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118,557

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Limit of Age for Admission is from 18 to 65 Years.

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

To secure (1) the Mortuary Benefit, (2) the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, the members of the I. 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	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
18	30	31	32	33	34	35
19	31	32	33	34	35	36
20	32	33	34	35	36	37
21	33	34	35	36	37	38
22	34	35	36	37	38	39
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36	48	49	50	51	52	53
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42	54	55	56	57	58	59
43	55	56	57	58	59	60
44	56	57	58	59	60	61
45	57	58	59	60	61	62
46	58	59	60	61	62	63
47	59	60	61	62	63	64
48	60	61	62	63	64	65
49	61	62	63	64	65	66
50	62	63	64	65	66	67
51	63	64	65	66	67	68
52	64	65	66	67	68	69
53	65	66	67	68	69	70
54	66	67	68	69	70	71
55	67	68	69	70	71	72
56	68	69	70	71	72	73
57	69	70	71	72	73	74
58	70	71	72	73	74	75
59	71	72	73	74	75	76
60	72	73	74	75	76	77
61	73	74	75	76	77	78
62	74	75	76	77	78	79
63	75	76	77	78	79	80
64	76	77	78	79	80	81
65	77	78	79	80	81	82

For rates of Monthly Assessments in the Grand Lodge and State Hazardous Occupations and Laws, or official notices of the Order.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional. The benefits are as follows: (1) During each year, a continuous assessment of \$2.00 per month for the first two weeks, \$3.00 for the next ten weeks, and \$4.00 for the remainder of the year. (2) A payment of \$200 for the funeral expenses of the member's death in the event of death.

To see the full benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrollment Fee of \$1.00 and a Membership Fee of \$1.00.

The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

Age of	Monthly Assessment	Age of	Monthly Assessment	Age of	Monthly Assessment	Age of	Monthly Assessment
18	\$1.00	20	\$1.10	22	\$1.20	24	\$1.30
19	\$1.10	21	\$1.20	23	\$1.30	25	\$1.40
20	\$1.20	22	\$1.30	24	\$1.40	26	\$1.50
21	\$1.30	23	\$1.40	25	\$1.50	27	\$1.60
22	\$1.40	24	\$1.50	26	\$1.60	28	\$1.70
23	\$1.50	25	\$1.60	27	\$1.70	29	\$1.80
24	\$1.60	26	\$1.70	28	\$1.80	30	\$1.90
25	\$1.70	27	\$1.80	29	\$1.90	31	\$2.00
26	\$1.80	28	\$1.90	30	\$2.00	32	\$2.10
27	\$1.90	29	\$2.00	31	\$2.10	33	\$2.20
28	\$2.00	30	\$2.10	32	\$2.20	34	\$2.30
29	\$2.10	31	\$2.20	33	\$2.30	35	\$2.40
30	\$2.20	32	\$2.30	34	\$2.40	36	\$2.50
31	\$2.30	33	\$2.40	35	\$2.50	37	\$2.60
32	\$2.40	34	\$2.50	36	\$2.60	38	\$2.70
33	\$2.50	35	\$2.60	37	\$2.70	39	\$2.80
34	\$2.60	36	\$2.70	38	\$2.80	40	\$2.90
35	\$2.70	37	\$2.80	39	\$2.90	41	\$3.00
36	\$2.80	38	\$2.90	40	\$3.00	42	\$3.10
37	\$2.90	39	\$3.00	41	\$3.10	43	\$3.20
38	\$3.00	40	\$3.10	42	\$3.20	44	\$3.30
39	\$3.10	41	\$3.20	43	\$3.30	45	\$3.40
40	\$3.20	42	\$3.30	44	\$3.40	46	\$3.50
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42	\$3.40	44	\$3.50	46	\$3.60	48	\$3.70
43	\$3.50	45	\$3.60	47	\$3.70	49	\$3.80
44	\$3.60	46	\$3.70	48	\$3.80	50	\$3.90
45	\$3.70	47	\$3.80	49	\$3.90	51	\$4.00
46	\$3.80	48	\$3.90	50	\$4.00	52	\$4.10
47	\$3.90	49	\$4.00	51	\$4.10	53	\$4.20
48	\$4.00	50	\$4.10	52	\$4.20	54	\$4.30
49	\$4.10	51	\$4.20	53	\$4.30	55	\$4.40
50	\$4.20	52	\$4.30	54	\$4.40	56	\$4.50
51	\$4.30	53	\$4.40	55	\$4.50	57	\$4.60
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53	\$4.50	55	\$4.60	57	\$4.70	59	\$4.80
54	\$4.60	56	\$4.70	58	\$4.80	60	\$4.90
55	\$4.70	57	\$4.80	59	\$4.90	61	\$5.00
56	\$4.80	58	\$4.90	60	\$5.00	62	\$5.10
57	\$4.90	59	\$5.00	61	\$5.10	63	\$5.20
58	\$5.00	60	\$5.10	62	\$5.20	64	\$5.30
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60	\$5.20	62	\$5.30	64	\$5.40	66	\$5.50
61	\$5.30	63	\$5.40	65	\$5.50	67	\$5.60
62	\$5.40	64	\$5.50	66	\$5.60	68	\$5.70
63	\$5.50	65	\$5.60	67	\$5.70	69	\$5.80
64	\$5.60	66	\$5.70	68	\$5.80	70	\$5.90
65	\$5.70	67	\$5.80	69	\$5.90	71	\$6.00

The surplus funds of this Order are always invested with a view to safety. A portion of the funds is invested with the Government and with some monetary institutions, the balance being placed in real estate, stocks, bonds, and in various securities as follows:

Invested Funds

U.S. Government Bonds	\$1,000,000
U.S. Savings Bonds	500,000
U.S. Treasury Notes	200,000
U.S. Postal Notes	100,000
U.S. Government Securities	1,800,000
Canadian Government Bonds	100,000
Canadian Savings Bonds	50,000
Canadian Treasury Notes	20,000
Canadian Postal Notes	10,000
Canadian Government Securities	180,000
Real Estate and Mortgages	2,000,000
Stocks	500,000
Bonds	1,000,000
Deposits	1,000,000
Deposits Receipts	1,000,000

Total invested funds \$10,000,000

No portion of the funds has ever been withdrawn except for the most emergency of the authorized officers who comprise the Executive Council.

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2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of Sickness, Sick Benefit Claims, etc., to the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, Temple Building, Toronto, Can. Courts in the United Kingdom will send all these through the London office.
3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.
4. The Monthly Reports and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports should be sent together in one cover, as per special instructions.
5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 1, duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent through the London office, so that certificates of membership may be promptly issued.
6. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary of their own High Court; those not under a High Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.
7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," Toronto. Until such list is received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.
8. Recording Secretaries will immediately notify the Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name in full
 - When a member is initiated.
 - When a member is suspended.
 - When a member withdraws from the court.
 - When a member changes his address.
 - When a member joins a court by card.
 - When a member is reinstated.

Editorial.

Notes.

On October 1st the surplus stood at \$2,406.-211.39, an increase of \$34,295.16 for the month of September.

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The "souvenir spoon," the advertisement of which appears in another column, is an exceedingly pretty article. The design is neat and original. Competent judges pronounce them excellent value.

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People are remarking how rapidly the *second million* of the surplus accumulated. That is the case. The first million took over *thirteen years*, the second in *two years and three months*. The third million will be added in a still snorter period.

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We direct attention to the splendid prize-list of the Executive Council to be found in another column. It contains something within the reach of every member of the Order. Our lady friends are specially favored; they can do a good service for the Order that is their protector and friend, and also secure some pretty and valuable souvenir for themselves.

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On the first August the membership was 118,557, a gain of 1,216 for the worst business month in the year. By the first of September the membership will doubtless be 120,000. This leaves 30,000 to be added in order to bring the membership up to 150,000, the figure aimed at when Supreme Court meets in August, 1898. It can be done, but hard, persistent work will be required.

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The best and strongest Order in the world does not by reason of its merit so attract men that they will come unsolicited to seek membership therein. Men have to be seen, talked to, and convinced of their duty and privileges in the matter. Every man of the 120,000 in the I.O.F. is convinced that he belongs to the best fraternal Order in the world, but he did not join it unsolicited. Let him repay the kindness done him by persuading some friend to join before the close of the year. We believe in personal, hand-to-hand work in all departments of human activity.

The man we are after is not a member of this Order, and therefore not sure to see what we want to say to him. Will the brother who reads this take it and read it to the man we are after? That is the man with no insurance, but with a wife and children, or perhaps aged parents, dependent on him. His income is limited, his accumulations are *nil*. His only asset is his health and his ability and willingness to earn a sufficiency for the needs of himself and his loved ones. Should health fail or life cease, the means of support would be at an end. The thought should make him uncomfortable. We say to him "Insure, have connection with an Order that gives sick and disability benefit. The Order for you is the I.O.F., sign an application and get in with the least possible delay."

The "Forester" in French.

The Supreme Chief Ranger hopes to be able to issue the first number of the FORESTER in French with the January number. The long absence from the Head Office, due to the fact that the S.C.R. has, since his return from Great Britain, attended no less than nine High Court meetings, including the North-west Territories and California, has made it impossible to complete the necessary arrangements for the issue of a creditable first number much earlier than the date named.

The "Forester."

We owe an apology to our brethren in the United Kingdom for the omission from last FORESTER of the British Budget sent us by Bro. J. Marshall, and we promise that such an omission shall not occur again. It has been arranged to "make up" the FORESTER on the 24th day of each month, and go, forthwith, to press, so that all jurisdictions will have the official organ in their hands within the first ten days of each month. All matter for our pages should be in Toronto not later than the 20th of each month.

Brethren everywhere are respectfully requested to promptly report any irregularities in the delivering of the FORESTER to the Supreme Chief Ranger; also, if the magazine should be delivered later than the 10th of each month. High officers, especially High Chief Rangers and High Secretaries, and all officers and members of Subordinate Courts and Courts of Companions, are requested to send items of interest to the Supreme Chief Ranger for the columns of the FORESTER. Make all letters brief and to the point. We are going to try to make THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER more interesting than it ever has been. Please help us to accomplish this end by sending us news of the Order from your section.

"A Brother is Born for Adversity."

For the first time in the history of the I.O.F. misfortune through fire has overtaken a considerable number of our members. Four of our courts were located in districts that have been swept by the devouring element. In the Ottawa region of Eastern Ontario three courts have lost all their furniture, books, and so on, and the majority of the members their homes, and everything that they possessed. In the town of Windsor, N.S., that has been completely wiped out and 500 families left homeless, there was a court of 45 members; these and their families are sharers of the terrible calamity that fell upon their fair town. The duty of the whole membership in the face of so urgent a need is evident. Foresters everywhere will, we are sure, come to the assistance of their comrades that have been overtaken by adversity. Doubtless the High Chief Rangers of the jurisdictions within which the brethren who have suffered loss reside will take the initiative in the matter, and send out the formal appeal for help. We bespeak for it a sympathetic reception, and a prompt and liberal response. The need is great and urgent. He who gives quickly gives twice. Benevolence is one of our watch-words. Now is one of the times to give it effect. The Order will be equal to the occasion.

National Fraternal Congress.

The National Fraternal Congress held its eleventh annual session in Port Huron, Michigan, from October 5 to 8, 1897.

The question of increasing the rates in some of the Orders came in for a good deal of discussion, also the wisdom of creating in every benevolent society giving mortuary benefits a surplus fund. The plan of the I.O.F. meets in almost every particular the most practical suggestions that were made at the Congress.

A fraternal press association was formed among the editors and publishers of fraternal papers, with a view to greater efficiency.

The election resulted in the choice of James E. Shepard, of St. Lawrence, Mass., for president; D. E. Stevens, of Philadelphia, Pa., for Vice-President; and M. W. Sackett, of Meadville, Pa., for Secretary-Treasurer. Baltimore, Maryland, was selected as the place of meeting in 1898.

The following extracts from the report of the Committee on Statistics will furnish food for thought and reasons for congratulations to all Fraternal Society men:

PORT HURON, MICH., Oct. 5th, 1897.

TO THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL CONGRESS:

Your Committee on Statistics and Good of the Order submit the following report:

In the year 1895 there were 41 Orders represented in the Congress, only one of which made no re-

port to this committee. This year there are 44 Orders represented, four of which made no report to this committee, leaving 40 Orders reporting for 1896, the same number as reported for 1895.

These changes in the make-up of the Congress make our comparisons of the work of the Orders reporting for 1896, with that of the Orders reporting for 1895, instead of with the work of the same Orders for both years, and while they do not make any radical difference in the figures, it is well to understand the manner in which the comparisons are made.

MEMBERSHIP.

The 40 Orders reporting to the Congress last year had, at the close of 1895, a combined membership of 1,627,414, of which 1,587,859 were benefit members, and 39,555 were social members. The net gain in membership for 1895 having been 165,544, and the number of benefit members admitted by them during that year was 323,011, while the 40 Orders reporting to this Congress show a total membership of 1,780,440 at the close of 1896, of which 1,732,230 were benefit members and 48,210 were social members, a net gain for the year 1896 in benefit members of 144,371 and in social members of 8,655, or a total net gain in membership for 1896 of 153,026. As compared with the net gain for 1895 this shows a falling off of 12,518, notwithstanding the fact that there were 15,665 more benefit members admitted in 1896 than in 1895. This loss is accounted for in the greater number of lapses in 1896 than in 1895. In 1895 the Orders reporting showed 136,606 lapses among benefit members, while for 1896 they show 175,543, an increase of 38,937.

PROTECTION.

