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- When a member is reinstated.

Editorial.

Supreme Chief Ranger's California Appointments.

The Supreme Chief Ranger intends visiting the courts and holding public meetings, if desired by the brethren, in the following places in California:—

Sacramento	- - -	Wednesday, 30th Sept.
Marysville	- - -	Thursday, 1st October.
Colusa	- - - - -	Friday, 2nd " "
Stockton	- - - - -	Saturday, 3rd " "
Elmiria	- - - - -	Monday, 5th " "
Vallejo	- - - - -	Tuesday, 6th " "
Santa Rosa	- - - - -	Wednesday, 7th " "
Petaluma	- - - - -	Thursday, 8th " "
Oakland	- - - - -	Friday, 9th " "
Alameda	- - - - -	Saturday, 10th " "
San Francisco	- - -	Monday, 12th " "
San Jose High Court		
Meeting	- - - - -	13th and 14th " "
Los Angeles	- - - - -	Saturday, 17th " "

It will be noted that a change has been made in the date of the San Francisco meeting from Thursday the 8th, to Monday, 12th October.

New Constitutions.

At last the new Constitutions are ready, and a copy sent to every Court Deputy for the use of Subordinate Courts. The great delay in getting this edition ready has been due to the fact that every section had to be read carefully, and harmonized with the laws of the land. In this work Bro. W. H. Hunter rendered invaluable counsel and assistance. After the work had been advanced thus far, the draft of the Constitutions and Laws were submitted to the Superintendent of Insurance. The notes and comments submitted by the Superintendent showed that he had read the Constitutions and Laws most critically, and in every instance where changes were required by him it was found to be in the right direction. After an agreement with the Superintendent had been

reached, then we had to get the endorsement of the Treasury Board, which was received in due course, and it was not till after this had been done that we were in a position to give our printers instructions to go ahead.

The delay has no doubt caused great inconvenience to our courts, and to our organizers, but we think the Order will be well repaid in now having a better Constitutions and Laws than it ever had before. From and after the 1st of October all rulings and decisions will be based on the new laws. The officers and members of the courts, and all others concerned, had therefore better study the new book of Constitutions and Laws.

Notes.

In October the fall campaign begins.

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The August record was a fairly good one—that is for August—the applications numbered 1,847. September will be better.

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Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario are about as evenly matched as Michigan and Quebec. The coming winter will witness some interesting rivalry among High Courts.

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“Our tent” in “Society row” was one of the features of the Toronto Exhibition. The number who got a cordial welcome and a “button” were legion. Hosts Whale, Parkinson and Gilmour did their work well.

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“I guess hard times are dead,” we heard a person observe at the Toronto Exhibition. Judging from the immense crowds of well dressed people that visited the city, and took in the sights, one would conclude that times are pretty good.

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We are anxious that the FORESTER should be in the hands of the members by the first of the month. We want the co-operation of our readers. All communications should be in our hands not later than the 15th of the preceding month.

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The Surplus on the 1st Sept. was \$1,848,050.83. On the same day twelve months ago it was \$1,436,350, a gain of \$411,700.83 for the year. This looks satisfactory and gives the best possible answer as to the adequacy of rates and the soundness of management.

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Bro. Wardrope, H.C.R. of Ontario, makes a suggestion in his official circular that strong courts should act on, and that is that

they should pay the expenses of the officer or representative of the High Court that gives the address at their public entertainment.

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We accept very cordially the greeting of the “banner court of the world,” Los Angeles, No. 422. The members know a good thing when they say “The FORESTER is the brightest and best fraternal magazine in print.” We have no difficulty in believing them. Court Los Angeles deserves to have 582 members.

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Some High Courts, indeed the majority, are in the habit of reporting arrears of dues and for supplies on the part of Subordinate Courts. New York this year shows an absolutely clean sheet, not a single court being in arrears. Of course there is a surplus in the Treasury. We commend the example to other High Courts.

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Every court should have a public meeting of some kind during the coming months. We want to let the public know what the Order is, and what it is doing. A short, bright programme, with a prominent place for a telling address on the I.O.F., will instruct, and entertain, and secure members for the best fraternal society in the world.

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The banner court in Ontario is ORON-HYATEKHA, No. 23, Hamilton, with 227 members. It ought to be the banner court of the Order. It has a dozen to displace, with membership ranging from 250 up to 582. But then, Hamilton is the Ambitious City—and Chief Wardrope, of old Ontario, resides there.—What is to prevent Hamilton from having the banner court of the Order?

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Three are better than one. Ontario's three High Courts give Ontario three sets of able, experienced, zealous officers. The Order is looking for three times the work. The “Chiefs” and their colleagues can make more visits with a less expenditure of time and money than their predecessors. In the more compact jurisdictions distances are less and so time and money in travelling will be saved.

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New York has won the blue ribbon for August. The Empire State leads among the thirty-two jurisdictions with accepted applications, the number being 186. Michigan is only 4 behind. Illinois comes third with 175, while Ontario is fourth with 147. But then the High Court of Ontario met in August,

and the brethren were considering the Division. The September record may tell a different tale.

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With daily reminders of the brevity and uncertainty of life, men who have made no provision for their families defer insuring. Hundreds of those who have insurance allow their policies to lapse. The number of suspended members reported each month in the fraternal societies is startling; it is still greater relatively in the old-line companies. In the I.O.F., the number of lapses is less, proportionately, than it was, and lower than in the majority of fraternal societies, but still too high. Insure, and keep insured. No one knows what a day may bring forth.

The High Courts.

The thirty-two High Courts of the Order afford some interesting comparisons. They may be divided into groups of three, according to membership:

FIRST THREE.

Ontario, membership	12,000
Michigan "	10,350
Quebec "	10,312

SECOND THREE.

Central Ontario, membership ..	8,500
Eastern Ontario " ..	8,400
New York " ..	7,703

THIRD THREE.

California, membership	5,550
New Brunswick "	4,743
Ohio "	4,702

FOURTH THREE.

New Jersey, membership	3,001
Minnesota "	2,229
Illinois "	2,116

The other jurisdictions have each less than 2,000 members.

The Supreme Chief Ranger.

On Monday, the 21st September, the "Chief" left for Chicago, where he will confer with the workers in Illinois, and spend a day or two visiting the large office buildings of the city, and getting pointers for the perfect equipment of the *Foresters' Temple*, that will be when finished, not only the tallest but the best appointed office building in Canada. From Chicago he will proceed to California, where he is already announced to address a dozen meetings in important centres, besides attending the meeting of the High Court at San Jose. On his return he is billed for a big meeting in Chicago. He will not be back in Toronto before the end of October. To our suggestion that he "should

combine some rest with business," the Doctor has made answer that "change of work and scene is rest." We hope he may find it so. 100,000 Foresters join in wishing him pleasant journeying, successful meetings, and a safe return home.

Suspensions.

In the August issue of *THE FORESTER*, we had something to say about Suspensions. We pointed out the obvious cure, "prompt payment of assessments" by the members. The *Gilroy Advocate*, California, says that when a brother is suspended, the Order is at fault or the brother is too poor, and that to speak of prompt payments to "the man out of work, or sick, or with some misfortune in his family is transparent mockery." In the article to which our contemporary refers, it was stated "that if a brother is in hard luck, the court will not suffer him to become suspended; if the favor is worth having, it is worth asking." We have never known a case where help, when it was needed and deserved, was refused. The man most interested is the brother who is liable to suspension. The responsibility to pay up and keep in good standing rests on the member and not on the Order. To say that because an Order is fraternal and has the principles of brotherhood writ large into its ritual, should carry the careless and improvident, would be imposing too heavy a burden, and encouraging not a few to violate the spirit of brotherhood. We repeat what we have said more than once, that brotherhood, while bearing the burdens of others, adds none that it can possibly avoid; and the truest brotherhood is the one that teaches and helps each brother to bear his own burden.

The I.O.F. Tent at the Exhibition.

Society row is one of the features of the great annual World's Fair at Toronto. The members of the different fraternal Orders find the Society tent a convenient meeting place. The I.O.F. tent, in charge of Bros. Whale, Parkinson and Gilmour, was patronized more extensively than ever. It is a literal fact that it was visited by thousands, as the visitors' book will testify. The representative of Royalty Lord Aberdeen, Lady Aberdeen, and Ministers and ex-Ministers of the Dominion and Ontario, are among those whose autographs will be carefully preserved.

On the 8th and 11th, receptions were given to the Supreme Chief Ranger and his Colleagues and to the three High Chiefs of the High Courts of Ontario. An immense quantity of literature and Forestric emblems was distributed. The tent was elegantly furnished and gaily decorated with bunting. The three worthy brothers in charge made admirable hosts. Everybody was happy.

Bro. C. C. Whale.

For ten years Bro. Whale has been actively engaged in Ontario promoting the interests of Independent Forestry. The commanding position enjoyed by the Order in the premier province of the Dominion was largely secured by his long and valuable services. Every part of the province has been visited by him more than once. He has installed 1 more courts, and secured by personal solicitation more members than any other man in the Order. We have never known him to fail in building up a weak court, or in adjusting a difficulty. With the division of Ontario into three jurisdictions, his position as Inspector for the province was abolished; each one of the three High Courts would have been pleased did financial ability admit of it to secure his services. We are glad to know that the Supreme Chief, who never misses an opportunity to advantage the Order, has retained the services of Bro. Whale. We understand that the High Court of Nova Scotia, where the work needs stimulating, is to enjoy his presence and work for a while and that later on he may work in parts of Ontario. We congratulate Bro. Whale on his wider sphere of activity. We will look for a boom in Nova Scotia.

Labor Day.

Monday, Sept. 7th, is known as Labor Day in the Dominion of Canada, and is a public holiday. In Toronto, it was observed by all as a holiday, and celebrated by an immense trades procession, that took considerably over an hour to pass a given point. We watched with interest the march past of the great industrial army that contributes so much to the making of Canada. We realized the great numerical and political power of the "workingman," and the vital importance of having capital and labor at all time in sympathetic co-operation.

Among the different branches of labor we noticed many members of our Order, and

noted how much the benefits they had secured in the I.O.F. meant to them and their families. Probably not one man in two had anything standing between his family and want but the wage that he earned. Enough while he enjoyed life and health to earn it, but sure to cease at his death, and with it the support of his family would vanish. It ought to need no argument to lead every workingman to secure for his family and himself the protection that Orders like the I.O.F. secures.

In the procession were many fine specimens of the work turned out in many a Toronto establishment, showing the city to be a great industrial centre. Not the least interesting of what we saw was a dray with two immense blocks of cut stone, and labelled "Foresters' Temple." All honor to labor! May every workingman have the opportunity to toil, and receive an adequate wage for his work.

Canada's Great Fair.

It certainly was "bigger and better than ever," and that is saying a good deal. President Withrow, Manager Hill, and the directorate generally are to be felicitated on the success of the Fair. The exhibits were attractive, the arrangements complete, the crowds immense, remunerative and good-natured. Barring the fatal accident to one of the performers, no casualty marred the proceedings. The consideration shown our people at the I.O.F. tent by the management was all they could desire. Manager Hill has received a great many suggestions as to the way in which the "show" should be managed. We have ideas, but we refrain from submitting them. When we attended we enjoyed ourselves, though we came very near having a grievance, through some thief sneaking away a chair for which we paid "a quarter" one evening when we attended with "company," and couldn't get any of the seats for which we paid in the grand stand.

The International Dog and Cat Show held by the Industrial Exhibition Association, under the management of Bro. C. A. Stone, proved a grand success in every particular. The finest dogs of the United States and Canada were upon exhibition, and the Cat Show, which was a new departure, and held in the same building as the dogs, made quite a hit. The Persian, Siamese and Australian cats were a sight worth seeing, as was proved by some 27,000 people paying for admission.

Juvenile Foresters.

An esteemed correspondent in Gilroy, California, calls attention to the fact that the Juvenile branch of the Order is not extending, and that the admirable Constitution for Juvenile Courts, the best that he knows in connection with any beneficiary Order, is not being utilized to impart that moral training that its character fits it to do. Our correspondent suggests that High Court Chaplains, whose official duties are not very heavy, might assume the superintendence of this branch of the work in their jurisdictions and bring it into prominence. The suggestion is a good one. The Juvenile Court would become a training school, out of which boys would, at the proper age, graduate into the Subordinate Courts. Fathers who are members of the Order would doubtless be pleased to have their boys in this way identified with the I.O.F. The influences under which they would come would be of the best character, and the training received would be of value as a preparation for life's work. By all means let us revive interest in the Juvenile department.

Fraternity is More Than a Name.

We have more than once combatted the idea that the fraternity in the benefit societies is "only in name." Speaking for the I.O.F., that we know best, and speaking concerning what we know, we have seen the fraternal spirit honored again and again, and in many ways. The stranger has been welcomed because he was a Forester. The brother out of employment has been helped in many an instance to secure work. The sick brother has been visited in his affliction. The bereaved have had the consolation and the sympathy that the members could give when sorrow visited a home. The dead have received Christian burial. Always when the occasion called for it, the membership have to some extent at least responded to the claims of the brotherhood.

The following extract from a letter sent by the members of Court Sydney, Frankford, Ontario, to the parents and widow of a departed brother will emphasize what we have said:

"And now, dear friends, as there is a link in your family chain broken by death, which also severs our fraternal chain, rest assured that Forestry looks upon you as the bond uniting that broken link, and when opportunity offers or necessity demands, we

ask that we may be made cognizant of your requirements, and we will endeavor to take the place and assume the responsibility due you from our departed brother in rendering life's journey pleasant.

"And we will ever remain, yours fraternally, in Liberty, Benevolence and Conco d.,"
"Signed on behalf of Court Sidney, No. 83, I.O.F."

Among Our Exchanges.

The *Lodge Record*, for September, in addition to a large amount of news concerning the various societies, devotes considerable space to the I.O.F., and has excellent portraits of the Chief, "Charlie" Fitzgerald of N. Y., Chief Inspector C. C. Whale, W. F. Morthorst, H. C.R., N. Y., Hon. Jacob Stern, P.H.C.R., and others. The *Record* is always welcome.

Too Late.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,"

The saddest are these, it might have been."

"The might have beens" make up a considerable portion of society. Probably there is not any life as complete as it might be. Some things can be corrected at the last moment. "While there is life there is hope" is not an absolute truth. The best things of the life to come can be had by anyone, at any time, who has the faith to seek them. The good things of this life are less easily acquired. Life insurance is the privilege of the comparatively young and the relatively healthy. After 45, some societies do not admit members. Nearly all of them draw the line at 55. A man has enjoyed unbroken health up to a certain period—sickness came and left him, physically, a broken down man. No medical board would accept him—too late.

How often does the husband and father fail to realize, till he is dangerously ill the unprotected state of his loved ones. His anxiety is a new and dangerous element in his illness. He resolves that when he recovers, he will get insurance. He does not recover—too late. Reader, have you attended to this matter? Has your friend attended to it? Now even may be "too late."

We have great pleasure in adding to our list of "distinguished members the name of Bro. John Alexander Macdonell, M.P. for Selkirk, Man. Membership was conferred on him by the "Chief" at Ottawa during the High Court meeting there. We have the pleasure of knowing Bro. Macdonell. He is a man to be esteemed as a brother and a parliamentarian.

Bro. L. T. Barclay, Esq., Whitby,
HIGH CHIEF RANGER, CENTRAL ONTARIO.

We have much pleasure in giving to our readers a portrait and a brief sketch of the High Chief Ranger of the new jurisdiction of Central Ontario.

Bro. Barclay was born in the township of Pickering, Ontario, on the 14th May, 1855 and is of Scotch-English descent. His grandfather, Rev. George Barclay, a graduate of the University of St. Andrews, was a native of Cupar, Fifeshire, Scotland, and was descended from the Barclays of Ume. He settled in Ontario in 1817, first in Toronto and subsequently in Pickering. He was one of the founders of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, and in the early struggles of the Reform party for the



BRO. L. T. BARCLAY, ESQ.

principles of responsible government was associated with William Lyon Mackenzie, Sir Francis Hincks and others and bore a not inconsiderable part. His maternal grandfather was James Parnham, of Chelsea, England, a wine merchant, and his uncle, James Parnham, Esq., of Holland Landing was Warden of the County of York and at one time contested North York in the Liberal interest for the House of Commons. Bro. Barclay was educated at the Brooklin Public School and the Oshawa Grammar School. At fifteen years of age he began his legal studies, being admitted to practice as a solicitor shortly after attaining his majority and subsequently being admitted to the degree of Bachelor at law.

His services to his party were early recognized and at twenty five years of age he was the unanimous choice of the party represen-

tatives for the office of Local Registrar of the High Court of Justice, Registrar of the Surrogate Court, etc., of his native County, to which he was appointed by the Government. Subsequently he received the appointment of Local Master of Titles for the County under the Torrens system of land transfer.

Since his withdrawal from politics, he has taken an interest in educational affairs, and has occasionally contributed to the press on educational subjects. A series of his letters in the Toronto press had a marked effect in settling the public mind respecting the questions raised in regard to the Separate School law amendments. He is Vice-President of the Ontario Ladies' College, has been Chairman of the Whitby Board of Education, is an honorary member of the Ontario Society of Artists, was one of the promoters of the County of Ontario Law Association and is ex-Chairman of the Public Library Board. In addition to being an enthusiastic Forester, he is a Royal Arch Mason, Knight Templar, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, a member of the Sons of Scotland, Sons of Temperance and several other societies.

