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

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

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

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$9.00	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$15.00
17	78	81	84	87	90	93
18	79	82	85	88	91	94
19	80	83	86	89	92	95
20	81	84	87	90	93	96
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52	113	116	119	122	125	128
53	114	117	120	123	126	129
54	115	118	121	124	127	130

For rates of Monthly Assessments in the Handicap and Senior Handicap Classes, see Constitutions and Laws of official literature of the Order.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional.

The Benefits are as follows:—(1) During each separate continuous sickness, a payment of \$2.50 a week for the first two weeks, \$5.00 a week for the next ten weeks, and at the discretion of the Executive Council a further sum of \$2.00 a week for the next five weeks. (2) A payment of \$100 for each funeral expense, at the member's death, to his beneficiary.

To secure these benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrollment Fee of \$1.00 and a Regular Ass. Fee of \$1.00. The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

Age	Monthly Assessment	Monthly Assessment	Monthly Assessment	Monthly Assessment	Monthly Assessment	Monthly Assessment
17	80	81	82	83	84	85
18	81	82	83	84	85	86
19	82	83	84	85	86	87
20	83	84	85	86	87	88
21	84	85	86	87	88	89
22	85	86	87	88	89	90
23	86	87	88	89	90	91
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52	115	116	117	118	119	120
53	116	117	118	119	120	121
54	117	118	119	120	121	122

Our Investments.

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

Invested Funds.

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

Deposits in Dept. Canada	\$250,000.00
St. Bon. and B. Co.	85,000.00
United States Government Bonds	250,000.00
New Brunswick Government	20,000.00
Real Estate and First Mortgages on	
Real Estate	2,583,264.78
Debentures	100,000.00
Deposit Receipts	600.00
Real Bank of La Crosse	2,900.00
Current Accounts	301,354.01

From the Above it will be seen that we have already an invested surplus fund of

\$3,834,354.01.

No portion of the funds thus invested are in Wisconsin except by the joint cheques of the independent officers who comprise the Executive Council.

- S. C. Fox, Grand Master, M. D., Editor, International Union, Toronto.
- P. S. O. R., The Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, Q. C., Hampton, N. B.
- S. V. C. R., Victor Horn, Montreal, Que.
- S. Secretary, John A. MacMillan, Q. C., Toronto.
- S. Treasurer, H. A. Collins, Toronto.
- S. Phys., T. Higgins, M. D., Toronto.
- S. Comm., Hon. Elliot Stevenson, District High.

With what we have in the current bank account, several surplus accounts and last report the fund was the magnificent sum of

\$3,778,542.65.

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TORONTO, CANADA, JANUARY 15, 1900.

1. Send all matter relating to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on points of Forestry law to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.

2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of Sickness, Sick Benefit Claims, etc., to the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, Temple Building, Toronto, Can.

3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.

4. The Monthly Reports and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports should be sent together in one cover, as per special instructions.

5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 2, duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent through the London office, so that certificates of membership may be promptly issued.

6. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary of their own High Court; those not under a High Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.

7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each beneficiary member of a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," Toronto. Until such list is received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Recording Secretary in bundles for distribution among the members.

8. Recording Secretaries should immediately notify the Manager, Dan. A. Rose, at Toronto, giving in each case the name and address in full

- When a member is initiated.
- When a member is suspended.
- When a member withdraws from the court.
- When a member changes his address.
- When a member joins a court by card.
- When a member is reinstated.

The High Courts.

HIGH COURT OF MISSOURI AND KANSAS.

Official Circular No. 1.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts, Greeting:

Knowing that the growth of our Order depends upon the energy and zeal of the individual members, and believing that the faithful worker should be encouraged and his merits recognized, your High Standing Committee offers the following cash prizes for new members initiated into the Order between Sept. 1st, 1899 and March, 1900.

SUBORDINATE COURT PRIZES.

- First Prize: To the Subordinate Court initiating the greatest number of new members \$25 00
- Second Prize: To the Subordinate Court making the greatest percentage of increase 15 00

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

- First Prize: To the member who shall have had initiated into his Court the greatest number of new members 20 00
- Second Prize: To the member who shall have had initiated into his Court the second greatest number of new members 10 00

CONSOLATION PRIZES.

- To each member of a Subordinate Court who shall have had initiated into his Court three (3) or more new members, and who shall not have won either of the Individual Prizes 5 00

CONDITIONS TO GOVERN CONTEST.

I. Prizes will be awarded only to Subordinate Courts and members of Subordinate Courts which are clear upon the books of this High Court March first, 1900.

II. Members brought in by deputies working on salary or commission will not be considered in this contest.

III. The first prize for Subordinate Courts will only be awarded to a Court in which three or more members have each brought in three (3) or more new members.

IV. The first Individual Prize will only be awarded to a member who has brought into his Court at least ten (10) new members.

V. The second Individual Prize will only be awarded to a member who has brought into his Court at least five (5) new members.

Please post this circular in your Court-room.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

W. A. ARMOUR, H.S., W. H. BROWN, H.C.R.

HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO.

Official Circular No. 3, to be Read in all Courts in this Jurisdiction.

PORT STANLEY, ONT.

BRETHREN,—The High Standing Committee desire to congratulate the Courts throughout the jurisdiction on the manifest activity within our borders during the months, beginning October 1st, in which reduced fees were offered for admission of new members.

The Courts are reminded that it will be necessary to pay High Court dues on all members that are on the roll on January 1st, including all who have been initiated in the month of December, payment to be made to the High Secretary not later than Monday, the first day of January, 1900. As the directory of the Courts will be published in the month of January, the officers are urged to remit the High Court dues promptly, and also to send a full report of all particulars on Form No. 48. Unless the reports be sent promptly and fully it will be impossible to publish and give to each Court a complete directory as intended.

ATTEST: Yours in L., B. and C.,

FRANK E. MCCORMICK, J. H. COURTENAY,
High Secretary. High Chief Ranger.

HIGH COURT OF MINNESOTA.

Report From the High Secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 25th, 1899.

Court Minneapolis, No. 865, has taken in 40 new members. Court Farmington, No. 547, is right in line with an addition of 25 new members to their already active and enthusiastic membership, and so on. The High Court officers were present at the consolidation of Court Lion Heart, No. 593, and Court Five Points, No. 1153, under the name and number of Court Lion Heart, No. 593, of St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 6th. H. C. R. O'Neill performed the ceremony and installed the officers. There was a large number of members in attendance, and we can say for Court Lion Heart that they will always be in the front rank. H. C. R. O'Neill, H. V. C. R. Hiram Howe and High Counsellor F. J. Leonard made an official visit to Court Winonah, No. 568, on Dec. 13th, and a rousing good time was given them by the Court, one of the best we have in this jurisdiction. I have just received a letter from Court Lake Pepin, saying that they had taken in a class of 20 members at their last meeting. May the good work continue. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

A. E. REUILLARD, H. Sec.

It takes four things to make a gentleman. You must be a gentleman in your principles, a gentleman in your tastes, a gentleman in your manners, and a gentleman in your person.

HIGH COURT OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND.

5 ALPHA TERRACE,
MILLBROOK, SOUTHAMPTON,

December, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts in Southern England:

BRETHREN,—Some of our members have been called upon to serve with our army in South Africa. In view of the steps which are being taken by the people of our nation to care for home-life of all such, it would seem to be a graceful thing for us, as a great fraternal Order, to pay the premiums of any of our brethren who are absent in the service of our country. We have opened a fund for this purpose, and appeal to each member to contribute.

Please forward subscriptions to Bro. C. E. Bowman, High Treasurer, 34 Elton Road, Bishopston, Bristol, who will acknowledge them.

At the close of the war a statement will be rendered to each Court. We trust the officers of each Court will so interest themselves in this appeal that they will secure its reaching every member of their Court, and we feel confident it will meet with general approval and support; meantime the Recording Secretary of each Court will oblige by at once notifying Bro. W. N. Gilbert, High Secretary, of the names of any brethren in his Court who may be, or have been called out, with full particulars as to the branch of the service in which they are serving; also state the amount of assurance each carries, and their monthly payments.

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

CHARLES E. PRICE.

High Chief Ranger.

W. N. GILBERT, High Secretary,
16 Claremont Road,
Bishopston, Bristol.

HIGH COURT OF WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 11th, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of all Courts in the State:

BRETHREN,—Having entered upon my duties as your High Chief Ranger, I desire to address you, and ask your hearty co-operation for the extension and benefit of our Order. The dispensation granted by the Executive Council to initiate new members without paying anything, except the medical examination fee, for October and November, and now the extending of same until the 31st day of December, should aid us considerably in making a good showing for the last quarter of 1899. Some of the Courts report several new members so far, especially Courts Seattle, Puget Sound, Aulton and Icicle, and we trust that the Courts we have not heard from are equally active. The Supreme Court, in circular number 11, holds out still another inducement for good work during the present month, namely: offering to relieve any member who brings in one new member during December, of the Extension of the Order Tax for the whole year of 1900. Now, brethren, under these conditions December should be the banner month in Independent Forestry, and we trust that everyone will do his share. If you get your applications too late to have the applicant initiated at a regular meeting take them to the doctor to be examined, and get from the doctor a recommenda-

tion for temporary beneficiary membership on Form 59, a copy of which is herewith enclosed; then have your Chief Ranger call a special meeting for the 30th or 31st of December for the purpose of initiating these applicants.

Brethren: The time for the semi-annual reports to the High Court is near at hand. Please send them promptly after January first to the High Secretary, sending him at the same time the amount of your High Court dues and such other indebtedness as you owe the High Court. Statement of same is herewith enclosed. Again asking you for your kind co operation, we remain

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

ATTEST:

L. N. HANSEN, JAMES GREGG,
High Secretary. High Chief Ranger.

HIGH COURT OF WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Dec. 11th, 1899.

EDITOR.—The work in Wisconsin is proceeding very satisfactorily now as the Supreme Court is assisting materially by the employment of five organizers who are doing good work, Bro. Jas. Gilmour at Superior, Jas. Clendenning at Oshkosh, Bros. Birch and Van Ness in Milwaukee, and Bro. Stuart at Racine. The High Court is expending all its surplus funds also in field work. Bro. J. C. Proctor, High Sec., by my direction has been visiting and encouraging weak Courts and adding to their membership. We have another organizer constantly at work, who recently organized two good Courts, and has others in prospect. We have been very much pleased recently, by the advent of Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, who began a tour of lectures in this State, beginning in Milwaukee, where he gave us two meetings that were largely attended and very enjoyable. Thence he went to Fond du Lac, Marinette, Rhinelander, Superior, Duluth, Hudson, La Crosse, Madison, Waukesha, and closed up yesterday, the 9th inst., at Milwaukee, where he addressed a large gathering of Foresters. Bro. Collins is a great favorite with Wisconsin Foresters, and will always receive a grand reception whenever he visits our State. He is a very pleasing and able lecturer and creates enthusiasm wherever he meets our people. If the other jurisdictions are as wideawake as Wisconsin, the time is soon coming when our growth will be simply remarkable. We have had an uphill battle since the Order was instituted in Wisconsin, but the backbone of opposition, I think, is broken. The advent of better times and our campaign of education are having the effect of causing people to investigate the benefits of our institution and desire to unite with us.

Yours fraternally,

B. F. PARKER,
H. C. R. of Wisconsin.

One of the never-absent marks of fine nobleness in a boy or man is chivalrous treatment of woman. We are profoundly sorry for the young man in whose heart there is not a deep sense of respect for woman. Lacking this, true gentlemanliness and indeed all high ideals are impossible.

"Look for goodness, look for gladness,
You will meet them all the while:
If you wear a smiling visage
To the glass, you meet a smile."

Among the Courts.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Kootenay.

Local Foresters are having a warm time these days. Thirteen candidates were initiated Monday night, 27th Nov., and the moose was let loose again on Dec. 11th.

Bro. B. R. Campbell returned recently from Golden, where he spent a couple of weeks putting new life into Court Kicking Horse. He secured 21 candidates and saw them well on their way through the forest. He has received orders to proceed to Rossland, Greenwood and the Boundary country.—*Kootenay Mail, Dec. 2nd.*

CALIFORNIA.

Dancing Missionaries.

Court Mission, No. 1369, San Francisco, gave an entertainment and social at Native Sons Hall, Thursday, Dec. the 7th. Between 800 and 1,000 persons were present, and in every particular the affair was a great success. The programme was furnished by pupils of Mrs. Wyatt. They earned for themselves the hearty commendation of all present by their excellent work. The musical part of the programme was carried out in fine style; an orchestra, 10 in number, rendered some fine selections, and was under the direction of R. B. Howell. Great credit is due the committee of Court Mission, composed of the following members: C. K. Stern, V. C. R., Chairman; J. Gardner, E. A. Richards, A. Wagner, H. A. Bay, J. Kastendink, M. D., and J. F. Stormfield. After the literary and musical programme had been rendered the floor was cleared and the members and friends enjoyed themselves far into the night. Court Mission can well be proud of the finest entertainment they have ever given. This is the verdict of all entertained.

Mountain Echoes from Boulder Creek.

Court Wildwood initiated eight candidates at its regular meeting Nov. 29th, making sixteen new members taken in during the month just closed. It was decided to give a grand ball on the Saturday before Christmas. The total membership of the Court is now 107.

Palo Alto.

A correspondent from Court Stanford, No. 1365, writes: Last month we initiated sixteen new members, making a total membership of 80 in good standing. The K. of P., the A. O. U. W. and the F. A. A. are represented in this town, but the I. O. F. leads them all in membership and good fellowship. It was highly amusing at our last initiations to see the newly-made members (when called upon under the head of Good and Welfare), tell of their sensations and experiences while bucking "Rastus," our new black goat. The fame of "Rastus" has spread abroad over the county, and we expect a largely increased membership in Dec., as our Court is supposed to be the only one in this part of the State that has an animal that can

put up the fun that "Rastus" is capable of. Last fall, when the High Court Deputies were working with us, one of them stated that Court Stanford had the first meeting place of any place they had visited in the State. We have a large hall with all modern improvements, banquet hall, kitchen, large range, fine piano, easy chairs, carpets, and all things, making a comfortable place for members to spend their meeting-nights in.

COLUSA, Cal., Dec. 4th, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Court Sioc, No. 1067, I.O.F.

DEAR BROTHERS,—With one leg amputated, with the other and both arms paralyzed, with a large family dependent upon me without income and without means. I lay helpless and almost without hope, when your representatives handed me the check for \$1,500 in full payment of my total disability claim.

Words are useless as vehicles by which to convey my appreciation of such timely succor in this hour of dire extremity.

Let me pray that God may bless you individually and as a Court, and may He spare for many years the S.C.R. Oronhyatekha and his able coadjutors that they may continue and perpetuate the noble institution of the I.O.F. in its heaven-born labor of relief to the sorely distressed.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

Jos. S. WEST.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22, 1899.

Court Virginia, No. 1849, is "getting a move on." At our first meeting in December we initiated 8 new members and received 10 new applications, Bro. Kennedy doing most of the hustling for new members. By the way, Bro. Kennedy was presented with a solid gold charm watch of the Order by Court Virginia. We are organizing a sick fund and give a reception and ball on Saturday evening, Dec. 30th, 1899, at the Schiller Theatre Building. Being assured of its success, we mean to keep the Court before the public by giving entertainments every month during the balance of the winter. We elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Wm. Purcell, C.R.; Bro. Hudson, V.C.R.; Bro. Rubens, F.S.; Bro. Rubens, Treas.; Bro. Peterson, R.S.; Ed. F. Blake, C.D.

IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, Dec. 29, 1899.

I would like to take up a few lines in your valuable paper, and give you a few items from Council Bluffs, Iowa. Courts Council Bluffs, 3786, and William Frise, 1626, are getting along nicely. Court Council Bluffs, which meets on every Wednesday evening, has yet to have the first meeting at which from 4 to 8 candidates are not initiated. I find it much easier now to secure members for the I.O.F. than at the time I started. Since commencing work for the Order last September, I have secured close to 100 applications, which is fairly good considering the extra large number of Fraternal Orders in this city. I feel it my duty to mention our Chief Ranger, Col. Budtz, who has been re-elected for the year 1900. He takes an unlimited interest in the Order, and especially in the welfare of Court Council Bluffs. Wednesday even-

ing, Dec. 20th, we were visited by the members of Court Ak Sar Ben of Omaha, Neb., who brought over their regalia (at the expense of C. R. Budtz), and put on the work to the extreme satisfaction of all present. We have now an expert Recording Secretary in the person of Bro. John Corlies. All the officers of Court Council Bluffs are well up in their work, and, with the exception of four, all the old officers were re-elected. Bro. Harrison, orator of Court Council Bluffs, and a bright young attorney, fills his position very admirably, as also does our Vice-Chief Ranger, Bro. Geo. Gable. The new officers were installed by me on Wednesday last, Dec. 27. I look for a good large Court of the Foresters in this city. We are going to give an invitation Fancy Dress Ball on Wednesday evening, January 10, which we expect will be an elaborate affair, Bro. Harvey De Long being chairman of the committee and an expert in his line. We now put on our own initiation, much to the satisfaction of the candidates. Not wishing to take up any more of your valuable space, I will now close.

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

FRANK ELGAN, D.S.C.R.

MAINE.

The War in Old Town.

The following two letters will show the way they do things in Court Penobscot:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By dispensation of the Supreme Court relative to the admission of members at reduced rates, the term has been extended through December.

I want to tell you that I think you have earned that oyster supper promised us by the other side if we won the contest, but as they have made an extension in time, I suppose we shall have to stay our stomachs with the wind that blows from some other table until the contest is over. We are at present about thirty members ahead, but in order to still keep this number in advance, we shall have to do some tall hustling.

They ought to feed us, now we've beat,

And give us oyster stew to eat;

Not keep us waiting the whole year through,

But pay up like men as they ought to do.

But we can wait a little longer,

Until the oysters are a little stronger;

Until the milk gets thin and blue,

And then the whole thing will slip through.

But never mind, we will give the thing one more push and come out on top just the same. Every member securing a new beneficiary member during the month will be given the Extension of the Order Tax for one year.

Trusting you will do your best to secure a new member, I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

C. E. RACKLIFF.

OLD TOWN, ME., Dec. 1, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By dispensation of the Supreme Court, I.O.F., the October and November dispensation relative to admission of members at reduced rates is extended through December with a further incentive to earnest work by remitting the Extension of the Order Tax to each member obtaining one new accepted beneficiary member during the month.

You will remember that a new member contest was opened in October with Bro. C. E. Rackliff as captain of one side and myself of the other. Bro. Rackliff's side leads us by about thirty new members, and by earnest endeavor upon our part I think we may make it up during the month which the Supreme Court has granted us.