The amount represented by the certificates written in 1896 was \$557,323,650, an increase of \$460,169 over the amount written in 1895, and the total amount of protection in force at the close of 1896 was \$3,259,128,950. The average amount of each certificate in force was \$1,830, somewhat less than in 1895, when the amount was \$1,903. The average amount of each certificate terminated otherwise than by death was \$1,832.

COST OF PROTECTION.

The amount distributed among the beneficiaries of deceased members during 1896 was \$31,087,297. The average amount of each certificate, matured by death, was \$1,967. The average amount paid by each member into the benefit funds during the year was \$18, or a little less than \$10 for each \$1,000 of benefits represented. This is about the same as the cost has been per \$1,000 during the past five years.

MORTALITY.

The Orders that reported last year had 14,322 deaths during 1895 on an average membership of 1,501,772, or at the rate of 9.53 per 1,000. The reports for 1896, herewith submitted, show 15,799 deaths on an average membership of 1,662,698, or at the rate of 9.79 per 1,000, an increase of 26 deaths on each 100,000 lives exposed over the previous year. It will be observed, however, that our condition in this respect is first-class, and that our mortality in 1896 was lower than in any year since 1892, except 1895. In 1892 the mortality of the Orders reporting to the Congress was 10.69, in 1893 it was 10.42, in 1894 it was 9.92.

LAPSES.

During the year 1896 there were 175,543 certificates lapsed, representing protection to the amount

of \$321,608,150. This was a loss of 108 per 1,000 members on the average membership for the year, as compared with 97 per 1,000 in 1895, 95 per 1,000 in 1894, 96 per 1,000 in 1893, and 68 per 1,000 in 1892.

Your committee being fully satisfied that so great a number of lapses is not beneficial, and that the Orders which show the smallest ratio of lapses, other conditions being equal, are in the best condition, desire to submit for your consideration some of the causes that seem to have contributed to this situation. The fact that 175,543 certificates lapsed last year does not mean that that number of persons dropped their membership in fraternal beneficiary orders, or that these persons have lost confidence in the system which furnishes protection at a smaller expense than any other in existence. It will be observed that this great increase in lapses occurred during the years when the business and industrial interests of our country were most seriously embarrassed and depressed, when employment was less certain for all those from whom the ranks of the fraternal beneficiary orders are principally recruited, and it is probable that thousands of certificates were allowed to lapse in 1896 from lack of means to keep them in force, the "hard times" being assigned as the cause. Another prolific cause is found in the ease with which persons may now become members of a fraternal beneficiary order. Scores of new ones have sprung into existence during the past three or four years of which this Congress has no official notice. They are all anxious to secure business, are usually on the "mortality assessment plan," under which the expense of membership during the first five years is apt to be only nominal, and by doing away with or reducing to a small amount the cost of admission have prevailed upon thousands of certificate-holders in the Orders here represented to unite with them and thus allow their certificates in the old Orders to lapse. Another cause will be found in the fact that thousands who held membership in two or more Orders have been obliged to reduce the amount of their protection. This is evidenced by the fact that many have availed themselves of the privilege in some of the Orders of reducing the benefits carried where it could be done. In such cases one or more certificates must be numbered among the lapsed.

It may not be news to many of us, but it is no less true, that every Order represented in this Congress that shows a death-rate for 1896 of 11 and upwards to each 1,000 lives exposed shows also a net loss in membership. There are eleven Orders of this class. They have been doing business an average of 17 years. The percentage of new members admitted last year was 7½, the number of lapses 175 per 1,000, and the total net loss in membership was 32,679, on an average membership of 285,093. The average length of time all the Orders in the Congress have been doing business is 13 years. The average mortality of the eleven Orders above referred to when they had been doing business an average of 13 years was 11.74, while for 1896, or when they had been doing business an average of 17 years, it had risen to 16.4. It will be observed that the Congress as a whole shows a better condition than the eleven Orders referred to did at the same average age, in matter of mortality—9.79 as compared with 11.74, yet it is true of every Order that when the death-rate has reached a point above the average now and for several years prevailing in the Congress, growth stops, new members cannot easily be secured and old ones lapse. What the

remedy for these conditions is your committee does not suggest, but either through this Congress or the individual Orders the necessary remedy must be applied. The trust committed to their care is too great and sacred to be hazarded by such conditions, when it is possible to better them. The competition of the past five years is insignificant in comparison with what may reasonably be expected the next five years. The life insurance companies, both old line and mutuals, in their respective classes, charge substantially the same price for protection, and the fact that they charge too much, and in the case of the former about twice its value and its actual cost—does not alter the other fact that each system *could* furnish protection at about what it costs on an average among the Orders here represented. *They could, but they do not*, and it is this fact, to-day so generally known, that not only gave rise to our system, but that has recommended it during all the years since 1867 down to the present, and that will ever be one of its chief recommendations. Some years ago these companies very generally indulged in a practice that was known as “rebating,” until it became necessary for the legislatures to interfere and impose heavy penalties therefor. If there was reason for such interference to protect the interests of policyholders in these companies, and prevent scandal and loss, is there not much more reason why the interests of *our* members should be protected against a system that holds out inducements to those who are young in years and blessed with good health to remain in the Orders only so long as protection can be afforded them at less than its average cost?

We append to this report as “Table D” the schedule of minimum rates which will be required after June, 1898, to be collected by every new organization admitted to do business in the Province of Ontario. This table was prepared by the Honorable J. Howard Hunter, Registrar of Friendly Societies for Ontario, and from all the experience of the past the rates would seem to be sufficiently high. Mr. Hunter is a close student of all insurance questions, and has with great care, and after thorough investigation, prepared this table from data which he believes justifies the rates fixed. They are much higher than the experience of Fraternal Orders thus far requires, but whether they are too high or too low is not so serious or important a matter as that all Orders must have practically the same rates. If they prove too low the legislature can raise them, while if too high the same power can reduce them. These rates do not include any allowance for expenses. *In the matter of collections for the benefit fund there is no fair field for competition, but in the matter of expense of management and general conduct of the business there is a legitimate opportunity for competition, and to this department of our work should it, in the main, be confined.*

From all that has been said on this subject, and from all we can learn, we are of the opinion that lapses as they generally occur are harmful, and that as much effort should be put forth to prevent them as to secure new members.

BENEFIT FUND AND BALANCES.

The Orders reporting show an increase in the balance on hand in the benefit fund of \$831,086 at the close of 1896 over 1895. Twelve of the Orders reporting have a reserve or emergency fund, while two of them have a surplus fund in the nature of an emergency fund. The total balance in the benefit

funds, including reserve and emergency funds, at the close of 1896, was \$3,886,371, and the total of benefits paid by the Orders included in this report, from their organization to the close of 1896, is \$260,923,950.

EXPENSE OF MANAGEMENT.

The volume of business done in 1896 as compared with 1895 was much greater in every department, and yet the expenses, comparatively, were considerably less. In 1895 the average expense per capita was \$1.46, while in 1896 it was only \$1.35, notwithstanding that in the latter year the benefit members secured were 15,665 more than in 1895. Measuring our expenses by the amount of benefits paid, and we find that it only cost 7½ cents to handle each dollar of the money distributed to the beneficiaries of deceased members, as compared with 8½ cents in 1895. And measure by the volume of business on the books the amount of protection in force at the end of the year, the expense of taking care of it in 1896 was only 72 cents per \$1,000 as compared with \$1.10 in 1895.

We regret that we are unable to secure reports from all the Orders represented. All were asked, but some were unable to comply.

Those that did comply show a marked improvement over 1896, the net increase being 27 per cent. greater, and only three of them fail to show substantial gains.

The work of this Congress has been of great help to all the Orders, and may be of much more, but whether so or not will depend upon how much use they make of its suggestions. Mistakes have been made in the past, when we were without light except as it came from the life insurance companies. Our Orders having been organized as a protest against the system and charges of life insurance companies, it was quite natural that we should have kept quite apart from anything that smacked of insurance ideas. In our gropings in the dark we have many times stumbled and fallen, but that is no reason why we may not now or later be able to walk. We need only to profit by the combined experience of the past and walk in its light to carry to perfection this great movement “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” There are still elements of weakness in the system that can be and should be eliminated, *and the fear of each other is to-day the greatest obstacle to such action.* The National Fraternal Congress was organized to help all those whowere members of it. The welfare of all is of more importance than that of any one. The perpetuity of the system is paramount to the continued existence of any one Order, and we should all be anxious to know the truth even if it be something that reflects upon our own institution, because only in this way can be brought about such changes as time and experience make necessary. There is to-day no occasion for alarm. On the other hand, we have great and abundant reason for congratulations, but we have passed the day, your committee hopes, when we will let our zeal and enthusiasm over the great work being done blind our eyes to the needs of the future as well as those of the present.

- D. P. MARKEY.
 - D. E. STEVENS.
 - H. A. WARNER.
 - E. R. HUTCHINS.
 - B. F. NELSON.
 - W. O. ROBESON.
 - F. L. BROWN.
- } Committee.

EXTRACTS FROM TABLES A AND B.

NAME OF ORDER.	MEMBERSHIP CONFINED TO BENEFIT MEMBERS.										BENEFIT FUND.				EXPENSE FUND.	
	Date of organization	Admitted in 1896	Died.	Death rate per 1,000, 1896.	Lapses 1896	Lapses per 1,000.	Number alive at close of 1896.	Net Increase for 1896.	Increase.	(On hand beginning of 1896.	Received during 1896.	Benefits paid during year 1896.	Total amt. of benefits paid from organization to close of 1896.	Paid expenses during 1896.	Emergencies and surplus at close of 1896.	
Ancient Order of Pyramids.....	1895	327	2,510	6	530	316	3,152	971	\$7,673	\$5,432	44,740	\$1,710	\$0,341	\$721		
Ben Hur, Tribe of.....	1891	3,521	6,679	25	1,374	223	8,801	5,280	1,349	58,498	30,509	49,251	32,302	8,692		
Catholic Benevolent Legion.....	1891	41,120	6,026	597	1,498	22	45,051	3,931	1,349	1,010,259	1,011,257	7,081,734	92,650			
Chosen Friends, Order of.....	1879	27,836	1,970	481	4,577	173	21,768	3,088	23,102	900,573	900,573	10,839,907	25,007			
Empire Knights of Relief.....	1891	2,221	5,021	11	2,561	63	2,561	310	1,151	22,665	14,360	62,350	27,819			
Fraternite Mysic Circle.....	1885	10,283	3,989	71	2,592	230	11,663	1,886	5,819	148,228	150,969	1,016,507	27,819			
Fraternite Aid Association.....	1890	6,518	4,083	40	1,811	241	8,720	2,203	76,813	73,000	73,000	1,187,867	19,884			
Foresters, Independent Order.....	1881	84,321	24,124	527	7,280	76	102,838	16,317	1,560,373	1,281,018	220,912	4,113,511	10,000	2,016,184		
Fraternite Legion.....	1881	2,455	181	39	442	185	2,191	261	44,385	47,063	47,063	4,113,792	3,020			
Golden Cross, United Order.....	1882	7,820	307	10,200	2,633	188	32,316	4,800	6,310	445,736	445,736	2,898,924	43,740			
Golden Chain.....	1881	11,983	607	112	1,528	133	10,965	1,063	1,383	338,785	359,518	2,898,924	27,541			
Golden Chain, Royal Society.....	1881	10,281	1,914	101	2,072	201	10,023	259	5,417	251,751	257,363	1,895,610	22,991			
Horn Circle, Supreme Council.....	1879	7,117	553	85	885	105	6,795	417	361	169,657	169,657	1,506,982	14,001			
Hepatosiph, Improved Order.....	1879	6,386	8,653	24	1,825	63	31,921	6,506	3,971	112,571	115,067	2,147,000	46,362			
Iowa Legion of Honor.....	1874	15,219	8,338	70	2,800	458	96,633	70	18,625	486,486	479,000	2,147,000	9,214			
Knights of Honor, Supreme Lodge.....	1874	9,275	2,000	95	1,222	303	4,127	852	3,233	32,368	32,368	38,000	12,413			
Knights and Ladies of Honor.....	1878	78,271	6,000	1,061	10,527	131	70,927	5,291	16,351	1,227,492	1,320,400	11,858,760	51,675			
Knights of Macabees.....	1881	198,771	46,857	1,169	19,911	94	223,914	25,777	2,920	1,986,405	1,811,362	7,501,265	310,380			
Knights and Ladies of Golden Star.....	1882	10,770	6,688	79	2,383	176	15,086	4,225	1,219	83,714	81,810	681,028	8,932			
Knights and Ladies of Golden Star.....	1883	9,169	730	40	1,109	200	3,972	322	2,737	57,471	58,000	196,651	4,839			
Legion of the Red Cross.....	1886	3,650	1,339	90	368	100	5,108	1,211	4,692	37,671	36,000	131,128	8,401			
Loyal Additional Beneficent Association.....	1878	3,870	1,244	21	811	198	4,303	433	21,363	67,151	67,001	420,419	16,367			
Mutual Protection, Supreme Lodge.....	1873	3,203	6,113	19	2,021	460	4,306	491	49,179	50,000	50,000	281,753	3,782			
National Protection, Artisan Order.....	1881	4,026	2,553	40	3,073	140	46,782	576	17,651	19,550	18,200	47,500	17,323			
National Reserve Association.....	1881	46,206	5,419	406	8,773	135	50,000	310	21,363	67,001	67,001	420,419	16,367			
National Union.....	1887	18,063	2,959	162	3,425	149	20,182	2,096	91	19,550	18,200	47,500	17,323			
New England Order of Protection.....	1883	6,021	853	33	1,350	145	3,412	106	17,651	1,283,811	1,290,500	7,517,948	51,155			
National Provident Union.....	1879	20,166	2,165	208	3,061	631	21,061	1,406	809	308,727	307,000	1,311,000	18,235			
Pilgrim Fathers, United Order.....	1886	15,936	6,056	116	6,363	138	19,369	1,659	28,826	313,589	308,580	2,392,080	11,930			
Protected Home Circle.....	1877	174,060	22,462	1,731	9,415	45	190,261	16,201	470,010	4,882,518	5,092,517	38,703,222	33,601	49,431		
Royal Arcanum.....	1883	14,320	3,157	90	5,07	45	16,629	2,119	1,205	823,827	800,173	4,582,243	23,945			
Royal Arcanum.....	1870	12,481	1,648	201	46,15	80	12,401	80	8,212	307,900	306,150	4,582,243	23,945			
Royal Templars of Temperance.....	1888	4,720	1,132	31	6	168	3,587	558	8,212	132,182	140,870	688,000	6,452			
Select Friends, Order of.....	1877	10,322	411	117	879	87	9,937	585	3,410	192,182	190,870	688,000	6,452			
Shield of Honor.....	1867	354,216	48,614	1,116	3,816	88	369,698	12,882	90,204	7,508,977	7,454,517	72,960,530	616,801			
United Workman, Ancient Order.....	1881	16,563	6,937	256	14,254	136	14,254	2,249	18,062	1,813,331	1,813,331	7,133,455	153,801			
United Friends, Order of.....	1884	158,781	66,639	870	4,660	136	206,536	17,083	2,126	499,862	500,863	1,532,336	79,528			
Woodmen of America, Modern.....	1880	33,027	29,156	286	5,07	283	30,110	1,732	1,732	499,862	500,863	1,532,336	79,528			
Woodmen of the World.....	1881	1,581,891	338,678	15,799	\$175,513		1,732,230	180,265	\$2,736,463	\$31,707,410	\$31,087,297	\$260,923,950	\$2,352,296	\$2,331,334		

* Report shows a slight difference over printed report of last year.

