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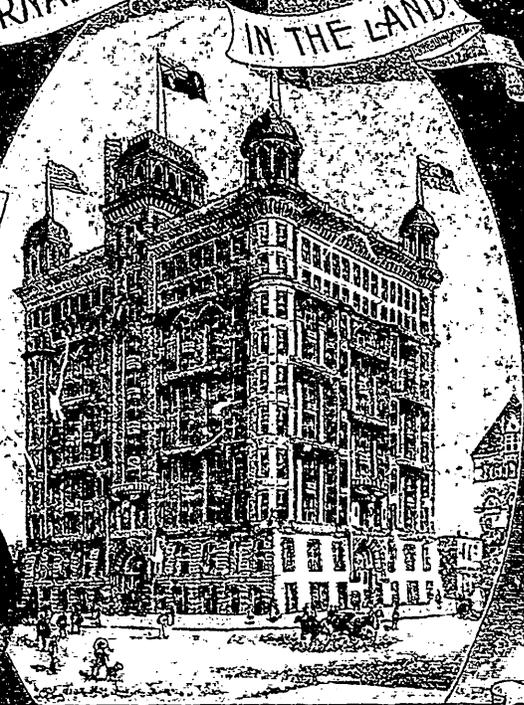
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17th JUNE, 1874
INCORPORATED IN ONTARIO
SEPTEMBER, 1878.
DOMINION INCORPORATION
MAY, 1889.
LICENSE BY INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT OF CANADA
MAY, 1896.



NUMBER OF MEMBERS 1st JUNE, 1.

133,627

SURPLUS FUND 1st JULY, 1898

\$2,856,613.68

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

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

To secure (1) the Maturity Benefit, (2) the Total and Permanent Benefit, (3) the monthly amount of the (1) Fund required to pay the small monthly Outlay shown below.

SCHEDULE OF TABLE OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ASSURANCE CLASS.

Age	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$2,000
18	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	20.00
19	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	20.00
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54	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	20.00
55	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	20.00

To secure these benefits it is necessary to pay an Assessment. The cost of Contract Registration is \$1.00. The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

Age of	Monthly Assessment						
18	1.00	23	1.00	28	1.00	33	1.00
19	1.00	24	1.00	29	1.00	34	1.00
20	1.00	25	1.00	30	1.00	35	1.00
21	1.00	26	1.00	31	1.00	36	1.00
22	1.00	27	1.00	32	1.00	37	1.00
23	1.00	28	1.00	33	1.00	38	1.00
24	1.00	29	1.00	34	1.00	39	1.00
25	1.00	30	1.00	35	1.00	40	1.00
26	1.00	31	1.00	36	1.00	41	1.00
27	1.00	32	1.00	37	1.00	42	1.00
28	1.00	33	1.00	38	1.00	43	1.00
29	1.00	34	1.00	39	1.00	44	1.00
30	1.00	35	1.00	40	1.00	45	1.00
31	1.00	36	1.00	41	1.00	46	1.00
32	1.00	37	1.00	42	1.00	47	1.00
33	1.00	38	1.00	43	1.00	48	1.00
34	1.00	39	1.00	44	1.00	49	1.00
35	1.00	40	1.00	45	1.00	50	1.00
36	1.00	41	1.00	46	1.00	51	1.00
37	1.00	42	1.00	47	1.00	52	1.00
38	1.00	43	1.00	48	1.00	53	1.00
39	1.00	44	1.00	49	1.00	54	1.00
40	1.00	45	1.00	50	1.00	55	1.00

Our Investments.

The surplus funds of this Union are invested in the most profitable manner. A large portion of the funds is deposited with Governmental and with sound financial institutions to secure the highest interest rates and to insure the safety of the investments.

Invested Funds.

The following investments are made in the most profitable manner:

- Deposits in Bank of America
- First National Bank
- Commercial Bank
- Trust Company
- Insurance Companies
- Real Estate
- Government Bonds
- U.S. Savings Bonds

\$2.50 \$10.00

No portion of the funds are withdrawn or withdrawn except by the order of the Association and subject to the approval of the Board.

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The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral benefits are provided for the members of the Union. The benefits are provided for the members of the Union who are unable to work for the reason of sickness or accident. The benefits are provided for the members of the Union who are unable to work for the reason of sickness or accident. The benefits are provided for the members of the Union who are unable to work for the reason of sickness or accident.

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

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

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

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

5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 1,
duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent
through the London office, so that certificates of mem-
bership may be promptly issued.

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

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

8. Recording Secretaries will immediately notify the
Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name and
address in full

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

Editorial.

Notes.

Remember the old adage, "In times of peace pre-
pare for war," or, modernized, in times of health
prepare for death, so your family will have the
necessaries of life.

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Have you ever noticed how nicely fraternity fits
all classes and conditions of men and is ever upon
the side of the advancement and enlightenment of
every race? Its teachings are light and fool; its
assistance means the uplifting and upbuilding of all
mankind.

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Neither the war in Cuba nor the great heat of
the season impedes the onward march of the I.O.F.
Twenty-seven new courts were instituted during
the month of June, of which seven were in Can-
ada, fourteen in the United States, four in Ireland
and two in Norway.

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Your monthly life insurance premium should be
regarded as part of the regular household expenses.
It is as essential an outlay as that for meat or
bread. The latter satisfies the cravings of the
present, the former provides against want and
suffering in the future.

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Foresters attending the Supreme Court meeting
in Toronto, the dedication of the magnificent
Temple, and the grand demonstration, will receive
all necessary information respecting hotel and
boarding-house accommodation by calling at the
information bureau in the Temple Building.

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Quebec leads for June with 451 new members.
New York follows next with 394, and Michigan
comes third with 330. Ohio takes fourth place
with 314, and Illinois drops back from first in May
to fifth place in June. Ontario, with its three
High Courts, runs up to 596 How the ball keeps
rolling!

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The Foresters' World, Vol. I, No. 1, bearing date
May, 1898, is a late enterprise in the journalistic
field of Independent Forestry. Our brethren in

the United Kingdom have taken hold upon the work in real earnest during the past year, and with the influential help of such a bright, newsy and popular journal Forestry must come quickly to the fore-front among the several fraternal organizations of the grand old Mother Land. The typographical appearance of *The Foresters' World* is a credit to the publishers. The frontispiece is a magnificent picture of our beloved Supreme Chief Ranger, and is one of the finest we have ever seen of him. The publishers of this high-class illustrated monthly are Bros. Ernest J. D. Abraham and J. W. Vose, Bolton, Lancashire, England, and the price is two-pence per number. Long may it wave.

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Of late years the rapid growth of fraternal societies has awakened people to a proper conception of their position and proved that life insurance can be carried at much lower rates than those which prevail in old line insurance companies. Since 1881 the I.O.F. has paid over \$5,000,000 to the families of deceased Foresters; has increased its membership from 369 to almost 140,000 in June, 1898, and has laid up a moderate surplus yearly, until the round sum now amounts to \$2,856,613 on the 30th June. Testimonials for fair and liberal dealings with all claimants come to hand freely, and never do we hear of an Independent Forester, anywhere, complaining of any act of injustice toward him on the part of the Order.

The I.O.F. is the people's life insurance organization, and the closer its plans, methods and principles are investigated the higher it will stand in the estimation and approval of right thinking men and women.

How the Surplus Expands.

On the 1st July, 1881, the surplus of the I.O.F. was *nil*; on the 31st December, 1881, it was \$4,568; on 31st Dec., 1886, it stood at \$53,981; on 31st Dec., 1891, it was \$408,798; on 31st Dec., 1896, it grew to \$2,015,484; on 31st Dec., 1897, it reached \$2,558,832; and on 1st July, 1898, the handsome sum of \$2,856,613.

The million dollar point was reached in July, 1894, or just 13 years from re-organization; the two million dollar point in December, 1896, or in two years and five months. At the present rapid rate of increase it should touch the THREE MILLION DOLLAR mark by the 1st of October, which would make the period two years and three months.

It is life we have to do with, not death. The best preparation for the night is to work diligently while the day lasts. The best preparation for death is life.—*McDonald*.

St. Jean Baptiste Celebration.

A Gala Day in Montreal.—Royal Foresters Prominent in the Fete.—They, along with Thousands of Other Loyal Citizens, Receive the Papal Benediction in the Presence of Archbishop Bruchesi.

The national festival of St. Jean Baptiste was celebrated in right royal style in Montreal by our French-Canadian fellow-countrymen on the 24th June. The day was an ideal one, and, owing to the excellent programme prepared for the occasion, the celebration was one of the largest and most successful ever held in the city. About two-thirds of the French-Canadian population turned out and took part in the festival, and, to the credit of all concerned, not a single incident occurred to mar the harmony of the day's proceedings, or bring pain or regret to anyone taking part in the joyous celebration. In the brilliant sunshine, and fanned by a cool, refreshing breeze, the vast procession started, at 9 o'clock a.m., from St. Louis Square, and marched up St. Denis St., along Mount Royal and Park avenues to Fletcher's field at the foot of the mountain, there to attend Mass in the open air. Numerous bands, playing lively and inspiring Canadian airs, accompanied the processionists, and were heartily applauded by the thousands who lined the streets during the entire line of march. On every breast was to be seen a maple leaf, while tri-colored flags and emblems, of all sizes, were as thick as raindrops in a thundershower. The enthusiasm was intense, every face beamed with a patriotic glow, and every heart beat responsively to the music in the air. Over 600 Independent Foresters marched in line in the several divisions. The *Star*, in giving an account of the proceedings, said:—

"It is computed that at least fifty thousand people congregated here, the whole field being covered with human beings, all in holiday attire. The sight was an imposing one, and will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it. There were a hundred policemen on duty, but their services were not required beyond assigning the societies to their various positions. A magnificent altar had been erected by Buellac, and decorated with his well-known taste. The most striking inscriptions were 'Rendre le Peuple Meilleur,' 'Dieu et Patrie,' 'Notre religion, Notre Langue et Nos Loix,' 'L'Union Fait La Force.'

"It had been arranged that Mass would begin at ten o'clock, but it was half-past ten when His Grace the Archbishop, robed in full pontificals, began the divine service, assisted by Rev. Abbe Colin, Superior of the Seminary, and Rev. Father Filiatrault, Provincial Superior of the Society of Jesus. The Mass was a low one. Around the altar, acting as guard of honor, were the Royal Foresters of the I.O.F. in uniform, the Ville-Marie and De Sala-

berry Guards and the Jardin De L'Enfance Cadets. There was a choir of fully four hundred voices which sang certain portions of the Mass with band accompaniment. The effect was magnificent. Opposite the altar some five hundred seats had been placed for the officers of the various societies and the invited guests.

"Among those on the front seats were His Honor Lieut.-Gov. Jette, with Major Sheppard, his A. D. C.; Judge Loranger, the President; Mayor Prefontaine, L. O. David, Jos. Royal, Jas. McShane, J. G. H. Bergeron, M. P., J. X. Perrault, A. Lariviere, M. P., Judge Wurtele and the officers of the societies and the ladies accompanying them."

After Mass a sermon was preached by the Rev. Avila Belanger, parish priest of Maisonneuve. Archbishop Bruchesi then came forward and said that the great day was one which caused him the utmost satisfaction. It was a great spectacle which they gave in being united in their love of country and submission to God. In view of this day, he had thought of the Holy Pontiff who had received him with open arms on the occasion of his first visit to Rome, and had blessed them all. His Grace had cabled to Rome, informing His Holiness of the celebration, and had just received the following reply from Cardinal Rampolla:

"Holy Father blesses all the Catholics who are celebrating the feast of their Patron Saint, St. Jean Baptiste."

At a signal the immense gathering then knelt and His Grace pronounced the Papal benediction, adding that he granted forty days indulgence.

The proceedings were then brought to a conclusion by cheers being given, at the request of Rev. Canon Racicot, for the Pope and the Archbishop.

On the previous Sunday the Corpus Christi procession was escorted by Independent Foresters and every one praised the escort for fine marching and the nice appearance of the men.

The marvellous increase in membership of the I.O.F. in Quebec Province is not to be wondered at when we learn of the respect shown our brethren there. To be chosen "guard of honor" around the sacred altar on such an important occasion, and in the presence of so many of the distinguished and honorable men of our sister province, and to be esteemed worthy of receiving the pontifical blessing, along with thousands of others assembled on the occasion, is the highest proof of the respect in which the I.O.F. is held in the metropolitan city of our Dominion. Foresters, wherever found, are loyal and worthy citizens, staunch and patriotic, and therefore worthy to be given the post of honor.

Sympathy is one of the great redeeming features of man and the world. Take it away from life and you have but little left to elevate character or relieve suffering.

Father McDermott's Commendation.

The fundamental principle of our Order, "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," obliterates all social, educational, national or ecclesiastical distinctions. Our efforts tend to unite all good men, laborer and lord, American and European, old churchmen, and no churchmen, in one common movement for the benefit of one another and of all. We note with interest the following eloquent commendation of our beloved Order:

Court 1,000 Isles, Alexandria Bay, attended mass at St. Cyril's Catholic Church Sunday morning, April 17th. In addition to the usual large congregation, nearly 100 Foresters were present, and listened with rapt attention to the very able and inspiring sermon that Father McDermott delivered, in which he told the Foresters that the purposes and aims of their Order were holy, as they were only advancing the principles which taught, charity, and "love thy neighbor as thyself."

Father McDermott is a very able speaker, and seemed at his best on this occasion. We believe we are voicing the sentiments of many of the Foresters in saying we hope this will not be the last occasion we will have to hear this eloquent and forceful Father.

Blood is Thicker Than Water.

At the last meeting of Court Kansas City, the following resolutions, which are self-explanatory, were offered and adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Executive Council of the Independent Order of Foresters, recognizing that love of country, which "springs eternal in the human breast," and with a laudable desire to encourage its members in the United States to defend their flag on any soil, has suspended the rule restricting its members to a residence north of the thirty-eighth parallel of latitude, as to those who may enlist in the Hispano-American war, as well as classing all such enlisted members as "ordinary or preferred," as to their indemnity policies, therefore,

Be it Resolved, by Court Kansas City, No. 3633, of Kansas City, Mo., that in thus recognizing the patriotism of the American people, and drawing about the families of our enlisted brothers the protecting folds of the flag of Forestry, the Supreme Chief Ranger and Executive Council have demonstrated again their faith in and friendship for the American membership, and justified the confidence the 70,000 patriotic Foresters of the United States have reposed in them, as the leaders of an Order which now enjoys its greatest measure of prosperity in the land of the Stars and Stripes, and where in the future it must look for its greatest growth and encouragement.

That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Executive Council, to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, of Toronto, and *Ritual and Secret Society News*, of Kansas City, for publication.

"What ails your mistress, Norah?" asked a neighbor. "The docters do be sayin' that it is nervous pesteration she has, sure!"—*Harper's Bazaar*.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1.

To the Officers and Members of Companion Courts of the I.O.F. :

LADIES—Take notice that a Convention of the charter members and representatives from the Courts of Companions to the Supreme Court is hereby called to meet on Friday, 26th August next, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the Temple Building, Toronto, Canada.

You will be glad to learn that at the recent meeting of the Executive Council of the I.O.F., held at the Foresters' Island Park (all the members of the Executive being present with the exception of the Supreme Treasurer, Brother Collins) it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Supreme Court to make Companion Courts a part of the Order, so that if carried in the Supreme Court the Companions so desiring can immediately apply for the Mortuary benefits of the Order. The right to give Sick benefits will continue to be vested in the individual Courts of Companions located outside of Canada.

A LARGE REPRESENTATION DESIRABLE.

It is extremely desirable that the Courts of Companions should be as largely represented as possible on the 26th day of August next, on which day the Convention of the Courts of Companions will be held, and a Supreme Court duly formed and completed unless the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. agrees to make the Companion Courts an integral part of the Order. If this should be done I have no doubt arrangements can be made for the initiation of the delegates from the Companion Courts into the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. as honorary members thereof.

I regret exceedingly that there are no funds at the disposal of your officers to pay the expenses of representatives to the convention, but I trust notwithstanding this there will be many of you present. It will be competent for Courts of Companions to provide for the travelling expenses of their representatives out of their funds, and I have no doubt we have many within our ranks who will attend in any event whether their expenses be paid or not.

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements have been made with the railroads covering Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Buffalo, embraced in the Central Traffic Association, to convey representatives and their friends to the Supreme Court meeting at a single fare for the round trip. You will be good enough to state at the starting point that you are a representative or visitor coming to Toronto to attend the triennial session of the Supreme Court of the I.O.F., whereupon you will be furnished with return tickets at a single fare. In the event of any station agent refusing to sell you such ticket, then buy a single ticket to Toronto and take a receipt from such agent as to such purchase of ticket.

The Trunk Line Association, covering New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and District of Columbia, have granted a fare and a third rate on the certificate plan. What you will require to do coming from a point within the territory of this Association will be to ask the agent to sell you a single fare ticket, furnishing you at the same time a certificate to the effect that you have purchased a ticket to Toronto as a representative to the Supreme Court, and bring

that certificate with you, which will be certified to at Toronto, enabling you to return at one-third of one fare.

The Canadian lines will furnish transportation east of Port Arthur for one fare, also on the certificate plan, so that if you are coming either on the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific, or the Intercolonial, you will have to pay full fare to Toronto and get a certificate, as above instructed, and bring the same with you to Toronto, which, when certified, will enable you to return free.

If you are travelling over two or more roads, you must get a certificate at the initial station of each road over which you are travelling.

Each Court of Companions with fifty members, or less, will be entitled to two representatives and one additional representative for each additional fifty members or major fraction thereof; and any (lady) member of the Court is eligible to be elected a representative.

Fraternally yours, in L., B. and C.,
ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
Supreme Chief Companion.

TORONTO, Canada, 30th June, 1898.

24th Anniversary of the I.O.F.**GRAND CELEBRATION AT FORESTERS' ISLAND.****Pic-nic, Regatta, Presentation, Fireworks, and Dancing.**

The Twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the I.O.F. will long be remembered by hundreds of Foresters and their wives, sweethearts and friends who were so fortunate as to attend the celebration at Foresters' Island, in the Bay of Quinte, Lake Ontario, on Saturday 18th June. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest, because of the return of the Supreme Chief Ranger a couple of days before from an extended trip to the far away eastern world, and the earnest desire of the members to see the noble Chief once again in their midst, looking robust, happy and at home among those by whom he is so much loved and honored. According to arrangement a special Grand Trunk Railway train left Union Station, Toronto, at 9 a.m., having on board as jolly and expectant a crowd as ever went a-holidaying. After a pleasant ride of four hours the island was reached and the visitors were cordially welcomed by the Supreme Chief Ranger's estimable wife and lovely daughter. There was a bright smile and a cordial handshake for everybody. Tables richly laden with the good things of life were spread out before the company and after the customary ablutions, all were seated and then began the royal feast. Mrs. Oronhyatekha and her daughter had personally superintended the preparation of the viands and the arrangement of the tables. Everything was superb. What more need be said?

Among the number who sat down to dinner were: Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger; the Hon. D. D. Aitken of Flint, Michigan, S.V.C.R.; Hon. Judge Wedderburn, of Nova Scotia, S.C.; E. Botterell, of Ottawa, P.S.C.R.; T. Milman, M.D., of Toronto, S. Phy.; Major J. A. McGillivray, Q.C., ex-M.P., S. Sec.; B. W.

Greer, of London and C. A. Fitzgerald of Buffalo S. Auditors; G. A. Harper, Assistant S.C.R.; C. Day Clark, of Tamworth, H.C.R. of Eastern Ontario; T. G. Davey, of London, P.S.T.; E. S. Cummer, P.S.S.; C. C. Whale, of Toronto, S. Inspector; Rev. D. A. Thomson, H. Chap., Central Ontario, and Mrs. Thomson; Atwell Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Henry and many others from the Temple building and from courts and encampments throughout the Province.

The genial H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, was missed from the number of happy pleasure-seekers, being obliged to start for Halifax that day to attend the meeting of the High Court of Nova Scotia.

THE REGATTA.

The regatta was first in order of the day's sports and excellent were the arrangements made and carried out by the committee, with Bro. C. A. Stone as secretary. Bro. D. A. Rose was starter, Bro. H. J. P. Good, referee and Bro. Atwell Fleming, timekeeper. It was a glorious, sunlight afternoon; a gentle breeze swept along the shore, and during the whole of the contests not an incident occurred to mar the pleasure of either the spectators or the yachtmen. Six yachts started in the first and second races and three in the last. The prizes were presented to the successful contestants in the rotunda of the hotel by the Supreme Chief Ranger, who complimented each winner as he handed him the valuable and handsome prize. The Royal Mohawk band played choice selections during the events. Next followed games and sports of different kinds, such as lacrosse, baseball, foot racing, &c.

A PICTURE OF SIR HENRY ACLAND, BART.

