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FOUNDED
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SEPTEMBER, 1878.
DOMINION INCORPORATION
MAY, 1889.
LICENSE BY INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT OF CANADA
MAY, 1896.



NUMBER OF MEMBERS 1st JUNE, 1899

148,576

SURPLUS FUND 1st JULY, 1899

\$3,435,331.22

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

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

To receive the Sickness Benefit, the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, the members of the L.O.F. are required to pay the small monthly rates shown below:

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
18	28	35	42	49	56	63
19	28	35	42	49	56	63
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49	28	35	42	49	56	63
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51	28	35	42	49	56	63
52	28	35	42	49	56	63
53	28	35	42	49	56	63
54	28	35	42	49	56	63
55	28	35	42	49	56	63

To receive these benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrollment Fee of \$1.00 and a Dues of \$1.00 per year.

The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

Age of Member	Monthly Assessment	Age of Member	Monthly Assessment	Age of Member	Monthly Assessment	Age of Member	Monthly Assessment
18	41	28	44	38	47	48	50
19	41	29	44	39	47	49	50
20	41	30	44	40	47	50	50
21	41	31	44	41	47	50	50
22	41	32	44	42	47	50	50
23	41	33	44	43	47	50	50
24	41	34	44	44	47	50	50
25	41	35	44	45	47	50	50
26	41	36	44	46	47	50	50
27	41	37	44	47	47	50	50
28	41	38	44	48	47	50	50
29	41	39	44	49	47	50	50
30	41	40	44	50	47	50	50
31	41	41	44	51	47	50	50
32	41	42	44	52	47	50	50
33	41	43	44	53	47	50	50
34	41	44	44	54	47	50	50
35	41	45	44	55	47	50	50
36	41	46	44	56	47	50	50
37	41	47	44	57	47	50	50
38	41	48	44	58	47	50	50
39	41	49	44	59	47	50	50
40	41	50	44	60	47	50	50
41	41	51	44	61	47	50	50
42	41	52	44	62	47	50	50
43	41	53	44	63	47	50	50
44	41	54	44	64	47	50	50
45	41	55	44	65	47	50	50
46	41	56	44	66	47	50	50
47	41	57	44	67	47	50	50
48	41	58	44	68	47	50	50
49	41	59	44	69	47	50	50
50	41	60	44	70	47	50	50
51	41	61	44	71	47	50	50
52	41	62	44	72	47	50	50
53	41	63	44	73	47	50	50
54	41	64	44	74	47	50	50
55	41	65	44	75	47	50	50

Our Investments.

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

Invested Funds.

The following shows a list of the funds we have invested:

Imperial Dist. Canada	\$100,000.00
Imperial Dist. Bonds	25,010.12
Imperial Dist. Government Funds	125,788.84
Imperial Dist. Government	30,000.00
Real Estate and First Mortgages on Real Estate	2,775,875.44
Deposits	122,078.87
Postal Receipts	540.78
National Bank of Canada	2,500.00

From the above you will see that we have already an invested surplus fund of

\$2,275,861.85.

No portion of the funds thus invested are withdrawn except by the joint consent of the management and of the members of the Executive Council.

- 1. J. E. R. Grombowski, M.B., Editor, IMPERIAL DISTRICT NEWS, Toronto.
- 2. S. C. R., The Royal Judge W. Weller and O. C. Hartman, M.D.
- 3. V. L. R., Vice-Master, Wood, at Galt.
- 4. Secretary, Bank & MacIntyre, Ltd., Toronto.
- 5. Alexander, H. A. Gillies, Toronto.
- 6. J. H. T. Milburn, M.D., Toronto.
- 7. Hon. Elmer Strachan, District Agent.

Write what you have in the correct place on our membership card and return it to the Secretary.

\$2,275,861.85.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional. The benefits are as follows: (1) During each calendar consecutive sickness, payment of \$5.00 a week for the first two weeks, \$10.00 a week for the next two weeks, and at the discretion of the Executive Council, a further sum of \$10.00 a week for the balance of the sickness. (2) A funeral benefit of \$100.00 to be paid to the family.

\$2,275,861.85.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER,
TORONTO, JULY 15, 1899.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
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TORONTO, CANADA.
OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 6.

MY DEAR COMPANION OR BROTHER :

I am exceedingly anxious to interest you personally in building up the Order.

I need not tell you that the prosperity of the I.O.F. depends very largely upon the constant infusion of new blood into our ranks.

To stimulate the whole membership to greater individual efforts towards securing new members, the Executive Council have authorized me to offer the following prizes to every member of the Order who will interest herself or himself in this great work, viz. :

- (1) \$50 for the institution of *one* Subordinate or Companion Court having at least 25 accepted beneficiary members ;
- (2) \$125 for the institution of *two* such Courts ; and
- (3) \$225 and a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger's badge for the institution of *three* such Courts.

All such Courts to be instituted and fully completed before the 1st day of October, 1899. If you desire to enter into this competition write to me to that effect, and I will send you at once an application for a charter form and some literature which will assist you in your canvass.

The course I would recommend you to pursue is, first secure the name and co-operation of some first-class physician who will be authorized to examine the charter applicants. Secure introductions from the doctor to eligible friends and canvass them and the business and professional and other first class men in the place. Distribute the circulars among them and try and get an appointment to call afterwards to secure their names on your list. As soon as you secure the requisite number of applicants on your charter list, say at least ten, apprise me to that effect, and I will then forward you the medical examination blanks for the use of the examining physician, who can then begin to examine the candidates. When you have received the full number of applications, I will either send you a commission to enable you to institute the Court yourself, or I will arrange to have the Court instituted for you by some D.S.C.R., as you may wish.

I trust you may see your way clear to personally engage in this work and thus help the Order most materially, as well as do good to your fellowman.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

P.S.—Salaried Deputies who are engaged in organizing work, either by the Supreme Court or High Court, will not be eligible to compete for these prizes.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

I.O.F. Benevolent Fund.

TRUSTEES—*ex-officio*:

The Ill. Commander, London Encampment of Royal Foresters, Bro. M. C. Ward, M.D., J.P. Pres. Medical Board, P.H.C.R., Lond. The Ill. Lieut.-Com., London Encampment of Royal Foresters, Bro. B. B. Halford, H.V.C.R., Lond. The High Chief Ranger of London, Bro. Jas. Marshal, S.D.S.C.R.

2 WOODCHURCH ROAD, WEST HAMPSTEAD,
LONDON, N.W.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The Trustees have much pleasure in bringing to your notice the Rules and Regulations of the I.O.F. Benevolent Fund.

This Fund was started by the London Encampment of Royal Foresters, after an urgent and successful appeal had been made to the brethren in the London Jurisdiction on behalf of a brother in distress, in order to avoid in the future the necessity for any similar appeal for individual cases, and also to stimulate and supplement the aid that might be given to a brother in distress by his own Court, and which aid it was felt would in many instances be inadequate to supply the special needs of the case.

I commend this matter to your fraternal consideration and feel sure that I need not enlarge upon its merits and the usefulness to the Fund.

I shall be very pleased to accept any amount as annual subscription or donation which you may feel disposed to give, for which purpose I enclose a form for you to fill up and return to me at the above address.

Will you kindly bring this Fund before your Court at its next meeting and urge upon the Court the advisability of making a donation from its general fund, and also solicit contributions from its individual members.

I am yours in L., B. and C.,
(Sgd.) BETHEL B. HALFORD, H.V.C.R., LOND.,
Hon. Sec.

REGULATIONS.

Governing the I.O.F. Benevolent Fund, drawn up by the London Encampment of Royal Foresters.

1.—The Fund shall be called the "I.O.F. Benevolent Fund."

2.—The objects of the Fund shall be to relieve such cases of distress amongst members of the Independent Order of Foresters as cannot adequately be relieved by the Subordinate Court to which the distressed brother belongs, members of the London Encampment of Royal Foresters, and members of Courts in the jurisdiction of the High Court of London, and of such other Courts and Encampments as contribute to the Fund having preference.

3.—There shall be three Trustees to the Fund, namely, the Illustrious Commander and the Illustrious Lieutenant Commander of the London Encampment of Royal Foresters, and the High Chief Ranger of London. In the event of either the Illustrious Commander or the Illustrious Lieutenant Commander being also High Chief Ranger of London, the High Standing Committee of London shall nominate one of their members as third Trustee.

4.—The Trustees shall be empowered to deal with the funds subscribed in such way as they see fit, but in accordance with the rules to be from time to time agreed upon. The Trustees shall also

be authorized to send appeals to Courts, Encampments, or individual members, whenever they may think advisable.

5.—The Trustees shall draw up rules for the administration of the Fund, and shall submit the same for the approval of the London Encampment of Royal Foresters and the High Standing Committee of London, and when approved, the Trustees shall cause these rules to be circulated amongst the members of the I.O.F.

6.—The Trustees shall draw up an annual report of their proceedings to the end of June in each year, and shall submit the same together with an audited balance sheet, to the London Encampment of Royal Foresters, and the High Standing Committee of London, and of any other High Court joining the Fund. They shall also publish the same in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

RULES.

Drawn up by the Trustees of the I.O.F. Benevolent Fund, in accordance with Regulation No. 5 of the Constitution of their Fund, for their guidance in its administration.

1.—That the Trustees shall appoint one of their number to act as Hon. Sec. of the Fund, whose duty shall be to receive all communications and appeals, and keep the necessary books of the Fund.

2.—That the Hon. Sec. shall summon a meeting of the Trustees within ten days of receiving the necessary particulars from the Court of which an applicant for relief is a member, and at such other times as business may arise for their consideration.

3.—That whenever action or decision by the Trustees is required on any matter, the Hon. Sec. may submit such matter in writing, or in print, or otherwise to each Trustee, for their action or decision thereon and the action or decision of a majority of the Trustees, given in writing or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a decision, or action of the Trustees, the same as if a meeting of the Trustees had been held.

4.—That all moneys collected for the Fund shall be deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank in the names of the three Trustees. Notices to the Post Office Savings Bank of withdrawal of any of the funds shall be signed by all the Trustees, who shall empower the Savings Bank to pay the money to the Hon. Sec. against his receipt.

5.—That no grant of money shall be made to any person but a member of the Independent Order of Foresters "in good standing"

6.—That in fixing the amount of the grant, the rank and services of a brother and also the fact of his having contributed to the Fund shall be taken into consideration.

7.—That all applications for grants must be made to the Hon. Sec., and must state, in addition to the name of the applicant, his rank in the Order, the name and number of his Court, the date of his initiation, and how long he has been continuously in good standing in the Order.

8.—That, before any grant is made to a brother, the Trustees shall communicate with the Court of which he is a member, and ascertain if any special appropriation has been granted from the funds of the Court under Constitution and Laws Section, 163 (1) English Edition of 1896 [section 163 (1) English Edition of 1893].

9.—That these rules may be altered at any time by the Trustees at the request of, or with the approval of the London Encampment of Royal Foresters and the High Standing Committee of London.

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TORONTO, CANADA, JULY 15, 1899.

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, Ont. 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.

**The Surplus on the 30th of June,
1899, stood at \$3,435,331.22.**

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The Supreme Chief wires just as we are going to
press that the High Court of New Brunswick, by a
vote of 114 to 14, admitted Companion Courts to
representation in the High Court.

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High Court of North-West Territories meets at
Calgary, August 7th and 8th.

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The work done in June shows that the hust-
lers are again on the hustle and the plodders
are still on the tow path. Illinois has 245 accept-
ed. New York is next with 211. Perhaps Ohio's
turn is coming now.

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Bargain counter rates are no more necessary or
desirable in a Fraternal than shoddy in a coat, or
paper soles in a boot, or bad beef in an army tin.

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The S.S. came back from Camp at Niagara well
bronzed with the sun. Unfortunately he has been
ill since. The S.C.R. came back from British Col-
umbia in time to see himself well bronzed by a
sculptor. He is looking like himself and has the
action of a new Baldwin locomotive.

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The weather is getting too hot to write or read
heavy editorials. It is wonderful how many things
there are which it is too hot to do. But there are
two things that (on earth) it is never too hot to do.
If a man takes a drink, it is never too hot to drink,
and if a man swears, it is never too hot to swear.
These two habits are asbestos-draped salamanders.

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Don't forget Forestry when the heat makes you
take to the woods. If you must go fishing get up
an I.O.F. peg-down fishing match. There is no
summer resort that does not look more free with
nature's independence if it is adorned with the
moose's head.

Files to the Front.

We have observed with interest the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of Scotland, convened at what is now the customary convention hall in Toronto, the Foresters' Temple. Among the many things of interest were the fixing of new rates at figures quite approximate to the rates of the I.O.F., and also the significant telegram received from the authorities at Ottawa.

We cite a portion of the proceedings as reported in the *Globe*, of June 29th :

The Sons of Scotland concluded their labors yesterday, after a conference that is considered to have been eminently satisfactory. Upon completion of the election of officers, the meeting adopted a higher rate of assessment for new members, so as to place their insurance scheme on a basis which would meet with the approval of actuaries. The question of Dominion Incorporation was mooted, but it was not found necessary to take a vote on the subject.

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The question of Dominion Incorporation was raised, but a division was not forced on the subject. During the discussion on this matter it was asserted that no general bill or private bill of any society would be allowed to be proceeded with until the question of whether the Dominion or the Provinces have the right to deal with the subject was decided. A telegram was sent to the Ministry at Ottawa, enquiring as to the accuracy of the statement, and the following reply was received, signed C. Sifton:—"The general bill respecting benevolent societies having been held over for further consideration, at the request of the fraternal organizations, I do not think that it would be expedient to commit ourselves respecting legislation for any particular society until the whole matter has been fully considered. If a general bill is brought forward at the next session, your society would probably be required to come under its terms. If no such general bill be brought in, your society would be afforded every facility to obtain an independent act provided that the rates and conditions are satisfactory to the Superintendent of Insurance."

While we prefer an international Order instead of one which requires a strictly national qualification for membership in a fraternal society giving mortuary benefits, nevertheless we feel that the national societies, like the Sons of Scotland and Sons of England, are to be commended for their wisdom in voluntarily advancing their rates to proper and reasonable figures. Of men who move there are three kinds: The man who moves without a reason for moving; the man who moves when there is a reason; and the man who refuses to move until the policeman says "move on."

Societies like the I.O.F., which study from afar the development of public opinion, will not be overtaken in an unprepared, unfortified or undignified position. They will have foreseen the wishes

of the people before the vote-loving public man will have had time to frame these wishes into a law. Provided the legislator travels on the road of justice and the constitution, he may come slowly or he may come swiftly. His driving may be as the driving of Jehu, and he will find us ready.

When the Supreme Court of the I.O.F. at its latest session, representing as it did the feeling of the members in both hemispheres of this globe, decided to fix a new standard of rates and confer new benefits, it was convinced that the changes would be not only sound and economical, but also popular. But we did not foresee that the action of the I.O.F. would have so strong a magnetism to immediately draw other societies in the same direction; or that a government department would take the calculations of the I.O.F. as a basis for fraternal economics throughout the Dominion of Canada.

All the fraternalists at the present moment are now more or less concerned about their rates. The more experienced and better informed are hurrying up into line, but there are some malingerers still hanging back. Like files broken off to avoid obstacles, they remain in the rear.

When they shall come up into their places is, of course, a matter entirely in the judgment and discretion of their officers. But the legislators are hurrying after us like a rear guard, and some of the stragglers may find themselves in the guard tent.

The I.O.G.T.

The closing of the International Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars (which was convened in the Foresters' Temple), was marked by a pleasing ceremony, when our S.C.R., Orunhyatekha, made all the delegates Foresters-at-Sight, and attached them as honorary members to Court Sherwood Forest. The gentle reader will now shake hands with the following newly initiated honorary members from various points of this and other continents:

- Fred C. Jennings, Box 223, Fairfield, Conn.
- Miss Clarke, Forthings Farm, Milverton, Somerset, England.
- Bert D. Angsbury, Theresa, N. Y.
- John Stanford, 26 Hope St., Wrexham, Wales.
- Mrs. James Graham, Inglewood, Ont.
- Genie F. Hazlett, Rockford, Ill.
- Mrs. Frances D. Weeks, 80 Hall Place, Maid Hill, London, England.
- Wm. Chas. Harbud, 141 Tavistock Crescent, London, England.
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- N. Eliza Westover, Manchester, N.H.
- Mrs. Edward Forbes, 931 North Linden Ave., Oak Park.
- Mrs. E. M. Remington, Box 1050, Des Moines, Iowa.
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Uriah Copp, Loda, Ill.

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W. M. Burns, Hillsboro, N.B.

Chas. S. Passmore, Butte, Montana.

Susie M. Passmore, Butte, Montana.

S. A. Hastings, Green Bay, Wis.

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Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Star:

SIR, — In THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER of 15th May, Dr. Oronhyatekha, the S.C.R. of the I.O.F. is reported as having said that the applications for membership in the I.O.F. since January 1st were about 7,000, of which about 6,000 had been accepted. He used this as proof that the late increase in rates, taxes, etc., had not interfered with the growth of the Order. Let us see. According to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, the membership 1st January, 1899, was 148,265, and on the 1st of April it was 148,317, showing a net gain of 52 members during the months of January, February and March.

According to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, 4,773 members were admitted during these months, so that 4,721 must have died or left the Order. As we are constantly reminded that the death rate is low (how could it be otherwise with so much new blood), only about 60 members died per month, i.e., about 180, still leaving over 4,500 to be accounted for. Would the S.C.R. be good enough to tell us the whole truth next time, and tell us what became of those 4,500 members.

There was an actual loss of 356 in February, although 1,126 applications were accepted, showing that 1,482 members disappeared in 28 days, over 50 per day.

In January there was a gain of 403, but 2,377 applications were accepted, showing that 1,974 disappeared in 31 days, about 65 per day. The true friends of the I.O.F. opposed the new rates, taxes, etc. (they were imposed without consulting the membership) and this seems to be an attempt on the part of the S.C.R. to show that the change has not been injurious.

"WHOLE TRUTH."

Dr. Oronhyatekha's Reply.

To the Editor of The Star,

MONTREAL, QUE.

It is not my practice to take any notice of anonymous communications relating to the Independent Order of Foresters, but owing to your courtesy in the matter I have decided to depart from my usual practice and reply to the communication of the gentleman signing himself "Whole Truth." I presume your correspondent refers to a report of a brief after-dinner speech, delivered by me recently before Court Sherwood Forest, in response to a "toast" with which my brethren had kindly connected my name, and in which I am reported as having said as follows:

"The other matter to which I desire to direct your attention very briefly is in connection with our revised rates. You know that very many brethren thought that the action of the Supreme Court at its last session regarding this subject meant certain disaster to the I.O.F. I must confess I myself expected a very great falling off for a time in the applications for membership; but when I tell you that from the first of January to date nearly 7,000 applications for membership have been received (applause), of which over 6,000 have been accepted, and that, too, without any special effort being made by the Supreme Court to "boom" our work, I think you will agree with me that there is every cause for congratulating ourselves upon the present position of the Independent Order of Foresters (applause)."

THE STATEMENTS ARE ACCURATE.

That I was quite accurate in my statements is proved by the subsequent reports of the Supreme Officers published in the May INDEPENDENT FORESTER. These reports showed that 7,198 applied for membership in the Independent Order of Foresters during the first four months of the present year, of whom the Medical Board rejected 1,040 and accepted 6,152. To this number you can add 1,651 accepted applications for May, making a total of 7,803 during the first five months of 1899, a record of which we need not be ashamed. The last published Blue Book, that for the year 1897, shows that of all the old live insurance companies doing business in Canada only one company succeeded in securing more than this number of policies during the whole year of 1897.