TABLE D.

Figures furnished by J. Howard Hunter, M.A.

Age at Entry.	Net Level Premium for All-Life Insurance of \$1,000.			
	Yearly, in Advance.	Half-Yearly, in Advance.	Quarterly, in Advance.	Monthly, in Advance.
1	\$ 9.86	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.51	\$.81
2	10.21	5.18	2.60	.87
3	10.55	5.36	2.69	.91
4	10.91	5.53	2.78	.93
5	11.28	5.71	2.87	.96
6	11.66	5.89	2.96	.99
7	12.03	6.07	3.05	1.02
8	12.42	6.25	3.14	1.05
9	12.76	6.43	3.23	1.08
10	13.12	6.60	3.32	1.11
11	13.49	6.78	3.41	1.14
12	13.87	7.02	3.53	1.18
13	14.31	7.29	3.62	1.21
14	14.76	7.41	3.71	1.25
15	15.22	7.68	3.86	1.29
16	15.73	7.91	3.98	1.33
17	16.25	8.21	4.13	1.38
18	16.82	8.51	4.28	1.43
19	17.42	8.81	4.43	1.48
20	18.05	9.10	4.57	1.53
21	18.71	9.46	4.75	1.59
22	19.42	9.82	4.93	1.65
23	20.18	10.17	5.11	1.71
24	20.97	10.59	5.32	1.78
25	21.81	11.01	5.53	1.85
26	22.70	11.48	5.77	1.93
27	23.65	11.96	6.01	2.01
28	24.66	12.44	6.25	2.09
29	25.72	12.97	6.52	2.18
30	27.31	13.80	6.91	2.32
31	28.10	14.16	7.12	2.38
32	29.36	14.82	7.45	2.49
33	30.72	15.53	7.89	2.61
34	32.17	16.24	8.16	2.73
35	33.71	17.02	8.55	2.86
36	35.34	17.85	8.97	3.00
37	37.07	18.74	9.42	3.15
38	38.91	19.64	9.87	3.30

The I.O.F. was ably represented by Bros. J. A. McMillivray, S.S.; Dr. Millman, S.P.; G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R.; J. D. Clark, P.H.C.R., of Ohio; A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R., of Illinois, and A. T. Hunter, D.S.C.R., of Toronto.

Companions of the I.O.F.

The sisterhood is making steady and gratifying progress. It is but a little over six months that the idea of starting an organization among women was mooted. That the idea is a popular one is evidenced by the fact that already 51 courts of Companions are in existence. The very large majority of them so far are in the United States. As yet we have only heard of one instituted in Canada. Deseronto has the honor of being the first, and, so far, the only court in the Dominion. We learn that one is in course of organization in Toronto. It certainly ought to be an easy matter to secure not one but several strong courts in the city where the Order has its headquarters.

Bro. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., London, General Manager of the United Kingdom, reports the institution of the first court in Great Britain. Particulars are not yet to hand.

One of several pleasing incidents in connection with the High Court meeting at Peoria, Illinois,

was the institution, at the close of that interesting gathering, of a court of Companions by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

The State of Michigan, so far, enjoys a commanding lead over all other places for the highest number of courts of the Companions.

A good example was set by Court Pearl, No. 9, Companions of the I.O.F., located at Watertown, N.Y., when, on the evening of Sept. 15th, it initiated 44 candidates. Courts of the I.O.F. should take their cue from this and do likewise.

Deep interest in the Companions is manifested from all parts of the jurisdiction. Fully one-half of the courts thus far instituted have been worked up by brother Foresters. There should be a court of Companions in every locality where there is a court of this Order. Brother Foresters desiring to institute a court of Companions should write for terms. Address Oronhyatekha, S.C.C., Toronto.

Muskoka Cottage Sanatorium for Consumptives.

A Foresters' Cottage.

Of all the diseases to which humanity is subject in temperate climates consumption claims the largest number of victims. So far medical science has not been able to cope with it successfully once it has passed its earliest stages. Any one who examines the mortuary statement published from month to month in the FORESTER will see that consumption, much more than any other disease, is the immediate cause of the deaths among our brethren. Some time ago it occurred to Mr. Gage, of Toronto, that something could be done in the earliest stages of the disease to arrest its progress and effect a cure. To carry out his idea he donated \$25,000 for the building of a sanatorium where patients could be treated. The late Mr. Massey, of Toronto, left an equal sum for this benevolent scheme; others have joined in the enterprise, and as a result the Home has been established on the shores of one of the many lakes of Muskoka, and near the town of Gravenhurst. The location was chosen, after careful enquiry, as one suitable for such an institution—high altitude, pure air, pine forests, being among the conditions that, in the estimation of those competent to judge, made the location the most desirable in Canada.

The suggestion has been made that the Foresters should build a six-roomed cottage to bear their name, and to be always available to the limit of its capacity for members of the Order who might need the treatment that the sanatorium affords. The idea has met with the cordial approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the project is now heartily commended to the consideration and liberality of the Order. The committee that has charge

of the bronze statue testimonial to the Chief have decided that any surplus that remains of the fund that is being created by contributions of ten cents from each member for the cost of the statue will be applied to the cottage. We believe that a contribution of ten cents from each of the 120,000 members will both pay for the statue and build and furnish the cottage. The amount from each member is so small that surely it will be forthcoming. Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray has already received several contributions for the Foresters' cottage in connection with the Muskoka sanatorium. Court Empress, Smithville, at the close of its anniversary service on the 17th October, voted \$10. Meantime, he will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any further contributions. A list of them will be published in the December FORESTER. The scheme is a most worthy one. The Sanatorium, that was only opened last summer, is full: those receiving treatment are being benefited and several have left apparently cured. We hope that "Foresters' Cottage" will be another monument, and that ere long, to the benevolence of the I.O.F.

Official Circular No. 9.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
TORONTO, 1st October, 1897.

To all Subordinate Courts:

During the nine months of the year 1897 which have just expired the Independent Order of Foresters has been successful beyond any parallel in the previous history of the Society. The increase in membership during the nine months exceeds the increase during the whole of 1896 by several hundreds, while upwards of \$390,000 have been added to the surplus. The Executive Council very much desire that the work of the closing months of this Diamond Jubilee year shall surpass all previous efforts to extend the beneficent influence of the I.O.F. throughout the countries in which it is operative. To encourage the membership to the extra effort which it is hoped will make this the banner year in the history of the Order, it has been decided to offer the following prizes for new members brought into the Order from the first day of November to the 31st day of December, 1897, both days inclusive, namely:

1. For one new member a new bust picture of the Supreme Chief Ranger.
2. For two new members a two million dollar badge, or a copy of the History of the Order bound in cloth.
3. For five new members a two million dollar badge and a copy of the History of the Order bound in morocco.
4. For ten new members a two million dollar badge and a copy of the new Executive Council picture.
5. Four cash prizes of the value respectively of \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25 for the four members who

respectively secure the four largest numbers of new members.

6. For one new member secured by any lady friend of the Order, an I.O.F. souvenir coffee spoon.

7. For two new members secured by any lady friend of the Order, a brooch containing the likeness of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

8. For three new members secured by any lady friend of the Order, an I.O.F. souvenir teaspoon.

9. Only candidates who have been passed by the Medical Board, and actually initiated within the months of November and December, can be counted for any of the foregoing prizes, except in the Pacific Coast jurisdictions, and in Great Britain and Ireland, where initiations at the first regular meeting in January, 1898, may be included if the candidates were proposed and accepted on or before the 31st day of December, 1897. Charter members will not count. Paid organizing officers shall not compete for any of the prizes.

10. No one person shall be entitled to more than one prize.

11. Dispensation is hereby granted to courts desiring to do so, to initiate at charter rates during the continuance of this competition.

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

Personal Mention.

Bros. A. F. Campbell, ex-M.P.P., and Jas. Spence, D.S.C.R., are prosecuting a vigorous campaign in Toronto, the Queen City.

Bro. H. S. Howell, of Court Valley City, Galt, was the unanimous choice of the Conservative Convention of South Waterloo, Ont., as candidate for the local Legislature.

Bro. Frank Earle, a charter member and C.R. of Court Union City, Union City, Indiana, was, on the eve of his departure for Michigan, banqueted by his brother Foresters, among whom he is held in high esteem.

We had the pleasure of a visit to our "sanctum" the other day by Bros. Geo. Spence, H.V.C.R. of Eastern Ontario, and Geo. Guillette, M.P. They report Forestry in the east as making steady and substantial progress.

Bro. A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R. of Illinois, has seen during his two years term of office the highest percentage of increase in the membership of any High Chief in the Order. From 663 to 3,834 is nearly a six-fold increase.

Miss Nellie Dafeo, of the Policy Room, at head office, has the sympathy of all her many friends in her sorrow. Within six months she has lost both parents. The office staff sent a handsome floral tribute to the funeral of her mother a few weeks ago.

The Rev. Archdeacon Davis, Supreme Chaplain and H.T. of Ontario, delivered an address at the institution of Court Sunlight, No. 3661, by Bro. T. G. Davey, P.S.T. *The Argus* gives a column and a half report of the excellent speech of the reverend brother.

Dr. Niddrie, H. S. of the High Court of Central Ontario, has joined the noble army of benefactors. The happy event took place at Collingwood on the

20th ult. Foresters the world over who know the genial doctor will unite in wishing him and his bride many prosperous years of wedded life.

The best thanks of the staff at headquarters are due to Bro. J. C. Morgan, Barrie, H.V.C.R. of Central Ontario, for a box of beautiful flowers consigned to Miss Bayly of the S.C.R.'s department and by her distributed among her confreres. Bro. Morgan is an enthusiastic flower grower and his choice gift was highly appreciated.

We extend congratulations to and in fancy project our most venerable slipper after Bro. J. J. Bemrose, C. R. of Court Bradford, on his marriage to Miss Vina Earl, of Lindsay. Bro. Bemrose is a leading merchant of Bradford, and was a member of High Court. May he and his fair bride enjoy all possible happiness for many long years.

The opening lecture to the medical students of Trinity University was delivered by Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan. The subject was "True Manliness." Christ was given as the only perfect ideal. The lecture was an earnest and eloquent appeal to young men to be followers and imitators of the perfect Man. The pavilion where the lecture was given was filled by students and their friends.

We are pleased to learn that the Past High Chief Ranger of Quebec, Bro. F. S. MacKay, is expected to be able to return to Montreal shortly. He has been for over four weeks laid up with a serious illness in Ottawa. It is our sincere hope that the brother will soon be as well as ever. He has the sympathy of the entire Order. While in Toronto the Major made many friends, all of whom rejoice at his convalescence.

We are glad to report, what the membership will be pleased to learn, that Bro. H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, after being confined to his house and bed for nearly three weeks with an acute bronchial trouble, is about again. The genial brother contracted a severe cold last winter on one of his frequent trips in the interests of the Order from which he did not get absolutely free. He assures us that he feels as well as ever.

Bro. Rev. Jas. Campbell, D.S.C.R., has won the gratitude and admiration of the Foresters of Columbus, Ohio, for the excellent work he did there in the interests of the Order. When Bro. Campbell went to Columbus there was but one weak and struggling court. After a season's work there, assisted by his son, Bro. C. C. Campbell, D.S.C.R., now in England, Columbus can boast of three strong and vigorous courts. No wonder the brethren wish the Foresteric world to know of the good work done by the worthy brother.

A WELL-MERITED HONOR TO BRO. C. C. WHALE, SUPREME INSPECTOR.—Near the close of the first session of the High Court of Ontario, Bro. Whale was made the recipient of the following address, which was beautifully illuminated:

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS,

HIGH COURT OF CENTRAL ONTARIO.