One of the chief events of the day was a presentation to the Supreme Chief Ranger of a full bust portrait of his venerable and highly-esteemed friend, Sir Henry Acland, Bart., M.D., ex. Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, England. The portrait is the gift of Bro. C. C. Whale, given as a mark of his esteem and love of Dr. Oronhyatekha. The work is that of Mr. J. C. Whale, of Brantford, portrait painter and artist, and was pronounced to be not only life-like as to appearance, but of most exquisite finish. The presentation was made by Bro. Major McGillivray, S.S., on behalf of Inspector Whale.

The Supreme Chief Ranger was visibly affected during the act of presentation and touched deeply by the tender reference made by Bro. McGillivray, who spoke but a few appropriate words on the occasion. On coming forward to reply, Dr. Oronhyatekha said that it seemed now like a providential direction that Sir Henry Acland should have been chosen to accompany the Prince of Wales to Canada nearly forty years ago, and that he (Dr. Oronhyatekha) should subsequently be favored with an opportunity to study under him at Oxford.

SIR HENRY MORE LIKE A FATHER.

Sir Henry had been more like a father to him than a tutor. He had watched over him with a paternal eye and devoted special attention to his studies. He had always made him welcome to his home. When he (the Doctor) was in England recently he called upon Sir Henry, and had an interesting chat with him. Sir Henry, whose memory proved to be as retentive as ever, in spite of

his age and his fifty years of service in connection with England's greatest university, talked entertainingly of the old days and congratulated the worthy Doctor upon the position he had attained and the great beneficent work he was engaged in in the cause of the widow and orphan and suffering and distressed humanity. During the conversation Dr. Oronhyatekha described the progress of the Order of which he is the head, Sir Henry appearing greatly delighted with what he heard. He warmly complimented the Doctor and wished him even higher and greater success in the future. In conclusion, the Supreme Chief Ranger expressed his grateful acknowledgment of Mr. Whale's splendid gift and of the thoughtful kindness that suggested it, and said that nothing could possibly have been more acceptable.

Next in order came supper, and after the health-giving and soul-refreshing events of the afternoon everyone seemed ready for the bounteous meal. In the evening the visitors enjoyed sailing around the bay, decorating the yachts, dancing and music in the pavilion until about eleven o'clock when all retired to rest, to enjoy the bliss of "Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

CHURCH SERVICE.

On Sunday, anniversary and thanksgiving services were engaged in during the afternoon. The Rev. D. A. Thomson, Chaplain of Eastern Ontario High Court, preached an excellent sermon, dwelling largely upon the noble and self-sacrificing work of the Order and of its marvellous growth, attesting its popularity and adequateness to the purposes for which it was founded and is now carried on.

The collection which was for the Consumptive home at Gravenhurst, amounted to \$21.65.

Excursions were run from Napanee, Bath and other points on the bay, and two excursion trains on the Napanee, Tamworth & Quebec Railway, one from Tweed in the forenoon and the other from Sydenham in the afternoon. The pavilion was literally packed with an appreciative and most orderly audience.

Monday morning saw the visitors again astir for the journey homeward. A few left on the early train, but the majority remained until noon and then boarded the special that had been kept in waiting and scampered away to the Queen City of the west, greatly pleased with the excursion and feeling more than ever delighted at the happy way in which Foresters provide for the comfort and enjoyment of their dear ones and their friends on festive occasions, such as the annual picnic and celebration at Foresters' Island.

Life insurance is a cold contract. For a certain cash consideration, and never a small one, it is agreed, in the event of one's death, to pay a certain stipulated sum to the beneficiary. Fraternal cooperation, through the medium of small monthly assessments, easily within the reach of all, surrounds the grief-stricken family with its living chain of brotherly love, and pours into the home its golden stream of protection.

Whittier says: "Honor to the true man ever, who takes his life in his hands, and at all hazards speaks the words that are given him to utter, whether man shall bear or forbear, whether the end thereof is to be praise or censure, gratitude or hatred."

THE SUPREME CHIEF'S HOME-COMING.

THE TEMPLE A SCENE OF BRILLIANCY AND SPLENDOR.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

(Condensed from the Reports of the Toronto Daily Papers).

'Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark
Our coming, and look brighter when we come.
—Byron.

If ever a man could speak those words of Byron, it is the Supreme Chief Ranger. There are home-comings and home-comings. There is the return from the wars, the return from a holiday, and the return from a business trip. The welcome invariably turns upon success. If the hero is conquering, a claim is his; if the holiday has been enjoyed, renewed vigor is his, and if the business has been successful, satisfaction is his. All three were Dr. Oronhyatekha's the evening of Thursday, 16th June. He went abroad four months ago in search of health, and to do what he could in Europe in the interests of the gigantic Order that his mighty effort has built up. He has returned, if not yet as hearty as his best friends desire, at least with some measure of renewed health, and with a great burden of well-doing for the Order. On June the 16th he was welcomed home. It was a spontaneous gathering.

Any man, even a man of the supreme common sense of Dr. Oronhyatekha, might well be pardoned for feeling elated at the magnificent reception tendered him. Dr. Oronhyatekha has been absent since February, seeking in travel the restoration of the health, which had been impaired by his constant attention to the splendid Temple building, the

NOBLEST BUSINESS BLOCK IN THE DOMINION

of Canada, which, though the first stone was laid by Lord Aberdeen now nearly three years ago, was only completed and ready for occupation in the month of December last.

The project of a great Temple which should serve as a palatial home and princely headquarters of the Foresters' Order had long been present to the Supreme Chief Ranger's mind. Seventeen years have now passed since he undertook the reorganization of the Order. During the period which has since elapsed immense progress has been made. Our Order has spread far and wide over the Dominion of Canada and the great Republic to the south, has been introduced into England and Ireland, and is everywhere, under the wise management of our Supreme Chief Ranger, instinct with vitality, prosperity and power. The S. C. R., of course, from the very beginning of his arduous labors had a prescience of the golden time of success that was coming, and perceived that a Temple of suitable magnificence must be provided for an Order whose ramifications were destined to extend over the most progressive nations of the civilized world. He was at length able to carry out his long-cherished plan, and behold in actual reality the noble fabric which will always be associated with his name, which, while serving the most use-

ful purposes, forms an abiding ornament to the city of Toronto, and which Forestry in many lands will, for centuries to come, regard as its home.

THE S. C. R.'S TRAVELS.

Accordingly he betook himself to the mild and salubrious climate of the south of Europe and forgot for a season, amid the lovely landscapes of Italy, the cares and responsibilities of his great office. But our Chief is not only a lover of nature; he also understands and appreciates the charms of art. The remains of ancient genius, the matchless statues and storied ruins, the pictures of Tuscan, Umbrian and Venetian masters, and the cathedrals gray with time, all exercised upon his spirit that soothing influence which they never fail to exercise upon those choice natures capable of feeling their immortal charm. From Italy he crossed to Egypt, continually improving in health, while, with his wide culture and susceptibility to religious emotions, he received unfailling delight from the contemplation of the august memorials of a vanished civilization, from the many-columned temples, from the Pyramids, from the Sphinx which through all the historic centuries has surveyed with an expression of changeless sadness the passage of the fleeting generations of men. Thence he proceeded to the hallowed soil of Palestine and to Jerusalem itself, dear to the memory of every Christian, doubly dear therefore to the Chief of a great Order whose Christian mission it is to make the widow's heart sing for joy.

Jerusalem marked the furthest point of his wanderings, and he retraced his steps to England. He was not yet entirely restored to his wonted vigor, but in the bracing English atmosphere of business activity and bustle, the abounding and indefatigable energy, which is perhaps the most extraordinary characteristic of this extraordinary man, broke forth irrepressibly, and his thoughts turned to our beloved Order. He visited all the High Courts in England, Scotland and Ireland, and attended conferences with the officers and members at various points in the United Kingdom; he instituted the High Court of the South of Ireland; began the domestication of Forestry in the cities of Norway, communicated constantly with the officials in Canada, and, from his station in England, directed every important undertaking of our Order on both continents.

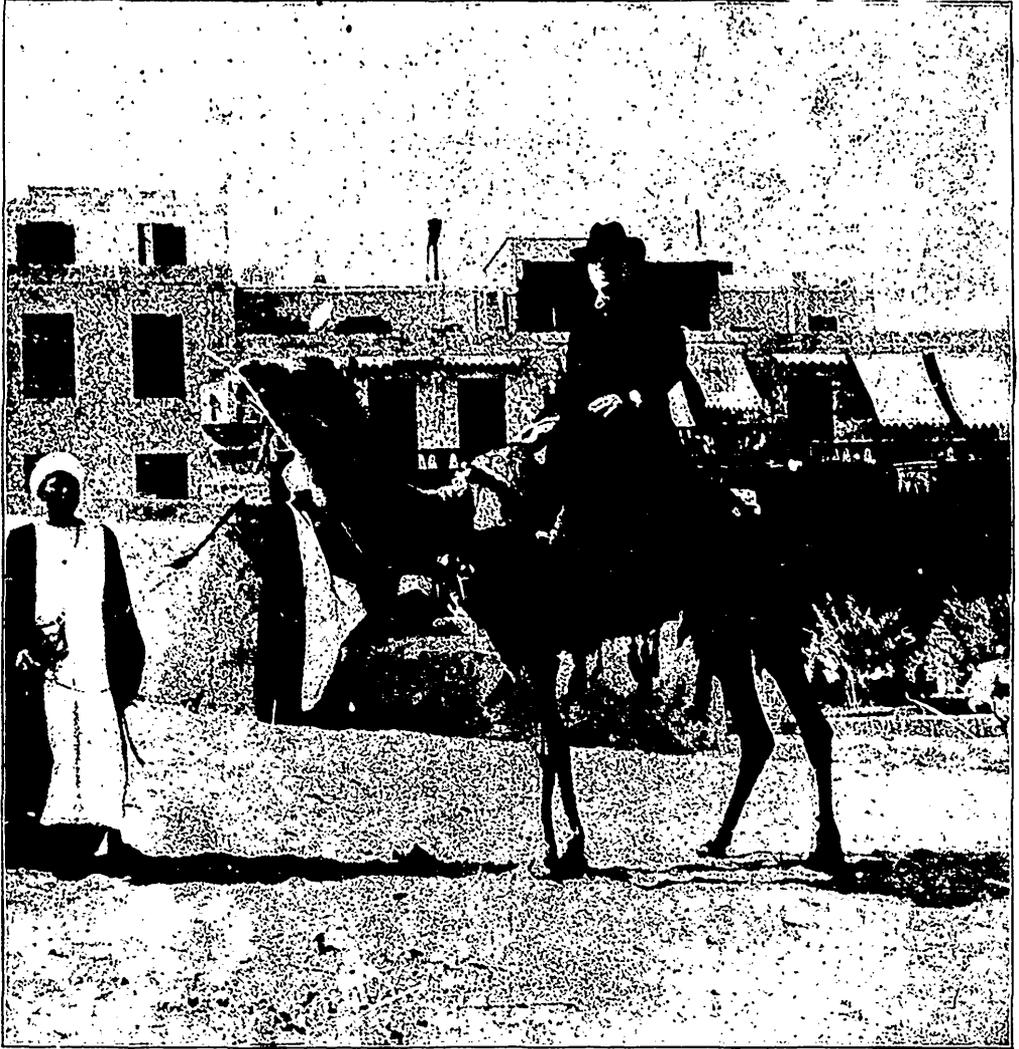
It is gratifying to know that these trying occupations in no way retarded his recovery. He arrived in Toronto almost entirely restored in health, to the delight of his innumerable friends and especially of the members of our great Order, which he may be said to have created.

A number of the Subordinate Courts throughout the city at once arranged to give a hearty welcome to the Supreme Chief Ranger as an expression of their gratification at his return. The reception was the result. In addition to the addresses of welcome, which of course formed the chief feature, a first-class programme of vocal and instrumental music, together with some recitations, was provided. Short as was the notice given of the event, the crowd that turned out to welcome the S. C. R. was simply enormous. Long before 8 15 p.m., the hour for beginning the evening's programme, every seat in the large Assembly Hall was occupied, and the corridors and staircases were filled with a struggling multitude who vainly sought to obtain entrance. Thousands were turned away, or rather must have voluntarily left disappointed upon seeing the impossibility of getting into the Assembly

Hall. Eventually the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, many people standing through the entire evening. The ushers had a heavy task to keep the corridors leading to the Assembly Hall clear of people. The task, however, had to be performed till after the arrival of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

It was indeed a brilliant home-coming, and one not less worthy of the man than the man was worthy of it. It proved that the people were

fully illuminated inside and out, and proceeded to the residence of the Doctor on Carlton St., whence he was escorted to the glorious monument of his achievement, where the proceedings of welcome took place. Along the entire route down Jarvis street, along Queen to Victoria, down Victoria to Richmond, and to the corner of Bay street, the procession attracted much attention from the crowds of people who were abroad. Arrived at the Temple, the scene was a memorable one,



THE CHIEF STARTING FOR THE GREAT PYRAMID.

no more unmindful of great achievements in the interests of peace, love and charity than they are of duties well performed by soldier or statesman.

THE ESCORT.

Early in the evening, the uniformed detachment of Temple Encampment No. 60, Royal Foresters, 75 strong, headed by the capital bugle band of the Sons of England, and commanded by Colonel C. A. Stone, marched from the Temple, which was beauti-

for the road and every approach to the building, and the capacious stairways and extensive corridors of the building itself, were blocked by people who would not budge to give pathway until the voice of authority made itself heard, and then shouts of rejoicing arose, for the Chieftain had arrived, the man who had brought comfort to the widow, joy to the orphan and relief to the distressed—surely a nobler and more glorious, aye, a manlier and more Christ-like work, than that of the

victorious general or the triumphant admiral, both of whom would have been received with similar acclaim. The Temple with its brilliant display of electricity, its bright carpeting and its plentiful exhibition of bunting, both inside and out, presented a spectacle that will ever remain in the memories of those privileged to see it, who were all too few; for, had the committee who planned the affair but seen the turn the simply-planned welcome was to take, they would surely have made greater arrangements for the accommodation of the enormous crowds that thronged every available place, every nook and corner of the handsomest building devoted to the uses of philanthropy and protection of the distressed on this continent, if not in the world.

THE RECEPTION.

And with their waving plumes the belted Knights presented a brilliant spectacle. With Colonel-Commander C. A. Stone at their head, they marched and executed the necessary movements with a precision and an ease that bespoke pride in themselves and in their Order, as well as careful drilling by intelligent officers. No veterans of the army could have done better or presented a more noble sight. With difficulty the Supreme Chief, attended by Dr. Millman, the Supreme Physician of the Order, and Bro. E. A. Stevenson, H.C.R., of Chicago, threaded his way through the crowd and ascended to the sixth floor of the twelve-story building, where is situated the neatest and prettiest hall, of its size, in America. The officers of the evening had wisely kept the aisles clear, and consequently, once inside the doors, there was no more crowding and pushing, and the Doctor and his staff were able to make their entry under the crossed swords of the plumed escort who lined each side of the passage-way with becoming dignity. Both the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were carried by the company, and their folds were allowed to mingle as the Doctor passed under them. The big audience then rose *en masse* and cheered and shouted with a heartiness that must have made the heart of the Supreme Chief Ranger bound and his ears tingle. What wonder that the gloriously benevolent smile that bespeaks the noble character of the man was wider, more beaming, more cheering and inspiring to look upon than ever! No patriarch of old, no martial hero of the present returning to his people, had greater cause for contentment, had greater cause, indeed, for self-satisfaction, were it possible for Dr. Oronhyatekha to feel that way, instead of being, like all true men of great and lofty mind, o'erwilling to award the utmost measure of praise and credit to others, a characteristic that showed itself in a marked degree in the delightful yet simple speech that he made in response to the welcoming address of the working staff of the Order.

Whatever there may have been on the outside, there was no confusion nor excessive crowding on the inside. There all things were well ordered, and an extensive programme was put through with a promptness and regularity that were truly surprising, considering the stirring tumult of the occasion. Although the programme of entertainment, in which that clever cartoonist and bright humorist, Mr. J. W. Bengough, took a leading part with Miss Maud Gordon, Mrs. Mima Lund-Reburn, Miss Dora L. MacMurtry, Mr. J. W. MacMurtry, Miss Kate A. Beatty and Mrs. John A. McGillivray, was a long and exceptionally pleasing

one, the audience by their applause and joyful greetings made it apparent all the way through that it was the Supreme Chief Ranger that they came forth to honor and intended to honor. Ranged on the platform on each side of the capable and imposing chairman, Major John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Supreme Secretary, were many of the leading lights of the Order, including, besides the Supreme Chief himself, the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, P.H.C.R., A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R.; T. Millman, M.D., S. Physician; H. A. Backus, H.C.R.; J. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R.; E. S. Cummer, P.S.S.; D. Albert Rose, M.D.; C. R. Fitzgerald, S.A.; W. B. Saunders, H.C.R.; Col. N. F. Paterson, Alex. Fraser, Daniel Rose, Major F. F. Manley, E. J. Hearn, H.C.; W. B. Greer, S.A.; P. N. Breton, D.S.C.R.; L. H. Luke, C.R.F.; James Casey, G. L. Wilson, Jas. Harper, W. W. Dunlop, W. J. McMurtry, Col. Commanding C. A. Stone, R.F.; and G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., the last mentioned of whom was the efficient manager of the interior arrangements.

THE ADDRESSES.

When the excitement consequent upon the entrance of the Chief had subsided, Major McGillivray, in a few eloquent words that gained in weight by their judicious aggregate brevity, called upon the Rev. W. J. McCaughan to read the address of welcome from the city courts. Mr. McCaughan, although in pulpit and on platform usually full of soul-awakening electricity, on this occasion took his tip from the chairman, and without ado fell to the reading of the address, which, after the manner of all things else in this excellently-devised and admirably-executed function, was a model in expression and comprehensiveness. Briefly, it welcomed the Supreme Chief Ranger back to health and home, and then spoke of the achievements of the Order under his guidance. It referred to the fact that during the three-and-a-half months Dr. Oronhyatekha had been away 12,308 applications for membership had been passed upon and accepted, and that the surplus had increased during that period by the wonderful sum of \$175,389.36, notwithstanding that the Supreme Court in the same time had disbursed benefits amounting to no less than \$400,448.43. It next mentioned that in the 17 years that had elapsed since the reorganization took place under the Doctor, the princely sum of \$5,596,294.06 had been expended in benefits, and that, after all the expenses had been met, a glorious surplus of \$2,786,564.11, equal to the resources of a well-ordered kingdom, remained wherewith to meet any sudden or unexpected strain in the future. Passing reference having been made to the institution of a magnificently large new court in Toronto and to the splendid progress of the Order in Europe, as testified to by Bro. Lawless, who had inspected the courts abroad, the address concluded by commenting upon the concord that existed between the United States and Great Britain, and bidding the Supreme Chief Ranger a cordial welcome home.

When Mr. McCaughan read the passage referring to Anglo-Saxon unity, there was loud and unanimous applause.

At the conclusion of the reading, Mr. McCaughan presented the address to Dr. Oronhyatekha with the words: "I beg to present this address, engrossed and illuminated, and to add my own welcome also on your safe return."

Bro. L. Herbert Luke followed with an excel-

lently worded address in book form from the officers and Knights of the Temple Encampment, No. 60, of the Royal Foresters.

But a still more delightful surprise had been held in reserve, and the Supreme Chief Ranger's cup of happiness was full to overflowing when Mr. E. S. Cummer, the oldest member of the Supreme Court staff, rose and presented him with a gavel and an address. This was a spontaneous expression for their Chief on the part of the entire staff. From the Deputy Chief Ranger down to the office boy, they had conspired together to prepare this surprise against Dr. Oronhyatekha's return. The Doctor was deeply touched by this unaffected mark of affection. It was inscribed to "Our Chief Beloved," and was the happiest possible testimony to the esteem and admiration that the members of the staff all entertain for the grand and good Doctor. The address graphically referred to the recipient's recent travels, to the breaking of new ground in Norway and other countries of Europe, to the admirable relationship that exists between all the members of the staff, and to the admiration and love entertained for the Supreme Chief, concluding by requesting Dr. Oronhyatekha's acceptance of a beautiful and artistically-wrought gavel, the workmanship of an ingenious brother in Forestry, and by expressing the hope that the Doctor might be spared for many years.

THE GAVEL A WORK OF BEAUTY.

The gavel itself, which was made by Ambrose Kent and Sons, is of such beauty as to merit description. The mallet head is of ivory with enrichments of silver and gold. Both sides of the mallet head are tastefully enriched. On one side the enrichment consists of the coat of arms of Canada in enamel, with our two-cross flags above them and the Bible surmounting the same. Alongside of this centre is the emblem of the Companions of the Forest on one hand, and on the other the I.O.F. emblem. On the reverse side of the mallet head is the American coat of arms, surmounted by the flag and Bible, with the clasped hands emblem on one side and on the other the Forestric emblems, the bow and arrow and the horn. On the top of the mallet is the crown. The handle is entwined with maple leaves, bearing the words: "Liberty, Benevolence, Concord, Lustre, Beneficence, Charity," and terminates in four Maltese crosses, forming a square. These are the emblems of Royal Forestry.

