarse hospitality. A table groaning under costly dishes, and every variety of liquor that diseased appetite could crave, was the crowning feature, the blissful climax of all his entertainments; and society from its highest circles furnished an abundance of anxious candidates for his suppers, who ate and criticized, drank to and disparaged, their plebeian host.

Mrs. Brown was heavy in every sense of the word, and with her huge person encased in acres of silk and festooned with no end of black lace, she waddled about and smiled and nodded good-naturedly at everybody and everything.

It was just the place for a fashionable revel, where the gross repulsive features of coarse excess are veiled and masked somewhat by the glamour of outward courtesy and good-breeding.

At first Christine entered into the dance with great zest and a decided sense of relief.

She was disappointed and out of sorts with herself. Again she had failed in the object of her intense ambition, and though conscious that through the excitement of the occasion, she had never sung better, yet she plainly saw in the different results of her singing and that of Dennis Fleet that there was depth in the human heart which she could not touch. She could secure only admiration, superficial applause. The sphere of the true artist who can touch and sway

the popular heart, seemed beyond her ability. By voice or pencil she had never yet reached it. She had too much mind to mistake the character of the admiration she excited, and was far too ambitious to be satisfied with the mere praise bestowed on a highly accomplished girl. She aspired—determined to be among the first, and to be a second rate imitator in the world of Art was to her the agony of a disappointed life. And yet to imitate with accuracy and skill, not with sympathy, was the only power she had as yet developed. She saw the limitations of her success more clearly than any one else, and chafed bitterly at the invisible bounds she could not pass.

The excitement of the dance enabled her to banish thoughts that were both painful and humiliating. Moreover to a nature so active and full of physical vigor, the swift, graceful motion was a source of keen enjoyment.

But when after supper many of the ladies were silly, and the gentlemen were either stupid or excited, as might be the action of the “invisible spirit of wine” upon their several constitutions—when after many glasses of champagne Mr. Mellen began to effervesce in frothy sentimentality, and a style of love-making simply nauseating to one of Christine’s nature, she looked around for her father in order to escape from the scenes that were becoming revolting.

Though of earth only in all the sources of her life and hopes, she was not earthy. If her spirit could not soar and sing in the sky, it also could not grovel in the mire of gross materiality.

Some little time therefore before the company broke up, on the plea of not feeling well, she lured her father away from his wine, cigars, and a knot of gentlemen who were beginning to talk a little thick and incoherently, and making their adieux amid many protestations against their early departure, drove homeward.

“How did you enjoy yourself?” asked her father.

“Very much the early part of the evening, not at all the latter part. To sum up, I am disgusted with Mr. Mellen and these Browns in general, and myself in-particular.”

“What is the matter with Mr. Mellen? I understand that the intriguing mammas consider him the largest game in the city.”

“When hunting degenerates into the chase and capture of insects, you may style him game. Between his champagne and silly love-making, he was as bad as a dose of ip-eacac.”

Christine spoke freely to her father of her

admirers, usually making them the themes of satire and jest.

"And what is the trouble with our entertainers?"

"I am sorry to speak so of anyone whose hospitality I have accepted, but unless it is your wish I hope never to accept it again. They all smell of their beer. Everything is so coarse, lavish, and ostentatious. They tell you as through a brazen trumpet on every side 'We are rich.'"

"They give magnificent suppers," said Mr. Ludolph in apology.

"More correctly, the French cook they employ gives them. I do not object to the nicest of suppers, but prefer that the Browns be not on the *carte de menu*. From the moment our artistic programme ended, and the entertainment fell into their hands, it began to degenerate into an orgy. Nothing but the instinctive restraints of good breeding prevents such occasions from ending in a drunken revel."

"You are severe. Mr. Brown's company is not a bad type of the entertainments that prevail in fashionable life"

"Well it may be true, but they never seemed to me so lacking in good taste and refinement, before. Wait till we dispense choice viands and wines to choicer spirits in our own land, and I will guarantee a marvelously wide difference. Then the eye, the ear, the mind, shall be feasted, as well as the lower sense."

"Well I do not see why you should be disgusted with yourself. I am sure that you covered yourself with glory, and was the belle of the occasion."

"That is no great honor, considering the occasion. Father, strange as it may seem to you, I envied your man-of-all-work, to-night. Did you not mark the effect of his singing?"

"Yes, and felt it in a way that I cannot explain to myself. His tones seemed to thrill and stir my very heart. I have not been so affected by music for years. At first I thought it was surprise at hearing him sing at all, but I soon found that it was something in the music itself."

"And that something I fear I can never grasp—never attain."

"Why, my dear, they applauded you to the echo."

"I would rather see one moist eye as the tribute to my singing, than to be deafened by noisy applause. I fear I shall never reach high art. Men's hearts sleep when I do my best."

"I think you are slightly mistaken there,

judging from your train of admirers," said Mr. Ludolph turning off a disagreeable subject with a jest. The shrewd man of the world guessed the secret of her failure. She must feel herself, before she could touch feeling. But he had systematically sought to chill and benumb her nature, meaning it to awake and revive at just the time, and under just the circumstances that should accord with his controlling ambition.