As to the charge that I had used my figures as proof that the growth of the Order had not been checked by the late increase in the rates, my reply is that your correspondent was wholly in error in making this statement. When I rose to reply to the toast, knowing that there was a long programme of toasts, speeches, recitations and songs before us, it was my intention to speak very briefly and to refer to only two subjects which I should have been of interest to my audience, viz: to

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ACCEPTED.

the cable I had just received informing me that the "quinquennial valuation report" required of all insurance bodies doing business in Great Britain, and which we had lately filed, had been practically accepted. Secondly, to submit to the brethren present the figures in my possession, which to my mind completely answered those members of the Order who had declared that "after the new rates came into force we would be practically unable to secure any new members."

I used the figures referred to by your correspondent, therefore, not as "proof that the late increase in rates, taxes, etc., had not interfered with the growth of the Order," but simply as showing that those brethren who declared we could get no new members after the new rates came into force were happily in error. The Executive Council when proposing the new legislation never for a moment dreamed that the growth of the Order would not be more or less checked by the increase of rates. Indeed we expected a loss in membership of from 10,000 to 20,000. We have had experience in such matters in times past, for when in 1891 we increased the rates in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department nearly 800 out of a total membership of about 7,000 in that Department lapsed in one month after the new rates came into effect.

We received hundreds of letters written just in the spirit in which your correspondent writes, some going so far as to tell us that we had by our legislation ruined the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department. But before twelve months had elapsed there were very few indeed who did not commend the course we had taken, and within two

SUPREME COURT LEGISLATION APPROVED.

years you could not find a Forester who did not heartily approve of the action of the Supreme Court in increasing the Sick and Funeral rates. The lapse rate then was three times greater than it is to-day. We are confident that history will repeat itself. Why, already the tide has turned

both in the applications for membership and in the lapse rate. Leaving January out, for there was a large overflow of new members from December, 1898, we have for February 1,126 accepted applications, for March 1,270, for April 1,379, for May 1,651, and for the first ten days of June 686. Your correspondent is pleased to cast reflections upon me because I did not, in an after-dinner speech which occupied less than ten minutes, deal with the death and lapse rate in the Order. My reply is that the occasion and the subject about which I spoke did not call for any reference to those matters.

THE MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS TAKEN INTO FULL
CONFIDENCE.

I will go further, and say that there is no justification whatsoever in the implied charge that in failing to speak of the "lapse" rate in the Order at the present time, I was guilty of suppressing a part of the truth; in view of the fact that we publish each month in the official organ, which is sent to every one of our hundred and forty odd thousand members, the officers' reports, showing the number of deaths and the number of accepted applications for the month, and the total membership at the end of each month, thus giving to each and every one of our members the necessary statistics to enable him to do as your correspondent has done, viz: ascertain not only the lapse rate but the whole gains and losses month by month. Your correspondent is good enough to tell us that

"The true friends of the I.O.F. opposed the new rates, taxes, etc. (they were imposed without consulting the membership), and this seems to be an attempt on the part of the S.C.R. to show that the change has not been injurious."

My reply is that the S. C. R. is not required to make any such attempt. That the changes made by the Supreme Court at its last session are for the best interests of the Independent Order of Foresters is self evident to every disinterested judge. What are the changes to which your correspondent

THE I. O. F. MADE SAFE AND PERMANENT.

seemingly objects? They are (1st) such a revision of the rates as to make the I. O. F. safe and permanent beyond question, for all time to come, and that too without burdening its membership with heavy and unnecessary taxes. I cannot better show the reasonableness of the action of the Supreme Court of the Order than by submitting the table which follows, showing the present rates of the I. O. F. and the three different "minimum" rates which have been prepared by eminent and trustworthy authorities—Mr. Hunter, the head of the Insurance Department of Ontario, a committee of the National Fraternal Congress of the United States, which represents most of the leading Fraternal Societies in existence, and Mr. Fouse, the eminent actuary of Philadelphia, Pa. All these authorities declare that the rates prepared by them are "net" rates no allowance having been made for any deductions for expenses, or for any other purpose.

THE I. O. F. RATES ARE THE LOWEST.

It will be noted that the revised rates of the I. O. F. up to age 46 are lower than those of any of these other three "minimum rates." I have also given in the table what the "net" rates of the I. O. F., that is after deducting 5 per cent. for expenses, would yield at expectation of life, or at age 70 years, at which age all Foresters are relieved from any further taxation, provided that such net rates

are improved at 4 per cent. compound interest. These figures show a margin in favor of the I. O. F. of only from \$7 to \$43 over and above the amount required to be paid to the beneficiaries.

THE TABLE,

Showing certain proposed "minimum" rates and the rates of the I. O. F. on an insurance of \$1,000.

Age at entry.	Mr. Hunter's rates.	National Fraternal Congress Rates.	Mr. Fouse's Rates.	I. O. F. Revised Rates.	Product of "net" annual assessments at expectation of Life, or age 70, at 4%.
20	\$.90		\$.90	\$.80	\$1.043
25	1.05	\$1.04	1.35	.91	1.007
30	1.21	1.22	1.60	1.14	1.041
35	1.13	1.45	1.90	1.33	1.025
40	1.71	1.76	2.23	1.63	1.023
45	2.09	2.16	2.77	2.03	1.015
50	2.61	2.71	3.43	2.90	1.023
A	3.15	3.23	4.10	3.90	1.009

THE EXTENSION OF THE ORDER TAX.

Your correspondent next objects to what is called the "Extension of the Order Tax." Formerly we levied annually a direct tax of 25 cents on each member, whether he carried a policy for \$500 or for \$5,000, to be used for the extension of the Order, and 25 cents for the Official Organ, a total of 50 cents a year. We found as a rule that the brethren who carried the \$500, the \$1,000 and the \$2,000 policies were the workers in the Subordinate Courts and the ones who gave up their time to the securing of new members, while those who carried the larger policies simply paid their dues and assessments, and did not bother about the meetings of the Court, and did not spend their time trying to increase the membership of the Order. When re-adjusting the matter we determined to remedy this unequal taxation and give the workingman in our Order what we believed to be his just due.

TAXATION REDUCED FOR THE WORKERS.

Accordingly we made this tax 5 cents a month for a member carrying a policy for \$500, 10 cents a month on \$1,000 and 30 cents a month on a \$5,000 policy. We further provided that every member who secured a new member in any month of any year would be relieved from the payment of this tax for the balance of that year. That is to say, a member who had a \$1,000 policy and who secured a new member during January of any year, would be required to pay this tax for only one month of the year, viz.: 10 cents instead of the 50 cents formerly paid by him. If he secured the new member in June then he would be relieved of this tax for the remaining six months of that year. In this way the tax was made equitable for all and made so as to be next to nothing for the working brethren, and moderate with every member.

UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED.

In conclusion, I beg to say that in passing the legislation we did, we followed the law exactly in every particular. We consulted, as the Constitution and Laws required us to do, the Supreme Court, composed very largely of representatives coming from every part of our jurisdiction, viz.: from all over the Northern Sections of the United States, from all over the Dominion, from Great

Britain and Ireland and from Norway. Out of a voting strength of 155 only 16 voted against the revision of our rates, and only 2 voted against the Extension of the Order Tax; therefore, we may well claim that we had practically the unanimous endorsement of the Supreme Court, the body which alone can legislate for the Order.

Again let me thank you for your courtesy in this affair, and subscribe myself

Your sincerely

ORONHYATEKHA.

Supreme Chief Ranger I. O. F.

TORONTO, 12th June, 1899.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

OTTAWA, July 2nd, 1899.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R. the Foresters, Toronto :

DEAR SIR,—My daughter-in-law has requested me to mail the enclosed to you. In doing so let me express my concurrence with the views therein expressed, and my sense of the beneficence of the Foresters' Ord. in such a case as hers.

Believe me, etc.,

Yours truly,

JOHN LOWE.

INKERMAN COTTAGE,

OTTAWA EAST, July 1st, 1899.

To Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., etc., etc., the Order of Foresters, Toronto, Ont.:

DEAR SIR,—I have received through the very kind medium of Alderman Thomas Butler, a valued and intimate friend of my late husband, Mr. John C. Lowe, who died in a ward of St. Luke's Hospital on June 20th (after an operation for appendicitis), a cheque from the Order of Foresters, of \$2,000, being the amount of his life insurance in said Order. Let me say that this prompt settlement makes the boon of insurance in such an Order doubly valuable; and I beg you will allow me to express my grateful thanks therefor.

I remain yours truly,

H. A. LOWE.

Unveiling the Oronhyatekha Statue at the Temple.

Three years ago a committee composed of enthusiastic Foresters undertook to raise by voluntary contributions from the different I.O.F. Courts of the world a sum sufficient to enable them to have cast in bronze a life-size statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger. After considering a number of designs submitted by artists in Europe and the United States, as well as Canada, the modelling of the clay was entrusted to a young Canadian sculptor, Mr. Walter S. Allward, who designed the Batoche monument in Queen's Park, Toronto. The work of casting the bronze was given to Messrs. Bureau Bros., Philadelphia.

The result of the combined work of the Canadian sculptor and the American founders was unveiled on the afternoon of June 16th, in the presence of a multitude of prominent Foresters and others in the main entrance hall of the Temple.

Bro. Barlow Cumberland (Past Grand President of the Sons of England), Chairman of the Statue Committee, read the presentation address, stating that the idea had originated three years ago, when the Temple building was approaching completion,

of placing within it a permanent adornment in the shape of a life-size statue of its founder, the Supreme Chief Ranger.

The S.C.R. was requested to accept the statue as the gift of 150,000 Foresters, and constructed by special contributions from members of the Order the world over. In conclusion, the address expressed admiration for the capacity and executive ability that had been shown by Dr. Oronhyatekha in his work for humanity and the Order. Although the Doctor's fame would be more enduring than brass, and would be alive when marble had crumbled, it would be a satisfaction to many in after years to look upon the features of their famous founder.

Bro. Allward then unveiled the statue, and Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, accepted the gift on behalf of the Executive.

The doctor replied briefly and humorously, in reference to the statue before him. He said in substance that he was sorry he could not stand up and say, as many had before been able to say when presentations were being made, that the utter surprise to which he had been subjected put him at a loss for words. He recognized the statue. The work of Mr. Allward looked like the original, and he believed that it was further off the color of the original because he was told by no less an authority than the architect of the Temple building that it would improve with age. (Applause). In speaking of Mr. Allward's fidelity to nature he drew the attention of his hearers to the fact that one side of his coat front was about a quarter of an inch lower than the other. He regretted that the sculptor revealed the fact that the original was on one occasion obliged to patronize a London (England) tailor. (Laughter.) But the incident, he thought, went to show that a Canadian artist by his genius gave lasting evidence that Dr. Oronhyatekha engaged a London tailor who was not an artist.

Seriously the speaker then feelingly thanked all his brethren for the honor they had conferred upon him, and hoped that he might live in their hearts as long as the statue would endure in the Temple.

Past H.C.R. James D. Clark, of Ohio, was then called upon, and in a feeling and beautiful address eulogized the Chief in eloquent and deserving terms, and also paid a fine tribute to the artist, Bro. Allward. The sculptor was called to the platform, made a brief speech, and was cheered to the echo. Bro. Cumberland moved three cheers for "Our Chief and the President of the United States," which was responded to with hearty good will. Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., and founder of the Order, then stepped forward, and said: "As an American-born citizen, I now move three cheers for that good old Queen Victoria," and cheers went up lustily from all parts of the crowded corridors. The Temple encampment escorted the doctor to his carriage and he drove home.

In the evening a grand concert was held in the mammoth Temple hall. The hall and galleries were filled up early. Bro. J. C. Morgan, musical chief, had a fine programme, and his selected artists were excellent. The reception rooms were filled with prominent Foresters, and at 8.30 p.m. filed out in tandem. High and Past High officers first, Supreme officers next, Past Supreme officers next, and as they passed up the aisle, under the Temple encampment's arch of swords, they received warm applause. On ascending the dais, the officers were seated in rank. Among those present on the platform were Supreme

Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, (who acted as Master of Ceremonies); Col. A. B. Caldwell, P. S. C. R.; Harry A. Collins, S. T.; Thomas Millman, S. P.; ex-S. T., Thomas G. Davey, and P. S. Orator, Ven. Archdeacon Davis; Assistant S.C.R.'s., Thomas Lawless and George A. Harper; Supreme Auditor, Benjamin Greer; P.H.C.R.'s., Judge William W. Fitzgerald, J. D. Clark, Rev. A. McGillivray; H.C.R.'s., A. E. Stevenson, Geo. Spence, W. B. Saunders, W. R. Hickey; High Secretaries, Dr. Nidrie, Frank McCormack; High Treasurers, Atwell Fleming, Dr. Mallory; High Orator, Frank McCormack; D.S.C.R.'s., Dr. Frowert, P. N. Breton, Barlow Cumberland, and others. The Supreme Chief arose and in a neat speech opened the services, and was roundly applauded. He announced that he would call upon but few for only five minute speeches, to intersperse the concert programme. After the quartette, the Chief announced as first speaker "Col. A. B. Caldwell, the veteran founder of the Order," who spoke in brief of the rise and progress of the "I.O.F." during 25 years, and concluded with an eulogy of the great services performed by the Supreme Chief. Dr. Frowert, of Philadelphia, P. N. Breton, of Montreal, W. H. Hickey, W. B. Saunders and Ven. Archdeacon Davis, of Canada, A. E. Stevenson, of Illinois, and J. D. Clark, of Ohio, followed in eloquent tones, all highly eulogistic of the Supreme Chief, and they were lustily applauded. The whole performance was a remarkable success.

I.O.F. Demonstration at Barrie.

(From "The Globe.")

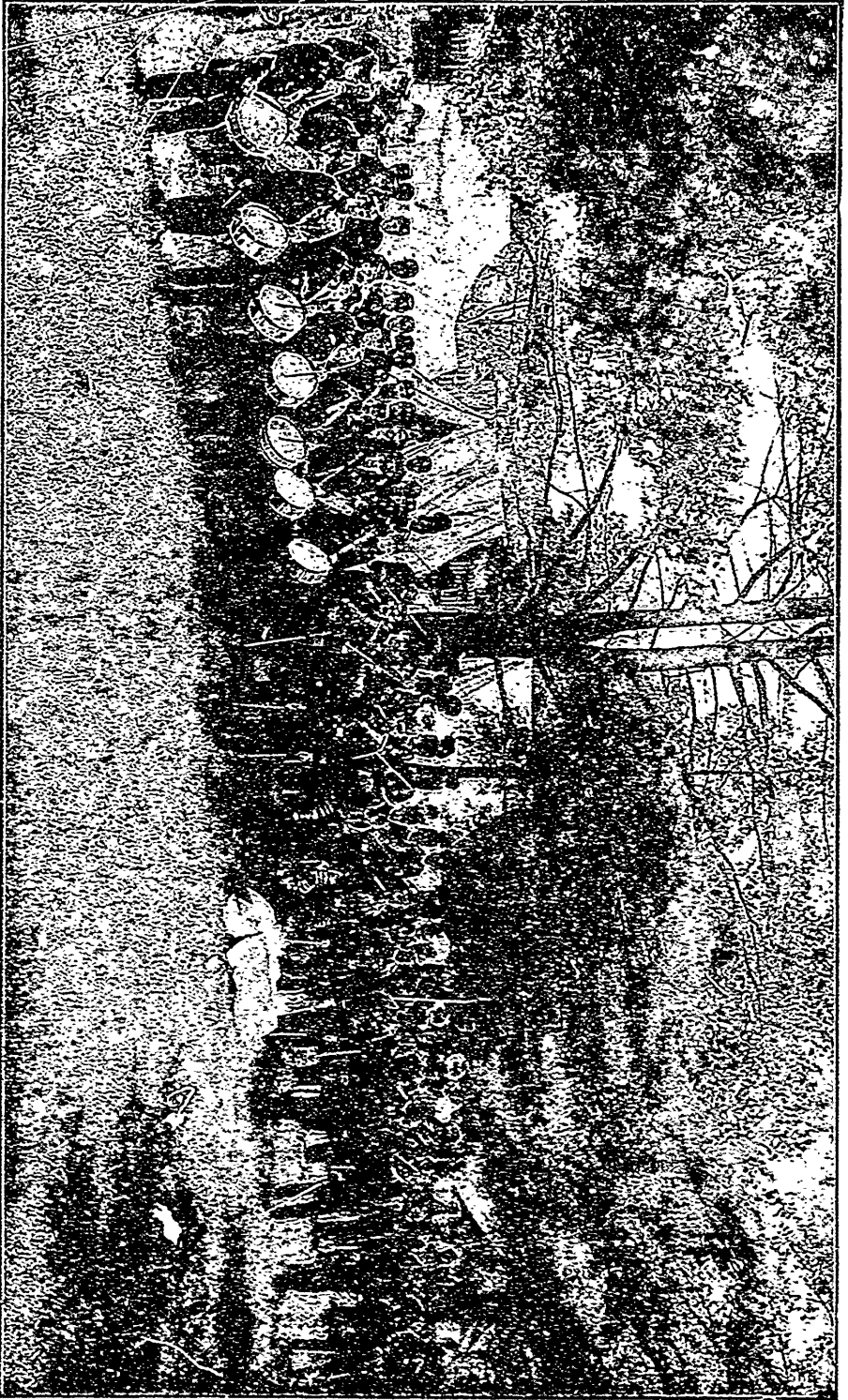
The town was astir early, for it was known that Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, and prominent Foresters from Toronto were to arrive on the 11 o'clock train, and upon their arrival would commence a monster procession, arranged by well-known local Foresters. Long before the time set for the parade to start, large crowds of citizens congregated at different vantage points within view of the depot, and along the route chosen for the march.

TWO PRESENTATIONS.

At the park the Temple Encampment Foresters, before forming into marching order, were summoned together to witness two presentations, and to listen to the reading by Colonel C. A. Stone of two addresses. The first read:—"To Drill Instructor Edward Knox, Temple Encampment." The second read:—"To Trumpet Major R. H. Cuthbert, Royal Foresters." The presentations referred to in the addresses were two handsome silver tea services.

The order to fall into line was given at 10.30. The Royal Encampment marched, headed by the trumpet and drum band, from the park to the Market Square, where they were met by the local courts, cours from the neighboring villages, the Mayor and Town Council, the 35th Battalion Band, mounted brigade of prominent citizens and the Barrie Fire Brigade. They formed into line in front of the Town Hall, and marched from there to the depot, arriving in good time to meet the train from Toronto. The Supreme Chief Ranger was received and escorted to his carriage by a number of prominent Foresters and townsmen. Accompanying were Supreme Treasurer H. A. Collins and Aide-de-Camp W. Dunlop.

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A MONSTER PROCESSION.