Then Miss Ethel Patterson, the youngest member of the staff, handed the Supreme Chief a choice bouquet of roses, and the presentations were over. Dr. Oronhyatekha requested a few minutes' grace to collect his thoughts and suppress the beatings of his heart after the manifestation of such an excess of kindness.

THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER'S REPLY.

At the termination of the first part of the programme the Doctor made his speech. It was short, well-measured, and to the point all the way through. The Supreme Chief, by the way, is a master in the art of replying to addresses. Speaking with much emotion, he commenced by referring to the brilliance and hearty spontaneity of the reception that had been extended to him. Addressing himself first of all to the staff, he assured the fifteen male members and ninety lady members thereof that they had never been absent from his thoughts. He remembered them in Palestine, he remembered them in the presence of the Sphinx

and on the sands of Arabia, and he remembered them in every waking hour. His thoughts were forever on the Temple and its inmates, and the grand work they were doing. The most excellent Doctor told the following story, which is too good not to give in full: "When in the land of the Pharaohs," he said, "I went from the Pyramids to the Sphinx upon a donkey, and returned from the Sphinx to the Pyramids upon a camel. I thought, on both occasions, 'What would my staff say if they could see me now?' (Laughter.) When I was wandering through the hallowed places in Palestine my thoughts were more frequently upon you and upon the work that the Order was doing than upon the scenes I was beholding for the first time in my life. In the streets of Jerusalem I rode upon a donkey. It was not a large donkey, and I am not a small man. When riding upon that donkey I remembered a little lesson I used to read, I think in the second book of the old Irish National School Series. At any rate those of you who have read it will probably, like me, never forget it. It was about the old man and his donkey. I came to the conclusion that if you had seen me upon that beautiful little donkey you would have thought in your minds that man is better able to carry that donkey than the donkey is to carry him. (Laughter.) Coming out of the judgment hall of Pilate, the building known as Ecce Homo, I remounted my donkey. As my coat caught under me on the saddle I raised myself in the saddle and pulled out my coat-tail, and in coming down, the poor donkey came down also on his knees. (Laughter.) I had a most admirable Arab for a dragoman, and he had excuses for everything that occurred. 'Sir, you must excuse the donkey,' he said, 'he is a Mussulman; it is just 12 o'clock, and you know that all Mussulmans at 12 o'clock get down on their knees and pray.' (Laughter.) Under those circumstances I had to excuse the donkey."

THE SUPREME CHIEF'S COMPLIMENTS.

The Supreme Chief continued by saying he would not offend on such a joyous occasion by making a speech. Turning to Bro. McCaughan, he thanked the City Courts, Sherwood Forest, Lithos, Lebanon, Christopher Columbus and Parkdale for their appreciation, their thoughtfulness and their welcome. He then told how much confidence he had in the officers he had left behind, in the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman; in Bro. Collins, whose duties as a Mystic Shriner kept him elsewhere; in Bro. Harper, the greatest constitutional crank in the world; in "Silent" Bro. Lawless, whom the Supreme Chief was pleased to say was the brains of the Order, "for which I get the credit. I will not, however, be able to say all I want to as he is here to-night; as well as all the remaining members of the staff, both in and out of the Temple." And then the Doctor briefly reviewed the work of the Order. He said:

WORK DONE.

"The Independent Order of Foresters during 1897 issued 32,528 new policies. There are fifteen old-line insurance companies of Canadian origin doing business in Canada to-day, and during 1897 these fifteen Canadian old-line companies issued 33,322 new policies, less by two or three hundred than the number issued by the Independent Order of Foresters alone. Now, what is still more remarkable is the fact that the 33,322 policyholders in the old-line companies carried only \$37,000,000 of insurance, as against \$39,000,000 of insurance

issued by the Independent Order of Foresters. That is to say that this Order issued two millions more than all the insurance companies put together. The Canada Life paid out the largest amount of benefits, so far as the old-line insurance companies are concerned, during 1897. They paid \$899,000—I am just giving these figures in round numbers—they paid \$899,000 in 1897 in benefits. The Independent Order of Foresters, without taking into account the benefits paid by the Subordinate Courts, but only the benefits paid by the Supreme Court, which is managed by these beautiful young ladies before me to whom I have already referred,

PAID \$992,000 IN 1897,

only a few thousand short of a clear million. That is what we paid in benefits in 1897.

OF THE SUCCESS.

“Now what does this \$992,000 mean? Perhaps we will understand it better if I put it in another way, at least those of you who are not Foresters will be able to understand it better, for we Foresters, who are millionaires, understand these large figures and what they mean. This \$992,000 means that for every day of 1897, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, we distributed to the widows and orphans and to our distressed members over

\$3,200 A DAY.

Every day of the year we were paying to the widows and orphans \$3,200. And yet the Independent Order of Foresters is only a baby! (Cheers.) I expect to see before I go to the happy hunting grounds at least half-a-million members in the Order, distributing millions of dollars every year to the widows and orphans of deceased Foresters.”

OUR CRITICS.

The Doctor next turned his attention to the critics of the Order, who, considering the provocation, he treated most temperately. Referring to a statement in an organ of a certain old-line company that the rate of assessment was to be increased, and that “a humble confession” was in order in consequence thereof from the man who put his signature to these words two short years ago: “Those who took part in the reorganization of the Order in 1889 after a most careful study of insurance history and a most exhaustive scrutiny of the experience of societies and companies, concluded that the rates of the I.O.F. would probably cover for all time to come the cost of our insurance,” the Supreme Chief Ranger said: “Now, I have to make a humble confession, and I think I ought to do it now in response to the invitation of this paper, and the confession I have to make, ladies and gentlemen, is that after doing business for seventeen years under the new order of things, under the new dispensation, and after an existence of 24 years, the Independent Order of Foresters was never stronger, was never in a better position, was never surer of the future, than it is to-day. (Cheers.) In this, the twenty-fourth year of our existence, we have used

LESS THAN 60 PER CENT.

of our premium income to meet all our liabilities, notwithstanding the fact that we are giving insurance to-day at less than one-half the cost charged by the old-line companies. If, after 24 years, we are enabled to give insurance for less than 50 per

cent. of our premium income, surely we have nothing in our history so far except confirmation of that statement quoted by this paper. The Canada Life in the last year, after being over 50 years in existence, used less than 40 per cent. of its premium income to pay all losses, and as our premium income is in the neighborhood of 50 per cent. of that of the Canada Life, we shall, if we have the same experience after we are 50 years old, be still paying from our present premium rates and carry a substantial sum to our reserve, as we do to-day, month by month, placing thirty, forty, fifty or sixty thousand dollars to our reserve.”

The Supreme Chief Ranger concluded with a magnificent peroration, reiterating his thanks and expressing his utmost confidence in the people, feeling, as he put it, that “the I.O.F. had only to be understood to command the sympathy and support of every Christian man who loves his fellow man.” Dr. Oronhyatekha resumed his seat amid one more ovation.

Mr. Alexander Fraser, Grand Chief of the Sons of Scotland, ably and thoughtfully endorsed the remarks of the Supreme Chief, and testified to the admiration entertained for him by his own and the other benevolent societies of the Dominion. “He had raised,” said Mr. Fraser, “a monument even more lasting than this Temple by his thoughtfulness and ability in laying upon broad foundations the work that we are all so much interested in.”

Then the programme was put through to the end, and the vast audience sang “God Save the Queen” with the heartiest possible zest, heightened possibly by the flavor left by the last recitation of that master-entertainer, Mr. J. W. Bengough, illustrative of the good feeling that prevails between ourselves and our neighbors.

Acknowledgments.

The Supreme Secretary acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions towards the funds named.

Court.	No.	Bronze Statue.	Cottage for Consumptives.	Totals.
Wellesley.	3103		3 00	3 00
Laval.....	1291			7 40
Fruitland.....	3075	3 00		3 00
Imlay.....	436	3 10		3 10
Signet.....	358	2 00		2 00
Nepigon.....	3827		6 00	6 00
Doon.....	260		1 00	1 00
Park River.....	482		11 07	11 07
Metigoshe.....	3083	4 20		4 20
St. Catharine....	729	10 00		10 00
Bay Mills.....	1865	2 00		2 00
Collection at Foresters' Island Pk.				21 05

We cannot get to practical applications till we have grasped fundamental facts. We cannot do small duties without the strength inspired by great principles.—Thoreau.

INSTITUTION
OF THE
**HIGH COURT OF NORTHERN
MINNESOTA**

BY THE
SUPREME CHIEF RANGER
At Duluth on the 30th June, 1898.

Some time last year a majority of the courts in Northern Minnesota filed petitions for the formation of a High Court for the northern section of the State, and sent Bro. Kemp to meet the Executive Council at Toronto and press upon that body the desirability of granting the prayer of the courts. The Executive Council instructed the S.C.R. to call a conference between the representatives of the northern courts and the High Standing Committee with the view of bringing about an understanding between the brethren, failing which then to institute the High Court. Accordingly a conference was held in St. Paul on the 18th of January last which was attended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the High Standing Committee of Minnesota and a committee representing the petitioning courts. Arrangements were made whereby the High Chief Ranger was to visit as many of the petitioning courts, especially those in and about Duluth, with the view of getting them to withdraw their petitions for a new High Court, failing which it was understood that the new High Court would be formed in June. The conference, in view of this contingency, agreed to a boundary line which was to separate the two High Court jurisdictions in the event of the second one being formed.

On the return of the S.C.R. from abroad he was advised that the courts in northern Minnesota still desired to be set apart into a new High Court jurisdiction. Accordingly a convention was called in Duluth for the 30th June last for the purpose of settling the matter one way or the other.

On the day named the convention met, when it was found that out of the 19 courts in the proposed new jurisdiction 18 had petitioned for the formation of the new High Court and only one court had withdrawn its petition, thus leaving 17 out of 19 courts in favor of the formation of a new High Court. Bro. O'Neil, the High Chief Ranger, who was present by the invitation of the S.C.R., stated that he was not prepared to say whether his High Standing Committee would raise any question in the Supreme Court regarding the formation of the new High Court. If they did and the Supreme Court endorsed the formation of the new High Court he desired to assure the brethren present that they in the southern jurisdiction would be perfectly content and would enter into a friendly rivalry with the northern High Court as to which would be the most active in promoting the good of the Order. (Applause.) They would endeavor to show them that they in the south could not be beaten in advancing the welfare of the Order, and leading the procession to greater success and prosperity for the I.O.F. in Minnesota.

INSTITUTION OF THE HIGH COURT.

The Supreme Chief Ranger then proceeded to institute the new High Court, and conferred the High Court Degree upon the following among other candidates:

M. T. Bywater, Court Duluth, 724; Jno. Kims, Court Duluth, 724; C. J. Marshall, F.S., Court Loyal, 3417; E. C. Regli, Court Duluth, 724; Frank Crassweller, R.S., Court Commerce, 3283; Geo. Robinson, Court Duluth, 724; Chas. Boerner, Court West Duluth, 797; E. W. Boerner, F.S., Court West Duluth, 797; Henry Dworschak, Court Commerce, 3283; L. L. Forest, Treas., Court Commerce, 3283; R. D. McKereher, Court Duluth, 724; F. H. Lamsberry, Court East Duluth, 3318; James Meakin, jr., R.S., Court East Duluth, 3218; W. M. Durdin, Court Duluth, 724; Donald Ross, Court Central Duluth, 1727; Edwin Hock, Chap., Court Commerce, 3283; W. A. Rorrison, C.R., Court East Duluth, 3318; Jas. F. Smith, V.C.R., Court Duluth, 724; Louis Roos, Court Commerce, 3283; Wm. Yomherb, S.B., Court Loyal, 3417; Patrick Healy, Court Duluth, 724; E. G. Schneider, Court Commerce, 3283; Geo. Summerhayes, S.W., Court Duluth, 724; Andrew Blais, Court Duluth, 724; R. B. Jones, Court Duluth, 724; M. A. Barnes, Court Duluth, 724; Allan Douglass, Court Spirit Lake, 3430; A. H. Paul, Court Loyal, 3417; J. E. Close, Court Duluth, 724; A. K. Penestron, Court Loyal, 3417; Fred Shaddock, Court Moose Lake, 3512; C. W. Kent, C.D.H.C.R., Court Mille Lacs, 3622; Geo. C. W. Spink, Court Duluth, 724; W. J. Russell, Court Duluth, 724; Fred Gelineau, Court Duluth, 724; Don McLennan, Court Loyal, 3417; Geo. A. Sperin, Court Duluth, 724; J. A. Ennis, Court Central Duluth, 1724; Thos. R. Hancock, J.W., Court Duluth, 724; H. E. Johnson, Court Duluth, 724; E. McLeod, Court Central Duluth, 1724; J. L. Heasley, Court Duluth, 724; S. A. McMahon, Court Commerce, 3283; C. E. Everson, Court Duluth, 724; Geo. Dion, Chap., Court Duluth, 724; Jas. Patterson, V.C.R.; Court Loyal, 3417; W. C. Wright, Court Loyal, 3417; James Robinson, Court Duluth, 724; M. Vincent, Court Duluth, 724; Jas. Dunne, R.S., Court Central Duluth, 1724; J. S. McCormick, F.S., Court Central Duluth, 1724; Jno. Mears, Court Duluth, 724; Chas. H. Stern, S.W., Court Commerce, 3283; L. S. Forester, Court Duluth, 724; R. Durham, P.C.R., Court Duluth, 724; G. Gannon, S.B., Court West Duluth, 797; James Konroy, Court Duluth, 724; F. G. Fresise, Court Duluth, 724; Thos. H. Fresise, Court Duluth, 724; Wm. Sibbald, Court West Duluth, 797; H. A. Morrison, Court Duluth, 724; Julius Lange, Court Duluth, 724; J. B. Anderson, Court West Duluth, 797; Chas. Kohagen, Court Duluth, 724; Carl R. Boerner, V.C.R., Court West Duluth, 797; Geo. L. Nitley, Court West Duluth, 797; Louis Kamstad, Court West Duluth, 797; H. W. Krause, Court Commerce, 3283; Paul Bollwein, Court Loyal 3417; F. M. Conley, Court Duluth, 724; W. B. Henderso., Court Commerce, 3283; Erick N. Holenund, Court Duluth, 724; F. A. Johnson, P.C.R., Court Northcote, 1683; J. E. Dillian, C.R., Court Northcote, 1683; Jno. Hock, Court Commerce, 3283; James Morton, C.D.H.C.R., Court Central Duluth, 1727; H. W. Cheadle, C.R., Court Commerce, 3283; Peter Reberg, Court Central Duluth, 1727; W. D. Bangs, Court Hendrum, 1326; Thomas Clarke, C.R., Court Loyal 3417; C. J. Marshall, Court Loyal, 3417; H. Dash, Court Spirit Lake, 3430; L. E. Gossman, Court Crookston, 3893; C. W. Kent, Court Mille Lacs, 3622; Fred Shaddock, Ct. Moose Lake, 3542; O. C. Gray, Court Moose Lake, 3542.

The following officers were then appointed and installed by the S.C.R. :-

High Chief Ranger, W. A. Hicken, Duluth; High Junior Past Chief Ranger, George R. Laybourn, Duluth; High Vice Chief Ranger, John G. Ross, Duluth; High Secretary, A. McG. McDonald, Duluth; High Treasurer, Jay Brayan, Duluth; High Physician, W. W. Routh, Duluth; High Counselor, Frank Drassweller, Duluth; High Chaplain, W. D. Bangs, Hendrum; High Journal Secretary, H. C. Brown, West Duluth; High Senior Woodward, L. E. Gossman, Crookston; High Junior Woodward, O. C. Gray, Moose Lake; High Senior Beadle, F. A. Johnson, Northote; High Junior Beadle, B. Rasmusson, Aitken; High Marshall, C. W. Kent, Milaca; High Conductor, C. J. Marshall, Duluth; High Messenger, A. F. Peterson, East Grand Forks; High Auditors, J. Ridge and W. A. Rorrison, Duluth.

Bro. G. R. Laybourn, P.H.C.R., who is a member of the Legislature, was elected the Representative to the Supreme Court, Duluth was selected as the next place of meeting, the time of such meeting being left in the hands of the High Standing Committee.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.

The High Court was presented with a handsome silver-mounted gavel, made from the wood in the sunken steamer *Algonquin*, by E. R. Regli, of Duluth. Bro. George R. Laybourn presented the gavel in behalf of Bro. Regli, and Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatekha, who presided in the absence of High Chief Ranger Hicken, accepted the gavel in behalf of the High Court.

The following telegrams were received and ordered to be spread on the minutes, and the High Standing Committee instructed to send suitable replies:

CUTHBERT, GEORGIA, 30th June.

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., S.C.R., Duluth.

Please present to the officers and members of the High Court of Northern Minnesota my most hearty greetings. I wish them great prosperity and harmony in their noble work. N. B. MORRISON.

SEATTLE, WASH., June 29th, 1898.

ISAIAH REDGE, Duluth.

My sincerest wishes for your success and congratulations for the honor conferred by our respected Chief H. E. KEMP.

HOUGHTON, MICH., June 29th, 1898.

FRANK CRASWELLER, Duluth.

Regret exceedingly my inability to attend convention. Express to Oronhyatekha my gratitude and congratulations to new High Court. The prestige, added to untiring zeal, must result in increased success. W. A. HICKEN.

After the transaction of routine business, the High Court of Northern Minnesota was then duly closed by Bro. Geo. R. Laybourn, P.H.C.R. After which the brethren repaired to the banquet hall and duly refreshed the inner man.

Each one of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier. Each one of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow. Each one of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single household may flow the influences that shall stimulate the whole commonwealth and the whole civilized world.—DEAN STANLEY.

The Royal Arcanum.

The annual session of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum was held in Cleveland in the early part of June. The committee appointed last year to draft a new plan reported in favor of the step-rate plan, each member to pay an increased rate as he grew older. This plan was rejected, and the following adopted. Henceforward there are to be levied annually twenty-one assessments at the present rate per age, which remains intact. The rate per age is to be multiplied by twenty-one and this amount is to be divided into twelve equal amounts, which shall be the regular assessment, payable monthly. The following table shows the rate for one assessment, the total cost in 1897 when seventeen assessments were called, and the yearly cost on the new plan.

Age.	Rate of Assessments	Cost in 1897-8.	Expected Cost in 1898-9.
21	\$1.00	\$17.00	\$21.00
22	1.04	17	21.84
23	1.08	17.36	22.68
24	1.12	19.04	23.52
25	1.16	19.72	24.36
26	1.20	20.40	25.20
27	1.24	21.08	26.04
28	1.28	21.76	26.88
29	1.32	22.44	27.72
30	1.38	23.46	28.98
31	1.44	24.48	30.20
32	1.50	25.50	31.50
33	1.56	26.52	33.16
34	1.62	27.54	34.02
35	1.68	28.56	35.28
36	1.74	29.58	36.54
37	1.80	30.60	37.80
38	1.86	31.62	39.06
39	1.96	33.32	41.16
40	2.06	35.02	43.26
41	2.16	36.72	45.36
42	2.26	38.42	47.46
43	2.36	40.12	49.56
44	2.46	41.82	51.66
45	2.58	43.86	54.18
46	2.70	45.90	56.70
47	2.82	47.94	59.22
48	2.96	50.32	62.16
49	3.10	52.70	65.10
50	3.26	55.42	68.46
51	3.42	58.14	71.82
52	3.60	61.20	75.60
53	3.80	64.60	79.80
54	4.00	68.00	84.00

While the change made was in the right direction, we are of opinion that the Supreme Council did not go far enough, and before many years have elapsed they will find the new rates will be insufficient for the needs of the Order. However, the members of the Royal Arcanum are to be congratulated on what has been accomplished in the way of strengthening the Order.

The Supreme Council also resolved to pay promptly the death claims of all members of the Order in the army and navy, and not to legislate in any manner against applicants for membership who are likely to see service in the present war with Spain.

Correspondence.

CHAMBERS OF COURT DELTA, No. 3244.
 DELRAY, MICH., May 25th, 1898.

The following resolutions were adopted at a regular meeting of Court Delta, No. 3244, located at Delray, Michigan :

WHEREAS in consideration of the fact that our worthy Bro. Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, and Bro. John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, and the Executive Council of the Independent Order of Foresters, through their noble and patriotic act to their brother Foresters of the United States, in issuing a circular dated April 30th, 1898, whereby each and every brother Forester of the United States, who may enlist in the army or navy of the United States, during the war with Spain, shall be protected by this noble Order :

Therefore, be it Resolved, that Court Delta, No. 3244, Independent Order of Foresters, unite in extending their heartfelt thanks to the Supreme Officers for their expressed loyalty to the Foresters of this country and their showing patriotism to the country so well loved by us. And further be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, a copy to John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, a copy to the Executive Council and one copy to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER for publication.

E. H. DAVIS
 A. J. BOYD
 WM. J. SIEBERT } Committee.

Court Orillia, No. 615, I.O.F.

June 23rd, 1898.