To Bro. C. C. Whale, D.S.C.R., Past High Inspector of Ontario.

The division of the Province of Ontario into three jurisdictions at the meeting of the High Court at Ottawa, in August last, made certain changes inevitable, and severed many old and pleasant associations.

The High Standing Committee of Central Ontario feel that the Order in the premier province of

the Dominion has sustained a distinct loss by the abolition, on account of the division of the jurisdiction, of the office of High Inspector that you occupied for eight years, with such credit to yourself and marked advantage to the Order.

Personally we look back with pleasure to much happy intercourse with you in building up our great Order in this Province.

We rejoice to know that your services are still enjoyed by the Order, and that, as a Deputy of the Supreme Chief, you have already given in other jurisdictions proof of your aptitude for further building up our beloved Order.

We beg to assure you of our high regard for you personally, our appreciation of the valuable work you did in this Province, and our best wishes for your health and prosperity.

Signed:

W. B. SANDERS, H.C.R.
W. S. MILNE, P.H.C.R.
J. C. MORGAN, H.V.C.R.
R. J. NIDRIE, H. Sec.
ATWELL FLEMING, H. Treas.
D. ALBERT ROSE, H.P.
T. W. CHAPPLE, H.C.

TORONTO, April 5th, 1897.

Bro. Whale replied in suitable terms, expressing his thanks for the honor done him, and his best wishes for the continued prosperity of the High Court.

Condolence.

The members of Court Boissevain extend to Bro. Wm. Waugh their sympathy in his bereavement through the death of his wife.

The members of Court Mariposa, No. 1906, Arkwood, Ont., extend their sympathy to Bro. Joseph Falls on the death of his wife.

The brethren of Court El Dorado extend to the wife and family of their late esteemed brother, J. F. Fenton, their heartfelt sympathy.

The officers and brethren of Court Whitestone, No. 1139, Whitestone, extend to Bro. James McF. Ainsley, Court Chap., their heartfelt sympathy on the death of his daughter.

The members of Court Regbie, Revelstoke, B.C., and the Town Council of Whitewood, N.W.T., express their sympathy with the parents of the late Bro. Harry Hawkes, who was drowned at Round Lake.

The members of Court Duluth extend their sympathy to the widow of their late brother, Wm. L. Rance, and put on record their high estimate of their late brother as a man, a citizen and a Forester.

Acknowledgments.

\$92.

Bro. J. Johnston, of Montague, Me., extends his hearty thanks to the Supreme Executive for the prompt payment of his sick claim of \$92. He wishes our "loving Order" the prosperity it deserves.

\$1,000.

Mrs. Robert Milne expresses her thanks to the Executive of the I.O.F. for promptness in paying the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000 carried by her late husband, Bro. Robt. Milne, of Court Wellburne, No. 1363.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of September, 1897.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their September Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Royal Oak.....	11	Greenville.....	3383
Pontiac.....	271	Du-ne-he-go-wa.....	3401
Aulton.....	86	General Logan.....	3183
Oxbow.....	127	Ono.....	3131
Reach.....	1829	Memphis.....	3509
Charlo.....	3032	Elm Tree.....	3511
Fine View.....	3181	Dallas.....	3512
Longfellow.....	3223	Chesencook.....	3617
Blue Mound.....	3361		

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Drummond.....	1321	Fruelinghuysen.....	1698
Menseconmock.....	1140	New Richmond.....	1821

Receipts, September, 1897.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
659	British Columbia.....	\$ 739 99	\$ 51 82	\$ 29 59	3630	New Jersey.....	\$ 3819 46	\$ 55 38	\$ 66 50
7001	California.....	16709 32	196 13	283 75	10170	New York.....	10701 09	746 20	332 25
232	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	366 13	13 65	50	1891	North Dakota.....	2245 39	56 39	10 75
3834	Illinois.....	4155 15	46 19	142 99	681	N. W. Territory.....	895 47	65 22	34 44
1635	Indiana.....	1831 74	6 42	65 00	2813	Nova Scotia.....	3110 21	218 65	39 25
561	Iowa.....	715 23	1 48	9 25	5831	Ohio.....	5882 07	96 09	159 50
2572	Maine.....	2025 52	619 83	177 00	12673	Ontario.....	12901 40	2483 77	232 00
1907	Manitoba.....	2360 49	231 91	41 50	9366	Central.....	9751 40	1275 41	202 75
11714	Michigan.....	12257 41	1051 69	272 75	9202	Eastern.....	9633 19	881 12	210 25
3235	Minnesota.....	3553 16	109 81	69 25	1097	Pennsylvania.....	1177 06	25 31	78 50
932	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1150 29	10 18	12 50	95	P. Edward Island.....	1187 35	32 81	14 50
297	Nebraska.....	311 33	2 44	12 50	12175	Quebec.....	13183 33	3803 99	353 00
5279	New Brunswick.....	5113 23	957 13	165 09	622	Washington.....	717 34	17 08	10 25
1170	New England.....	1380 22	476 82	103 50	1774	Wisconsin.....	2140 09	20 55	59 00
	Received on account of Fire Insurance.....				571	S. C. Jurisdiction.....	791 45	18 56	18 50
	Received on account of Taxes on Loans.....				3112	G. Britain & Ireland.....	4235 27	22 81	89 50
	Received on account of organizing and other accounts.....						36 00		
	Grand totals.....			118,557			\$130,327 78	\$13,600 81	\$4,966 96

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA-CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	
" General Funds.....	
Total.....	

Supply Account.

Received on account for supplies..... \$573 05, Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$573 06

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans..... \$881 71 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$881 71

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of September, 1897.

No. 2779. Brother Jas. Crichton, aged 37 years, of Court Knickerbocker, No. 3029, located at New York, N.Y., died of Phthisis on the 16th July, 1897. Initiated 19th April, 1895. Beneficiaries, Louisa and John Crichton, wife and father. \$1,000.

No. 2780. Brother Hugh Hinds, aged 61 years, of Court Ottawa, No. 41, located at Ottawa, Ont., died of Stricture and Retention of Urine and Cystitis on the 31st July, 1897. Initiated 28th October, 1873. Beneficiaries, Fanny Hinds, John W., Fanny, Rachel Ann, Hugh, and Robert Hinds, wife and children. \$1,000.

No. 2781. Brother George Wm. Rees, aged 32 years, of Court Frontenac, No. 59, located at Kingston, Ont., died of Abscess of Brain on the 26th August, 1897. Initiated 19th April, 1888. Beneficiary, Margaret Rees, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2782. Brother Wm. M. Green, aged 40 years, of Court Palm City, No. 1800, located at San Buena Ventura, Cal., was accidentally Drowned on the 5th August, 1897. Initiated 25th February, 1895. Beneficiary, Louisa Green, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2783. Brother A. C. Binz, aged 37 years, of Court Eggston, No. 1631, located at Normal Park, Ill., died of Peritonitis on the 28th July, 1897. Initiated 17th December, 1896. Beneficiary, Eunice A. Binz, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2784. Brother P. F. Trepanier, aged 26 years, of Court Rouses Point, No. 1028, located at Rouses Point, N.Y., died of Typhoid Fever on the 25th August, 1897. Initiated 13th May, 1896. Beneficiaries, Ezra and Philomene Trepanier, father and mother. \$500.

No. 2785. Brother Franklin Parker, aged 47 years, of Court Clayton, No. 171, located at Clayton, N.Y., died of Heart Disease on the 22nd June, 1897. Initiated 31st December, 1894. Beneficiary, Nellie Parker, daughter. \$1,000.

No. 2786. Brother W. L. Rance, aged 37 years, of Court Duluth, No. 724, located at Duluth, Minn., died of Myocarditis on the 26th August, 1897. Initiated 22nd December, 1893. Beneficiary, Josie Rance, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2787. Brother W. S. Burritt, aged 24 years, of Court Koutenay, No. 3138, located at Nelson, B.C., was accidentally Killed on the 15th July, 1897. Initiated 12th February, 1896. Beneficiary, Ida A. Burritt, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2788. Brother Jos. A. M. D'Avignon, aged 34 years, of Court Yamaska, No. 292, located at Farnham, Que., was Accidentally Burned on the 1st April, 1897. Initiated 3rd November, 1893. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2789. Brother Wm. Furlong, aged 40 years, of Court Red Jacket, No. 1236, located at Buffalo, N.Y., was Accidentally Killed on R. R. on the 17th August, 1897. Initiated 25th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Margaret Furlong, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2790. Brother W. H. Golds, aged 34 years, of Court Brant, No. 168, located at Paris, Ont., died of Abscess of Liver on the 31st August, 1897. Initiated 17th November, 1893. Beneficiary, Sophia Golds, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2791. Brother Jns. J. R. Morice, aged 26 years, of Court McGill, No. 1855, located at Montreal, Que., died of La Grippe and Phthisis on the 30th August, 1897. Initiated 28th November, 1895. Beneficiary, Anne Morice, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2792. Brother John White, aged 59 years, of Court Ottawa, No. 41, located at Ottawa, Ont., died of Softening of Brain on the 30th August, 1897. Initiated 12th November, 1893. Beneficiary, Sarah Ann White, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2793. Brother George E. Rhodey, aged 36 years, of Court St. Croix, No. 408, located at Hudson Wis., died of Typhoid Fever on the 1st September, 1897. Initiated 11th August, 1896. Beneficiary, Dora M. Rhodey, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2794. Brother Cornelius Hagerty, aged 50 years, of Court St. Joseph, No. 1576, located at South Bend, Ind., died of Diabetes on the 5th September, 1897. Initiated 19th September, 1894. Beneficiary, Bridget Hagerty, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2795. Brother C. B. Stocken, aged 30 years, of Court Rifle, No. 714, located at West Branch, Mich., died of Angina Pectoris on the 5th September, 1897. Initiated 2nd July, 1896. Beneficiary, Philinda A. Stocken, mother. \$2,000.

No. 2796. Brother John Curran, aged 39 years, of Court Wawanosh, No. 1227, located at Bangamon, Ont., died of Typhoid Fever on the 2nd September, 1897. Initiated 27th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Sarah A. Curran, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2797. Brother Thomas E. Carbert, aged 35 years, of Court Prosperity, No. 668, located at Toronto, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 18th August, 1897. Initiated 9th June, 1896. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2798. Brother Edward Barr, aged 43 years, of Court C.P.R., No. 1197, located at Hochelaga, Que., died of Apoplexy on the 24th August, 1897. Initiated 11th September, 1886. Beneficiary, Annie E. Barr, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2799. Brother Thos. E. Boulter, aged 39 years, of Court Hamilton, No. 170, located at Hamilton, Ont., died of Tuberculosis on the 3rd July, 1897. Initiated 23rd August, 1888. Beneficiary, Jessie Boulter, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2800. Brother Z. Caron, aged 18 years, of Court Fallum, No. 921, located at Montreal, Que., died of Typhoid Fever on the 2nd September, 1897. Initiated 29th June, 1897. Beneficiary, Theophile Caron, father. \$1,000.

No. 2801. Brother Geo. W. Marks, aged 29 years, of Court Anderson, No. 3110, located at Anderson, Ind., died of Pericarditis on the 30th August, 1897. Initiated 25th January, 1896. Beneficiary, Margaret Marks, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2802. Brother George Dunlop, aged 50 years, of Court Huron, No. 163, located at Point Edward, Ont., died of Rheumatism on the 28th August, 1897. Initiated 18th September, 1890. Beneficiary, Drucilla Dunlop, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2803. Brother M. A. Fryer, aged 37 years, of Court Minto, No. 475, located at Minto, N.H., died of Phthisis on the 5th July, 1897. Initiated 29th June, 1895. Beneficiary, Christina I. Fryer, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2804. Brother Jerome G. Janson, aged 32 years, of Court Old Fort Erie, No. 1873, located at Fort Erie, Ont., died of Typhoid Fever on the 30th August, 1897. Initiated 17th June, 1895. Beneficiary, Florence S. Janson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2805. Brother H. F. McDougall, aged 26 years, of Court Mistletoe, No. 485, located at St. George, N.B., died of Phthisis on the 19th August, 1897. Initiated 6th January, 1890. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2806. Brother John Robertson, aged 31 years, of Court Coaticook, No. 341, located at Coaticook, Que., died of Typhoid Fever on the 4th September, 1897. Initiated 27th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Ellen Robertson, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2807. Brother Chalmers P. Allen, aged 29 years, of Court Miranda, No. 325, located at West Bay City, Mich., died of Appendicitis on the 17th August, 1897. Initiated 23rd September, 1891. Beneficiaries, George A. and Emily M. Allen, father and mother. \$1,000.

No. 2808. Brother Alex. Lockie, aged 37 years, of Court Oronhyatekha, No. 23, located at Hamilton, Ont., died of Consumption on the 21st July, 1897. Initiated 29th June, 1888. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$3,000.

No. 2809. Brother Wilbert D. Shaw, aged 25 years, of Court Pride of Illinois, No. 1939, located at W. Pullman, Ill., died of Appendicitis on the 10th September, 1897. Initiated 21st June, 1897. Beneficiary, Mabel I. Shaw, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2810. Brother Bernard M. Doolittle, aged 19 years, of Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, located at Syracuse, N.Y., died of Phthisis on the 12th September, 1897. Initiated 19th November, 1896. Beneficiary, Elizabeth A. Doolittle, mother. \$2,000.

No. 2811. Brother John Arting, aged 37 years, of Court Banner, No. 360, located at Cleveland, Ohio, died of Heart Disease on the 7th September, 1897. Initiated 6th July, 1896. Beneficiary, Ida Bernhardt Arting, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2812. Brother Capt. Henry Bryant, aged 50 years, of Court Dalriada, No. 2016, located at Belfast, Ire., was Accidentally Drowned on the 16th June, 1897. Initiated 1th June, 1895. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$200.