The oyster stew which is to follow the decision of the judges in the contest, will probably be held after January 1st, 1900. We have had ninety-nine new applications for membership during the past two months. Let's all work with a will to make it one hundred and ninety-nine before January 1st with a total of one hundred in our favor.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
O. M. HEATH.

MICHIGAN.

Great Celebration at Battle Creek.

At the Auditorium, Dec. 6th, Court Waupakisco, No. 807, enjoyed with friends a most interesting and helpful programme of intellectual food, relative to the Order and its workings. A very good attendance was present, and the rich treat of excellence was greatly appreciated. Musical numbers were rendered at intervals by an orchestra.

The large assembly was, in the main, a preliminary meeting to the general initiatory work that was to immediately follow the former's conclusion. There were four principal speakers, and each and every one held his hearer's attention from the first to the last.

Bro. A. B. Williams very ably introduced the gentlemen who were to speak, and made a few remarks at the beginning, telling of the remarkable growth of the organization within the last ten years, dwelt briefly on its many benefits, and announced that a class of *fifty candidates* expressed desires to follow the mysterious paths necessary to become Foresters.

R. J. Macdonald, of Muskegon, High Chief Ranger of Michigan, was announced as being present, and that he would inform the people as to what true Foresters' fraternity meant. He said in part, "the difference between the old line insurance and the fraternal, the latter being that which the Independent Order of Foresters embraces, is in the fact that in fraternal lines it is every man for the benefit of all, not every man for himself. the latter condition ruining the love that binds men together. In fraternal societies all cooperate with the others, thus making an excellent condition of brotherly feeling, which can only be followed in such a society as the I.O.F., with results of the most desirable character. All men are equal, and the operation of a good fraternal Order tends to bring them closer together, and bind the Order into more powerful bonds of fellowship.

When the fraternal societies are at their height in power, and the standard of men and mode of living is brought consequently higher, we will have no need of courts, of lawyers, of juries, of penal authorities. for fraternal societies elevate the world, and that is one of the objects of Forestry.

Another is the protection of the needy, and we feel a sense of obligation to such that cannot be disregarded. To help the downfallen and raise them up is one of our aims. The good feeling that will prevail, the standard of character that will be

held up, the honor of the home that will be felt, and the welfare of all mankind that will be held at heart, when Forestry reaches its height, is something to be looked forward to with a certainty unquestioned. Honor in fraternal matters is the one word that brings us our great success."

The words of High Chief Ranger MacDonald were greeted with hearty approbation.

Bro. Elliott G. Stevenson, Supreme Counsellor, residing at Detroit, was next announced, and he said in part, "The more feeling of humanity that prevails in the heart of men, the more certain it is that the world is steadily growing better. It is of the greatest importance to feel the interest of your fellow-man at heart, but not only feel for him, but do for him as you would be done by if you were placed in his position. The sense of true duty to our brothers and our sisters in this world, who are deserving of assistance, is always evidenced in the working of Forestry. Every department is ready at any and all times to go to the relief of such. We consider that as being one of our great strengths of fraternity. Everything that can be done for the benefit of others is to our credit. A man should not join a fraternal organization for the monetary benefit to be derived, not for the insurance, but for the good that he may do others, and at the same time derive that which he is deserving of. The Independent Order of Foresters embraces all of that admirable quality, and it is attracting world-wide attention." The speaker related several amusing incidents of fraternal life, and pleased his auditors throughout.

Bro. M. M. Callahan, H.V.C.R., of Reed City, was pleasantly introduced by Mr. Williams, and he opened the way to his hearers by telling interesting and humorous stories as a preface to his after-remarks.

Bro. A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R. of Illinois, concluding the evening by addressing the audience, and saying that some men knew when enough had been said, and when a subject had been masterfully and exhaustively treated, retired. Many had affirmed that they who had acquired that faculty, were men of sense. He wished to be classed with those men, and accordingly acted as they had done. His wit was excellent and highly appreciated.

At the close of the assembly the hall was cleared for action, and the way was prepared for the journey of the half-a-hundred who wished to investigate the dark, deep and mystery-laden manifestations of Forestry. "William" was soon let loose and incantations begun.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. G. L. Crawford for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit of her husband, late of Court Flint, No. 239, Flint, Mich., also thanking the brethren for floral offering and kind attentions.

Jackson Receives Bro. Harrison.

About forty members of Court Van and Gibraltar attended a reception given Henry L. Harrison, of Saginaw, at the offices of Drs. F. W. Smith and H. D. Hodge, in the W. M. Bennett block, on the evening of the 15th of December. Bro. Harrison instituted Court Gibraltar in these same rooms, six years ago, and the place seemed entirely fitting for the pleasant occasion of last evening. Bro. Harrison is a warm-hearted Forester with the interests

of the Order at heart, and the Jackson Foresters thoroughly appreciate his worth. A banquet was prepared and the evening made in every way enjoyable. George J. Gonebach acted as toastmaster. Responses were made by D. T. Smith, Robt. R. Lyman, T. W. Payne, F. W. Smith and the guest of the evening, Bro. Harrison, whose short address greatly pleased his hearers.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

A Better Plan than Traverse's Plan.

BAY MILLS, MICH., December 19th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—Court Traverse City has a very good plan for securing members, but Court Bay Mills, No. 1865, has a much better one.

Instead of taking some High Court Deputy by the arm and introducing him to our friends, we take our friends by the arm and bring them right into our Court-room, where they are duly initiated.

In this way we have more than doubled our membership in the past two months and are still going ahead.

Some of our members did some splendid work in securing members; Bro. C. H. Scott, H.S. for Northern Michigan, was instrumental in adding about forty new names to our Court. Brothers W. H. Dickson and C. J. Wallace were not far behind him. Some of the other brothers let us know they were living by bringing in one or two names.

Considering we had only a small village to work, I think our plan beats Traverse City all out.

J. A. MCBAIN,
Fin. Sec.

MINNESOTA.

Duluth Members Entertain Supreme Court Officers.

There was a large gathering of Duluth members and their ladies recently in Odd Fellows' hall to greet the Supreme Treasurer of the Order, H. A. Collins, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Gilmore and Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Miss Davis, all of Toronto. S. A. Kemp, H.C.R. of Northern Minnesota, presided at the meeting, and made a short address of welcome to the distinguished guests of the evening. There were a number of short talks by different officers of the local Courts on various phases of Forestry and its beneficent and fraternal designs.

The principal address of the evening was by Supreme Treasurer Collins, who brought out the stability of the Order, and gave an insight into its financial methods and standing. His remarks were very interesting and closely followed by the members. Bro. Gilmore gave a short address, and Miss Davis talked of the benefits and work of the Ladies' Auxiliary—or the Companion Courts.

Short speeches were made by Dr. W. W. Routh, High Secretary; Frank Crassweller, Past High Counsellor; Dr. Clark, of Superior, Vice High Ranger of Wisconsin; W. A. Hicken, Past Chief Ranger of Duluth, and W. B. Henderson, of Duluth. Letters of regret were received from Hon. Geo. R. Laybourn and several other prominent members of the Order in different parts of the State.

Court Hugo, No. 3154, celebrated its second anniversary with a grand ball and supper. There was a large attendance, and all report having a good time. The Court realized the handsome sum of \$24.00, and three applications for membership.

JOHN C. SWANSON, C.R.

Court Hobart's Venerable C.R.

Tuesday evening, 5th Dec., J. L. Colman instituted a Court of Foresters at Ely, Minn. The installation was a success, from every standpoint, and great credit is due the "major." The Court was started with a large membership, and judging from the enthusiasm shown the condition will long continue. The personnel of the Court is exceptionally good, it being headed by Chief Ranger Thomas Wakefield, a Forester of thirty years' standing. Notwithstanding the innumerable obstacles the "major" met with he made the Court an assured success. The Court was named in honor of the late Vice-President. The officers elected are: C.D., Chas. Bale; Phy., C. G. Shipman; C.R., Thos. Wakefield; P.C.R., T. F. Bearinger; V.C.R., Olof Knutson; R.S., Joe Hopperton; F.S., John E. Cook; Orator, Wm. Koehler; S.J.C., John J. Renner; S.W., Edward Edwards; J.W., Jos. E. Thomas; S.B., Jos. Wakefield; J.B., George Cruthers.

The *Ely Times* says: "Prior to taking up the work at Ely Mr. Colman instituted a very substantial Court at Winton, with a membership of 30. The Foresters are a welcome addition to the range towns, being financially one of the strongest fraternal societies in existence. Having a surplus exceeding \$3,500,000."

MONTANA.

MISSOULA, MONT., Nov. 22, '99.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of Nov. 16th, enclosing draft of \$2,000, favor of Mrs. Isabella Blackie, widow of our late Brother David Blackie. We desire to express to the Supreme Officers our appreciation for the prompt manner in which claim has been paid, draft being in our hands 20 days from date of death. In consideration of the great distance from Supreme Office, this is an excellent showing for the promptness in which claims are paid by I.O.F.

Mrs. Blackie is located at Victor, 36 miles from here. Will return certificate soon as same has been signed and witnessed.

W. G. Wood,
Rec. Sec.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

An acknowledgment has been received from Mr. and Mrs. James Alston, St. John, N.B., for the prompt payment of \$1,000, mortuary and funeral benefits of their late son, Jas. W. Alston, Court Frederick, No. 368, Carleton, N.B.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 1st, 1899.

ORONHYATEKEA, M.D.,

DEAR SIR,—I received to-day from the officers of Court LaTour, No. 125, cheque for \$2,000, being the amount of endowment certificate in your Order on the life of my late husband, I. Edgar Golding. He had a small amount of old line insurance, but this is the first I have yet heard from. Considering that the proofs of claim were forwarded only

a week ago, I am sure that it shows a promptness characteristic of a good business institution. I feel that many thanks are also due to the officers and members of Court LaFour for their extreme kindness and sympathy to me at this very trying time.

May your Order have continued prosperity in the great work of benevolence it is so successfully carrying on.

Yours sincerely, ABBIE LOGAN GOLDING.

NEW JERSEY.

Foresters' Ball at Morristown.

Court Ridgedale, No. 1564, did itself proud recently in its second annual ball. There was a large company in attendance, the music was excellent, the floor in fine condition, and the dancers took advantage of all these combinations to have a fine time.

Fifty-six couples participated in the grand march, led by Chris. Ambrose and Miss Mary Ryan, and the enthusiasm lasted throughout the thirty numbers on the program.

The music was by Sharrette, and Piper furnished the supper. The affair was managed by the following Foresters:—

Ed. J. Connors, President; John A. Dodd, Vice-President; Thos. F. Dunn, Secretary; J. B. King, Treasurer. Floor Managers—Chris. Ambrose, John A. Dodd, Andrew Gibbons, Vincent Corcoran, Gus. Schleth. Reception Committee—T. Connors, Ald. J. T. Lines, E. M. Burke, J. B. King, P. J. Howard, Dan. S. Voorhees, Hon. T. J. O'Brien, J. B. Holley, E. S. Schureman, Richard Connell, James King, E. S. Parke. Committee of Arrangements—J. T. Lines, Chairman; E. J. Connors, F. M. Burke, J. B. King, J. A. Dodd, A. Gibbons, T. F. Dunn, Thos. Connors.

Doctor's Pleasant Prescription.

COURT LAFAYETTE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

The members of Court Lafayette, No. 344, of Elizabeth, N.J., were entertained on Dec. 12th at a banquet in Quien's Hall, tendered them by their court physician, Dr. A. Q. Donovan.

The members, to the number of about 60, first met at their lodge rooms in Mitchell's Hall, and after transacting routine business, they formed in line and marched to Quien's Hall, where they were received by Dr. Donovan, who had everything in readiness for them.

After justice had been done to the banquet, which had been prepared by caterer George Quien, C. J. Regan acted as master of ceremonies.

Addresses were made by Chief Ranger A. Mercier, P.C.R. John Ohrenberger, V.C.R. William Sheridan, Court Physician Dr. Donovan and Fred Hillier, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the oldest members of the court.

Songs were sung by John Bartlett, Leo. Schuler, Peter Scully, Daniel Duffy and A. Corriell. Oliver Conlon also made a few remarks, and M. F. Gannon delighted all with his witticisms and songs.

The court had as guests members of almost every court in the city. A feature of the evening was Mr. Hillier's address and the honor paid to him by the Court in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the close of his speech. The event was most delightful, and it will long be remembered by all.

NEW YORK.

Signs of Life in Ancient Carthage.

At a special meeting of Court Wetumpka, No. 1580, Carthage, N. Y., held Nov. 28th, our Court officers, assisted by Bro. M. J. Jewett, D. D. of Redwood, N. Y., initiated 12 candidates. After the initiation Bro. Jewett made some very appropriate remarks on Forestry laws, after which we had a smoker and a grand old time. Bro. Jewett is an easy, fluent speaker and well posted on all matters pertaining to Forestry.

T. J. QUINN, Rec. Sec.

The Ritual Exemplified at Silver Creek.

A recent meeting of Court Silver Creek, No. 3328, was the occasion of an event which will be long remembered by the members of the Order who were present. Having candidates to initiate we determined to make the occasion a social as well as a business affair, so we invited the members of Court Dunkirk (our nearest neighbors) to be with us, and they responded a dozen strong. They came prepared to confer the initiation, District Deputy Ellis presiding. Their work is very fine, and the candidates seem to realize that they have *joined something*. After the work was done, a splendid supper was served by the wives of local members, and all of the boys proved themselves willing workers. After supper some of the brothers favored us with appropriate addresses, songs and recitations, and all agreed that it was good to be there.

C. G. CARR, C. R.

The members of Court Wayne Co., No. 3541, held their first annual ball Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 29th, and a very enjoyable time was had by all, about sixty couple being present, and dancing continued into the wee small hours of the morning. Being our first venture in the fantastic line, am pleased to say it was a complete success. Brothers Coyle and Bishop are to be complimented on the artistic way they acted the gallant towards the ladies, and their judgment in the floral line.

J. W. COUGHLIN, R. S.

Bro. A. B. Parker, editor of the Watertown Lodge Record, has been elected Financial Secretary of Court Watertown, and also Supervisor of his town. Served him right; his sentence in both cases ought to have been for two years.

P.S.C.R. Col. Caldwell, at Syracuse, writes that he has "two hens, on which will cackle in January—one at Solvay and the other at Oswego. It is hard for me to tread around as I used to, but I am a pretty tough old rooster yet." He adds, "I notice that a hunter in the wilds of Canada recently killed a moose which weighed over 1,000 pounds, and its broad antlers measured nearly six feet in length. As Dr. Oronhyatekha weighs 251 avoirdupois, we implore him to procure that moose head (our emblem) and place it at the upper end of Temple hall, and then our Order can boast of the biggest moose head and the greatest Supreme Chief Ranger head on earth."

The Syracuse Times, whose editor is a Forester, says: "High Secretary Fitzgerald is out with his tenth annual, which is larger and more beautiful than ever, large, nice type, clear print, well covered and the minutes full and well arranged. No Spanish flies on "our Charlie."

Camp Columbia, No. 79, at Syracuse held convocation on Friday evening and transacted much business. Commissions for Capt. John Dillon and Lieuts. Sheehan and Massey were received, presented and accepted.

D.D.H.C.R. Geo. E. Rowley has been the "grand rounds" of his Onondaga County District and reports all the Courts in flourishing condition, and that they extend thanks to the executive for the liberal and excellent dispensation granted for the past three months of the old year.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Paul Smith, No. 3003, Gabriels, N.Y., on the occasion of the death of their Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, John Jinkin.

OHIO.

CLEVELAND, O., 1899.

To all Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts,
Greeting:—

We take this method of introducing the new Encampment of Royal Foresters, and to secure good Foresters as members.

W. G. Philip, Major-General of Ohio, instituted this Encampment last August, and we now have twenty-seven good hustling members, and by hard work expect to have the limit, viz., 100 Sir Knights in line at our next High Court session in Toledo in 1900.

Regular meetings of this Encampment are held every first and third Tuesday of each month in Halle's Hall, 354 Ontario St.

The initiation fee at present is but two dollars, but will in the near future be increased to five. The equipments (new) can be purchased for \$24.00; a coat will cost \$10 to \$14, making total cost of membership about \$38. This amount can be paid in instalments, \$5.00 down, the balance to suit the Sir Knight. There are several very good uniforms to be had of old members of Excelsior Encampment, prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$18.00.

Some Sir Knight of Cleveland Encampment will visit your Court in the near future and give all desired information. We hope that the members of Subordinate Courts will assist us in our work; without their assistance we cannot represent our noble Order as it ought to be.

Trusting some brothers of your Court will think favorably of our undertaking and put their shoulders to the wheel, I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,
F. W. BLANCHARD,
Illustrious Commander.

They Work as Well as Dance.

Court Butler, No. 1380, Hamilton, Ohio, gave a mask-ball, which was a success both financially and socially. By nine o'clock the hall was filled with merry dancers, and the costumes worn were varied and some were quite laughable. The committee are to be congratulated. The proceeds are to be placed to the Sick Fund.

This Court initiated thirty candidates during the months of Oct. and Nov., with December still to hear from, and will begin the new year with a membership of over two hundred. The increase in our membership has been accomplished solely through the efforts of our members.

C. P. HOLADAY, R.S.

Take Up Your Chair and Walk—Ten Thoroughly Initiated Foresters.

Upon the invitation of Court Kola, No. 1838, of Bellevue, 23 members of Court McPherson, No. 3153, drove over from Clyde Nov. 29th to assist in the initiation of ten new members of the local court. The Clyde Foresters brought some new work in initiating candidates, and the Bellevue Foresters were greatly pleased with it. After the would-be members had "rode the goat," and thus achieved their ambition, and the other work of the regular meeting was over, the members of both courts *picked up their chairs* and marched from the hall to the Hotel Bourdette, where an elegant oyster supper had been prepared for them at the order and expense of Court Kola. About 65 men were seated at the table and they had a jolly time getting away with the bivalves and other good things upon the menu. The meal was enlivened with stories and the cracking of jokes until you couldn't rest.

Bro. Meusner Writes Again.

Court Fremont at its last meeting, held on Dec. 11, 1899, initiated one (1) candidate and 6 applications were received. Our hall was about large enough to seat our members, and no chairs were empty. The meeting was one of interest, and in the election of officers, candidates were nominated and elected to the following offices, viz.,—

C.R., Jno. G. Tenbagen; V.C.R., E. W. Brandt; R.S., T. W. Meusner; F.S., A. Cornwall; Treas., Geo. Koestle; Chap., Chas. E. Bowman; S.W., E. Birdsicker; J.W., G. Brunner; S.B., I. J. Trapnell, jr.; J.B., H. Schady; C.D., H. J. Grapes; C. Phys., W. S. James; Board of Trustees, H. J. Grapes, J. M. Basch; Finance Committee, J. H. King, S. B. Drown.