For many years Bro. Barclay has been a working member of the High Court and the Supreme Court. At Barrie in 1892 he was elected High Counsellor. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of High Chief Ranger at Sarnia in 1893, and at the recent Session at Ottawa received the appointment to his present office of High Chief Ranger of the Central High Court.

The High Chief Ranger of Central Ontario brings to the discharge of his important duties an accurate knowledge of the Constitution and Laws of the Order. He has the honor of presiding over one of the strongest jurisdictions among the thirty two High Courts in the Order. On the High Standing Committee he has associated with him brethren of known and tried ability.

The FORESTER extends hearty congratulations to him on his appointment to so distinguished a position and wishes for him a successful enjoyable term of office.

Sir James Grant, M.D., Ottawa.

Among the several distinguished men received by the "Chief" into the Order during the recent meeting of the High Court of Ontario at Ottawa, no one is better known in Canada, in the medical profession, than Sir James Grant. His eloquent and patriotic address before the High Court will long be remembered by those who heard it with such evident pleasure.

James A. Grant, M.D., Ottawa, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London; Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; corresponding member of the Boston Gynecological Society, the distinguished gentleman who forms the subject of this sketch, was born in Inverness-shire, Scotland, on the 11th of August, 1830. Our subject comes of a distinguished and able family. His father was Dr. James Grant, of Edinburgh, and for many years a

a prominent surgeon in Glengarry, Ont.; and his paternal grandfather was the learned James Grant, author of "Essays on the Origin of Society," and "Thoughts on the Origin and Descent of the Gael." Young Grant received his education in arts at Queen's College, Kingston, and took his medical degree, 1854, at McGill, Montreal. Having obtained his diploma, he settled at Ottawa. His great skill and noteworthy success in his profession soon attracted attention, and very speedily began the first of what afterwards became a magnificent practice. He has been physician to Lord Monck, Lord Lisgar, Lord Dufferin, Lord Lorne, Their Excellencies of Lansdowne, and other distinguished persons.

Honors have fallen fast upon Dr. Grant, but well have they been earned. He has been president of the Mechanics' Institute and



BRO. SIR JAMES GRANT, M.D.

the St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa; he has been president of the College of Surgeons of Ontario; was a member of the International Medical Congress held at Philadelphia in 1876, and was created one of its two vice-presidents in the department of surgery. In the literature of his profession, Dr. Grant is a gentleman of distinguished repute. He has published, in British and Canadian periodicals, a large number of able, lucid and comprehensive essays on medical and scientific subjects. In addition to his contributions to his own professed science, he is a geologist of high standing, and has made most valuable contributions to the literature of that important science. His style is clear,

forcible and cultured, and his work has attracted very wide attention. Dr. Grant has likewise taken a share in public life. He is one of the sturdiest Conservatives in the Dominion, and an iron-handed veteran in the day of battle; and sat for eight years in the Dominion Parliament for the County of Russell. In 1894 he was elected by acclamation for Ottawa to the Commons. He declined being a candidate at the last Federal election. Always a man of wide views, and one who, in a great measure, looked into the future far as human eye could see, he was found advocating, strongly, measures of legislation whereof most legislators in those days knew nothing, but which time has since crowned with approbation. Dr. Grant was one of the first who saw the need of a transcontinental railway, and was the gentleman who introduced the original Pacific Railway Bill. He likewise advocated the admission of the North-West Territories into the Dominion of Canada at a time when some men regarded the proposal with hostility. Dr. Grant married, on the 22nd January, 1856, Maria, daughter of Edward Malloch, who sat for Carleton in the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada. The fruit of this union was twelve children, four of whom are dead. He is a Presbyterian, and a prominent member of St. Andrew's Church.

We hope there is before our distinguished brother many years in which to practise his noble profession, enjoy the delights of his family, and share in the great work of the I.O.F.

What Others Think.

AN INSTITUTION OF WHICH TO BE PROUD.

Canadian American, Chicago, Aug. 22nd, '96.

At this time it is opportune again to draw attention to the magnificent showing that stands to the credit of the Supreme Court, Independent Order of Foresters, of Canada, whose head office is located in Toronto, and whose ramifications extend throughout Great Britain, Ireland and the United States.

By experience and investigation Canadians have been led to place the Supreme Court I. O. F. among the leading fraternal institutions of the world. Its insurance policy is the equal of any issued to-day, backed as it is by a surplus amounting now to \$1,800,000, increasing at the rate of \$40,000 per month. The management is unexcelled for prudence, economy and financial experience. In the Dominion the I. O. F. points to Premiers, Cabinet Ministers, municipal officers of national standing and reputation, the heads of churches, and parliamentarians by the score, as members whose confidence and endorsement are cheerfully given to S. C. R. Oronhyatekha and his able colleagues. In Canada the I. O. F. stands rooted firmly in public estimation as a fraternal body which, having the courage bodily to enter the field as an insurance society, on original plans, has achieved the most remarkable success recorded in the history of fraternal societies. An experience of fourteen years has con-

vinced the policy holder of the soundness of the Supreme Court I. O. F. and hence it is that to-day we find in the United States a membership of 17,000—a membership that is growing so rapidly in the healthiest parts of the Republic that little doubt is entertained by those in authority, who are keeping their hands on the pulse of fraternalism, that within a short time the United States will eclipse Canada in this regard. The American division of the Supreme Court I. O. F. is in charge of A. E. Stevenson, of Chicago, whose judiciously planned work has effected a revolution in the progress of the Order in Illinois, and whose supervision has been marked by shrewdness, fidelity to principle and trust to a degree that gives the utmost satisfaction to American brethren, and emphasizes the feeling entertained for many months at Toronto, that the United States department is receiving expert supervision under the stimulus of a keen personal pride in labor well performed.

What should not be lost sight of at this time, is the fact that the Supreme Court I. O. F. policy is payable in gold—an unchangeable rule, the value of which cannot be overestimated. We are of the opinion that Canadian Americans should be especially active in disseminating information regarding the society. It is international in the very best sense and financially is unassailable. Bringing as it does the people of this country into harmony with Canadians, establishing a ground of common endeavor for the good of humanity, it should appeal to the hearts as well as the business sense of our fellow-countrymen here. They are invited to an association calculated to make life here more pleasant among old time friends with an added advantage of an insurance remarkable for its cheapness and absolute security.

Personal Mention.

Bro. Jas. Glendenning, ex-M.P.P., is doing good work in Ontario and other counties, building up weak courts and instituting new ones. He finds the FORESTER the best canvassing medium he can use.

Bro. D. Buck, P.C.R. of Court Pinnacle, Rochester, N. Y., has suffered a great bereavement by the death of his young wife. The brethren of his court have expressed their sympathy in a beautifully worded resolution.

To our esteemed brother, G. M. Rose, senior partner of the firm of Hunter, Rose & Co., we extend a cordial "welcome home" on his return from the land o' cakes. Bro. Rose's visit to his native land has renewed his youth.

Bro. Robt. Matheson, P.H.C.R. of Eastern Ontario, was in Toronto recently to meet pupils for the Deaf and Dumb Institution, of which he is the accomplished and successful Superintendent. Over 250 pupils are in attendance this session.

Bros. Jno. A. McGillivray and C. A. Stone were among the prize winners at the Indus-

trial, Toronto. The S. Secy's Horned Dorsets were conspicuous among sheep, winning many firsts. And Charlie's dogs got off with some choice bones in way of 1st and 2nd prizes for Setters.

Bro. J. H. Dunlop, of Court Davenport, captured a large number of "Firsts" and "Seconds" with his famous roses at the great Toronto Industrial Fair. The two immense floral maltre crosses in front of the I.O.F. tent were from his well-known conservatories.

Bro. Geo. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., and Past High Chief Ranger of Ohio, attended the recent meeting of the High Court of Ohio at Sandusky. He was cordially received by the brethren, not only on his own account but as the representative of the Supreme Chief. He reported Forestry as booming in Ohio.

Bro. McCann, Kingston, High Auditor for Eastern Ontario, is general agent for Ontario and Quebec for the "Acme Letter File." We received one from Bro. McCann, and find it extremely convenient. We consider it just the thing for the correspondence of a court. It is advertised in another column.

Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan, Mrs. McCaughan and Rev. Mr. Gillfillan sailed from New York for Ireland on Saturday, Sept. 5th. During his visit to America, Bro. McCaughan did good work for the Order by his sermons and addresses. Wherever he spoke he was greeted by large and appreciative audiences. He will always find a hearty welcome this side of the water. We hope our worthy brothers will be able to take up their many important duties, greatly invigorated by their visit.

To Bro. Chas. FitzGerald we extend our heartiest congratulations on his unanimous re-election as High Secretary of New York. Bro. FitzGerald has been High Secretary since the institution of the High Court and has been the directing mind for the work in the State. The honor bestowed has been richly earned. Few men count as many personal friends as the modest bachelor High Secretary of New York. Long may he enjoy the honors and emoluments of office and the esteem of his friends.

Acknowledgements.

We have received letters of grateful acknowledgement from the following:—

Bro. Daniel Wilson, of Court Loyalist, St. Johns, N. B., for \$50 Sick Benefit.

Mrs. Margaret Davis, of Kettleby, Ontario, for \$500 Disability Claim of her husband, Bro. Davis, of Court Seabright, No. 376.

Bro. W. C. McCarlie, of Court Pine Glen, No. 1928, Oak Bay, N. B., for \$50 Sick Benefit, and much kindness shown by the brethren.

Mrs. S. A. S. Knapper, of Staffordshire, England, for \$500, the amount of the Benefit Certificate of her late husband, Bro. Knapper.

Mrs. W. D. McQuat to the Executive, for the prompt payment of \$1,000 of the Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, Bro. McQuat; and to the brethren of Court Argenteuil, No. 1804, for sympathy.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for Month of August, 1896.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their August Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Maitland.....	689	Mt. Clemens.....	1376
Winnabago.....	973	Morgan.....	1751
Fraubault.....	990	Santa Paula.....	1895
Magog.....	1216	Kakabeka.....	3107
Esteven.....	1246	Waldo.....	3170

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

Courts re-instated since last Report.

Court Maplehurst, No. 3014, was reported suspended in error in the September issue.

Receipts, August, 1896.

No. of Members	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Assessment.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Ass'n month.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
266	British Columbia..	\$ 297 15	\$ 40 60	3701	New Jersey.....	2923 57	51 53	99 75
5550	California.....	6946 03	153 93	\$ 541 25	7763	New York.....	8080 04	585 12	592 75
231	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	375 22	16 12	10 00	1537	North Dakota.....	1661 96	47 76	44 75
2146	Illinois.....	2 95 74	39 40	202 50	599	N. W. Territory..	626 25	47 00	22 00
1293	Indiana.....	1479 56	6 79	\$9 25	1831	Nova Scotia.....	1493 44	163 97	44 50
508	Iowa.....	624 27	2 95	12 60	4762	Ohio.....	4745 45	91 62	227 25
1818	Maine.....	1171 06	401 98	130 75	29007	Ontario.....	27977 99	4144 16	658 39
1523	Manitoba.....	1522 32	129 36	6 25	587	Pennsylvania.....	515 87	22 49	26 50
16350	Michigan.....	9792 86	1680 11	487 75	966	P. R. Island.....	576 04	12 73	7 75
2223	Minnesota.....	2333 75	91 32	109 15	10942	Quebec.....	11123 17	3068 41	340 50
825	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1632 02	8 98	9 75	521	Washington.....	549 91	11 81	9 50
4743	New Brunswick.....	4365 86	746 21	152 01	1352	Wisconsin.....	1541 10	16 82	87 50
828	New England.....	732 06	249 31	31 00	512	S. C. Jurisdiction.	695 12	18 63	54 00
	Received on account of Insurance.....				2868	Great Britain and Ireland.....	4508 49	27 56	248 52
	Refund account of organizing.....						961 32	
	Received on account of organizing and other accounts.....								10 00
	Grand totals.....			97,933			\$100,707 62	\$11,233 10	\$ 6,699 11

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	\$118,644 83
" General Funds.....	
Total.....	\$118,644 83

Supply Account.

Received on account of supplies.....\$3,878 16 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....\$3,878 16

Investment Account.

Received on account of principal on Loans...\$2,595 51 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$2,595 59
Submitted in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Supreme Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of August, 1896.

No. 2152. Brother E. D. Bannon, aged 35 years, of Court Cote Brillante, No. 94, died of *Remittent Fever and Heart Disease* on the 18th July, 1896. Initiated 22nd November, 1895. Beneficiary, Mary Baunon, wife. \$1,000.
No. 2153. Brother E. Ershaur, aged 47 years, of Court Relief, No. 214, died of *Diabetes Mellitus* on the 18th July, 1896. Initiated 4th June, 1895. Beneficiary, Christianna Ershaur, wife. \$1,000.
No. 2154. Brother Jacob Mess, aged 41 years, of Court Todd, No. 688, died of *Cerebral Tumor* on the 8th July, 1896. Initiated 25th November, 1895. Beneficiary, L. Mess, wife. \$1,000.
No. 2155. Brother John Lowery, aged 51 years, of Court Ottawa, No. 41, was *Accidentally Killed by Horse Reel* on the 12th August, 1896. Initiated 28th March, 1892. Beneficiaries, Wm. John, Lucy and Samuel Lowery, children. \$1,000.
No. 2156. Brother E. Nantel, aged 28 years, of Court New Glasgow, No. 1139, *Committed Suicide* on the 28th November, 1893. Initiated 23rd March, 1893. Beneficiary, Hermeline Dore, wife. \$2,000.
No. 2157. Brother Wm. Burr, aged 30 years, of Court Pr. Alexandria, No. 56, died of *Poli's Disease of Spine* on the 4th June, 1896. Initiated 1st November, 1894. Beneficiaries, Jennie and Mary Ann Burr, wife and mother. \$1,000.

No. 2158. Brother Peter E. W. Moyer, aged 59 years, of Court Berlin, No. 151, died of *Dyspepsia and Dysentery* on the 9th July, 1895. Initiated 3rd May, 1887. Beneficiary, Elizabeth H. Moyer, wife. \$1,000.
No. 2159. Brother Wm. McQuat, aged 47 years, of Court Argenteuil, No. 104, died of *Pneumonia* on the 2nd July, 1896. Initiated 3th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Isabella McG. McQuat, wife. \$1,000.
No. 2160. Brother Owen P. Francis, aged 23 years, of Court Arkwright, No. 2080, died of *Enteric Fever* on the 5th January, 1896. Initiated 1st November, 1893. Beneficiary, Edward Francis, father. \$260, or \$977.77.
No. 2161. Brother James McGill, aged 19 years, of Court Brownsville, No. 1881, died from *Injury on Railway* on the 5th January, 1896. Initiated 1st June, 1891. Beneficiary, Executor or Administrators. \$1,000.
No. 2162. Brother Wm. T. Frank, aged 38 years, of Court Genesee, No. 337, died of *Cerebral Hemorrhage* on the 13th July, 1896. Initiated 20th August, 1890. Beneficiary, Mary Frank, wife. \$1,000.
No. 2163. Brother B. G. Bacon, aged 52 years, of Court Stadacona, No. 224, died of *Pulmonary Apoplexy* on the 8th July, 1896. Initiated 10th April, 1888. Beneficiaries, Mary McGoiveau and Benjamin Bacon, wife and nephew. \$2,000.
No. 2164. Brother Frederick Stier, aged 51 years, of Court Franklin, No. 369, died of *Angina Pectoris* on the 16th July, 1896. Initiated 27th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Mary Stier, wife. \$1,000.
No. 2165. Brother Robert Jones, aged 44 years, of Court Miranda, No. 326, was *Accidentally Killed by*

falling down Hatchway on the 14th July, 1896. Initiated 8th September, 1890. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Jones, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2166. Brother Wm. Warne, aged 58 years, of Court Kastman, No. 317, died of *Broncho Pneumonia*, on the 29th July, 1896. Initiated 3rd April, 1888. Beneficiary, Ann Warne, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2167. Brother Wm P. O'Neill, aged 32 years, of Court Columbus, No. 929, died of *Phthisis* on the 26th July, 1896. Initiated 14th March, 1892. Beneficiary, Elizabeth O'Neill, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2164. Brother E. Cummins, aged 39 years, of Court Buckeye, No. 312, died of *Fracture of Spine* on the 19th July, 1896. Initiated 21st March, 1883. Beneficiary, Alce Cummins, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2163. Brother Stephen Taber, aged 56 years, of Court Lockport, No. 698, died of *Apoplexy* on the 18th July, 1896. Initiated 15th August, 1890. Beneficiary, Emilino Taber, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2170. Brother Richard White, aged 51 years, of Court Kurus, No. 1368, died of *Diarrhoea* on the 24th July, 1896. Initiated 9th August, 1893. Beneficiary, Phoebe J. White, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2171. Brother W. R. H. Knapper, aged 39 years, of Court First North Staffordshire, No. 2131, died of *Podagra and Nephritis* on the 14th July, 1896. Initiated 1th October, 1894. Beneficiary, Sarah A. S. Knapper, wife. \$100, or \$183.88.

No. 2172. Brother Jacob G. Kriker, aged 32 years, of Court St. Clair, No. 29, died of *Pneumonia* on the 13th July, 1896. Initiated 23rd February, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2173. Brother Edward Maher, aged 57 years, of Court Aurora, No. 188, died of *Cancer of Rectum* on the 3rd July, 1896. Initiated 17th February, 1885. Beneficiary, Susana Maher, wife. \$500 and \$500 on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 2174. Brother Jonathan Starke, aged 27 years, of Court Yamaska, No. 292, died of *Apoplexy* on the 9th August, 1896. Initiated 28th March, 1892. Beneficiary, John W. Starke, brother. \$1,000.