No. 2813. Brother Richard E. Rogers, aged 40 years, of Court Ideal, No. 3112, located at Canton, N.D., died of Typhoid Fever on the 14th September, 1897. Initiated 29th December, 1896. Beneficiaries, Elmer D. Alexander J., and Francis J. Rogers, sons. \$1,000.

No. 2814. Brother Robert Stirling, aged 26 years, of Court Clyde, No. 2019, located at Greenock, Scot., was Accidentally Drowned in January, 1897. Initiated 3rd January, 1896. Beneficiaries, Robert and Annie Stirling, father and mother. \$200.

No. 2815. Brother Benjamin Belanger, aged 54 years, of Court St. Catharines, No. 729, located at Montreal, Que., died of Phthisis on the 14th September, 1897. Initiated 14th December, 1892. Beneficiary, Alma Godin Belanger, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2816. Brother John Campbell, aged 37 years, of Court Burrard, No. 347, located at Vancouver, B.C., died of Nervous Exhaustion on the 10th July, 1897. Initiated 25th April, 1890. Beneficiary, Anna N. A. Campbell, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2817. Brother Thos. Cunneen, aged 25 years, of Court Lafayette, No. 344, located at Elizabeth, N.J., was Accidentally Killed on R. R. on the 26th August, 1897. Initiated 10th March, 1892. Beneficiary, Maria Cunneen, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2818. Brother Brice Douglas, aged 35 years, of Court Frontenac, No. 59, located at Kingston, Ont., died of Cerebral Hemorrhage on the 12th September, 1897. Initiated 3rd May, 1888. Beneficiary, Margaret Douglas, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2819. Brother Wm. H. Leopard, aged 26 years, of Court Wa-Wa-sum, No. 1060, located at St. Louis, Mich., was Shot between the 24th and 27th September, 1897. Initiated 18th November, 1895. Beneficiary, Jas. Leopard, father. \$1,000.

No. 2820. Brother O. Marin, aged 55 years, of Court Champion, No. 663, located at Montreal Centre, Que., died of Bright's Disease on the 25th August, 1897. Initiated 11th November, 1891. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$3,000.

No. 2821. Brother Peter Byrne, aged 52 years, of Court Karakwinch, No. 1586, located at Toronto, Ont., died of Intestinal Obstruction on the 3rd August, 1897. Initiated 2nd September, 1896. Beneficiary, Adelaide M. Byrne, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2822. Brother Alexander Ross, aged 50 years, of Court Grland, No. 1079, located at Orland, Cal., died of Strychnine Poisoning on the 22nd July, 1897. Initiated 2nd June, 1892. Beneficiary, Mary Ross, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2823. Brother R. O. Logan, aged 31 years, of Court Onaugondy, No. 1572, located at St. John, N.B., died of Consumption on the 11th September, 1897. Initiated 26th September, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary A. Logan, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2824. Brother George N. Sahner, aged 36 years, of Court De Kallb, No. 1276, located at Bayonne, N.J., died of Cerebral Apoplexy on the 3rd April, 1897. Initiated 18th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Barbara Sahner, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2825. Brother Benjamin Walters, aged 50 years, of Court Pocatontas, No. 1474, located at St. Joseph, Mo., was Accidentally Killed on R. R. on the 5th September, 1897. Initiated 14th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Louisa Walters, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2826. Brother Leonard Korn, aged 47 years, of Court Columbus, No. 920, located at Elizabeth, N.J., was Accidentally Killed by falling from a ladder on the 11th September, 1897. Initiated 28th January, 1897. Beneficiary, Margaret Korn, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2827. Brother Wm. Henry Smiley, aged 29 years, of Court Shawville, No. 276, located at Shawville, Que., died of Strychnine Poisoning on the 6th August, 1897. Initiated 24th July, 1895. Beneficiary, Eleanor Ida S. Smiley, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2828. Brother C. A. Woodhouse, aged 45 years, of Court Diana, No. 1133, located at San Francisco, Cal., Committed Suicide while Insane on the 12th March, 1897. Initiated 16th March, 1893. Beneficiaries, Percy Charles and Florence E. Woodhouse, children. \$500.

No. 2829. Brother Jas. M. Treadway, aged 36 years, of Court Waveland, No. 3132, located at Chicago, Ill., was Accidentally Shot on the 25th August, 1897. Initiated 1st March, 1897. Beneficiary, Julia A. Treadway, wife. \$5,950.

No. 2830. Brother Robert Jones, aged 23 years, of Court Rockland, No. 116, located at New Rockland, Que., died of Appendicitis on the 8th September, 1897. Initiated 12th July, 1893. Beneficiary, Robert D. Jones, father. \$1,600.

No. 2831. Brother Wm. P. Malloy, aged 25 years, of Court Independence, No. 1792, located at Chicago, Ill., died of Pneumonia on the 10th April, 1897. Initiated 19th December, 1886. Beneficiary, Daisy M. Malloy, wife. \$1,257.

No. 2832. Brother Wm. N. Winans, aged 37 years, of Court Detroit, No. 3273, located at Detroit, Mich., was Drowned on the 24th August, 1896. Initiated 7th July, 1896. Beneficiary, Eva Winans, wife. \$650.

No. 2833. Brother John H. Mumford, aged 46 years, of Court Valley, No. 232, located at E. Saginaw, Mich., died of Angina Pectoris on the 23rd July, 1897. Initiated 10th January, 1890. Beneficiary, Demetrius R. Brown, cousin. \$1,000.

No. 2834. Brother Jas. D. Holmes, aged 39 years, of Court Jamesville, No. 977, located at Jamesville, Wis., died of Heart Disease on the 22nd September, 1897. Initiated 15th January, 1882. Beneficiary, Stella Holmes, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2835. Brother Casper Schaad, aged 51 years, of Court Pinnacle, No. 1081, located at Rochester, N.Y., died of Typhoid Fever on the 11th September, 1897. Initiated 8th June, 1892. Beneficiary, Louisa Schaad, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2836. Brother J. M. White, aged 41 years, of Court Evershed, No. 638, located at Niagara Falls, N.Y., died of Epilepsy on the 5th September, 1897. Initiated 24th January, 1891. Beneficiary, Mollie M. White, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2837. Brother Robert Moore, aged 29 years, of Court Falls City, No. 765, located at South Ste. Marie, Mich., was Accidentally Drowned on the 19th August, 1897. Initiated 21st May, 1895. Beneficiary, Anna Moore, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2838. Brother Wm. Nelson, aged 55 years, of Court Anchor, No. 332, located at Upton Works, Mich., died of Cerebral Hemorrhage on the 18th September, 1897. Initiated 25th February, 1889. Beneficiary, Louisa Nelson, wife. \$500. \$500 paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 2839. Brother Mack Coy Pyle, aged 28 years, of Court Santa Paula, No. 1895, located at Santa Paula, Cal., was Murdered on the 24th April, 1895. Initiated 17th January, 1896. Beneficiary, Callie D. Pyle, wife. \$2,000.

William M. Green.	Court Palm City, 1809	.....	\$2,000 00
William L. Itance.	Duluth, 724	.....	2,000 00
Franklin D. Parker	Clayton, 171	.....	1,000 00
A. E. Binz	Eggleston, 1631	.....	1,000 00
William Furlong	Red Jacket, 1296	.....	2,000 00
J. A. M. D'Avignon	Yamaska, 292	.....	1,000 00
John A. Behmlander	West Bay City, 1102	.....	1,000 00
George Calder	Alberton, 1116	.....	1,000 00
James H. K. Morice	McGill, 1855	.....	1,000 00
George W. Marks	Anderson, 3110	.....	1,000 00
Heber W. Golds	Brant, 168	.....	1,000 00
Thomas E. Boulter	Hamilton, 170	.....	3,000 00
Edward Barr	C. P. R., 1197	.....	1,000 00
Z. Caron	Fullum, 921	.....	1,000 00
George E. Rhodney	St. Croix, 408	.....	1,000 00
John White	Ottawa, 41	.....	1,000 00
John Curran	Yawanosh, 1227	.....	1,000 00
Cornelius Ingerty	St. Joseph, 1576	.....	1,000 00
C. B. Stocken	Rifle, 714	.....	2,000 00
Robert Sterling	Clyde, 2019	.....	973 33
C. W. Kent	Armada, 1295	.....	1,500 00
John Robertson	Coaticook, 311	.....	1,000 00
J. G. Jansen	Old Fort Erie, 1873	.....	1,000 00
M. A. Fryer	Minto, 475	.....	2,000 00
F. McDougall	Mistletoe, 485	.....	1,000 00
W. S. Burritt	Kootenay, 3133	.....	1,000 00
George Dunlop	Huron, 163	.....	1,000 00
Chalmers P. Allen	Miranda, 326	.....	1,000 00
Felix Lemieux	St. Jean, 1514	.....	2,000 00
John Arting	Banner, 360	.....	2,000 00
Bernard M. Doolittle	Fire Brigade, 1799	.....	2,000 00
Capt. Hy. Bryant	Dalhousie, 2016	.....	973 33
Wm. H. Lepard	Wa-wa-sun, 1060	.....	750 00
Benjamin F. Walters	Pocohontas, 1474	.....	1,000 00
Benjamin Belanger	St. Catherine, 729	.....	1,000 00
John Campbell	Burrard, 317	.....	3,000 00
Thomas Canneen	Lafayette, 314	.....	1,000 00
Brice Douglas	Frontenac, 59	.....	1,000 00
J. C. Davidson	Carlisle (Creus), 2055	.....	1,916 66
Alexander Lochie	Oronhyatekha, 23	.....	3,000 00
George N. Salmer	De Kalb, 1276	.....	600 00
Peter Byrne	Karawinech, 1586	.....	1,000 00
William Hy. Smiley	Shawville, 276	.....	1,000 00
Alexander Ross	Orland, 1079	.....	1,000 00
R. O. Logan	Omangrony, 1572	.....	1,000 00
William N. Winans	Detroit, 3279	.....	650 00
Wm. P. Malloy	Independence, 1792	.....	1,237 00
Leonard Korn	Columbus, 920	.....	1,000 00
Robert Jones	Rockland, 116	.....	1,000 00
James M. Treadway	Waveland, 3132	.....	5,000 00
John Crawford	Valley City, 73	.....	225 00
Chas. A. Woodhouse	Diana, 1133	.....	250 00
William Nelson	Anchor, 333	.....	500 00
John H. Mumford	Valley, 232	.....	1,000 00
J. M. White	Evershed, 638	.....	2,000 00
Robert Moore	Falls City, 765	.....	1,000 00
Casper Schaad	Pinnacle, 1081	.....	1,000 00
James D. Holmes	Jamesville, 977	.....	3,000 00
Mack Coy Pyle	Santa Paula, 1895	.....	2,000 00

\$83,745 31

Old Age Disability—	
Alexander Aikman, Ct. Dufferin, 4	..... \$100 00
William Hearle, Ct. Lincoln, 225	..... 100 00
	200 00

Total and Permanent Disability—	
Jesse H. Roberts, Ct. Chair City, 1185	..... 500 00
William Taylor, Ct. Eureka, 65	..... 500 00
Octave Morin, Ct. Ville Marie, 1031	..... 1,000 00
N. H. Whittaker, Ct. Tuscarora, 1255	..... 1,000 00
Geo. W. Forsyth, Ct. Golden Gate, 603	..... 500 00
G. Schlyburt, Ct. Montcalm, 888	..... 500 00
Fred. Burns, Ct. Island Brook, 605	..... 500 00
Ben. Stafford, Ct. Beechville, 825	..... 500 00
H. Kirkpatrick, Ct. Evangeline, 109	..... 500 00
Med. Exam. Fees re T. & P. Dis.	
Claims	..... 30 00
	5,530 00

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for the Month of September, 1897.

Mortuary Benefit Fund.	
RECEIPTS.	
To Balance as per last Statement	..... \$2,333,572 21
" Supreme Secretary	..... 129,957 69
" Re Fire Insurance	..... 331 03
" Re Taxes on Loans	..... 36 00
	<u>\$2,333,820 93</u>
CONTRA—CR.	
Paid to Beneficiaries of our late Brothers—	
James Crichton	..... Court Knickerbocker, 3029 \$ 973 32
Hugh Hinds	..... " Ottawa, 41 666 67
George Wm. Rees	..... " Frontenac, 59 2,000 00
Prisquo F. Trepanier	..... " Rouse's Point, 1028 500 00

The Archer & Pancoast Co., re Gas Fixtures	..... \$ 675 00
Express, Freight and Duty	..... 478 36
The Bell Telephone Co. Warehouse System in Temple Building	..... 495 27
Legal Expenses	..... 458 00
Refund Assessments	..... 18 75
Fire Insurance	..... 666 00
Taxes, etc.	..... 639 00
	3,430 41
	\$92,905 72
Five per cent. to General Fund	..... 6,497 89
Balance	..... 2,294,426 38
	<u>\$2,333,829 99</u>

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement	\$ 108,411 02
Supreme Secretary	13,600 81
Cheque 25157, cancelled	31 00
	<u>\$ 122,045 86</u>

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Benefits	\$ 9,020 81
Funeral Benefits	550 00
Fees investigating sick claim	10 00
5 per cent. to General Fund	680 01
Balance	111,785 04
	<u>\$122,045 86</u>

General Account for September, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary	\$ 4,966 96
on account of supplies	573 06
To 5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Receipts	6,137 89
Sick and Fun'l Benefit Receipts	680 01
To Balance	16,771 42
	<u>\$ 29,139 37</u>

CONTRA CR.