F. W. MEUSNER, Rec. Sec.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Lillie M. Payne, for the prompt payment of mortuary benefit of her late husband, W. J. C. Payne, of Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, Ohio, and thanking the brethren for the moral tribute.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Lolla E. Robertson for the prompt payment of the endowment and funeral benefit of her late husband, G. H. Robertson, Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, Ohio; also thanking the brethren for the services of a trained nurse during his illness.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, Ohio, on the occasions of the deaths of the late brethren, G. H. Robertson and W. J. C. Payne.

ONTARIO.

Bro. Whale and the Invincibles.

Court Invincible, No. 1167, Dundalk, has had the good fortune of having Bro. Whale with them last week, and have been greatly encouraged and materially assisted, having initiated a dozen of the progressive citizens, and have more applications in view.

Bro. Whale left us for Markdale and Flesher-

ton, and we are assured that there are many applications to be had in both places, which with Bro. Whale's able assistance will be Foresters in the near future.

A. E. LITTLE.

Bro. C. Clarkson, B.A., principal of Seaforth Collegiate Institute, Ont., has suffered bereavement by the accidental drowning of his son, Frank Dale Clarkson, at Regina, on Dec. 1st. With other students he was out skating, and lost his life in a brave but futile attempt to rescue a companion. "In death they were not divided." Bro. Clarkson has been Court Deputy and Financial Secretary of No. 342 for ten years.

Bro. R. R. Davis, Chief Ranger Court Queen City, No. 66, I. O. F., Toronto, has been re-elected school trustee in No. 2 Ward. His painstaking and conscientious work during his former three years' term on the board have won him this distinction.

The second annual meeting of Court Trade and Commerce, No. 3300, was held in the Temple Building on Friday evening, Dec. 8th, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

C. D., C. H. Collins; C. R., A. W. Carrick; V. C. R., Wm. E. Fudger; R. S., Paul Szeliski; F. S., A. E. De La Hooke; Treas., A. G. Murray; Orator, J. R. Marshall; S. W., T. W. Hodgson; J. W., Dr. F. J. Stowe; S. B., L. L. Anthes, Jr.; J. B., C. A. Maguire; S. J. C., Chas. Colwell. W. H. Seyler retires to the P. C. R.'s chair and Dr. B. Field continues as C. Phys.

This Court, though comparatively young, has become noted for its large and interesting meetings, and this annual meeting was even more interesting than usual. Considerable Court business was rapidly disposed of and hearty enthusiasm was aroused over a circular issued by High Chief-Ranger Geo. L. Wilson, regarding ways and means of increasing membership in the Order throughout the City of Toronto. A Committee was appointed to take this matter in hand on behalf of Court Trade and Commerce.

When business was concluded adjournment to the supper-room took place where as usual was spread out a liberal supply of good things to which ample justice was done. The musical and literary program, interspersed with speeches, also assisted in making the time pass most enjoyably.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Catharine Rhynas, of Goderich, Ont., for the prompt payment of mortuary benefit on the life of her late husband, Bro. W. A. Rhynas, Court Goderich, No. 253.

Court Ingersoll, 793, is actively gathering in new members, and writes to let us know they are expecting a steady increase. The election has been held for officers for the coming year and Bro. Horseman has been elected H.C.R.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mr. William Hill for the prompt payment of \$2000 mortuary benefit of his son Christopher Hill, Court Ingersoll, No. 798, and thanking the brethren for attentions during his illness.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Ingersoll No. 793, of Ingersoll, Ont., on the occasion of the death of Bro. Christopher Hill.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from John McRae and David McRae, of Crosshill, executors of the estate of Daniel McRae, for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of their late brother, and thanking the brethren of Court Hampstead, No. 1267, for their kindness during his sickness.

LONDON, Nov. 3, 1899.

Mrs. Edward Wilmer, of 387 Adelaide street, sends her thanks to Court Welcome for the prompt payment of the mortuary and funeral benefit of her late husband, Bro. Edward Wilmer, and for many acts of kindness extended to her by the members of the Court.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., Nov. 15th, 1899.

H. E. SIMPSON, ESQ.,

Chief Ranger, Court Clifton, No. 220,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I would be very thankful if you would convey to the members of Court Clifton, No. 220, my heartfelt gratitude for the assistance given me during my severe illness, also to Bro. McGarry, High Physician, for his faithful attendance.

Only those who have been placed upon a bed of sickness can fully realize what brotherly love means, and by our Court paying the hospital fees, which amounted to \$70.00, and starting me in the world again a free man. Oh what a consolation to me and mine, when I was restored to my family and the burden of debt went out of that home, and in conclusion I trust the Supreme Ruler of the universe will continue to bless our institution for the noble work it is doing mankind.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

A. J. GALLEY.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Deseronto, No. 93, of Ottawa, Ont., on the occasion of the death of Bro. Geo. A. Browne.

Court Chatsworth, No. 1174, Chatsworth, Ont., enjoys the credit for having given, on Wednesday, December 20, one of the best, if not the best, entertainments ever given in this town. The particular star on this occasion was Bro. J. C. Morgan, High Past Vice-Chief Ranger, of Barrie, who, in song and speech, made for himself a name here as an entertainer and orator. His rendering of the songs, "For Queen, Flag and Country" (his own composition), and "Take the Muzzle off the British Lion," brought forth feelings of loyalty and appreciation in the form of applause that was indeed loud and prolonged. His story of the boy and the cats was extremely funny, and the audience simply roared. While in town Bro. Morgan was the guest of the High Chaplain, Bro. Rev. John Little.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At a special meeting of Court Mountain City, of Altoona, claimed to be the largest Court in Pennsylvania, held at their rooms, thirteen new members were added to their rapidly increasing membership roll. The meeting was largely attended, almost a hundred persons being present.

After the initiatory service, enteric Mal. Stewart served refreshments in an informal manner. The "inner man" having been satisfied from the bounteous array of delicacies provided, Chief Ranger J. F. Lantz called the meeting to order

and appointed Dr. Charles Long master of ceremonies, who performed the functions of that office in his usual jovial manner.

Short addresses were made by Dr. H. E. Crumbaker, S. T. Knox, A. S. Fisher, Esq., Dr. E. H. Morrow, J. F. Lantz, Dr. E. C. Blackburn, J. H. Butler, H. D. Grove and others. The speech-making was interspersed with selections from a graphophone. The meeting was enthusiastic and enjoyable throughout. Mountain City Court is now the largest organization of Foresters in this State.

Glass City Boils Over.

Court Glass City, No. 3549, Ford City, was instituted two years ago the ninth of last June, with twenty charter members. By our own efforts, without any deputies or outside help, we have increased our membership until we now stand, so far as we know, at the head of the Keystone Courts, with 100 members.

Last month we added six members to our Court. This month we have unfurled a banner with this motto, "Six times six" for December.

We took a little trip on Saturday, Nov. 18th, which I think worthy of a place in the FORESTER.

Kittanning is but four miles away and as we had intended for some time to give the Court there a visit, we finally set on above date and sent them word we were coming "in a body."

A couple of the Kittanning brothers, fearing their court-room would be too small, secured the Oddfellows' Hall in the Opera Block, and it was well that they did, for old Glass City turned out sixty strong. The boys were headed by the Ford City Martial Band, and excitement ran high as we marched from our hall through the streets to the street-car line, and boarded cars for Kittanning. We took four candidates along and sent our "goat" up in a wagon and had a fine time. The members of Court Kittanning saw some things during the initiation that they had never seen before.

Arrangements were made that evening to have Bro. Collins, the genial Supreme Treasurer (who made many friends here last July when he instituted Collins Encampment Royal Foresters, the first to be organized in Penn.), come to Kittanning on Jan. 26th, 1900, and to Ford City on Jan. 27th.

Look out for Court Glass City in the immediate future. We have taken off our coats and gone to work.

G. R. LENTZ, Sec.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Doing Honor to Strathcona.

Court Strathcona, No. 3730, celebrated the second anniversary in the Orange Hall at Bradalbane on Friday evening, Dec. 8th. The spacious hall was filled to its utmost capacity and the best of order prevailed. The lodge was handsomely decorated in honor of the occasion with emblems of the I.O.F. and the British and American national flags, also a beautiful sepia portrait of Lord Strathcona from S. E. Tarbush of the High Grade Art Parlor. Dr. Robertson, H.C.R., occupied the chair in a very efficient manner. Stirring addresses respecting the past, present and the future good prospects of the Order were delivered by L. U. Fowler, High Secretary; Dr. Douglas, High

Physician, and the Rev. Geo. Robertson, of Hampton, P.E.I., all of which were well received and loudly applauded. In connection with the unveiling of Lord Strathcona's portrait, Bro. Gordon McKay gave a decidedly able and interesting address on the public career of Lord Strathcona and his many benevolent acts. The instrumental duets by the Misses Haslam, of Springfield, solos and recitations by Miss Janette McLeod and May McLeod, of Hunter River, were of a very high order and were loudly encored. Recitations by Master Roger Fowler, our respected High Secretary's little boy of eight years of age, were among the best on the programme. Scotch reading by Bro. Arch. Ferguson, and solos by J. W. Sutherland, Misses McKay and Calder were simply immense and brought down the house every time. The entertainment was concluded by singing "God Save the Queen." The committee desire to express their sincere gratitude to W. J. O'Riley, Charlottetown, for supplying them on this occasion free with one of his celebrated organs. The proceeds at the door amounted to \$40.

QUEBEC.

At a special meeting of Court Arundel, No. 3635, held on the 27th Nov., 1899, notice was given of the death of Bro. Charles S. Walsh, member of this Court. After due consideration it was resolved that his claim for \$1,000 mortuary benefits be filed with Supreme Secretary, and that a letter of condolence be sent to the bereaved widow.

WISCONSIN.

Superior Treatment of Bro. Collins.

There was a large gathering of Foresters and their friends in Terminal Hall, Superior, at the reception tendered Hon. H. A. Collins, of Toronto, Canada, the Supreme Treasurer of the Order.

The event, which was a most happy one in every respect, was presided over by Dr. Ogilvie of the local Court, Superior, No. 804, under whose auspices the reception was held.

After a few appropriate selections of music by the Mandolin Club, Mayor Dietrich and Rev. Palin Saxby made brief addresses of welcome. The mayor made a most happy talk along the line of fraternalism. He spoke of the growth and successful workings of the fraternal orders throughout the country and said he believed that men are better citizens for belonging and living up to the requirements of the fraternal orders. In the lodge-room, says the mayor, personal prejudices are wiped out and man comes to a better understanding with his fellowman than he can anywhere else. The mayor gave the distinguished guest a hearty welcome to the city and placed his services at the disposal of the visitor.

Rev. Saxby also welcomed Bro. Collins, and he spoke briefly of the Order. He said he belonged to it for the good there was in it. Mr. Saxby had many good things to say of the insurance features of the Order.

Bro. Collins is an Irishman, and he entertained his audience with all the skill of a trained public speaker, although he disclaimed such title. He very quickly put everybody in a jolly humor by his fund of witty stories, of which he seemed to have an inexhaustible supply, then branched out into an

Interesting talk on the object and work of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Another very pleasing feature on the programme were the recitals by Mrs. Pilcher. This talented speaker captivated all by her rendition of the very humorous selection, "She Wanted to be a Mason." Mrs. Pilcher was recalled and her hearers were convulsed with merriment over the trouble of Brown with his hair cut.

Another unique but pleasing feature of the program was the bagpipe music furnished by Dan MacDonald, of Duluth. Bro. MacDonald was dressed in the complete costume of a Scotch Highlander.

Professor F. E. Chaffe sang very acceptably a solo, and other music was furnished by a quartette.

After the programme the floor was cleared and the rest of the evening given up to dancing.

They Double-up the Membership with Limburger.

On Monday evening, November 27th, Court Kin-nickinnic, 3953, Milwaukee, gave a grand stag and hard-time smoker at their hall. A large crowd attended, prominent among them being Bros. Thos. J. Birch, D.S.C.R., and Chas. A. VanNess, D.S.C.R., who have been instrumental in building up our Court. Some very fine Weary Willie costumes were represented. Music was furnished by the "Algonquin Club," all arrayed in genuine "hobo" style. Songs were rendered by different persons, and a cake-walk was very neatly executed by Messrs. Gerke and Wilde. The balance of the evening was spent in cards and a hard time lunch, consisting of limburger cheese and rye bread, was served.

The stag party was a grand success and everyone said that they had been royally entertained, while the Court came out with a balance on the credit side. We are growing in membership very fast. Although the baby Court of the city, we have about doubled our membership the first year, and scarcely a meeting is held but what we initiate some one, due to the untiring efforts of some of our members. The Court also came in for its share of prizes awarded in June competition. We are now in good working order and will continue so.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
A. W. CAMPBELL, Rec. Sec.

GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

58 CHESTNUT ST. W., SOUTHPORT,
Nov. 27, 1899.

Benj. Cronyn, Esq., D.S.S., London.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—At the meetings of Courts Leyland, Hesheth and Latham, it was proposed by Bro. Elliott, and seconded by Bro. A. M. Fielding, "that the above Courts unite in expressing their appreciation of the Official Letter No. 8, re 'Our brothers who are on active service in Her Majesty's army and navy during the Boer war,' and that this resolution be placed upon our Minute Book, and notice of the same be sent to the Supreme Court."

Carried with acclamation.

Might I trouble you to send this resolution forward.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
C. C. KENDREW,
Recording Secretary.

Court Leyland, No. 2250.

64 GERRARD ST., DERBY,
Nov. 30th, 1899.

To Benjamin Cronyn, Esq., D.S.S.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I enclose application forms of my two sons whom I was anxious to enrol in the Order.

Forms No. 59 for Temporary Beneficiary Membership and premium also included in report, and hope all things are in order, so that no delay or refusal will be likely to occur.

Six out of seven sisters of these new members are Lady Companions, also the mother, so that we have ten Foresters in our house, and two more when sufficiently old enough to join. How many other families are so strong? Mrs. Walker is also V.C. of the Court of Companions.

Fraternally yours,
F. WALKER.

Bro. James Marshall's Farewell on the Eve of his Departure to Australia.

One of the most interesting gatherings ever associated with the history of British Forestry, was that held at Slaten's Restaurant, Strand, London, on Friday, Dec. 8th, 1899, and it was occasioned by the fact that Bro. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., was about to set sail for the Antipodes, and had invited his brethren to meet him and enjoy a few hours' fellowship together prior to his departure. The gathering took the form of a smoking concert, the programme being under the direction of Bro. W. G. Stott, H.S., who acted as accompanist throughout the evening. The distinguished visiting brethren included Bros. S. S. Chiswell, P.H. C.R., Liverpool; Cotterell, Belfast; Scott, Wales; Price, H.C.R., Bristol; B. Cronyn, D.S.S., London; and a large assemblage of London brethren.

Bro. James Marshall, who presided during the evening, expressed his very hearty appreciation at the large assemblage, and read many letters of apology for non-attendance, while one and all expressed a heartfelt wish of Godspeed and a pleasant voyage.

The musical items were of a high order, the singers including the names of Bros. Porcheron, Court Streatham; Parsons, Court Eastbourne, who had a great reception; Fletcher, Court Maida Vale; Harrison, Court Best Help; Hopkinson, Court Myrose; and Caesar, Court Eastbourne.

Special features of the programme were the excellent recitations given by Bro. Bibbings, of Court Liverpool, and his rendering of "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was so fine that the brethren readily responded to an invitation made for a collection on behalf the *Daily Telegraph* War Fund, which resulted in £5 8s. 6d. being subscribed. Bro. W. G. Stott, H.S., contributed to the evening's enjoyment by rendering a new song, "The Wide World," which had a rousing chorus, and went off with great enthusiasm, especially when it was found he had written three verses for the occasion, which we append. During the evening a cablegram was read from Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, much to the delight of every brother present, in which he sent hearty season's greetings to all assembled.

The toasts were received in good style and included "The Queen," proposed by Bro. Marshall, the assembly rising and singing "God Save the Queen" with unwonted vigor. Bro. G. Emery, H.T., proposed the "S.C.R. Executive Council and Supreme Court," which was respond-

ed to by Bros. Chiswell, Price, Tidman, Dr. Ward and Marshall, all Supreme Court members. Bro. W. G. Stott, H.S., was entrusted with the toast, "Our H.C.R.," which created the very warmest enthusiasm. Bro. Stott had a topic upon which he never tires, and stated that he could not possibly say in a brief time all that our H.C.R. deserved to be said of him, and he warmly congratulated him (Bro. Marshall) upon being selected to go and tell the New World what the Old World wished to share with "the wide world." This toast was supported by Bros. Chiswell, Price, Cotterill, Tidman, Caesar and Scott, while the rafters rang with, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Bro. Marshall, in response, was greatly affected at the cordiality displayed, and said that while he had always sought to do his duty fearlessly without favor, yet he trusted the brethren would ever believe he held a very warm corner in his heart for Forestry, and he hoped to return and tell them of many successes achieved amongst our new brethren "across the seas" in spreading the principles of our Order. After "Auld Lang Syne" had been sung the meeting was brought to a close, and will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be present.

THE WIDE WORLD

Our general manager's off very soon
Thro' the wide world;
He'll travel to places by the light of the moon
In this wide world.
We all wish him well in the story he'll tell
To our friends down below, who in Australia
dwell,
How their eyes he will open on Fraternity and
.....well
In that wide, wide world.

Chorus:—It's a wide, wide world,
Such a very wide world,
And there's only one man
With our Chief, who there can
Plant the I.O.F. in that wide, wide world

We each of us feel that it soon will be seen
In the wide world
That Forestry's bound before long to be green
Throughout the wide world;
Our Chief's not the man to let anyone rest
Who in L. B. and C., north, south, east or west
Enjoys to the full our obligations and tests
In this wide, wide world.

Chorus:—It's a wide, wide world,
Such a very wide world,
That soon all our brethren will join
hand in hand,
Round this awfully wide, wide world.