No. 2175. Brother John C. Voight, aged 31 years, of Court Gretna, No. 1217, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 9th April, 1896. Initiated 12th December, 1892. Beneficiaries, Minnie Klupp and Helena Mary Miller, mother and daughter. \$1,000.

No. 2176. Brother Louis Heigeson, aged 39 years, of Court Hercules, No. 892, was *Accidentally Drowned* on the 13th August, 1896. Initiated 15th January, 1896. Beneficiary, Martha L. Heigeson, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2177. Brother Jos. D. Perkins, aged 28 years, of Court Relief, No. 188, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 14th August, 1896. Initiated 30th April, 1895. Beneficiaries, Wm. John Herbert and Jos. Charles W. Perkins sons. \$1,000.

No. 2178. Brother Harry Westgate, aged 49 years, of Court Queen Victoria, No. 314, was *Accidentally Killed* on R. R. on the 2nd July, 1896. Initiated 6th April, 1888. Beneficiary, Hannah Westgate, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2179. Brother Ulric Cusson, aged 47 years, of Court St. Denis, No. 731, died of *General Debility and Hemoptysis* on the 12th August, 1896. Initiated 25th July, Beatrice Forget, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2180. Brother John P. Codding, aged 52 years, of Court Ashtabula Harbor, No. 631, died of *Disease of Heart* on the 17th August, 1896. Initiated 3rd March, 1892. Beneficiary, N. H. Codding, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2181. Brother T. Sudds, aged 51 years, of Court Universal, No. 428, died of *Typhoid Fever* on the 8th August, 1896. Initiated 13th March, 1890. Beneficiary, Sarah Sudds, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2182. Brother Thos G. Burns, aged 23 years, of Court Iona, No. 513 died of *Tuberculosis* on the 21st May, 1896. Initiated 18th November, 1892. Beneficiary, Sara Burns, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2183. Brother Arius Bowers, aged 33 years, of Court Cream City, No. 1955, was *Accidentally Killed* on R. R. on the 25th July, 1896. Initiated 26th August, 1895. Beneficiary, Iva Bowers, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2184. Brother G. J. Worden, aged 46 years, of Court Benevolence, No. 263, died of *Heart Disease* on the 27th July, 1896. Initiated 20th June, 1889. Beneficiary, Drucella V. Worden, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2185. Brother David Price, aged 53 years, of Court Progress, No. 134, died of *Diabetes Mellitus* on the 2nd August, 1896. Initiated 16th October, 1889. Beneficiary, Mary E. Price, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2186. Brother Albert Phillips, aged 35 years, of Court York No. 129, died of *Phthisis* on the 9th August, 1896. Initiated 25th August, 1890. Beneficiary, Margaret Phillips, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2187. Brother Michael J. Hart, aged 27 years, of Court Vinita, No. 1225, was *Accidentally Killed* on R.

R. on the 5th August, 1896. Initiated 18th April, 1895. Beneficiary, Annie Hart, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2188. Brother George Shuman, aged 27 years, of Court Miranda, No. 326, died of *Pneumonia* on the 16th August, 1896. Initiated 6th March, 1891. Beneficiary, Christina S-human, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2189. Brother John W. F. Philbin, aged 35 years, was *Killed by Electric Light Wire* on the 14th June, 1895. Initiated 16th October, 1882. Beneficiary, Richard T. Philbin, son. \$2,000.

No. 2190. Brother Col. L. Soper, aged 47 years, of Court Calgary, No. 291, died of *Acute Tuberculosis* on the 27th May, 1896. Initiated 26th April, 1886. Beneficiary, Mary Ann Soper, wife. \$1,000.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of August, 1896.

During the month of August the Medical Board reviewed 1,487 medical examination papers, of which 1,319 were accepted and 168 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:

Jurisdiction.	Acc'pt'd.	Reject'd.	Jurisdiction.	Acc'pt'd.	Reject'd.
Arizona.....	1	1	North Dakota.....	12	1
California.....	75	11	N. W. Territory.....	3	4
Connecticut.....	3	3	Nova Scotia.....	2	4
Illinois.....	175	15	Ohio.....	81	4
Indiana.....	10	3	Ontario.....	147	18
Iowa.....	4	1	Oregon.....	1	1
Maine.....	39	4	Pennsylvania.....	23	3
Manitoba.....	17	4	P. E. Island.....	4	1
Michigan.....	182	31	Quebec.....	73	14
Minnesota.....	71	6	Vermont.....	13	1
Missouri.....	10	1	Washington.....	22	2
Montana.....	4	1	Wisconsin.....	27	3
Nebraska.....	2	2	England.....	16	4
New Brunswick.....	42	8	Ireland.....	6	2
New Hampshire.....	12	5	Scotland.....	10	2
New Jersey.....	35	7	Wales.....	1	1
New York.....	186	20			
			Total.....	1319	168

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

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for the Month of August, 1896.

Mortuary Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last report.....	\$1,709,948 49
" Supreme Secretary.....	59,747 30
" Insurance.....	960 32
" Cheque No. 2936, cancelled.....	500 00
	\$1,810,156 11

CONTRA—CR.

By Claims paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—	
Ed D. Bannen...Court Brilliant, 935.....	\$1,000 00
Frances Phelan.....	500 00
Wm. Burr.....	Pr. Alexandria, 26..... 1,000 00
E. B. Sharp.....	Deh-Le-un-wiah, 1496..... 1,000 00
P. E. W. Mayer.....	Berlin, 151..... 1,000 00
Wm D McQuat.....	Argenteuil, 1804..... 1,000 00
James Gale.....	Brownville, 1581..... 750 00
Wm. T. Frank.....	Genesee, 357..... 1,000 00
Bonj. G. Bacon.....	Stadacoza, 224..... 1,000 00
Andrew Douglas.....	Stanley Banner, 721..... 1,000 00
Owen P. Francis.....	Ark right, 2059..... 977 77
Jacob Mess.....	Tod. 658..... 1,000 00
Eljah Kimberley.....	Madawaska, 31..... 125 00
O. H. Bacon.....	Four Leaf, 3923..... 2 0 00
Fred Steer.....	Franklin, 369..... 1,000 00
Robert Jones.....	Miranda, 326..... 2,000 00
Eno'h Eisenhauer.....	Relief, 248..... 1,000 00
Richard White.....	Eurus, 1368..... 1,000 00
Stephen Faber.....	Lockport, 608..... 2,000 00
Fd. Cummings.....	Buckeye, 812..... 1,000 00
Wm. P. O'Neill.....	Columbus, 890..... 1,000 00

John Chisholm...Court Vivian, 1254	\$1,000 00
W. P. E. Knapper. " First N Stafford, 2131. 488 88	
Jacob G. Kriker.. " St. Clair, 20	1,000 00
Edward Maher... " Aurora, 188	500 00
Louis Helgerson.. " Hercules, 892	2,000 00
J. Nathan Starke.. " Yamaska 292	1,000 00
Geo. F. Worden... " Benevolence 263.....	1,000 00
Davia Price..... " Progr'ss 134	2,600 00
Wm. Warne..... " Eastman 317	3,000 00
Timothy Sudds... " Universal, 428.....	1,000 00
Aaron Bowers.... " Iona, 513	1,000 00
J. W. F. Philbin.. " Cream City, 1955.....	2,000 03
Albert Phillips... " Keewatin, 19	2,000 04
Geo. Schuman.... " York 120	1,900 00
Michael J. Hart... " Miranda, 326	1,000 03
Col. Levi Soper.. " Venita, 1225	2,000 09
Col. Levi Soper.. " Calgary, 295.....	1,000 00

\$15,341 85

Investigating T. and P. Disability claim	\$ 9 00
G. F. Marter, expenses investigating claims	21 80
City Treasurer, taxes for 1896	957 43
McConnell property taxes.....	82 60
Judge Fitzgerald, refund of insurance	21 80
Insurances on Loans.....	351 08
Legal expenses	50 00
Dr. Itae, amount of account.....	10 80

1,504 01

4,987 33

1,758,323 09

\$1,810,156 11

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report	\$85,259 25
" Supreme Secretary	11,238 10
" Cheque 688, cancelled.....	50 00
	<u>\$96,647 35</u>

CONTRA-CR.

By Sick Benefit Claims.....	\$ 5,97 70
" Funeral Claims	590 00
" 5 per cent. General Fund.....	561 91
" Balance.....	89,727 74
	<u>\$93,647 35</u>

General Account.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary	\$ 6,659 11
" " account of Supplies.....	3,878 16
" 5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Receipts.....	4,987 36
" 5 per cent. S. and F.	551 91
	<u>\$16,126 54</u>

CONTRA-CR.

Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 1,499 90
Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	4, 38 70
Wages of Employees.....	3,337 59
Furniture	231 62
General Management Expenses.....	4,160 23
FORESTREY and Supplies.....	2,258 15

\$16,055 59

70 95

\$16,126 54

Surplus.

Deposit, Insurance Department, Canada..	\$ 100,000 00
" " " G. Britain & Ireland	97,333 33
" " " United States.....	52,000 00
Now Brunswick Government.....	23,660 00
Mortgages	1,315,055 51
Debentures.....	95,804 39
Total Invested Surplus.....	\$1,678,193 23
Current account Surplus.....	81,129 85
	<u>\$1,759,323 09</u>
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	89,727 74
Grand Total Surplus.....	<u>\$1,848,050 83</u>

Yours in L. B. and C.,

H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Treas.

New Courts.

COURT CHAUNCEY, No. 3282, DEPEW, NEW YORK.
Instituted on the 13th day of August, 1896, by James Boddy.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Oscar Thos Taylor; Chaplain, Rev. G. A. Harver; Physician, E. W. Ewell, M.D. 71 members.

COURT LEXINGTON, No. 3283, LEXINGTON, MICH.
Instituted on the 1st day of August, 1896, by Davey and Donovan.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., John W. Norman; Chaplain, Wm. P. Norman; Physician, W. T. Bantling, M.D. 46 members.

COURT CORNPLANTER, No. 3283, WARREN, PENN.
Instituted on the 1st day of August, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Francis A. Cogswell; Chaplain, Rector Seymour; Physician, Christian J. Frantz, M.D. 15 members.

COURT McCALL, No. 3290, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
Instituted on the 4th day of August, 1896, by W. A. Parkinson.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Geo. White Fraser; Chaplain, —; Physician, —, 28 members.

COURT VERA EDNA, No. 3291, TROUT CREEK.
Instituted on the 1st day of August, 1896, by W. J. Ingram.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Chas. W. Burns; Chaplain, Rev. S. L. W. Harton; Physician, Geo. V. Harcourt, M.D. 15 members.

COURT NEW TEMPLE, No. 3292, TORONTO, ONT.
Instituted on the 5th day of August, 1896, by C. B. Murray.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., William Forbes; Chaplain, —; Physician, A. J. Barrington, M.D. 21 members.

COURT HAMPSHIRE, No. 3293, HAMPSHIRE, ILL.
Instituted on the 3rd day of August, 1896, by J. A. Sheldon.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., H. G. Fisher; Chaplain, Fred. Kothermel; Physician, C. P. Reid, M.D. 20 members.

COURT ROBERT S. GREEN, No. 3234 ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

Instituted on the 6th day of August, 1896, by W. T. Bingham.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Frank R. Ficke; Chaplain, Ernest C. Hargauten; Physician, T. F. Burne', M.D. 32 members.

COURT CHARTER OAK, No. 3295, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
Instituted on the 20th day of July, 1896, by F. T. Erdnyx.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., George Cross; Chaplain, Charles Mercer; Physician, Dr. J. P. Way, 20 members.

COURT KISHWAUKEE, No. 3296, SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS.
Instituted on the 8th day of August, 1896, by J. A. Sheldon.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Chas. H. Buell; Chaplain, James W. Cliffe; Physician, Dr. L. M. Hoyt, 26 members.

COURT TORONTO CATHEDRAL, No. 3297, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Instituted on the 15th day of August, 1896, by C. B. Murray.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., H. V. Greene; Chaplain, —; Physician, —, 24 members.

COURT MARSHFIELD, No. 3298, MARSHFIELD, WIS.
Instituted on the 12th day of August, 1896, by Chas. A. Van Ness.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., R. M. Woodward; Chaplain, P. A. Prescott; Physician, Dr. H. A. Lathrop, 21 members.

COURT WELCOME HOME, No. 3299, IONA, ONT.
Instituted on the 13th day of August, 1896, by I. L. Smith.

Officers Installed.—C.D.H.C.R., Jas. W. Brown; Chaplain, Alex. Liddle; Physician, Wm. McGeachy, M.D. 20 members.

COURT JAMES, No. 330, JAMESTOWN, N.Y.

Instituted on the 11th day of August, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Herbert L. Hunt; Chaplain, Allan A. Thayer; Physician, J. William Morris, M.D. 12 members.

COURT ST. FLAVIEN, No. 3303, ST. FLAVIEN, QUE.

Instituted on the 21st day of August, 1896, by Edmond S. Bois.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Gaudiosa Ray; Chaplain, —; Physician, Dr. Eugene La Rue. 15 members.

COURT MOTOR, No. 3301, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

Instituted on the 27th day of August, 1896, by J. A. Belch, M.D.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Perry A. McDonald; Chaplain, Thomas Rexford; Physician, I. H. Dream, M.D. 15 members.

COURT LITTLE RIVER, No. 3205, LISBON FALLS, ME.

Instituted on the 12th day of June, 1896, by Frank Flagg.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., C. Everett Huskins; Chaplain, Geo. B. Shorey; Physician, Freeman O. Hall, M.D. 26 members.

COURT MOOSE HILL, No. 337, LIVERMORE FALLS, MAINE.

Instituted on the 7th day of July, 1896, by Frank Flagg.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., Ralph Holmes; Chaplain, Chas. H. Wilber; Physician, Chas. H. Gibbs, M.D. 23 members.

COURT BRISTOL, No. 2191, BRISTOL, ENG.

Instituted on the 27th day of July, 1896, by Chas. E. Price.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., W. N. Gilbert; Chaplain, P. J. W. Norman; Physician, C. W. J. Brasher, M.D. 9 members.

COURT GLENHITTER, No. 292, PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.

Instituted on the 4th day of August, 1896, by Wm. S. Hart.

Officers Installed.—C. D. H. C. R., William Wilson; Chaplain, Wm. Storrice; Physician, James Duncan, M.D. 19 members.

Among the Courts.

Ontario.**Official Circular No. 1.**

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
HAMILTON, Sept. 11th, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts of the High Court of Ontario.

BRETHREN:—I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for the honor that you have conferred upon me by electing me as the High Chief Ranger of the High Court of Ontario. I assure you that I appreciate this honor much more than I can adequately express.

I am assuming the office at a crisis in the history of the Order, so far as Ontario is concerned. As you all know the old High Court of Ontario has been divided into three parts and it is only over one of these parts that I now have jurisdiction and while in name we are the High Court of Ontario, yet in reality it is only over the western portion of the Province that our jurisdiction extends. While the old High Court of Ontario had a membership of thirty thousand, our present jurisdiction is estimated to contain about

twelve thousand only. We therefore have within our own Province two strong and healthy rivals in the High Courts of Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario. It behooves us, therefore, who are in this jurisdiction to exhibit a friendly rivalry with the other High Courts of our Province, and while wishing them all success in establishing strong courts and increasing their membership materially, let us strive in our jurisdiction to out-do the efforts of the other two courts by establishing stronger courts and increasing our membership more largely than either of the others, knowing that while we are doing this we are not prejudicing their interests or affecting injuriously their growth, but, by any successful efforts that we make, we are in the first place increasing the strength of the Order in our jurisdiction and helping Independent Forestry at large.

While personally feeling a good deal of regret at the division of the Grand old High Court of Ontario, now that it has been effected I trust that the division will prove a grand success. Let those of us in the west show that our interest in the Order has not abated by reason of such division, but that it has rather increased by concentrating our efforts in the Western Division, and enabling us to exercise a more effective supervision over the jurisdiction that has been assigned to us, than could possibly be done by one High Chief Ranger over the whole province of Ontario. We are continually hearing that there are so many Foresters in the country now that it is impossible to increase further the membership of the Order here. Let us by strong, united and successful effort show that such statements are without foundation. I believe that the membership of the Order in our jurisdiction can be increased during my term of office by at least two thousand. I trust that the Foresters whom I have the privilege to preside over will be able to show that this apparently high estimate is well founded, and that in placing the increase of membership at two thousand I have been very conservative. Our courts are manned by good officers. They are filled with robust members, physically and mentally. The objects of our Order are good and the rates of insurance are such as to commend themselves to all reasonable men. With these advantages we can certainly look forward with hope to not only sustain the past reputation of the High Court of Ontario for strong advances each year, but with this further stimulus of two friendly rival High Courts we must make up our minds that we are going to break all previous records.

We must not forget that the work in our jurisdiction is being done this year without the aid of any High Court Inspector and that therefore much more work will devolve upon the individual Forester, than has hitherto done, to make our work a success. I shall be glad personally to visit during my term of office as many courts as possible, and by such small personal influence as I may possess to further the interests of Forestry in general in our jurisdiction.

I bespeak for my colleagues on the High Standing Committee, and myself, the friendly consideration of all Foresters in our jurisdiction. While some of our acts, and some of our work may not commend themselves to all of you, rest assured that all of our acts and all of our work are done in the interests of all Foresters.

All commissions of G.D.H.C.R. and D.D. H.C.R. have expired. Any officer wishing a renewal will receive the same on application to me. The Court Deputy Commissions are all continued, excepting where a change is requested.