At the depot the procession proper started. It was in charge of Dr. Palling, Physician to Court Robin Hood, while to Mr. J. C. Morgan, P.H.C.R., was entrusted the general supervision of all arrangements. The march was led by the 35th Battalion Band, under Bandmaster Henderson, playing martial airs. Following the band came an official carriage, containing Major Rogers, Chairman of the Reception Committee; W. A. Boys, P.C.R.; J. Cavanagh, C.R., Court Robin Hood; S. Caldwell, Deputy Reeve, and G. L. Wilson, H.V.C.R. Next came the carriage bearing Dr. Oronhyatekha. With him rode Mr. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer; W. B. Sanders, H.C.R.; J. C. Morgan, P.H.C.R.; W. C. McLean, acting Mayor, and Aide-de-Camp W. Dunlop. The trumpet and drum band of the Temple Encampment Royal Foresters came next. They were thirty-five strong, and were in charge of Trumpet-Major Cuthbert and Sergeant Doughty, and led the detachment of Temple Encampment Royal Foresters, about 100 strong. Colonel C. A. Stone was in command, and under him were Adjutant Rose, Brigadier-General Casey, Brigadier-General Dr. Rose, Captain Gorrie, Captain Harper, Lieutenant White, Lieutenant Mawson, Sergeant-Major Brooker and Drill Instructor Knox. The Town Council, mounted, followed, and after them came the Barrie Fire Brigade, the local Courts Robin Hood, Kempenfeldt and Allandale, the visiting Courts Moonstone, Hawkestone, Oro Station and others bringing up the rear.

AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE.

The procession was indeed an imposing spectacle, comprising as it did the splendidly uniformed officers and members of Temple Encampment Royal Foresters of Toronto. Their bright appearance and strictly military bearing were the cause of demonstrations of approval from the assembled spectators. The music supplied by the local band was well worthy of praise. It was the band's conductor, Mr. Henderson, who received so much distinction among the leaders of the military bands in camp at Niagara. The fire brigade presented a good appearance, the bright red of their uniforms being distinct from the darker colors of the Foresters.

Apart from the parade the decorations were not forgotten. Besides a number of arches erected above the main street at different points, and over which the letters "I.O.F." were formed from twigs of evergreen; many of the places of business and private houses were decorated with evergreens and Union Jacks.

A LARGE CROWD.

It seemed as though all of the townspeople and visitors had congregated along the line of march, so great was the crowd of spectators. Not only did they assemble in large numbers in the thoroughfares, but they seemed to vie with one another for positions at the upper windows of the stores and houses by which the procession passed. Many vehicles from the surrounding country contributed their quota, while the arrival of the railway trains added materially to the crowd. The procession paraded the important streets of the town, returning to the Market Square, where it dispersed.

THE AFTERNOON PROGRAMME.

A procession made up entirely of officers and members of Temple Encampment, Royal Foresters,

and the 35th Battalion Band, at 2.30 o'clock started from the post office and marched to the agricultural grounds, where took place the sports and games of the afternoon.

Much interest was displayed in the military manoeuvres of sixteen selected Royal Foresters, under Drill Instructor Knox. They performed their tactics admirably, and were repeatedly applauded. The splendid discipline displayed by a corps composed of members of a fraternal society, and the precision with which they executed the commands of the officer somewhat surprised the majority of those present.

SUPREME CHIEF IN THE FIELD.

Dr. Oronhyatekha began the sports by taking a stand in the centre of the field, and from there tossing the ball for the mastery of which the Barrie lacrosse team and the Old Orchards of Toronto contested vigorously. The match was declared a draw, although the Barrie boys claimed a disputed goal. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to horse and bicycle racing by local riders.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Probably the most interesting part of the entire demonstration was that which took place in the evening at the Opera House. Again a procession was formed, but this time it was of such an amusing style, and the make-up of the participants so varied and mirth provoking that it was impossible to tell who composed it. However, it supplied a great deal of fun, and was thoroughly appreciated. The characters in the parade, after marching through several of the main streets, entered the Opera House and presented a new kind of cake-walk, the novelty of it meeting with the approval of the audience.

On the platform were Dr. Oronhyatekha, H. A. Collins, Brig.-Gen. Wallace, Reeve McLean, Deputy Reeve Caldwell, Ald. W. A. Boys, Ald. Major Rogers, J. C. Morgan, and the Chairman, W. B. Sanders.

A CIVIC RECEPTION.

Mr. Sanders, in his opening remarks, referred to the work that Dr. Oronhyatekha had done for Forestry, and the marked advancement that the Order had made since the guiding reins had been placed in the present Supreme Chief's hands. It was he who, when the Independent Order of Foresters was but a mortuary society struggling through numerous difficulties, rose to the occasion and said he thought he could devise a system that would be to the benefit of every member. (Cheers.) The Chairman impressed upon his hearers that it was Dr. Oronhyatekha who said that the orphans and widows must be paid, and he became responsible for the payment of that which now makes his name to-day respected and cherished in the hearts of many widows and orphans throughout the country.

Reeve McLean, speaking on behalf of the absent Mayor, said it gave him great satisfaction to extend a civic welcome to the Supreme Chief Ranger and visiting Foresters. (Cheers.) He referred to the beautiful town they were visiting, its many natural attractions, its renown as a summer resort and its promising growth in many branches.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

A formal civic address of welcome was then read by Major Rogers, as follows: "To Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, and the officers



COOKS PARADE OF ROYAL FORESTERS AT HARRIE.

of the Supreme Court: We, the Mayor and representatives of the Town Council of Barrie, take the opportunity of presenting to you in this form a recognition of the honor it bestows upon us, and the pleasure it affords us to extend to you our sincere and hearty welcome into our midst.

We would fain hope and believe, with pardonable pride, that our town and its surroundings challenge the admiration of all visitors, and when we say that you are standing upon historic ground we feel that our pride is justified. This whole district, as you well know, is pregnant with incidents in Canadian annals. Its history dates back to the period when civilization first found foothold in Canada. Its pioneers and their vigorous and valiant successors have been among Canadian patriots and heroes, as well as the country's brightest and best men.

We are not here to-night, however, to review history or indulge in reminiscence, but to give greeting to the leading representatives of an Order which to-day ranks foremost among the benevolent fraternities, with its Courts upon both hemispheres, its membership many thousands and its reserve fund (the true test of the solidity of a mutual benefit association) away up in the millions. The motto of your Order, Liberty, Benevolence and Concord, embraces a trio of the loftiest and noblest sentiments bearing on human relationships, and which those without your circle have good reason for knowing are signally honored and exemplified.

The pecuniary benefits apart from the social and fraternal aspects of Independent Forestry are such as cannot fail to commend the Order to the thoughtful consideration of those desiring to make insurance provision for themselves or their dependents. We regard your noble Order not merely as a potent factor in the amelioration of human woes (as are well-conducted insurance institutions), but as a powerful agency in promoting fellowship and fraternity and bringing nearer the day when universal brotherhood shall reign. The Royal Foresters have shown themselves to advantage, let us say; their trumpet band and drill manoeuvres have appealed strongly to the musical taste and military spirit of this community, while their manly bearing and brilliant uniforms must possess special charms for the fair sex, who (may we say it?) have fallen quite in love with the gallant corps. We shall not, we feel assured, be deemed guilty of invidious distinction, if in our greeting to the Foresters, we pay a warm tribute to the head of the Order, Dr. Oronhyatekha, whose master mind and magic touch are evidenced on every hand in the growth and progress of Independent Forestry. He revived it when it was in a moribund state; he infused new life into it; his grandly unique personality has all along been one of its great mainstays, and we believe he is worthy of all the credit and honor that can be bestowed upon him by his fellow-Foresters.

Again, gentlemen, we bid you a thousand welcomes to Barrie, and trust that you will bear away with you happy and lasting recollections of the town and its people. Signed on behalf of the corporation: S. M. Wells, Mayor; Joseph Rogers, Chairman R. C.; Wm. C. McLean.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA.

The Supreme Chief was given a rousing reception, and when he advanced to reply to the address the auditorium re-echoed with the cheers of the

audience. He began, but the renewed applause drowned his remarks, and he had to wait for several minutes before the enthusiasm abated. He then said: "I accept the cordial civic welcome which we have received as Foresters. When the Major told me that the welcome was not only sincere, was not only from the heart, but that there were a hundred thousand of them it thrilled my own Irish heart. (Laughter.) Were I to use my native tongue in replying I am afraid I would emphasize my remarks by embracing him. But there are two eyes looking down on you at this moment from the Supreme Court. My gallant and distinguished colleague, the Irishman (Mr. Collins), and myself, the Indian, are the two eyes. And as we look down into your kindly faces I may as well tell you that my colleague is the orator of the Supreme Court, and therefore I shall have to leave to him the duty of telling you of our high estimate of your unbounded hospitality, of the beauty of your town, of the loveliness of its women and the chivalry of its men.

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER.

After citing several amusing occurrences in connection with his former visits as well as his present visit to Barrie, Dr. Oronhyatekha, referring to the Independent Order of Foresters, said: "The Order is now becoming well known upon two continents, and yet it is only in its infancy. It would be a crime for me to endeavor to follow out and explain all the different and varied advantages of this great Order; it generally takes me two hours to do so, but to-night I am limited to fifteen minutes, and so cannot tell you all the good points in our Order which appeals to the people for sympathy and support.

"In the first place, we give free medical attendance, and when I tell you that the Order has over 4,000 Court physicians, who are entrusted with the care and the lives of our members, you can understand the vast amount of good that is being done by the I.O.F. in this one department of its great system of giving varied benefits. Indeed, the material benefit, if you put it in dollars and cents, given by this department alone, is almost beyond computation. But I may be talking to an audience that does not appreciate medical attendance." The speaker here told of how the doctor's fees vary according to locality. He compared the fees generally charged in Toronto with those that he had been told were charged in a province down by the sea. He thought if the doctors charged anything near what they did in Toronto, his hearers would understand how bills would run up when a man is lying upon his back for any length of time. But a member of the I.O.F. could be sick a whole year and have no doctor's bill to pay.

MORTALITY DECREASING.

Continuing, the Supreme Chief said:—"In 1881, the year before the Order was reorganized, and when it came under Canadian management, the death rate was 10.03 in the thousand. A few years later we reduced the mortality to 6.40 in direct opposition to the mortality laws of fraternal societies. In 1892 the rate was 6.25 and in 1893 it was further reduced to 5.47. Indeed, the rate was being reduced so rapidly, notwithstanding the increase in our age year by year, that we came to the conclusion that there would soon be no deaths at all in the Order. (Laughter.) But we confess it has not been entirely realized. But if you will compare these figures with those of

other fraternal societies you will find that the Foresters, are dying but once, while their neighbors are dying three times at least. (Laughter.) And that is something you must take into consideration when estimating the advantages we Foresters enjoy.

A COURT SECRET.

"I shall tell you a Court secret and I am sure the officers of the Order will not mind my telling you on this friendly occasion. It takes just about half the time for a Court Physician to cure a patient as it does the ordinary physician. The Court Physician knows that the bill for a year's illness is precisely the same as for a month, and he therefore does not recognize the necessity for keeping his patient lying ill in bed. (Laughter.) Then, I might add that if you wish to get well in a very short time just join one of our orders and you will get all those benefits.

"We give you, as well, a sick benefit of three dollars for the first two weeks, five dollars for the next ten weeks and three dollars for the next twelve weeks. We do that so that anyone who is sick for several weeks or months may receive a greater benefit. When he has exhausted the twenty-four weeks of sick benefit there is a method by which the benefit may be received. But, as I said before, we have Court Physicians wherever the Order is established; we have the ablest men, and they are amply able to either kill or cure within the twenty-four weeks.

INSURANCE BENEFITS.

"We give insurance benefits, and that is what, I presume, has made the Order so strong and made it grow so rapidly. We started out giving to the workman a \$1,000 policy only. We have now for the workman a \$500 policy. We have for the professional man, for the protection of his family, two, three, four or five thousand dollar policy, as he may desire. The rates which we ask, I may tell you, are about 60 per cent., or not quite two-thirds of what you would have to pay to the regular insurance companies. But, notwithstanding that, we have paid since 1881 nearly \$7,000,000 in benefits; we have spent large sums in establishing Courts all over the Dominion, the United States, Great Britain and Ireland, even extending as far as Norway. We have paid a very large sum to the widows and orphans, and have accumulated a surplus of nearly \$3,500,000, to which we are adding at the rate of from \$30,000 to \$50,000 every month."

SOME COMPARISONS.

The Supreme Chief compared the I.O.F. assessment system with that of other societies, showing that while in other societies the member is assessed till death the Forester's assessment ceases at the age of seventy. At that age he could draw ten per cent. of the face value of the policy every year. That is, if a man carries a policy for \$5,000 he draws \$500 a year, and should he become disabled before that age he is freed from taxation and the privileges continued.

Speaking of the place that the I.O.F. occupies in the opinion of the Government of Great Britain, Dr. Oronhyatekha said that the valuation reports of the Order were presented to the Board of Trade, of London, Eng., which board, he said, was a Government department, having insurance under its control, and a cablegram was recently received, saying that the board had accepted the report and

that I.O.F. had passed, which meant that the Order was all right. (Cheers.)

Continuing, he mentioned a prominent insurance company of New York that had had its reports before the same board for several years, but had been unable to have them accepted. That, he thought—and the fact that the assessment system adopted by the I.O.F. was being followed by other societies—justified the belief that the I.O.F. was as sound financially as the Bank of England.

The Supreme Chief concluded his remarks by thanking his hearers, on behalf of the Temple Encampment Royal Foresters, for the enthusiastic reception and welcome that had been extended to them, and for the manner in which they had been entertained by the citizens of Barrie.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.

Following the Supreme Chief, Mr. Collins gave a very brief and acceptable address. He told a good story, and after making his hearers laugh, added that from what had been already said, they should feel no hesitation about accepting the unquestionable merits of the Independent Order of Foresters. Mr. Morgan added a few words, referring more particularly to matters pertaining to the local courts.

The audience was further entertained by an excellent musical and literary programme, contributed by the following artists: The Barrie I.O.F. Quartette, Mr. and Miss Stewart, Mr. J. C. Morgan, Miss Bingham, Dr. Arnall, Miss Ward and W. A. Boys, vocalists, Barrie; Mr. Youle, humorist, Toronto.

AT TRINITY CHURCH.

The Royal Encampment, marching in a body, this morning escorted the carriage bearing the Supreme Court officers to Trinity (Anglican) Church. The Foresters occupied reserved front seats, the remainder of the church being occupied by townspeople. The rector, Rev. Canon Reiner, preached the sermon. The musical part of the service was given special preparation by the chorists, under the leadership of the choirmaster, Mr. J. C. Morgan. The preacher took for his text I. Corinthians xii. 1, "But now are they many members, yet but one body."

The Cooks' Parade of the Royals at Barrie.

The Saturday evening's programme started with the Cooks' Parade by the Encampment, which, in variety and comic get-up, was a surprise to the Encampment as well as the citizens. The thousands on the street were convulsed with laughter as the most ridiculous costumes imaginable appeared. The celebrated Casey Collins' silver cornet and kazoo band made their first bow to the public, and with the cow bell band furnished music more changeable than harmonious. The parade by the cooks was the distinguishing feature of the celebration, both sexes were well represented, no character was forgotten, every antiquated style was presented—the bicycle girl in bloomers (Serg. Cranfield), Fred Cuthbert as the Irish Hielander, and Brig.-Gen. Casey as the Hussar, who, in his hurry, got his stripes on the wrong place. Alf. Doughty as the Clown, and A. Thorogood as the Negro and the baby, with Less. Norton the German leader of the band, who fed the baby while the Dutchman, McCauley, looked on. All acted their characters well. The singing of the I.O.F.

quartette—Capts. Gorrie, Harper, Dr. Rose and Sergt. Collins - was very much appreciated, especially when they serenaded the residence. The cake walk by Messrs. Norton and Dunlop was one of the great features and brought down the street.

It is vouched for that the trumpet and drum band serenaded one imposing residence at 11 p.m. As no one appeared to acknowledge their courtesies, they wisely determined to keep on playing until their salute was returned. Accordingly the band played on until 12 o'clock, when they desisted. Next day they passed the same residence, and looking curiously about for signs of the obstinate and music-denying owner, they saw to their intense disgust that the house was plastered all over with the familiar sign of "To Rent."

It is said that his many friends are trying to induce Bro. A. Dunlop to begin at once his instruction classes in saltation and skirt dancing.

Dry Twigs.

"I likes to see er man take interest in de country," said Uncle Eben; "but I kaint approve ob 'is neglectin' 'is own 'tater patch while he worries 'bout whut we gwinter do wif dem Philippine Islands."

It's foolish to worry about the things you can help or the things you can't.

PROFESSOR—"Too bad! One of my pupils, to whom I have given two courses of instruction in the cultivation of the memory, has forgotten to pay me, and the worst of it is I can't remember his name."

This magazine article, said Mrs. Northside, says that the kangaroos of Australia are being rapidly exterminated.

So those animals are on their last legs literally as well as figuratively, added Mr. Northside.

Rather Re Hurt Than Scared.

The old saw, "More scared than hurt," was reversed in the following instance, related by an exchange:

A surgeon relates that before Santiago, when going to the front, he came upon a young officer sitting beside the road, trembling like a leaf, and whiter than the dead men round him. At sight of the surgeon he began to talk.

"I'm a coward, I'm a coward, I'm a coward," he said. "I knew I'd run, and I did. Oh, I wish you'd kill me! I'm disgraced forever. I just got scared. I knew I would. I was going along all right, not thinking of anything but getting at the Spaniards, yelling to my men to come on, and running ahead as fast as I could, when all of a sudden I stubbed my toe or something, and then I can't remember being scared, but I must have been, for I came galloping back here, sick as a dog. Oh, I feel so awfully gone. I'm a coward, and I wish I were dead! Oh, why doesn't somebody shoot me? I've got such an awful goneness right here," and he put his hand to his stomach.

The surgeon gave him a quick look, and caught him as he plunged forward in a faint. Where the awful goneness was, a Mauser bullet had found its billet.

They carried the wounded man to the field hospital, and he chuckled all the way. "Oh, my! oh,

my!" he said, over and over: "I wasn't scared! I wasn't scared!" and then he would laugh delightedly. "I wasn't scared: I was hit—I was just hit! I ain't a coward, after all!"

A clever clerk or waitress is often of great help to an establishment.

A middle aged woman entered a Boston restaurant the other day, and taking a seat at the counter, carefully scrutinized the bill of fare. She concluded to try an order of ice-cream pudding, at five cents a plate. After it had been served she looked it over carefully, and calling the waitress back, said:

"Do you call this ice-cream pudding?"

"Yessum, and it's very nice, too."

"But where is the ice-cream?"

"Oh, that's only the name given that peculiar make of pudding. We are making a specialty of it. I'm sure you'll like it when you taste it."

"It seems to me that you ought to give ice-cream with it, as long as you say it is ice-cream pudding."

"We don't give cottages with cottage pudding," quickly replied the witty waitress. The retort threw the middle-aged woman into a convulsion of laughter, and she ordered a second plate.

The High Courts.

HIGH COURT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
ST. JOHN, N.B.

To all Officers of the above High Court and all Subordinate Courts in New Brunswick.

Notice is hereby given that the next annual session of the said High Court of New Brunswick will open at Sussex on Wednesday, the 12th day of July next, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The basis of representation from the Subordinate Courts is one delegate from all Courts having 20 members or less. Those Courts having more than 20 members will be entitled to send one delegate for the first twenty and one additional delegate for every additional fifty members or major fraction thereof.

The usual railway and steamboat arrangements have been secured, whereby delegates will be entitled to return tickets free. Delegates must be sure and purchase tickets over each line. No through tickets should be bought. At starting points over each line ask for standard certificates.