Court Battersea, No. 2099, London.—On Nov. 22nd this strong and flourishing Court held its annual dinner and social at Stanley's restaurant, Lavender Hill, S.W., when about 100 ladies and gentlemen sat down to an enjoyable repast. The concert which followed the dinner proved that the committee had shown excellent choice in their artistes, and special mention must be made of Bro. Macrary, M.D., the Court Physician, who delighted the audience with his phonograph selections; also Miss Edith Peers, who recited "The Absent-Minded Beggar" with such telling effect that £1 10s. 0d. was subscribed for the *Daily*

Mail fund. Bro. H. J. Beavey, the genial Chief Ranger, presided in his usual happy way, and during the evening invited Bro. W. G. Stott, High Secretary of London, to say a few words. Bro. Stott in response stated how pleased he was to accept the invitation, especially seeing he could so rarely get to the S.W. district of London. Bro. Stott claimed for the I.O.F. that it was much more than an insurance society, and that while men at the outset joined for the insurance benefits, yet they were not long before they grasped the fact that the fraternal principle, whereby the members were bound one to the other, had a most elevating influence and lasting effect upon the membership. Speaking to those who had not yet joined, he urged that if they had loved ones at home they could not afford to lose sight of the many and varied benefits given by an Order, well designated as the best insurance and fraternal society in the world. In conclusion, Bro. Stott remarked that he had cheerfully travelled over a thousand miles the past three weeks to attend Forestry gatherings, and he could assure his audience that Foresters were so enthusiastic in the north of England that, even after the meetings were over, they kept him up till all hours of the morning, and never wearied of talking over their local triumphs in the interests of the Order. Finally, he had just one word for the ladies present, and while he knew it was not etiquette to leave the ladies until the last, yet he hoped to be pardoned for doing so. His final word was this—if you marry a Forester, and he acts up to all he professes when he takes our obligation, you will marry a good man, so that you who are engaged to be married, see to it that your intended becomes a Forester, and make haste to persuade him to join our noble Order. Bro. Stott's remarks were received with great cordiality, and he afterwards joined in the concert and sang one or two of his "humorous" items. The proceedings were drawn to a close, about the midnight hour, by the hearty rendering of "God Save the Queen." As a result there were some half dozen applications for membership handed in.

Court Wimbledon, No. 2010, "At Home."

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 22nd, the members of this Court held their annual At Home at St. Mark's hall, Wimbledon, which was attended by a large number of members and friends. T. C. Summerhays, Esq., S.C.C., who occupied the chair, was supported by Bros. H. T. Richards, C.R.; C. Butcher, F. Sec.; F. Comer, V.C.R.; A. Dubber, R. Sec.; and visitors Bros. Tidman and Greig, Court "Erimus"; Bro. Hopkinson, Court Myrose, No. 2134; Bro. Emery, H.T., Court St. Pancras, No. 2013; Bro. Heard, Court Rustic; Bro. Rayner, Court Causland.

The company sat in groups all over the hall, small fancy tables being placed at intervals, at which light refreshments were served.

A capital musical programme was provided and heartily appreciated. Miss Beatrice Poirin, silver medallist, L.A.M., played a pianoforte solo of her own composition, "Mazurka de Concert." Miss Daisy Gatfield sang sweetly "Pickaninny Mine," "The Swallows," and Miss Kate Sabine, "Voices of the Angels." Mr. W. G. Woodcock, G.S.M. gold medallist, L.A.M., sang with great effect "The Gay Gordons," and "The Old Grey Fox," and with Miss Sabine sang "De Lady Moon," and other duets. Bro. A. H. Botwright gave an ex-

cellent rendering of "The Whirlwind." Mr. A. Holt sang "The Bugler," Mr. C. J. Woods "The Deathless Army," and Bro. C. E. Pinelott, "Thy Torreador." Screamingly funny was the mimetic sketch "Mrs. Fitz-Jones at Home," contributed by Mr. John Porter and heartily encored. Bro. E. Mortimer, F.O.S., gave some lightning cartoons of famous celebrities. Mr. Pino Couti, in character, sang, "Fancy I'm off the Earth," and for encore "Is there Anything else you'd Like?" Mr. Alf. Mann caused much fun with his songs, "They were very, very good to me," and "The Electric Battery Man." The Hazels gained much applause for their humorous duets, "After the Honeymoon," and "The Game of Life." In the interval the chairman, in introducing to the company Bro. B. Cronyn, D.S. Sec., said how very pleased he was to preside over them on such an occasion. Court Wimbledon, he continued, had recently made him an hon. member. Having looked into the principal workings of the Order he felt that he could strongly recommend his friends to become members and thus secure to themselves its benefits. Bro. B. Cronyn then gave a short address on the objects, advantages, and progress of the Order.

Later in the evening Rudyard Kipling's famous War Poem was recited by Mr. Cooper Trott, and a tambourine collection taken in aid of the *Daily Mail* war fund, which realized the sum of £25s. 5½d. Light refreshments were served during the evening under the superintendence of Mrs. Comer and other ladies. The accompanists were Miss Beatrice Poirin, S.M., L.A.M., Bros. A. Dubber, and C. E. Pinelott. The arrangements for the entertainment were carried out by a committee consisting of Bros. C. A. Butcher, F. Comer and A. Dubber.

Liverpool Foresters Make a Big Show.

Wednesday, the 6th Dec., 1899, will long be remembered by Foresters in the Liverpool District, who on the evening of that day foregathered in goodly numbers, at the invitation of the H. S. Committee of Central England, for the purposes of mutual instruction and social enjoyment.

The scene of this memorable gathering was the Beehive Café, to the spacious dining hall of which a festive appearance was given by means of flags, banners, shields, etc., lent for the occasion by the genial C.R. of Court Maritime, Bro. G. Burch, and tastefully arranged by the masterly hands of Bros. H. Morris, V.C.R., and Boyer, of Court Liverpool, the latter of whom also provided a skilfully executed I.O.F. shield.

Not only was the room gaily decorated, but also the members present, who each and all wore with pride a specially designed badge of rich crimson ribbon, embossed in gilt, with the device, "I.O.F., Liverpool, 1899." These were the gift of Bro. E. C. Lowcock, C.R. of Court Mt. Pleasant, and Bro. Stakeley, of Court Liverpool, who provided the material and the workmanship, respectively. At 7.30 the chair was taken by Bro. J. Gibson, H.C.R. of Central England, who was supported by an imposing array of High Officers of the Order, including Bro. Jas. Marshall, S.D.H.C.R.; S. S. Chiswell, P.H.C.R.; Jas. Porter, H.V.C.R.; G. Ferns, H.S.; Jas. Chapman, H.T.; S. Berlyn, P.H.T.; Sutton, P.H.C.; W. G. Stott, H.S., London; Martin, D.S.C.R., Dublin; Cottrell, D.S.C.R., Belfast; Scott, D.S.C.R., S. Wales; Batty, D.S.C.R., Leeds, etc., etc.

The audience included representatives of the following Subordinate Courts: 41 from Court Liverpool, 2007 (the Champion Court of Great Britain), 19 from Court Anfield, and lesser contingents from Courts Roby, Mersey, Mt. Pleasant, Pioneer, Seton Park, Birkenhead, Scarisbrick, Latham, North Meols, Leyland, Maritime and Windleshaw.

The proceedings were opened with the Foresters' anthem, "Our Order from Ocean to Ocean," sung in rousing style by all present, to the accompaniment of the piano, at which Bro. M. Hall, C.R. of Court Mersey, ably presided. Bro. Hall was responsible for the whole of the musical part of the programme, the first item of which was a violin solo splendidly rendered by Mr. Geo. Hall, another member of the musically talented family to which our Brother, M. Hall, belongs. After several apologies from various brethren had been read by Bro. S. S. Chiswell, Bro. Favcett Cave, C.R., sweetly warbled off "The Flight of Ages." A recitation from Shakespeare's Henry V., by Bro. Rev. J. Ashby, C.R., was warmly received, and the risibilities were provoked by the song, "How We Laugh," given by that arch-comic, Bro. J. Clarke, of Court Liverpool. The patriotic instincts of the audience were roused to enthusiasm by the artistic rendering of "The Absent-Minded Beggar," by Bro. E. L. Smart, which was followed by a collection for the benefit of the families of our fellow-countrymen "ordered south." The result of the hat-passing was £4 5s. 0d., but that did not satisfy Court Anfield, who ordered their C.R., Bro. J. O. Jones, to add the sum of £1 ls. This set the ball rolling, and it was not until all the Courts of the City of Liverpool had added their guineas and half guineas that the subscription was closed, final score £11 12s. This was subsequently sent in equal shares to the war funds of the *Daily Post* and *Courier*. The chairman here addressed the meeting, and in a hearty fashion congratulated the Committee of Management on the splendid results of their efforts as shown by the large attendance and admirable arrangements; he referred sympathetically to the approaching departure of Bro. Marshall for Australia, his remarks being heartily cheered. Bro. Chiswell announced the presence of Bro. Douglas, of Belfast, who was en route for Australia, and whose boat for that distant land was on the point of departure, and Bro. Chiswell moved that the brethren present give Bro. Douglas a hearty welcome, coupled with the wish, "God be with you till we meet again." This was seconded by Bro. Chapman, H.T., and carried amidst enthusiastic applause.

Bro. Douglas having briefly expressed his thanks for this manifestation of fraternal good-will, left the room amid renewed cheering and with numerous handshakes. Bro. W. G. Stott, H.S. of London, being called upon for a song, evoked immense applause by his rendering of "The Wide World," the normal text of which he supplemented with a couple of extemporized verses referring to the Order and to Bro. Marshall's mission to the Antipodes. This resulted, of course, in calls of encore not to be denied, in response to which the gifted singer gave a fine example of his powers in "The Promise of Life."

Then we had our patriotic feelings again worked up to the highest pitch by the inimitable recitation of "The Charge of the Light Brigade," by Bro. G. H. Bibbings (a recent but valuable addition to the ranks of Forestry). The inevitable re-call produced a rich treat in the form of "The Old Land

and the Young Land," from the pen of the British poet-laureate.

Then came a call from the chairman for the members present to unburden their souls by the putting of questions on any points of Forestry interest, to all of which he promised that explicit and satisfactory replies would be given by Bro. James Marshall. Questions were submitted by Bros. Bibbings and Rev. T. Kirkland, of Court Liverpool, Bro. T. Haslam, Court Sefton Park, Bro. Scarlett, Court North Meols, Bro. Coles, Court Liverpool, Bro. Burch, Court Maritime, and Bro. J. O. Jones, Court Anfield, after which a recess was granted for the purpose of enabling the company to recruit their powers by the means of solid and liquid refreshments, dispensed at the hands of a bevy of attendant Hebes. After the fullest justice had been done in this important matter the meeting was again called to order, and the H.C.R. at once called upon Bro. Marshall to speak. This he was unable to do for a little while, owing to the uproarious cheers which greeted his rising, and which culminated in the singing as with one voice "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." When a hearing could be obtained, Bro. Marshall, with an eloquence and lucidity peculiar to himself, discharged the task of answering the questions above referred to, and in a speech which was listened to with intensest interest and punctuated by loud bursts of appreciation, gave some details of the condition of the Order, both actual and prospective. He also spoke of his approaching visit, in company with the Supreme Chief Ranger, to Australia, there to plant the "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord" inscribed banner of Independent Forestry.

By the time Bro. Marshall had finished his all too short remarks, the inexorable clock interposed the unwelcome intimation that a sacrifice of some part of the feast provided would be required, unless recourse was had to "an all-night sitting." This being impracticable for most, especially for such as lived at a distance and for such as lived under discipline, it was decided to bring the meeting to a timely end, notwithstanding it was well past 11 o'clock before thanks had been tendered, first, at the instance of Bro. Martin of Dublin, Bro. Cottrell of Belfast and Scott of S. Wales, to Bro. Marshall for his attendance and address; and, secondly, on the proposition of Bro. Scott of London and Bro. S. S. Chiswell of Liverpool, to the H.C.R., the H.S. Committee and those who had worked to make the meeting a success. P.S.—A success it truly was, and hopes have since been freely expressed that we may have many such in the future. This is my excuse for sending you such a long account for insertion in our organ the FORESTER.

EDWARD MAXWELL,
Organizing Deputy.

Note by Editor:—You will have to boil yourself down in future, Bro. Maxwell.

They Wear Jewels at Langley Green.

On the evening of 16th Dec., a dinner and smoking concert promoted by Court Langley, Green No. 2195, took place at the New Inns, Langley. There was a good attendance of members and friends and they much appreciated the excellent dinner placed upon the tables by Mr. Bradley. On the removal of the cloth the rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner. Bro. G. H. Marshall, C.R., presided, and among others present were Councillors

W. T. Davies (Chairman of the District Council), S. J. Sadler, J. Hughes and Wain (Newcastle); Messrs. Powell (Stoke), Ashcroft (Derby), T. H. Shipton, W. S. Carrack, A. G. Uglow, G. H. Burton, G. S. Simnet, H. E. Marshall, E. Ray, J. Evans, G. Dallow, G. Hadley, J. E. Richardson, G. Watts, N. Skidmore, T. Evans, T. J. Line, T. Foster, F. Stockton, J. Hughes, J. Butler, H. H. Paine, G. Wood, Drs. C. H. Sharpe and Buttery, etc. The ceremony of investing the officers of the Court with the jewels of their respective offices was performed by Bro. Powell (High Chief Ranger of Mid-England), who accompanied each with a few words of commendation and praise. The recipients were as follows:—Drs. Buttery and Sharpe (Court Physicians), Bros. A. G. Uglow, C.D.H.C.R.; W. S. Carrack, P.C.R.; G. H. Marshall, Chief Ranger; H. E. Marshall, Vice-Chief Ranger; T. H. Shipton, Recording Secretary; Thos. Jones, Treasurer; W. S. Carrack, Financial Secretary; E. Ray, Chaplain; J. Hughes, Supt. Juvenile Court; G. Watts, Senior Woodward; J. E. Richardson, Junior Woodward; G. C. Simnet, Senior Beadle; N. Skidmore, Junior Beadle.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Powell said it was a sign, when a Court decided that its officers should have proper regalia, that an interest was taken in Forestry. He hoped that it would stimulate other members to rise to those positions of honor and thus achieve the object they had in view.

The toast of "The Independent Order of Foresters" was then proposed by Mr. Burton who said the Order covered the world. Wherever they went they could find brothers of that great Order, which existed solely for the benefit of its members. They were most particular in taking their members, while the fraternal spirit of the Order was kept to the fore. Court Langley Green, though not strong in numbers, could compare with any Court in England, taking the members round that table as a guarantee of the quality, and he offered a welcome to all who would join them—(cheers). The toast was drunk with heartiness and Bro. Powell (High Chief Ranger of Mid-England) responded.

CENTRAL ENGLAND.

The members of Court Ireton Beeston, Notts, held a most successful conversazione in the Board Schools, Beeston, on Thursday evening, the 23rd Nov. There was a good attendance of members and their wives and friends, and a most pleasant and instructive evening was enjoyed. The room had been tastefully arranged (drawing room style) and beautifully decorated with plants and evergreens. A splendid musical programme had been arranged. Bro. C. Gerring, P.H.C.R., of Nottingham, presided, and charmed the audience by his genial and happy allusions to the charming songs rendered by the various artists. He had the unique pleasure of introducing to the meeting Bro. J. Marshall of London and also Bro. W. Wilkinson, P.H.C.R. of Mid-England, and relegated to them the duties of addressing the meeting on the advantages and benefits of the I.O.F. Bro. J. Marshall gave a brief but splendid address on the subject of Forestry, which was thoroughly appreciated by the members of Court Ireton. Bro. W. Wilkinson also addressed the meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Hobson, C.R., to Bro. Gerring for presiding, and to the distinguished guests, Bros. Marshall and Wilkinson, for their presence. He paid a high tribute to Bro. Wilkinson, who had visited Court Ireton frequently since its institution in April 1898, and had always been so ready to give the members of this young Court counsel and advice whenever they had sought it of him. Bro. Astill, F.S., seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the artists who had done so much to add to the enjoyment of the evening was cordially passed, and after singing the national anthem a most enjoyable and eventful evening in the annals of Court Ireton was brought to a close.

W. H. PRATT, R.S.

SOUTHERN ENGLAND.

Southampton.

The regular meeting of Court Test, No. 2042, in November, proved the most enthusiastic and successful in its history so far, though "the prophets" say it was nothing to what is to be. In the first place, the Court was occupying for the first time its most comfortable new quarters at Wight's temperance hotel, 25 Above Bar, and the change was highly appreciated by a full Court, only two members being absent. In the second place, there were five new members to be initiated and welcomed. Bro. C. E. Price, H.C.R., presided, and appointed Bro. E. A. Lisle, V.C.R., Bro. A. Curtis, H.S.B., P.C.R., Bro. Evans, S.W., and Bro. Rendall, S.B. The five candidates initiated were Messrs. R. W. Denness, W. J. Feltham, A. J. V. Bagshaw, Geo. Lisle and J. D. Ramsay, who, with the old members, showed keen interest in the items of business which were brought before the Court. The regular night of meeting was fixed for the third Thursday in each month at 8.30 p. m. The reading of official circular No. 8 was received with much satisfaction, and the announcement by the H.C.R. that a fund would at once be opened for subscriptions by members to provide for the payment of the premiums of such members as may be called upon to serve their country in the war in South Africa, and thus give them free insurance, met with unanimous approval. Bro. E. A. Lisle proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the H.C.R. for the manner in which he had presided and conducted the business of the meeting, and welcomed him as a resident in Southampton. The Court had needed some assistance, and now that Bro. Price had come to live among them he was sure Court Test would very soon rank with the strongest Courts in the country. This having been carried, Bro. Price said it was always a pleasure to him to do anything he could to help the Order forward, and he was certain that if the members gave him the same support that they had done since he had been among them, there are plenty of men in Southampton who would be only too glad to avail themselves of the benefits of the I.O.F., and Court Test would rapidly advance. Equal benefits could not be obtained anywhere else, and all he asked of the members was that they should give their friends a chance to share them. Bro. Evans moved that the thanks of the Court be given to Bros. Lisle, Curtis, Hitchcock, F.S., and Durkin, R.S., for their services since the Court was inaugurated, saying that but for them the Court would not have reached its present position. Bro. Wilcox and Randall sup-

ported Bro. Evans, and the motion was carried with applause. The four brethren replied that they were quite ready to do as much again. The Court closed at 10.30, after which much-needed refreshments were passed round, and just before 11 o'clock each member was homeward bound, resolved to be there again in December.

IRELAND.

Annual Social Meeting at Belfast.