It is to be hoped that the larger courts, especially, when requiring the services of any of the High Standing Committee will make provision for their railroad expenses; in order that the common fund may not be used more than is absolutely necessary for individual courts.

In sending for supplies to the High Secretary all orders for less than one dollar should be accompanied with sufficient money to prepay postage. Payments should be made by Post Office order. Courts in arrear are requested to pay up at once. In writing always give the name and number of your court.

Any suggestions that any brother may wish to give with reference to the work in our jurisdiction will be gladly received by me, and be highly valued whether or not as High Chief Ranger I may see my way clearly to act upon it. It simply remains for me now to say that I trust during the next twelve months large accessions will be made to our membership, and that interest and harmony will prevail in our meetings, and that not only our brethren but all with whom we come in contact may know that our motto as a society, as well as individuals, is in reality as well as in name "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord."

Faithfully yours in L. B. & C.,

W. H. WARDROPE,
H.C.R.

ONTARIO NOTES.

Members should read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the official circular of High Chief Ranger, Bro. Wardrope.

Michigan has an eye on first place, so has Eastern and Central Ontario, and Quebec. The old reliable is likely to hold it for a year or two yet.

Oronhyatekha, Hamilton, with 227 members; Orient, Hamilton, with 169; Sarnia with 159 members; Maple, St. Thomas, with 155; Petrolia with 151, are the five leading courts.

Ontario affords its H. S. Committee a splendid field for work. The jurisdiction is compact, and the railway facilities excellent. The Niagara peninsula offers a good field for new courts.

The mother High Court of Ontario, though she hived off two swarms to form the High Courts of Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario, is still the banner High Court of the Order, with 261 Subordinate Courts and a membership of over 12,200.

Central Ontario.

Official Circular No. 1.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
CENTRAL HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO,

WHITBY, 1st Sept., 1896.

To the Court Deputies, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts:

BRETHREN,—On assuming the duties of the high office to which I was appointed at the meeting of the High Court of Ontario, held at the City of Ottawa, I embrace the earliest opportunity to express my appreciation of the very great honor conferred upon me. To be selected as the first Chief Officer of the new Central High Court is a distinguished compliment and is evidence of confidence on the part of my brethren, of which any brother may justly feel proud. I am, however, not unmindful of the fact that the office is not a sinecure, but entails upon its incumbent onerous duties and responsibilities.

I desire, in the first place, to congratulate you upon the great benefits that will accrue to our great Order from the legislation that has been passed during the past year. The principles of the Order have again been endorsed by an Act of the Dominion Parliament passed at the last session, conferring added powers upon the Supreme Court and giving increased security and protection to the membership. Under this Statute the sum of \$100,000 has now been deposited with the Government of Canada, thus adding the security of a Government deposit to the many advantages offered by the Order.

Not the least important legislation is that more immediately affecting this jurisdiction and the membership throughout this Province passed at the recent session of the High Court of Ontario at Ottawa, whereby this Province was divided into three High Court jurisdictions. I desire to warmly congratulate you upon the accomplishment of this result. That it will greatly promote the interests and the future prosperity of the Order in Ontario, I do not for one moment doubt.

Ours is the first one of the great beneficiary Orders in this Province which has found it necessary, in consequence of its rapid growth and large membership, to subdivide its territory and membership in order to properly and efficiently carry on the administration of its affairs. This action of the High Court is additional evidence that the management of the Order is vigorous, progressive and fully abreast of the times.

Instead, therefore, of one High Standing Committee and staff of officers for the whole Province, we will for the future have all the advantages to accrue under three High Standing Committees and staffs of officers, each having oversight of a more limited area and a decreased number of members.

The Central High Court comprises the City of Toronto, the Counties of Durham, Victoria, Ontario, York, Peel, Halton, Wellington, Dufferin, Simcoe and Grey, and the Districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Algoma and Rainy River.

I am supported in the work of administering the affairs of the High Court of Central Ontario by an admirable staff of competent and able officers. I am persuaded that every one of these is prepared to give you all the aid in his power towards building up and extending the Order in this jurisdiction.

During the past year the efforts of our officers and members have met with a considerable measure of success. The officers, however, can accomplish very little if they are not warmly seconded in their efforts by the officers and members of the Subordinate Courts. I regret that for the coming year no provision has been made by the High Court which met at Ottawa for the employment of the services of a High Court Inspector. The services of Bro. C. C. Whale to the Order in this Province have been simply inestimable, and the severance of his connection with the High Courts is an irreparable loss. His work must therefore devolve upon other and less capable hands, and if we are to continue to make progress as we have in the past, it behooves every officer and member to at once take up the work and put forth his best efforts in that behalf.

The members of the High Standing Committee will be found ever ready to give advice and cheerfully to render all assistance in their power. Whenever the presence of any one of them is desired, they will take pleasure in readily complying with any requisition made, if at all practicable. Each member of the Committee will, as early as he can, put himself in communication with all weak courts in his immediate section of the jurisdiction.

I earnestly appeal with the fullest confidence to every one of you to co-operate with and assist my colleagues and myself in promoting the welfare of our brother Foresters, in spreading the principles of our beloved Order, in making additions to the membership of every court and in building up and extending the work in every corner of the jurisdiction. Let us therefore be up and doing; let our watchword be "Forward"; and let us ever be mindful of the fact that our distinguished Supreme Chief "expects every man to do his duty."

I shall be pleased indeed to hear from any officer or member at any time with suggestions in regard to the work.

With best wishes for your prosperity and happiness, for accessions to your membership, and for increased interest and harmony in your court meetings.

I am, my dear brethren,

Fraternally yours in L. B. & C.,

L. T. BARCLAY,
High Chief Ranger.

Central Ontario.

Read carefully the official circular of Bro. Barclay, H.C.R., then do what you can to carry out its suggestions.

Guelph is quite a city with a population of 12,000 or thereabouts. We have one court there with 91 members. The membership should be doubled inside of six months.

COURT DURHAM, No. 111, is the only other court with three figures in the Central jurisdiction. The membership is 119. Considering the size of the town it ranks still higher.

COURT FOREST HOME, No. 431, PALMERSTON, comes third with 131 members. If eligible men for membership can be found, we believe Forest Home will hold that place against all comers.

COURT PROSPERITY with 92, Trinity with 89, Toronto with 86, Brock with 79, Argyle with 77 and Lord Aberdeen with 77 are all in Toronto, and all within measurable distance of the century mark.

Bro. Sanders, H.V.C.R., who keeps his eye on Simcoe County, has more courts in it than are to be found in any other county in the world. He will begin by sending his home court, Sunnidale, up to 100.

COURT QUEEN CITY, No. 66, TORONTO, is second with 206. It is said they have an eye on first place, and on the necessary baker's dozen of members. Meanwhile what is Northern Light supposed to be doing?

COURT ELMVALE, No. 531. The annual sermon to the members of this Court will be preached by Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray on the morning of Sunday Oct. 11th. Neighboring courts are invited to be present.

COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 127, OWEN SOUND, is the banner court of the Centre, with 218 members. Any court that hopes to win first place from them will have to work a good deal harder than it ever did.

COURT CRYSTAL, No. 1972, FESSERTON, is not yet one year old, the membership is 30. The population of the village is only some 300. Our correspondent is right in saying that every sensible man who can joins the I.O.F.

The men of the Centre have a splendid field in Toronto. At present there is about one Forester for each 150 of the population. There should at least be one for each 50. In Toronto alone the Centre should add 2000 or 3000 before the year is out.

COURT COLLINGWOOD, No. 95, has been adding steadily to its membership of late—in initiations at each meeting. It is looking for first place in the county. Robin Hood, Barrie, with 82 members has it now. Collingwood had 73 at last accounts.

Central Ontario has the headquarters of the Order within its bounds, which is an advantage. On its High Standing Committee are five former High Officers of Ontario. Central Ontario should be looked up to from every section of the Forestric Circle.

High Court of Eastern Ontario.

The Official Circular of the H.C.R. was asked for, promised, but failed to connect.

The East had 178 courts and 8,312 members at last report.

Courts are settling down for a hard year's work, and are determined to make a good showing.

Bro. Ingram set the pace for the year by securing 18 candidates in four days in North Bay.

All commissions of G.D.H.C.R. and D.D.H.C.R. terminated on the 30th of June last, but the commissions of C.D.H.C.R. are all continued.

A good court is soon to be organized at Otonabee. There is no reason why a court of 40 members cannot be instituted there in the early future.

The High Court of Eastern Ontario offers a most inviting and attractive list of prizes for their High Court Jurisdiction.

Court Deputies will kindly see that Circular No. 3 is answered at once. The H.C.R. holds this officer responsible for a reply.

Quebec.

High Court Meeting.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The ninth session of the High Court of Quebec was opened on Aug. 25th, at 10 a.m., with appropriate ceremonies. High Chief Ranger, Bro. C. A. Miller, in the chair. Among the distinguished visitors present and seated on the dais were Dr. Oronhyatekwa, S.C.R., Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., Belfast, Ireland, Rev. Robt. Kerr, P.H.C., St. Catharines.

The following is a summary of the reports submitted.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

MONTREAL, Aug. 25th, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the High Court of Quebec :

BRETHREN,—It becomes my privilege to open this the 9th annual session of the High Court of Quebec, and renew the fraternal bonds which bind old and true friends and workers together, and also to extend the right hand of fellowship to those brothers who, for the first time, will take part with us in legislating for the good and welfare of our beloved Order.

Let us, therefore, before entering on our labors, unite with one accord in returning to the great Controller of all things our heartiest thanksgivings for His kind providence vouchsafed to our beloved Order, as, without whose benediction, we know our efforts would certainly fail.

The membership of the Order on July 1st, 1895, was 80,786; on July 1st this year it was 95,596, showing an increase of 14,810 members. On the same date last year the surplus fund was \$1,346,426.58; this year it was \$1,765,148.78, showing an increase of \$418,722.20 during the past year.

The work done throughout the jurisdiction of this High Court will no doubt be of more interest to all.

MEMBERSHIP.

Although our membership has not increased in such proportions as last year, we have no reason to feel discouraged, when we compare with the work done in other High Court jurisdictions. The depression in trade, felt

alike in all parts of the Dominion, together with the General Elections, has militated in a marked degree against our success during the year.

The reports of last year gave a membership of 9,337 in this province; this year I take pleasure in reporting 10,249 after deducting all lapses and deaths, showing an increase of 918 during the year. While this represents the actual net growth of the Order in Quebec, it does not represent the actual work done, as the number of lapses during the year has been extremely large, owing to the inability of numerous members of different courts to keep up their assessments; although our net increase was only 918, there was actually initiated 2,158 during the year.

DEATHS.

For the year closed, 67 of our comrades have ceased from their labors, and are at rest.

COURTS.

We had in this jurisdiction last year 161 courts; this year we can report 177 in good standing. Court Courcelles, No. 1598, amalgamated with Court Champlain, No. 663, and Court St. Frederick, No. 1430, amalgamated with Court Mercier, No. 1976. Eighteen courts have been instituted during the year. A prize of \$50 was offered by the H.S.C. to any Deputy who would institute five courts during the year. No Deputy succeeded in winning such prize.

I find that in the English settled portions of this province the field for instituting courts is fairly well exhausted, while in a great many of the French sections (I learn through my deputies that there is a strong prejudice against all secret societies) this can be overcome only by aggressive work. Once our society is established in such sections and our great benefits made known, that prejudice will soon disappear as it has in other sections.

A large amount of the funds appropriated for mission work for the past year has been expended in resuscitating weak courts in different parts of the province, and many courts that were dormant have been placed in good working order. Harmony has prevailed among the courts throughout the province, with the exception of a very few, one of which I was obliged to visit; but after a short investigation and the use of a little conciliation the trouble was amicably settled. The other cases were of minor importance and were settled by correspondence.

PETITIONS AND APPEALS.

I am happy to say that there are no appeals to come before this High Court.

During the year I was asked to decide a large number of controverted points; I am happy to say that my decisions were accepted in all cases. I must here thank our Past High Chief Ranger, Brother Morin, to whom I frequently referred the information sought, and which was always cheerfully given.

GENERAL WORK.

With the continual growth of the Order in this Province, the duties devolving upon the High Chief Ranger, High Secretary and

High Treasurer is becoming very arduous, requiring much time and attention.

With reference to personal work, I have issued 143 cheques on the different banks, 132 commissions to Deputies, received and replied to 510 letters and cards, issued three circulars, installed the officers of 8 courts. I delivered three addresses at public meetings, besides words of encouragement to the members of 13 courts that I visited. All correspondence was attended to as promptly as possible; my business calling me from home a great deal, some of my correspondence perhaps being a little dilatory on this account. I must say that during the year the greatest harmony has prevailed among the officers of the High Standing Committee.

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the year I have had occasion to call on our H. S. at his office in the city of Sherbrooke almost weekly, have always found him at his post working in the interest of our Order. Bro. Stocks has a place for everything, and everything is in its place, and I cannot too highly extol him as a High Secretary.

I regret to say that there has been a very limited number of public demonstrations by subordinate courts during the year. In order to place our society conspicuously before the public, this means should be resorted to by every court at least once during each year, either by pic-nics, concerts, or the like.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I beg leave to thank one and all for the honor, the highest in your gift, that you bestowed upon me at the last session of this High Court. If I have failed to meet your expectations in any way, I trust you will not attribute it to a lack of willingness to serve you; I have tried to do my duty as I best understood it. If I have in any way offended any brother during my term of office, I regret it very much, and ask pardon for so doing.

I now resign this honorable position with all its jewels as unsullied as I received them, and I pray that the Supreme Ruler of the Universe may guide and direct us in all our deliberations here, so that the legislation of this session may be wise and judicious, and result in greater prosperity of the Order which we have all learned to love for the manifold benefits it brings to mankind, and I hope that wisdom and devotion to our Order will govern our choice in the election of our officers for the ensuing year.

I am, dear brethren,

Yours in the bonds of L. B. and C.,

CHARLES A. MILLER,
H.C.R.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the High Court of Quebec:

BRETHREN,—It is my privilege to place in your hand for the ninth time in succession my annual report as High Secretary, with statements in detail which will show you at a glance the work done in the province and the exact standing of the High Court of Quebec at the date of closing the books.

The past year was characterized with few exceptions by great dullness in all branches of trade, so that although a fair number of applications was accepted each month by the Medical Board, yet the suspensions having been unusually numerous the net gain in membership is small, as compared with former years.

At that time there were only four English courts, with a membership of 180; to-day by the united efforts of our noble workers we meet under more favorable circumstances, and find in this city fifty-one subordinate courts, with a membership of 2,500, comprising leading citizens of several nationalities, living and working in perfect harmony, to receive and welcome us as a High Court.

PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

Although much hard work has been done during the year the results are not so apparent as in former years, owing to the great business depression existing in the country, to the general elections having taken place and occupied attention, and to the great scarcity of money.

The membership given in annual report on August 1st, 1895, was 9,331; in 161 courts.

The membership on August 1st, 1896, is 10,249, in 177 courts.

Showing a net gain of 918 members and 18 new courts during the year.

Court Courcelles, No. 1589 amalgamated with Court Champlain, No. 663.

Court St. Frederic, No. 1436 amalgamated with Court Mercier, No. 1976.

ORGANIZING WORK.

Numerous General Deputies have been commissioned this year and each has worked and devoted much time to the Order in his respective district. Some have met with success and others have sown the good seed which will bring forth returns later on.

Last May the High Standing Committee resolved that a bonus of \$25, besides the usual remuneration, be awarded to every organizer of a court from that date to the present High Court meeting, to induce them to give more time to the institution of new courts.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

A supply agent has been appointed in Montreal, where a stock is kept on hand for the accommodation of the city courts, and judging by the sales the brethren appreciate the service rendered them.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would again this year strongly recommend that the High Court of Quebec empower the High Standing Committee to engage one or more Inspectors, to visit and build up weak and indifferent courts, address public meetings where the interests of the Order require it, and push our Order in every promising locality in the province.

Experience convinces me that the large amount of work now daily devolving on the H.C.R. and High Secretary makes it almost impossible for them to accede to all the requests for their attendance made by subordinate courts.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence for the year has been large. In addition to that arising from the ordinary work of the office, 2,500 letters have been received and answered on the day of their receipt. Friendly and harmonious feeling has characterized all communications.

FINANCES.

Our Financial position is the pride of the High Court of Quebec.

Although the increase in membership during the past year did not fully come up to expectations, yet owing to a reduction in expenses we have lived within our means and, while extending the Order, have added \$2,106 64 to the previous handsome surplus, and there is now \$6,361 96 deposited in the four undermentioned Banks, viz.:

In the Montreal City and District Savings Bank	\$2 775 38
In the Banque du Peuple.....	1 021 49
In the Eastern Townships Bank.	1,105 48
In the Banque d' Hochelaga.....	\$62.63

Considerable interest has accrued, but as the two Banks first named, where our permanent reserve is kept, add the interest on August 31st and December 31st only, the last mentioned date is included in the amount appearing at those institutions.

CONCLUSION.

Permit me to thank the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts generally who by word and pen have expressed their good will and appreciation of my work, and who have, by their kindness, cheered me in my arduous duties.

I sincerely thank the High Chief Ranger for his weekly calls at my office, when I found his advice and assistance invaluable. I would also desire to record my sense of obligation to the members of the High Standing Committee, with whom I have been most intimately associated. I must especially express my thanks to Bro. Morin, P. E. C. R., for his valuable counsel and assistance on all matters concerning the welfare of the Order.