Attention is called to the arrangements made at the last High Court whereby delegates attending the next High Court will be entitled to mileage expenses at the rate of four cents per mile one way, and also to the notice given by me, as your High Chief Ranger, that at the ensuing session of the High Court, no Court in arrears to the High Court for High Court dues would be entitled to representation at the ensuing session.

Those Courts who are in arrears for High Court dues should therefore make immediate payment to the High Secretary, as otherwise their delegates will neither be entitled to vote nor to mileage allowance or certificate insuring return tickets at reduced rates.

Done at the city of Saint John this 1st day of June, A.D., 1899.

ALEXANDER W. MACRAE,
High Chief Ranger.

HIGH COURT OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Circular No. 2.

DULUTH, MINN., June 14th, 1899.

To all Courts in the Jurisdiction :

GREETING, —Your attention is called to the fact that the next annual session of the High Court of this jurisdiction will be held in the City of Duluth on the 25th day of July, 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

In accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Order, each Subordinate Court is required to make a semi-annual report to the High Court immediately after the first meeting in July, and to remit with it the sum of twenty-five (25) cents for each and every member in good standing on July 1st, 1899. This report is made on Form No. 48 (Returns to the High Court), blank forms for which will be sent you by the High Secretary.

This report should be in the hands of the High Secretary, properly completed, not later than July 15th, in order that the books may be closed, and reports made in time for the meeting of the High Court.

No Court is entitled to the semi-annual pass word until this report, with the dues and all arrearages for supplies, are received by the High Secretary.

The representation of Subordinate Courts to the High Court is one representative for each Subordinate Court, and said representative shall have one vote; and one additional representative for every fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof over the fifty (50) members in good standing, as shown by the semi-annual returns for July, 1899.

Representatives from Subordinate Courts outside the City of Duluth shall be entitled to receive two dollars (\$2.00) per day for each day's actual attendance on the meetings of the High Court, and their actual traveling expenses both ways by the shortest route; but in no case shall such mileage and per diem exceed the amount the Court he represents pays annually as dues to the High Court.

Courts should elect their representatives immediately on receipt of this circular, and after such election the credentials should be filled out and returned to the High Secretary; and it is hoped that each and every Court will attend promptly to all of these several matters, as without the co-operation of all, the High Secretary will be unable to complete his report for the High Court meeting.

It is anticipated that this session of the High Court of this jurisdiction will be an important one, and it is earnestly desired by the officers of the High Court that every Court in the jurisdiction will be represented.

Exceeding low rates for this occasion have been secured from the railroads, and this fact should enable not only the delegates but many members of the Order, with their families, to visit this city at this interesting time and season of the year.

All information as to rates and time of trains can be procured from your nearest station agent or the travelling representatives of the transportation companies.

We are assured by our esteemed Brother Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, that if it is not possible to be present himself, some other member of the Executive Council will represent the Supreme Court.

The attention of Courts and Delegates is called

to the requirement of Sec. 216 of the Constitution and Laws.

Now then, Brothers, let our rallying cry be "Forestry to the Front!" and assuring you of a pleasant and profitable time, and above all one that cannot fail but to promote the welfare and prosperity of our great and noble Order, we remain, with best wishes for your success and prosperity.

S. A. KEMP,

W. A. HICKEN,

High Secretary,

High Chief Ranger.

Board of Trade, Duluth, Minn.

(From the Duluth "Evening Herald.")

The Independent Order of Foresters will hold the regular session of the High Court of the northern jurisdiction of Minnesota in Duluth July 25, and this will be made the occasion for one of the biggest excursions of the summer to Duluth. If the plans now in hand are carried out, and there is every reason to believe that they will be, there will be in Duluth on that day several thousands of visitors, variously estimated at from 3,000 to 8,000. The railroads are making an extremely low rate for the occasion, and it is said that, while the arrangements are not definitely completed, the charge for the round trip from all points within the jurisdiction will be \$2.50.

The High Court of this jurisdiction is located in Duluth, hence the holding of the session here. Delegates will be here from every Court in the jurisdiction, and they will bring with them a very large representation of the people among whom they live, as the excursions will be on all the roads from all points in the jurisdiction, including North Dakota. This will bring here not only the delegates and their families, members of the Order and their families, but visitors from the Red River valley and from all through Western Minnesota and North Dakota.

It is expected that Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Order, will be present, and if it is impossible for him to come some other member of the Executive Council will represent the Supreme Court. The citizens' committee will also have a hand in the excursion, and will join with the Foresters to make this event one of the biggest of the summer.

HIGH COURT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
SUMMERSIDE, June 24th, 1899.

To all Courts, Officers and Members in the Jurisdiction of the High Court of P.E.I. :

BRETHREN, The sixth annual session of the High Court of Prince Edward Island will be held (D.V.) in the Public Hall at Kensington, Prince County, on Wednesday the 16th, at 2 p.m., local time, and will continue from day to day until the business of the Court is completed. A circular has been sent to all the Recording Secretaries with report forms and credentials. Representatives and members will see that their Courts comply with the instructions contained in said circular. The lowest railway fares and best hotel accommodations have been secured, of which notice will be given to each officer and representative.

J. M. CLARK,

High Chief Ranger.

L. U. FOWLER,

High Secretary.

HIGH COURT OF THE COMPANIONS.— QUEBEC.

We have to record a unique event in the history of the Order. Scarcely nine months ago the Supreme Court authorized the admission of women into the Order. One month later Supreme Organizer Breton founded the first Companion Court in Montreal, Court Mance with 40 charter members, and Mrs. Mayor Préfontaine as Honorary President. Other Courts have sprung up until the Companions have now a membership of nearly two hundred and fifty.

By the Constitution and Laws six Companion or Subordinate Courts can petition for a High Court, and in accordance with such a petition the first convention of the High Court met at the National Monument, Montreal, on the afternoon of June 23rd.

The S.C.R., Oronhyatekha, himself presided at the installation of the first officers of the new High Court.

He was assisted by the following brethren: Victor Morin, S.V.C.R.; O. W. Bédard, H.C.R.; Dr. J. Poupart, H. Ph.; Fred. Kearns, H.V.C.R.; J. A. Porlier, H. Ph.; M. Drapeau, High Counsellor; F. S. Mackay, P.H.C.R.; John W. Stocks, H.S.; J. B. A. Alarie, Ex-H.V.C.R.; J. S. X. Dussault, Maj.-Gen., Royal Foresters; and F. C. H. Barcelo, E. Montet and the ubiquitous P. N. Breton, Supreme Organizer.

The following Courts were represented: Court Mance, No. 204; Court Bonsecours, No. 219; Court LeBer, No. 220; Court Marguerite Marie, No. 221; Court St. Croix, No. 19; Court Bernadelle, No. 44; Court Jeanne d'Arc, No. 237; Court Alexandrina, No. 242; Court Primrose, No. 49; sending in all thirty-two delegates.

It was resolved to fix the basis of representation to the High Court at one delegate for every 25 members.

Montreal was chosen as the next meeting place of the High Court which is to meet biennially.

Bro. Breton was recommended for the Grand Cross of Merit.

The following were elected officers: H.C.R., Mme. J. B. A. Alarie; P.H.C.R., Mme. F. P. Bertrand, Chambly; H.V.C.R., Mme. Ed. Bélanger, Quebec; H.S., Mlle. V. Morin, Montreal; H.T., Mme. Ulric Brosseau, Montreal; H. Ph., Mme. Dr. Guertin, Sherbrooke; H. Coun., Mme. Albani Beaugard, St. Hyacinthe; H.A., Mme. G. H. Rawlins, Sherbrooke; Mme. J. O. Hébert, Laurentides; H.O., Mme. Dr. J. Poupart, Montreal; H.P., Mme. T. Sutton, Montreal; H. Org., Mlle. Emma Harris, West Shefford; H.S.W., Mme. Wfd. Langlois, Valleyfield; H.J.W., Mme. H. Allard, Montreal; H. Mar., Mme. R. T. Beaudoin, Laurentides; H.S.B., Mme. F. C. H. Barcelo, Montreal; H.J.B., Mme. Dr. U. Brunet, Quebec; H.J.G., Mme. J. Poirier, St. Hyacinthe; H.O.G., Mlle. E. Tessier, Valleyfield.

In the evening a splendid ball compensated for the arduous labors of the afternoon. The occasion was graced by the presence of the S.C.R. and his charming and accomplished daughter, Miss Oronhyatekha.

The festivities lasted until the small hours and those who had the pleasure of participating would be willing to start a High Court once a week if the High Court ritual always included so pleasant a closing ceremony.

HIGH COURT OF SOUTH IRELAND.

DUBLIN, May 29th, 1899.

To DR. ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., J.P., TORONTO:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some days ago I sent you a few Irish notes to edit for the June FORESTER. Amoung them was a notice of the date of our High Court meeting. That date has since been changed from Wednesday, the 6th, to Thursday, the 7th September, so as to enable the Northern High Court to fix their session for the same week. Will you kindly make the correction?

You will be glad to know that I am meeting with considerable success in Dublin; although it is very slow work indeed, yet it is sure. I believe work everywhere has been made slow by our members themselves, by their injudicious remarks outside our Court rooms in reference to the readjustment of rates which did not affect them. However, all this will pass over shortly; and I believe the Order is entering upon a period of unprecedented success.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
SAM MARTIN.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF WASHINGTON, I.O.F.

TACOMA, WASH., June 7th, 1899.

To all Courts in the State, Greeting:

BRETHREN,—In a very short time we shall begin to look for the reports for the first six months of 1899. Will it be what we expected? Have you all done your part to extend the Order within your own borders? If not, then try and make an extra effort for the balance of the month, so that your officers may be able to show still a better increase for your respective Courts than they did even at the last report. The interest that every Forester should have in this noble and substantial Order should be sufficient to insure good results and the prizes offered by the Supreme Court should certainly induce you to make an extra effort.

Together with the report for the first six months of 1899, we shall look for the High Court Dues of fifty cents for each member in good standing on the first day of July. Courts not having the proper blanks on hand for the report to High Court, Form No. 48, or blanks for Supreme Court July Report, Form No. 10, or Sick and Funeral, Form No. 45, will please order same from this office without delay, so that reports may be made out and forwarded promptly.

It is also our desire to call your attention to the necessity of electing Delegates to the High Court meeting, to be held in Tacoma in October. By referring to the reports of our last High Court meeting, copies of which have been furnished all Courts, you will see what representation you are entitled to; as soon as we are notified of the number of Delegates elected by you, the necessary Credentials will be forwarded from this office.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of our noble Order, June 18, will be observed by the Tacoma Courts, by attending church in a body; all visiting Foresters are invited to join.

On the fourth of July the Foresters of Tacoma will take part in the parade and furnish a float that will do credit to our noble Order, and it is to be hoped that sister Courts in near-by cities will join the Tacoma Courts on that occasion and assist in making a lasting impression on all who may have an

opportunity to see the parade and float, representing in L., B. and C. the greatest fraternal Order in the world.

The Tacoma Courts have resolved to see that all visiting Foresters, their wives, families and sweet-hearts are well cared for.

Again we appeal to you to make an extra effort for new members during the present month, and remain, fraternally yours, in

L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. FORSYTH, H.C.R.

L. N. HANSEN, H.S.

HIGH COURT OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

Official Circular No. One.

MUSKEGON, MICH., June 1, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate and Companion Courts:

By reason of the adoption of the by-laws, the admission of the Companion Courts into the High Court, the adjustment of our business relations with the High Court of Michigan, of which this jurisdiction until the erection of this High Court has formed a part, and because of other considerations, it is advisable that a circular letter should be written to the members at this time.

The by-laws of the High Court having been adopted by the consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger, they are now in the hands of the printers, and when received by the High Secretary they will be delivered to the several Courts and the High Court officers. It is considered advisable that the by-laws of the High Court, as well as all enactments of the Supreme Court, be published and circulated among the members.

These by-laws, as approved and sanctioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger, provide that the Companion Courts in the jurisdiction of the High Court are now a part of, and entitled to representation in, the High Court, and in all things and to all intents and for all purposes upon the same conditions and terms as the Subordinate Courts now are. Upon this branch of the by-laws, by the dictum of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Companion Courts have no voice in determining their admission into the High Court. The passage of the by-law declaring the Companion Courts entitled to membership and representation in the High Court, and the sanction of the measure by the Supreme Chief Ranger, fully and perfectly completed the relation. From this time forward the Companion Courts, now established and hereafter instituted within the jurisdiction of the High Court, are and will be as fully and completely a part of the High Court in all things as the Subordinate Courts are, except as the relation to each other and the members of each other and to the High Court is defined, declared, expressed or limited in the Constitution and Laws and enactments of The Supreme Court of the Order. Subordinate Courts and Companion Courts are now authorized to conduct the business of their respective Courts jointly, the passwords and secret work being the same for each Court.

Hereafter all Court Deputies of the Companion Courts will be commissioned by the High Chief Ranger, and they will be required, as will be the Court Deputies of the Subordinate Courts, to make and promptly forward to the High Chief Ranger, the report provided for by Section 94, Sub-section

3, of the Constitution and Laws. This valuable and necessary report the Court Deputies are urged to make as directed by the laws, and at least twice a year.

It is sincerely and earnestly the desire of the High Standing Committee that, in localities in which Subordinate Courts are now established, Companion Courts may be organized as speedily as possible; the High Standing Committee, recognizing that the activity, interest and enthusiasm of the entire membership will be greatly magnified and intensified by Companion Courts engaging in the progressive work of the Order.

For the purpose of establishing these Companion Courts, and as well to promote the growth of the membership, the members are requested to canvass among their friends and acquaintances with the view of finding out whether or not a Companion Court can be instituted in their locality, and to communicate the result of their canvass to the High Chief Ranger as speedily as possible, that the necessary steps may be taken to institute a Companion Court in the locality.

The High Standing Committee realize that, through the admission of the women to the ranks of our Order, that a new and potent force for the good, for the progress and advancement of our Order is permanently enlisted and equipped; that thereby the social features of our system will be enlarged, awakened, promoted and increased; the creed and teachings of our laws more carefully and naturally observed and obeyed; the standards of moral obligation and duty, justice and toleration more truly considered and conformed unto; and Fraternity and Brotherhood more generally esteemed and practised. The coming amongst us of the Ladies Companions marks a new era in our progress. Their presence will give a wholesome impetus to the Order, and is an added guarantee to its stability, permanency and perpetuity. Hereafter, more than ever before, to be known and recognized as a member of the I.O.F. will be an added endorsement of private worth and individual character and standing.

On behalf of the Order in this jurisdiction the High Standing Committee extends to the Companions of Foresters a hearty and cordial welcome. May the new relation always be pleasant and mutually advantageous, enduring and confirmed, our interests in and for the Order alert, abiding and constant.

I have much satisfaction in being able to inform the members that a just and equitable adjustment and settlement of the business affairs and relations of the High Courts of Michigan and Western Michigan have been made and completed. The representatives of the two High Courts completed this duty on the 18th of April last. The proceedings and agreements entered into by and between the two High Courts have been reported to me, and the same are now on file in the office of the High Secretary.

The action of the two High Courts has also received the sanction of the Supreme Chief Ranger; which sanction is in writing and is filed in the office of the High Secretary.

Now that the general public is turning its attention to a closer study and review of the science of life insurance in this field, and have learned that nought from nought leaves nought, that twice two cannot make eleven, and that trying to get something for nothing is immoral and speculation, besides being too unreliable to be applied in the

serious business of protection of helpless and dependent relatives, let us take this occasion to calmly and becomingly examine our individual relations towards this great Order and its purposes. Let us make a *personal* review of our duties and obligations to the Order. Let us each consider whether or not we have done all that we could have done to extend the Order and its benefits, and find justly and fairly whether or not we have observed our obligations to the Order and towards each other.

We know that experience must enter into all business calculations, and that obligations entered into and duties assumed under contract must be observed and kept, and that a disregard of fundamental business methods, observation, common sense and sound, unvarying experience and judgment, brings disaster, chagrin and poverty to those who indulge therein and fail in rightly and conscientiously performing their whole duty and living to their contracts.

It is at this time becoming that we who have an abiding faith in the correct plan, safe and sound business methods and stable administration of this pioneer Order among Fraternalists giving protection to the people, should awake to a sense of our duties and obligations; should increase our activity in spreading a knowledge of its benefits. For the good of others let us apply and spread what we have learned in this field of practical Benevolence. Let us use all reasonable efforts to hold and increase our membership. The membership in this jurisdiction can be doubled in the period between the present and the next meeting of the High Court. Let us unite in a vigorous and a determined effort to accomplish this result.

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

R. J. MACDONALD,
High Chief Ranger.

Attest:

M. M. CALLAGHAN, High Secretary.

Among the Courts.

ARIZONA.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., June 6, '99.

SUPREME CHIEF RANGER, I.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I was instructed by vote of the Court to send you a copy of the following motion, which was unanimously carried the evening of our organization:

“That a hearty vote of thanks be given Bro. Wm. R. Uber, D.S.C.R., for the efficient manner in which he conducted the institution of our lodge, and that he be especially thanked for the excellent selection of the personnel of the members.”

Yours in L., B. & C.,
E. A. ROSS, Rec. Sec'y.
Phoenix Court, I.O.F.

CALIFORNIA.

We have received the following clipping illustrative of the activities of Col. McElfresh:—

“High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh paid an of-

ficial visit to Court San Bernardino on Thursday of last week and addressed a public meeting. Friday evening he paid an official visit to Court Orange Belt, No. 3676, at Fullerton. On Tuesday evening he addressed an open meeting at Corona, under the auspices of Court Circle City No. 851, and Wednesday evening visited Court Locust, No. 3366, at Anaheim.”

We don't know whether the Colonel said to them, or whether they gave him anything good to eat, but this is the rate at which we like to see a H.C.R. circulating among his constituents.

A SUGGESTION FOR SUMMER: TROLLEY RIDES.

The Board of Deputies of San Francisco has made arrangements for a series of open meetings and trolley rides, and appointed committees to redistrict the city.

How to Complete an Index.

(*Salinas Daily Index, June 20.*)

The local lodge of the I.O.F., Court Buena Esperanza, No. 3467, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of their Order by an entertainment and banquet at the I.O.G.T. hall last night. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and the national colors. A large audience was present, presided over by Geo. W. McIntyre, C.R., and the following programme given: Solo, Mrs. Peirson; recitation, Miss Adcock; duett, Mrs. M. R. Merritt and Mr. T. Condon; recitation, A. Warth; solo, Miss H. Pierson; address, G. W. McIntyre.

At the conclusion of the programme all sat down to a bounteous repast, after which speechmaking was indulged in, and it was close on to midnight ere the party dispersed to their homes, well pleased with the celebration.

The *Index* was remembered with a nice luncheon of hot coffee, ham, pie, cake, sandwiches, etc., just at a time when it would do the most good. Thanks, jolly Foresters!

The Oriental Degree Team of Court San Antonio, Ontario, Cal., No. 1297, visited Court Chino Sat. June 17, 1899, and conferred the degree on 26 pilgrims. After the degree, the members and newly made princesses were conducted to a restaurant where refreshments were served. A general good time was had, the team getting home early in the morning.

M. T. Z.

COURT GLENDORA, No. 534,
GLENDORA, CAL., June 2nd, '99.

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Mrs. T. Kamphefner desires me to thank the Independent Order of Foresters for the promptness with which the \$2,000 was forwarded to her.

Court Glendora desires not only to thank you, but to congratulate you for the promptness, it being only 28 days from the death of our beloved Bro. Kamphefner till the draft was received. Taking into consideration the distance we consider Forestry “up to date.”