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
 Supreme Chief Ranger, I.O.F.,
 Toronto.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Thanks to Bro. Whale's sunny ways and his powers and persuasiveness as a canvasser, we had 18 applications for membership at our last meeting, bringing our number over the 100 mark, and we except before Bro. Whale's train leaves at noon that at least a half-dozen more applications will be received.

The court attended divine service on Sunday the 19th, and had about 50 members in the parade. . . Court Orillia has received a new lease of life - thanks to Bro. Whale's untiring efforts.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
 JAS. B. HENDERSON,
 Secy., pro. tem.

A Widow's Grateful Letter.

\$1050.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA, S.C.R.

DEAR SIR,—On the 12th inst. I received from Messrs. Butterworth, Pownall and Powell, officers of Court Tennyson, I.O.F., two cheques amounting to \$1,050, being amount of insurance and funeral benefit due by your noble Order on my late husband's life, and for which please to accept my most grateful thanks.

I cannot find language to express my feelings of gratitude for the assistance thus received and the exceedingly prompt manner in which you have paid

this claim. My husband was buried on the 2nd, and the cash was in my possession on the 12th inst. The death of my husband is a very severe loss to my child and myself, but sad as that loss is, it would have been infinitely greater but for this provision made for us through the I.O.F.

My prayer is, that the Lord may ever prosper and increase its usefulness, until it shall spread to the uttermost parts of the earth. I shall never cease to speak kind words of it.

I would like you to know of the attention shown us by the brethren of Court Tennyson during my husband's long illness ; also of the beautiful pillow of flowers sent by them to be placed on his casket, and the very beautiful service held by them at the house, and the goodly numbers in which they attended the last sad rites. These things will not be forgotten.

Again thanking you, believe me to remain faithfully yours,

MRS. EMMA DAVIDSON.

A Generous Act.

SYRACUSE, N.Y.,

May 31st, 1898.

G. L. DICKINSON, H.S.,
 Manotick, Ontario.

My dear Sir and Brother,

Enclosed please find my mite (\$5.00) for the fire suffering brethren of Eastern Ontario, who lost their all, and became destitute from the ravages of fire in Russell County.

Every brother of our Order of the 135,000 should respond to the appeal made by High Chief Ranger Clark. Forestry is not confined to any one locality ; it should exist and be made manifest in the hearts of all Foresters, when calamities befall brethren, whether in North America or in Europe.

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

I. O. F. Prompt as Usual.

\$1000.

The Independent Order of Foresters, always very prompt in settling its death benefits, is to the front in the case of its deceased member, the late Joseph D. Secrest, Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Secrest died May 24th, and it was May 26th when the proofs of death and burial were sent to the head officers in Toronto, Canada. Yesterday Court Deputy J. H. Whatmore received a cheque for \$1,000, the amount of deceased's insurance policy, and this morning Secretary P. B. Hoffman delivered the same to Mrs. Secrest. The deceased officer had policies in several other Associations, but the I.O.F. was the first to respond to its obligations to the widow and orphan.

Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all is the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man.—Thomas Hughes.

Do you long to forget a heartache? Then find somebody else who has one, sympathize with him, and try to heal it for him. This will help you. Put it to the test.

Companions of the F.O.F.

Court Pearl, No. 9, Watertown, N.Y., recently celebrated their first anniversary. The occasion was a very happy one. The hall was beautifully decorated, the programme excellent, the refreshments abundant, and the company large and thoroughly pleased with what was done for their entertainment.

Court Prudence, No. 138, Norwood, N.Y., was recently instituted by Bro. F. J. Saker, D.S.C.C., with a list of 27 charter members. Eight additional members have been received and more promised. They are said to be doing excellent work. Miss Nora McKenty is the Comp. Secy., and Mrs. Aurilla Dailey is the Chief Comp.

Ellen Berdean, C.S., of Court Pearl, No. 9, Watertown City, writes as follows: "We have one hundred and five members in good standing, our meetings are well attended, and although the work is new and the majority of our Companions never belonged to any secret society, we are hopeful of mastering the ritual and ceremonies and doing a splendid work in this place. We had a most successful entertainment on 27th April and flourished our colors, red, white and blue."

Mrs. Lily Faulk, of 20 Rural St., Cleveland, O., sends congratulations from Court Wilson, Companions of I.O.F., to the Supreme Chief Ranger and assures him that the court is flourishing and has a bright future before it. They had an ice cream and cake social on the 25th May in honor of the first anniversary of the court, and the attendance was large. At the "Prize Social" each court made \$86.45 net gain. Court Forest City presented the W.C.C. with a beautiful Forester's Pin.

Mildred Bird, C.S. of Court Grand River, No. 58, Fairport Harbour, Ohio, writes: "I wish to let you know how our court is getting along. We had our first social and entertainment on the 18th May. It was highly successful. Our programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, drills and recitations. Our membership is sixty-three, with several applicants for admission before the court. Our efforts are for a membership of one hundred by the time of the Supreme Court meeting in August."

Court Lady Franklin, No. 45, of Oswego, N.Y., is one of the most enthusiastic and hard-working courts in the State. Organized last October with a charter list of only 30, it now numbers 52, with 25 applications on hand for membership. At a recent dancing party the handsome sum of \$45 was realized. The members some time since entertained Court Nehtawanta, No. 3263, I.O.F., with ice cream, cake, coffee, etc., and a royal time was spent. We wish Court Lady Franklin much success in all their future undertakings.

Mrs. Lizzie Bonnar, of 506 Fort St. E., Detroit, writes hopefully of the prospects of Court Ferris, Companions of I.O.F. Her husband being a member of Court Bagley, one of the oldest courts of the Order in Detroit, she became acquainted with the wives of nearly all the members, and after prosecuting a most vigorous canvass for one week succeeded in securing the names of forty ladies for initiation into Court Ferris. And more, too, Mrs. Bonnar succeeded in securing six new members for Court Bagley at the same time. The officers of Court Bagley in recognition of the splendid work done by Mrs. Bonnar have made her an auxiliary to assist in getting more members.

They should give her a gold medal.

Among the Courts.

CANADA.

Manitoba.

The church parade of Court Manitou, I.O.F., on Sunday, the 19th June, was a great success; 105 of the brethren took part, and a few of the members of Court Hannah, No. 3121, N.D., joined in the parade. There was a very large congregation of the friends of the Order present in the Agricultural Hall. Rev. J. W. Bell, B.D., preached a most eloquent sermon from St. Matthew, 7th chapter and 12th verse, and dwelt principally upon the Brotherhood of Man. The congregation numbered nearly 600, and the choir was led by our worthy V.C.R., Bro. W. D. Ruttan. After returning to their hall, the members passed the following resolutions: That the thanks of the members of this court are hereby tendered to Rev. J. W. Bell, B.D., the choir, and the directors of the Agricultural Society, for kindly lending their hall for the occasion; also to Saunders, Hill & Co., and Turnbull & Davidson, for seats; and all others who in any way contributed to the success of the anniversary. The collected amounted to \$25.00, to be given to the Children's Home in Winnipeg.

P.S.—Court Manitou has at the present time 151 members, with more applications. The delegates to the High Court at Winnipeg are the following: Bros. J. E. Orrange, W. D. Ruttan, James Huston, Thomas V. Lister, J. E. Law, G. McMurry.

Nova Scotia High Court Biennial Meeting.

(Condensed from the Halifax Herald.)

The biennial session of the High Court of Nova Scotia, Independent Order of Foresters, convened on the 2nd June at Foresters' Hall, in the Hesselin building, Halifax.

The attendance at this meeting was probably the largest in its history, there being delegates present from nearly every county in the province proper, to the number of about one hundred and twenty.

All the High Court officers were in their places, and the session opened at eight o'clock. After the opening ceremonies the popular High Chief Ranger, E. J. Heisler, of Halifax, read his report, a brief synopsis of which follows:

THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

During the two years he had been at the head of the Order in Nova Scotia Independent Forestry had made rapid strides forward. At the time of the last High Court meeting, 1896, the total membership in the province was 1,819. On April 30th of the present year it had grown to 3,125, an increase of 72 per cent. The last High Court Ranger, in 1896, had reported eight courts, and a membership of 477; he was pleased to be able to report a gain in courts of 25, and a gain in membership of 1,345. There are now 76 courts in Nova Scotia, with 3,164 members, and the Independent Order of Foresters is growing daily in popularity. During the year two courts, Blomidon and Cornwallis, had united, giving a membership of over 100.

THE FINANCES.

The finances of the High Court, which for some years previous to 1896 had not been in a satisfactory condition, had been placed on a much better footing, and the large indebtedness had been greatly reduced, while the High Standing Committee had felt justified in donating \$50 towards the relief of our brother sufferers in Windsor at the time of the late fire.

MORTUARY BENEFITS.

During the two years of the term just closed the mortuary benefits paid in Nova Scotia amounted to \$33,500, and to total disability the sum of \$3,500 had been paid.

GENERAL GROWTH OF ORDER.

In speaking of the general growth of the Order the H.C.R. said: "We cannot review the growth and progress of our Order during the recess of High Court without feelings of great pleasure and satisfaction, and we note with pride the gigantic strides being made by the I.O.F. towards the first place in membership, as well as in finances, amongst the great fraternal insurance societies of the world. From every jurisdiction we hear the welcome words "Progress and prosperity."

Among the prominent Foresters who attended the High Court were: Judge Chesley, of Lunenburg; E. C. Bowers, ex-M.P. of Westport; J. A. Grierson, Weymouth; G. T. Bohaker, Annapolis; Dr. Andrews, Middleton; Dr. Armstrong, Freeport; E. B. Cogswell, Kentville; Editor Howe, *Lunenburg Progress*; Rev. C. P. Mellor, New Germany; A. W. McBean, Town Clerk, Westville; W. M. Reade, ex-mayor, Amherst; Augustus Harris, Little River; Wm. Crawley, Yarmouth; E. H. Dodge, Kentville; W. L. Irish, Mulgrave.

The second session of the High Court I.O.F. convened at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, and various routine business connected with the High Court was regularly transacted. During the session Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, of Toronto, visited the High Court, and was received with the usual honors. This distinguished visitor gave an interesting speech, reviewing the history of Forestry and its great progress in all parts. He also carried the Supreme Chief's message of encouragement to the High Court.

A short session was held at two o'clock, from which the court adjourned to take advantage of the special invitation of the seven courts of Halifax and Dartmouth to a trip on the harbor by the steamer *Lunenburg*. At three o'clock a large number of Foresters, with a number of their lady friends, boarded the steamer, which headed up the harbor to make a visit to H.M.S. *Renown*. Special permission having previously been kindly granted by the commander of the *Renown*, the *Lunenburg* was allowed to come up to the gangway of the big warship, which they went aboard of without difficulty. The officers in charge of the warship were extremely courteous, dividing the whole company up into groups of eight or ten, and assigning them to bright young lads, who conducted them about the ship and explained the working of the guns, from the small quick-firing rifles to the mammoth ten-inch guns.

After the visit to the warship a trip was made up the beautiful Bedford Basin, and the more beautiful North-west Arm, returning to town at 6.45.

During the trip the Halifax brethren provided lunch to satisfy the inner man, and sweet music to

charm the ear. At the evening session the usual routine business was taken up. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the railway and steamboat companies for the courtesy of reduced fares. A very hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the Halifax and Dartmouth courts for courtesies bestowed during the session. Unanimous votes of thanks were also passed to the High Chief Ranger, E. J. Heisler, as a mark of appreciation for the successful mission work which he had done for the Order, to the High Standing Committee for the faithful performance of their duties, and to the Supreme Court and Executive for their assistance to the Order in Nova Scotia by sending out organizers who did valuable work. At ten o'clock the court commenced the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

E. J. Heisler, Halifax, H.C.R.

F. M. Logan, Wolfville, H.V.C.R.

G. H. McKinley, Halifax, H. Secretary.

S. E. Mack, Lunenburg, H. Treasurer.

Dr. Andrews, Middleton, H. Physician.

E. B. Cogswell, Kentville, H. Counsellor.

E. C. Bowers, Westport, H. Auditor.

Thos. O. Howe, Lunenburg, High Auditor.

Representatives to Supreme Court, Messrs. Heisler, Logan and Suckling.

Alternate representatives, Messrs. Creighton and Chesley.

Truro was selected as the place of meeting for the session of the High Court in July, 1900.

The appointed officers are:

Rev. E. P. Crawford, Halifax, H. Chaplain.

J. A. Simpson, Amherst, Journal Secretary.

W. C. Denton, Centreville, S. Woodward.

J. T. Rhind, New Glasgow, J. Woodward.

Geo. A. Currie, Halifax, S. Beadle.

A. D. Falconer, Hopewell, J. Beadle.

G. T. McNutt, Stewiacke, Marshal.

Jules Choisset, Parrsboro, Conductor.

Dr. H. P. Clay, Tidnish, Messenger.

The Supreme Treasurer being present, installed the officers-elect.

Ontario.

Bro. John Norton, C.D. of Court Mount McKay, No. 287, Fort William, Ont., writes cheerfully respecting Forestry in that town. The court had the best parade on Sunday, 19th June, ever seen in the place. The members are also arranging for a monster excursion and picnic on 3rd August, which we greatly hope will be a grand success. We hope to see some of the brethren of Fort William at the Supreme Court meeting and Temple dedication on 30th and 31st August.

Central Ontario.

Court Trade and Commerce.

Brilliant Reception to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

Saturday night, 25th June, Court Trade and Commerce, of Toronto, tendered a reception to their S.C.R., Dr. Oronhyatekha. After the ordinary business and initiation of candidates was over, the members, with their guests, retired to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast awaited them. Mr. George Elliott, Chief Ranger, made an admir-

able host. The toasts were: "The Queen," "Our Guest." The Supreme Chief Ranger replied with his usual ability, outlining the future policy of the Order.

Among other things, the S.C.R. declared that the rates of the I.O.F. to present members would not be raised, but might be lowered, also that the Supreme Court would consider at their next meeting a by-law for old-age pensions, and another whereby members at the age of 70 may get a percentage of their insurance.

After several excellent speeches by members of the court, interspersed with songs, recitations and instrumental music, the happy company joined in the National Anthem, and then separated at about 11 p.m.

Eastern Ontario.

Flourishing in Ottawa Valley.

EIGHTEEN NEW COURTS ORGANIZED IN THE DISTRICT —HIGH COURT OFFICERS' VISIT.

Victoria Hall was the scene last evening of a very large Forestric gathering held under the auspices of Court Ottawa, No. 41, I.O.F. Representatives were present from each of the fifteen courts in the district.

Before the general meeting Court Ottawa had a short session, at which fifteen initiations took place, and one member was received from Ohio by card.

Upon adjournment Bro. Ex-Ald. Cook took the chair, and speeches, all of them interesting, were made by the following gentlemen: Dr. C. D. Clark, H.C.R.; G. L. Dickenson, Ex-M.P., H.S.; Dr. W. Crane, H.P.; A. W. Fraser, H.C.; F. R. E. Camp-
eau, D.D.H.C.; A. A. Dion, D.D.H.C.; Walter Ronan, D.D.H.C.; T. Cote, D.D.H.C.

The H.C.R. spoke of the eighteen new courts which had been inaugurated in this district during the past ten months and said that 1,400 new members had been enrolled during a similar period.

Bro. Dickenson congratulated the court upon being entirely free from debt, having just succeeded in wiping out an encumbrance of \$2,000.

Dr. Crain, an old Ottawa boy, remarked upon the good work being done in Chrysler, where he is now resident. Thirty-nine new members were added to the court there recently in three days.

Some discussion took place relative to the annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario High Court, which is expected to take place in Pembroke during the first week in September.

The meeting was brought to a fitting conclusion by the passage of the following resolution, moved by Bro. Rea, of Court Ottawa, seconded by Bro. Howard of Court Capital:

"That this meeting of the Independent Order of Foresters of the Ottawa district, held under the auspices of Court Ottawa, No. 41, desires to express its hearty thanks to H.C.R. Bro. C. Day Clark, M.D., and his colleagues on the executive of the High Court of Ontario, for their fraternal visit, and to extend to them many congratulations on the progress of the High Court during the Forestric year just closing."

It is impossible to make people understand their ignorance, for it requires knowledge to perceive it, and, therefore, he that can perceive it hath it not.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

Prince Edward Island.

Official Notice.

To all the members of the Independent Order of Foresters under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Prince Edward Island:

You will please take notice that the Fifth Annual Session of the High Court will be held in the Town of Albuton on Thursday and Friday, August 11th and 12th next. The first session will open promptly at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday. A special train from the east will arrive at 3 p.m. All members of the Order are privileged to attend and entitled to the High Court degree. Representatives will see that all sums due the High Court by their respective courts are paid, or they will not be entitled to seats or votes; also to see that their credentials are in the hands of the H. Sec.

Due notice will be given in the daily papers as to train arrangement and cost of getting to Albuton.

Signed,

FRANK S. JOST,
High Chief Ranger.

Attest:

L. U. FOWLER,
High Secretary.

The first Encampment of Royal Foresters in Prince Edward Island was instituted in Charlottetown on Friday evening, June 24th, by Bro. Judge F W. Emmerson, High Secretary of New Brunswick.

The officers of the new Encampment are as follows:—

Illustrious Commander, Frank S. Jost.

" Past " Harry D. Johnson, M.D.

" Lieut. " Richard M. Johnson.

" Orator, Louis U. Fowler.

" Chancellor, John H. Bell.

" Archivist, D. Kenneth Dobie.

" Standard Bearers, } Daniel A. Wedlock.

" } J. Milton Walsh.

" Sword Bearer, George W. Worthy.

" Guards } Kenneth Findlison.

" } John W. Sutherland.

The Encampment will meet each week until the meeting of the High Court, when a meeting will be held in Albuton, when it is expected that Brigade General Todd, of St. John, will be present.

Sunday, June 19th, was Foresters' Day in most of the churches. Bro. Rev. J. M. Whitcombe, of Court Cabot, preached for the Summerside Foresters, Rev. W. J. Kirby for the Charlottetown brethren, Bro. Rev. Geo. Robertson, of Court New London, for the New London courts, Bro. Rev. M. Campbell for Court Stratheona, Bro. Rev. Charles McKay for Court Beausjour, and the High Chaplain for the Crapaud and Tryon brethren. The parades are reported to be far ahead of last year, particularly that of the Charlottetown courts.

Brother Rev. William J. Kirby, Chaplain of Court Mt. Stephen, who left on the 29th of June for a three months' trip to Europe, was presented, at a meeting of Court Avondale, on the evening of the 28th, with an address and gold-headed cane, suitably engraved. The presentation was made by a committee of three from Court Avondale, and two from Court Mt. Stephen. Bro. Kirby acknowledged the kindness of the members in a neat speech.

Bro. Rev. John Goldsmith, of Court Onaway,

has also gone on a similar trip, the two in company with Mrs. Kirby and others left on June 29th.

Bro. George W. Irving, of Court Balnagowan, who has returned from McGill College, will occupy the pulpit of Bro. Goldsmith at Albuton for a time.

The Foresters of Charlottetown, P.E.I., observed the Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the Order yesterday by parading to Grace Church, where an able and appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. W. J. Kirby.

The procession was composed of the two courts—Avondale and Mt. Stephen. Some eighty men marched and a more creditable parade has never been seen in the city. The citizen's band played very suitable selections and the route of the procession was lined with crowds of spectators.

Quebec.

Court St. Hélène, No. 1019, can now rank among the most prosperous courts of the I.O.F. The zeal of its officers, specially that of Bros. Duvert, Sylvestre and LaChance, is remarkable.

The Court Deputy, Mr. Brouillette, who is always at his post, distinguished himself, recently, by initiating many new members.

The Chief always watches the finances from the corner of his eye, while Bro. Montet opens his as wide as saucers as soon as he hears the least rattling noise of fifty cent pieces. So you see the funds of Court St. Hélène are well kept.

The question of the nomination of delegates from Court St. Hélène to the High Court is settled. This year the delegates will be Bros. Duvert, Sylvestre, Lionais and Montet.

Bravo, Court St. Hélène!

Court St. Brigitte, No. 1398, has appointed the delegates who will attend the deliberations of the High Court at the meeting which will take place during the summer at Three Rivers.

The nomination was made at the meeting of the 21st of June, which was presided over by Bro. Thomas Dufresne, Chief Ranger of the Court.

Having 176 members in good standing at the last semi-annual meeting, Court St. Brigitte has the right to send four delegates to the convention. They have chosen five as follows: Bros. Thomas Dufresne, J. O. Brault, O. R. Lafèche, Isidore Laviolette and Chas. Hector Lavallée, all good Foresters who will work in the interests of the Order and of its members.

Bro. Edmond Montet, C.D.H.C.R., was present at this meeting and delivered a short address in which he congratulated the officers of Court St. Brigitte, for being so punctual and specially such good business men.

"Men don't stay in their homes unless they find their homes entertaining," said a married woman of wide experience in the world, in talking about the education of her daughter. "I tell my daughter that if she is ever to marry she needs to know something, for two reasons: first, to hold her husband's interest; and second, to have within herself resources that will make her happiness, to a certain extent, independent of him; in which case he will be much more likely to stay in love with her."—*Exchange.*

UNITED STATES.