The business transactions with the Supreme Court have been conducted in a cheerful, harmonious spirit throughout the year. Our Supreme Chief Ranger paid us a visit at Montreal, when his important and valuable suggestions resulted in great benefit.

At the close of the Session, Brother Foresters, may you each return to your courts benefitted by our having come together, and as a kind Heavenly Father increases to us each year these seasons of friendly re-union, may we become more earnest and more faithful in the discharge of every duty devolving upon us, while misfortune shall have no more want to be relieved, and sorrow no more tears to be dried.

Respectfully submitted in the bonds of
Liberty, Benevolence and Concord,

JOHN W. STOCKS,
High Secretary.

The question of dividing the High Court was discussed at considerable length, but no definite action was taken.

The following officers were installed:—

H. C. R., Bro. F. S. McKay, Montreal.
H. V. C. R., P. Strathearn, Montreal.
H. S., John Stock, Sherbrooke.
H. T., A. Gosselin, Montreal.
H. P., A. Nadeau.
H. C., F. E. Roy.
High Auditors, Bros. E. Talbot and Rev. N. S. Hart.
High Inspectors, Bros. S. H. Rankin and A. H. Raymond.

The next session will be held at St. Hyacinthe.

The proceedings closed with the usual formalities.

New Brunswick.

The last Forestry year was the best in the history of New Brunswick.

The membership is now 4,763, being fifth among the High Courts of Canada.

During 1895-96 twenty-three new courts were organized. The number of deaths were 25.

Prompt payment of claims has greatly helped the officers in extending the Order and securing new members.

COURT LOYALIST, No. 121, with 197 members, is the banner court of the jurisdiction.

COURT ANDOVER, No. 626, celebrated their sixth anniversary of its institution by taking possession of a new hall, which was dedicated with appropriate Forestry ceremonies. The court has now 66 members. The record of work done since institution is most creditable.

The members of Court Belle Isle were honored last Saturday evening with a visit from the Supreme Counsellor, Judge Wedderburn. After being received with proper respect, His Honor delivered an address that will be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of hearing it. It is well known that the Supreme Counsellor ranks among the best of orators, and on that evening he seemed to excel himself. As he eloquently spoke on the principles and aims of Independent Forestry he held the court almost spellbound. He highly commended the fraternal spirit which he saw exemplified in Court Belle Isle. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Judge for his presence and excellent address. The Supreme Counsellor will always receive a most cordial welcome to this locality, and the members of the court feel like asking, "Will ye no' come back again?"

Manitoba.

We judge of the appreciation of our Manitoba readers by the impatience they show when the FORESTER is late in reaching them.

COURT KEEWATIN, No. 19, Rat Portage, feels quite at home in Manitoba, and is going to make a push for the honor of being the banner court. Go in and win.

Bro. Waddel, H.C.R., expects to visit every court in his jurisdiction before next High Court meeting.

The brethren of the High Court of the Prairie Province greatly enjoyed the presence of the Supreme Chief at their meeting in July.

There are four courts ready for initiation. It is expected that fifteen at least will be added to the list before next High Court meeting.

Considering population, Manitoba's net gain for the last Forestric year, compares favorably with other jurisdictions. It is greater, comparatively, than in the majority of High Courts.

With the gathering in of a good harvest in the province, the High Standing Committee are counting on a boom. That is, they believe, the conditions will be favorable for working one up, which they are prepared to do.

The addition of Court Keewatin, No. 19, Rat Portage, Ontario, to the High Court of Manitoba is a distinct gain for the High Court. Keewatin is a live court with a fine membership of upwards of 100. Proximity to Manitoba, and business and social affiliations were the reasons that led the court to ask for the change, and that influenced the High Court of Ontario to agree to it.

COURT GREENRIDGE, No. 1633.—The members of this live and stirring court held their annual picnic on July 1st. In every way the meeting was a success. The gathering was one of the largest ever seen on Green Ridge. The day was spent very pleasantly in games, speeches, etc. Dinner was served in the new Foresters' Hall, recently built by this enterprising and energetic court. The proceeds amounting to over \$100 were handed to the building committee, to enable them to put the finishing touches on our Forest Home. Greenridge is booming since Forestry has come to stay.

New York.

High Court Proceedings—Sixth Annual Meeting.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

ALBANY, N.Y., Sept. 8, 1896.

To the Officers and Representatives of the High Court of the State of New York:

The eighth session of the High Court of New York was opened at 10 a.m., with appropriate ceremonies; H. C. R. Bro. Morthorst in the Chair.

The Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, accompanied by the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, H.C.R., Ireland, were present and received a most enthusiastic reception. Both addressed the High Court.

Below we give a summary of the reports submitted.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

Through the inscrutable mysteries of a Divine Providence we have been permitted

to pass through another Forestric year with increased prosperity, and I have the pleasure of announcing that peace and loyalty reign supreme throughout our High Court jurisdiction.

The fundamental principles upon which our Order has been so well founded has made us compeers of the best fraternal associations in existence, and we now not only consider ourselves as earnest co-workers in a just cause, but belonging to an Order soon to lead all others in importance and security.

Happily no contention or controversy has disturbed the welfare of this jurisdiction during the past year, and I have deemed it inadvisable to assemble the High Standing Committee during the interim since last annual session, as the quiet and harmonious condition of our jurisdiction leaves little to be done, excepting the routine business performed by our efficient, faithful and untiring High Secretary.

I am gratified in the extreme to be able to report that no deaths have occurred among our High Court officers during the past year, and that none are ill at this time.

Our High Secretary's report is equally as interesting as of previous years, and exhibits our finances in a very satisfactory and prosperous condition, as is corroborated by the reports of the High Treasurer and High Auditors, and the assets of the High Court securely deposited in the authorized depository of the High Court.

All such Court Deputy High Chief Rangers as have been recommended to me by their several courts for appointment, have been duly commissioned in accordance with requirements of the constitution.

The efficiency of the District Deputies has been, in a general way, of incalculable service to the Order, and have been the means of preventing stagnation in several instances among weakened courts. It is through them that a more direct intercourse is kept up with matters pertaining especially to the High Court, and our experience with them justifies my recommendation that the system be continued. I have found it necessary, as our Order spreads over increased territory, to appoint six additional District Deputies over the number appointed by my predecessor.

Our organization work during the past year amply justifies me in complimenting our High Secretary for his indefatigable energy in crowding this work ahead to such a satisfactory result. Fifteen new courts have been instituted under this concentrated system of work, and, notwithstanding the hard times through which this country is passing, one more court has been established than during the previous year, and I feel it my duty to accord the praise to whom it is due. I desire also at this time to commend the general work of our High Secretary, and to accord to him the honor he so well deserves. Capable in the execution of the duties of his office, vigilant in guarding every interest of the Order, honorable to every trust reposed in him, until his long service has made him a reliable guide to the High Chief Ranger in

dealing with the many intricate questions constantly submitted for adjudication. I can offer no greater compliment than to reiterate the expressions of my predecessors in office, and to add my own experience as one appreciating the many kindnesses at his hands, and in this way to express my gratitude for his valuable counsel, for the general services rendered me and to compliment the High Court in the selection of such an efficient, trustworthy and capable officer.

The High Treasurer's report exhibits a very satisfactory result, and the finances for the past year have been handled by the High Secretary with his characteristic fidelity, prudence and conservatism.

In assuming the duties of the office of High Chief Ranger, I was conscious of the burdens of so grave a responsibility and of such high importance.

While we have again assembled for the purpose of transacting the business of this session, let us not forget how frail and fleeting are all our designs, and how important it is to carefully weigh our every act and consider our every step. It is not for the few alone but for the many to be on constant guard. Our future prosperity depends upon the maintenance of temperate, unselfish, upright lives in and out of court by all the brethren.

The foes from within are the most dangerous, and should be watched with lynx-eyed vigilance on all occasions, that the structure, so ably constructed, shall show no deterioration under our management.

I hereby return the gavel placed in my hands by your unanimous choice one year ago, and thank you most heartily for the honor then conferred and the assistance rendered throughout my term of office. May your deliberations be of a truly peaceful character, may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue unite you in the bonds of Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. MORTHORST,
High Chief Ranger.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1896.

To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Representatives of the High Court of New York:

BRETHREN,—Continued success enables us to make a satisfactory report of our labors during the past year, and to congratulate all who have lent a helping hand upon the favorable results that we are able to exhibit.

More than ever, since our existence as a High Court, have we been compelled to battle with the hard times during the past year, and yet, through the beneficent influence of an all-wise Creator, we have been even more successful than the most sanguine could have, under the circumstances, anticipated.

That we are engaged in a good cause, in the defence and protection of the widow and the orphan, is apparent from the continued success we are achieving in face of persistent opposition and the dullness of trade throughout our jurisdiction.

The organization work has been persistently pushed, and the results, taking everything

into consideration, are most gratifying. The members are becoming interested in the work, and have aided materially in forming courts in their own neighborhoods. The results of persistent work in many of the courts demonstrates that the members are alive to the situation, and are lending a helping hand to carry out the spirit inculcated of making this the greatest Order of its kind in existence. The pleasant rivalry among High Courts continues, and we are not only holding our own but have gained a little in our position.

A copy of the renewal of the license to do business in the State of New York, granted and issued to the Home Office by the Hon. James F. Pierce, Commissioner of Insurance of this State, has been forwarded to me by the said commissioner, and will convey a gratifying assurance to all that our security is assured under such a license, granted from an office known by all engaged in the insurance business to be the most technical in its requirements.

With the assurance this conveys it has been very pleasing to note during the past year that several officers of Grand Lodges and Supreme Bodies of other Orders, doing business in this State, have acknowledged our worth and stability, have recognized our splendid reserve fund and have become members with us, in each case taking out the largest policy we had at our command, viz. : \$5,000.00.

Our assets continue greater than our liabilities, and the same business methods and management have enabled us to exhibit our finances in a much better condition than formerly.

It is gratifying in the extreme to note the interest that is being manifested by the officers of the various courts, and the regularity and promptness with which their court affairs are being conducted. Secretaries are becoming more familiar with their duties, and reports and fees are received with greater regularity. I take great pleasure in complimenting the Court Deputies and Secretaries for the great assistance they are rendering, and desire to thank them sincerely for their kindnesses during the past year.

The labors of this office are continually increasing, both in the volume of correspondence and the additional petty detail incident to such rapid growth and increase in number of courts. The attention of correspondents is directed to the Constitution, where is to be found the solution of all controversies and directions in the performance of all duties. If after a careful research and study you are unable to act understandingly, you should then write a letter of enquiry, and not until your search has proved unavailing. You will thus avoid causing a search to be made at this office, from the same Constitution, and requiring the section to be pointed out to you.

To the High Chief Ranger I desire to express my sincere thanks for the many acts of fraternal courtesy extended to me, and my appreciation of the many kindnesses accorded me through our associations in the work of the High Court during its existence.

To my colleagues my grateful appreciation is extended for the continued and prevailing harmony that has at all times existed among us.

To my friend and brother, Oronhyatekha, M. D., our Supreme Chief Ranger, I desire to extend the hand of fellowship and brotherly love, and to earnestly and sincerely express my grateful acknowledgements for his able advice and counsel, to assure him of the loyalty of the brethren of this State, and to extend to him a most cordial and hearty greeting upon this occasion.

I desire to express my grateful considerations to my friend and brother, our Supreme Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q. C., M. P., for the innumerable courtesies extended to me, and for the promptness and attention all correspondence receives in passing through his office.

I humbly crave the indulgence and forbearance of the brethren for any errors or omissions that may have occurred in the performance of the arduous duties of an office replete with so much petty detail.

Appreciating all favors at your hands and the earnest efforts made to strengthen the Order in the State during the days of its pioneer work, may I again entreat you to push the good work, redoubling your assiduity and endeavoring at least to emulate those having this great work in charge.

I herewith submit the following report of all matters of interest pertaining to the detail of my office as required by the Constitution :

Total number of Subordinate Courts under jurisdiction of High Court of New York, July 1, 1895.....	134
Number of Subordinate Courts having become defunct during year ended July, 1, 1896, viz.: East New York and Rodman.....	2
Number of Subordinate Courts having lapsed through consolidation with other Courts, viz.: Syracuse No. 958 with United States No. 1050; Louisiana No. 1721 with Alabama No. 1708; Bohemia No. 1729 with Mecca No. 1686; Fulton No. 1792 with Brooklyn City No. 1697; Decatur No. 1784, and Keramos No. 1832 with Reid No. 1803.	6
Number of Subordinate Courts instituted by Supreme Court during year ended July 1, 1896.....	18
Number of Subordinate Courts instituted by High Court during year ended July 1, 1896.....	15
Total number of Subordinate Courts July 1, 1896.....	159
Membership July 1, 1895.....	5,067
Membership added from July 1, 1895, to July 1, 1896.....	2,212
Total membership July 1, 1896.....	7,279

Faithfully yours in L., B & C.,

CHARLES R. FITZGERALD,
High Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Bro. Chas. W. Lerch, Treasurer, reported Receipts,.....\$6,990.22
And a balance in Treasury on July 1, 1896, of..... 5,140.61
The excess of assets over all liabilities being..... 2,611.83

The High Auditors, Bros. Van Alstine and Baker, bear high testimony to the way in which the High Secretary and High Treasurer's books are kept, and compliment Bro. FitzGerald upon the prudence, integrity and efficiency with which he has managed the affairs of his office.

The following officers were duly installed :

ELECTED OFFICERS.

- H. C. R.—Dr. C. A. Kendall, Buffalo.
- P. H. C. R.—Wm. F. Morthorst, Rochester.
- H. V. C. R.—C. W. Lerch, Rochester.
- H. Sec.—Charles R. FitzGerald, Buffalo.
- H. Treas.—H. J. Snook, Watertown.
- H. Phy.—Sylvester Rowe, Brooklyn.
- H. Coun.—Hon. O. P. Stockwell, Att'y, Attica.

H. Auditors—Thomas Baker, Rochester, and Frank W. Ames, Morristown.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

- H. Chap.—Rev. W. G. Thrall, Schenectady.
- H. J. Sec'y—G. S. Phillips, Hammond.
- H. S. W.—H. J. Sirmeling, Rochester.
- H. J. W.—Frank Brown, Oswego.
- H. S. B.—J. F. Maddever, Niagara Falls.
- H. J. B.—George A. Ford, Syracuse.
- H. M.—Luther C. Warner, Albany.
- H. Con.—W. A. Trowbridge, Watertown.
- H. Mes.—W. W. Holmes, Redwood.

Next place of meeting, Malone, N. Y., second Tuesday in September, 1897.

High Court of New York.

In pursuance of instructions received from the Supreme Chief Ranger, Col. A. B. Caldwell, P. S. C. R., of Syracuse, recently consolidated Court Manlius, No. 740, with Court De Sono, of East Syracuse. Court De Sono regarding this as an eventful occasion had invited the ladies and their friends, and after listening attentively to an interesting speech by Past Supreme Chief Ranger Col. A. B. Caldwell, were entertained by resolving themselves into an ice cream and cake party. It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to be present upon occasions when the Colonel is officiating, for we are reminded that he founded the Order 22 years ago, and that in his sixty-ninth year he cannot be expected to keep up such activity for many years longer, yet he belongs to a family of pronounced longevity, and has the vigor of a man of forty. Always willing to do yeoman service while his strength holds out, and ever mindful of the love he bears the Order he founded so many years ago, let us pay him the homage due his long and meritorious service, and honor him upon all proper occasions.

A gala day was that in which the court at Morristown entertained about 3,000 people on the 27th of last month, when nature vied

with the enthusiastic Forester to make the event the most enjoyable of its kind in that part of the State. Brethren from Hammond, Brier Hill, De Peyster, and Heuvelton attended, and Terrace Park never wore a more inviting or a more beautiful decorated appearance; and as the 42nd Battalion Band, under the leadership of Prof. Stinson, dis course its sweet strains in the open air, the great mass of people appeared to enjoy nature to its fullest extent. After dinner a procession of all the brethren present, headed by the 42nd Battalion Band, proceeded through the park to the grove, where the exercises began by the execution of the following programme:

Invocation..... Rev. C. O. Thatcher
 Address of Welcome..... S. S. Cobb
 Singing..... Hammond Glee Club
 Selection..... Band
 Recitation..... Miss Maud Pierce
 Singing..... Hammond Glee Club
 Address..... Rev. Bro. South
 Recitation—Chariot Race.....
 Miss Alberta Loring
 Address..... Bro. D. A. Ferguson

The addresses by Brothers Smith and Ferguson were able and instructive, and pointed out plainly the great benefits of the noble Order under whose name they were gathered. The singing of the Hammond Glee Club also brought forth rounds of applause.

After the exercises had commenced, the athletic sports were culled, and proved highly attractive.

An evening programme of speeches, recitations, songs, etc., brought an enjoyable day to a close. Court Morriston has reason to be gratified with the day's success.

A new court was recently organized at Depaw by the popular organizer, Bro. Jas. Boddy, of New York city, and by the assistance of H. C. R. Dr. C. A. Kendall instituted the same with an excellent staff of officers. At the close of the meeting the members enjoyed a banquet prepared by mine host of the Cleveland House, and the court started off with excellent prospects.