Yours in L., B. & C.,
D. F. HENDRICKSON, R.S.

ILLINOIS.

Court Glen Oak, No. 3027, of Peoria, celebrated the June anniversary by an excursion and picnic to Mackinaw Falls.

We have been expecting to hear a narrative of the hot-time stag party of Court Lakota, No. 1692, of Chicago, held on June 12th.

COURT AINSWORTH, No. 783,
STATION S, CHICAGO, May 30th, 1899.
Oronhyatekha. S.C.R., Toronto Canada :

DEAR SIR AND BRO., Enclosed you will please find the Benefit Certificate held by the late Bro. Joseph Mounsey, duly receipted for and witnessed. Thanking you for the prompt manner in which you settled the claim,

I remain, yours respectfully in L., B. and C.
MAX SCHRODEN,
Rec. Secretary.

INDIANA.

A Leavening in Marion

(From Marion Daily Chronicle, June 6th.)

The Foresters have been represented in Marion by a small Court with a duly authorized charter. Meetings have been held occasionally in the parlors of the Marion Business College. The Supreme Court sent Robert Finck two weeks ago who has been aiding in the upbuilding of this Court. Quite a number of applications have been accepted and will be duly initiated next Friday evening. The H.C.R. of Indian, C. W. Emis; H. Sec., W. W. Wilson, and High Counsellor, J. C. Teegarden will be present on this occasion to make the event an interesting one. Forestry will be thoroughly discussed and explained to the public. The meeting will be held in the hall occupied by the Knights of the Golden Eagle, on the south side of the square

IOWA.

Court Le Mars, No. 1951.

LE MARS, PLYMOUTH CO.

A. P. CRAMER, C.R.

East, west, north and south, the helping, outstretched arms of the Order are ever and anon reaching. Some times it is to open a new Court, and at other times to strengthen a new court. This Court has been organized a short time and has already put forth green leaves which argue well for a successful forest home in no distant future, and has of late acquired new and increased vigor. We have had among us for some days Bro. J. A. Frise, D.S.C.R., of Flint, Michigan. He has done much and permanent good to the Court, which has been infused with new life and energy by reason of his work and instruction for the good and welfare of the Order. He has imbued us all with enthusiastic ardor, and Forestry among us to-day is stronger than ever. The position of the Court is a happy one, as we have no competition close at hand, and we look forward to having a larger and representative membership by the close of the present year.

During his visit among us, 12 new members have been initiated and more will soon follow. Dr. Somers is one of the new members. Much interest is attached to his entrance, owing to his having been in Toronto, and is familiar with many of the Supreme officers and the localities in Toronto

which are ever sacred to Foresters. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto.

The Court attended morning service at St. George's Episcopal Church to hear the anniversary sermon on Sunday, June 18th.

HON. D. A. ROSE :

I wish to say that Court Sioux City, No. 1101, has been honored the last month or more and at present with a visit from Bro. J. A. Frise, D.S.C.R., and, as the results of his labors, the membership of our Court has been increased and is continuing, and the prospects are better than ever before. We have had several successful meetings and have gotten organized now, so that we are in a position to do biz now, and I hope we will continue. At our first meeting, May 12th, we elected officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected: C. R., Edwin G. Dilley; V. C. R., Chas. Saunsbach, Jr.; R. Sec'y, Claude R. Hall; F. Sec'y, Jno. T. Corcoran; Treas., Geo. I. Bevier; Orator, S. D. Stephens; S of J. C., I. P. Gibbs; Organist, A. F. Slatter; S.W., E. O. Holmes; J. W., Jno. A. Olson; S.B., F. L. Cyr; J. B., J. F. Meirestein; Phy., Dr. S. B. Hoskins; Asso. Phy., Dr. Harvey Marvin; Court Deputy, Geo. Conway.

After the election was over we had short addresses from every member, old and new, also Bro. Geo. Sinclair, of Court Sarnia, made a fine address, and Bro. Farmer of Court St. Paul, Minn., made a few remarks. A resolution was passed by all, endorsing the good and noble work done by Bro. Frise while with us, and we trust that he may be spared to continue his faithfulness for the good of the Order. After the regular business of Court Sioux City was concluded, it was after midnight when we all dispersed and all present declared it was the best and most successful meeting we have enjoyed for a long time. From the present indications of our boys I hope you won't be disappointed in not hearing from us more in the future. Two weeks ago Bro Frise, C. R. Dilley and V.C.R. Saunsbach visited Court Rodney and enjoyed a fine time with the boys at Rodney and expressed themselves on the success of the Court there. Hoping I may have the pleasure of seeing you and have more to do with you in the future, remaining in L. B. and C..

CHAS. SAUNSEACH, JR.

MICHIGAN.

Getting the "Better Class" in Tecums h.

TECUMSEH, MICH., June 9th, 1899.

Bro. C. A. Sharp, D.D.H.C.R., of Adrian, Mich., came to the assistance of Court Pottawattomie, No. 1681, this week at our urgent request, and in his manly, straightforward, convincing manner has enthused new life into our members, so much that we are looking forward to a "large increase" in our membership—having, written in two days seven applications, and all are young, promising business men. He seems to be able to approach the "better class" of men, and get them. Our prospects never looked brighter than to-day—even in the face of the fact that we have to contend with there being a large membership already in five other societies, all of which are making "extra inducements" to new members.

Yours fraternally in L., B. and C.,

JAMES LOWRY,

Chief Ranger Court Pottawattomie, No. 1681.

STANTON, MICH., June 5th, 1899.
To the Officers of the Supreme Court I.O.F.,
TORONTO, ONT.

I thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your prompt payment of the policy held by my late husband, George Buckrell, who was a member of Court Stanton, No. 1041, Stanton, Mich.

Respectfully yours,
SAPHRONA BUCKRELL.

MINNESOTA.

Eloquent Sermon by Rev. S. P. Long.

Rev. S. P. Long preached the regular annual sermon to the members of the I.O.F. at the First Methodist church at Duluth Sunday, June 18th. The church was filled with members of the Order and the regular attendants at the First church.

Said Rev. Long: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome to this service the members of the Order of Independent Foresters; to extend to you my congratulations on the successful completion of your 25 years of remarkable history. Your growth and development has been astounding. A quarter of a century ago you had 369 members. Now you control 150,000. Then you had no financial statement to make; now your records show that you have paid in benefits \$7,000,000 and that you have a surplus on hand of over \$3,000,000. I am not surprised that your Executive Council should call upon the whole membership to assemble in different localities this 18th day of June, and go to the same place of worship and thus give thanks to Almighty God for His many mercies, and to pray for a continuance of His loving-kindness to you all, and endow the officers of your Order with prudence and wisdom in the administration of your affairs. This breathes the same spirit that influenced the founder of your Order, Col. Caldwell, who, on being installed as the first most worthy High Chief Ranger, said in stating the objects of the Order: 'We must bear up our trials with fortitude and patriotism for the sake of suffering humanity, rely upon the just God above us in and of our mission, and never weary in well doing.'

"To a true Forester there is no delight equal to the luxury of doing good to our fellow man. As an example he must be moral, temperate and decorous; he must be actuated by the golden rule, be honest, generous and ever watching the bedside and soothing the pillows of those that are plagued with merciless pain, and burying those that have crossed the river, never to return to their Court rooms again, assisting the unfortunate brother to rise up and place him once more in the van, inculcating an earnest love, honor and truth, and teaching him proudly to say: 'I am a man.'

"Our duty is to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, protect the widow and to educate the orphan. Liberty, benevolence and concord are the great cardinal pillars of our Forestry temple. Let us then cherish them in a true fraternal spirit, and the God of peace and love will be with us in our labors of charity and friendship."

"Surely an Order having such an object deserves to prosper, and it will."

Capital City No. 614, St. Paul, Minn., delightfully entertained its members and their wives at a "Home Musical" Thursday evening, May 25th, at the home of their R. S. Alvy Blaser. After a

programme of various instrumental and vocal selections was gone through, a dainty repast was served.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
C. B. MAHAUPT, F.S.

MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 16th, 1899.
John A. McGillivray, Esq.,
Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Please accept thanks of this Court and the widow for the draft favor of Mrs. Mary Murphy in payment of mortuary claim of the late W. P. Murphy. Please find enclosed certificate properly filled in.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
A. W. GREGSON, R.S.,
417 W. 14th St., Kansas City, Mo.
Court Central No. 635.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Court Avalon Formed Out of Proper Forestry Materials.

We have received the following items:

A number of gentlemen met in the Pythias Hall June 12th to organize a Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, the great fraternal benefit society now spreading so widely over Canada and the States. Mr. J. H. Gilmour, D.S.C.R., presided and explained briefly the objects of the Order, its financial stability and numerical strength, and the splendid place it occupied among the Canadian insurance concerns. The Order has a vast membership, a reserve of millions of dollars, and it pays out in benefits every working day \$3,600. Assisted by Dr. T. L. Hallet, Chief Ranger of Court Terra Nova, as S.M., Mr. M. A. Devine as S.S., and Mr. W. J. Allan as S.B., he then proceeded to install the following officers, viz: C.D., P. T. McGrath; Phy., Dr. W. T. Scully; C.R., P. J. O'Neil; P.C.R., W. Donnelly; V.C.R., J. E. A. Furneaux; R.S., R. Dowden; F.S., J. W. Walsh; T., J. J. Scanlon; O., H. Y. Mott; S.J.C., P. J. Doyle; S.W., R. B. Comerford; J.W., W. Foley; S.B., J. J. Maher; J.B., J. J. Kean. The Court was named "Avalon," and will meet on the last Friday in each month.

The Speaker of the Legislature, Hon. H. Y. Mott, is Orator of Avalon. (He is editor of *News*.)

The Clerk of the House, P. T. McGrath, Esq. (editor of the *Herald*), is C.D. of Avalon.

In a recent bye-election Bro. R. F. McGrath, of Court Terra Nova, beat the Hon. Minister of Finance by a large majority.

It's whispered that Avalon is going to "do" Terra Nova in membership. Wonder will they be let.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. JOHN, N.B.

The 25th anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Foresters was observed on Sunday morning by a procession of the members of the St. John Courts to attend divine service in St. Luke's Church.

The morning was cool, the sky being overcast, making the march very easy. The members to the number of over two hundred assembled at Foresters' Hall, Charlotte Street, and marched by way of King, Dock and Main Streets. The Royal Foresters in full uniform led the procession. With them marched High Chief Ranger Macrae and Brigadier-General E. J. Todd. After the Royal Foresters, were members wearing sashes, then the Artillery Band, and after them Foresters in plain dress. Past Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger H. C. Creed, of Fredericton; E. R. Chapman and W. J. S. Miles, of the High Court, and Frank Fales, Secretary of the General Committee, brought up the rear of the procession. High Marshal Melvin, assisted by Sergeant Baxter, had charge of the procession. From various points along the route large crowds witnessed the going and coming of the parade. The marching was an improvement upon former parades.

At St. Luke's, the central portion of the church was reserved for the visitors, and when the services began the sacred edifice was crowded. Rev. R. P. McKim, assisted by Rev. F. F. Flewelling, conducted the service, a strong choir rendered the musical portion and solo parts taken by George R. Craigie and Miss Dale were much appreciated; the singing of the doxology by the whole congregation was very impressive. The hymns sung were, "All people that on earth do dwell," "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and "Onward, Christian soldiers." The Scripture reading included the 90th and 91st Psalms, Deuteronomy 6th chapter and Ephesians 3rd and 14th verses. Before commencing his sermon, Rev. Mr. McKim, on behalf of St. Luke's, welcomed the Foresters, congratulated them on the attainment of their 25th anniversary, and wished them God-speed in their commendable work as an organization. All joined them, he said, in giving thanks to God and praying that He would grant continuance of His blessings to them and to all. For the text of his appropriate and eloquent sermon Rev. Mr. McKim selected 2 Kings 5th chapter, 15th and 20th verses.

At the conclusion of the services, the Foresters re-formed and marched back to their hall, where they dispersed.

NEW JERSEY.

Summernight's Festival.

The fifth anniversary, entertainment and summernight's festival of Court South End, No. 1562, I.O.F., was held in Siefert's Park and Hall, Springfield avenue, Newark.

A large crowd was on hand to help make merry. The following programme was rendered as part of the entertainment:

Vocal solo, Master Harry Schneider; musical selections, Æolian Musical Club; comic song, Miss Hazel Johnston; recitation, "Our Folks," James Sebastian; vocal solo, Frank Kenoveth; sketch, Short and Sweet; piano virtuoso, Rex Foster; cake walk, Miss Clara Weiss and John Kollimar; comic speech, Brother Dick.

George Shepherd acted as master of ceremonies as well as manager. Prof. Schneider's orchestra furnished excellent music for the dancing, which was indulged in until a very early hour in the morning.

The success of the affair is due to the work of Floor Manager George Shepherd, assisted by Chas.

Kolb, Adolph Pfeil, Addison Jones, John Davis, Frederick Odell, Ferdinand Weller and C. H. Shenck on the reception committee, and Arthur C. Wenzel, Wm. Bennett, John A. Volz, Carl Herrdegen, Wm. Frey, Charles Grabau and August Chambosse on the arrangement committee.

NEW YORK.

RENSSELAER FALLS, June 18, 1899.

Court Rensselaer, No. 1454, with invited members from DeKalt Junction and Heuvelton Courts, marched from Foresters' Hall, last Sunday morning, to the Congregational Church, and listened to a very able sermon by the Rev. W. H. Way, pastor of the church. The line of Foresters, in beautiful regalia, numbering 54, presented a very pleasing sight indeed. Great credit is due to those who so beautifully decorated the church, and also to the choir which rendered such pleasing music. We wish that the address given by Bro. W. H. Way, Chaplain of our Court, might be in print, which could not but help the Order. We have a membership of 32, and the interest in the Court seems to be increasing. We are expecting additions to our numbers.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
CALVIN W. LENT, R.S.

Col. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., is at it again. Besides swinging round the circle of Courts in Syracuse he has been delivering an eloquent lecture on the "Fraternalities," and a learned sermon on "Lawyers."

Court West Stockholm, No. 3693, held an ice-cream social in their new hall Tuesday evening, June 20. The affair proved a grand success, a large crowd being in attendance. A musical and literary programme was exceedingly well rendered. Stockholm Cornet Band was in attendance and rendered choice selections throughout the evening.

Geo. B. WADLEIGH, Chap.

Court Lehigh, 744, and Mrs. O. C. Olmstrom wish to thank the Supreme Court for the prompt way they handled the Total and Permanent Disability Claim of Bro. Olmstrom, who is confined in the Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane, by paying Mrs. O. C. Olmstrom \$1,000, which is one half of policy, in less than one week after proof of claim,

Yours truly,
W. SANDY, R. S.

Court Lehigh, 744.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Court Ardock, No. 496, N.D., held its ninth annual Thanksgiving service at Foresters' Hall, Ardock, on Sunday, June 18th. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Moore.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Jubilee Services in Halifax.

(Acadian Recorder, June 19th.)

Yesterday afternoon St. Paul's Church was attended by some 500 members. At 2.45 they started from Victoria Hall, Agricola St., headed by the 66th Band and Royal Foresters, with the fife and drum corps in the middle of the procession. Crowds followed along the route, and re-

ceeded with by the Rev. Mr. Bowman, all singing the opening doxology, followed by an invocation, after which a song of praise was led by a select choir of voices under the directorship of Mr. Alfred E. Findlay. The congregation joined heartily with the choir in singing the familiar tunes selected—the hymns having been printed on the programmes—after which Rev. Mr. Bowman led in prayer. The choir then rendered a beautiful anthem, entitled "O! how lovely," with excellent effect. After Scripture reading another song of praise was enjoyed by all and a silver collection was taken during which the pianiste, Miss Whelan, rendered another appropriate voluntary. The choir then sang an anthem, "Greatly to be praised," which would have done credit to any of our best city churches. Next came the sermon by the Rev. James A. Bowman, B.A., who took his text from Joshua xxiv. 26, 27.

Court Manitow, No. 135, contains nearly 160 members in good standing, and expects to reach 200 before the end of the year. Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month in their hall at 8 o'clock.

SELKIRK, June 12th, 1899.

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROS.—I wish to tender to you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the prompt manner in which you paid my Sick Benefit Claim, amounting to \$63.72.

I also desire to thank the officers and members of Court West Selkirk, 1126, for the brotherly attention and many acts of kindness which I have received at their hands during my illness.

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

Yours in L., B. and C.,

THORSTEINN THORSTEINSSON.

ONTARIO.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Hartley, No. 979, on the death of the late Bro. W. G. Manning Deceased was a young man of much promise, and his much respected father, who is a staunch member of the I.O.F. in Hartley, has the sympathy of the whole community.

Talbot Gathers them in at Cedar Springs.

BLENHHEIM, June 19.

A very large number of the local I.O.F. fraternity drove up to Cedar Springs yesterday afternoon and assisted Court Talbot in their annual parade and church services. Foresters were present from South Buxton, Fletcher, Charing Cross, Blenheim, Newbury, Blythewood and Brantford, about 120 being in the procession, which was headed in the parade by the fine city band of Chatham, their playing being all that could be desired.

Rev. Mr. Brown, of Blenheim, preached an eloquent sermon from Galatians 2: 20, the Baptist church being crowded to the doors, after which the Courts adjourned to the fine new lodge room, where congratulatory remarks were made by several of the visiting brethren.

140 McPHERSON AVE.,

TORONTO June 19th, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Enclosed you will find the mortuary benefit certificate of our late Bro., Edwin

R. Phillips, received. It was paid on the 10th day of June, and we received the thanks of the beneficiary for the prompt way in which the Supreme Court settled the claim.

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

J. KING,

Rec. Sec. Court Rouill, No. 674.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,

Sup. Sec

WATFORD, Ont., June 12, '99.

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

DEAR BROTHERS,—I desire to return to you my most sincere and grateful thanks to the Supreme Court I.O.F., also Court Watford, No. 444, I.O.F., for the prompt manner in which you paid the endowment on the life of my late husband, James A. Hume, amounting to \$1,000, also \$50 funeral expenses, just five days after proof of death left Watford. I also take this opportunity of thanking the officers and members of Court Watford, No. 444, for their kindness and attention through the great trial I have undergone. Wishing your noble Order every success, and may God bless and prosper you,

I remain yours truly,

CATHARINE HUME.

P. S.—Please have this published in THE FORESTER.

KINGSTON, June 10th, 1899.

I beg to thank the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters for the payment of five hundred dollars, being half of my endowment policy in this Order, on account of my becoming totally disabled, and to express my high appreciation of the relief thus received, and of my being exempt of any further assessments on the balance of my endowment. And also for the receipt of ninety-two dollars sick benefits paid me during my recent illness.

EDWARD S. SUDWARD.

PENNSYLVANIA.

On June 7th the Deputies and High Court officers in Philadelphia were called together by Dr. Chas. G. Frowert to pay a visit to the Supreme Chief, who, he said, was about to start for Toronto that evening. It is needless to say that the Deputies were arrayed in their best attire, and accompanied the Supreme Senior Woodward, Dr. Frowert, and the High Secretary, Bro. Chas. W. Mingle, to 22nd and Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, where a surprise was in store for them.

Dr. Frowert, after a few preliminary ceremonies, led the Deputies to the inner sanctuary of the sculptor, where he introduced to them the bronze statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, who received them with a cold, stately glance, not even deigning to recognize them individually or give them the fond greeting they had hoped to receive.