California.

The Los Angeles *Express* of 20th June gives a brief account of the anniversary service by the courts in that city, as follows:

"The Independent Order of Foresters celebrated the twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of their Order with a service at Simpson Tabernacle yesterday. Headed by the Mexican Band and with nearly two hundred men in line, they marched to the Tabernacle at 2.45 p.m. Brigadier-General G. A. McElfresh, a member of the Supreme Commander's staff, was in command, and next came Major-General R. E. Wirsching, the ranking officer of the Division of California. The services were in charge of General G. A. McElfresh, and included a sermon by Rev. Will A. Knighten. The Foresters have a membership of nearly 2,500 in this city."

Court Acacia, No. 3742, the baby court, held a most successful musical and literary entertainment on the evening of June 10th in the social hall, Alcazar Building. The bright programme, together with refreshments and an impromptu hop, was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present.

Mrs. Acland Oronhyatekha received an ovation on this her first appearance in song on the Pacific Coast. She captured all hearts with her sweet voice.

Miss Florida Kingsley, of the Alcazar Theatre, maintained her position as an old Frisco favorite. The eloquent and forceful address of Bro. E. A. Mack, manager of the Pacific Coast Office of the Supreme Court, was listened to with much pleasure, and was productive of immediate good to the court, as quite a number applied for membership.

Thursday night, June 16th, was a red-letter night for Court Los Angeles, No. 422, the banner court of the world. Arrangements had been made by the court for a good old fraternal time; the large Temple was tastefully decorated with flags, flowers and emblems of the Order. The members of the other twelve courts of the city had been invited, and they were three hundred strong. Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, attended in a body. Bro. John Clinch was on hand with a large delegation from Court Crown of the Valley. Bro. Charley Clark, D.D.H.C.R., from Pomona, was there with his smile. The whole Board of City, D.D.H.C.Rs., occupied the platform surrounding their Chief, Bro. G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., and oh, how pleasant every brother looked, and how happy everyone seemed to be! Surely it is "a good thing for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Bro. Wersching, C.R., presided in his usual able manner, while Bro. Reavis, C.D.H.C.R., was here, there and everywhere, seeing that every one was enjoying the occasion. The officers of the court initiated a candidate in good old Los Angeles style. The High Chief Ranger gave the lecture on the unwritten work of the Order, after which all were invited to the banquet hall, where good things to eat and drink, speeches, songs and jolly stories kept the "boys" together until after midnight.

Brother G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R., was the guest of Court La Fiesta on the evening of June 22nd, and entertained the large membership that was

present with an address on Forestry and Patriotism. Court La Fiesta has the reputation of being the most social court in the state, as well as one of the most active ones. Among its one hundred and sixty members are, some very clever entertainers, and they make the court meetings so interesting that a large attendance is always the rule.

On Friday, June 24th, he was with Court Colton, No. 440, and on the 25th the members of Court San Gorgonio, of Banning, turned out in full force to receive him.

The Foresters of Los Angeles City are making great preparation for the Fourth of July celebration. It is expected that one thousand men will be in line in the Foresters' division of the parade.

The courts of Orange county held a rousing picnic at Newport Beach last Saturday, the courts from Westminster, Santa Ana, Orange and Fullerton being well represented, the members being accompanied by their wives and families. An address was delivered by W. R. Uber, D.S.C.R.

Arrangements are being made, with good success, for a large turnout of the members of the Order in the city in the coming Fourth of July parade. Los Angeles Encampment, No. 17, Royal Foresters, in their rich uniforms, will lead the division, followed by the members of the numerous city courts arrayed in appropriate and striking hats. It is estimated that at least 700 members of the Order will be in line.

The Board of District Deputies paid an official visit to Court Central Avenue, No. 1930, last night, and a social session was the result, in which numerous speeches were indulged in. The members of the court left nothing undone to make the visit a pleasant one to all concerned.—*Los Angeles Times*, June 3rd, 1898.

A large number of courts have passed resolutions agreeing to pay the assessments of their members who have gone into active service in the United States army. What stronger evidence could be found of the fraternal spirit and brotherly love which exists throughout our Order?

High Court of Indiana.

LOGANSPOUT, IND., June 25th, 1898.

The anniversary of the Order was observed generally throughout the State on June 19th. Court Noble, No. 975, of Logansport, attended the morning service of the Christian Church in a body, and listened to a sermon by the Rev. Kendrick fitting the occasion. In the afternoon the Court united with the K. of P., I.O.F., I.O.R.M. organizations in a Decoration Day exercise. After an address by the Rev. Seamas, of the M. E. Church, and music by a male quartette, the graves of deceased brothers were strewn with flowers.

Courts White River, No. 1094, and Anderson, No. 3110, of Anderson, attended the Main Street Christian Church, and were favored by an anniversary service by Bro. Harkins, pastor, and member of the Order. Both courts were well represented.

On June 20th, the new hall of Court Elwood, No. 1097, handsomely decorated with flags and flowers, was dedicated to Forestry. An elaborate programme was prepared and carried out by competent committees. There was a large attendance of members and their wives from the neighboring cities of Lipton, Frankton, and Anderson. The

High Court was represented by Brothers Ennis, H.V.C.R., James, H.A., and Wilson, H. Secy., the first named presiding in excellent manner. Three candidates were in waiting and were initiated by the Degree teams of Courts Anderson and Elwood.

While the degree work was going on the ladies prepared a banquet at the I.O.F. Hall to which all did justice.

This was the largest and best meeting ever held in Indiana, and was indicative of the progress being made in the Hoosier State.

Court Wabash, No. 1421, has been reorganized by Bro. John T. Leach, Court Deputy of Kekionga. Many new members were added, and the court was placed in the hands of a new staff of officers. Regular meetings are now being held, and candidates initiated at each meeting.

Court Hebron, No. 1593, notwithstanding its location in a small town, is one of the best in Indiana. It has full regalia, meets in its own hall, and confers the Degree in the best manner. The court attended the anniversary service at the Christian Church on June 19th. The Rev. Hill discoursed on "Brotherly Love," and good results may be expected.

Bro. J. K. E. Risk, H. Counsellor, was recently elected Clerk of the city of La Fayette. "Kirby" demonstrated his popularity by overcoming a majority of several hundred. Congratulations.

Bro. James Wilson, M.D. of Court Wabash, has been appointed Asst. Surgeon of the 161st Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and will depart for the front in a few days.

Court Olive, No. 26, C. of the I.O.F., of Peru, Ind., is making grand progress, now numbers fifty members, and has several applications pending. On May 5th, this court gave a ball at which the members of Court Laurel, No. 2, of Logansport, were entertained.

The grand march was led by Mrs. McGowan and Lottie Robinson, chiefs of the two courts. A small admission was charged, and netted about twenty dollars for the court treasury. Everybody reported having a jolly good time, and congratulated the managers on their success.

Sunday, June 19th, was a big day for the Foresters of Anderson City. Court Anderson celebrated its twenty-fourth anniversary, and Court White River held its annual memorial services over its dead. Each court had for its guest, in its own separate function, the other court, and the mingling of the two societies was indicative of the friendship that exists between them. The auxiliaries of the two organizations took part also.

Court Anderson celebrated by attending services at the Main Street Christian Church, and hearing a sermon by Elder Harkins, who is a member of the court.

The two courts assembled in their respective halls, Anderson in the Newsom block, and White River in the Leib block in the afternoon, and at 2.30 o'clock marched to Anderson cemetery, where Court White River decorated the grave of the late Dr. A. S. Huston, the sole member of the Order buried in this city. The two Anderson courts of the society and their sister organizations are in a very flourishing condition, as are other organizations of the Order through the country.

"Is Hawaii to be a State, or merely a territory?"
"Both, I guess. Sort of territory in a state of suspense."—*Harper's Bazaar*.

Iowa.

From a letter just received from Bro. E. B. Burns, the Recording Secretary of Court Oelwein, No. 3898, Oelwein, we take the following extract: "We held our first annual ball in the parlors of Hotel Mealey on the 3rd June. It was a grand success, having over 80 couples. I think you will agree with me in saying that Court Oelwein is doing well for a newly-instituted court. We were organized on the 23rd April last, with a charter membership of 41." We congratulate Bros. J. P. Keefe, O. F. Wheaton, O. S. Olson and E. B. Burns, the very efficient committee, on such a record.

High Court of Missouri.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
June 14th, 1898.

To all Courts of the I.O.F. of Missouri and Kansas, Greeting.

A special session of the High Court of the I.O.F. will be held at Foresters' Hall, 1333 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo., commencing at 10 a.m., July 18th, 1898, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon reports of officers and committees of the High Court, electing and installing officers, electing a representative to the Supreme Court, appointing various committees, amending and adopting by-laws, and such other business as may be properly brought before it, and which could be transacted at a regular session.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Each court in good standing, as defined by Sec. 222 of Constitution, will be entitled to a delegate. Courts of more than twenty-five members, to one delegate for each twenty-five, or a major fraction thereof. The High Court will pay travelling expenses and \$3 per diem while in session to all delegates residing more than five miles from Kansas City. Delegates will be expected to make best possible rates by round trip or excursion tickets, where practicable. In the absence of a full delegation from any court, the members present will be allowed to cast the full vote of the court. A High Court officer, who is an accredited delegate, will be allowed to vote also as an officer. Credentials will be forwarded you to be filled out under seal of court. Delegates should be elected at last meeting in June, and the Recording Secretary will please notify the High Secretary, giving number of delegates you are entitled to.

All members present at the opening session will be given the High Court degree, and members of this degree will be welcomed during sessions.

Courts will confer a favor by forwarding all July returns promptly, that High Secretary may be enabled to have his report ready at opening of session.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

ROBT. O. CROSS,

High Chief Ranger.

R. N. KENNEDY,
High Secretary.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame.

Minnesota.

Court Green Isle held its annual celebration and ball on May 27, and, notwithstanding that it rained all day, except at short intervals, the affair was in every sense a success. The Jordan Brass and String Band furnished the music.

The High Court officers were met at the train by the members of the court, headed by the band, and escorted to the hotel. In the evening the children of the village paraded. The boys wore red, white and blue sashes, and the girls wore Liberty caps. All carried flags. Proceeding to the hall they were put through drill by Prof. Speelacy and Miss Litchfield in a manner very creditable to both instructors and pupils. After several songs by the children and selections by the band, H.C.R. O'Neill was introduced as the speaker of the evening by C.R. Fahey.

The ball which followed was a very enjoyable affair. The celebrations of Court Green Isle are the leading events of the village, the day being usually regarded as a holiday by the entire community.

The last part of May H.C.R. O'Neill spent several days in visiting the courts in the southern and western part of the State. On the 25th he visited Court Redwood Falls, on the 26th Delhi, and on the 27th Green Isle. Court Redwood Falls has been but recently instituted, but has good timber and will grow; Court Delhi is in a prosperous condition and of good size considering the smallness of the village; Court Green Isle has about eighty members and is easily the leading fraternal organization in that vicinity.

New York.

Court Ina will give another of its popular basket picnics July 24th, by a trip down the Niagara River with the yacht *Fullerton*, accompanied by a barge leaving the foot of Amherst Street at ten o'clock a.m. It is the intention to invite members and their families only, and all will, no doubt, enjoy themselves to their heart's content.

With his usual characteristic generosity and forethought, Col. A. B. Caldwell has, through Bro. G. L. Dickinson, High Secretary of Eastern Ontario, contributed five dollars toward the sufferers from fire in Russell County, Ont. This act is exceedingly commendable, and demonstrates the "Founder's" love for mankind, particularly Foresters in distress.

Oronhyatekha Encampment of Royal Foresters, of Schenectady, having received their new uniforms, of which they are exceedingly proud, attended divine service on June 26, accompanied by Courts Electric City, Schenectady, Cohannet, and the Companions of Court Merriam, and made a very creditable appearance. This Encampment, at a bazaar held last winter, cleared over and above all expenses the princely sum of one thousand and thirty dollars, with which they have been enabled to equip their members with the elegant uniforms of the distinguished rank of the Order.

Court Empire City, the progressive pioneer court of New York City, passed at its regular session May 25th the following patriotic resolution: "RESOLVED, that this court, upon the request of any brother of this court who has responded, or may hereafter respond, to the call of our country,

and serve in the army or navy in the defence of the national honor, will protect the policy of such brother, or brothers, during the term of such service." This, in addition to the circular issued by the Supreme Court, relating to members engaging in the present war, is a striking example of the protecting influence and loyalty of fraternal organizations, of which Independent Forestry has taken the initial progressive step.

Court Polar Star, No. 3424, had a very enthusiastic meeting at its rooms in Gramercy Hall, cor. 23rd Street and 6th Avenue. There were six affiliations and six initiations, four for \$5,000 each and two for \$3,000 each. The gentlemen initiated are well known in our business community, and were attracted to our Order by the V.C.R. of the court, Bro. Lester, and the Court Physician, Dr. C. L. Coulter, D.S.C.R., whose well-known interest and indefatigable labors need no endorsement at our hands. Election of officers took place with the following result: Bro. Chas. D. Braxmar, the well-known manufacturer of society badges and diamond merchant, was re-elected C.D.H.C.R.; Bro. John H. Horsfall, C.R.; M. T. Lester, V.C.R. The meeting was in all respects very successful, and the movement, so well begun, is to be continued, and the Court Physician has already three applications for \$5,000 each, with promise of others, for June meeting.

Court East Buffalo, Companions of Foresters, was instituted May 30 by Mrs. Kate Schaefer, D.S.C.C., with 45 members, after which the members of Court East Buffalo, No. 1184, were invited to participate in a social given by the ladies. A generous supply of ice cream and cakes was indulged in and a very interesting social party was the result. At the next regular meeting of Court East Buffalo the brethren reciprocated by inviting the lady Companions to a progressive euchre party. As an evidence of appreciation, it might be stated there was nothing left of ten gallons of ice cream. On June 9, both courts—East Buffalo, Nos. 171 and 1184—gave a lawn fête by surprising Chaplain Bro. Martin Schaefer at his residence, where the sisters and brethren enjoyed the beautifully-decorated lawn and the pleasure of social intercourse. The popular Chaplain received several valuable presents, the occasion being his birthday. On June 20, the Companions of Court East Buffalo, the wives, sisters and sweethearts of the Subordinate Court of the same name, gave a strawberry festival, and the occasion was a particularly enjoyable one. The pleasant intermingling of these two courts, is a decidedly enjoyable feature of Forestry. The court of Companions, however, intend sending their delegates to the Supreme Court session of Companions, instructed to use their utmost efforts towards establishing the "auxiliary" system for the ladies. They are strenuously opposed to having a "man" belong to their court as a member, and are equally as firm in their resolution not to join a court of men.

At a call of the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Charles W. Learch, a session of the High Standing Committee was held in Rochester, May 26, at which business of importance was transacted, the most important of which was the selection and appointment of five additional representatives to the next session of Supreme Court, consisting of Bros. F. S. Cramer, Malone, Franklin County; G. A. Ford, Syracuse, Onondaga County; A. A. Wellington, Oswego, Oswego County; H. J. Carpenter, Brook-

lin, King's County; and J. F. Maddever, Niagara Falls, Niagara County. Those elected at the last High Court session were as follows: C. A. Kendall, Buffalo, Erie County; Hon. O. P. Stockwell, Attica, Wyoming County; W. F. Morthorst, Rochester, Monroe County; G. S. Phillips, South Hammond, St. Lawrence County; Rev. B. G. Blaisdell, Brownville, Jefferson County; and O. Ochs, New York City, New York County. The High Standing Committee have made excellent selections, and of some of the most popular brethren in the State. Those elected and appointed are from the strongest Forestric sections of the entire State. The wisdom of the selections is apparent as to localities when it is observed that but one has the honor from any one city or county, either among those elected or appointed. The meeting was one of the most harmonious and pleasant ever held, as each member of the committee testified. Many congratulations have been received from various parts of the State, even from sections from which no selection had been made, at the wisdom and good judgment of the High Standing Committee in their recent appointments.

Ohio.

On Sunday, June 19th, the members of Court Broadway, No. 1252, attended divine service, marching to the St. Deciple church in a body. The Rev. Mr. Mohorter had prepared an especial sermon for the occasion, in which he praised the Independent Order of Foresters for their benevolent work and saying that the I.O.F. was taking up the work of the church in visiting the sick and distressed and taking care of the widows and orphans. He advised everyone who had not already done so to join the I.O.F.

Court Broadway is having some very well-attended meetings, 25 to 35 being present at each time. Bro. R. J. Bissett was chosen to represent the court at the High Court session, and Bro. L. Herold as alternate.

Wisconsin.

The organizing work in Wisconsin for the past six months has, upon the whole, been very satisfactory. It is the earnest desire of the High Court officers that we reach a membership of 5,000 before our next High Court meeting. In order to do this it will be necessary that we have the united efforts of every court in the State.

Nine new courts have been organized during the past six months, located respectively in the following places: Bloomington, Manitowoc, Boscobel, Nekoosa, Platteville, Prairie du Chien, Soldiers' Grove, Blair and Whitehall. The court at Blair was organized by Brothers Kidney, of Canada, and Gavenay, of Arcadia, in just one and one-half days from the time the work was begun. This breaks all previous records in the organizing work in this State, and the officers of the High Court extend to them their thanks for the energetic manner in which this work was done. We regret very much that Brother Kidney is going to leave us at this time for a few months. We earnestly hope that he will return in the fall to continue the good work he has been doing in the northwestern part of the State. About 300 members have been added to our Order in the past four months through his

energetic work. Our High Chief Ranger, Brother Col. B. F. Parker, has been for some time with his regiment at Chickamauga Park, Ga. It is very probable that he will soon be sent to Cuba for active service. It is earnestly hoped by all that our worthy H.C.R., who has offered his services so generously for the protection of our country, will have a safe return after the present struggle is closed.

The members of Court Mount Horeb are making preparations for a glorious celebration on the 4th of July. A large attendance is expected and a very enjoyable time.

Court Dewey, of Lancaster, reports that they are doing excellent work. They have now a hall of their own, and a large increase is expected during the next six months in this court.

The city of Antigo will have a 4th of July celebration, in which the members of Court Antigo intend to take an active part. This court, although a small one, has been doing excellent work.

Court Wisconsin, of the I.O.F., and Court Prosperity, of the Companions, located at Madison, will hold an anniversary entertainment about the 24th of June. A grand time is expected. Court Wisconsin has now 90 members and Court Prosperity 40. These courts are doing excellent work and are a credit to both Orders.

Court So, Milwaukee, recently held an entertainment, at which Brother Capt. Parkinson, of Toronto, spoke very enthusiastically of the Order, and urged the members to earnestly unite in working for the best Order now in existence. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant and profitable evening was enjoyed by all.

It is hoped that all the courts will enter into the spirit of the times, and not only seek to obtain members, but to entertain them by monthly meetings and enjoyable gatherings. In this manner our Order will not only be the best Insurance Order, but will also be made the best fraternal Order and the strongest in the State.

Obituary.

The funeral of Bro. J. J. Wilkinson, of Leeds, England, took place on Saturday, June 18th, and was attended by an excellent representation of the membership in Leeds, including the H.C.R. of Central England, Bro. H. J. Martin; the H. T., Bro. Gibson, and Bros. Cobham, Ronald, McDougall, Garside, Witts, Langhorn, Watson, Batty, etc., etc. The procession, which was very large, was headed by the Foresters, next to whom came the committee of the Leeds Temperance Society, followed by a deputation of Freemasons and by a long array of Good Templars. Our deceased brother was one of the first to join the Order in Leeds, and was most popular and held in high regard by all the bodies of which he was an active and influential member. He occupied the position of District Chief Templar of Central Yorkshire for some years, and will be much missed.

"Kind sir," faltered the beggar, "won't you give a hungry fellow \$10,000?"

"No," answered the man brusquely, "I dare say you would at once spend it for a glass of cheap beer."

In the Klondike, as elsewhere, charity was kind and endured much, and all that, but it had to be careful.—*Detroit Journal.*

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

England.

Court St. Pancras, No. 2003, London, have recently initiated Bro. Wm. Sutherland, the present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, I.O.G.T. Our hearty congratulations to this court on securing so distinguished a brother to our Order.

Court Streatham, No. 2154, London, held a special meeting on June 13th, for the purpose of formally passing a "Proof of Claim," occasioned by the very sudden death of Bro. A. J. Archer, Treasurer of the court. The deceased brother met with the court at its usual monthly meeting and from all appearances left in the best of health, yet within 24 hours of the meeting he had passed away, to the great grief of the brethren, especially seeing he had always been a warm supporter and zealous upholder of the Order since his acceptance into the court. A kind letter of condolence was unanimously passed to be sent to his widow, and arrangements were made to forward a wreath in the name of the court he loved so well.

Southern England.

In accordance with the proclamation of the S.C.R., Independent Foresters of Bristol and Bath assembled at St. Werburgh's Church, of which Bro. Rev. Henry Dening, High Chaplain, is Rector, on Sunday, June 19th.