P. S. C. R. Col. A. B. Caldwell, and the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, High Chief Ranger of Ireland, attended the second anniversary of Court Electric City at the City of Schenectady on Wednesday, Sept. 9. They were escorted by about 100 of the brethren with their uniformed Drum Corps and conducted to the opera house where a large audience was in attendance, and were enthusiastically received and warmly welcomed by Bro. Jacob Clute, Mayor of the city and the Rev. W. G. Thrall, High Chaplain, both members of Court Electric City of Schenectady. Entertaining speeches were made by the guests of the evening and were applauded to the echo. The evening's entertainment was interspersed with some local talent of a musical character, concluding with a sumptuous banquet and hop. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speakers and the entertainment ended in a round of hand shaking.

A very pleasant surprise awaited the returning Buffalo delegation from High Court

session, especially to Bro. Dr. Charles A. Kendall who was recently elected unani mously to fill the highest office in that body. Upon the arrival of the train bearing the delegation about 1,200 brethren welcomed them home and proceeded to march through the prominent thoroughfares, with the returning delegates and High Chief Ranger, Dr. Kendall in carriages, to Fidelity Hall. Bro. George P. Martin, chairman of the committee of arrangements, called the meeting to order and introduced ex-Judge Hon. Jacob Stern, Past High Chief Ranger, who made a short address, after which he introduced the newly elected High Chief Ranger, who returned his thanks in a few well chosen words. A surprise was brought about by Bro. John Butler, of Court East Buffalo, presenting the H. C. R. with a token of remembrance from the brethren of Buffalo, consisting of a solid ivory, gold mounted gavel. After a suitable response was given by an expression of his thanks for the elegant memento. Dr. Kendall gave a brief account of the last session and at its conclusion the meeting adjourned to the banquet room where an hour was enjoyed in a social way.

COURT FT. SCHUYLER, No. 1510, of Utica, N. Y., has now passed the half century mark, and things are booming in the court. New members are coming right along, and we are in hopes that in one year from this month to be able to count at least one hundred and fifty members. The court will give a trolley ride on Sept. 23d, tickets are being sold very fast, and it bids fair to be a great success, as everything is relating to the Foresters. Our aim in giving this ride is not for cash, but to advertise the Foresters.

COURT CHAUNCY, Lancaster, is one of the latest additions to the Order in the Empire State. James Boddy, the state organizer, had secured a large charter list, but owing to a number being detained away by work only about twenty-five were present. Dr. Kendall, High Vice-Chief Ranger of the state of New York, was the initiating officer.

After the regular meeting, the company repaired to the dining room of the hotel and partook of a lunch prepared for the occasion. Dr. Kendall presided, and after justice had been done to the spread, he spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present as instituting officer of this new court. Other remarks were made by O. T. Taylor, Dr. Ewell, E. J. Durbin, James Boddy, and A. L. Chandler.

The court starts off under very encouraging circumstances, and it is prophesied that it will be a large and influential one.

On August 6th, Col. Caldwell dedicated the hall at No. 120 North Salina-street, Syracuse, N. Y., and christened it "Foresters' Hall, I. O. F." The hall is very neatly and artistically furnished and decorated, wherein three courts meet.

Court Hermon is agitating, and, with prospects of success, a Foresters' Temple at Hermon. The brethren are enthusiastic and evidently mean business.

Court Clayton will hold a "field day" for the members of their court and courts of the surrounding country, to which the Supreme and High Court officers have been invited.

The court at Gananoque was also invited and a good time is anticipated. August 21st is the day set for the demonstration and no doubt a good time will be had.

Court Electric City has enjoyed one of its greatest pleasures and the members participating will long remember the excursion given under their auspices, the net proceeds of which, after paying everything, amounted to two hundred dollars. A great share of the credit is due to the indefatigable Chief Ranger, Bro. Shelmerdine, also Bros F. DeGraff and L. Steiner, for the energy displayed and the good taste and judgement exercised in all the arrangements. The ladies and children enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. What ever Court Electric City sets out to do the result can confidentially be assured. Bro. Samuel Barlowe the popular C. D. H. C. R. also Bro. C. J. Lampard the District Deputy for Schenectady and Albany counties added to the pleasures of the excursion.

Court West side on Monday Aug. 3rd gave its third "annual outing" down Niagara river to the "Bedell House." The steamer Riverside carried a large party in the morning and was followed by another in the afternoon. This summer excursion has become quite a feature with the members of Court West Side and their families. Lunch baskets predominated over other articles of baggage and at noon a general spread was had, and, together with the children, perfect enjoyment reigned supreme. Games of several sorts were indulged in. Boating, fishing and bathing came in for their share, and, at the hour to return by the good, staunch steamer Riverside, there was a tired but happy lot of people who were as one in the declaration that they had enjoyed themselves to the uttermost and were willing to accord all the pleasures to the untiring efforts of the committee of general affairs.

Syracuse has six courts now, and the Order is in a more favorable condition than ever before. Another court is almost ready for institution, and the home of the "Founder" prospers without the flourish of horns or tinkling cymbals. Independent Forestry leads all other fraternal orders in Syracuse, and too much praise cannot be meted out to our respected and venerated Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Col. Caldwell, for his pioneer work in the Salina City. The *Syracuse Sunday Times* makes the following report of the dedicating service. Court United States, No. 1050, held a fine meeting on Thursday evening, notwithstanding rain and the hottest weather. It was an occasion of dedicating the new hall as a Foresters home. Prior to the dedication, Colonel Caldwell, P. S. C. R., presented to Court United States, a neatly framed picture of the grave of Bro. John Vortigern, who died two years ago. The grave a year ago was decorated with flowers on Decoration day, and a report of the fraternal ceremonies, as published in the *Times*.

is enclosed within the frame, which makes a fine memorial of the departed brother. Bro. Caldwell said: "Brethren, it is with deep emotion that I recall to your memory tonight an event which occurred two years ago, the sudden demise of Bro. John Vortigern, an event which cast this court into mourning. He had been an Ancient English Forester in London, but on coming here he enlisted as a charter member of this court, and was a loyal and active brother, and we have been true to our vows and obligations to him, by demonstrating to the public that the brotherhood of man exists in the Independent Order of Foresters, and that we cherish the memory of every worthy brother when he departs this life. I ask you, my brothers, to accept this personal gift, for safe keeping, and may God grant to us many years before we are compelled to honor the memory of a brother in a like fashion."

Chief Ranger Jacob Pilger accepted the gift for the court in fitting terms and fraternally thanked the donor. He then turned the chair over to Past Chief Ranger A. S. Howe, who prepared the room for dedication. The additional court officers were: P. C. R., R. Chalfee; George S. Ford, Recording and Financial Secretary; Lynn S. Randall, Treasurer; Adolph Schwartz, Senior Woodward; Fred Connors, Junior Woodward; Christ C. King, Senior Beadle. The acting Supreme officers who filed into court, accepted the hall keys from Chief Ranger Howe and performed the dedication ceremonies impressively, were Col. A. B. Caldwell as S. C. R.; Jacob Pilger, S. V. C. R.; Dr. John A. Belch, Supreme Marshal; Larry Banford, Supreme Chap.; W. P. Park, Supreme Senior Beadle; N. A. H. Moore, Supreme Herald, East; Dr. Alexander Henderson, Supreme Herald, West; Henry Smingler, Supreme Herald, North; Frederick Belch, Supreme Herald, South. Representatives from five courts participated in the event, namely: Courts United States, Caldwell and Motor, which meet in this hall; Court Onondoga of this city and Court Gananoque, Canada, across the river from Clayton, N. Y.

COURT TONAWANDA, No. 624, gave an At Home Tuesday, August 24th. Dr. Kendall, H. V. C. R., gave an admirable address. Music was furnished by Schuler's Orchestra of Buffalo. A large number of visiting brethren were present and a right good time enjoyed.

COURT EAST BUFFALO, No. 1184.—The members of the social club of this court paid a visit to East Aurora to aid in establishing a court there. They were hospitably received by Mr. and Mrs. Bodimer. Addresses were given on the principles and benefits of the Order. East Aurora will soon have a court. The local paper makes a mistake in saying the function took place on Sunday—six days in the week are ample for the promotion of Forestry.

NOTES.

'Rah for New York.

First place for August.

We hope to hold it for September.

Not a single court in arrears for dues or supplies. What High Court can show an equally clean sheet.

Net gain in membership for 1895-96, 2,212. This looks very much like the best gain made by any High Court.

For the fifth time Bro. Charlie Fitzgerald has been unanimously elected High Secretary, and who will say that the honor has not been deserved.

Ohio.

HIGH COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The ninth annual meeting of the High Court was held at Sandusky Sept. 11th and 15th.

There was a good attendance of officers and representatives. Bro. G. A. Harper, P.H.C.R. of the jurisdiction, and A.S.C.R., was present, representing the Supreme Chief Ranger.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

SANDUSKY, OHIO, September 15, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the High Court of Ohio, I.O.F., Greeting:

Less than a year ago I was installed into office as your High Chief Ranger, and at that time took an obligation to hold the jewels of my office as unsoiled as when I received them. To-day it is my pleasure to report to you my stewardship while I have been in office. From that you may judge whether or not I have returned the jewels of my office untarnished.

The High Chief Ranger of Ohio has reason to thank the Supreme Ruler of the universe for the prosperity of the Order in our State during the year, and also for the prosperity of the Order at large.

The report of the High Secretary last October showed a membership of 3,464, while at present our membership numbers over 4,500, which to me is very satisfactory, when the state of trade is considered in Ohio, and the fact that we have been entirely on our own resources for organizing.

Every time we meet in annual session, we are met with encouraging statements from the Supreme Executive, and inasmuch as we have more to encourage us this time than ever, we ought the more fully appreciate the able management of our Executive Council, as I trust we all do.

My relations with the Supreme Executive have been most pleasant.

My relations with the High Standing Committee have also been very pleasant. I can truthfully say, as did the Hon. Rutherford B. Hayes, "Mine has been a peaceful reign, for which I am very grateful."

I had the pleasure of instituting the following courts: Vigilant, No. 3100, with 26 members; McPherson, No. 3155, with 25 members; Iodonian, No. 3162, with 26 members; East Toledo, No. 3182, with 35 members.

Court Black Diamond, No. 3007, Jackson, Ohio, was instituted by Bro. W. S. Andress, with 35 members.

Court Fireland, Norwalk, Ohio, instituted October 9, 1895, by Bro. A. J. Messenger, with 24 members.

Thus we are with pleasure able to present these courts, none of them with less than a membership of 21, with good prospects for increasing their numbers.

Our financial condition was never better than it is at the present time, and to verify my statement would most respectfully refer you to the report of our High Secretary.

Shortly after the meeting of the High Court, I sent out a circular letter, calling upon all the courts in my jurisdiction to make an effort to double their membership during the year, and some of them have responded nobly. A large percentage of the courts have increased their membership.

No appeals or grievances will be presented to you, to my knowledge, as all matters of this character have been settled through the efforts of the High Secretary and High Chief Ranger.

I have been enabled to visit personally 35 of the courts in Ohio, and it has also been my pleasure to address 16 public meetings on the subject of "Forestry."

I am deeply indebted to Excelsior Encampment, No. 32, of the Royal Foresters for services rendered in visiting courts.

I take much pleasure in recommending the appointment of a High Court Inspector as soon as the funds of the High Court will permit.

I also recommend that a more liberal spirit be shown to Organizers; this will enable them to do their work properly, and enable them to pay all their bills before leaving any town or city.

I now take this opportunity of thanking all members for courtesies extended to me during my term of office. Any mistakes made by me, I assure you, have not been of the heart; so I trust that over my shortcomings you have thrown the broad mantle of charity. I fully appreciate the honor of the office that it has been my privilege to fill this Forestry year.

My prayer is that God may continue to bless and prosper our beloved Order.

Fraternally yours in L. B. & C.,

W. G. PHILIP, H.C.R.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the High Court of Ohio, I.O.F., Greeting:

For the second time, I now present to you my report for the past year as High Secretary of Ohio, this being the ninth annual report of the Order in this State.

It is with a considerable degree of satisfaction in being able to demonstrate the usefulness and growth of the Order in spite of the many drawbacks during the year, of which our High Chief Ranger has well covered in his report to you and need not be referred to here in these minutes.

Although the Supreme Ruler of the universe has taken from us many brothers, He has been more than kind in preserving the peace and harmony in our ranks and allowed the continued work to increase, and for these

blessings let us bow our head in thank'ul reverence to Him who doeth all things well.

During the Forestric year past, I have visited officially many courts, and have installed the officers of three Subordinate Courts.

I had anticipated the pleasure of reviewing the practical management of the Order in this State with you, that we might derive the advantage from the combined experience and criticisms of those familiar with such work who are present with us, but the exigency of the hour will not permit the full discussion.

The High Standing Committee has held two sessions during the year, the first at Mansfield, the second at Toledo.

Nine new courts were instituted during the year. The total number is now 94, and the membership 4,500.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWS.

Balance on hand.....	
September 1, 1895.....	\$1,189 01
Received from High.....	
Secretary.....	327 02
Total.....	\$4,596 03
Disbursed as per vouchers..	3,166 94
Balance on hand.....	
September 1, 1895.....	\$1,229 09

The following officers were duly installed by Bro. Harper, A.S.C.R.:-

HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

H.C.R., J. D. Clark, Dayton.
 H.V.C.R., D. E. Rogers, Alliance.
 H. Sec'y, E. P. Hawley, Cleveland.
 H. Treas., Rev. L. E. Prentiss, Dayton.
 H. Phys., J. B. Willsok, M.D., Cincinnati.
 H. Com., W. H. Miller, Dayton.
 H. Aud., W. L. Burdard, Cleveland.
 H. Aud., C. E. Murgerson, Middletown.

APPOINTED.

H. Chap., J. B. Clingerman, Springfield.
 H. Sr. W., C. L. Dennis, Cleveland.
 H. Jr. W., W. G. Patterson, Mansfield.
 H. Sr. Bead., M. C. Cameron, Woodville.
 H. Jr. Bead., C. H. Everett, Sandusky.
 H. Marshall, J. C. Law, Cleveland.
 H. Cond., E. L. Baell, Cleveland.
 H. Mess., Jos. Zender, Dayton.
 H. Jr. Sec'y., L. Robeck, Cleveland.

NOTES.

The meeting was the best attended in the history of the High Court. The proceedings were carried on in a business-like manner, and the best feeling prevailed.

The High Standing Committee for 1894-97 enter up on their duties resolved to improve on all former records.

The Royal Encampments from Mansfield and Cleveland, accompanied by their bands, were present and made a fine appearance, and were received with enthusiasm.

The next meeting will be held at Conneaut. By that time it is expected that the membership of the State will be 2,000 more than at present.

Bro. Harper, A.S.C.R., speaks in high terms of the courtesy shown him by the members of his mother High Court.

COURT AWANATUK, No. 77, Conneaut, was organized eighteen months ago with 14 members. It now has 70, and is adding from three to five nightly. The High Court of Ohio is to meet there next year, it will then probably be the banner court of the state.

Illinois.

Illinois stands *third* for August, with 175 accepted applications.

This jurisdiction is rapidly making a good place for itself among the thirty-two High Courts of the Order.

Bro. A. E. Stevenson, D.S.C.R., High Chief Ranger of Illinois and American Agent, is to be congratulated on his excellent work. He fought the battles of the I.O.F. skilfully and bravely, and is now reaping the fruits of victory.

COURT GOOD INTENT, No. 1622, gave an entertainment at Mahoke's new hall, corner Twenty-sixth and Butler Streets on August 20th, which was a great success. Last winter, when this court gave an entertainment, the hall was crowded and overflowing, and Bro. Mahoke announced that he would build a new hall, so in case one was not large enough the court could have two for their entertainments, which he did, the hall just being finished, and this was their first entertainment since the completion. The programme was carried out in an excellent manner.

A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R., made a very able address, and cited several cases where the Order had made very prompt payment of claims in the past few months in that city.

W. R. Gillette, D.S.C.R., showed the duty of every man to provide for his family, and it could not be better performed than by joining this Order.

After the entertainment, refreshments were served in abundance.

COURT INDEPENDENCE, No. 1792, held its first annual picnic at Gardner's Park, 123rd Street and Michigan Avenue, on August 23d. About 5,000 attended, and never in Chicago was an affair of the kind better conducted by any society. The members of several courts and friends brought their wives and children, and all enjoyed themselves. Court Independence has now a membership of over 200, and has on hand over 50 applications. It is now the banner court of Illinois, and the members, who are all enthusiastic workers, are determined to make it the banner court of the world before 1897, and we believe they will do it. In fact, when we consider that this court was organized only on March 6th last, with nine members, and that it has now over 200 members, we don't doubt for a moment that they will keep their word.

At the last meeting of the court, Bros. Doucher, H.T.; Schafer, H.C.; Pierson,

P.H.C.R.; and Stevenson. H.C.R., were present, and made short and stirring addresses.

W. P. Clancey, Chief Ranger of Court Independent, No. 1792, is proving to be a valuable worker in Chicago. Bro. Clancey is sergeant of police, and was a member of the "Illinois" Order for about twelve years. Leaving that order in March last, he and eight others, members of Court Union, No. 41, of Illinois Order, formed Court Independent. At their first meeting they initiated 27, and next meeting 43; July 1st had 178, and now over 200, and expect to keep on increasing. Through the efforts of Bro. Clancey, Court Bun Oak, 3203, at Hegewisch was organized, also Court Colehour last month, and still he keeps on, and Tuesday Aug. 11th he and H.C.R. Stevenson instituted another court at 53rd and Union Ave. Chicago. This work all being done by him for the good of the Order without any recompense whatever, says that he will soon have 500 members in Court Independent, as this court has several good workers and all are working with Bro. Clancey in a very hearty manner.