Court Fairhill, No. 3985, Philadelphia, at its recent meeting clearly set the pace for friendly Court competition, by initiating six out of eleven applicants for admission to Foresteric benefits. Their guests on this occasion, Court Union Traction, including the everlasting orator, Recording Secretary Cowan, he of the funny story with common sense moral fame, and Financial Secretary of the same Court. D.S.C.R. Barton leaped into the breach and made Court procedure hum, and at

Cleveland Foresters are Aroused.

The Independent Order of Foresters celebrated the 25th anniversary of the fraternity, Sunday, June 18th, by attending service at the Epworth Memorial church in the afternoon.

The church was handsomely decorated, and an eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. W. B. Pickard.

After the services the 700 Foresters present met. Charles Melbourne presided. Hon. Charles E. Bowman was presented and made an address, bearing on the big consolidated strike. A committee consisting of Mr. Bowman, Charles Melbourne and Dr. E. J. Wunderlich drew up the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Independent Order of Foresters of the city of Cleveland, in mass meeting assembled, unanimously condemn the arbitrary and un-American treatment of its employees by the Cleveland electric railway company, commonly known as the 'big consolidated,' in refusing to treat with its employees, or arbitrate the differences between them; and, be it further

"Resolved, That we demand, as citizens and taxpayers, that the city authorities take such immediate action as will tend to a peaceful settlement of the street railway troubles, and use their influence in behalf of arbitration; and, be it further

"Resolved, That we hereby extend to the late employees of the said big consolidated railway company our moral and financial support in their struggle for recognition and the betterment of their condition as citizens and taxpayers.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the various newspapers of the city with the request that they be published, and a copy of the same mailed to the president of the Cleveland electric railway company."

Gloomy Occurrence in Cleveland.

THE VIGILANTES CAST A SHADOW OVER BRO. VÖGLER.

Thursday evening, June 22nd, Bro. John Vogler was on the lawn trying to find a cool breeze after the extremely warm day, when his wife came out and asked him to come in and see the nice present she had for him. She led him to the parlor where he found a number of his friends and Brother and Sister Foresters, who informed him that they had come to help him celebrate his birthday. Bro. Vogler is one of the most trusted members of Court Vigilant, and there were several Courts represented in the gathering: Courts Buckeye, Banner, Ohio, Vigilant, and Companion Courts Oronhyatekha and Good Will. Bro. Plattell, of Court Banner, presented Bro. Vogler with a beautiful silk umbrella, but Bro. Vogler was too overcome to say more than a few words. The evening was spent in music and card playing. An elegant lunch was served and the friends retired wishing Bro. Vogler many happy returns of the day.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary at Circleville.

Court Pickaway, No. 1406, attended services at the Evangelical Church Sunday morning, June 18th. Rev. Mr. Vandersall, pastor of the church, took for his text "This thing I do," and preached an able and eloquent sermon.

A letter of acknowledgment of the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of the late Bro. W. A. Welch has been received through Court Butler, No. 1380, Hamilton, Ohio.

Mrs. Weigler, widow of the late Bro. W. D. Weigler, of Hamilton, Ohio, has, through the medium of Court Butler, No. 1380, acknowledged the promptness with which his benefit certificate was cashed.

ONTARIO.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

It is by no means uncommon for friendly or fraternal societies to complete a quarter of a century of more or less useful existence. Quite a number of those operating to-day have had that privilege. But probably none of all that have turred the quarter century mark have celebrated a semi-jubilee with a better record of work accomplished or a more auspicious future before it than the Independent Order of Foresters, the first quarter century of whose existence was completed on the 17th of June last. When Col. Caldwell and his associates on the 17th of June, 1874, at Newark, New Jersey, severed the bond between themselves and the parent organization, it may be doubted whether his most ambitious hope for the future of his "independent" Order at all approached the actual achievements of the quarter century that it has lived. When Dr. Oronhyatekha and his colleagues, in June, 1879, stepped between the Order and ruin and practically rebuilt it, not even his masterful determination to make it the "best fraternal benefit society in the world" gave him the courage to expect that so large a measure of success would be the reward of the hazard and the work then undertaken. An organization that had no existence prior to the 17th of June, 1874, and five years later, owing to a combination of unfavorable conditions, could only muster 369 members, yet on the completion of the twenty-fifth year of existence could point to a membership roll of well-nigh one hundred and fifty thousand and an accumulated fund of almost three and a half millions of dollars securely invested, after having paid seven millions of dollars for benefits to members or their widows and orphans or other beneficiaries, besides all management and propagation expenses, may well be pardoned for feeling jubilant over the result; and if with the rejoicing there was mingled an element of thanksgiving, such as found expression in the religious services which were held throughout the wide-spread jurisdiction of Independent Forestry on the third Sunday in June, it would only be such an acknowledgment of divine favor as one naturally expects of the Order.

It has been the custom of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Executive Council and the Head Office staff for several years past to celebrate the anniversary of the Order in some appropriate manner at Foresters' Island Park, near Deseronto, Ontario. This year, mindful of the semi-jubilee character of the occasion, the management took special pains with the preparations, that there might be nothing lacking for thorough enjoyment and true thankfulness. The excursion of the office staff arrived in Deseronto on Saturday, June 17th, about 12:30 o'clock. There were about 150 in the party.

Some had come in on Friday evening. On leaving the train they were immediately escorted to Foresters' Island, where a fine repast awaited them. After dinner the interest centered in the aquatic sports.

The races for yachts and skiffs were well contested. In the skiff race the Trilby finished first in 35 minutes, and the Viva manœuvring around the stakeboat 10 minutes later. A silver berry dish adorns the locker of the Trilby, while Commodore Naylor rejoices in the possession of a beautiful silver bake dish.

In the race for yachts 25 feet and over, the starters were the Dauntless, Vera and Orpha. The Madge started over the course when the preparatory gun was fired, consequently was not in the race. The Dauntless led all the way around, and could have won easily had her skipper not made a mistake and run for the upper buoy instead of finishing at the stakeboat. The Vera won the race in 1 hour and 11 minutes, the Orpha finishing 9 minutes later. The first prize was a fine silver set of three pieces, the second a silver water pitcher.

In the 3 mile race for yachts and skiffs the entries were the Unorna, Viva, Star, Lark and Satisfaction. In this event the Unorna led all the way around, with the Star close behind as far as the second buoy. The Viva made a bad start, but finished second. She had a fierce struggle with the elements as to the proper side of the second buoy, but Commodore Naylor stuck grimly to the helm, and brought her up to the stakeboat in time to win the second prize. The Unorna covered the course in 35 minutes, and the Viva in 38 minutes. The prizes were: First, a silver cheese dish; second, a silver butter dish.

The prizes for the races were of the finest nature and a credit both to the donor and the winners of them.

In the log rolling contest, Alfred Martin took first prize and Arthur Joyce second.

The slippery pole walk was a source of merriment to the spectators. Over-confidence sent several contestants helter-skelter into the cool water of the bay. Arthur Martin secured first place, while Arthur Joyce made a good second.

In the plank race Jack Scrimshaw won first money and Elmer Luck was lucky enough to be second.

THE CONCERT.

The entertainment at Naylor's Opera House on Saturday evening was a decided success. The opening number was a comedietta, "A Cup of Tea," in which Mrs Acland Oronhyatekha took the leading part. Mutual mistakes and recriminations kept the audience in good humor until the curtain was rung down on a scene of domestic felicity. Miss Oronhyatekha sang a number in charming style to the accompaniment of Miss Dalton. An encore brought forth a ballad, in which the singer's voice was heard to good advantage. Wilbert Woodstock favored the audience with selections on the mandolin in a masterly manner. The evening's programme wound up with "Nan, or a Good-for Nothing," a one-act farce. Nan and her two guardians are in dire distress over a past due rent bill, but a way is found to circumvent this peace-destroyer, and the audience fled out in good humor, thankful to Mrs. Acland Oronhyatekha and her supporting players for the good time provided.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The island on Sunday afternoon was thronged with people. The steamer Merritt brought a

large delegation from Belleville; the Ella Ross brought in from Picton about all the people she could hold, and the Deseronto came in from Napanee with a full cargo of human freight. The Reindeer also brought in a good crowd from Belleville. Both the Ella Ross and Deseronto made trips from the steambot dock to the island at frequent intervals during the afternoon. It is estimated that about 2,500 people were on the island.

The anniversary services were held in the pavilion. The music was furnished by the Mohawk choir. Instrumental music was furnished by Miss Oronhyatekha and the choir was led by Miss Charlotte Loft. Rev. W. H. Quartermaine, of Renfrew, High Chaplain of the Order, for Eastern Ontario, conducted the religious services.

An eloquent sermon on the objects and aims of Independent Forestry was delivered by Archdeacon Davis, Past Supreme Chaplain, of London. He chose for his text a portion of the 16th verse of the 17th chapter of St. Luke—"Giving thanks."

He rejoiced in being permitted to meet with such an audience on such an occasion. When we took into the motives of those who constitute the executive and are in command of the Order we admire the prudence and forethought of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Executive Committee. We are here to-day not as pleasure-seekers, but for a specific purpose, to give thanks to God.

The speaker said he was called upon to talk especially of thankfulness in the Order to which so many of his hearers belonged. The Order has been in existence 25 years, and in that time has done grand work for the widow and orphan. A quarter of a century ago the Independent Foresters had but 369 members, but this handful were prepared to face all difficulties. Claims to the amount of \$4,000 were outstanding, and these men who were brave enough to hold the helm at that time will surely meet their reward. God has prospered the Order, and should we not to-day give thanks to Him for the benefits He has conferred upon the Order?

Another matter for thankfulness was the loyalty of the local Courts. God made man a social being; man cannot live independently of his fellows. We are all brethren and as such should live together in unity. At the bedside of many a sick brother I have given thanks for the Order. We should all give thanks for the sick benefits that have been conferred during these 25 years. During this period there has been distributed to the sick and needy \$6,945,000, to the relief of 4,500 widows and 10,000 or 12,000 children. The Supreme Chief Ranger would have been derelict to his duty had he failed to call the members together to thank God for these benefits.

To those who become permanently disabled, one-half of the entire amount for which they are insured is granted. When a member reaches the age of 70 one-tenth of his insurance is turned over to him to enable him to retain in his old age the home which sheltered him in his more active days. In old age, when the days of labor are gone, this beneficent act on the part of the Order has enabled many worthy members to live in comfort which could not be otherwise obtained. Our Order is the Order of the wife and children, and we should value it for their sakes. We have a reserve fund of nearly three millions with which to carry on our grand work.

At the last meeting of the Supreme Council the

speaker was privileged to present an address which contained a prayer that the health of our Supreme Chief Ranger might be restored. This prayer has been answered in that Dr. Oronhyatekha is restored to nearly the same condition of good health that he enjoyed some years ago.

In closing the rev. gentleman asked all present to join in singing the National Anthem in honor of the grand woman who had reigned over England for 62 years.

The *Deseronto Tribune* says:

"The Foresters' excursion to Deseronto last Saturday brings into prominence the fact that we have an ideal summer resort in our midst. Foresters' Island is a beautiful spot, and the bay is a fitting adjunct to the beauties of the Island. The white-winged yachts careening over its surface lent picturesqueness to an admirable background. Dr. Oronhyatekha has done a most commendable thing in fitting up this breathing spot."

DEPARTURE OF BRO. STOKES FOR TORONTO.

(From the *Tribune* of June 9, 1899.)

James Stokes, for eighteen years a resident of Deseronto, leaves to-night for Toronto to occupy a responsible position in the I.O.F. Temple building. Mr. Stokes is a native of New York state, having been born in Kingston, on the Hudson river. Meeting with business reverses there, he removed to Kingston, on the St. Lawrence, where for five years he was employed by the street railway company. He came to Deseronto in April, 1881, and secured a position at the headquarters of the Bay of Quinte Railway Company, which position he held continuously up to the present. He is a member of the town council of Deseronto, and when his resignation was presented at the last meeting sincere regret was expressed by Mayor Rathbun and his brother Councillors. The Council loses a clear-headed and valuable member by his departure. Mr. Stokes is a member of a number of fraternal societies, the members of which view his departure with anything but pleasure, as he was an indefatigable worker in their interests. Court Deseronto, No. 93, I.O.F., at a special meeting held last night, at which the ladies of the Companion Courts were present, gave Mr. Stokes a fine gold-headed cane as a memento and a lengthy but pleasing address.

At a gathering of the employees of the different departments of the Rathbun Company last evening at six o'clock, held in the railway office on the dock, Mr. Stokes was presented with a heavy gold ring and an address.

At the last regular meeting of Court Utterson No. 1212, Utterson, Ont., and after the ordinary business of the meeting had been disposed of, a very pleasant evening was spent, a number of ladies and friends visiting the Court room with baskets loaded with good things. Rev. Mr. Lauree being voted to the chair, a short programme followed consisting of the following: Chairman's address; reading, Miss Johnson; instrumental, R. Leith and John Hollingworth; recitation, Miss Jones; address, Rev. Mr. Ross; duet, Mrs. Ledrew and Miss Scott. Bro. Ledrew, C.R., thanked those who had so kindly prepared this very pleasant surprise for the members. Tea was then served and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Decoration Sunday at Petrolia.

The seventeenth of June was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Independent

Order of Foresters. Court Petrolia and Court Pyramid, of Marthaville, joined forces and arranged to attend Hillsdale Cemetery on Sunday last, the 18th inst., and decorate the graves of the members of those Courts who have gone before, in this way commemorating the Order's anniversary, and at the same time paying respect to the memory of the departed ones. The day was a perfect one for the occasion, and the ceremonies were conducted and carried out in a splendid manner. The members of Court Petrolia assembled in the lodge room at two o'clock, and to the number of seventy (being a good representation for the occasion, although not quite half the membership of this splendid Court) marched to the cemetery in the regalia of the Order. About thirty-five members of Court Pyramid were found waiting at Lawyer's corner, where they joined in the line of march. Arriving at the cemetery, a circle was formed, and after singing the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," Bro. W. E. Langford made a few remarks fitting to the occasion, and called upon Bro. John Whitely to address the members, which he did in well chosen words of reference to the principles of the Order, and to the motives which inspired ceremonies of this kind. He referred to the beauty of the idea of thus keeping green the memories of the dear brothers who lie waiting the final call, and concluded with a short prayer. The graves of each of nine former members of Court Petrolia and four of Court Pyramid were then visited, and on each was deposited several bouquets of flowers. Before leaving each grave the "circle of concord" was formed, which includes the joining of hands all round and raising and lowering them three times. At the last grave Bro. Langford read a short concluding address, and the singing of the hymn, "Safe in the arms of Jesus," brought the ceremonies at the cemetery to a close. A short intermission then took place, and the members reformed in marching order and returned to the lodge room.

MANITOBA.

Manitou Worship.

(*Manitou Sun*, June 15th.)

The anniversary service of Court Manitou, No. 135, was conducted by the Rev. James A. Bowman, Sabbath, June 11th, in Manitou, at 3 o'clock p.m., in Riggs' hall. The day was fine and as was expected, the large hall, holding nearly 400 people, was packed to the door, some having had to go away. Excellent preparations had been previously made and there was not a hitch in the carrying out of the plan. The service was well advertised, the platform beautifully decorated with plants and flowers generously supplied by the ladies, and an abundance of programmes, printed in rose red and photo brown, were supplied. At 2.30 p.m. the Foresters assembled in the town hall, donned their badges and held a brief service, after which they immediately formed into line in front of the hall on Fuller Street facing the east, and proceeded to march in double file about six feet apart, marshalled by J. S. Miller, G. W. Ulyot, J. H. Anderson, and James Hall, going around the block and up Ellis street to Riggs' hall, where they were seated in a body down the centre of the hall, the balance of which was literally packed long before the arrival of the Foresters. During the seating Miss Whelan played a suitable voluntary, after which the service was immediately pro-

ceeded with by the Rev. Mr. Bowman, all singing the opening doxology, followed by an invocation, after which a song of praise was led by a select choir of voices under the directorship of Mr. Alfred E. Findlay. The congregation joined heartily with the choir in singing the familiar tunes selected—the hymns having been printed on the programmes—after which Rev. Mr. Bowman led in prayer. The choir then rendered a beautiful anthem, entitled "O! how lovely," with excellent effect. After Scripture reading another song of praise was enjoyed by all and a silver collection was taken during which the pianiste, Miss Wheelau, rendered another appropriate voluntary. The choir then sang an anthem, "Greatly to be praised," which would have done credit to any of our best city churches. Next came the sermon by the Rev. James A. Bowman, B.A., who took his text from Joshua xxiv. 26, 27.

Court Manitou, No. 135, contains nearly 160 members in good standing, and expects to reach 200 before the end of the year. Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month in their hall at 8 o'clock.

SELKIRK, June 12th, 1899.

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

DEAR SIRS AND BROS.—I wish to tender to you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the prompt manner in which you paid my Sick Benefit Claim, amounting to \$63.72.

I also desire to thank the officers and members of Court West Selkirk, 1126, for the brotherly attention and many acts of kindness which I have received at their hands during my illness.

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

Yours in L., B. and C.,

THORSTEN THORSTENSSON.

ONTARIO.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Hartley, No. 979, on the death of the late Bro. W. G. Manning. Deceased was a young man of much promise, and his much respected father, who is a staunch member of the I.O.F. in Hartley, has the sympathy of the whole community.

Talbot Gathers them in at Cedar Springs.

BLENHHEIM, June 19.

A very large number of the local I.O.F. fraternity drove up to Cedar Springs yesterday afternoon and assisted Court Talbot in their annual parade and church services. Foresters were present from South Buxton, Fletcher, Charline Cross, Blenheim, Newbury, Blythwood and Brantford, about 120 being in the procession, which was headed in the parade by the fine city band of Chatham, their playing being all that could be desired.

Rev. Mr. Brown, of Blenheim, preached an eloquent sermon from Galatians 2: 20, the Baptist church being crowded to the doors, after which the Courts adjourned to the fine new lodge room, where congratulatory remarks were made by several of the visiting brethren.

140 McPHERSON AVE.,

Toronto June 19th, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROS.—Enclosed you will find the mortuary benefit certificate of our late Bro., Edwin

R. Phillips, receipted. It was paid on the 10th day of June, and we received the thanks of the beneficiary for the prompt way in which the Supreme Court settled the claim.

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

J. KING,

Rec. Sec. Court Rouill, No. 674.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Sup. Sec

WATFORD, ONT, June 12, '99.

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

DEAR BROTHERS,—I desire to return to you my most sincere and grateful thanks to the Supreme Court I.O.F., also Court Watford, No. 444, I.O.F., for the prompt manner in which you paid the endowment on the life of my late husband, James A. Hume, amounting to \$1,000, also \$50 funeral expenses, just five days after proof of death left Watford. I also take this opportunity of thanking the officers and members of Court Watford, No. 444, for their kindness and attention through the great trial I have undergone. Wishing your noble Order every success, and may God bless and prosper you, I remain yours truly,

CATHARINE HUME.

P. S.—Please have this published in THE FORESTER.

KINGSTON, June 10th, 1899.

I beg to thank the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters for the payment of five hundred dollars, being half of my endowment policy in this Order, on account of my becoming totally disabled, and to express my high appreciation of the relief thus received, and of my being exempt of any further assessments on the balance of my endowment. And also for the receipt of ninety-two dollars sick benefits paid me during my recent illness.

EDWARD S. SIDDARD.

PENNSYLVANIA.