Wales.

Court Aberdare, 2209, held a very interesting session May 25th, adding one new member to its fold and receiving five new applications. Bro. Joseph Hammond, C.D.H.C.R. of Court Gualia, 2013, was present and delivered a very able address on the different plans of Insurance Companies showing up the strong points of the I.O.F. system. Bro. Hammond's address was well received by all present and the court accorded him a hearty vote of thanks.

Court Aberdare is in splendid condition. The members intend it to be the largest court in Wales very soon.

Bro. Geo. C. Davies, R.S. Court Aberdare, 2209, is coming to the front as an inventor. He has just received a patent for a window fastener which promises to bring him a fortune.

Bros. J. A. Jenkins, H.C.R., B. M. Wilkinson, H. Sec., and W. T. Williams, D.S.C.R., attended the Glasgow conference. They report a very interesting and harmonious meeting.

Bro. James I. Rees, C.R. Court Aberdare, 2209, is smiling over the arrival of a little "Lady Forester." Bro. Rees contemplates increasing his insurance.

Wales is suffering from a colliers' strike, for over two months, that is having a serious effect on all lines of business.

Scotland's High Court.

The annual session was opened at Glasgow on the 31st May. H.C.R. Armour called to order at 2.15 p.m. The places of H.C., H.S.B. and H.J.B. were vacant, and necessary appointments made to fill the same. The High Court duly opened, and

the Credential Committee having reported that twenty courts were represented, the obligation was taken by eleven of the delegates who were present for the first time, and by one who was receiving the degree of honorary membership. At this stage Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., accompanied by the members composing the conference, of officers from all parts of the United Kingdom which had been sitting in Glasgow for two days, entered and was accorded a most loyal and hearty welcome. Thereafter the Supreme Chief Ranger exemplified the unwritten work, following the same with an address in which he gave an encouraging account of the condition of the Order to-day, and of the unclouded outlook.

Reports of officers were submitted, that of Bro. Duncan, H.S., receiving most attention because of its embodying several practical suggestions.

The elections were full of interest. Four nominations were made for H.V.C.R. and H.A.; three for H.T. and Representative to Supreme Court; two for H.S. The largest vote of the day was cast for Bro. Duncan, who was re-elected H.S. Bro. Slater retained his seat as H.T. by eleven votes over his two opponents. Unanimous elections were given to the new H.C.R. and H.C. Bro. J. G. Wilson was unopposed as H.P. The choice of the High Court fell on Bro. Monie (Irvine) as Representative at The Supreme Court.

The date and place of next session of the High Court was left to the choice of the new H.S.C.

Oronhyatekha, who had been conducting the business, now appointed Dr. Ward, P. H. C. R., London, President of the Medical Board, to install the officers. Thanks to the S.C.R. for his presence and guidance were heartily given. The list of elective officers is as follows:—Jas. Chapman, Jr., H.C.R.; E. Mozart Allan, H.V.C.R.; Jno. S. Duncan, H.S.; Jno. Slater, H.T.; Jno. G. Wilson, H.P.; Harry Lumsden, H.C.; Jno. S. Herriot and R. E. Anderson, H.A's. Bro. Armour takes a seat as Junior P.H.C.R.

The following address, beautifully illuminated, was presented to the Ch. ef.

To Oronhyatekha, M. D., J. P., Supreme Chief Ranger, the Independent Order of Foresters:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the undersigned High Standing Committee, acting for and on behalf of the High Court of Scotland, I.O.F., desire to give expression to our pleasure at having your presence with us at the Annual Sessions of this High Court. We cordially welcome you as our trusted leader and as a friend ever mindful of our interests. We have all felt and been benefited by the force and influence of your life of action as Supreme Chief Ranger of our noble Order.

We recognize that the ceaseless energy, the knowledge, the discrimination, and the perseverance in well-directed effort, which have characterized the administration of the affairs of our Order, throughout the seventeen years during which you have occupied the chair of Chief Executive Officer, have been the great and prevailing forces by which our Order has been borne on to its present enviable position. That the Independent Order of Foresters is now yielded a place in the van of life-assurance-giving bodies, and that the merits of our system of assurance are now receiving greatly extended recognition, is due to the earnestness of your purpose and to your able advocacy.

We congratulate you on the splendor of the results. That these results have not been secured

without your having sacrificed every hour of ease is known to us all, and whilst we acknowledge our deep indebtedness to you on this account, yet we feel that you will better serve us and the Order we so much love by taking more consideration to your personal well-being, by your seeking relief from detail work, by conserving your energies, and giving your wise counsels and ripe experience to the shaping of the policy and the directing of the work of our great Order.

We sincerely trust you may be long spared to continue in your eminently useful career.

In the name of the High Court of Scotland,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

ROBT. ARMOUR, H.C.R., JOHN S. DUNCAN, H.S.,
ALEX. SCOTT, P.H.C.R., JOHN SLATER, H.T.,
JAMES CHAPMAN, JR., H. J. GORDON WILSON, H.
P.C.R., P., M.A., M.B., C.M.,

T. HOLTUM LILLIE, H.C., M.A., LL.B.

30th May, 1898.

SCOTLAND'S WELCOME.

Cordial Welcome to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

The Scotch High Court of the Independent Order of Foresters held a reception in the Athenaeum last evening, the occasion being a welcome to Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Toronto, the Chief Ranger of the Order. Bailie W. F. Anderson presided, and on the platform were Bailie Steele, Councillor Willocks, the Rev. James Cregan, Belfast, H.C.R.; Dr. Ward, President of the Medical Board, London; Dr. Gibson, H.S., Belfast; Mr. R. Armour, H.C.R. for Scotland; Mr. W. Wilkinson, Derby, H.C.R. Mid-England; Mr. J. W. Martin, Leeds, H.C.R. Central England; Mr. J. Jenkins, Cardiff, H.C.R. Wales; Mr. C. E. Price, Bristol, H.C.R. West England; Mr. J. Marshall, H.C.R. London, and General Manager for the United Kingdom; Mr. W. G. Stott, H.S., London; Mr. S. M. Wilkinson, H.S., Cardiff; Mr. J. Ferns, H.S., Manchester; Mr. J. S. Duncan, H.S., Scotland; Mr. W. Gilbert, H.S., Southern England; Rev. R. McNair, Glasgow; Mr. J. W. Gilmour, Dublin; Mr. A. A. Campbell, Nottingham; Mr. J. Baddy, Yarmouth; Mr. W. T. Williams, Swansea; Mr. A. T. Blaney, Torquay, and Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Liverpool. The chairman, in expressing his warm sympathy with the movement, said the progress of the Order was due to its splendid principles and objects, and to its Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha. On the 1st April there was a surplus to the credit of the society of £564,696. Bailie Robert Armour, H.C.R., presented an address of welcome to the Doctor expressive of his energies on behalf of the movement.

Dr. Oronhyatekha said the Independent Order of Foresters was instituted in 1874 and remodelled in 1881. During the last year the Order had secured more new members than all the fifteen old line Canadian insurance companies put together. The Foresters' society was one calculated to benefit working men, and during its twenty-four years existence it had had an unblemished career, and its prospects were brighter than ever, and he believed it would be carrying on its benefits to the poor and scattering its benefits years and years after the old line company system of insurance had practically become dead, except in the interests of

the wealthy. The Order insured for sums up to £1,000, and at the age of 70 a Forester was freed from all further payments and taxation. He also went at once on to the freed list when accident befel him, and if he continued disabled at the end of six months he was put on the permanent freed list. When the Order was reorganized in 1881 their death-rate was 10 per 1,000, but it dropped to 5.47 per 1,000 in 1893. The average was 5½ per 1,000, as against 15 per 1,000 returned by the healthiest towns. Hence, it was shown that when one became a Forester he died only about one-third as often as an ordinary person. (Laughter). Toronto was the headquarters of the Order, and it was rapidly spreading all over the world. Their medical examination was superior to all other insurance corporations, yet their premiums were only one-half. During the society's existence it had paid all claims, and had built up a reserve of half a million sterling. Insurance companies were formed for the purpose of making dividends for the shareholders, whereas the Foresters' society's aim was to give benefits and at the lowest possible cost. (Applause). An enjoyable concert followed. —*Glasgow Mail*, 31st May, 1898.

The British Conference.

Headquarters I.O.F.

56 GEORGE SQUARE,
GLASGOW, SCOTLAND,
30th May, 1898.
FIRST DAY.

The Conference of High Chief Rangers, High Secretaries, and others, met here to-day by invitation of Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., Supreme Chief Ranger, the undernoted H.C.R.'s, H. Sec.'s, Supreme and P.H.C. Officers, and Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers:

Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., S.C.R., Toronto, Canada; Martindale Ward, M.D., J.P., P.H.C.R., Twickenham, London, England; Jas. Marshall, H.C.R., London, Gen. Manager for the United Kingdom; Robt. McNair, P.H.C.R. (Ontario), 56 George Square, Glasgow; A. A. Campbell, D.S.C.R., 11 Victoria, Nottingham, Eng.; Jas. A. Jenkins, H.C.R., 19 Dumfries Place, Cardiff, S.W.; Anthony T. Blamey, P.H.S., D.S.C.R., Torquay, Devonshire; Jas. H. Gilmour, D.S.C.R. (Toronto), Russell's Hotel, Dublin, Ireland; S. M. Wilkinson, H. Sec., St. John's Square, Cardiff, Wales; S. S. Cliswell, P.H.C.R., 11 Renshaw St., Liverpool, Eng.; J. Gibson, H.T., 11 Black Bull St., Leeds, Eng.; H. J. Martin, H.C.R., Rothwell, Leeds, Eng.; Gregory Ferns, H. Sec., 114 Lloyd St., Manchester, Eng.; Ronald McDougal, P.H.C., D.S.C.R., 6 Bayswater Terrace, Leeds, Eng.; W. N. Gilbert, H. Sec., 16 Claremont Rd., Bishopston, Bristol; Chas. E. Price, H.C.R., 1 Broad Quay, Bristol; W. Wilkinson, H.C.R., Durham House, Cooper St., Derby; Charles Gerring, P.H.C.R., 23 Bilbie St., Nottingham; Walter G. Stott, H. Sec., 25 Ely Place, London, E. C.; W. T. Williams, D.S.C.R., Grand Hotel, Swansea, Wales; Jas. Boddy, D.S.C.R., 41 Olive St., Great Yarmouth; Robt. Armour, H.C.R., Deanfield, Irvine; Jas. Cregan, H.C.R., Ravenhill Road, Belfast, Ireland; Wm. Gibson, M.D., H. Sec., Mountpottinger, Belfast, Ireland;

J. D. Williamson, M.D., S.S.B., P.H.C.R., Mountpottinger, Belfast, Ireland; Jno. S. Duncan, H. Sec., 69 Portugal St., Glasgow.

Bro. Robert Armour, H.C.R., on behalf of the High Court of Scotland, extended a cordial and fraternal welcome to the visiting brethren; Bro. Dr. Martindale Ward, President of the Medical Board, responding on behalf of the Conference.

The Supreme Chief Ranger on rising to address the Conference met with a very hearty reception. He expressed himself as being much gratified by the unanimity with which the invitation to the Conference had been accepted. Among the more important matters touched upon in his address the S.C.R. stated that there was presently a movement in the United States and Canada to increase premium rates in societies such as ours. A committee of eminent members of the Fraternal Congress had the matter under consideration at the present time. He and other members of the Congress had been urging the Congress for several years past to try and determine the lowest possible premium rates, and then to urge the various legislatures to refuse licenses to all institutions charging less than such premium rates. In view of such legislation, and the contemplated additions to the benefits given by the Order, it might be advisable to readjust our premium rates, and there was a probability that next Supreme Court session would so determine, and by so doing place the I.O.F. beyond the reach of adverse criticism.

He stated that the "Old Age Benefit" would be reintroduced as a total and permanent disability benefit, and that a scheme for "Old Age Pensions" would also be recommended for adoption. In connection with the difficulty experienced in this country as to the acceptance of new members and the lengthened wait for the return of medical examination papers on account of postal distance, it was proposed to allow the initiation if the candidate has been passed by the local Court Physician, the Order carrying the risk for 90 days, or such less period of time as may be required to obtain decision of Medical Board on the application. The Chief also referred to various other matters of interest to the Order. In concluding he expressed himself as being more gratified with his present visit than with any one previously made to the United Kingdom; more members had been obtained during the year, and the quality was of the very best.

On the invitation of the S.C.R., the Organizers submitted verbal reports as to the work done in their various jurisdictions, all agreeing as to the cordial welcome and assistance accorded them by the brethren in the Old Country. They were unanimously of opinion that the suggested increase of rates would materially assist them in their work, and remove the stock objection "too cheap" constantly urged by mathematical theorists and unenlightened insurers. Following the Organizers several other brethren addressed the Conference.

The S.C.R., having noted during the remarks of the various speakers occasional difficulties encountered, very freely promised to assist each and all in any effort necessary for the removal of such.

The readjustment of work in the London office by means of an increased staff under Bro. Marshall was intimated. It was also intimated that owing to the enormous demands upon his time the General Manager would no longer be expected to answer questions of law. In the future all such

questions must be sent to the H.C.R. of the jurisdiction or to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

With reference to an objection sometimes urged against us, that the extra assessing clause of the constitution meant an unlimited liability, the S.C.R. expressed the hope that this clause would never be eliminated, as this he believed to be the very "citadel of the Order," though confident that our condition would never necessitate its powers being put into operation. It should be kept where it is.

Unanimous and cordial approval of policy as indicated by the S.C.R. was ordered and recorded.

Intimation was made that, in accordance with invitations issued, all present were asked to meet the members of the High Court of Scotland in the Athenaeum at 7 p.m., when a reception was to be given S.C.R. Oronhyatekha and the Delegates to the Conference.

The Conference, which had sat for three hours and a half, then adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY, 31ST MAY, 1898.

Conference resumed this morning at 9 o'clock, Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., S.C.R., presiding.

The reaction, consequent on the enthusiastic meeting of the previous night, was in evidence, some of the brethren being late.

The Supreme Chief Ranger introduced the question of admitting ladies to the benefits of the Order, stating that there were already in existence upwards of 200 courts entirely composed of women calling themselves Companions of the I.O.F., presently doing useful work for the Order, and ready to transfer themselves to full membership in the I.O.F. so soon as our laws permitted it. The proposals ament such to be submitted to Supreme Court Session, Toronto, would include the receiving into union the above-named Order, the establishment of separate Subordinate Courts for women. In High Courts male and female members to have equal standing and representation; this would save expense, as no multiplication of High Courts would thus be necessary. Beneficiary membership to be optional with the Companions. The premium rates to be the same as given the present membership of our Order. No male to be other than an honorary member of a ladies' court, and then only by a unanimous vote of the ladies.

A most exhaustive discussion followed the very full statement of the S.C.R., almost every member of the Conference having a share in it. A motion and two amendments, all in favor of receiving the ladies into membership, were moved and voted on, the amendment by Bro. Wilkinson ultimately prevailing:

"That this Conference hereby expresses its approval of the suggested admission of ladies to the Order."

In answer to a question, the S.C.R. explained the changes, etc., in new Ritual, among others that the "R.R.R." was abolished, accidents and liability for damage done if action were raised being the principal cause of withdrawal. The various ceremonies have been much shortened; on account of our cosmopolitan character it has been thought advisable to strike out the prayers, it being left optional with courts to open and close with prayer.

Initiation ceremony is brevity itself, the obligation being cut down to 24 lines; altogether our Ritual now is one of 11½ pages and the cost of the full set would be two dollars.

General satisfaction was expressed, and several

brethren stated that they believed the changes would be for the benefit of the Order.

At this stage an adjournment was made to visit the municipal buildings, special arrangements having been made for the reception and guidance of the Conference members through their magnificent premises, said to be the finest in the world except two Royal palaces, one in India and the other in Italy. The Chief claimed that there was another exception—a Temple in Canada.

On resuming, a number of questions bearing upon the detail work of the Order were put to the S.C.R. and answered by him.

In reply to Bro. Stott, the S.C.R. said that organizers were expected to revisit courts instituted by them, until they were got into good working order, the expense of travelling for such a purpose being at all times defrayed by the Supreme Court.

Toward the close, Bro. Dr. Williamson, Belfast, moved, and Bro. Jenkins, Wales, seconded, a resolution "That the best thanks of this Conference be accorded Oronhyatekha, our Supreme Chief Ranger, for calling us together, and the masterly manner in which he has presided and guided the discussion of the various subjects submitted." This resolution was adopted with much enthusiasm.

The S.C.R., in reply, thanked all present for their vote and presence at the Conference.

Bro. Williams moved and Bro. Gilmour seconded a vote of thanks to High Sec. Duncan for services to the Conference and personal kindnesses shown the members. Agreed to.

Bro. Chiswell moved, Bro. Gegan seconded, and Bro. Jenkins supported, "That our best thanks be offered to the High Court of Scotland for their hospitality." Adopted with much unanimity and enthusiasm.

The deliberations of the British Conference of 1898 thus ended, all satisfied that they were returning to their several jurisdictions benefited by having been together, and with renewed energy entering upon another year's work for the Order.

JNO. S. DUNCAN, H. Sec.,
Secretary of Conference.

High Court of the North of Ireland.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Sixth Annual Communication of the High Court of the North of Ireland was held in the parlour of the Y.M.C.A., Wellington Place, Belfast, on Thursday, the 2nd June, 1898.

The High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, Bro. Rev. James Cregan, called the High Court to order at 12 o'clock noon and after the opening ceremony the following officers answered to their names:—H.C.R., Bro. Rev. James Cregan; P.H.C.R., Bro. J. D. Williamson, M.D., S.S.B.; H. Secretary, Bro. W. Gibson, M.D.; H. Treasurer, Bro. R. W. McKnight; H. Physician, Bro. Thomas Hogg, M.D.; H. Counsellor, Bro. W. Mcshaffey; H. Auditor, Bro. James Wilson; H. Auditor, Bro. James Purdy; H. Chaplain, Bro. J. D. Banks; H. J. Secretary, Bro. John Dunlop; H.S. Woodward, Bro. A. P. B. Moore, M.D.; H. J. Woodward, absent; H.S. Beadle, absent; H.J. Beadle, Bro. Wm. M'Fadzean; H. Conductor, Bro. Alexander Gowdy; H. Messenger, Bro. Samuel Davis; H. Marshal, Bro. H. Nesbitt. The following Past-Executive Officers were also present:—P.H.V.C.R., Bro. Rev. T. R. Ballantine; P.H. Physician, Bro. Charles Kevin, M.D.

The High Chief Ranger appointed Bro. Baptist Gamble to act as High Junior Woodward, and Bro. D. L. Cottrell to act as High Senior Beadle.

The Credential Committee were appointed as follows:—Bro. W. Gibson, M.D., Chairman; Bro. W. Mehaffey, Bro. August Renold. The Committee reported the following delegates present and entitled to the High Court degree, viz.:—Ballymena, No. 2011, Bro. Samuel Hood; Corinthian, No. 2021, Bro. W. Irwin; Woodbine, No. 2037, Bro. Rev. C. W. Kennedy; Ulidia, No. 2054, Bro. Dr. D. H. Tweedie; Ormeau, No. 2056, Bro. H. E. Carter; Shamrock, No. 2067, Bro. J. Dickson; Cliftonville, No. 2096, Bro. August Renold; Duncairn, No. 2105, Bro. John Fraser; Ashley, No. 2136, Bro. J. Hollywood; Willowfield, No. 2218, Bro. S. R. Howard; Dalriada, No. 2016, Bro. B. Gamble; Holywood, No. 2025, Bro. T. Moore; Arbutus, No. 2046, Bro. G. V. Simmons; Carlisle Circus, No. 2055, Bro. H. H. McIlwrath; Mountpottinger, No. 2058, Bro. L. L. Irvine; C. of Belfast, No. 2095, Bro. G. Bolton; Banbridge, No. 2097, Bro. D. J. Banks; Castle-reagh, No. 2110, Bro. James Firth; Lagan Vale, No. 2040, Bro. R. J. Hunter; Cregagh, No. 2227, Bro. T. H. McKnight; Royal Avenue, No. 2232, Bro. D. L. Cottrell.

At this stage the High Senior Beadle reported that a number of distinguished brethren were in the ante-room and seeking admission to the High Court. The High Chief Ranger directed the High Secretary and High Conductor to retire and introduce the visitors. The following then entered the High Court and were received with honors befitting their rank: Bros. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., General Manager for Europe; Rev. Robert M'Nair, P.H.C.R., J. H. Gilmour, D.S.C.R., R. S. Boddy, D.S.C.R., J. Campbell, D.S.C.R., and D. Williams, D.S.C.R.

After the visitors had taken the seats of honor assigned to them, and the High Chief Ranger had extended to them a warm welcome and a hearty fraternal greeting, Bro. Marshall proceeded, at the request of the H.C.R., to confer the High Court Degree on the delegates present who had not previously received the degree. The following committees were appointed:—

Distribution Committee:—Brothers Baptist Gamble (Chairman), D. J. Banks, Wm. Irwin, S. Hood.