The High Standing Committee of Illinois have decided to offer all members in their jurisdiction that bring in two beneficiary members by Nov. 1st, a handsome lapel button. This button will be made especially for the members of Illinois, and we would like to see every member of the Order wearing one of these buttons after Nov. 1st.

COURT WHITE CITY, No. 1629, of Chicago, have settled down to work in good shape. Saturday night, Aug. 8th, they held a special meeting and invited the High Standing Committee of Illinois to be present, and although a very hot night, most of the committee returned out, and found twenty candidates present for initiation. The initiation was conducted by the High Court Officers next to the satisfaction of the members present. After court adjourned, several of the wives and sweethearts of the members, together with friends, was found waiting and was invited into the hall, when Dr. Lunenberg, Court Physician, acting as chairman, called meeting to order and short addresses were made by H.C.R. Stevenson, H.S. Richards, H. Treas. Donohy, H. Coun. Schaefer and Bro. Golden, one of the acting members of Court White City, who read some of the history of Forestry of olden times, and showed Forestry was one of the first fraternities in the world. After this part of the programme, ice cream and refreshments were furnished in abundance, and the visitors went away determined to be Foresters or Forester's wives in the near future. This court expects to have an other class of twenty to initiate next month, and soon expects to be in the foremost ranks, and we have no doubt but what they will, judging by the class of new members initiated.

Mrs. C. Eisenhaur, of Lunenberg, N.S., expresses her thanks for payment of \$1000.00 amount of Mortuary Benefit carried by her late husband, Bro. Eisenhaur.

Minnesota.

High Court Meeting.

PROCEEDINGS OF EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The eighth annual session of the High Court of Minnesota was held at Red Wing on August 12th. The session was called to order at ten a.m. by the High Chief Ranger. After hearing the reports of the officers and the appointment of the usual committees, an adjournment was taken until 2:30 p.m. Upon reassembling, the reports of the committees were taken up and considered. The only question exciting much discussion being a recommendation of the Committee on Laws to hold biennial sessions of the High Court. After considerable argument his proposition was finally voted down, and the sessions will continue to be held annually.

From the reports of the officers it appears that the Order has increased in this jurisdiction, from one thousand five hundred and eighty-two, July 1st, 1895, to twenty-four hundred, July 1st, 1896, and the number of courts has increased from forty two to fifty-one.

J. A. McGilivray, Supreme Secretary, was present, and in the evening delivered an eloquent address upon the fraternal features of the Order.

The following are the officers elected and appointed:

High Chief Ranger—J. C. O'Keefe, Minneapolis.

High Vice-Chief Ranger—F. C. Irwin, Belle Plaine.

High Secretary—G. H. O'Neill, St. Paul.

High Treasurer—E. N. Young, Minneapolis.

High Physician—Dr. F. W. Dimmitt, Red Wing.

High Counsellor—T. J. McErmott, St. Paul.

High Journal Secretary—J. H. Barnard, St. Paul.

High Chaplain—S. F. Fullerton, Duluth.

High Senior Woodward—B. F. Maceman, Winona.

High Junior Woodward—J. C. Lewis, Minneapolis.

High Senior Beadle—J. W. Rielly, St. Paul.

High Junior Beadle—F. J. Leonard, Jordan.

High Marshall—F. A. Whitner, Minneapolis.

High Conductor—Dr. E. O. Cosman, Minneapolis.

High Messenger—Geo. F. Edwards, Stillwater.

High Auditors—W. J. Sheehy, Montgomery; D. A. Pellett, Minneapolis.

It was voted to hold the next meeting of the High Court at Winona.

NOTES.

The Supreme Secretary was delighted with his visit.

Minnesota should add at least 2,000 to its membership during the current Forestry year.

The two O's have been re-elected to the most important positions in the High Court.

Proof that Bro. O'Keeffe did his duty as H. C.R., and Bro. O'Neil his as H.S.

The invitation from the Foresters of Duluth to the "working Editor," to be present at the reception given to the "Chief" on July 25th, has just been received. On that day he was at Victoria, B.C. To be present would have been a delight, both on account of the hosts and the guest they were honoring.

A recent communication from Court Stillwater, No. 1035, Minnesota, speaks in high terms of the promptness with which the mortuary benefit of the late Bro. John Kelly was paid, and also of the fraternal spirit shown by the members, not only of the court to which the brother belonged, but of other courts. The best way to commend the Order is to live up to its principles.

California.

On July the 4th last, at Los Angeles, Cal., there was held one of the grandest 4th of July demonstrations ever held in that city of its kind. The parade was especially fine; it consisted of 10 divisions. The 1st Brigade Royal Foresters of California occupied the whole of the 6th division. First came the Los Angeles City Band, then the "Royals," gorgeous in their uniforms and the regalia of the Order, their prancing horses, nodding plumes and glittering trappings making the finest showing of anything in the line. At their head rode Brig. General G. A. McElfresh on a beautiful white horse, and immediately behind came the Brigade Staff Officers, all finely mounted and formed in columns of three, as follows: H. S. Eberle, Ass't. Adj. Gen.; W. H. Perry, Judge Advocate Gen.; L. Dearth, M.D., Surg. Gen.; C. M. Young, Insp. Gen.; O. H. Nunnally, Quarter-Master Gen.; Aides-de-Camp, C. D. Howry, F. Leach, W. E. Revis.

1st Regiment Royal Foresters of California formed the 2nd detachment, under the command of S. R. McCready, Colonel, and R. W. Martin, Ass't Col., H. Hersfeldt, Major, R. E. E. Wirshing, Major, and Captains Billmeyer, Badham and Smith. 3rd detachment: Los Angeles Encampment, No. 17 in command of Capt. C. Freeman, Sergeants Williams and Marsh, all finely mounted. California challenges the world on having the best organized, best drilled and most efficient body of Royal Foresters in the world.

The Rev. C. C. McLean, a noted divine of Los Angeles city, and who delivered the anniversary oration on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary services held in that city, was made a Forester-at-sight by G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., and attached to Court Morris Vineyard, wherein he applied and was accepted for a \$5,000 certificate and also joined the court's local Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, which pays a weekly benefit of \$7.00 during sickness and disability, and \$50 towards funeral expenses. (I enclose programme of the exercises, also a copy of Bro. McLean's oration which I hope that you will publish in full, as I consider it one of the most practi-

cal sermons on Forestry that I have ever heard.)

Bro. McElfresh, H.C.R. of Cal., does not allow the "grass to grow under his feet," when work is to be done. During his present term he has delivered 79 public addresses, publicly installed the officers of 14 courts, held 1 private installations, attended 26 private meetings of courts, reorganized 1 defunct court, instituted 4 new courts, and has travelled over 9,000 miles on stage and rail in the prosecution of this work. What High Chief can show a better record in seven months?

Members of Court Orange, No. 827, I.O.F., and their friends, to the number of about 125, held a very pleasant social re-union in their hall on Monday evening last. G. A. McElfresh, High Chief Ranger of this state, was present and delivered a witty and telling address, illustrated by anecdotes and abounding in plain statements on the welfare of the order. A quartette from the Arion Club, consisting of Messrs. Ernest Parker, Evan Davis, Henry Lockwood and D. C. Pixley, gave two musical selections. Light refreshments, consisting of ice-cream and cake, were served. The evening was most happily spent and will no doubt be the means of adding to the strength and effectiveness of the Order.

DELIGHTFUL MEETING.

A large and appreciative audience was in attendance at the public meeting, held by Court Alfalfa, I.O.F., at Santongue's Hall, June 20th. The orchestra played an overture which was followed with recitations by Miss Bessie Leland and Madge Crum. After another beautiful rendition by the orchestra, master of ceremonies, D. M. Crum, in a neat little speech introduced the speaker of the evening, High Chief Ranger, G. A. McElfresh, who gave a very interesting talk on the rights, privileges and benefits of the Order, to the delight of all present.

Next High Court Session of the High Court of California will be held at San Jose, beginning Oct. 13th, and I most respectfully ask your attendance, and assure you a royal welcome, such as California has always given you. Please let me know at as early a date as possible if you can favor us with your presence. I will be especially pleased to arrange for your entertainment.

CALIFORNIA NOTES.

COURT MORRIS VINEYARD, Los Angeles, has added 198 members in the past few months. Court Los Angeles had better keep moving on.

Among the pleasing functions awaiting the Chief is the dedication of Forester Temple in Los Angeles. One of the best equipped fraternal homes in the state.

The H.C.R. addressed a large enthusiastic audience at Buena Park on Aug. 18th. The meeting was held under the auspices of Court Buena, No. 3063. A fine programme was rendered, after which ice cream with cake was served. The affair was considered the

largest attended and most successful one ever held there.

The change in the date of the Chief's meeting at San Francisco is partly due to a desire on the part of some of the delegates to meet Dr. Oronhyatekha at such meeting. This they can do, as they will then be on their way to the High Court meeting at San Jose.

COURT WESTMINSTER, No. 891, held a grand public meeting on the occasion of the visit of the H.C.R. on Aug. 24th. It was a big advertisement for the court, which has always been benefited by the annual visits of the H.C.R., as the whole country-side turns out to hear G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., talk Forestry, and tell his funny stories.

COURT CALIFORNIA, No. 4510 of Riverside, received an official visit from Bro. G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., on August 21st, when a large number of its 200 members were present to receive the High Chief, who addressed the court on the many benefits that accrue to them as Foresters. This court has increased its membership 53 during the past year, and there is no finer body of men in the state.

Iowa.

COURT DES MOINES, No. 1059.—On August 5th, the members of this court gave their first excursion and picnic. A full ship load of Foresters and their friends enjoyed the day. Athletic sports was the chief pastime. Court Polk carried off the honors in the quoit competition. The affair was so successful that it will be made annual.

High Court of Pennsylvania.

First Annual Session.

The High Court of Pennsylvania which was instituted July 13th, 1895, met in first annual session at Erie, Pa. at 11 a.m., August 17th with the following officers present:

H.C.R., G. W. Strickland, Titusville; H. V. C.R., G. W. Wickham, Erie; H. Sec., W. H. Punchard, Philadelphia; H. Treas., H. E. Crumbacher, Altoona; H. Coun., A. S. Fisher, Altoona; H. Chap., C. A. Conn, Erie; H.S.W., J. H. Langhans, Pittsburg.

After the report of the Committee on Credentials, the High Court degree was then conferred upon those present.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following committees:

State of the Order.—C. C. Bennett, W. S. Clark, A. S. Fisher.

Constitutions and Laws.—H. E. Crumbacher, G. W. Wickham, A. S. Fisher.

On Credentials.—W. H. Punchard, A. S. Fisher, H. E. Crumbacher.

On Finance and Auditing.—C. C. Bennett, C. W. Mingle, H. L. Smith.

On Press Report—D P. Robbins.

The High Secretary read his annual report which showed an increase in courts from eight to twenty, and in membership from 214

to 573. After the High Treasurer's report the session adjourned until Tuesday at 9 a.m., as a generous invitation had been extended to the High Court members to take an outing at the picnic grounds five miles from Erie at the head of Erie Bay. A grand banquet was also held from 9 to 12 p.m., at the same place, where toasts and speech making was indulged in, interspersed with orchestral music and witty recitations.

TUESDAY.

The adjourned session convened at 9.15. Minutes of the first and special sessions held at Philadelphia were read and approved. Telegrams of fraternal greeting were sent to the High Courts of Ontario and Iowa, in session this week. Report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved, after which the election of officers was taken up and resulted as follows:

H.C.R., G. W. Strickland, Titusville; H. V. C.R., H. L. Smith, Altoona; H. Sec., C. W. Mingle, Philadelphia; H. Treas. W. S. Clark, Erie; H. Coun., A. S. Fisher, Altoona; H. Phy., C. B. Chidester, Erie; H. Auditors', C. A. Conn, Erie, and C. C. Bennett, Ridgeway.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following officers:

H.J.S., D. P. Robbins, Erie; H. Chap., G. W. Mickham, Erie; H.S.W., H. F. Crumbacher, Altoona; H.J.W., H. L. Punchard, Philadelphia; H. S. B., J. Barringer, North East; H.J.B., E. C. Plantz, North East; H. Mar., J. H. Langhans, Pittsburg; H. Cond., E. C. Foreman, Erie; H. Mess., J. A. Steinmetz, Erie.

After the installation, a code of by-laws was presented and adopted, and at 12.45 the High Court of Pennsylvania ended its session of 1896, and adjourned to meet in Altoona in August 1898.

Michigan.

For August Michigan did good work. The accepted applications numbered 182, standing second to New York, that secured first place with 186.

Bro. T. G. Davey's work in Michigan is telling materially. Michigan has in Bros. Weeks, Davey, Donovan, and others, some of the best organizers in the Order.

Chief Lee Joslyn is cherishing the pardonable hope of meeting his High Court with his jurisdiction leading among the 32 High Courts of the Order. Stranger things have happened.

Michigan has a chance for first place among High Courts, now that Ontario with her 39,000 members has divided into three High Courts—the membership of the strongest of the three is about 11,000.

The race is won. At last accounts Michigan led Quebec by 8. The figures were Michigan, 10,359; Quebec, 10,312; but then another month may see positions changed. Quebec has held the lead for over a year.

COURT FRANKFORD has done its full share in bringing Michigan to the front. 35 appli-

cations since July 4th indicates hard work, and is a record of which any court might be proud. The meeting on August 12th was highly successful. Addresses were delivered by Bros. Jo-lyn, H.C.R., M. M. Callaghan, H. V. C. R., and A. A. Weeks, State Organizer.

New England.

From the High Court of New England we hear much less frequently than we would. It is one of the youngest of our High Courts, with splendid opportunities for making history.

COURT MERRIMACK, No. 3189, MANCHESTER, N.H., is reported to be a thoroughly live court, the meetings well attended, and all earnestly working to make this the banner court of the State. We have got a fine degree team organized with Bro. M. W. Libby as captain, they are having weekly rehearsals, and everything points to a creditable showing on their first appearance for work at our next meeting.

COURT BOSTON, No. 1705, BOSTON, MASS., wishes all Foresters, visiting Boston, to remember that the court meets at Eagle Hall, 616 Washington St. First and third Fridays are the nights of meeting. Visitors welcome.

Great Britain.

HIGH COURT OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND.

The High Court of Southern England of the Independent Order of Foresters was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Exeter, Aug. 14th. Bro. W. H. Jones, High Chief Ranger for Southern England, presiding. Among those also present was Bro. J. Marshall, S. D. S. C. R., general manager for the United Kingdom.

In the course of his address the High Chief Ranger said he was glad to be able to congratulate his brother members on the encouraging advance which the Order had made throughout their jurisdiction. Great progress had been made during the past year in their own territory, and that was the more encouraging when they remembered that such progress had been accomplished in the face of persistent opposition, and despite the insidious work of certain agencies. The credit of the Order, its admirable organization, its excellent credentials, and its splendid record, were largely due to the continuous exposition of the principles of the Order by the general manager, Mr. Marshall, whom they were delighted to welcome there that day. He had been ubiquitous in the High Court territory, visiting various places during the year and addressing public meetings. The success achieved was also due in a large measure to the ceaseless activity of their excellent organizer and High Chief Secretary, Bro. Blamey, by whose endeavors the hindrances placed in the way of their advancement had been largely overcome and defeated. In conclusion, the High Chief Ranger urged upon his brother Foresters to continue to use their endeavors and increas-

ed activity to enlarge the scope and usefulness of the Order. Let "Progress" be their watchword; let personal effort be the main ambition of each member of the High Court; let the highest possible degree of perfection in the management of the court be the guiding star for each of them, and with these conditions prevailing, the success of the Order throughout their territory must inevitably be accomplished. The High Chief Secretary (Brother Blamey) referred to the very satisfactory progress that the Order had made during the past year, the membership having been doubled. The High Treasurer (Brother Thomas Coles) also reported a highly satisfactory state of affairs. The various reports having been discussed and adopted were passed, a High Standing Committee was appointed and officers were installed for the ensuing year, after which the court was duly closed.

HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE

H.C.R.—Bro. T. Coles.
H.V.C.R.—Bro. C. E. Price.
H.S.—Bro. A. T. Blamey.
H.T.—Bro. W. E. A. Drinkwater.
H.P.—Bro. J. Jarvis.
H.C.—Bro. W. T. Fawn.
H. Auditors—Bros. A. Baird and Bevan.

Scotland.

HIGH COURT MEETING.

Pursuant to official notices, the Fourth annual session of the High Court of Scotland was held in the I. O. F. Chamber, 56 George Square, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 5th ult.

True to time Bro. Scott, H.C.R., called to order—16 officers took their respective positions, and opening ceremonies were proceeded with. These over, the Credential Committee were announced, and soon made report that duly accredited delegates were in waiting in the ante-room seeking admission. The will of the court was that said delegates should have the degree conferred and be seated, which was done. Thereafter Standing Committees were appointed:—

On Distribution—Bros. Smith, T. Brown and Morrison.

On Finance—Bros. Armour, W. Brown and Logan.

On Cons. and Laws—Bros. Dobbie, Yule and Brown.

On New Business—Bros. Adamson, Mackie and Cunningham.

On State of the Order—Bros. Monie, Chapman and Rule.

On Mileage—Bros. Duncan, Hart and Forsyth.

H.C.R. Scott read an excellent report dealing with the past and making wise suggestions as to the future.

H.S. Duncan, precise, as of yore, gave statistical and financial report, his figures giving grounds for congratulation. The number of courts in existence, the membership, and balance from ordinary income and expenditure alike showing an increase. Increased activity and bolder action was pointed out as the duty of the High Court.