Salaries of Officers	\$ 1,599 89
Organizing, Salaries and Expenses	7,023 99
Wages of Employees	2,777 50
Fees returned	\$ 00
Furniture Account	2,378 92
General Management Expenses	7,834 50
"Forester" and Supplies	7,396 47
	<u>\$ 29,139 37</u>

Surplus.

Deposited with Dominion Insurance Department of Canada	\$ 100,000 00
Great Britain and Ireland	97,333 33
United States	50,000 00
New Brunswick Government	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Estate	1,767,983 18
Debentures	99,171 67
Deposit Receipts	510 79
Total Invested Surplus	\$2,126,023 97
Current Surplus	168,397 41
	<u>\$2,294,426 38</u>
Sick and Funeral Surplus	111,785 01
	<u>\$2,406,211 39</u>

Yours in L., B. and G.,

H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Treas.

New Courts.

Court Panet, No. 3653, Montreal, Que.

Instituted on the 1st Sept., 1897, by F. C. Hector Barcelo.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., P. P. Benoit; Chaplain, Alexis Patenaude; Physician, J. E. Bastien, M.D. 13 members.

Court Confident, No. 3654, Buffalo, N.Y.

Instituted on the 3rd Sept., 1897, by Chas. A. Kendall. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Christopher Lang; Chaplain, E. Christensen; Physician, E. T. Rulison, M.D. 11 members.

Court Van Buren, No. 3655, Van Buren, Me.

Instituted on the 31st August, 1897, by T. H. Pelletier. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., T. H. Pelletier; Chaplain, Jos. F. Violette; Physician, J. A. Pineau, M.D. 23 members.

Court Knife River, No. 3656, Hebron, N.D.

Instituted on the 2nd Sept., 1897, by C. F. Clark. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., John Tollefson; Chaplain, C. M. Landon; Physician, H. A. Davis, M.D. 15 members.

Court Collette, No. 3657, Collette, Que.

Instituted on the 2nd Sept., 1897, by S. K. Rankin. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., N. M. Carswell;

Chaplain, L. R. Bouchard; Physician, Jos. C. Bernard, M.D. 15 members.

Court Swift Current, No. 3658, Swift Current, Assa.

Instituted on the 1st Sept., 1897, by C. R. Stovel. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., G. H. Powell; Chaplain, Jas. T. Barker; Physician, D. McCullough, M.D. 17 members.

Court Stark, No. 3659, Gladstone, N.D.

Instituted on the 4th Sept., 1897, by C. F. Clark. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., A. W. Link; Chaplain, John H. Smith; Physician, H. A. Davis, M.D. 20 members.

Court Carbon, No. 3660, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Instituted on the 7th Sept., 1897, by W. T. Bingham. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Geo. J. Carroll; Chaplain, O. R. Schlauch; Physician, G. S. Kirby, M.D. 25 members.

Court Sunlight, No. 3661, St. Marys, Ont.

Instituted on the 1st Sept., 1897, by T. G. Davey. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. K. McLeod; Chaplain, W. Anderson; Physician, W. Brown, M.D. 28 members.

Court —, No. 3662, Northport, Wash.

Instituted on the 11th August, 1897, by J. H. Falconer. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Judge J. C. Harkness; Chaplain, Jno. Granquist; Physician, J. F. Harris, M.D. 22 members.

Court Baron De Hirsh, No. 3663, Buffalo, New York.

Instituted on the 8th Sept., 1897, by A. L. Simon. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. H. Cohen; Chaplain, Benj. Levine; Physician, Sigmund Goldberg, M.D. 28 members.

Court Montefiore, No. 3664, Buffalo, New York.

Instituted on the 13th Sept., 1897, by A. L. Simon. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Rev. D. H. Wittenberg; Chaplain, Napoleon Meyers; Physician, Jacob Goldberg, M.D. 29 members.

Court Midgie, No. 3665, Midgie, N.B.

Instituted on the 11th Sept., 1897, by LeBaron Coleman. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Rev. J. A. G. Belyea; Chaplain, David Hicks; Physician, H. T. Knapp, M.D. 19 members.

Court Bayside, No. 3666, Wood Point, N.B.

Instituted on the 13th Sept., 1897, by Wm. Kinghorn. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Bedford Tower; Chaplain, H. L. Snowden; Physician, J. O. Calkins, M.D. 18 members.

Court Tamarac, No. 3667, Bonner, Mont.

Instituted on the 10th Sept., 1897, by Wm. Jamieson. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Chas. A. Repplow; Chaplain, Chas. A. Hart; Physician, —, 19 members.

Court Ymir, No. 3668, Ymir, B.C.

Instituted on the 9th August, 1897, by G. L. Lennox and J. H. Falconer. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., P. J. Dieringer; Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Coburn; Physician, Dr. Jas. A. Payzant. 23 members.

Court Marsboro, No. 3669, Marsboro, Que.

Instituted on the 15th Sept., 1897, by E. R. Weston. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Geo. McLeod; Chaplain, Rev. Neil McKay; Physician, —, 10 members.

Court Ophir, No. 3670, Thessalon, Ont.

Instituted on the 18th Sept., 1897, by Wm. Griffith. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Edward E. Thompson; Chaplain, Hugh Moore; Physician, Thomas John McCort, M.D. 19 members.

Court Farth, No. 3671, Custer, Wash.

Instituted on the 3rd Sept., 1897, by Virgil Peringer. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. R. Parkins; Chaplain, G. L. Jackson; Physician, C. S. Teel, M.D. 14 members.

Court Bison, No. 3672, Buffalo, N.Y.

Instituted on the —, 1897, by Geo. P. Martin. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R. —; Chaplain, —; Physician, —, — members.

Court Sulphur Springs, No. 3673, Adams, N.Y.

Instituted on the 8th Sept., 1897, by R. G. Blaisdell. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., H. J. Allen; Chaplain, Rev. R. J. Thompson; Physician, Alfred Goss, M.D. 20 members.

Court —, No. 3674, Keewatin, Ont.

Instituted on the 21st Sept., 1897, by Thos. Waddell. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., W. F. Harno; Chap-

lain, Rev. J. L. Small; Physician, R. B. Aylesworth. M.D. 28 members.

Court Toluca, No. 3675, Toluca, Cal.
 Instituted on the 18th Sept., 1897, by G. A. McElfresh. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., A. F. Gwynn; Chaplain, F. A. Parrish; Physician, D. Dreire, M.D. 19 members.

Court —, No. 3676, Fullerton, Cal.
 Instituted on the 17th Sept., 1897, by Wm. R. Uber. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Geo. A. Ruddock; Chaplain, A. S. Bradford; Physician, Geo. C. Clark. M.D. 35 members.

Court —, No. 3677, Messina, Cal.
 Instituted on the 20th Sept., 1897, by G. A. McElfresh. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., W. F. Grow; Chaplain, C. W. Davis; Physicians, C. C. Browning, M.D., W. H. Wilmot, M.D. 30 members.

Court —, No. 3678, Lacombe, N.W.T.
 Instituted on the 21st Sept., 1897, by C. R. Stovel. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., D. C. Gourley; Chaplain, Rev. E. J. Chegwin; Physician, E. M. Sharpe. M.D. 23 members.

Court Carrying Place, No. 3679, Murray, Ont.
 Instituted on the 21st Sept., 1897, by Jas. Glendinning. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Alfred H. Hunt; Chaplain, Rev. John W. Forster; Physician, Dr. Farley. 20 members.

Court Maritime, No. 2197, Liverpool, Eng.
 Instituted on the 30th June, 1897, by James Marshall. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Geo. Burch; Chaplain, F. J. McDermott; Physician, W. H. Wright. M.D. 17 members.

Court Norfolk, No. 2201, Norwich, England.
 Instituted on the 16th Sept., 1897, by James Boddy. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Geo. C. Davies; Chaplain, John Holmes; Physician, Harrington Wyndram Darrell, M.D. 22 members.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of September, 1897.

During the month of September the Medical Board reviewed 1,955 medical examination papers, of which 1,688 were accepted and 267 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted.		Rejected.		
	Accepted.	Rejected.	Accepted.	Rejected.	
Arizona.....	1	4	Nova Scotia.....	33	6
British Columbia.....	27	16	Ohio.....	61	11
California.....	128	17	Ontario (Centre).....	94	19
Colorado.....	9	1	Ontario (East).....	63	11
Connecticut.....	6	1	Ontario (West).....	49	12
Illinois.....	195	10	Oregon.....	1	1
Indiana.....	27	4	Pennsylvania.....	68	4
Iowa.....	12	1	P. E. Island.....	6	1
Maine.....	35	7	Quebec.....	151	35
Manitoba.....	7	4	Rhode Island.....	36	12
Michigan.....	131	22	Texas.....	1	3
Minnesota.....	39	9	Utah.....	1	1
Missouri.....	25	1	Vermont.....	16	2
Montana.....	42	1	Washington.....	11	9
Nebraska.....	3	1	Wisconsin.....	17	4
New Brunswick.....	57	7	England.....	31	10
New Hampshire.....	18	3	Ireland.....	61	2
New Jersey.....	41	7	Scotland.....	16	1
New York.....	266	29	Wales.....	1	1
North Dakota.....	21	2	Total.....	1688	267
N. W. Territory.....	21	6			

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

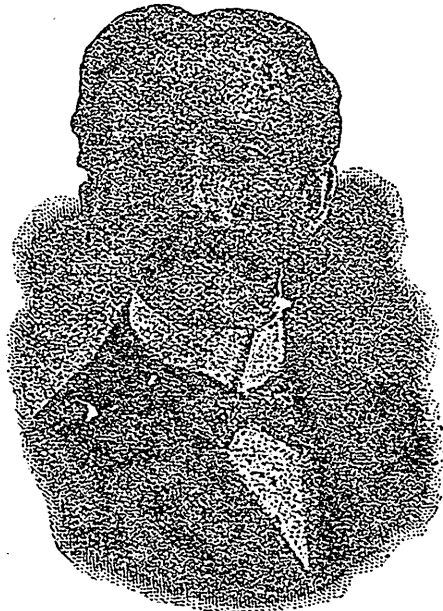
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Zimmerman, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., write the officers and members of Court Evershed, thanking the I.O.F. for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of their late son, Bro. H. Zimmerman, and for many kindnesses shown during the illness of their son.

Among the Courts.

High Court of Ontario.

BRO. A. H. BACKUS, ESQ.,
 AYLMER,
 High Chief Ranger of Ontario.

Though comparatively young in years Bro. Backus, whose portrait we give below, is one of the oldest and best known members in the Order, especially in the great Province of Ontario, in whose annual Forestric gatherings he has been a prominent figure for the last thirteen years. That the brother has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow members is evident from the fact that he has been a High Court officer for the greater portion of the time he has been a member of the High Court. At the recent meeting of the High Court of Western Ontario, at Brantford, long, faithful and valuable services were rewarded by his election to the highest office in the gift of his brethren.



BRO. A. H. BACKUS.

Bro. Backus does not tell us his age, but our readers will see for themselves that he has not yet reached the meridian of his years. He was born at Walsingham, Norfolk Co., Ont. His father, the late J. A. Backus, a native of England, was for many years Inspector of Schools in the County of Norfolk. The father of the subject of our sketch believed in giving his sons an education, as there are two lawyers and two physicians in the family. The studies of the High Chief of Ontario were carried on in the Public School, Simcoe High School, Toronto University, and the law office of Col. the Hon. D. Tisdale, M.P.

Bro. Backus is senior member of the law firm of Backus & Miller, which enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. For ten years Mr. Backus was a member of the Aylmer School Board and its

chairman for several years. He has also been a delegate on several occasions, to the Synod of the Church of England, of which he is a zealous member.

Bro. Backus takes a practical interest in the political affairs of his country. His sympathies are with the Conservative party. He has served the West Elgin Conservative Association as secretary for two years, and is at present serving his fourth year as president.

Bro. Backus joined the Order in 1883. The following year he was delegate to the High Court, when he was elected High Counsellor. The writer first met him in Kingston in 1889, when he occupied the vice-chair, and gave active assistance to Bro. Milne, who was H.C.R., in maintaining order in what was a decidedly lively meeting. He has been a member of the Supreme Court since 1884. For 13 years he was C.R. of Court Elgin, Aylmer, and at present is Treasurer. Long and varied experience in office should fit the High Chief of Ontario eminently for his important duties. The only other society in which the brother takes an active interest is the Masonic.

Bro. Backus belongs, like all his predecessors in the chair, to the noble army of Benedictics.

That the term of office of the present High Chief of Ontario will be a successful one no one will doubt. He brings to the discharge of his duties marked ability and ripe and varied experience. It is also his good fortune to enjoy the full confidence of the brethren of his jurisdiction, former colleagues and the Executive Council. Enjoying the honor of being at the head of the first High Court jurisdiction in the Order, every Forester will wish him success in maintaining and extending the prestige of the Mother High Court. For himself, every member of the Order wishes continued prosperity and usefulness.

High Auditor Merryfield is doing some good work, as well as Bro. Woodiwiss, General Deputy H.C.R. of Kingsville.

The Official Organ is a welcome visitor throughout this jurisdiction, and is spoken of as the most complete fraternal magazine published.

Bro. Backus', H.C.R., long and varied experience as a High Court officer will doubtless tell in the building up of the membership in the West.

The prizes offered by the High Standing Committee are being contested for in a most active manner, and are engaging the attention of many in friendly strife.

How is this? The mother High Court is *third* among the Ontarios! Only 49 applications for September. The west will put a 0 at the end of the figure some month before the year is out.