Mileage Committee:—Brothers Lendrum L. Irvine (Chairman), Robert J. Hunter, H. H. M'Ilwrath, John Frazer.

Finance Committee:—Brothers Samuel R. Howard (Chairman), James Hollywood, Samuel Davis.

Constitution and Laws Committee:—Brothers William Mehaffey (Chairman), H. Nesbitt, James Wilson, George Bolton.

Press Committee:—Brothers Rev. T. R. Ballantine (Chairman), Rev. C. W. Kennedy, Rev. J. M. M'Ilwrath.

Committee on New Business:—Brothers Rev. C. W. Kennedy (Chairman), T. H. M'Knight, James Firth.

Committee on State of the Order:—Brothers G. V. Simmons (Chairman), Doctor D. H. Tweedie, H. E. Carter, James Dickson.

Before the reports were submitted it was resolved that when the High Court adjourns it be at 2 o'clock and reassemble at 3 o'clock, and Bros. R. J. Hunter and S. Davis were appointed a Committee to arrange a luncheon for the members. The officers then presented their reports.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

The following is taken from the High Chief Ranger's report:—"I am proud to be able to report that the High Court of the North of Ireland never was in a more healthy and vigorous condition, numerically and financially, than at present. I believe I am justified in saying that last year was one of the best in the history of the I.O.F. in this country. Brethren, I am full of hope for Independent Forestry in Ireland. With such noble and worthy men as constitute our Order in every part of the country, and with such Organizers as Bros. Dunlop and Cottrell in the North, Gilmour in Dublin, and S. Martin in the South, what can stand before us? In conclusion, permit me to thank you with all my heart for the high honor you conferred upon me at our last High Court meeting, in electing me your High Chief Ranger. I have done my best for the welfare of the Order, in whose advantages and stability I retain the utmost confidence." The report was an inspiring one and was frequently interrupted with applause.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The High Secretary read his report as follows:—High Chief Ranger, Officers and Brethren:

In again presenting to you my report I am pleased to be able to record an unprecedented increase in the membership of the Order in Ireland. Although it is only nine months since we last met in annual session, yet I find the membership of the Order in Ireland has increased from 651 to 906.

During the period to which I have alluded twelve new courts have been established with a membership of 216, two in Dublin, one in Limerick, three in Cork, one in Queenstown, one in Co. Tyrone and four in Belfast.

Owing to the increase of membership and the increase of courts in the South of Ireland, the brethren there consider the time is ripe for the establishment of a new High Court in the South of Ireland and have petitioned accordingly. The operations, therefore, of our High Court will in future be confined to the territory originally specified in our charter, viz., the Province of Ulster. We are satisfied that there is quite sufficient work in this limited district to fully tax our energies for many years to come.

I would like here to express an earnest hope that the formation of this new High Court for the South of Ireland may be the means of extending and promoting the cause we all have at heart, and that Forestry in the South of Ireland may become an increasing power for good.

The High Court of the South of Ireland will absorb all the courts outside Ulster, numbering 10, with a total membership of 192. This will leave our High Court with 32 courts and a membership of 714. You will therefore see that, notwithstanding the fact that a High Court has been started in the south, yet we have more members in our High Court than we had at our last High Court Session.

I am pleased also to be able to state that our High Court finances are in a very satisfactory condition as the annexed balance-sheet will show. We started the year with a balance in hand of £28.18. We received during the year £92.11.8. Our expenses during the year were £133.11.5¹/₂, leaving a balance in hand of £6.9.2¹/₂.

During the period since last High Court Meeting I have made thirty-two visits to Subordinate Courts, and have been everywhere pleased with the fraternal spirit manifested. I have to reiterate the statement I made last year, that the attendance at our Subordinate Courts was not as large as it should be considering the importance of the work done there.

The Supreme Court has recognized the importance of this district, and the great things of which it is capable by appointing two new Organizers for the work here, and the members of this High Court will be gratified to know that the basis of their appointment is, that they shall be under the direction and control of the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary of this jurisdiction.

The change that has been made whereby all questions of law and all matters of controversy arising in Subordinate Courts shall be referred for decision to the High Chief Ranger of this jurisdiction, will, we believe, remove all or almost all the causes of discontent.

I would like to place on record the aid I have received in the discharge of my duties, not only from my colleagues on the High Standing Committee but from every member of the Order, and the assistance which has always been rendered to me in everything I undertook. So long as the members of the Order do their work with the same unitedness as they have done during the past year, so long will the Order increase and flourish in Ireland.

I now beg to resign into your hands the trust you committed to me nine months ago, and if I have failed to discharge the duties of the office as satisfactorily as the members might wish, it has not been for lack of effort.

Submitted in L., B. & C.,

W. GIBSON, M.D.

HIGH TREASURER'S REPORT.

This report was read by Brother James Wilson in the absence of the High Treasurer, who was unavoidably absent on business.

HIGH AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We have examined the books and accounts for the past nine months and report the same to be correct.

The Treasurer's Statement shows a balance in bank of £2 16.8, and cash in hand £3.12.6½.

The Profit and Loss Account shows a Credit Balance of £21.16.4½.

Signed JAMES WILSON } High
JAMES PURDY } Auditors.

It was resolved that the foregoing reports be sent to the Committee on Distribution.

At this point the High Court adjourned for luncheon.

At three o'clock the High Court reassembled, when the Supreme Chief Ranger, Oronhyatekha, M.D., J.P., received a most cordial and hearty reception, and on the invitation of the H.C.R., occupied the chair, and after routine business and the general business were concluded, the following were chosen officers for the ensuing term:

H.C.R., Bro. Rev. James Cregan, unanimously elected.

H.V.C.R., Bro. John McCaughey, J.P., unanimously elected.

High Sec., Bro. W. Gibson, M.D., unanimously elected.

For the office of High Treasurer, Bro. James Wilson and Bro. Baptist Gamble were nominated.

On a poll being taken, Bro. Wilson was declared elected.

High Physician, Bro. A. P. Moore, M.D., unanimously elected.

High Counsellor, Bro. W. Mehafeff, unanimously elected.

For High Auditors, the following were nominated: Bros. W. M'Fadzean, James Hollywood, Baptist Gamble, H. E. Carter, S. Davis, Samuel R. Howard.

On a poll being taken, Bros. W. M'Fadzean and James Hollywood were declared elected.

Bro. the Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R., was elected Representative to the Supreme Court.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following officers:—

High Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. W. Kennedy; High J. Sec., Bro. John Dunlop; High S. W., Bro. H. E. Carter; High J. W., Bro. Wm. Irwin; High S. B., Bro. H. Nesbitt; High J. B., Bro. Baptist Gamble; High M., Bro. Samuel Davis; High C., Bro. Lendrum L. Irvine; High M., Bro. Samuel R. Howard.

The following report was then submitted:—

The Committee on the Constitutions and Laws appointed by the High Court of the North of Ireland at its session on 2nd June, 1898, beg to report that:

1st. Instructions be given to the delegates from this High Court to the next meeting of the Supreme Court, to have an alteration made in the Constitution authorizing women to be admitted, on proper safeguards being secured and on a proper comparison between the rates and risks applicable to men and women.

2nd. That such an alteration be made in Rule 115 of the Subordinate Court Constitution to secure that the interests of existing courts shall not be prejudiced by the institution of any new court.

All of which we submit as a report this 2nd day of June, 1898.

(Sig ed) WM. MEHAFFEY.
H. NESBITT.
JAMES WILSON.
GEO. BOLTON.

This report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on New Business recommended in their report that the Grand Cross of Merit be awarded to Bro. Dr. Gibson, High Secretary, for distinguished services, which was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

On the motion of Bro. James Wilson, seconded by Bro. W. Mehafeff, the time and place of next meeting were left in the hands of the High Standing Committee.

The installation of officers was then proceeded with, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. Jas. Marshall for the Supreme Chief Ranger.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. Williamson, seconded by Bro. Rev. T. R. Ballantine, the minutes of this session were referred to the High Standing Committee for confirmation.

Bro. Rev. T. R. Ballantine proposed, and Bro. Dr. Gibson seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Supreme Chief Ranger, Bro. James Marshall, and the other visiting brethren for their presence and the great interest they had taken in the proceedings of the High Court.

The Supreme Chief Ranger having replied, the meeting terminated by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."



I. O. F.



Grand Dedication
OF THE
FORESTERS'
TEMPLE

Tuesday, 30th August, 1898



**Monster
Demonstration
Street Parade
and
Drill Competition.**



\$1,800 IN PRIZES \$1,800

AT

Industrial Exhibition Grounds,
TORONTO, CANADA

Wednesday, 31st August, 1898

To all Members of the Independent Order of Foresters and Encampments of Royal Foresters.

The Executive Council desires the hearty and earnest co-operation of every Forester, their wives, daughters and sweethearts, and tenders them a cordial invitation to come to Toronto and help make the dedication of the Temple the grandest event and the largest gathering of Foresters ever brought together in the history of the Order.

The dedication of the Temple will take place on the evening of Tuesday, 30th of August.

On Wednesday, August 31st, a monster street parade will be formed and proceed to the Exhibition Grounds, when a grand fancy drill competition will take place between Royal Foresters and other uniformed corps, and the competition between the bands accompanying them.

It is fully expected that over 5,000 Foresters, fifteen Encampments of Royal Foresters and twenty bands will take part in the procession. The most

favorable rates with railways and hotels have been secured.

The following valuable prizes will be offered :

OPEN TO FORESTERS ONLY.

1. The Encampment coming the longest distance, not less than 25 swords..... \$250
2. The Encampment coming the second longest distance, not less than 25 swords... 50
3. Largest Encampment on parade..... 150
4. Second largest Encampment on parade.. 50
5. Best drilled Encampment, not less than 25 swords..... 100
6. Second best drilled Encampment, not less than 25 swords. Silver trophy donated by Ambrose Kent & Sons, Toronto, value..... 50
7. Encampment or Court having the best band on parade..... 200
8. Second best band, silver cornet, value.. 125
9. Third best band..... 50
10. Best Foresters' Band..... 150
11. Second best Foresters' Band..... 100
12. Third " "..... 75
13. Fourth " "..... 50

Prizes 7, 8 and 9 are open to any organized band in uniform, but bands competing must be engaged and accompany a Court in the parade.

14. Courts having come the longest distance, not less than 20 men, set of officers' sashes, value..... 60
15. Largest Court upon parade, set of officers' sashes, value 60

"Foresters' Bands" means that the members of such bands are members of the I. O. F. in good standing.

NOTE.—Temple Encampment of Royal Foresters, Toronto, will not compete for any prizes except the drill competition.

OPEN TO ALL SOCIETIES.

The Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto has donated \$200 in cash to be divided as follows:

1. Best drilled uniformed corps..... \$100
2. " " " " 60
3. " " " " 40

We would particularly draw the attention of all those who intend to visit Toronto during the Supreme Court to the fact that in addition to the many attractions offered by the Committee of the I. O. F., the Industrial Exhibition, the largest on this continent, will be in full force; also that there are many side trips that can be participated in by visitors at very low rates, viz., Niagara Falls, Foresters' Island, the Thousand Islands, Lachine Rapids, Muskoka, Montreal, Ottawa, etc.

The following are the railway and hotel rates:

RAILWAY RATES.

All railways in Canada will issue tickets at single fare on the certificate plan for the round trip.

The railways of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, southern part of Illinois, part of New York and Pennsylvania, which includes the cities of Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Salamanca, Erie, Pittsburgh, Bellair, Wheeling, Parkersburg, Charleston, W. Va., Louisville, Chicago, Keokuk, Hannibal and St. Louis will issue tickets going August 24th, 25th and 27th, good leaving Toronto on or before Sept. 6th, at a single rate for the return trip.

The Trunk Line Association, which comprises the following roads, will issue tickets at a fare and one-third for the round trip on the certificate plan, provided 100 persons are in attendance and hold certificates:—Addison & Pennsylvania, Alleghany Valley, Baltimore & Ohio (Parkersburg, Bellaire and Wheeling and east thereof), Baltimore & Potomac, Bennington & Rutland, Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, Camden & Atlantic, Canada Atlantic, Central of New Jersey, Central Vermont, Chesapeake & Ohio (Huntingdon, W. Va., and east thereof), Cumberland Valley, Delaware & Hudson, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Elmira, Cortland & Northern, Erie (Buffalo, Dunkirk, Salamanca and east thereof), Fall Brook, Fitchburg, Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville, Grand Trunk, Jamestown & Lake Erie (for business to points in Trunk Line Territory), Lehigh Valley, New York Central & Hudson River (Harlem & New York & Putnam divisions excepted), New York, Ontario & Western, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk, Northern Central, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Erie, Philadelphia & Reading, Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, Western New York & Pennsylvania,

West Jersey, West Shore, Wilmington & Northern.

HOTELS.

Queen's Hotel.....	\$3 00 and upwards
Rossin House, headquarters of the Executive Council.....	2 50 and upwards
Walker House.....	2 00
Palmer House.....	1 50 to \$2 00
Kensington House.....	1 50 to 2 00
Crown Hotel.....	1 50
Daly House.....	1 50
Grand Union.....	2 00
Grand Central.....	1 00 to 1 50
Arlington.....	2 00 to 3 00
Power House.....	1 00
Richardson House.....	1 00 to 1 50
Elliott House.....	2 00
Empress Hotel.....	1 50
Grosvenor House.....	1 00 to 1 50
Somerset House.....	1 50 to 2 00
Lakeview Hotel.....	1 00 to 1 50
Korman House.....	1 00
Albion Hotel.....	1 00 to 1 50
Carlton House.....	1 00
McCarron House.....	2 00
Cameron House.....	1 50
Globe Hotel.....	1 00 to 1 50
Ocean House.....	1 00
Kirby House.....	1 00

Private parties or any large number coming from any one point or contiguous points desiring special railway or hotel conveniences, can obtain the necessary information pertaining to same by applying to C. A. Stone, Temple Building, who will endeavor to make arrangements for the convenience and comfort of the delegates and their friends.

Norway.

Bro. James Marshall, of London, our European General Manager, has had already eight courts of the Order established in Norway, and will probably institute a High Court for that country during the present month. The Scandinavians are a thrifty, hardy and temperate race, and just the sort of men wanted in the I. O. F.

As usual, the agents of the old line companies have stopped at nothing to prevent the introduction and spread of the Order in that country, one of the cries raised against us being that our premiums are too low. Yet, during the last month we paid all claims promptly, as we have done for the past twenty-four years, and carried no less than \$70,049.57 or about 350,245 Kroners to the surplus in our treasury, making a total surplus on hand of \$2,856,613.68 or about 14,283,068 Kroners.

Personal Mention.

Bro. N. B. Morrison, of Cuthbert, Georgia, formerly H. V. C. R. of Minnesota, visited and inspected the Temple building on Thursday, 7th inst. He was both surprised and delighted with the magnitude, beauty and utility of the magnificent structure.

Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce for the Dominion, visited the Temple building on Wednesday, 6th inst., and was shown around the place by the Supreme Chief Ranger. Sir Richard was greatly pleased and spoke in the highest terms of praise of the edifice.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of June, 1898.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their June Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Bordentown.....	1063	Carhokie.....	3165
Cornplanter.....	3289	Fort Dearborne.....	3091
Batoche.....	3585	Topeka.....	3726
Smelter.....	3062	Wicker Park.....	3779

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Emmerson.....	1637	Medhurst.....	3520
Manvers.....	1921	Gen.....	3748
Twin Mountain.....	3456		

Receipts, June, 1898.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
1060	British Columbia..	\$ 1151 06	\$ 76 31	\$ 377 00	4115	New Jersey.....	\$ 4298 33	\$ 48 95	\$ 855 25
7974	California.....	10467 87	155 85	1423 50	12031	New York.....	13020 99	822 76	2770 00
277	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	486 69	11 72	60 75	2102	North Dakota.....	2355 17	67 66	374 50
4998	Illinois.....	5501 63	60 81	951 00	894	N. W. Territory....	1040 39	107 38	181 00
1904	Indiana.....	2126 59	8 32	486 75	3142	Nova Scotia.....	2813 23	250 43	531 25
608	Iowa.....	814 24	1 48	49 25	6198	Ohio.....	6535 60	107 76	1496 50
2816	Maine.....	2333 36	712 77	586 75	13215	Ontario.....	12013 21	2373 69	2640 25
2308	Manitoba.....	2111 64	195 58	313 00	10055	" Central.....	10602 42	1204 34	1896 75
12746	Michigan.....	12789 48	965 37	3000 00	10221	" Eastern.....	10222 47	937 49	3015 75
3838	Minnesota.....	4321 59	110 45	799 25	1335	Pennsylvania.....	1630 96	29 23	255 00
1083	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1297 58	9 70	266 00	1183	Pr. Edward Island..	1084 13	24 38	278 75
354	Nebraska.....	387 48	3 46	89 00	13169	Quebec.....	14217 81	4085 37	3179 59
5535	New Brunswick.....	5372 09	919 28	1152 25	783	Washington.....	1072 25	75 18	177 75
1833	New England.....	1890 20	505 34	766 75	2505	Wisconsin.....	2735 51	20 86	501 50
					611	S. C. Jurisdiction..	921 80	18 86	160 25
					4279	G. Britain & Ireland	5779 36	31 96	1234 60
	Received on account of Fire Insurance.....						125 66		
	" " Refunds re Loans.....						163 03		
	" " Organizing and other accounts.....								2317 02
	Re Deposit of N. Y. Draft.....						2000 00		
	Grand Totals.....		133,627				\$144,374 96	\$13,956 74	\$31,239 87

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	\$144,374 96
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	13,956 74
" General Funds.....	31,239 87
Total.....	\$189,571 57
By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....	\$189,571 57

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies\$3,857 23 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer\$3,857 23

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans... \$5,654 82 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$5,654 82

Submitted in L. B. & C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of June, 1898.

No. 3326. Brother Thomas Waldron, aged 55 years, of Court Welland, No. 116, located at Welland, Ont., died of Paralysis, on the 3rd April, 1898. Initiated 13th October, 1886. Beneficiary, Anna Waldron, wife. \$500. \$500 previously paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 3327. Brother Joseph D. Secrest, aged 38 years, of Court Julien Dubuque, No. 1511, located at Dubuque, Iowa, died of Heart Disease on the 24th May, 1898. Initiated 30th February, 1895. Beneficiary, Elva M. Secrest, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3328. Brother Archie Morrison, aged 35 years, of Court Orillia, No. 615, located at Orillia, Ont., was Accidentally Killed on Railroad on the 17th May, 1898. Initiated 10th June, 1896. Beneficiary, Ellen K. Morrison, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3329. Brother John Wallace, aged 47 years, of Court Coboconk, No. 1405, located at Coboconk, Ont., died of Idiopathic Anæmia on the 21st May, 1898. Initiated 20th October, 1893. Beneficiary, Henrietta Wallace, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3330. Brother Hiram Walter, M.D., aged 46 years, of Court Eaton Rapids, No. 1740, located at Eaton Rapids, Mich., died of Septicæmia on the 20th May, 1898. Initiated 18th January, 1895. Beneficiary, Hattie L. Walter, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3331. Brother John H. Cole, aged 41 years, of Court Lake Eric, No. 1205, located at Buffalo, N. Y., died of Cancer of Jaw on the 27th May, 1898. Initiated 4th May, 1896. Beneficiary, Isabella Cole, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3332. Brother Geo. R. Timmerman, aged 48 years, of Court Medina, No. 1193, located at Medina, N. Y., died of Gastritis and Enteritis on the 7th May, 1898. Initiated 10th February, 1897. Beneficiary, May Timmerman, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3333. Brother Elias Dickson, aged 53 years, of Court Maitland, No. 699, located at Brussels, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 20th January, 1898. Initiated 14th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$2,000.