The annual social meeting in connection with the Belfast Courts, under the jurisdiction of the High Court of the North of Ireland, was held Dec. 12th, in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall. The entire membership of this branch of the Order numbers about 1,100 in 47 Courts. The local Courts were largely represented at the social gathering last evening. Amongst those present were: Bros. Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R.; John McCaughey, J.P., H.V.C.R.; Rev. T. R. Ballantine, H. Chaplain; Rev. B. Banks, M.A. (Lisburn); R. J. Dawson, William Bell, P.H.C.R.; James Wilson, High Treasurer; Dr. A. A. Ferguson, Dr. R. J. Munn, J. Gregg, V.S.; Dr. W. Gibson, J.P., High Secretary; D. L. Cottrell, D.S.C.R., (official organizer); S. Cuthbert, R. Semple, G.S., I.O.G.T.; S. M. Emerson, A. A. Shaw, W. J. Adje, S. Cunningham, J. S. Broly, J. McComb, S. M'Millan, J. Cooke, A. Barr, R. S. Bailie, R. Crinks, S. R. Howard, J. L. Carruthers, S. Reiney, J. Boyd, J. J. Wilson, H. S. Yuile, Dr. J. Morrison, and Charles Robinson.

After an enjoyable tea, on motion of Bro. Wm. Bell, seconded by Bro. Dr. Gibson, the chair was taken by Bro. John McCaughey, J.P., H.V.C.R.

The Chairman said it was very pleasant to preside over a gathering like that, because he took it that they were all friends of the Order. He saw stated on the programme the information which he had meant to convey to them that evening—the fact that the funds of that society were £761,000, and also an explanation of the aims of the Order. He thought they would see by the figures before them that the Order was in all respects on the progressive. Their membership was rapidly increasing, and they seemed to have a very substantial balance to their credit on their banking account. Therefore, it would seem that notwithstanding all that had been said against them, they were living inside their income. (Applause.) A great deal had been said against them. Some stated that their existence as an Order would only be a question of time, but, in spite of that, they found that the balance to their credit kept growing at a remarkable and comfortable rate. None of the prophesied evils which had been spoke of had come to light during the seven years that he had been connected with the society. Since he had joined he had found that the members were a decent sort of fellows, and the more he had seen of them the more the Order had grown in his estimation. There was one thing which was characteristic of the society, and that was the fact that the claims were always promptly paid. (Applause.) Before he concluded his remarks he wished to speak particularly in regard to a gentleman whom the Order liked to honor; he referred to their High Secretary, Dr. Gibson. (Applause.) His services were indispensable, and he was glad to have that opportunity of paying him that tribute. (Applause.)

A number of musical selections having been rendered, Bro. Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R., who was received with applause, said he only wished to occupy the attention of those present for two or three minutes. He was sure they were delighted to see their good friend Bro. John McCaughey occupying the position of chairman at their meeting that evening. (Hear, hear.) Their Order commended itself to a business man like Mr. McCaughey, and ought to recommend itself to all the people of their city and of the land in which they lived. Mr. McCaughey was good as a man, good as a citizen, good as a member of the City Council, and he would be good as a Lord Mayor by and by—(applause)—and he was good as a member of the Independent Order of Foresters. (Applause.) He was one of the first to espouse the principles of Forestry when that Order came to Ireland, and he had been faithful and true to it since that time. He (Mr. Cregan) had long been proud of the Independent Order of Foresters, but he had never been prouder of it than at the present moment. They were aware that there was a very sad war now raging in South Africa. It was making all their hearts sad, and many a home had been left desolate and lonely because of that war. They hoped it would be ended in a very short time, and that the grand old flag of England would come back victorious. (Applause.) They did not doubt the result; they knew England would win. (Applause.) But it might not be without tremendous loss, and their prayer was that that war would come to a speedy termination. The reason why he was specially proud of the society at the present moment was because of its patriotism. He had spoken on several occasions about the society from international and progressive standpoints, but that night he wished to confine his attention to the patriotic side of their Order. He had received that night from their highly-respected Chief Secretary a special dispensation from their Supreme Executive, signed by their Supreme Chief Ranger. Its purport was something like this—that any man joining the British army at present would be permitted to join their Order at the ordinary rate, and wherever he went he would be looked upon as a true Forester, and if anything happened to him, his wife, or those connected with him, would receive every penny in which he had an interest in the society. (Applause.) He knew his brother Foresters would feel proud that their institution had risen so admirably to the occasion and manifested its patriotism at that time of trial. (Applause.)

Bro. Rev. Benjamin Banks made a brief speech on the aims of the Order.

During the evening a high-class musical programme was gone through, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss L. Dobson made a most efficient accompanist, and contributed a number of organ solos. The other contributors to the programme were: Mrs. R. I. Childe, Miss Clara Dobson, Miss A. E. McCandliss, Messrs. Wm. Curran, R. B. Brown, and A. Percy Hoskins.

NORTH OF IRELAND.

A Good Service in Token of Good Service.

Court Duncairn, No. 2105.—At the Nov. meeting of Court Duncairn, Dr. Gibson, J.P., H.S., presiding, Bro. Dornan was made the recipient of

a very handsome presentation of a tea and coffee service and tray on the occasion of his marriage.

The chairman, in making the presentation, referred to Bro. Dornan's long and efficient service to the Court in the position of Recording Secretary, and conveyed the good wishes of the Court that Mrs. Dornan and himself might have a long, happy and prosperous life.

Bro. Dornan thanked the Court for this mark of their esteem, and assured them that he would continue his efforts on behalf of Forestry.

Bro. W. Bell, P.H.C.R., also spoke congratulating the Court on the progress made, and expressing his satisfaction that the opportunity had been taken of recognizing the services of so worthy an officer as Bro. Dornan.

Progress.—In addition to the institution of a new Court in Antrim and initiations in several Courts during the month of November, the P.H.C.R., Bro. W. Bell, H. Treas., Bro. Jas. Wilson, and the H.S., Bro. Dr. Gibson, and Bro. Cottrell, D.S.C.R., held three special initiation nights at the I.O.F. Chambers and initiated, on the 28th Nov., nine new members, on the 30th seven new members, and on Dec. 1st seven new members.

The month of Dec. promises even better things than its predecessor, and taken altogether the North of Ireland has, during the last two years, set an example to other jurisdictions that will not be easily followed.

Record Payment of Claims.—The Supreme Court has always held the reputation in the North of Ireland of being most prompt in settling the claims arising through the death of members, but the most recent cases have been met in a manner putting all previous records in the shade. On the death of a member of Court Cavehill, exactly 21 days elapsed from mailing the proofs until the arrival of the cheque, and in the case of Ashley the cheque was through from Toronto in 20 days from despatch of proof of death.

Court Killultagh, No. 2239.—Bro. John Laird, J.P., Past Chief Ranger of Court Killultagh, entertained the members of the Court, the members of Court "Erin's Pioneer" (Lady Companions), and the High Standing Committee, to a most enjoyable tea in the I.O.F. Chambers on the 4th inst.

There were upwards of 40 present, including the H.C.R., Bro. Rev. J. Cregan, Bros. William Bell, P.H.C.R.; Jas. Wilson, H. Treas.; W. Gibson, M.D., H. Sec.; D. L. Cottrell, D.S.C.R., and Mrs. J. Wilson, C.R. Erin's Pioneer. A most enjoyable evening was spent and on motion of Councillor E. M. Stewart, C.R., seconded by Councillor Bro. A. V. Browne, M.D., a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Laird for his sumptuous treat.

Bro. Cregan returned thanks on behalf of the High Standing Committee and Mrs. Wilson, C.R., on behalf of the members of Court Erin's Pioneer.

Bro. Laird, in reply, expressed his pleasure at seeing all his friends, and expressed his unbounded admiration for the principles of the Independent Order of Foresters. He hoped the Order would go on and flourish, and he had no doubt with the men at the head of affairs in Belfast that many of the best of the young men in the city would soon be attracted to its ranks.

Court Erin's Pioneer Annual Dance.

The Lady Companions of the Order have secured the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Gardens, for Thurs-

day, the 8th February, for the purpose of holding their first annual dance.

Knowing the manner in which the Lady Companions conduct all their entertainments, we can with confidence predict a magnificent turnout. Foresters in Belfast should not miss this meeting. Tickets may be had at the offices, 18 Wellington Place.

Court Cliftonville gave their first smoking concert of the season on Monday night, 11th December, after the conclusion of Court business.

There was a very large attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A special feature of the evening was a "Surprise Party" of ladies who invaded the rooms (headed by Bugler Bell) and laden with a plentiful supply of provisions, from the homely oat-cake up to the most delicious plum-cake.

Coffee was soon served and the fun proceeded to a late hour, everyone expressing delight with the programme.

Bro. John Morrow, M.D., recited "An Absent-Minded Beggar," and the company subscribed £1 14s. 0d. toward the fund for the widows and orphans of our fallen soldiers.

DR. ORONHYATERHA.

Honoured Sir and Brother,—At the last session of Court Dublin, No. 2206, it was proposed and passed unanimously that this Court, having received the Official Circular, No. 8, hereby desires to place on record its sincere thanks to you and the Supreme Court for the benevolent manner in which they have come forward in so practical a way (as explained in the circular) to help our military brethren who are now engaged at battle in the Transvaal, and further showing the kindly feeling and sympathy which is extended toward the British nation in this time of our anxiety.

You will please accept this with every good wish for the future prosperity of our beloved Order.

J. G. COONEY,
Rec. Sec.

SCOTLAND.

Glasgow Wishes Bro. Marshall God-speed.

The I.O.F. rooms, George Square, Glasgow, were comfortably filled on Friday evening, Dec. 1st, to hear an address from Bro. Jas. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., General Manager for Europe, and to bid him God-speed on his mission to assist our Supreme Chief Ranger in introducing Independent Forestry to those of our colonies as yet outside the circle of our great Fraternity.

The chair was occupied by the Rev. Robert McNair, P.H.C.R.

The resolution congratulating Bro. Marshall on the success that has attended his labours in this country, and wishing him "bon voyage," was moved by Bro. James J. Cockburn, Chief Ranger of Court St. Enochs. The enthusiastic reception given to the resolution proved how much the labours of Bro. Marshall have been appreciated here, and how gratified British Foresters feel that he should have been selected to assist our Chief in such important missionary work.

All Courts in the Glasgow district with one exception were represented.

The arrangements for the meeting were in the hands of the High Secretary, John S. Duncan.

Court Glasgow Eastern, No. 2049, are growing strong. The members have set themselves to make records and they have begun well. At a special meeting held on Nov. 29th the High Secretary for Scotland on invitation initiated six candidates and received nominations for several others. At their annual social on Dec 20th they expect to book quite a number of present enquirers.

WALES.

Bangor Entertains.

The first dinner and public meeting under the auspices of this noble Order was held in the Queen's Head Cafe, Bangor, on Wednesday, Nov. 15th, when Courts Carnarvon and Deiniol united to entertain distinguished officers of the Order, viz., Bro. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., General Manager for Europe, and Bro. S. S. Chiswell, P.H.C.R., of Liverpool, and others.

Bros. Jas. Marshall and S. S. Chiswell spoke at some length upon the benefits and progress of the Order, and were very cordially applauded at the close.

Speeches were delivered by Bros. L. D. Jones, C.R., Bangor, and David Hughes, C.R., Carnarvon; W. Hamer, C.D.H.C.R., C. Leak, R.S., Markham, V.C.R. of Carnarvon; and Bro. T. Mills, C.D.H.C.R., Bangor.

The dinner was admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Queen's Head Cafe.

Before clearing the table a collection was made in aid of the widows and orphans of our soldiers in South Africa. Several applicants also signed the application form.

Forestry at Colwyn Bay.

The members of Court Euryon, No. 2216, gave a dinner at the Hotel Metropole on Wednesday evening, the event proving one of the most pleasant in the history of local Forestry. There was a numerous company of Foresters and friends, which included Bro. Dr. Roger Edwards (Medical Officer) who presided; Bro. William Jones (Chief Ranger) who occupied the vice-chair; Bros. P. P. Nicholl, W. Jones, J. Jones, Thomas Jones, Arnold Williams, T. Hunt, Sam Jones, J. Dicken, — Hoyles, Hutchings, T. J. Dowell (R.S.), and R. Scott; Messrs. John Roberts (Fern Bank); Dan Allen, Fred Jackson, A. J. Fleet, E. Jackson, W. H. Jones, Harry Jones and H. Cartmell. During the course of the evening there arrived from a similar gathering at Bangor, two officers who occupy a high place in the esteem and affection of all Foresters in at least two continents—Bro. James Marshall, of London, who is the General Manager for Europe, and Bro. S. S. Chiswell, the P.H.C.R. for Central England. The appearance of these gentlemen, accompanied by Bro. Scott, was the signal for an outburst of applause which conveyed a most cordial welcome. Dinner was served in the handsomely appointed dining-room for which the Metropole is already well known, and the all-round excellence of the catering fully maintained the splendid reputation which Miss Cadman's management has secured for this hotel.

The after-dinner proceedings were of a convivial character, the toast-list being interspersed with items of vocal and instrumental music. The loyal toasts having been submitted from the chair and duly honored, Dr. Edwards gave "The Army,

Navy and Auxiliary Forces," which was received with patriotic enthusiasm, the Chief Ranger following with a song, "The Noble 24th," which also evoked hearty cheers. The toast of the evening, "Independent Order of Foresters," was proposed by the Vice-President (Mr. William Jones) in a capital speech, and was acknowledged by Bros. Wilkinson and Sam Jones. "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Sam Jones, and was replied to by Mr. John Roberts and Mr. Fred Jackson. The President and Vice-President toasted each other in reciprocal terms, both toasts being very warmly honored. Bro. Arnold Williams gave "The Press." Bro. T. J. Dowell, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Hostess," paying well-deserved compliments to the admirable cuisine and prompt service. Bro. Dicken and Miss Cadman replied. Speeches were delivered by Bro. Marshall and Bro. Chiswell, both producing evidence of the splendid progress which the Order is making, and referring in complimentary terms to the enthusiasm and fidelity of the local Court. Very acceptable songs and recitations were given by Messrs. William Jones (the Chief Ranger), Fred Jackson, Fred Bateson, P. P. Nicholl, A. J. Fleet and R. L. Samuel, the accompanists being Miss Nellie Roberts (Fern Bank) and Mr. C. Hinde (Organist of the Mission Church). After the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," "God Save the Queen," "Auld Lang Syne," the happy meeting terminated. It is noteworthy that one outcome of the social has been the acquisition of several new members.—*The Weekly News and Visitors' Chronicle*, Friday, Nov. 17th, 1899.

Too Late.

She kissed the old man; she showered upon him kisses and tears. She told all the people how good he was. I thought if she had only given two of those kisses per quarter for the last ten years how the tender-hearted old gentleman would have smiled through his tears.

But now he took it all very coolly. He was dead. He was old and poor and she was young and rich. She had ten rooms, but no room for Father. Yet he had made room for her when he had only two.

The old man wasn't educated. She was—at his expense. He had fed and clothed her for twenty years at home and at college until she had risen into more refined and cultured society, and married among them. The old people's address and dialect were too coarse. She kissed him and buried him in a beautiful coffin. Dear Father is to have a costly marble monument. A warm kiss while living is better than cold marble when dead.

Plea for Thorough Reading.

In an age like this—an age of popular literature and lectures and self-culture, too often random and capricious, however earnest—we cannot be too careful in asking ourselves, in asking others, the meaning of every word which they use, of every word which they read; in assuring them that the moral, as well as the intellectual culture acquired by translating accurately one thing, by making out thoroughly the sense of one chapter of a standard author, is greater than they will get from skimming whole folios, or attending seven lectures a week till their lives' end. It is better to know one thing than to know about ten thousand things.—*Charles Kingsley*.

Companion Courts.

CALIFORNIA.

Companion Court Morris Vineyard, No. 152, initiated fifteen candidates and received fifteen applications at its meeting 22nd Nov.

INDIANA.

Ontario Transplanted.

On October 27th, 1899, a new Court of Companions was instituted at Indianapolis by Robert Tinch, D.S.C.R., of Barrie, Canada, assisted by Chas. W. Ennis, High Chief Ranger of Union City, Ind.

The charter list numbered 19 of the city's most estimable ladies, and our H.C. Ranger's wife, Mrs. Ennis, of Union City. We trust it will not be amiss to say that the new Court owes credit to Mrs. F. H. Boyer for her valuable assistance in securing members, and pushing the work to completion.

This Court certainly attained honor for itself in organizing with all *Beneficiary Members*, every lady having applied for the mortuary benefits of our noble Order.

The Sup. Dep. and High Chief were ably assisted by the three Chief Rangers of the city Courts, each Court being well represented. We understand this Court is the first Companion Court ever organized with all beneficiary members.

The following sisters will transact the Court's business for the year 1900: P.C.R., Mrs. C. L. Shaette; C.R., Mrs. J. T. McShee; V.C.R., Mrs. H. E. Scarborough; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. E. Clemens; Fin. Sec., Mrs. F. H. Boyer; Treas., Miss Kate Devine; Orator, Mrs. M. O. Burdile; Ct. Phys., Mrs. L. J. Clowd, M.D.; Ct. Dep., Mrs. M. Lloyd; S.W., Miss Emma Powell; J.W., Miss S. A. Boyer; S.B. Mrs. Parisoe; J.B., Mrs. M. Gerhart.

After the institution was over, the Supreme Deputy, Bro. Tinch, and the H.C.R., Bro. Ennis, gave instructive and interesting talks to those present, which was followed by short talks from Bros. Ally, C.R. of Ct. Indianapolis, Broom, C.R. of Ct. Oak, and Bro. Childers, of Court Maybee. All present agreed to assist the Companions, and Court Oak actually commenced by paying their hall rent.

The speakers commended the ladies' auxiliary as a growing factor in the grand work of Independent Forestry, which stands without a peer in the fraternal world.

The ladies named their Court Ontario.

OHIO.

Companion Court Oronhyatekha No. 1 held a particularly interesting meeting Friday evening, Dec. 8th. There were 84 members present, and so a number of visitors from Companion Courts. 30 applications were received for the month of November, and 10 were received at the last meeting, Dec. 8th, 5 candidates were initiated. After the routine of business the election of officers took place. The officers for the ensuing term are as follows: C.R., Mary Neffinger; Vice-C.R., Mary Burns; Rec. Sec., Marie Egert; Fin. Sec., Kate

Hyker; Treas., Emma Renz; Orator, Kate Endle; Organist, Maggie Rine; S.W., Pearl Fisher; J.W., Minnie Summerfield; S.B., Sue Hobbs; J.B., Alice Miller; Ct. Deputy, Anna Philip, sr.; Phy., Dr. J. Anderson; Past C.R., Anna Bishop; Trus., Pearl Fisher and Kate Endle; Ct. Reporter, Anna Bishop. Com. Kate Hyker has been sick since the 10th of November, and is still in the hospital, but getting along very nicely.