The High Standing Committee have set out with a fixed determination to make a grand record this year, and with the general interest and good feeling which pervade the whole jurisdiction, the prospects are of the very brightest.

The annual sermon to the members of Court Empress, Smithville, was preached by Bro. Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto, in the Presbyterian Church there, on the 17th October. The church platform was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers. The congregation was large. At the close of the service the court met in their room, thanked the preacher and voted \$10 to the Foresters' Cottage at the Muskoka sanatorium for consumptives. Court Empress has set a good example.

The High Chief Ranger desires to thank the many members of the Order that have written him expressing their kindly feeling and intention to actively assist in making this year's work a record-breaker throughout the jurisdiction.

The brethren of Court Springfield took advantage of the occasion of their town's civic holiday, and entertained the locality to a most enjoyable picnic at Mr. Nigh's woods. H.C.R. Backus drove over from Aylmer in the morning, bringing with him High Treasurer Rev. Archdeacon Davis, and the Rev. Bros. Kimball and Livingstone, of the Baptist and Methodist churches respectively, who, with the Rev. Mr. Vale, of Springfield, were the speakers for the occasion. The only unfortunate people in the locality that day were the absent ones.

The members of Court Oak Leaf, No. 62, at Wheatley, entertained the Foresters of Essex and Kent Counties to a grand picnic on the 15th of September. Out-door games and sports of all kinds, and platform speaking, made the day most enjoyable. High Chief Ranger Backus came down from the west with Supreme Treasurer Collins in the morning, and Rev. J. H. Courtenay, H.V.C.R., arrived during the afternoon, and were the speakers for the day, assisted by local talent. The H.C.R. took advantage of the occasion and visited the Foresters of Leamington, and reports the courts visited as a credit to any Order and as typically up to date.

Central Ontario.

To the front for September.

Ninety-four accepted applications. Not so many, but more than East or West.

Court Zeal, Toronto, has enjoyed the services of Bro. C. C. Whale for a few days. The membership has been considerably strengthened.

Bro. Dr. Niddrie, H.S., has received a very cordial and fraternal letter from Bro. A. Morel, Provincial Secretary of the Catholic Order of Foresters, acknowledging his telegram conveying the greetings of the High Court.

Bro. Dr. Niddrie, on the occasion of his marriage was "timed" by his friends in Toronto. The handsome marble clock that strikes the hours on the Doctor's mantel will remind him and his wife of the good will of his Forestric friends.

Courts Israelite and Prosperity are among the most active courts in the jurisdiction. Initiations every meeting. The former was visited by the Supreme Secretary and S.C.R., Lawless and Harper, the assistants of the S.C.R., during October.

Eastern Ontario.

We thank the FORESTER for a good report of our High Court meeting.

As nothing has appeared since High Court meeting we must first of all congratulate ourselves on the success of our meeting. It was harmonious and in every way a success.

Something happened to us in the month of July, and we were not in the race to any extent, but we managed to make up for it in August. For September we are second. Turn about is fair play.

Bro. G. W. Potts, who has been doing excellent work for the High Court in establishing new courts,

has been confined to the house by illness for six weeks, but we are glad to be able to say he is hoping to be at work again soon.

Will every Court Deputy kindly write at once to the H.C.R., or any other member of the High Standing Committee, of any place where he thinks a new court might be established, and also if any work can be done in his own or an adjoining court?

The High Court has suffered a severe loss in the death of Alderman Bro. W. A. Clothier, of Court Kemptville, who had done excellent work in the interests of Forestry for the two months previous to High Court meeting. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased brother.

The H.C.R. had a big trip in the north country, driving 178 miles in two days and a half; but it is a pleasure to meet an enthusiastic and as good a lot of Foresters as at Court Arden and at Court Cedar Lake, Denbigh. Sixteen new members examined after a concert and address is good pay for even a long, hard drive.

On the death of their father, the late M. K. Dickinson, ex-M.P., Bros. G. L. Dickinson, ex-M.P. for Carleton, and H.S. for Eastern Ontario, and W. B. Dickinson were presented with a resolution of condolence by their brethren of Court Manotick. The deceased gentleman was held in high esteem by the community.

Court Frontenac, No. 59, Kingston, had a most successful "Barbecue" on Labor Day, and we prophesy that a big increase in membership will be found in the old banner court before the end of the Forestric year. The Supreme Chief Ranger was present and gave one of his usual happy addresses, and the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Dr. Clark, and Bro. Dr. Herald, P.H.P., also made addresses.

The High Chief Ranger also begs to offer this public apology to any court or any brother who has not had as prompt an answer to letters as usual. Circumstances have been such that for the past few weeks he could not devote as much time to the work as he would have liked to have done; but things are getting straightened out again, and a big campaign is to be pushed this fall. We hope every brother will put his shoulder to the wheel and help things along.

At the time of writing the news of the disastrous fire near Ottawa is prominently before us. Courts Casselman, Cambridge and Riceville have lost all papers, books and supplies, and very many members have lost practically everything. We hope that the members of every court will see that their court practices that beautiful virtue of "Benevolence," that is the pleasure and duty of every Forester, by responding freely and promptly to the request for assistance to our distressed brethren. Circulars will be issued to all courts at once.

New Brunswick.

Bro. Kinghorn, P.H.C.R., is working in Sunbury County, and has excellent prospects of instituting one or two strong courts.

A recent meeting held in connection with Court Nashvack was addressed by Bros. Kinghorn, P.H.C.R., and Dr. Mullin, H.P. Four applications were the result. The brothers should speak often.

We would like to whisper in the ear of some of those brethren that we heard complaining of the paucity of news from New Brunswick, that we are waiting for more news from that interesting jurisdiction. Please keep us posted.

Court Regina, No. 652, Woodstock, is rich in members who occupy prominent positions. We have been told of the following: Bro. Fred H. Hale, M.P., Bro. J. T. A. Dibbler, M.P.P., Bro. W. W. Hay, Mayor of Woodstock; Bro. Donald Munro, County Councillor; Bro. J. A. Lindsay, County Councillor; Bro. J. Y. Fleming, County Councillor; Bro. L. R. Harding, County Councillor; Bro. J. A. Lindsay, County Councillor.

Manitoba.

Remember the bronze statue to our worthy Supreme Chief Ranger. Thanks to the courts that have already responded. There are a few still to hear from. Ten cents per member; don't delay.

Forestry matters at this season are quiet: our staunch farmer brothers are busy preparing the soil for another crop, and raking in the shekels for the present one. All wear a broad smile of satisfaction.

Results this year from the farm have been very satisfactory; the High Standing Committee are looking for large accessions to the membership. Let each member "pass along" the benefits he has received.

Thomas Waddell, P.H.C.R., has been laid up for the last two weeks; he is now all O.K. again, has mapped out his fall and winter work. It's a formidable programme; he is a hustler and generally gets there, however.

The time of reunions, etc., will soon be on. This is the season for the brethren to increase the membership. Let every member in the jurisdiction determine to bring in one member before January 1st, 1898. It can be done. Now, then, "up and at it."

The High Secretary will be glad to get any items of interest from the courts for insertion in the FORESTER. Any communications sent him will be promptly sent to the editor. Officers, please make a note of this and keep your court before the members.

It would be a source of great relief to Financial Secretaries (specially in country districts) if members would, as far as possible, pay, say, six months or a year in advance. A good deal of worry and many suspensions would be avoided if this were done. Think this over, brethren.

Organizer Thomas Waddell, P.H.C.R., spent a few days lately at Keewatin, with the result that a strong and healthy court has been placed there. This court starts with a membership of 26, with several others in sight. May the "echo" of this court be heard many times during this year in all jurisdictions.

Score one for the mailing department of the FORESTER. October issue delivered here on 8th, sixteen days ahead of usual time. This is a great improvement, and, when the offer of prizes comes along, puts the distant jurisdictions on an equal footing. [The October issue should have been there before the 8th; it was issued Monday, the 27th September. The present number goes to press on the 23rd October, and ought to be in Winnipeg on or before the 1st November.—Ed.]

Quebec High Court Meeting.

Tenth Session Held at St. Hyacinthe, Sept. 8th and 9th. Three Hundred Delegates Present. The Supreme Chief Receives an Enthusiastic Welcome.

(From the *Montreal Herald* of Sept. 8th.)
ST. HYACINTHE, QUE., Sept. 8th.

St. Hyacinthe is *en fête* to-day, the occasion being the opening of the annual Sessions of the High Court of Quebec, Independent Order of Foresters. By every train up to noon to-day delegates from all over the Province have arrived, and it is estimated that there are now some three hundred delegates in attendance.

The weather is beautifully fine, and great preparations have been made by the local reception committee for the entertainment of the visitors, in whose honor the streets are handsomely decorated.

This morning Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Toronto, the Supreme Chief Ranger, arrived, and was met by the reception committee and those delegates who had already arrived, and escorted to the High Court headquarters. At eleven o'clock a procession was formed, and left the Grand Hotel, proceeding through the principal streets to the City Hall, escorted by the Philharmonic and Cercle Montcalm Brass Bands.

At the City Hall the Mayor of St. Hyacinthe, Mr. Dessaulles, Councillor Morin and others were in waiting to give a civic welcome.

The Mayor, in a few well-chosen words in French, welcomed the gathering to St. Hyacinthe and expressed his hope that the Foresters would have successful meetings. He was followed by Dr. Beaudry, who read an address of welcome in French, and Mr. H. A. Egan, who delivered a similar address in English.

The S.C.R., Dr. Oronhyatekha, briefly replied to these, thanking the friends for their welcome, also briefly reviewing the progress that the Order had made. He was followed by Peter Strathearn, a well-known Montrealer, and High Vice-Chief Ranger, and Brother Roy, High Councillor. The meeting then adjourned.

The regular sessions of the High Court opened at two o'clock this afternoon. A matter for much regret is the absence of High Chief Ranger Bro. F. S. MacKay, of Montreal, who has been taken seriously ill while in Ottawa. The officers present are:—Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatekha, M.D.; Peter Strathearn, P.H.C.R., and High Vice Ranger; John W. Stocks, High Secretary; A. Gosselin, High Treasurer; Dr. A. Nadcau, High Physician; F. E. Roy, High Councillor; Rev. S. Harte, E. Talbot, High Auditors; A. Bois, H.S.W.; J. J. Duquette, H.J.W.

In the regrettable absence, through illness, of Bro. F. S. MacKay, High Chief Ranger, Bro. Peter Strathearn, H.V.C.R., presided.

The following committees were appointed:—

Credentials—Bros. John W. Stocks, E. Bois, Frank H. Wildgoose, Dr. Beaudry, H. Hurst.

Distribution—Bros. Charland, F. C. H. Bursalon, Rev. Moore, P. Piche, James Stapleton.

Finance—J. B. A. Akare, R. Reinhold, P. M. Bretan, Rev. H. S. Harte and Fuller.

New Business—Bros. D. J. McArthur, P. L. Dubert, Rev. J. Pinel, J. T. Lariviere and F. Bausch.

Memorial—Bros. O. W. Bedard, Rev. W. Robinson, A. W. M. Kelly, Rev. J. E. Choquette and G. H. Harding.

Appeals and Petitions—Rev. Bro. Hewton, Bros. A. Pelletier, James Lorne, James Skelly and Alf. Beaujean.

Constitution and Laws—Bros. Dr. Brown, A. St. Mars, F. G. Kearns, Dr. Tivalotte and Rutherford.

State of the Order—Bros. A. Gosselin, George Longley, Dr. Picard, R. W. Williams and W. H. Johnson.

Press—John Richards, Court St. Louis, Montreal; E. A. Montel, Court Ste. Helene, Montreal; Rev. R. J. Hewton, Court Lachine, Lachine; and Montarville de la Bruere, of St. Hyacinthe.

An invitation was read from the civic officials, inviting the members and delegates to witness an exhibition to be given by the Ste. Hyacinthe fire brigade. The invitation was accepted.

The following reports were then submitted:

High Chief Ranger's Report.

ST. HYACINTHE, 8th Sept., 1897.

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

BROTHERS,—Allow me to extend to you all a most hearty welcome to the Tenth Session of the High Court of Quebec, and to express to you my gratitude in meeting you all as the delegates of a single and united High Court assembled, without distinction of creed or nationality, to promote the general interests of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS in this Province, and to work together in scattering the golden blessings which are allotted to its members.

Contrary to other societies who admit as their members only persons belonging to one nationality or creed, our beloved Order takes members into its folds without any distinction of creed or nationality, being thus enabled to fulfil one of its obligations towards its members. For, besides the pecuniary benefits offered to its members, it looks after their moral and social interests by teaching them submission to the laws of their country, which give equal rights to every citizen, respect of other people's faith, and obedience to the laws of their church. In their meetings, members of different nationalities get acquainted with one another and mutual esteem grows between them, prejudices disappear and they separate more and more convinced that we are all and each of us members of the one family, and willing to bring in our relations as members of the Great Canadian Family that concord which ought always to govern our meetings of Foresters.

MEMBERSHIP AND COURTS.

It is with great satisfaction that I notice that the number of Foresters in this Province goes on increasing day by day, which shows the high favor in which our beloved Order is held and that our people understand its merits.

For, according to the report which was submitted to your approval last year, we then had a membership of 10,249 in this jurisdiction, while this year I can report 12,358 members, showing an increase of 2,109 members, after deducting all lapses and deaths.

The number of Courts, which was 177 last year, is now 199, or a net increase of 22 new courts, for, although 24 new courts were instituted this year, Court of the Woods, No. 3008, amalgamated with Court Agnes, No. 1662, and Court Baie St. Paul, No. 3442, was unable to repulse the various attacks to which it was subjected.

FINANCES.