Bro. Slater, H.T., reported, and Bros. D. C.

Smith and J. S. Herriott as H. Auditors, gave confirmatory report as to cash on hand, etc.

The several reports were ordered to Bros. Smith, Morrison and T. Brown as Distribution Committee. Pending their report, official reception was given to Lieut.-General Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., whose acknowledgments were of a personal and official character, the latter revealing that he was the bearer of kindly greetings and the handsome gift of a finely mounted and framed large photo for the H.C. Chambers, from the Supreme Chief Ranger; of fraternal greetings from Judge Wedderburn, Supreme Counsellor, etc. The H.S. was ordered to forward suitable acknowledgment to the S.C.R., and to convey a sense of how greatly the gift was appreciated.

The allocation of business arising from the reports was fitly done by the Distribution Committee.

An important item as to the employing an organizer, put before the H. Court by High Chief and High Sec., was remitted to the Finance Committee and to the Committee on "New Business." Thus thoroughly dealt with and spoken to, the H. Court approved the scheme and resolved to remit to the H.S.C. to appoint an organizer, on such salary and details as seemed proper.

An adjournment for tea was now ordered at 5.45, with resumption of business at 7 p.m. This time being well kept by the H.C.R. taking the chair at the hour named, it was seen that the muster was equal to that at the earlier part of the day.

The following officers were duly installed by Bro. Marshall, assisted by Bros. Allan and Brown.

HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

H.C.R., Bro. Armour.
H.V.C.R., Bro. Chapman.
H.S., Bro. Duncan.
H.T., Bro. Slater.
H.P., Bro. J. G. Wilson, M.A., M.B., C.M.
H.C., Bro. T. H. Lillie, M.A., LL.B.
P.H.C.R., Bro. Scott.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

H. Auditors, Bros. Smith and Herriot.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

H. Chap., Bro. Dobbie.
H.J.S., Bro. Hart.
H.S.W., Bro. Monie.
H.J.W., Bro. T. Brown.
H.S.B., Bro. Yule.
H.J.B., Bro. Eadie.
H.M., Bro. Morrison.
H. Cond., Bro. Logan.
H. Mess., Bro. Cunningham.

"Unfinished" and "new" business was now taken up and promptly dealt with. Noticeable at this point were two motions carried unanimously on the motion of Bro. Chapman.

1. "That the High Court of Scotland respectfully memorialize the Executive Council of the Supreme Court, in whose wisdom they have the fullest confidence, to take steps to restore, in such form as they think advisable, the old-age benefit."

2. "That the High Court of Scotland rejoice at the continued increase of the Accumulated Funds, affording, as it does, further evidence of the solidity of the benefit system of the Order, and of the increasing value of membership therein; and they recognize that the prosperous condition of the Order is largely due to the vigorous management and administrative ability of the Supreme Chief Ranger."

Bro. Marshall announces that the payment of the first death claim in Scotland had been made the day previous. Our deceased brother was a Charter member of Court Clyde, No. 2,019, viz., F. Cruikshank. The beneficiary was his son, Wm. G. Cruikshank. Amount paid £200.

Votes of thanks to retiring officers, to Bro. Marshall for his presence and manifold interest in the affairs of this High Court—the voting of presentation jewels to Bros. Marshall and Scott for zealous services as H.C.R.—the passing of a vote of sympathy with Bro. P. McDonald, P.H.V.C.R., G.C.T. (Scotland), I.O.G.T., on the death of his father—the ordering of payment of mileage as shown to be due by the Mileage Committee, etc., etc., were some of the items of business disposed of. Thereafter, the minutes being read and confirmed, the Session was closed in due form.

On Friday evening, June 6th, a new central court-room for the city of Glasgow was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies by the Supreme Chief Ranger, Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., assisted by the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, Past Supreme Chaplain; James Marshall, Special Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger; Bailie R. Armour, of Irvine, and Mr. Alexander Scott, of Edinburgh, High Chief Ranger of Scotland, acting as Heralds. The situation of the new court-room is all that could be desired, occupying, as it does, one of the corners of George Square, overlooking the Glasgow municipal buildings, the post office, etc. The new court-room was appropriately opened with the initiation, by the Supreme Chief Ranger, of a number of applicants for membership from the various courts meeting in the city. The Supreme Chief gave an interesting statement with reference to the growth of the Order, and the great advantage of recent legislation. Rev. W. J. McCaughan dwelt upon the security provided by the constitutions and laws, and said that it could not be equalled by any organization in existence. Mr. James Marshall referred to the membership and the accumulated funds of about £350,000. A vote of thanks was moved to the distinguished visitors and passed with acclamation. Special merit is due to Bro. John S. Duncan, High Secretary of Scotland, for the care with which he had made all preliminary arrangements for this interesting function. After a most enjoyable and very crowded meeting, the members were photographed by the High Secretary.

Mrs. Alice White, Bayoune, writes her thanks for prompt payment of Benefit held by her late husband, Bro. White, of Court De Kalb.

Ireland.

The High Court of the North of Ireland will hold its Annual Session on Tuesday, the 6th of October, at 12 o'clock, noon, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Wellington Place.

W. J. McCaughan,
High Chief Ranger.

Attest, Wm. Gibson, M.D.,
High Secretary.

Acknowledgments.

The following express their thanks:—

Mrs. Alice Cummins, of Ohio, for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000, carried by her late husband, Bro. Edwin Cummins.

Mrs. Florence A. Bacon, of Ellsworth, Wis., for kindness of the brethren and \$1,000 Benefit of her late husband, Bro. Bacon, of Court Four Leaf, No. 3023.

From Mrs. Anna Marshall, Elyria, Ohio, from the prompt payment of \$1,050, the Mortuary Benefit of her husband, and to the brethren of Court Elyria for sympathy.

The widow, brother and family of Bro. R. Watson, C.R. of Court Erie, Penn., for the great kindness of brother Foresters, during his illness, and attendance at funeral.

Mrs. John J. Hasfertes, of Buffalo, for the prompt payment of the benefit of her late husband, of Court Lehigh, No. 744, and the members for their kindness and sympathy.

WEED, N.M., Aug. 19th 896.

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

DEAR BROTHERS.—I wish to thank the Supreme Executive for the prompt payment of one thousand dollars disability claim.

Coming just at a time when I am most sadly needing it, it will be of greatest benefit, and make the balance of my pathway in life much smoother.

I believe the I.O.F. to be the grandest organization of its kind and my prayer is that God may shower his richest blessings upon the Order, that its future may be one of great prosperity.

Yours in L. B. & C.,
J. F. BOWLEY
Court Evart, No. 378.

"The excellence and beauty of fraternal unity is no sentiment: it is a living, practical reality." I am to-day, as I have been for twenty years, a strong advocate of fraternal benefit societies. I belong to three of them, and did I not, and should death call me away this night, my family would not have money enough to live one month on. As it is, when the time cometh I can go hence, being fully assured that I have made such provisions for the care of my family that they will not have to depend upon what is sometimes called the cold charity of the world. My family, in that case, do not receive charity; they get what is their lawful right: it belongs to them. The Order is founded upon business principle, and is conducted in a most systematic and honest manner.—*Rev. C. L. Thwing.*

Worth Repeating.

At the Door.

I thought myself indeed secure
So fast the door, so firm the lock;
But, lo! he toddling comes to lure
My parent ear with timorous knock.

My heart were stone could it withstand
The sweetness of my baby's plea—
That timorous baby knocking and
"Please let me in—it's only me."

I threw aside the unfinished book,
Regardless of its tempting charms,
And opening wide the door, I took
My laughing darling in my arms.

Who knows but in eternity,
I, like a traunt child, shall wait
The glories of a life to be,
Beyond the Heavenly Father's gate?

And will that Heavenly Father heed
The traunt's supplicating cry,
As at the outer door I plead,
"Tis I, O Father! only I?"

EUGENE FIELD.

For Mother's Sake.

This is the heading which appeared over an item in a daily paper recently, in connection with the announcement of the death of a young man who had been a member of a beneficiary society. Only a few months before the sole support of a widowed mother, in the prime of young manhood, strong, active and intelligent, he had seen the necessity of providing against a fateful day. Although earning moderate wages, he resolved to arm himself and free his mind of foreboding thoughts regarding what his mother would do for support if he should be taken away. So he joined a fraternal beneficiary society. When asked by a companion, why he had done so, in view of the fact that he had no family, he replied: "For Mother's Sake." Soon after he was taken sick and died. His words were words of devotion and heroism, and no one will cherish them more tenderly than the mother, who has lost her boy, but is provided for and saved from penury by his thoughtfulness and sacrifice.—*Exchange.*

Atmosphere of the Court Room.

Perhaps it is worth the space occupied to give expression to the thought which is in our mind, that there needs to be exercised more care as to the atmosphere in our court rooms. We do not mean by this that there exists a lack of the proper mixture of oxygen to insure healthful conditions, nor that there exists a moral pollution that should be removed; but we mean that there exists in many courts that lack of brotherly cordiality and sympathetic friendliness which is so essential to the inbreathing of vital force.

A happy face, a bright smile, a cordial grasp

of the hand, and a welcome word, possess wonderful power of attraction, and a potency to clear away the murky fogs of gloom and indifference. Don't try to impress others with the amount of your wisdom held in reserve under cover of noticeable reticence that says: "I am loaded, look out for me when I fire." Be careful of the feelings of others, and do your utmost to generate a spirit of concord and harmony. If you feel cross and crabbed, keep it to yourself. You will not get relief by endeavoring to divide it with others.

Remember that the world and the court room were not made to be glum and sad in, but were meant to be bright and cheerful. There is a time for all things, and one of the best of these times is when you can gather with your brethren, and with wit and story add to the sweets of life. To laugh was one of the first things that nature did after she threw off the cloud of darkness—"the earth smiled in the sunlight."—*Canadian Forester.*

A Good Investment.

In a sermon upon "The Value of the Christian Religion," a Presbyterian minister recently illustrated the value of Life Insurance in these words:

"It seems to me to be the privilege and duty of every man who has others dependent upon him, and who may not be able to provide for them in any other way, to insure his life. When it shall be done, if he has been wise enough to have ascertained, with reasonable certainty, that the business association to which he has committed this important trust is a safe and reliable one, he will not have to wait until death is near to know that 'it pays' to be insured. From my point of view, it begins to pay immediately, and it continues to pay each day of his life; not in gold and silver, perhaps, but in that which ought to be infinitely more precious to every husband and father—the assurance that if he should be suddenly called away from those so dear to him, they would not be left entirely to the cold charities of a hard and unsympathetic world. His thought, as he leaves his home each morning to engage in the duties of the busy world, that he has done what he could to protect his loved ones, ought to clear his brain, give buoyancy to his step, and cheer to a weary life. Such a man, too, is an honorable man—he is keeping the promise he made at the marriage altar, even though it may involve much self-denial."

Ideal Home and Family.

"The first great essential of the ideal home and the ideal family are constant love, confidence, devotion, unselfishness, willingness to spend in the service of one another. The ideal home is one where the children shall say: 'When we marry and have homes of our own, we wish to love and be loved as our father and mother love each other.' It is where the sons are taught respect for all women, by the deference and kindness of their father to their mother; it is where

daughters learn mother's patient example, how beautiful a thing wifely and motherly affection is, learn the beauty of daily, unselfish devotion to the good of all. It is one where the atmosphere of love and kindness is so all pervading, that it softens every privation, ennobles every humble duty, stimulates constantly all noble and unselfish aims."—*Pythian Banner.*

"Four Feet on the Fender"

Was Dr. Holmes' witty answer to the question: "What is happiness?" As brevity is the soul of wit, this answer means more than it says. It means married life—the home and all the joys that spring out of home life. It means affection and trust between husband and wife, faithfulness to the duties that grow out of such a relation, sympathy and companionship, unselfishness and patience in the cares and trials that come from differences of temperament, from ill health and from misfortune. It means life insurance, for the protection and support of the wife, who may be left to struggle with the cares of life alone—perhaps with helpless children clinging to her skirts. How a man can put his feet on the fender with perfect satisfaction when he is uninsured is one of the mysteries of human life. One would suppose the first thing a man would think of—after the engagement ring—would be the insurance policy. Perhaps it is because he is so absorbed in life, and its joys that are to be, that he does not think of death. But the really brave and true man ought to think of it and to do all it becomes a man in his situation to remember and to do. "Four feet on the fender" includes life insurance.—*The New York News Letter.*

To the Bicyclist Bending Forward.

(Robert Grant in Harper's Weekly.)

O, youth, who, bending forward, rides apace,
With melancholy stamped upon your face,
Pursuing pleasure with a frenzied eye
Yet mocked by her, however fast you fly,
Are you aware how horrible you look?
No guy invented for a picture book
Was ever a more painful sight than thou,
Lord of the bent back and the anxious brow.

O, sit up straight and try to wear a smile!
Be less intent to pile up mile on mile,
Enjoy the prospect as you glide along,
The trees, the sunshine, and the robin's song,
To us who view you scorching day by day,
Hent on your bar in such an awkward way,
You are the homeliest thing on earth, my lad,
O, sit up straight, and make the landscape glad!

The spirit of Charity in the human soul is the purest and best of all the graces. It gives, without expecting a return of the gift. Like the rain, it falls on just and unjust alike. It does not stop to investigate the reasons why some suffering son of man has been brought to the verge of starvation, but gives, asking no questions. True Charity is never impoverished by giving nor enriched by withholding. It is the true image of God in the soul, for God is love.—*Lodge Record.*

Contemporary Wisdom.

The Romans had a law that everyone, wherever he went, should wear a badge of his trade on his hat or some other vestment, that he might be known; so the Christian is required to wear his badge of discipleship wherever he goes. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Words of cheer are words of help. Words of gloom are words of harm. There is a bright and a dark side to every phase of life and to every hour of time. If we speak of the bright side, we bring the brightness into prominence; if we speak of the dark side, we deepen its shadows. It is in our power to help or to hinder by a word any and every person with whom we have any dealings. A look or word can help or can harm our fellows.—*Sel.*

In connection with the acceptance of applicants into our Order, we hear considerable from our medical men concerning the influences of heredity, the following, therefore, will be appreciated: "Please, sir," whistled the boy with two front teeth missing. "Minnie William's mother says Minnie can't come to school, 'cos she's got a stitch in her side." "Who is Minnie William's mother?" the new teacher asked. "She's the seamstress." The teacher turned reflectively to the blackboard. "How wonderful are the influences of heredity," he muttered.

A young Englishman on a P. and O. steamer returning from India, said publicly at the dinnertable, "Missions are a humbug. I have been in India eight months, and I haven't seen an East India Christian." A quiet man sitting opposite, said, "May I ask for what you went to India?" The answer was "I went to hunt tigers." The other replied, "I am a missionary. I have been in India twelve years, and I have not seen a tiger." The young Englishman did not know that the Christians in India are already numbered by tens and hundreds of thousands.

When members of one fraternal order are asked to drop their membership in it and join some other, they should stop and think. God gave you brains and expected that you would develop them sufficiently so as to be of some use to you. Think why you are asked to make the change. Think how it would benefit you. Think whether a person who tries to create dissatisfaction is honest. If you can answer these "thinks" with a yes then make the change and never blame any one else afterwards when you come to regret your action. If you are approached and requested to join some other organization, with a view to adding to your insurance or protection, satisfy yourself first of the stability of such order, then join and keep up your membership. It is the duty of everyone to carry as much insurance or protection as they can afford to pay for. Nowhere can they secure as good value for their money as in a legitimate fraternal order conducted upon sound business principles.—*National Reserve.*

Flowers from the Forest.

"Boys," said the superintendent of the Sunday School, "can any of you quote a verse from Scripture to prove that it is wrong for a man to have two wives?"

He paused, and after a moment or two a bright boy raised his hand.

"Well, Thomas," said the teacher, encouragingly.

Thomas stood up and said:

"No man can serve two masters." The question ended there.

HELPING SOMEWHERE.

"Is your father at home?" I asked a small child on our village doctor's doorstep.

"No," he said, "he's away."

"Where could I find him?"

"Well," he said, "you've got to look for some place where people are sick or hurt, or something like that. I don't know where he is, but he's helping somewhere."

And I turned with this little sermon in my heart. If you want to find the Lord Jesus, you've got to set out on a path of helping somewhere, of lifting somebody's burden, and lo! straightway one like unto the Son of Man will be found at your side.

Are you "helping somewhere?" If so, you will find that

"The great Physician now is near
The sympathizing Jesus."

WORDS OF CHEER.

The other day a tramp called at a Parochial Board office, not 20 miles from Edinburgh, soliciting relief. He gave his name as "Donald Gray." On being questioned as to his religion, whether Protestant or Catholic, he replied, "I'm neither, sir, I'm a Scotchman, as my name might tell ye."

Physician (examiner for a life insurance company)—"How old are you?"

Tramp—"Twenty-five."

"Your parents are living, I suppose?"

"No, sir, they're dead."

"What did they die of?"

"Ould age, sir."

"How old were they?"

"Forty, sir."

"Do you think a person of forty dies of o'd age?"

"In the ould country people die young of ould age."

Scene—Auld Kirk vestry in Ayrshire. Stranger minister who is to conduct the services has just discovered that he has left the manuscript of his sermon at home, and is stamping up and down 'he room in a somewhat furious fashion. Old John, the beadle, sympathetically—"If you think, sir, a bit weer would help ye, never mind me."

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. To reach the port of heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail and not drift; nor lie at anchor.—*Pythian Record.*

Don't try to forget—just forget.

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