Yours in L., E. & C.,

COM. LOUISE H. ENDRESS,

Dec. 11th, 1899.

Court Reporter.

New Court in Toledo.

A new Companion Court of the Independent Order of Foresters was instituted Wednesday evening, at the chambers of Court Fort Meigs, No. 759, at the Pythian Castle, with about 35 charter members. This result was accomplished by the efforts of several members of Court Fort Meigs, notably on the part of Bro. Samuel Weisz, in conjunction with the assistance of the Supreme Deputy. The new Court was instituted by Bro. H. Evison, of Toronto, Canada. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term, viz.:

C.D., Mrs. M. E. Anderson; C.P., Dr. P. Prentice; P.C.R., Mrs. Ida Deutscher; C.R., Mrs. Susa E. Brown; V.C.R., Mrs. Evlin Bueschon; Rec.-Sec., Miss Evlin Finch; Fin.-Sec., Mrs. Rica Brown; Treas., Mrs. Anna Thompson; Chap., Mrs. Catherine Pahl; S.W., Miss McCreight; J.W., Miss Emma Wurtemberger; S.B., Miss Emma Kaseman; J.B., Miss Clara McCreight; Trustees, Mrs. M. E. Anderson, Mrs. K. E. Cameron, and Mrs. Catherine Pahl.

Those present did not overlook the Ohio Centennial in 1902. In addition to the large number of ladies present on this occasion, there were also a good many of the prominent Foresters of Toledo, who made some fitting remarks on behalf of the Independent Foresters. Among those present who spoke were Dr. Hobart, of Court East Toledo; George W. Barr, D.D.H.C.R., of Court Surprise, and the newly elected Court Physician, who was the proud possessor of a very elaborate smile, who promised the members of Court Fort Meigs for the courtesies they had given by throwing open the doors of their chambers for the instituting ceremonies and also on several other occasions, and that they would all smoke at his expense at their next regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mr. H. Evison, D.S.C.R., of Toronto, Canada, who set forth in a very fitting manner the aims and projects of Independent Forestry. The next meeting will be held at the Pythian Castle, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6.

ONTARIO.

Poverty Social—A Goodly Sum Raised by Companion Court Cecil.

"Every woman who kums must ware a kalikar dress, and every gent thar old klose." This was the announcement made on the programs handed around at the poverty social held in Burgess' hall, Ottawa, Dec. 13th. The mandate was not obeyed to the letter of the law, and hence numerous fines were imposed. A hat "with flowers," cost the

ladies two cents, while "naterlay kurlid hare" drew from the gentlemen one cent. So the list ran, and the fines collected were quite numerous. Fully 300 persons, old and young, partook of the ladies' hospitality, and the affair was voted a supremely successful one.

In the early part of the evening an excellent musical program was put on, to which the following ladies and gentlemen contributed: Piano solo, Miss A. Pagi; recitation, Miss Carrie McLean; song, "The Absent-Minded Beggar," Mr. N. A. Howard Moore; imitations, Mr. Fred Marshall; piano solo, Miss Conley; song, Miss Britton; recitations, Miss Marshall, Mr. McVeity and Master Dawson; imitations, Mr. Nolan; whistling solo, Miss Gladys Ketchum.

All the numbers met with a warm reception. After the program was concluded the young people had an enjoyable dance. Refreshments were also served, and social chat indulged in. The following were the ladies on the management committee: Mesdames Brady, McCullough, Hopkins, Dooley, Cummings, Moss and Miss Morrison. The ladies who took the law in their own hands and collected the fines were Misses Ruby Brady, Bolger, McPhail, Doyle and Belanger.

Court Cecil is one of the most prosperous and progressive in the city, and on this account an extra meeting each month has been arranged.

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When a Brother Falls.

Nobody is ever aided to a better life by one who stands aloof and censures his failure. But a divine helpfulness is in the hand stretched out to uplift the fallen. A cabman once signed the pledge at the appeal of Rev. Charles Garrett, but soon after he broke it. In his humiliation he tried to keep out of the way of his friend, but Mr. Garrett was not to be put off.

One day he found the poor, miserable man, and taking hold of his hand, he said:

"John when the road is slippery, and your cab horse falls down, what do you do with him?"

"I help him up again," replied John.

"Well, I have come to do the same," said Mr. Garrett, affectionately; the road was slippery, I know, John, and you fell, but there's my hand to help you up again."

The cabman's heart was thrilled. He caught his friend's hand in a vice-like grip, and said:

"God bless you, sir! You'll never have cause to regret this. I'll never fall again."

And to this day he has kept his word.

"Let's find the sunny side of men

Or be believers in it;

A light there is in every soul

That takes the pains to win it.

Oh, there is slumbering good in all,

And we, perchance may wake it;

Our hands contain the magic wand;

This life is what we make it."

Editorial.

The Surplus on the 30th of December, 1899, stood at \$3,778,543.58.

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The number of accepted applications for the month of December was 7,360.

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The saying "A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country," is happily not applicable to a Fraternity. The country in which stands the Head Office of the I.O.F. sent in 1,336 applications in December.

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The Xmas greetings from the Chief indicate that he is in good spirits and rapidly regaining his health. We are awaiting the news that he is sending us an Australian contingent to the I.O.F.

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A good feature in the reports of new Companion Courts is the very large percentage of beneficiary members. Thus in a Court instituted by Bro. Evison at Toledo, Ohio, over 90% of the charter members were beneficiary.

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Col. Caldwell, who recently passed his 72nd birthday has not yet notified the public of any intention to hang up his Forestric sword. On the contrary it appears he has ordered a full uniform in the Royal Foresters, as "Past Illustrious Cavalier," a title conferred upon him by the Supreme Court in 1893.

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It is a wise thing in securing applicants for charter membership in a new Court to include as many as possible who are capable of entertaining their brethren at the meetings. We note with pleasure that a Court with 47 members, instituted by Bro. Chas. Whale at Flesherton, comprises a silver cornet band.

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That the Temple Building is popular as a meeting place will be indicated by the fact that during the year 1899 there were held within its walls 196 Masonic meetings, 417 Court and Lodge meetings, and 79 miscellaneous meetings, besides a number of banquets and suppers.

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Bro. John H. Horsfall, C.R., of Court Polar Star, No. 3424, in enumerating the sources of strength in the I.O.F., writes:

"There is no Insurance Company in the world, 'outstanding obligations and nature of investments considered,' that can really show to better advantage. And moreover the payments and insurance in Forestry are from month to month. We have also in addition to the money consideration another forceful, honorable and unfailing quality, to wit, Fraternity."

Read Your Drill Books.

The Drill Books of the I.O.F. are the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws. All year round all the members should keep in mind the professions of fraternity and the obligations of L, B. and C. that they have assumed. But in this month of January it behooves the new officers of Courts to study with especial diligence those sections of the Constitution and Laws that define and emphasize the duties of the Court officers. Let every Chief Ranger and Financial Secretary read his Drill Books as a lawyer would read a brief. Let every trusted occupant of a chair be as familiar with the contents of his constitution as a politician with the contents of a popular requisition that he drew himself.

Suggestions.

With over 160,000 readers it is not surprising that (in addition to abuse) we sometimes receive valuable suggestions as to the conduct of this paper. Now it is our constant aim to make the official organ of the Independent Order of Foresters keep pace year by year with the progress of the Order. As the I.O.F. itself grows in financial and numerical strength and fraternal spirit it is our endeavor to take on a dignity in consonance with the greatness of Forestry and at the same time to present matters that will be of interest to our multitudinous membership. It is easy for the organ of a small society occupying a narrow territory to give the lodge news in a manner intelligible to all the members without losing the raciness of a local flavor. But it is not easy to take the items sent in from the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts from the Old and the New Worlds and so edit them as to make easy reading for everybody and at the same time let the correspondents tell their stories pretty much in their own words. This, however, we are trying to do.

We have also made it a New Year's resolution to improve THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER by all means in our power so as to maintain it as a welcome magazine in every Forester's household. To this end we invite, in this the first month of the year, suggestions. And that there may be reciprocity we make the following suggestions:

Reports of Institutions or Installations.

It is not necessary, in sending us the reports of Courts instituted or Court officers installed to make the back-log of your eloquent narrative out of the list of names. We respect the C.R., and we respect also the S.B. But if every one of our more than 4,000 Courts sent in for publication its list of officers our January and February numbers would be less a magazine than an army list. By all means give us a report of your meeting, but tell us the

interesting, the novel, the unexpected; tell it in your own words without stale formality; tell it bluntly.

Illustrations.

We sometimes print portraits in the INDEPENDENT FORESTER, but this is not our chief reason for existence. We are occasionally favored with group pictures of the officers of Court —, No. —, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence that the type of Forester is not degenerating. Many of these groups are excellent likenesses (as far as we know), with easy postures that do credit to the skill of the photographer and to the natural grace of the members. But if we received a full-page photograph of the officers of every Court we might be embarrassed. The girl in ancient Roman days who had all the shields piled on her could complain of too much protection. We should not like to complain of too much assistance.

The Pictures we Like.

Nevertheless, the art of photography is a splendid and wonderful achievement of modern science, and as we Independent Foresters are the friends of everything up-to-date and 20th centurylike, so we shall never discourage the freest use of the camera. If you have a Court room that is something unique among Lodge halls, we might smuggle in a small picture of it. If there is any piece of natural scenery or object of picturesque interest in your neighborhood, you might try us with a neat cut of it. If one of the Order's widows has just been presented with her cheque, you might photograph her cottage, and we shall try to make space. We have lots of room for good illustrations in the INDEPENDENT FORESTER, and we mean to publish some every month this year.

To High Secretaries.

The High Secretaries of the various jurisdictions are the brethren in whose peculiar province it lies to furnish the membership with reports of how the good work progresses. An energetic High Secretary is in touch with every Court, with every Deputy of the High Chief Ranger, and with nearly every energetic worker in his jurisdiction. He is in a position to send to the official organ (*before the first day of every month, so as to be in time for publication*) some notes of what the brethren are doing in the way of initiations, entertainments, and especially charities and fraternal acts. He can write the Forestric annals of his neighborhood in their true proportion, giving due prominence to those who merit recognition, and condensing the notices of those who make much brag and little headway. If all our High Secretaries were as faithful correspondents as some of them are, no member would look in vain to see his state represented in "Among the Courts."

Correspondence.

The Dependency Plan.

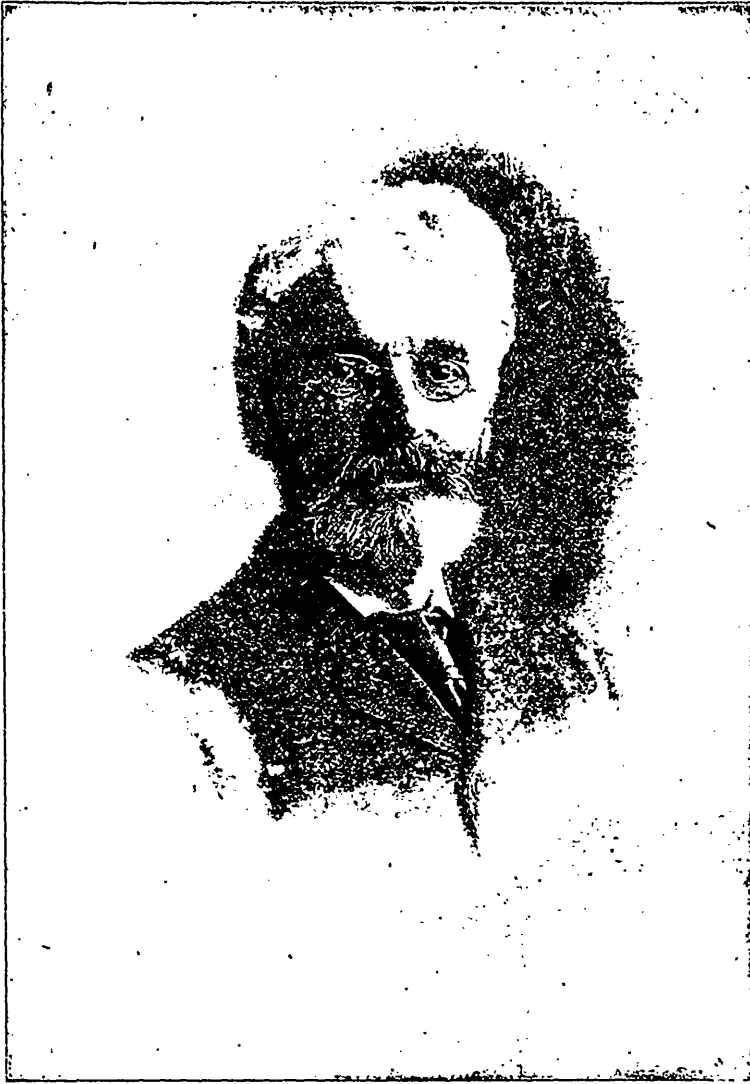
To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER:

Has Bro. Boynton, the editor of the Michigan *Maccabee*, taken a brief from the Old Line Companies? This is the question that suggested itself to me when reading the leading article in his paper of November 30th, headed "Outline of the Dependency Plan." What a picnic the Old Line Companies would have if Bro. Boynton's scheme were adopted. What I take special exception to in this article of Bro. Boynton's, is the statement that, "The certificate-holder in a fraternal Order having a surplus fund loses all the excess that he has paid over and above current cost." To illustrate this he states, "that during the past thirteen years he has paid into a reserve fund Order \$2.44 per month, or \$29.28 per year, a total of \$467.48, being one-third more than enough to pay current cost of protection. This surplus, less 5 per cent., has gone into and become a part of the three and one-half millions surplus that Order has accumulated," and Bro. Boynton further adds, "Should the writer be unable to pay his monthly assessments by reason of financial misfortunes, he could not get a dollar back even though he was on his way to the poor-house." Now that's a pretty sad state of affairs, isn't it? But before shedding any tears, let us see what Bro. Boynton has had, and expects to receive out of his policy in the Independent Order of Foresters, for that is the only fraternal Order with a surplus fund of \$3,500,000. In the first place he has had or could have had during the past thirteen years, free medical attendance from his Court Physician.

(2) If he should be permanently disabled, one-half of his policy would be payable at once. All assessments would cease, and the balance of the policy would be payable at death.

(3) All assessments cease at age 70, and an Annuity Benefit for Aged Foresters of \$200.00 per year for ten years.

(4) In the event of death at any time the payment to his beneficiaries the full sum of \$2,000, less of course the amount paid on any of the above conditions. With a certificate in force containing these provisions, backed up by a surplus of over Three Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars, there is not much chance of Bro. Boynton going to the poor-house. Now let us find out what a policy in an old line company, which Bro. Boynton says has a cash surrender value, would cost. The brother took out his I.O.F. certificate for \$2,000 at age 48, and which, he states, has cost him in thirteen years \$467.48. The Mutual Life, of N. Y., rate at age 48 (straight life), is \$44.42 per \$1,000, or \$88.84 annually for \$2,000. In thirteen years the cost of this policy would be \$1,154.92, or exactly \$687.44 in hard cash more than his I.O.F. certificate—pretty good margin for a substantial cash surrender value. No medical attendance. No disability clause. No old age annuity clause at age 70. Payments on the old line policy continue during life, while the payments on the I.O.F. certificates cease at age 70. And last, but not least, no fraternalism in the old line policy; nothing but pure cold business, and dear at that. But our worthy brother says in the article in question, that the building up of a surplus fund



MAJOR W. J. McMURRY, A.S.C.R.

of life, and a force in the community in which they exist. A few simply lie dormant, their financial secretary collects the monthly assessments, the reports are regularly sent in, keeping the Court in good standing, but the Court and the community never hear of any good work done in the name of Forestry. The cure for all this is not to be found in the changing of rates, as Bro. Boynton with his wide experience ought to know. Foresters ought to cultivate fraternalism; they want to feel that, "amid all life's quests there seems to be out worthy one—to do men good." But at the same time it is just as important for them to know that in the event of their being taken away their loved ones will receive the full benefit of their certificates. And what better assurance can they have than a magnificent surplus such as the Independent Order of Foresters are building up. All fraternal societies owe a great deal to our Supreme Chief. No man has done more to put fraternalism on a high plane than he, and we owe it to his genius and foresight that the Independent Order of Foresters occupies the proud position of "The Best Fraternal Society in the World."

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does away with fraternalism, or, as he puts it, "when commercialism comes into the lodge-room, fraternalism runs up the tree." A little incident which occurred in a Court of Foresters a few evenings ago, will exemplify how much truth there is in this statement. At the meeting in question, a letter was read from a Court outside the city stating that a brother Forester had been sent to the General Hospital, and asking the kind attention of brothers in the city. Without any hesitation eighteen of the members present offered to visit their afflicted brother. Now, there was some fraternalism about that, and the surplus of over three million seven hundred thousand dollars did not seem to affect in the slightest the good feeling that existed. The fraternal element in our Courts should be cultivated. We are aware that to a large extent this depends on individuals. Most Courts are full

Major W. J. McMurry, A.S.C.R.

We here present to our readers a portrait of the new lieutenant whom the S.C.R. has secured to assist him in the difficult and complex work of organizing. He is not by any means a sudden convert to Independent Forestry, having been a member for years. His belief in the future of the Fraternal system of insurance has led him to decline several attractive positions with old line companies.

Bro. McMurry was born in Bowmanville, Ont., April 14, 1847, where he received his primary education, afterwards attending the military school at Kingston, and the Cavalry School in this city. At both of these he took first-class certificates. He

was Adjutant of the 45th Battalion from its organization in 1867 until Sept., 1874, when he retired, retaining the full rank of Major. He also served as Lieutenant in the Ontario Rifles in the Red River expedition in 1870. In 1874 he entered the Ontario Bank, Bowmanville, was for six years accountant of the branch at Oshawa, and, later was appointed manager of the Port Perry branch. In 1888 he became manager of the Mutual Reserve for the province of Ontario, which position he held until last March when he retired. The *Bulletin* says of him, "His tact and business aptitude qualify Mr. McMurtry to fill any position he may accept, with credit to himself, and benefit to the institution fortunate enough to secure his services."

Notice.

The amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Order adopted at the last session of the Supreme Court in 1898 were so numerous and far-reaching that a revision of most of the Forms became necessary; the numbers were revised as well. The Application for membership is now No. 2 instead of No. 1, as formerly. We find that many of the Courts are still using old Forms No. 1. We desire all the Courts to supply themselves with the revised Applications for Membership, Form No. 2, and to that end all the Courts in the United States who have old Forms No. 1 in stock, if they will send them by mail to our American agent at Chicago, Bro. A. E. Stevenson, 6436 Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Ill., Bro. Stevenson will send in return the same quantity of Forms No. 2; if those Courts in Canada will send their old Forms No. 1 to the Supreme Secretary here at Toronto, Forms No. 2 will be sent in lieu thereof; and if those Courts in Great Britain and Ireland will send their Forms No. 1 to the London office at 24 Charing Cross, London, Eng., Forms No. 2 will be sent in lieu thereof. When returning these Forms No. 1, the name and number of the Court and the name and address of the Recording Secretary should be placed on the package.