On June 7th the Deputies and High Court officers in Philadelphia were called together by Dr. Chas. G. Frowert to pay a visit to the Supreme Chief, who, he said, was about to start for Toronto that evening. It is needless to say that the Deputies were arrayed in their best attire, and accompanied the Supreme Senior Woodward, Dr. Frowert, and the High Secretary, Bro. Chas. W. Mingle, to 22nd and Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, where a surprise was in store for them.

Dr. Frowert, after a few preliminary ceremonies, led the Deputies to the inner sanctuary of the sculptor, where he introduced to them the bronze statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, who received them with a cold, stately glance, not even deigning to recognize them individually or give them the fond greeting they had hoped to receive.

Court Fairhill, No. 3985, Philadelphia, at its recent meeting clearly set the pace for friendly Court competition, by initiating six out of eleven applicants for admission to Foresteric benefits. Their guests on this occasion, Court Union Traction, including the everlasting orator, Recording Secretary Cowan, he of the funny story with common sense moral fame, and Financial Secretary of the same Court. D.S.C.R. Barton leaped into the breach and made Court procedure hum, and at

frequent intervals injected live Order issues in a most entertaining and convincing manner. Bro. Cowan saturated the Court-room atmosphere with varied talks on every topic known to the average mortal, and had the last word at adjournment, which took place during the wee sma' hours. High Secretary Mingle, Degree of the Orient safely stowed in inside pocket, struck one of his happy poses, and besides straightening out tangles pertaining to Order and Court ethics and practice, added the climax to the night by conducting the initiatory features of the Oriental Degree. The Court has issued a very timely and instructive leaflet in which will be found the names and addresses of Court officers, and condensed facts and statistics relating to the field being plowed and planted by Forestry. On Friday evening a Court delegation, consisting of the Chief Ranger, Financial Secretary, Orator, and Vice-Chief Ranger, visited Court Juniata, at Nicetown, where after listening to addresses by H. S. Mingle, D.S.C.R. Campbell and Barton, and three-minute talks by all present, they partook of refreshments, a performance which always appeals to the inside sentiments of the Court's excellent membership.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

A goodly number of the Courts celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Order by attending public worship in the various churches. The turnout in Charlottetown of over 60 members from Courts Avondale and Mt. Stephen, with Past Commander F. S. Jost and M. McLeod, III. Archivist of Prince George Encampment, in full uniform, made, without doubt, the best procession ever held in Charlottetown by any society. Bro. Rev. D. B. McLeod, of Court Balnagowan, preached the sermon. The *Morning Guardian* had a good photo of Bro. McLeod and a full report of the procession of which the following is a synopsis:

MONDAY, JUNE 19.

Uniformed and resplendent in the beautiful regalia of the Order, the Independent Order of Foresters observed their 25th anniversary yesterday. In accordance with the prophecy and the wish of the committee, the day was a beautiful one. This was as it should be. The Foresters have, as a rule, always had fine weather when they turn out.

The members commenced to gather at their hall, new Prowse Block, on Grafton Street, at 10.15 o'clock. Line was formed in front of hall at 15 minutes to eleven. The procession was marshalled by Major H. M. Davidson.

Music was furnished by Worth's Brass Band, and the music was such as the exigencies of the occasion permitted.

Starting from the hall the route was up Grafton to Queen, Queen to Richmond, Richmond to Zion Church.

The route of procession was literally lined with people. The beautiful morning enabled crowds to view the procession as it marched past. Most of the people were surprised to find so many Foresters in Charlottetown. Taking the procession as a whole it was a very imposing one.

An eloquent sermon was preached by the pastor, which was listened to with marked attention.

Mark 3: 35. Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

The Forester Ward in the P.E.I. Hospital is now an assured thing, as a large majority of the Courts have by their votes decided to ask the High Court to arrange for the same.

Congratulations are extended to Bros. J. Frank McMillan, of Court Mount Stephen, on his promotion from clerk to teller in the Merchants Bank of P.E.I., to W. H. Slackford, of Court Cabot, and James Taylor, of Court Elliot, in the interesting ceremonies they were the chief actors. Miss Mabel Allen is now Mrs. Slackford, and Mrs. Mary Belle McQuarrie is now Mrs. Taylor.

Brother Ewen Stewart McPhail, High Counsellor, has been appointed by the local Government Chief Secretary of the Board of Education, and Bro. W. J. McIntyre, of Court Woodburn, has been appointed Inspector of Schools for Queen's County. Both these appointments are popular with the general public and with Foresters in particular.

While congratulations are given many of the members, the sympathy of all who have the acquaintance of Bro. Niel McFadyen, of Court Elliot, will go to him in the loss of his estimable wife, which occurred at their home, Canoe Cove, on the 7th day of June. She was in her 24th year, and highly esteemed by all who knew her either as Miss Grace Campbell or Mrs. McFadyen.

Death has again been in our midst and taken away a young man just in the prime of manhood namely, Watson Moreshead, youngest son of John Moreshead. As he belonged to Court Mazeppa, No. 1086, the Foresters turned out in regalia at the funeral and the pallbearers were Foresters. He was buried with the usual Forestric ceremony at the grave.

QUEBEC.

COURT CHAMPLAIN No. 663.

MONTREAL, June 24th, 1899.

ORONHYATEKHA, Esq., M.D., S.C.R., TORONTO.

DEAR SIR AND BRO. — Enclosed please find the Mortuary Benefit Certificate of our late Brother Jas. Bissounette, duly receipted by the beneficiaries. Please accept the thanks of the Court and the expressions of gratitude manifested by the widow of our late brother for your promptness in paying that claim.

Yours in L., B. and C.

F. BERTRAND, R. S.

New Recruits.

At St. Therese de Blainville, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Bro. C. H. Robillard, R. S., of Court Ducharme, No. 3556, of a son who has received the name, Jean Baptiste Lucien Roger. Godfather and Godmother, Bro. and Madame J. E. A. Robillard of Montreal. We are beginning to get new recruits for our Court. We must hope that the number will continue to increase.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

C. H. ROBILLARD, R. S.

WASHINGTON.

The Foresters of the four Courts in Seattle, had a grand and successful re-opening of their hall. They have put the hall in fire shape and it is a credit to Independent Forestry in Seattle. Now

that they are in good comfortable quarters we look for an increase in membership in that city.

Bro. Forsyth has been working in Olympia. We are sorry Court Olympia has not done better, but they have promised renewed efforts and we hope to see their promise fulfilled.

Courts Destiny and Tahoma, Tacoma, Wash., attended the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 18th, in a body to commemorate the 25th anniversary of our Order. Rev. Dr. Little delivered a sermon on Fraternal Organization. Tacoma this year made great preparations to celebrate the 4th of July, and Courts Destiny and Tahoma appointed committees for the occasion. Both Courts are doing their utmost to make it a great success, and will furnish a grand float in the procession on that day. Our High Chief Ranger is trying his best to inspire the members with enthusiasm and is meeting with good success.

We take in a few members each month and the boys are beginning to wake up. Keep it up, brothers, and success will surely be yours.

The H.C.R. attended a meeting of Court Auburn on the 10th June, and gave the members a good address and cheered them on. There was a good turnout, such as the boys all like to see.

The H.C.R. was down at Aberdeen. Hoguerian and Oxosta during the month of June, in the interests of the Order, and reports good success.

The Bros. regret that the S.C.R. was not able to visit us this trip; we would have been much pleased to welcome him, but we trust that he will come at some future time. We are all pleased to hear he has regained his health and sincerely trust it will continue.

GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

LONDON.

Court Fulham, No. 2188, held an inaugural meeting, open to friends of the members who had been invited on tastefully prepared cards, on the 6th ult., in their new Court room, the Chief Ranger, Bro. Andrew, presiding, supported by Bros. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R.; Grigg, D.D.H.C.R.; Harvey, Ill. Chan., and Holmes, Organizing Deputy. The programme included songs and recitations, most excellently rendered; and an address, illustrative of the soundness of the system of, and the advantages of membership in, our Order, by Bro. Marshall. The leading points, which go to form a popular exposition of this large subject, occupied the speaker for over an hour, and the attention given by those present was very marked, ending with the agreeable result of additions to membership being secured. Bro. the Rev. H. J. Shirley, H. Chap., moved the cordial thanks of the Court to Bro. Marshall, the terms of which were emphasized by Bros. Hall and Grigg. "Coffee and a smoke" were thoughtfully provided by the Court to the gratification of most present.

New Court in Liverpool.

On Friday evening, June 9th, a meeting was held in the Lecture Hall of the Congregational Church, Hartington-road, Sefton Park, for the purpose of instituting a new Court of the I.O.F. The proceedings were prefaced by a short address by Bro. James Marshall, the General Manager in Great Britain, who in a very lucid and convincing

manner exemplified some of the advantages pertaining to membership in the Independent Order of Foresters.

At the conclusion of the address the new Court, which received the name of "Sefton Park," and which forms the eighth Court in the City of Liverpool, was instituted with the impressive ritual of the Forestric body. The instituting officer was Bro. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., who was assisted by Bros. S. S. Chiswell, P.H.C.R., James Porter, H.V.C.R., E. C. Loweck, C.R., J. Davis, R.S., and E. Maxwell, H.O., the District Organizer. Among the gentlemen who signed the application for the charter to form the new Court, were the Rev. W. L. Roberts, Bros. D. Smart, M.D., H. Frame, B. E. Roberts, E. L. Smart, H. T. Shaw, M.D., G. J. Stephen, G. D. Roberts, L. W. Temple, M.D. and a number of other influential gentlemen. The officers of the Court were then selected and duly installed and instructed, the Chief Ranger being Bro. Rev. W. L. Roberts, who was also elected as representative to attend the sitting of the High Court, which meets to-day (Monday) at Southport.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Janet Woods, of Liverpool, Eng., for the prompt payment of Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, who was a member of Court Anfield, No. 2068, Liverpool, Eng.

Forestry in Exeter.

Court Exon, No. 2090, has been meeting and initiating candidates. Bro. Blamey, Official Organizer for Southern England, who is spending a little time in the city, was present at the meeting on June 9th and stated that he had received much encouragement whilst spreading the principles of the Order amongst them; indeed, he hoped to give them a neighbor shortly, in the shape of a new Court at St. Thomas.

SCOTLAND.

Bro. Col. J. H. Waterston, J.P.

Bro. J. H. Waterston, Town Councillor of Edinburgh, and holding the rank of Lieut. Colonel in the Queen's Edinburgh Rifle Brigade, is a familiar figure in Leith as well as in Edinburgh and the following notes of his career will, no doubt, prove of interest to our readers. The councillor is connected by family ties with the Borders and also with Dunfermline, but he is a native of Edinburgh and was born on 21st May, 1837. After receiving his education in Stockbridge and Water of Leith Schools, and also at the Free Normal School, Rose Street, he started to learn the trade of a blacksmith. During the great religious revival of 1858, when Richard Weaver, the converted collier, visited Edinburgh, Bro. Waterston became associated with that movement, and was among the number who formed the now famous Carrubber's Close Mission. In 1859 he left his trade, and for several years studied with a view to the ministry, doing at the same time missionary work, but his health giving way he was forced to abandon his desire.

Having played a prominent part in temperance work, in connection with the Edinburgh Total Abstinence Society, Bro. Waterston was urged by ex-Bailie Lewis and the late Professor John Kirk to become a temperance advocate, and he was appointed District Superintendent for the east and

south of Scotland, in connection with the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association. For a period of twenty years he lectured and preached all over Scotland, and in England and Ireland. His efforts always met with great acceptance, and several of his lectures and sermons have been printed, and reached a wide circulation. During that period he also acted as Parliamentary Agent in London, when temperance questions were before the House of Commons, and was a well-known figure in the lobby there. When Good Templary was introduced into Scotland, Bro. Waterston warmly took the matter up, and was instrumental in starting the Order in Edinburgh, he being the first Good Templar and office-bearer in the metropolis.

In politics the subject of our remarks is an advanced Liberal and has all along been closely associated with working men's movements. He has been in close touch with the Edinburgh and Leith Trades Council and other public bodies in all questions pertaining to the interests of working men. He entered the Town Council of Edinburgh



BRO. COL. J. H. WATERSTON, J.P.

in 1892 as a Labor representative, and has proved a very useful member. A year or two ago he was made City Marshal. He is a J.P. for the city and county of Edinburgh, and is connected directly or indirectly with almost every religious and philanthropic movement in the metropolis. Among the posts he holds is that of Hon. Treasurer of the "Courant" Fund for Poor Children. We have said he holds the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in the Queen's Edinburgh, and it is worthy of record that he has been connected with the Volunteer movement since its start. Councillor Waterston was at one time asked to represent one of the Leith Wards.

Bro. Waterston has received a number of valuable presentations during his active career. At the great Reform demonstration in July, 1884, he had the entire charge of all the meetings, and was presented with a medal and clasp in commemoration of that event. Since 1886 he has been engaged in commercial pursuits as District Manager of a large insurance company.

Bro. Waterston is a man of many sided character. For instance, he won a singing competition at Newhaven by singing his new song "The Boilin' o' the Milk" to the old tune of "When the Kye Come Home."

His versatile activities, however, do not prevent him being quite a domestic man; for last September he and Mrs. Waterston celebrated the 45th anniversary of their wedding.

WALES.

We present our readers with a portrait of the Mayor of Aberavon, a brief biography of whom appeared in our last issue.

How to Get a Wedding Present.

The members of Court Aberystwyth No. 2169 have just moved into new rooms in Greatdargate Street, which is in the most central and convenient part of the town. This move is in accordance



BRO. COUNCILLOR H. WOOD, MAYOR OF ABERAVON.

with the progressive spirit of the Court. A number of new members have recently been added, and, as a sequel, to the energy which has brought this about, the Supreme Executive have presented the Court with the elegant prize lamp, and in turn the Court have decided to make a present of the coveted article to their Financial Secretary on the occasion of his marriage.

The active members of the Court have several more candidates in leading strings and are working hard to show a still greater increase in the membership before the meeting of the High Court for Wales which will be held in Aberystwyth in October.

Walton (to fisherman)—Just throw me half-a-dozen of those trout.

Fisherman—Throw them?

Walton—Yes, then I can go home and tell my wife I caught 'em. I may be a poor fisherman, but I'm no liar.

Home Circle.

Weaving.

Better to weave in the web of life
 A bright and golden filling,
 And to do God's will with a ready heart,
 And hands that are swift and willing,
 Than to snap the slender, delicate threads
 Of a curious life asunder,
 And then blame heaven for the tangled ends
 And sit and grieve and wonder.

Two Pictures.

A tall, fine-looking young man and a handsomely dressed woman sat just in front of a plainly dressed, sweet-faced lady of perhaps seventy years. Once in a while—pretty often—the man turned and made some remark to the elderly woman, whom he called mother, and whose eyes showed that she was proud and fond of her son. The younger woman, his wife, seemed somewhat less cordial; but she, too, once in a while, turned and dropped a word or two into the conversation.

By and by the porter announced that dinner was ready in the dining car, and the young man said:

"Well, mother, Emma and I will go now and get a dinner. You know she needs something warm. You have brought your luncheon, and I'll send you a cup of tea."

After the couple had gone, "mother" sat looking out of the window in deep thought, apparently and perhaps not altogether happy. Finally she reached under the seat, and brought out a little worn, black basket, and began fingering the ribbon with which it was tied.

Just then the train stopped at a station, the door was flung open, and a cheery-faced man stepped inside. He looked eagerly up and down the car, and his glance fell upon the old lady, "Mother!" he cried.

"John, my John!" answered the lady, and the two were elated in a loving embrace.

"Where are Frank and Emma?" he demanded after a few moments.

"They have gone into the dining-car. Emma isn't strong, you know, and has to have a hot dinner."

This last remark she repeated in answer to a curious look in John's eyes.

"And you didn't want any dinner, I suppose?" His eyes fell upon the basket. He mustn't hurt his mother's feelings, and he checked himself.

"Aren't you glad to see me?" he said. "Aren't you surprised? I found I could meet you here instead of waiting until you reached Chicago. And say, mother, isn't that the same basket that Frank and I used to carry to school. Yes, I thought so."

By this time there was a smile on the mother's ace.

"Well," said John, "I'm pretty hungry. Suppose we keep this for supper, and you come with me and get a hot dinner. No; no excuses."

As they left they met the other couple.

"Hello, John! Where did you come from?"

"How do you do, Emma? Mother and I are just going to dinner."

At Chicago the people who had seen all this saw a handsome young man, with a little black basket on his arm, tenderly assisting a sweet-faced old lady through the crowd to a carriage. As for the

other couple, nobody had any eyes for them.—*Chicago Tribune.*

The Missing Smile.

Some one has said that the best portion of a good man's life consists of his little, nameless, unremembered acts of love and kindness. But sometimes the deeds which seem trivial to the doer, and pass from his mind altogether, sink deep into some grateful heart where memory holds them fast. A pathetic instance of such loving remembrance is given below.

There was no crape upon the door, although the angel of death had entered the home the night before. A bow of white ribbon, and a cluster of pale, fragrant lilies took the place of that symbol of gloom and sorrow. There could be no real mourning in the hearts of those who had loved the patient sufferer, and had known how she longed for her release.

All day friends came and went with grave faces and bowed heads. Late in the afternoon a ragged boy climbed the steps hesitatingly. His eyes were red as with much weeping and his voice hardly rose above a whisper as he asked, "Say, can't I see her? I won't stay but just a minute."

"How did you come to know her?" some one asked, strangely drawn toward the little waif by the bond of a common love and a common sorrow.

The answer was slow in coming, but a little patient questioning drew it out at last. "You see, she used to lie there by the window, an' I'd see her when I went by. If 'twas cold or rainy she'd look at me, sorry-like, an' after a while she got to smilin' when she saw me, an' wavin' her hand. On real bad days she used to have 'em call me in so I could warm up by the fire, an' once she knit me a pair of mittens, good thick ones, too. But 'tain't them things I care so much about," concluded the boy chokingly. "I kin stan' the cold all right, but seems though I shouldn't never get used to missin' that smile."

They took him into the room where she was lying with the radiance of heavenly peace on her still face. He looked at her lovingly and longingly, then turned away. His little body was shaken by sobs as he went out into a world that would henceforth be colder and more desolate because it lacked the sunshine of a smile.

Companion Courts.

CALIFORNIA.

Festivities at Lemoore.

Companion Court Alfaretta, No. 210, most royally entertained and banqueted the members of Court Lemoore, No. 694, and a number of invited guests, at Berry's Hall, on Thursday evening, June 15th, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Foresters.

The hall was most beautifully decorated for the occasion. The long row of tables burdened down with their load of choice viands, tastefully arranged amid floral and other decorations, presented a most inviting and "taking" appearance.

By 9 o'clock there were over 150 people present in the hall, about that hour Mrs. D. P. Campbell,

Chief Ranger of Court Alfaratta, called the assemblage to order, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the guests.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAMME.

Piano solo, Mr. A. J. Paterson, of Fresno.
 Address by Rev. I. B. Self, of Hanford.
 Original song (composed by one of the Companions), "Our Motto," by Mrs. W. Moyer, Mrs. D. S. Fish, Mr. C. Fox and Mr. I. Blakeley.
 Reading, "Fraternity," Mrs. Campbell.
 Song, "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," Miss Iola Williams and Mr. Gray, of Armona.
 Reading, "Whiskers," Miss Simpson.
 Song, "Come, Sing a Merry Song," Messrs. Odom, Gibson, Donaly and Dalys Gray.