Then reverting to Dennis he continued,

"It won't answer for Fleet to sweep the store any longer, after the part he played to-night. Indeed, I doubt if he would be willing to. Not only he, but the world will know that he is capable of better things. What has occurred will awaken inquiry, and may soon secure him good business offers. I do not intend to part readily with so capable a young fellow. He does well whatever is required, and therefore I shall promote him as fast as is prudent. I think I can make him of great use to me."

"That is another thing that provokes me," said Christine. "Only yesterday morning he seemed such a useful, humble creature, and last evening through my own folly he developed into a fine gentleman; and I shall have to say 'By your leave, sir'; 'Will you please do this?'—if I dare ask anything at all."

"I am not so sure of that," said her father. "My impression is that Fleet has too much good sense to put on airs in the store. But I will give him more congenial work; and as one of the young gentlemen clerks, we can ask him up now and then to sing with us. I should much enjoy trying some of our German music with him."

CHAPTER XXVII.

DARKNESS.

The next morning Christine did not appear at the late breakfast, where her father, with contracted brow and capricious appetite, sat alone. Among the other unexpected results of the preceding day she had taken a very severe cold, and this, with the reaction from fatigue and excitement, caused her to feel so seriously ill that she found it impossible to rise. Her father looked at her and was alarmed, for her cheeks were flushed with fever, her head was aching sadly, and she appeared as if threatened with one of those dangerous diseases whose earlier symptoms are so obscure, and yet so much alike. She tried to smile, but her lip quivered, and she turned her face to the wall.

The philosophy of Mr. Ludolph and his daughter was evidently adapted to fair weather and smooth sailing. Sickness, disease, and the possible results, were things that both dreaded more than they ever confessed to each other. It was most natural that they should, for only in health or life could they enjoy or hope for anything. By their own belief their horizon was narrowed down to time and earth, and they could look for nothing beyond. In Mr. Ludolph's imperious resolute nature, sickness always awakened anger as well as anxiety. It seemed like an enemy threatening his dearest hopes and most cherished ambition, therefore the heavy frown upon his brow as he pushed away the scarcely tasted breakfast.

To Christine the thought of death was simply horrible, and with the whole strength of her will she ever sought to banish it. To her it meant corruption, dust, nothingness. With a few drawbacks she had enjoyed life abundantly, and clung to it with the tenacity of one who believed it was all. With the exception of some slight passing indisposition, both she and her father were seldom sick; and for a number of years now had voyaged on over smooth, sunny seas of prosperity.

Christine's sudden prostration on the morning following the company, was a painful surprise to both.

"I will have Dr. Arten call at once," he said at parting, "and will come up from the store early in the day to see you."

And Christine was left alone with her French maid.

Her mind was too clouded and disturbed by fever to think coherently, and yet a vague sense of danger—trouble—oppressed her, and while lying in a half-unconscious state between sleeping and waking, a thousand fantastic visions presented themselves. But in them all the fiery Cross and Dennis Fleet took some part. At times the Cross seemed to blaze and threaten to burn her to a cinder, while he stood by with stern accusing face. The light from the Cross made him luminous also, and the glare was so terrible that she would start up with a cry of fear. Again, they would both recede till in the far distance they shone like a faint star, and then the black darkness that gathered round her was more dreadful than the light, and with her eyes closed she would reach out her hot hands for the light to return. Once or twice it shone upon her with soft mellow light, and Dennis stood pointing to it, pleading so earnestly and tenderly that tears gathered in

her eyes. Then all was blurred and distorted again.

Within an hour after her father left, she found Dr. Arten feeling her pulse and examining her symptoms. With a great effort she roused herself, and looking at the Doctor with an eager inquiring face said,

"Doctor, tell me the truth. What is matter?"

He tried to smile and evade her question, but she would not let him.

"Well, really, Miss Ludolph," he said, "we can hardly tell yet what is the matter. You have evidently caught a very severe cold, and I hope that is all. When I come this evening I may be able to speak more definitely. In the meantime I will give you something to soothe and reduce your fever."

The French maid followed the Doctor out, leaving the door ajar in her haste, and in an audible whisper said:

"I say, Docteur, is it not de small-pox? Dare is so much around. Tell me true, for I must leave dis very minute."

"Hush, you fool," said the Doctor, and they passed out of hearing.

A sickening dread made Christine's heart almost stand still. When the woman returned she watched her most narrowly as she asked:

"What did the Doctor say to you?"

The maid replied in French that he said she must be still and not talk.

"But you asked him if I had the small-pox. What did he say?"

"Ah Mademoiselle, you make one grand meestake. I ask for a small box to keep your medicine in dat it make no smell."

From the woman's lie in evading her question, and from the fact that she was redolent with camphor used as a preventive, and kept as far away as she could, near the windows, Christine gathered a most painful confirmation of her fears. For a time she lay almost paralyzed by dread.

Then as the medicine relieved her of fever and unclouded her mind, thought and conscience awoke with terrible and resistless power. As never before she realized what cold dark depths were just beneath her gay pleasure-loving life—and how suddenly skies bright and radiant with the richer promise of the future, could become black and threatening. Never had earthly life seemed so attractive, never had her own prospects seemed so brilliant, and her hopes of fame, wealth, and happiness in her future German villa more dazzling than now when they stood out against the dark back-ground of her fears.

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