Practical Fraternity.

Some Pertinent Questions.

What is your Court doing to substantiate the claim that its members are in reality brothers, and not merely members of an association which furnishes sound life insurance at as low a figure as is consistent with safety and stability?

Does your presiding officer ask in a perfunctory way, "Is any brother out of employment?" and then pass on to the next item of business, losing sight of the fact that possibly more than one brother is in need, and does not care to publish his necessity abroad, or is, perhaps, too disheartened to ever attend the meetings of his Court?

In the present crisis which is confronting the Empire it was justly said that the Colonies ought to offer aid without waiting to be asked.

In the same way the officers of each Court, some of whom have but very little to do, should systematically get a personal acquaintance with every member of the Court and know their exact circumstances, and as occasion arises relieve the necessities of each unfortunate brother, paying his assessments if need be.

Does your Court expend all its surplus revenues in suppers and jollification, or has it established a fund to meet extraordinary requirements?

Of course the members expect and require an occasional "spread." How would it do at the next one to strike out the item of cigars and invite the members to bring their pipes? There's more sociability in a pipe after all.

Do the members of your Court make it a point to deal with brethren? If they buy their bread, meat, vegetables and other provisions from those outside the Order, why do they do so? Don't you think a brother would prefer your custom to your charity?

If these questions are thoughtfully considered, the result must be a direct benefit to the Order.

P. H. RITCHIE.



A Novel Premium.

Last month we noted with pleasure that Bro. Wm. E. Brown, H.C.R. of Michigan, had offered as a prize to the member in his jurisdiction procuring the most bona fide applications before Jan. 1st, 1900, a very valuable full-blooded Jersey heifer. To-day we are enabled to present to our readers a life portrait of this unconscious patroness of Forestric enterprise.

Missing Relatives.

Can any Forester give Bro. Mark Kealy, Drumcondra, Dublin County, Ireland, information of Roderick and John, sons of the late James J. Kealy, J.P., of Carrowkealy, Galway?

Home Circle.

The Noblest Men.

The noblest men that live on earth,
Are men whose hands are brown with toil ;
Who, backed by no ancestral graves,
How down the woods and till the soil ;
And win thereby a prouder name
Than follows king's or warrior's fame.

The workingmen, whate'er their task,
Who carve the stone or bear the hod,
They wear upon their honest brows
The royal stamp and seal of God ;
And worthier are their drops of sweat
Than diamonds in a coronet.

God bless the noble workingmen :
Who rear the cities of the plain ;
Who dig the mines, who build the ships,
And drive the commerce of the main !
God bless them ! for their toiling hands
Have wrought the glory of all lands.
—*Teachers' World.*

The People Who are Loved.

The people who win their way into the inmost recesses of others' hearts are not usually the most brilliant and gifted, but those who have sympathy, patience, self-forgetfulness, and that indefinable faculty of eliciting the better natures of others. Most of us know of persons who have appealed to us in this way. We have many friends who are more beautiful and gifted, but there is not one of them whose companionship we enjoy better than that of the plain-faced man or woman who never makes a witty or profound remark, but whose simple quality of human goodness makes up for every other deficiency. And if it came to a time of real stress, when we felt that we needed the support of real friendship, we should choose above all to go to this plain-faced man or woman, certain that we should find intelligent sympathy, a charitable construction of our position and difficulties, and a readiness to assist us beyond what we ought to take. If you could look into human hearts you would be surprised at the faces they enshrine there, because beauty of spirit is more than beauty of face or form, and remarkable intellectual qualities are not to be compared with unaffected human goodness and sympathy.—*Watchman.*

The late George W. Childs never touched intoxicating drink. His views were thus expressed: "I cannot lay too great stress on the matter of strict temperance. Drinking beer, wine, or spirits is a useless and dangerous habit. It does no good, and if the habit is continued it is almost sure to lead to destruction and death. Taste not, touch not, handle not. You should have the courage to say 'No' if you are asked to drink. In looking back over my life I can recall many of the best and most promising of my companion who were ruined by the habit of drinking—not one of whom ever imagined that he would be wrecked in mind and body, and eventually fill a drunkard's grave. There is no safety in moderate drinking; every one who touches it at all is in danger."

Little Civilities.

If, as the old saying has it, civility costs nothing, it certainly gains much, both in the way of liking and of kindness; therefore, it seems a great pity that so many people dispense with it in small matters of daily life. There are, no doubt, very few people who are actually and actively rude and uncivil, but there are, on the other hand, many who are, if we may use the term, passively impolite. They do not, that is, commit a downright rudeness but they omit a vast number of little civilities.

If it is manners that "maketh man," it is most certainly woman who both makes and mars men's manners, for there is no man, however rough and uncouth in manner, who is not influenced, and to some degree softened, by contact with a courteous and gracious mannered woman.

"Never a day is given
But it tones the after years,
And it carries up to heaven
Its sunshine or its tears ;
While the to-morrows stand and wait—
The silent-mutes by the outer gate."

Life is not a game of "Button, button, who's got the button?" with its message, "Hold fast all I give you," and its end, empty hands for most, and the useless button for the favored one. He who takes for his motto, "Get all you can, and keep all you get," will invariably come to the preacher's conclusion, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity," sooner or later. LYMAN ABBOTT.

When the plunge is to be made into the water,
It is no use lingering on the bank.

CHARLES DICKENS.

He who says there is no such thing as an honest man, you may be sure is himself a knave.

BISHOP BERKELEY.

There is time enough for everything in the course of the day, if you do but one thing at once.

LORD CHESTERFIELD.

Be wisely worldly; but not worldly wise.

FRANCIS QUARLES.

Flowers of the Forest.

But Not so Thick.

A well-known mining expert was in the witness box giving evidence in an important mining case, and was under examination by a rather young and "smart" barrister.

The question related to the form that the ore was found in, generally described as "kidney lumps."

"Now Mr. B. . . .," said the counsel, "how large are these lumps—you say they are oblong—are they as large as my head?"

"Yes," replied Mr. B. . . ., "but not so thick." The barrister subsided after that.

A Difference in Tastes.

"I saw you kissing my daughter. I don't like it, sir."

"Then you don't know what's good, sir."

Very Funny.

First Tramp—"Funny thing happened to-day."

Second Tramp—"What was it?"

First Tramp—"Lady gave me meat—told me to split wood—I told her I wouldn't do it. She called out a big bull dog—"

Second Tramp—"Call that funny?"

First Tramp—"Yes, I thought I'd split."

He Filled the Bill.

A young man led a blushing damsel into the presence of Rev. Dr. Carpenter.

"We want to be married," he said. "Are you the Rev. Mr. Carpenter?"

"Yes," replied the genial minister. "Yes, sir; Carpenter and joiner."

A nervous curate in an English church the other Sunday announced from the reading desk, "Here beginneth the second chapter of the Duke of Booteronomy." His vicar looked severely at him and the young man blushed, coughed and repeated, "The Boot of Dukeronomy." There must have been germs of mispronunciation lurking in the air, for at a later period in the service the vicar read out, "I publish the mans of barriage," etc. The curate beamed with satisfaction, in spite of the solemnity of the occasion.

"Well," said a farmer to an Irishman who was employed on his farm, "I heard you had a little encounter with my Devonshire bull yesterday. Who came off best?"

"Sure, your honour," said Pat, "it was a toss up."

This life is all a curious fray
And some who vow they've won it
Are men who very frankly say,
"I seen it" and "I done it."

—*Washington Star.*

"Have you ever read the article on how to tell a bad egg?"

"No, I haven't; but my advice would be, if you have anything important to tell a bad egg, why break it gently"

Laugh and grow fat! The best advice
Philosophers declare it!
Already fat? In that event,
Why, simply grin and bear it!

—*Detroit Journal.*

A boy doesn't have to go to war to be a hero. He can say he doesn't like pie when he sees there is not enough to go round.—*Atchison Globe.*

Like everybody else, the sea waves arrive at the shore in great style, but they go away broke.—*Philadelphia Record.*

"I've got the drop on you and your name is mud," remarked the rain to the dust.—*Philadelphia Record.*

In nursing a disappointment be sure you do not use a bottle.

It's all very well to be clever and witty,
But if you are poor, why it's only a pity.

A. H. CLOUGH.

Time loosely spent will not again be won.

ROBERT GREENE.

Children's Corner.

The Coming Man.

A pair of very chubby legs,
Encased in scarlet hose;
A pair of little stubby boots,
With rather doubtful toes;
A little kilt, a little coat—
Cut as a mother can—
And lo! before us stands in state
The future's "coming man."

His eyes, perchance, will read the stars,
And search their unknown ways;
Perchance the human heart and soul
Will open to their gaze;
Perchance their keen and flashing glance
Will be a nation's light—
Those eyes that now are wistful bent
On some "big fellow's" kite.

Those hands—those little, busy hands—
So sticky, small and brown;
Those hands whose only mission seems
To pull all order down;
Who knows what hidden strength may be
Within their tiny clasp,
Though now 'tis but a toffee stick
In sturdy hold they grasp?

Ah, blessings on those little hands,
Whose work is yet undone;
And blessings on those little feet,
Whose race is yet unrun!
And blessings on the little brain
That has not learned to plan!
Whate'er the future holds in store,
God bless the "coming man."

—*Band of Mercy, Sydney.*

About Flags.

These facts—ten of them—about our flags, are given us by *The Classmate*:

To "strike the flag" is to lower the national colors in submission.

Flags are used as the symbol of rank and command, the officers using them being called "flag officers." Such flags are square, to distinguish them from other banners.

A "flag of truce" is a white flag, displayed to an enemy to indicate a desire for parley or consultation.

The white flag is the sign of peace. After a battle, parties from both sides often go out to the field to rescue the wounded or bury the dead under the protection of the white flag.

The red flag is the sign of defiance, and is often used by revolutionists. In our service it is a mark of danger, and shows a vessel to be receiving or discharging her powder.

The black flag is a sign of piracy.

The yellow flag shows a vessel to be in quarantine, or is the sign of a contagious disease.

A flag at half-mast means mourning. Fishing and other vessels return with a flag at half-mast to announce the loss or death of some of their crew.

Dipping the flag is lowering it slightly and then hoisting it again, to salute a vessel or fort.

If the President of the United States goes afloat, the American flag is carried in the bow of his barge, or hoisted at the main of the vessel on board of which he is.

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their November Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Proctor	1930	Northport	3614
St. Anne de Sault.	3185		

NOTE.—The above Courts not having remitted their Assessments stood suspended on 1st December, 1899, and will stand suspended till duly reinstated.

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Northwestern	1573	Latah	3746
Singhampton	3352	Algona	3989

Receipts, December, 1899.

No. of Members	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.	No. of Members	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.
1067	British Columbia.	\$ 1181 27	\$ 76 71	\$ 154 98	4900	New Jersey	\$ 5019 23	\$ 58 20	\$ 578 95
9069	California	12117 93	148 71	1128 03	15111	New York	16203 59	920 60	1753 70
10929	Central Ontario	11327 83	1304 55	1211 45	2332	North Dakota	2678 00	61 01	212 80
402	Colorado with Utah annexed	711 03	12 34	51 70	723	Northern Michigan	592 70	61 15	67 05
10238	Eastern Ontario	10627 82	895 61	1119 78	1433	North'n Minnesota	1731 73	115 21	167 55
8119	Illinois	8312 13	60 69	731 62	1200	N. W. Territory	1291 85	76 50	114 50
2176	Indiana	2421 99	14 61	224 55	3264	Nova Scotia	3961 02	262 61	329 45
733	Iowa	404 61	1 31	120 35	7961	Ohio	8271 73	145 19	836 50
3676	Maine	3962 47	965 26	537 25	14101	Ontario	13626 82	2449 21	1674 40
2441	Manitoba	2831 07	243 41	300 85	1960	Pennsylvania	2911 39	37 23	221 70
10302	Michigan	9972 20	716 37	1095 53	1539	Pr. Edward Island.	1236 15	48 30	119 15
3403	Minnesota	3533 45	9 38	355 60	15371	Quebec	16749 56	4744 01	2377 65
1048	Missouri with Kansas annexed	1245 22	9 25	128 00	871	Washington	1300 37	14 99	101 05
451	Montana	713 01	16 52	57 95	4630	Western Michigan	4992 83	196 44	477 03
462	Nebraska	511 06	3 97	41 90	3342	Wisconsin	4028 05	22 29	324 61
5574	New Brunswick	5683 53	1039 54	701 35	288	S. C. Jurisdiction	315 44	2 71	28 60
2674	New England	2653 08	768 41	530 25	5759	G. Britain, Ireland and Norway	7336 78	40 03	676 98
					158182				
	Received on account of Fire Insurance						1,516 27		
	" " Sundry Loans						1,165 86		
	" " Organizing and other accounts								461 85
	Grand Totals	\$173,072 52	\$15,487 95	\$19,087 33					

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA-CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....\$173,072 52	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....\$207,647 80
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund 15,487 95	
" General Fund..... 19,087 33	
Total.....\$207,647 80	

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies.....\$4,955 72	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$4,955 72
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Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans..\$106,688 36	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....\$106,688 36
Submitted in L. R. and C., JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.	

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for December, 1899.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....\$3,563,176 70
" Supreme Secretary..... 17,060 39
Sundry refunds re loans 1,465 86
Sundry refunds Insurance..... 1,516 27
<u>\$3,733,219 22</u>
Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—
Jefferson B. Douglas Court Glen Oak, 3027.....\$1,000 00
Theo. Godin " St. Catharines, 729. 1,000 00
John T. Wilson " Shool Lake, 3115 .. 500 00
Archibald McIteae " Moose Creek, 1032. 1,000 00
G. W. Springer " Los Angeles, 422. 1,000 00
Anna Cote " Marg'ritte Marie, 221 1,000 00
Lansing L. Larabee " Omar, 3388. 1,000 00
J. T. Boyle " Dodgeville, 3735. 1,000 00
George B. Wiggin " Verona, 1713. 1,000 00
Wm. L. Taylor " Newark, 1592. 142 85
Wm. Cushman " Glen Oak, 3027. 1,000 00

Hyrus E. Caskey " Morris Viney'd, 532 1,000 00
Ira Tidd " Lloyd, 1904. 500 00
Oscar B. Sheldon " Harwich, 98. 1,000 00
Nels Peterson " Dufferin, 4. 1,000 00
Thomas Thompson " Britannia, 288. 2,000 00
Clarence E. Sarson " Bartlett, 3072. 1,000 00
Christopher Hill " Ingersoll, 798. 2,000 00
Ignatz Stankowski " Pochonta, 1474. 1,000 00
J. W. Murray " Duchesne, 1312. 1,000 00
James E. Burn " Bridgetown, 3560. 1,000 00
Wilbur P. Dickson " Philos, 3258. 500 00
Wm. Henry Holden " Hamilton, 170. 500 00
John Elmer Fiske " Century, 1257. 1,000 00
Wm. E. Fowler " Acadia, 102. 1,000 00
Isaac Fishell " Osceola, 285. 500 00
Lawrence Perry " Mistake, 485. 1,000 00
Stephen Dobbs " Waldone, 539. 1,000 00
William Mason " Frontenac, 59. 2,000 00
Edgar N. Blodgett " Calapouia, 3017. 2,000 00
Thos. Eastbrook " Tweed, 431. 1,000 00
Thos. P. Sparrow " Britannia, 288. 1,000 00
Charles S. Walsh " Arundel, 3635. 1,000 00
Charles Houston " Lilloet, 1652. 1,000 00
Hamilton Wood " Clover Leaf, 959. 1,000 00
Daniel Pembroke " Wonder, 3392. 2,000 00
James Ryan " Independence, 1792. 1,000 00
Milton S. Heckman " Todd, 638. 3,000 00

Fred. M. Sheets	"	Potsdam, 1336	2,000 00
William H. Hambo	"	Cairo, 506	1,000 00
Caroline J. Hentrich	"	Golden Rod, 136	500 00
Charles Garant	"	Levis, 1512	500 00
Alon. Valois, M. D.	"	St. Denis, 731	3,000 00
Magnus P. Boque t.	"	Monitor, 3151	1,000 00
W. C. Chrysler	"	Theresa, 501	1,000 00
Adelard Simpson	"	Levis, 1512	1,000 00
Mat. Steckenborn	"	Manhattan, 420	1,000 00
Joshua Tenant	"	Carson, 1157	1,000 00
Henri St. Onge	"	Notre Dame, 1076	1,000 00
Joseph W. Hanser	"	Twin City, 3046	1,000 00
Jesse Diehl	"	Cadellac, 863	500 00
Chas. T. Bergstrom	"	Idris, 3139	500 00
Arch. D. McArthur	"	Kenmore, 869	1,000 00
Daniel H. Munroe	"	Moose Creek, 1632	1,000 00
Remi Dubois	"	Faure, 3793	3,000 00
Boswell Johnson	"	Bothay, 3534	1,000 00
Chalmer B. Sutton	"	Los Angeles 422	1,000 00
Hugo V. Schmitt	"	Columbus, 920	1,000 00
W. Weller	"	Pleasant Plains, 1418	1,000 00
Thomas Ennis, M. D.	"	Cape Core, 3174	2,000 00
Thomas Snowball	"	West Side, 1306	1,000 00
Francis S. Raitt	"	Caribou, 743	2,000 00
John Kraft	"	Miami Valley, 1640	1,000 00
Charles N. Dutton	"	Montmorenci, 3829	5,000 00
John Londen	"	Chemong, 550	1,000 00
Gilbert L. Thomas	"	Staunton, 1041	1,000 00
James Mowat	"	Kootenay, 3138	1,912 86
Chas. S. Edwards	"	G. H. Excelsior, 2165	486 66
Sidney I. B. Toby	"	Maritime, 2197	162 22
William H. Howard	"	Tenbridge, 2153	486 66
Thomas Flynn	"	Fort Schulyer, 1510	248 85

\$81,970 10

Old Age Disability—	
James Harley, Ct. Petrolca, 42	\$ 300 00
Alexander Dick, Ct. Beaconsfield, S)	100 00

400 00

Total and Permanent Disability—	
John Stead, Ct. Los Angeles, 422	1,000 00
William J. Curry, Ct. Valley, 232	500 00
Edward Lumsden, Ct. Carp, 142	500 00
George W. Mushrush, Ct. Tyrian, 103	1,000 00
William A. Shufelt, C. Missisquoi, 239	500 00
Simon Abrahams, Ct. Mulgrave, 824	500 00
Joseph Dorais, Ct. St. Chrysostom, 1427	500 00
John H. Conkling, Ct. Fillmore, 1712	1,000 00
George Clark, Ct. Cavalier, 1118	1,000 00
Michael O'Connor, Ct. Meaden, 430	500 00
Doctor's Fees	20 00
Legal Expenses re Claims Foreign	3,000 00

\$ 92,390 10

Sundry Refunds	\$ 609 46
Insurance	744 50
Taxes	161 00
Commissions	124 50
Legal Fees and Expenses	865 50
Receiver General of Canada Insurance Dept.	465 48
Valuator Fee	7 50
English Refunds	19 15

2,997 09

Five per cent. General Account 8,503 02

Balance 3,634,359 01

\$3,735,249 22

Sick and Funeral Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, as per last Statement	\$126,547 82
" Supreme Secretary	15,487 95
" Refund from Mortuary account	13,838 40

\$155,874 17

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Claims	\$9,969 01
" Funeral Claims	600 00
" Refunds	343 19
" Refunds English	3 00
" Five per cent. to General Fund	774 40

\$ 11,689 60

Balance 144,184 57

\$155,874 17

General Account.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary	\$19,087 32
" on account of supplies	5,038 09
" Refund from Mortuary	3,000 00
" Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund	8,503 02
" Sick and Fun. Ben. Fund.	774 40
Balance	5,528 13

\$41,930 97

CONTRA—CR.