The above part of the programme closed with the Foresters' anthem and benediction. The guests were then invited to the banquet tables, and ample justice was done the many good things appearing thereon. Mrs. D. P. Campbell acted as toast-mistress, and the gathering was most agreeably entertained for an hour or more in listening to the following toasts and responses:

Occasion—Mrs. M. Howell.
 Response—Mrs. D. S. Fish.
 Guests—Mrs. H. Curtis.
 Response—Mrs. W. Sanborn.
 Companions—Mrs. F. Middleton.
 Response—Mr. Roy Watson.
 Foresters—Mr. M. Howell.
 Response—Mrs. B. Ashford.
 Wives of Foresters Who Are Not Members of the Companions of Foresters—Mrs. A. Buckner.
 Response—Mrs. V. Buckner.
 America—Mr. Clarence Fox.
 Responded to by all singing "America."

After the singing of "America," Andy Buckner arose, and, in behalf of Court Alfaratta, presented Mr. M. Heinlen with a large cake, on which appeared the colors and emblems of the Order, said gift being given to Mr. Heinlen by the Court in appreciation of the many favors extended them of late in hall and other matters.

INDIANA.

ELWOOD, IND., June 19th, 1899.

On May the 26th the ladies in the east division entertained the entire Court (Quincy, No. 62) at the home of Mrs. E. R. Williams, E. M. Street. After a short time spent at games and social enjoyment, the ladies adjourned to the dining-room, where a handsome table and dainty lunch awaited them. The dining-room was decorated in the national colors; the favors were red and white roses, tied with blue ribbon. Beautiful flowers were in profusion everywhere.

The lodge is in a prosperous condition, and the ladies received many compliments for the graceful and happy manner in which they entertained.

According to instructions from headquarters to remember our anniversary on Sunday, June 18th, we are glad to inform other Courts that we—Court Elwood, No. 1097, Elwood, Ind., and Companion Court Quincy, No. 62, Elwood, Ind.—attended service in a body at the Baptist church Rev. Mr. Chandler, the minister, and a genuine Forester, gave a splendid address, which was listened to with marked attention. On the same evening

the Order again marched in a body to the cemetery for the purpose of decorating the graves of our two brother Foresters.

In regard to our Companion Court, we are prospering, as we have eleven new names sent up and more coming. We are looking forward to the month of June as a bright one for us, and hope to have a glowing account of our work to report.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
 O. W.

Companion Fin. Sec.

KANSAS

Comp. Court Evergreen, No. 227.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, June 9th, 1899.

Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—While we have been reading so much about other Companion Courts, I will write you a few lines in regard to our Companion Court Evergreen, No. 227, organized in March by Bro. S. F. Bendure, D.S.C.R. of Court Wyandotte, No. 600.

We are taking great interest in our Court; we meet every Tuesday eve, and have real good meetings.

We have 27 members enrolled; 10 of them are beneficiary and 17 social.

We have great hopes of our Court growing strong.

We extend to you our best fraternal wishes in your noble Order.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
 MR. E. H. BENDURE, R. Sec.
 MISS T. R. STEELE, C.R.

MICHIGAN.

TO THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, Greeting:

June 6 and 7 marked an eventful time in the history of Companions of Western Michigan.

A grand rally extending from the farthest Companion Court south to the far north was enjoyed.

One hundred Companions were present in the two-days' meeting, and fifteen Courts were represented.

A programme had been previously arranged and was closely followed, which made the five sessions of interest and profit.

It was remarked by all participants that a happier time had never before been enjoyed.

So much enthusiasm prevailed it was voted unanimously to organize a permanent association to be known as the "Assembly of Companions of Western Michigan."

The following officers were elected: President, Alta M. Stewart, of Grand Rapids; 1st Vice, Florence M. Young, Evart; 2nd Vice, Hattie Rennie, Traverse City; 3rd Vice, Lizzie Mapp, Cadillac; Sec., Clara S. Cable, Battle Creek; Treas., Katherine M. Callaghan, Reed City.

The Assembly will meet in Grand Rapids on May 16 and 17, 1900.

It is believed by the promoters of this movement that to get acquainted and to know what each other are doing is one of the great needs of our work, and we believe the ball has been started that will bring great credit to our noble work in many ways, and result in many additions to our membership.

ALTA M. STEWART,
 D.S.C.R.

OHIO.

A new Companion Court was instituted at Ash-tabula on June 7th, by the High Secretary, Bro. L. Robeck. Although all those that signed the charter were not able to be present and the Court was instituted with only about 15 members, it was agreed to hold the charter open for a period of thirty days, and before it is closed it is anticipated the list will contain at least 35 names.

What Cleveland Companions do with their Car Fare.

Court Oronhyatekha, No. 1, wish to let the Companion Courts know that we are still living; we may have been sleeping, but are all wide awake now and always will be hereafter. We have just held one of the most social and interesting meetings that the Court has had for some time. As we have had no street car service for two weeks on account of the strike, a number of Companions were unable to attend our meeting Friday night, June the 23rd. But a large number were present; all seemed to feel good-natured after walking and the meeting or business of the Court went so smoothly that we were through quite early. Then a motion was made and carried that each member give five-cents to buy ice-cream and cake, as all had saved 10 cents car fare, and all felt refreshed by this sympathetic strike; a more jolly crowd could never be found than the Companions of Court Oronhyatekha, No. 1, as they started for home that night. We are going to have an entertainment the last meeting in July; will have a drawing for a quilt, and the member that has brought in the most members since the first of the year will be presented with a beautiful Forestric pin. You will hear from us again after this entertainment.

Yours in L., B. & C.,
 Com. LOUISE H. ENDRESS,
 Corresponding Secretary.

ONTARIO.

Encores and Echoes.

The entertainment given by Companion Court Echo, No. 10, in their ball on Thursday night was a decided success in every particular. The hall was crowded by the numbers and their friends, who showed their appreciation of the efforts of the various entertainers by rounds of applause. Encores were in great demand. The ever popular "Mayor" Holleran of the Fourth Ward, and Messrs. Welsh and Henderson in their new farce "College Chums," Mr. Frank Burdick and George Renaud coming in for the lion's share. The committee in charge of the arrangements, Miss Cora Schotz, Mrs. Vanalsten, Mrs. Trench, Mrs. Newson and Mrs. Vollet, have just reason to feel gratified at the success attending their efforts, special praise being accorded to the popular Chief Ranger of the Court, Mrs. Marion Berry, who was a whole committee in herself, for her persistent efforts in assisting to make the entertainment the success it was. The chair was occupied by the Court Deputy, C. O. Reeves, who called the gathering to order shortly after 8 o'clock, and with a few brief remarks announced the following

programme, and at its close an abundance of ice-cream, cake, etc., was served, and dancing was indulged in until after midnight, when the large audience dispersed after expressing themselves as being highly pleased with the manner in which they had been treated, and sorry that it was the last entertainment that would be given by the Court this season.

Royal Foresters.

MICHIGAN.

SAGINAW, MICH., June 6th, 1899.

THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER,
 Toronto, Canada.

GENTLEMEN,—On May 30th, Memorial Day, thirty members of this encampment under the command of Capt. Joseph W. Kerns marched to Calvary Cemetery where the ritualistic service of the Order was held at the grave of the late Sir Knight Henry Sullivan. The encampment then marched to Forest Lawn Cemetery where a like service was held at the grave of Sir Knight James Gourley. A committee had previously decorated the graves for the occasion.

Respectfully yours in L., B. and C.,
 A. B. CRUISE.

Children's Corner.

His Sixth Birthday.

He has given up his cradle and his little worsted ball;

He has hidden all his dolls behind the door;

He must have a rocking-horse,
 And a hardwood top, of course;

For he isn't mamma's baby any more.

He has cut off all his curls—they are only fit for girls;
 And has left them in a heap upon the floor;

For he's six years old to-day,

And he's glad to hear them say

That he isn't mamma's baby any more.

He has pockets in his trousers like his older brother Jim,

Though he thinks he should have had them long before;

Has new shoes laced to the top—

'Tis a puzzle where they stop;

And he isn't mamma's baby any more.

He has heard his parents sigh, and has greatly wondered why

They are sorry when he has such bliss in store.

For he's now their darling boy,

And will be their pride and joy,

Though he cannot be their baby any more.

—GEORGINA E. BILLINGS.

Mrs. Findault—Now John's gone and got his life insured. But, then, he's just like all other men. They have everything done for themselves, and never think of their poor, slaving wives.

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their May Assessments.

Periods.....	Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Guiding Star.....		2000	Cahokie.....	3165
		3071	Cass Lake.....	4029

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Maitland.....	699		

Receipts, June, 1899.

No. of Members	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.
988	British Columbia.	\$ 1077 46	\$ 69 77	\$ 123 75	4677	New Jersey.....	\$ 4825 70	\$ 53 86	\$ 541 00
8671	California.....	11980 66	148 70	1183 80	13853	New York.....	1548 38	915 78	1663 14
10738	Central Ontario....	10877 18	1194 04	1200 00	2240	North Dakota.....	2297 46	55 12	228 75
273	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	469 57	8 01	48 40	586	Northern Michigan	191 00	48 54	63 05
10224	Eastern Ontario....	10521 71	877 58	1142 63	1251	North'n Minnesota	1419 49	110 29	136 60
6639	Illinois.....	8042 11	143 32	838 40	1057	N. W. Territory....	1209 02	74 68	133 60
2011	Indiana.....	2246 48	15 58	251 80	3252	Nova Scotia.....	3026 00	255 21	321 55
651	Iowa.....	308 20	1 48	119 70	7455	Ohio.....	7696 96	121 58	874 80
3174	Maine.....	28333 70	825 44	380 50	13595	Ontario.....	13357 75	2303 45	1505 21
2411	Manitoba.....	2500 14	244 89	300 55	1687	Pennsylv.	2547 70	38 91	232 95
10145	Michigan.....	10195 34	710 15	1222 10	1410	Pr. Edw. and Island.	1145 19	38 32	128 15
3307	Minnesota.....	3715 46	10 82	388 18	14550	Quebec.....	15746 53	4503 07	2000 70
1059	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1304 06	9 75	131 05	867	Washington.....	1275 08	17 38	114 15
460	Montana.....	726 55	15 52	70 40	4168	Western Michigan	4518 56	218 08	513 25
382	Nebraska.....	437 83	2 57	47 30	3112	Wisconsin.....	3621 57	22 05	388 05
5739	New Brunswick....	5545 26	993 91	654 90	278	S. C. Jurisdiction..	364 12	5 19	28 00
2150	New England.....	2142 83	678 18	265 75	5516	G. Britain, Ireland and Norway.....	7056 79	33 18	\$3 96

Received on account of Fire Insurance.....	246 67		
“ “ “ Refunds.....	29 88		
“ “ “ Organizing and other accounts.....			1267 11
Grand Totals.....	\$161,368 48	\$14,977 40	\$19,254 83

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
“ Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	
“ General Fund.....	
Total.....	

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies.....	\$1,848 10	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$1,848 10
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Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans... \$3,550 46	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$3,550 46
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Submitted in L., B. and C.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for June, 1899.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.	
To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$3,235,764 60
“ Supreme Secretary.....	161,091 93
Cheque No. 196 cancelled.....	\$1 27
“ “ 202.....	0 93
“ “ 6,522.....	12 16
Received on account of Fire Insurance.....	14 36
“ “ Sundry Refunds.....	29 88
	<u>\$3,397,147 44</u>

Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—	
Sherman D. Gibbs... Court Awanatunk, 677..	\$1,000 00
Henry Hansen.....	“ Republic, 1043..... 2,000 00
Fred Pearsall.....	“ West Shore, 3363.. 2,000 00
Thomas L. Sibbitt....	“ Superior, 804..... 1,000 00
William P. Murphy..	“ Central, 635..... 2,000 00
William D. Weigler..	“ Butler, 1380..... 3,000 00

Fred Albert Johnson. Court Maple Valley, 1719	\$1,000 00
Lewis E. Johnson....	“ Kansas City, 3633.. 1,000 00
F. L. Kistenmacher..	“ Waldome, 529..... 1,000 00
J. B. Mowat.....	“ Restigouche, 611.. 3,000 00
Frank K. O'Brien....	“ Belle Aire, 1441... 1,000 00
J. B. Vincent.....	“ Diana, 1133..... 1,000 00
George Collison....	“ Osceola, 285..... 800 00
Edwin R. Phillips....	“ Ronille, 674..... 500 00
John May.....	“ Bridgen, 581..... 500 00
Clement C. Calhoun..	“ Demoiselle, 1516.. 1,000 00
William Cooper.....	“ Caro, 506..... 2,000 00
John McMillan.....	“ Forest City, S.... 1,000 00
William A. Welch....	“ Butler, 1380..... 1,000 00
Benjamin Stoker....	“ Grand Rapids, 1765 1,000 00
Albert Hindelang....	“ Chelsea, 1612..... 1,000 00
Geo. F. Musgrave....	“ Acadia, 102..... 1,000 00
Richard J. Beatty....	“ Virginia, 1849... 1,000 00
Robert M. Levine....	“ Gaspesia, 1944... 1,000 00
Robert A. Roe.....	“ Monkland, 1322... 1,000 00
James Stark.....	“ Magog, 1216..... 1,000 00
David Ward.....	“ Penobscot, 1186... 500 00
John Przystalski....	“ Universal, 428... 500 00
Ambrose Smith.....	“ Sts. Mackenaw, 262 1,000 00
Ward C. Pitfield....	“ Salisbury, 190... 2,000 00
Marshall Price.....	“ Butternut Bge., 184 1,000 00
Royal Keller.....	“ Briar Hill, 1823... 1,000 00

Frederick C. Wagner Court	Otosega, 3846.....	\$1,000 00
William J. Norris.....	Ablion, 274.....	1,000 00
Alexander Ferguson.....	Byron, 683.....	1,000 00
William P. Hunter.....	Harwood, 720.....	1,000 00
D. Charbonneau.....	St. Helene, 1019.....	1,000 00
Aeneas W. Campbell.....	Wiltshire, 1189.....	2,000 00
John Gorman.....	Mainsboro', 1468.....	1,000 00
John B. Payne.....	Los Angeles, 422.....	1,000 00
Edward J. Tyrrell.....	Independence, 1792.....	1,000 00
Wm. James Bensley.....	Comfort, 3712.....	500 00
Joseph Bissonnette.....	Champlain, 663.....	1,000 00
Ellis P. Miller.....	Remember, 696.....	1,000 00
John H. Burgess.....	Amadore, 457.....	1,000 00
John J. McTeague.....	A'b'm Lincoln, 3414.....	2,000 00
S. F. Whitney.....	Regina, 652.....	2,000 00
Simeon Merrill.....	Shawmut, 1704.....	1,000 00
Wm. McCreeken.....	Evert, 372.....	33 34
John Wm. Westfield.....	Silver Spring, 718.....	1,000 00
T. Francis Jordan.....	Penobscot, 1186.....	1,000 00
Robert Ironsides.....	Hastings, 246.....	1,000 00
Herbert N. Hughes.....	Kempenfeldt, 1661.....	1,000 00
Ferdinand Breidt.....	Hancock, 1371.....	500 00
John C. Lowe.....	Capital, 1115.....	2,000 00
Earl Scaforth Daneke.....	Occident, 467.....	1,000 00
George A. Johnson.....	Bay, 680.....	1,000 00
Shepherd C. Gray.....	Kings, 366.....	1,000 00
James B. Edmeston.....	Ivy Leaf, 565.....	500 00
E. E. Kemp.....	Middletown, 1553.....	1,000 00
George Thomas.....	Avenue, 2170.....	486 66

\$63,820 00

Old Age Disability—	
T. Dobreinar, C. Guelph, 37.....	\$ 100 00
Murray B. Keith, C. Petticoiac, 94.....	100 00
George Kerr, C. Queen Victoria, 314.....	100 00

300 00

Total and Permanent Disability—	
Ed. S. Suddard, C. Frontenac, 59.....	\$ 500 00
James Fowler, C. Oil City, 77.....	500 00
John B. Johnson, C. Vassar, 337.....	500 00
Wm. I. Ketchum, C. Iroquois, 851.....	500 00
Frank B. Stone, C. Gouverneur, 620.....	500 00

2,500 00

Work on Property.....	405 06
Refunds.....	356 54
Insurance.....	2,091 56
Commission.....	308 50
Valuations.....	176 25
Legal Fees.....	49 26
English Refunds.....	38 88
Exchange.....	9 30
Five per cent. to General Fund.....	8,054 58
Balance.....	3,314,037 51

\$3,397,147 44

Sick and Funeral Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, as per last Statement.....	\$ 55,994 11
" Supreme Secretary.....	14,977 40
	<u>\$ 70,971 51</u>

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Claims.....	\$ 12,067 56
" Funeral Claims.....	551 67
" Refunds.....	5 87
" Five per cent. to General Fund.....	748 86
" Balance.....	57,597 55

\$ 70,971 51

General Account.

RECEIPTS

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$19,254 83
" on account of supplies.....	1,848 10
" Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	8,054 38
" Sick and Fun. Ben. Fund.....	748 86
Balance.....	822 83
	<u>\$30,729 20</u>

CONTRA—CR.

By Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 2,208 33
" Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	9,382 52
" Refund of Fees.....	73 40
" Wages of Employees.....	4,863 02
" Furniture.....	146 45
" General Management Expenses.....	6,763 21
" "Forester" and Supplies.....	7,287 27

\$ 30,729 20

Surplus.

Deposited with Ins. Dept. of Dom. of Canada.....	\$100,000 00
" Great Britain and Ireland.....	95,610 17
" U. S. Government Bonds.....	148,758 36
" New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Est.....	2,775,875 44
Debentures.....	132,476 87
Deposit Receipts.....	540 79
National Bank of La Crosse.....	2,500 00

3,275,961 63

101,772 04

Current Account.....

\$3,377,733 67

Sick and Funeral Surplus.....

57,597 55

Grand Total Surplus..... \$3,435,331 22

Yours in L., B. and C.,

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During the month of June, the Medical Board reviewed 1,990 medical examination papers, of which 1,716 were accepted and 274 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted		Rejected		
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	
Arizona.....	41	4	New York.....	211	40
British Columbia.....	16	5	North Dakota.....	2	5
California.....	92	14	Nova Scotia.....	19	1
Colorado.....	3	3	N. W. Territories.....	18	1
Connecticut.....	8	2	Ohio.....	120	17
Idaho.....	2	2	Ontario (Centre).....	70	16
Illinois.....	245	23	Ontario (East).....	28	6
Indiana.....	18	6	Ontario (West).....	91	11
Iowa.....	19	1	Oregon.....	1	4
Kansas.....	1	1	Pennsylvania.....	48	5
Maine.....	104	19	P. E. Island.....	5	21
Manitoba.....	25	2	Quebec.....	104	33
Massachusetts.....	2	2	Rhode Island.....	33	5
Michigan (East).....	85	18	Vermont.....	4	5
Michigan (North).....	4	2	Washington.....	2	1
Michigan (West).....	34	5	Wisconsin.....	48	6
Minnesota (North).....	67	3	England.....	28	7
Minnesota (South).....	24	3	Ireland.....	8	1
Missouri.....	3	2	Scotland.....	5	2
Montana.....	6	1	Wales.....	1	4
Newfoundland.....	18	1	Norway.....	4	4
New Brunswick.....	26	4			
New Hampshire.....	8	3	Total.....	1716	274
New Jersey.....	18	9			

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