No. 3331. Brother F. S. Campbell, aged 29 years, of Court Brownville, No. 561, located at Brownville, N. Y., died of Appendicitis on the 30th May, 1898. Initiated 5th May, 1890. Beneficiary, May Campbell, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3335. Brother C. J. Chapin, aged 25 years, of Court Cataract, No. 1147, located at Burks Falls, Ont., died of Diabetes on the 23rd May, 1898. Initiated 28th June, 1890. Beneficiary, Matilda Chapin, mother. \$500. Previously paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 3336. Brother C. W. Mook, aged 51 years, of Court Destiny, No. 598, located at Tacoma, Wash., was Accidentally Killed by falling from a bicycle on the 8th May, 1898. Initiated 7th January, 1893. Beneficiary, Amy C. Mook, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3337. Brother Melville Halliday, aged 24 years, of Court Minto, No. 475, located at Minto, N. B., died of Appendicitis on the 29th March, 1898. Initiated 1st February, 1892. Beneficiary, Minnie Halliday, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3338. Brother Amedee Girard, aged 32 years, of Court St. Hubert, No. 687, located at Montreal, Que., died of Pneumonia and Meningitis on the 3rd June, 1898. Initiated 21st December, 1891. Beneficiary, Marguerite Thibault, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3339. Brother Alex Dickson, aged 41 years, of Court Saugene, No. 148, located at Mount Forest, Ont., died of Heart Disease, on the 2nd June, 1898. Initiated 11th June, 1886. Beneficiary, Janet Dickson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3340. Brother Coleman P. Findley, aged 31 years, of Court Collingwood, No. 95, located at Collingwood, Ont., died of Typhoid Fever on the 19th February, 1898. Initiated 16th July, 1886. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 3341. Brother George Robinson, aged 53 years, of Court Woodstock, No. 69, located at Woodstock, Ont., died of Addison's Disease and Pneumonia on the 2nd June, 1898. Initiated 26th January, 1897. Beneficiary, Emma Robinson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3342. Brother John Bland, aged 48 years, of Court London, No. 1465, located at London, Ont., died of Cancer of Pancreas on the 19th April, 1898. Initiated 17th January, 1891. Beneficiary, Alice Jane Bland, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3343. Brother Levi Archambault, aged 47 years, of Court Gagnon, No. 3385, located at Woonsocket, R. I., died of Meningitis on the 20th April, 1898. Initiated 9th September, 1897. Beneficiary, Prudence Archambault, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3344. Brother Arthur Wm. Wilkin, aged 38 years, of Court Imperial, No. 1161, located at Toronto, Ont., died of Consumption, on the 3rd June, 1898. Initiated 7th October, 1893. Beneficiary, May Wilkin, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3345. Brother William S. Fec, aged 26 years, of Court Morristown, No. 512, located at Morristown, N. Y., died of Malarial Fever on the 23rd October, 1897. Initiated 13th November, 1891. Beneficiary, Frances Fec, mother. \$1,000.

No. 3346. Brother Tom S. Wight, aged 45 years, of Court Shawnee, No. 514, located at Defiance, Ohio, died of Cancer, on the 31st May, 1898. Initiated 28th February, 1895. Beneficiary, Agnes L. Wight, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3347. Brother Geo. H. Longley, aged 43 years, of Court Bathoral, No. 269, located at Montreal, Que., died of Phthisis on the 25th May, 1898. Initiated 14th March, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary E. Longley, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3348. Brother Bart B. Moiles, aged 42 years, of Court Valley, No. 232, located at Saginaw, Mich., died of Consumption on the 13th May, 1898. Initiated 4th February, 1887. Beneficiary, Dora W. Moiles, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3349. Brother A. R. Campbell, aged 46 years, of Court Stillwater, No. 1035, located at Stillwater, Minn., died of Pneumonia on the 17th May, 1898. Initiated 26th December, 1891. Beneficiaries, Mary Campbell, daughter; Andrew Campbell, son. \$1,000.

No. 3350. Brother Fred Miller, aged 33 years, of Court Genesee, No. 387, located at Rochester, N. Y., died of Bright's Disease on the 7th June, 1898. Initiated 24th November, 1893. Beneficiary, Margaret Miller, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3351. Brother James F. McGee, aged 21 years, of Court Queen's County, No. 3191, located at Long Island City, N. Y., died of Acute Phthisis on the 8th

June, 1898. Initiated 16th April, 1896. Beneficiary, Mary E. McGee, mother. \$1,000.

No. 3352. Brother John B. Cassidy, aged 38 years, of Court Onward, No. 553, located at Jersey City, N. J., died of Phthisis, on the 12th June, 1898. Initiated 14th April, 1890. Beneficiary, Margaret Cassidy, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3353. Brother J. A. Fournier, aged 36 years, of Court St. Michael, No. 1193, located at Sherbrooke, Que., died of Meningitis on the 10th June, 1898. Initiated 19th May, 1892. Beneficiary, Aurélie Fournier, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3354. Brother Alfred Law, aged 67 years, of Court Beaver, No. 2, located at Leinnoxville, Que., died of Cancer of Stomach on the 31st May, 1898. Initiated 5th April, 1879. Beneficiaries, Alfred Walter Law, son, Blanche Elizabeth, daughter. \$2,000.

No. 3355. Brother John W. Cryer, aged 72 years, of Court Progressive, No. 234, located at Newark, N. J., died of Heart Disease on the 28th May, 1898. Initiated 18th January, 1882. Beneficiary, Frances Ann Cryer, wife. \$200 previously paid on Annuity Benefit. \$800.

No. 3356. Brother Francois X. Balthazard, aged 46 years, of Court St. Hubert, No. 687, located at Montreal, Que., died of Consumption on the 15th April, 1898. Initiated 30th June, 1894. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 3357. Brother Floyd C. Ramey, aged 23 years, of Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, located at Los Angeles, Cal., died of Tuberculosis on the 2nd June, 1898. Initiated 31st July, 1896. Beneficiary, Susan Ramey, mother. \$500.

No. 3358. Brother Robert Donaldson, aged 39 years, of Court Dalriada, No. 2016, located at Belfast, Ire., died of Hemoptysis on the 12th April, 1898. Initiated 3rd August, 1893. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$200.

No. 3359. Brother Thomas William Horne Grigg, aged 35 years, of Court Battersea, No. 2099, located at Battersea, Eng., died of Cancer of Bowels on the 30th April, 1898. Initiated 2nd April, 1894. Beneficiary, Ellen Grigg, wife. \$200.

No. 3360. Brother Frank George Dyer, aged 24 years, of Court Shawville, No. 276, located at Shawville, Que., died of Acute Phthisis on the 21st May, 1898. Initiated 22nd December, 1897. Beneficiary, Florence Dyer, sister. \$1,000.

No. 3361. Brother James H. Marquis, aged 46 years, of Court Leaskdale, No. 322, located at Leaskdale, Ont., died of Apoplexy on the 13th June, 1898. Initiated 23rd July, 1890. Beneficiary, Jessie Ellen Marquis, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3362. Brother Thomas J. Milner, aged 29 years, of Court Unison, No. 410, located at Big Rapids, Mich., died of Tuberculosis on the 15th June, 1898. Initiated 26th January, 1894. Beneficiary, Lorette Milner, mother. \$1,000.

No. 3363. Brother W. F. Millar, aged 35 years, of Court Log Cabin, No. 1761, located at St. John, N. B., died of Apoplexy on the 23rd April, 1898. Initiated 12th February, 1895. Beneficiary, Alice Millar, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3364. Brother Alfred Leblanc, aged 27 years, of Court National, No. 1775, located at Montreal, Que., died of Pleuro-Pneumonia on the 8th June, 1898. Initiated 11th March, 1896. Beneficiary, Odele Teller, mother. \$500.

No. 3365. Brother Alfred J. Archer, aged 50 years, of Court Streatham, No. 2154, located at Streatham, Eng., died of Angina Pectoris on the 10th June, 1898. Initiated 29th November, 1894. Beneficiary, Ann Archer, wife. \$300.

No. 3366. Brother Samuel Brooks, aged 51 years, of Court Nottingham Forest, No. 2086, located at Nottingham, Eng., died of Acute Rheumatism on the 31st May, 1898. Initiated 2nd February, 1891. Beneficiary, Clara Brooks, wife. \$200.

No. 3367. Brother Fred A. Wigle, M.D., aged 30 years, of Court Kingsville, No. 9, located at Kingsville, Ont., died of Diabetes on the 19th June, 1898. Initiated 8th June, 1892. Beneficiary, Ora Wigle, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3368. Brother Patrick Lawlor, aged 34 years, of Court Nutmeg, No. 1404, located at Plymouth, Conn., died of Inflammatory Rheumatism on the 20th June, 1898. Initiated 17th March, 1896. Beneficiary, Julia Lawlor, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3369. Brother Edward Cavanagh, aged 34 years, of Court Washington, No. 44, located at Elizabeth, N. J., died of Pneumonia on the 18th June, 1898. Initiated 14th March, 1890. Beneficiary, Annie Cavanagh, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3370. Brother Chas. Houle, aged 31 years, of Court St. Hyacinthe, No. 588, located at St. Hyacinthe, Que., died of Apoplexy on the 12th June, 1898. Initiated 2nd November, 1891. Beneficiary, Cordelia Houle, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3371. Brother Ralph G. Pringle, aged 37 years, of Court Madrid, No. 1706, located at Madrid, N. Y., died of Tuberculosis on the 23rd March, 1893. Initiated 11th December, 1894. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$2,000.

No. 3372. Brother Fred M. Wilson, aged 33 years, of Court Hancock, No. 1371, located at Elizabeth, N. J., Shot Himself while Insane on the 26th December, 1897. Initiated 15th July, 1896. Beneficiary, Carrie Wilson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3373. Brother William Tout, aged 38 years, of Court Kirby, No. 1046, located at Detroit, Mich., died of La Grippe and Paralysis of Heart on the 24th March, 1898. Initiated 9th June, 1892. Beneficiary, Zella Dawn Tout, daughter. \$1,000.

No. 3374. Brother Frank R. L. Crysler, aged 25 years, of Court Glen Nation, No. 810, located at Crysler, Ont., Was Suffocated in R. R. Accident on the 10th June, 1898. Initiated 11th January, 1891. Beneficiary, J. R. Crysler, father. \$1,000.

No. 3375. Brother Elmer Crack, aged 41 years, of Court Myrtle, No. 5, located at Richmond, Que., died of Consumption on the 24th June, 1898. Initiated 14th November, 1892. Beneficiary, Mary Jane Crack, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3376. Brother Louis Boisvert, aged 52 years, of Court St. Roch, No. 701, located at Ste. Cunegeonde, Que., died of Cancer of Stomach on the 22nd June, 1898. Initiated 20th July, 1892. Beneficiaries, Marie, Alice, Delia and Marie Louise Boisvert, daughters. \$1,000.

No. 3377. Brother Elmer Geroux, aged 30 years, of Court Ste. Helene, No. 1019, located at Montreal, Que., died of Typhoid Fever on the 18th June, 1898. Initiated 21st December, 1896. Beneficiary, Herminia N. Geroux, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3378. Brother William Neal, aged 28 years, of Court Mt. Logan, No. 1535, located at Chillicothe, Ohio, died of Tuberculosis on the 29th May, 1898. Initiated 25th May, 1895. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Neal, mother. \$1,000.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for June, 1898.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$2,661,104 18
" Supreme Secretary.....	142,086 27
" " " re Fire Insurance.....	125 66
" " " re Deposit N. Y. Draft.....	2,000 00
" " " Refund re Loans.....	163 03
	<u>\$2,808,479 14</u>

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Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—

Thomas Waldron..... Court Welland, 116.....	\$ 500 00
Joseph D. Secrest..... " Jul'n Dubuque, 1511.....	1,000 00
Archie Morrison..... " Orillia, 615.....	1,000 00
John Wallace..... " Cobocouk, 1403.....	1,000 00
Hiram Walter..... " Eaton Rapids, 1740.....	2,000 00
John H. Cole..... " Lake Erie, 1205.....	1,000 00
Geo. R. Timmerman..... " Medina, 1193.....	1,000 00
Lindsay Smith..... " Sarma, 55.....	2,000 00
L. T. Rochan..... " Guiges, 1515.....	800 00
F. S. Campbell..... " Brownville, 561.....	1,000 00
James Lane..... " Duluth, 724.....	500 00
C. J. Chapin..... " Cataract, 1147.....	500 00
Charles Hunt..... " Knickerbocker, 3029.....	1,000 00
C. W. Mack..... " Destiny, 598.....	1,000 00
Melville Holliday..... " Mento, 475.....	1,000 00
Emedeo Girard..... " St. Hubert, 687.....	1,000 00
Alick Dickson..... " Saugeen, 148.....	1,000 00
Philip C. Findlay..... " Collingwood, 95.....	1,000 00
George Robinson..... " Woodstock, 69.....	1,000 00
John Bland..... " London, 135.....	2,000 00
Levi Archambault..... " Gagnon, 3385.....	1,000 00
Arthur W. Wilkin..... " Imperial, 1104.....	1,000 00
William S. Fee..... " Morristown, 542.....	1,000 00
Tom S. Wight..... " Shawnee, 514.....	2,000 00
Geo. Henry Longley..... " Balmoral, 269.....	1,000 00
A. B. Moiles..... " Valley, 232.....	1,000 00
R. R. Campbell..... " Stillwater, 1035.....	1,000 00
Fred. Miller..... " Genesee, 387.....	1,000 00
James F. McGee..... " Queen's Co., 3191.....	1,000 00
John B. Cassidy..... " Onward, 553.....	1,000 00
J. A. Fornier..... " St. Michael, 1193.....	2,000 00
John W. Cryer..... " Progressive, 254.....	800 00
F. X. Balthazard..... " St. Hubert, 687.....	1,000 00
John M. Mount, M.D..... " Belle River, 942.....	1,000 00
Floyd C. Rayme..... " Morris Vine'rd, 332.....	500 00

Elias Dickson..... Court Maitland, 699.....	\$2,000 00
Robert Donaldson..... " Dalriada, 2016.....	974 44
Thos. Wm. H. Grieg..... " Battersea, 2099.....	974 44
Frank G. Dyer..... " Shawville, 276.....	1,000 00
James H. Marquis..... " Leaskdale, 322.....	1,000 00
Joseph Rosseau..... " Little Metis, 3214.....	1,000 00
Thomas J. Milner..... " Unison, 410.....	1,000 00
W. T. Miller..... " Log Cabin, 1761.....	2,000 00
Alfred Leblanc..... " National, 1775.....	500 00
Alfred J. Archer..... " Streatham, 2154.....	2,923 33
Samuel Brooks..... " Forest, 2083.....	974 44
Henry A. Turner..... " Custer, 402.....	500 00
Fred. A. Wigle, M.D..... " Kingsville, 9.....	1,000 00
Patrick Lawlor..... " Nutner, 1101.....	1,000 00
Charles Houle..... " St. Hyacinthe, 588.....	1,000 00
Frank R. L. Crysler..... " Glen Nation, 810.....	857 15
Edward Cavanagh..... " Washington, 41.....	1,000 00
Ralph G. Pringle..... " Madrid, 1706.....	2,000 00
Fred. M. Wilson..... " Hancock, 1371.....	1,000 00
William Tout..... " Kirby, 1016.....	1,000 00
Elmer Crack..... " Myrtle, 5.....	1,000 00
Louis Boisbert..... " St. Roche, 701.....	1,000 00
Elmer Geroux..... " St. Helen, 1019.....	1,000 00
William Neal..... " Kit Logan, 1535.....	1,000 00

\$65,303 80

Old Age Disability—

P. Doberciner, Ct. Guelph, 37.....	\$ 100 00
William Wanless, Ct. Welcome, 12.....	200 00
	<u>300 00</u>

Total and Permanent Disability—

Henry Lebrash, Ct. Warkworth, 331.....	\$ 500 00
Allan Outhouse, Ct. Petie, 967.....	500 00
Romain Lemieux, Ct. Jac. Cartier, 970.....	500 00
Hugh Pink, Ct. Manitou, 135.....	500 00
Thomas J. Dempsey, Ct. Trinity, 1806.....	500 00
Doctors' Fees.....	15 00
Commission on Loans.....	290 25
Refund of Sundry Assessments.....	119 89
Insurance.....	391 19
Taxes.....	354 84
Legal Fees.....	28 45
Valuations.....	20 00
Premium on Policies.....	138 66
Disbursement on account of Mortg's.....	65 37
English Refund.....	10 99
	<u>3,934 64</u>

\$ 69,538 44

Five per cent. to General Fund.....	7,104 30
Balance.....	2,731,836 40
	<u>\$2,808,479 14</u>

Sick and Funeral Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$122,459 93
" Supreme Secretary.....	13,956 74
	<u>\$ 136,416 67</u>

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By Sick Claims.....	\$ 10,205 32
" English.....	4 70
" Refunds.....	48 20
" Funeral Claims.....	683 33
" 5 per cent. General Fund.....	697 84
" Balance.....	124,777 28
	<u>\$ 136,416 67</u>

General Account for June, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 31,239 87
on acct. of Supplies.....	3,857 23
To 5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	7,104 30
Sick and Fun'l Benefit Fund.....	697 84
	<u>\$ 42,899 24</u>

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Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 2,000 00
Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	8,899 19
Wages of Employees.....	3,908 95
Fees Returned.....	198 32
Furniture Account.....	204 95
General Management Expenses.....	6,773 82
" Forester" and Supplies.....	7,514 53
Balance.....	13,399 42
	<u>\$ 42,899 24</u>

Surplus.

Deposited with Dom. Ins. Co. of Canada...	\$100,000 00
Great Britain and Ireland.....	95,610 17
U. S. Government Bonds.....	56,753 36
New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Est.	2,083,210 34
Debentures.....	236,280 20
Deposit Receipts.....	510 79
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	\$2,597,429 86
Current Account.....	134,406 54
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	\$2,731,836 40
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	124,777 28
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Grand Total Surplus.....	\$2,856,613 68

Yours in L., B. & C.,
H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Tres.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of June, 1898.

During the month of June, the Medical Board reviewed 4,615 medical examination papers, of which 4,096 were accepted and 519 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted		Rejected	
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
British Columbia.....	11	7	30	4
California.....	259	42	53	13
Colorado.....	5	1	314	29
Connecticut.....	7	1	272	23
Illinois.....	312	20	182	33
Indiana.....	46	7	142	36
Iowa.....	16	2	6	1
Kansas.....	1	1	71	5
Maine.....	119	13	104	8
Manitoba.....	84	4	451	75
Massachusetts.....	1	1	32	2
Michigan.....	338	29	23	3
Minnesota.....	174	10	29	4
Missouri.....	27	2	129	14
Montana.....	4	2	90	12
Nebraska.....	11	1	47	10
New Brunswick.....	89	15	18	9
New Hampshire.....	25	4	13	2
New Jersey.....	106	13	7	...
New York.....	394	49		
Nova Scotia.....	51	15	Total.....	4096 519

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

Acknowledgments.

Thanks for Prompt Settlement.

£200.

BELFAST, 22nd February, 1898.

The Chief Ranger of the I.O.F., Court Shandon:

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of cheque for £200, in payment of my late husband's insurance, and beg to thank you for having secured so prompt a settlement of the claim. I would be favored if you would convey my gratitude to the Supreme Court, and I trust your noble Order will long continue in prosperity.

Yours very faithfully,
(Signed) J. DIXON.

Sunday-School Teacher: "Why was Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt?"
Tommy: "'Cause she was too fresh!"

Selected Fun and Humor.

Higbee (on steamer): "Who are you looking for, Mac?"
Mac (feebly): "The man who called out 'All's well!'"

"You have looked on my face for the last time," he resolutely declared, as he put on his hat.
"What are you going to do?" she cried; "grow a beard?"

DIFFERENTIATING—Little Clarence: "Father, what is the difference between firmness and obstinacy?"

Father: "Merely a matter of sex, my son."

Employer: "James, here's a letter for you from the Dead Letter Office."

James (in agony): "Then it's from my son. He's been ill for weeks, and I've been expectin' this every day."

Mrs. Jenkyns: "I see Mrs. Hoetong is going to have *King Lear* at her next private theatricals."

Mrs. Newrich (furious with envy): "Is she, the affected thing? Do you know, I don't believe he's a real king at all."

Mrs. Dix: "I was ashamed of you, Ephraim, to see you dust the chair you sat on at Mrs. Henshaw's. I saw her little boy watching you."

Dix: "I saw him, too. I'm too old a fish to be caught on a bent pin."

Penner: "What makes you wear your coat buttoned up to the chin like that, old man? It isn't so very cold to-day."

Quills: "I know it, but my wife made me a present yesterday of a new necktie that she had bought herself."

"I am here, gentlemen," explained the pick-pocket to his fellow-prisoners, "as the result of a moment of abstraction."

"And I," said the incendiary, "because of an unfortunate habit of making light of things."

"And I," chimed in the forger, "on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself."

"And I," added the burglar, "through nothing but taking advantage of an opening which offered in a large mercantile establishment in town."

But here the wader separated them.

DID HER BEST.—A good story is told of a young lady who found employment as an operator in a telephone office, though she knew little about the work, her previous experience having been in a draper's shop.

Over her face, however, were written amiability and willingness to do all that could be done, and she rapidly learned her new duties. She had adopted as her motto the sentence, "We strive to please," and honestly tried to live up to it. On one of her first days there was a ring at the bell.

"What number, please?" she asked sweetly.

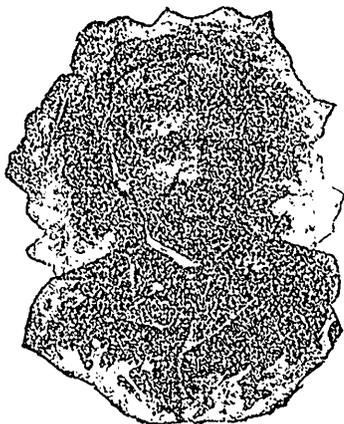
"Let me have 474."

"I am sorry that number 474 is busy now," she replied. "You can have number 473, or number 475, if you wish."

The person at the other end is said to have hung up his receiver in silent astonishment; but it is probable that he liked the response better than he would have liked a surly—

"Line's in use. Ring off."

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