By Salaries of Officers	\$ 2,000 00
" Organizing Salaries and Expenses	9,609 07
" Furniture	526 13
" Wages of Employees	5,404 21
" Refund of Fees	339 03
" General Management Expenses	13,828 54
" Forester" and Supplies	10,223 93

\$ 41,930 97

Surplus.

Deposited with Ins. Dept. of Dom. of Canada	\$100,000 00
" Great Britain and Ireland	95,610 17
" U. S. Government Bonds	148,758 36
" New Brunswick Government	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Est.	2,884,964 79
Debentures	120,526 09
Deposit Receipts	540 79
National Bank of La Crosse	2,500 00
Current Account	261,458 81

\$3,631,359 01

Sick and Funeral Surplus 144,184 57

Grand Total Surplus \$3,775,543 58

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

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

During the month of December, the Medical Board reviewed 8,253 medical examination papers, of which 7,360 were accepted and 893 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected	Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected
Arizona	58	5	Newfoundland	108	10
British Columbia	68	19	North Dakota	100	12
California	337	51	Nova Scotia	47	6
Colorado	3	1	N. W. Territories	327	50
Connecticut	41	9	Ohio	263	30
Illinois	903	74	Ontario (Centre)	146	17
Indiana	78	12	Ontario (East)	338	47
Iowa	53	3	Ontario (West)	127	12
Kansas	1	1	Pennsylvania	64	7
Maine	257	34	P. E. Island	392	54
Manitoba	56	7	Quebec	201	3
Massachusetts	9	4	Rhode Island	42	14
Michigan (East)	1139	114	Vermont	16	6
Michigan (North)	84	6	Washington	170	35
Michigan (West)	276	34	Wisconsin	58	8
Minnesota (North)	67	9	England	40	6
Minnesota (South)	201	14	Ireland	13	—
Missouri	26	5	Scotland	11	—
Nebraska	48	5	Wales	2	2
New Brunswick	141	19	Norway	—	—
New Hampshire	84	8			
New Jersey	257	35			
New York	906	103	Total	7360	893

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

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From the Founder to the Builder.

The Nestor of the Order Looks Back from his
72nd Birthday.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 20th, 1899.

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

MY FRIEND OF EARLY YEARS, AND NOW MUCH ADMIRING AND ESTEEMED BROTHER,—To-day, God in His infinite mercy, has allowed me to pass the 72nd milestone on the road to the "far beyond," "from whence no traveller returns," and yet, while I feel the weight of years, I thank my Creator that I possess the "five senses" as keen as when I was 21 years old. How long this will last, is only known to Him, who "holds our lives in the hollow of His hand;" but I feel this, and know, that when the "summons shall come," I am prepared to meet the Almighty, to whom I have dedicated every Forestric act of my eventful life, as the great history of our Order, of which you are the author, fully shows; and as all of my addresses since clearly prove, as well as my private life, with those who know me best, will bear witness. If I erred, it was human, caused by inexperience; if I offended, it came from impulse, not from design; and when offended, my heart was ever open to forgiveness of an "erring brother." If I have an enemy, he made himself such, not relishing my "conscientious duty" performed for his welfare, and in the interests of our beloved Order, to which my every act was pledged. No Forester knows that better than you do, who knew me in my most active Forestric life, and with whom I counseled in the early years, and to whom I still cling as the Order's greatest benefactor, and I am proud to acknowledge to-day, and as I have done on all public occasions, that were it not for the fidelity, the fertile brain the pluck and herculean labors of Dr. Oronhyatekha, our venerated Supreme Chief Ranger, the I.O.F. would not now be in existence. The oldest members know this, the youngest members should never forget it. It is true that he chose able assistants, he never chooses any others, and always gives them due credit, but our history and all the records prove that he was, since 1880, the reorganizer, the promoter, the director, designer, and builder of the Independent Order of Foresters in the States, the Canadas, and in Europe, until it has eclipsed the oldest fraternal societies on record, for its protective surplus revenues, and for its perfect insurance system, which gives more benefits to the insured, at the smallest cost, than any other mutual benevolent association in two hemispheres. I started to address you, brother, in the first person, have done so also in the second person, and am back now where I started, and will close by saying that we 160,000 Independent Foresters wish you health, long life, and prosperity, that you may still continue to build up our great Order; to protect and increase our millions of surplus, that the brethren, their widows and orphans, may still promptly receive, as time demands, their rights and benefits with no delays, and with the same unbegrudging hand, and, I assure you, until my latest breath, your old friend, the undersigned, shall continue to pray, "GOD BLESS DR. ORONHYATEKHA."

In L., B. and C.,
A. B. CALDWELL, P.S.C.R.

Supplementary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Death of a Well-Known Brother.

Bro. F. F. Raitt, the well-known grocer of 80 North Park Street, Victoria, died very suddenly about 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, Dec. 16, while proceeding home in company with Mr. P. McTeigh. The only intimation his friend had that he was even indisposed was a few minutes previously when he had mentioned in a casual sort of way that he felt unwell.

Bro. Raitt was a man apparently in the best of health right up to the time of his death. He was a native of Bathurst, New Brunswick, and when he first came to this province engaged for a time in ranching on the Fraser River. He subsequently removed to this city, where he manifested considerable interest in public affairs, and was on several occasions a candidate for municipal office. It was understood that had he lived he would have been a candidate for office at the forthcoming municipal elections.

The body was removed to the morgue on Saturday night, and this morning an inquest was held on the remains, the usual verdict of death from natural causes being returned. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

Bro. Raitt was a member of Court Cariboo, No. 743, located at Cariboo. His sudden death took place on 16th Dec. The papers covering the claim reached the Supreme Court offices on 27th Dec., and the check covering the Benefit Certificate was sent to the Financial Secretary of Court Cariboo on 28th Dec. Comment is needless.

CALIFORNIA.

Court Buena Esperanza Addressed by the High Chief Ranger.

In response to a personal invitation sent out by Court Buena Esperanza, I.O.F., a large number of guests were greeted at the edge of the Forest (lodge room) by members of the fraternal order and welcomed into the session chamber last meeting. The occasion of the large number of invitations sent out was for the purpose of getting outsiders interested in the Order.

High Chief Ranger of California, Col. G. A. McElfresh, of Los Angeles, was present, and after being formally introduced by Chief Ranger Geo. W. McIntyre, delivered a convincing argument on the merits of the fraternity he represented.

Following his remarks an invitation was extended to any who might wish to come in to the Forest, and as the initiation fee was temporarily disposed of, eleven applicants were the result of the special inducement.

All present were then led into the banquet room where an elaborate spread was in waiting. The sumptuous feast was heartily partaken of and when all had finished, cigars were served and a smoker indulged in while the Chief Ranger entertained the jolly assemblage with mirth-provoking after-dinner talk. Chief Ranger McIntyre acted as toastmaster in a very efficient manner, and many responses were made.

The new candidates were then escorted back to the lodge room and after taking the obligation of the Order were declared Foresters.

Foresters Have a Boom.

We clip the following: "As a result of the smoker held Monday night by Court Buena Esperanza, of the I.O.F., there were eleven new members received and initiated into the Order. The *Index* returns thanks for a large slice of the banquet received as the forms were being put on the press."—*Salinas Daily Index*.

MANITOBA.

SOURIS, Dec. 13th, 1899.

There were 25 members present at the last meeting of Court Plum Creek, and new life was enthused into the Court. Bro. Wm. Sharman was elected C.R., and has an able staff of officers. There were eight applications received and three candidates initiated. At the next meeting Bro. J. Colter, who has just returned from Peace River, will give a description of his trip for the good of the Order.

W. G. HETHERINGTON, F.S.

MINNESOTA.

His Absence Explained.

ROSEMOUNT, MINN.

TO THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER :

While perusing the columns of your valuable paper, I have noticed several incidents of importance; particularly the honor bestowed upon our soldier brothers on their return from the battle-fields. I can also detect in the writings of each Court a strain of pride whenever speaking of their soldier brothers in the Philippine Islands. I am not only proud to hear them spoken of in such a manner, but am more than pleased to inform you that Court Rosemount, No. 1135, had among those soldier boys one who did credit to his country and to his noble Order. On his return he was presented with a handsome gold medal by his brother Foresters, and I dare say he was the happiest man in all Dakota Co. He had not attended a meeting for nearly two years, and upon his arrival that evening he was ordered by the C.R. to present himself before the pedestal as the Rec. Sec. had a few remarks to make in his behalf.

Bro. T. F. Underwood then arose and addressed the Court as follows:—

"Chief Ranger, officers and brothers, at the pedestal stands Bro. James O'Boyle, late of the 13th Reg. U.S.V., whom I take great pride in introducing to you. Not because he comes among us as a stranger, for it is a candid fact that Bro. O'Boyle is acquainted with each and every one of you, and has resided in your community longer than I; nor is it because he has not been present at a meeting for some time past. It is for the simple reason that eighteen months ago Bro. James O'Boyle shouldered his musket in the City of St. Paul and journeyed to far-off Manila, and there for nearly two years he fought the skulking foe in ambush, he fought them in the open fields, and he fought them in the mountains, and planted Old Glory in each and every village of any consequence.

He never turned his back upon the enemy, but with his noble comrades he marched shoulder to shoulder, and never was found wanting in courage or endurance.

He was the only member that represented Court Rosemount in the Philippine war. There he gained the love and respect of all his comrades, and comes back to us with an honorable discharge and in the best of health. He has not only proved himself a gentleman at home, but abroad, and he has proven beyond a doubt that Bro. James O'Boyle is a credit to his friends and relatives, and to old Court Rosemount, No. 1135, of which we are all proud of him, and only too glad to have him among us this evening, and to have him present upon this particular occasion.

Now I am not here this evening to dwell on topics of the Philippine war, but simply to call to mind a few things of importance. Brothers, you will notice pinned upon the breast of Bro. O'Boyle an emblem of the I.O.F.; you will also bear in mind that Bro. O'Boyle carried that badge all through the Philippine campaign, and should he have been slain in any of the seventeen important battles, you would have found pinned upon the collar of his shirt that little button with I.O.F. on it. It doesn't seem much to an outsider, but is very dear to us.

You will also notice that it has become defaced through wear and tear, the setting has become detached from its former abode, and with it went the former beauty of the button; now that, brethren, brings me to the exact point of my address this evening.

Bro. O'Boyle, you will kindly allow me to remove from your breast this little button, and put it where you will always have it, and keep it as a memento of the past. I shall now replace it with this handsome emblem of the Independent Order of Foresters, presented to you by Court Rosemount, No. 1135. Keep it, Bro. O'Boyle, for with it goes the love of the Order; may future prosperity and happiness ever dawn upon you, and in years to come, when you are surrounded by a family of your own, relating anecdotes of that far-off war, your memory will recall to mind some comrades that were near and dear to you, and, as you sit beside the glowing embers of the fire-place surrounded by all happiness, kindly allow your thoughts to wander back among us, tap your finger gently against that beautiful emblem of the I.O.F., and tell them it is a token of honor and esteem, and of your high standing among the brothers of your society; protect it from all criticisms, and may your love for the Order ever burn with unquenchable brightness within your breast. I shall now grasp your hand in brotherly love and concord, and shall also ask the brothers present to join with me in a general handshaking, and wishing you all future happiness and prosperity."

T. E. DEVITT,
Chief Ranger.

Court Rosemount, No. 1135.

Of Interest to Financial Secretaries.

Bro. Wallace, who has been the Financial Secretary of Court Brock, No. 242, for the past seven years, has compiled a little book called the Pocket Register, specially adapted for the use of Financial Secretaries, and which we think will prove most useful to those who will give it a trial. If you will write to Bro. Wallace he will be glad to give you further information. His P. O. Box is 566, Toronto, Canada

NEW YORK.

NORWOOD, Dec. 30th, 1899.

TO THE FORESTER :

The installation of officers by District Deputy Bro. Geo. E. Bailey, for 1900, in the Independent Order Foresters, held in their hall in Drew's Block, Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, was a very pleasant affair.

The Lady Companions and Foresters' wives being invited, there was a large attendance.

Light refreshments were served and much credit is due to the refreshment committee, Bros. Walker, Dawson, Wait and Cornell; also to Bro. John Anable, who was present, and is always ready to make everything connected with Forestry pleasant and successful.

GEO. E. PATCH, Rec. Sec.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7th, 1899.

Oronhyatekha, M.D.

DEAR SIR,—Please take notice in the next issue of our worthy paper THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER that the Court Mount Morris, 3758, had only nineteen (19) members at the beginning of 1899, and now has eighty (80) members, and of the most sociable kind. Our members cannot wait for the meeting nights, which are every first and third Thursday in the month, but come together voluntarily about twice a week to discuss Forestry and advance the welfare of the Order. To make it interesting for the members at the meetings, we have very good speakers, and after the meetings our own talent, like Bro. O. E. Mehling, Bro. H. Lawler, F. Kensler and Ed. Oppenheimer give songs, music and recitations to the heart's content.

Our eloquent speakers are: Bro. O. Ochs, W. S. Bourne, H. Sprickman, H. Henoch, C. W. W. Ball, Fred. Nobis, H. Kehl, Phil. Schmid and C. C. V. Matthes.

That we have talent of no mean ability, the following song, which was composed by our Rec. Sec., Bro. Edward Oppenheimer, will show you :

TO OUR FRIENDS !

Melody.—Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay.

If you want to join our Court,
Hurry up and get aboard,
For our God and mighty Lord
Quickly may your life cut short.
Therefore hasten, lose no time,
Write to Brother Oppenheimer,
Send address, your age and name,
And you will be in the game.

CHORUS—The rate you do pay,
On every thirtieth day,
A rather small outlay,
You pay without delay,
Then you can safely say,
I'm surely not a jay,
My family is O K.,
If I should die some day.

Your age, if thirty, we will say,
For a thousand then you'd pay,
Three and one third cents a day,
Think of this, my friend, I pray.
A chance like that you seldom find,
Therefore do not stay behind,
Make an application quick,
You'll need friends when you are sick.

Court Mt. Morris is ahead
In everything, you just can bet,
All our visitors have said,
Better friends they never met.
After meeting, there is fun,
Each must give a joke or pun,
Not a one would stay away,
On the first and third Thursday.

In the hopes to make our Court the Banner
Court in New York, I remain,
Yours in L., B. and C.,
ED. OPPENHEIMER, Rec. Sec.

Bear through sorrow, wrong and rath
In thy heart the dew of youth,
On thy lips the smile of truth.

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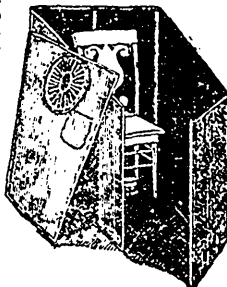


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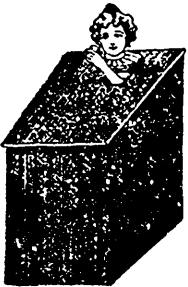
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NEW BRUNSWICK.

LONG POINT, N.B., Dec. 30th, 1899.

Court Long Point, No. 993, has ended five years of labor. We commenced with the tide strongly against us, and as there was only ten of us for a few weeks we did not make much progress, but a great noise. Some of our friends said, "That's not long for this place," others, "One would think the I.O.F. had better judgment than try a Court here." Glad to say most of these are now our best men. The years have softly glided away and we have reasons to be thankful, when we remember not one of our number has been called to the Court above, nor has one tired of the Order.

Additions have slowly been coming to us. The last three nights of meeting ten candidates passed

over the R. & R. into the mysteries of Forestry; others are soon expected.

S.S.C.R., Bro. B. Sheldrake, of Court Kingston, was with us at our last regular meeting, and helped make the evening pass very pleasantly. Thus are we encouraged and we intend 1900 to be our best year.

Yours in L., B. and C., "PROGRESS."

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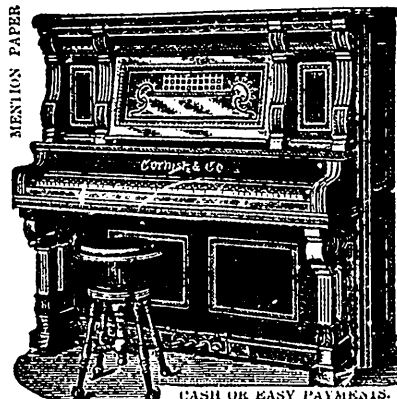
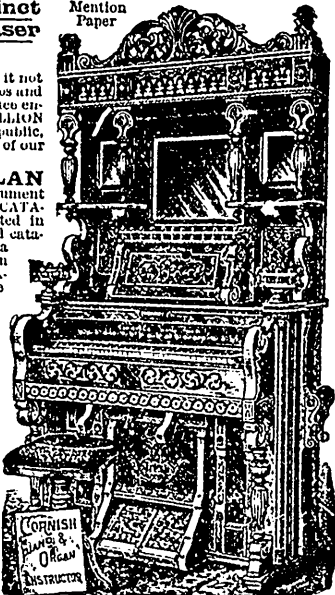
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