As you will be able to judge by the report of the High Treasurer, our finances are in a very flourishing condition and we still have a good surplus deposited in the bank.

During my term of office the expenses have been larger than usual owing to the salary paid to the High Inspectors and to the sums spent in mission work. Naturally those expenses increase as the membership and the number of Courts increase; moreover, competition between benefit societies is growing keener than in the past, which causes more travelling before being able to strike on a locality where a new court can be established.

I consider that the costs of organization and of inspection could be decreased if the High Standing Committee were to choose and appoint themselves the organizers and inspectors instead of getting them elected by the High Court.

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the year I have taken part in several public demonstrations, in my official capacity, where I had to speak in the interest of the Order.

I must specially recall the banquet given by the Foresters of the District of Quebec, at which sat amongst the guests the Chief Justice, Sir L. N. Caseault, several members of the Provincial Legislature and other prominent men of Quebec, the procession in honor of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's Jubilee, at Montreal, which is by far the grandest demonstration in which the Foresters ever took part and in which they were preceded by a beautiful car bearing a moose and other emblems of the I.O.F., the meeting of the High Courts of Ontario East and Centre at Foresters' Park, at Deseronto; the meeting of the High Court of Central Ontario, and the formal opening of the Foresters' Temple, at Toronto, an imposing ceremony of which I shall keep an everlasting souvenir, and at which your humble servant was one of the few speakers called to address the thousands of Foresters and strangers present, an honor which I attribute to this High Court.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding these remarks, I take this opportunity to thank the Officers of the High Court for the generous assistance they have given me for the promotion of Forestry in this Province, and the members of Subordinate Courts for the noble work they have done during the year just lapsed, leaving you the sole judges of my work as High Chief Ranger, with the firm conviction and the satisfaction of having done my duty to the best of my ability.

F. S. MACKAY,
High Chief Ranger.

High Secretary's Report.

St. HYACINTHE, September 8th, 1897.

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

BRETHREN,—Time has moved us on another year, and by the blessings of a kind Providence we are permitted to meet for the first time in this beautiful centre of industry, surrounded by a large and wealthy farming community.

With three large city courts of brother Foresters to welcome us at this our tenth annual session in this the sexagenary Jubilee year of her gracious Majesty Victoria by the grace of God Queen and Empress. . . .

PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

After a careful consideration of all the difficulties met with in the work of the Order in this Province during the past year, we are much encouraged by the renewed interest members are taking in the work, and the material aid they are as a whole lending in forming new courts in their own neighborhood, and at its close we congratulate ourselves on having had a year of unusual progress and prosperity.

Number of members last report, 10,249, in 177 courts.

Number of members in present report, 12,358, in 209 courts.

Court of the Woods amalgamated with Court Agnes, No. 1062.

Net gain for the year, 2,109.

FINANCES.

A careful perusal of Exhibit No. 4 and the report of the High Treasurer will show that our finances continued to remain in a healthy condition. It is encouraging to note that our total assets over liabilities amount to the handsome sum of \$7,406.73, which is \$130.76 greater than a year ago, notwithstanding the large expenses of the current term.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would strongly recommend this session of the High Court to draw the attention of subordinate courts to the prevailing laxity that exists in the matter of remitting semi-annually their High Court dues. These dues, we think, are collected with the June and December assessments, and it is hard to understand why it should in many instances be two or three months later before they reach our office.

Of the assets of the High Court \$6,092.86 is in cash deposited in various banks, showing a most healthy condition of the finances.

The growing condition of the Order in this Province has necessitated me since last February to devote my whole time to its interests, and this, no doubt, is something for you, brethren, to rejoice at. And now, as we meet in fraternal council with one another, we trust that the several courts which we represent will be greatly benefited by our deliberations, and that when we return home we will do so more fully resolved to continue scattering golden blessings amongst our fellowmen by disseminating far and wide the principles of Independent Forestry.

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

JOHN W. STOCKS,
High Secretary.

High Treasurer's Report.

St. HYACINTHE, September 8, 1897.

To the High Chief Ranger, Officers and Members of the High Court of Quebec, I.O.F. :

BRETHREN,—The following is the tenth annual statement of the financial standing of this High Court, ending on the 24th of August, 1897, which I take great pleasure in submitting for your earnest consideration.

The receipts of last year showed a balance deposited in the several banks of \$6,364.96, whilst this year the balance amounts to \$6,092.86, the total receipts for the same space of time having been \$7,762.25, and the total expenditure \$8,034.35, thus showing an increased expenditure of \$272.10.

The increase in the expenditure is accounted for largely to the great number of prizes won by the members of the subordinate courts, the Jubilee celebration and the inspection work, the details of which may be seen in statement No. 2.

Brethren, before concluding, let me intimate that any information pertaining to my office, which may not be contained in my report, I shall be pleased to give at any time.

Praying for the continuance of the prosperity of the High Court,

I have the honor to be,
Yours truly in L., B. and C.,
A. GOSSELIN,
High Treasurer.

MEMORIALS.

The Committee on Memorials introduced a report in which they mourn their deceased brothers and extend sympathy to their afflicted families. Special mention was made of the late Bro. A. H. Raymond, High Inspector.

"THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER" IN FRENCH.

The question of publishing the official organ in French was fully considered, and if the cost is not too great this will be done in the near future.

Supreme Chief Oronhyatekha had to leave en route for Portland, Maine, where the State High Court is now in session. He was given a thorough Foresters' send-off.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

H.C.R., P. Strathearn, Montreal; H.V.C.R., O. W. Bedard, Quebec; H. Sec., J. W. Stocks, Sherbrooke; H. Treas., J. W. Lussier, Montreal; H. Phy., Dr. Beaudry, Ste. Hyacinthe; H. Coun., E. Fleury, Knowlton; H. Auditors, J. P. Royer, Sherbrooke, and R. Reinhold, Montreal; H.J.S., J. B. Papineau, St. Vincent de Paul; H. Chap., Rev. W. Robinson, Clarenceville; H.S.W., P. Mooney, River du Loup; H.J.W., S. H. Sornberger, Stanbridge; H.S.B., J. Lowe, Sherbrooke; H.J.B., J. G. Duquette, Montreal; H. Cond., Jas. Montgomery, Sawyerville; H. Mess., J. P. Piche, Montreal; H. Mar., J. A. Portier, Montreal.

DELEGATES TO SUPREME COURT.

The following out of a long list of nominees were chosen delegates to the Supreme Court which meets in Toronto in September, 1898: Victor Morin, J. B. Alarie, Jas. S. Keely, A. Gosselin, Montreal; Rev. H. S. Harke, S. George Beance, F. E. Roy, Levis; L. A. Lavallee, J. W. Longley, P. N. Breton, Montreal; Rev. J. E. Duclos, Valleyfield; C. A. Miller, Windsor Mills; Dr. P. Picard, Frazerville.

The salaries were fixed as follows: High Secretary, \$800; High Treasurer, \$50; High Auditors, \$25 each.

The High Standing Committee was authorized to employ Inspectors, the expense not to exceed \$1,000.

Bro. C. A. Miller, P.H.C.R., assumed the chair, and proceeded with the installation of officers. Votes of thanks were passed to *The Herald*, the press generally, the scrutineers and the brethren of St. Hyacinthe. After speeches from the new High Chief Ranger, Bro. Strathearn, and H. V. C. R. Bedard, the meeting closed with the customary ceremonies.

The next meeting will be held at Three Rivers.

NOTES.

Largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held. The "Chief" holds first place in the hearts of the Foresters of Quebec.

Differences of race, language and religion do not affect the fraternal spirit in the I.O.F.

In Bro. J. W. Stocks the High Court has one of the best High Secretaries in the Order. Thorough, accurate and obliging, he is deservedly popular.

Every one regretted the absence of the courteous and accomplished H.C.R. Bro. F. S. McKay, who was taken ill at Ottawa and is now in the General Hospital there, suffering from typhoid fever. Everybody hopes for his rapid recovery.

Bro. Strathearn, H.C.R., has been accorded an unusual honor. Some years ago he served the High Court with ability and success as H.C.R. Last year he was called to the vice-chair and this year he is again head of the administration. We predict for him a successful year.

An amusing incident took place in the course of proceedings. One of the delegates made a long speech in French regarding some point of procedure, at the conclusion of which an English delegate asked that the Supreme Chief interpret the French speech. The Doctor gravely got up, and began to interpret in his own fashion, translating the address into the Mohawk language, to the great amusement of the High Court. It is needless to say that the brother who asked the Chief to interpret did not repeat the request.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

BRETHREN,—The members of the High Standing Committee of the High Court of Quebec extend to the officers and members of the courts within their jurisdiction most hearty and cordial greeting.

The High Court officers are very anxious and hope to see the membership in the Province of Quebec continue to increase. May "Excelsior" continue to be our watchword. If each one will do his share, or even a very little work, success is assured.

Any brother who can interest himself in the formation of a new court and secure a list of applicants for the same will do well to apply at once to the High Chief or High Secretary for supplies and terms of compensation for the work.

We are tempted to go on and mention all the good points that we know in regard to our Order, but even then that would make our communication altogether too lengthy, and so, with a feeling of confidence that each brother will do his part and work without ceasing, and thereby achieve grand results for our Order in Quebec. And we will also, at the same time, be scattering golden blessings.

Yours fraternally,

P. STRATHEARN, H.C.R.

Court Sawyerville, No. 590, had an exceptionally pleasant excursion, some time ago, to Bartlett, N.H. They were accompanied part of the way by a large number of the members of Court Washington, Lancashire, N.Y. The scenery of the White Mountains was greatly enjoyed. The Foresters of the party had a parade in Bartlett in the afternoon. The Sawyerville Coronet band accompanied the party.

Court Beebe Plain, No. 1345.—Our High Secretary paid this court an official visit on the 6th of October, and, from advice received from the Su-

preme Executive, found they required assistance. We learn the secretary left them in good shape. To come to the assistance of weak courts is a duty we must perform, at the same time we urge the assistance and co-operation of our court officers, and more especially our Court Deputies, to see that our Constitution is strictly complied with.

Court Iberville, No. 1429.—Wake up, Iberville, the H.C. is after you! We trust the recent visit of the High Secretary has done you good. Have an eye on your half-yearly report; if you don't the hustler at headquarters will be sure to bring you to time. We must have method in such a great institution. We now expect some good reports from your quarter, as you have a good field to work in, and with your energetic general Deputy we will expect a marked increase in your membership and a court or two in the surrounding parish. Nothing less will satisfy us.

Court Ste. Helene, No. 1019.—The question has been asked on many occasions: "What is the matter with Court Ste. Helene?" Court Ste. Helene is all right. The High Chief met the officers and thoroughly discussed matters. Now enthusiasm prevails, and the boys are going right in for business, and Deputy Montel means it; and it will be a pleasure to see the old reliable court come to the front again. So we need not fear; we can rely on Bro. Duvert every time. And for the Chief Ranger, his ability is well known.

Court Balmoral, No. 269.—This court has sustained a loss through the death of Bro. Andrew Joyce, ticket agent of the Grand Trunk. Bro. Joyce was a most amiable, quiet and unassuming man in his manner, yet an enthusiast in his praise of the I.O.F. His esteemed wife and family have our sympathy in the hour of bereavement. The second annual picnic of the court, held some time ago at Isle Graibrois, was a marked success. The athletic events were many and keenly contested. The attendance of Foresters and their friends was large. High Chief Strathearn was everywhere promoting the success of the day.

QUEBEC NOTES.

The H.C.R. of Quebec has been missed for two days; it has been stated he was seen with a supply trunk quietly leaving town. If such is the case, the facts will come out. Well, he must do something; he is the man we employ and the most of us can trust him; he has been well tried.

In our next issue look out for our High Chief's circular and prize list. He fully intends to keep with the times; even without inspectors we must not fall behind. Yet dispensing with the organizers is a serious mistake; no organization can afford to do without them, a fact which is best known to those who have done good work in past years.

Our Supreme Chief gladdened the hearts of the Quebec brethren by his presence at our High Court session. "Say what you like, boys, our Chief is a great man." Such was the expression to be heard from groups located here and there. His liberal offer to our French brethren, in giving them a French journal, has stirred them to enthusiasm, and no doubt it will produce good results. Now, brethren, we don't wonder at the laggard courts coming forward and depositing their ten cents a-head for the statue of the Chief. Such a leader is worthy of all we can do for him.

Nova Scotia.

The I.O.F. is surely and steadily winning its way among the brainy and stalwart sons of Nova Scotia.

For September the applications were 39, but that is the harvest month with the farmers. The harvest for the Order will be from this out.

The late lamented Bro. Bell has been followed by Bro. T. M. Seely, of Yarmouth, as High Secretary, who discharges the duties of that important office with ability and acceptance.

Interested parties are trying to place in the same category all fraternal insurance societies, and the recent failure of The Massachusetts Benefit Association has been made the text for homilies condemnatory of all fraternal societies that give insurance. The *Yarmouth Light* has the following fair criticism of such methods:

"Experience has proved to be defective the system adopted by the Massachusetts Benefit; that of calling from the members an amount just sufficient to cover the claims that were presented from time to time. They allowed the policyholder to 'keep the reserve in his pocket' until it was needed. Experience has shown that when the reserve was needed the policyholder became suspicious and still kept it in his pocket. Result, the collapse of the association.

"But there are other systems of assessment. That which is most successful and gives every promise of permanency calls for a level assessment monthly, irrespective of the number of deaths, the amount providing for the payment of matured policies and other expenses and for a reserve fund. We have in mind an association [the I.O.F.] conducted on this system which now has upwards of two and one-half million dollars of a reserve fund. Not likely this association expects to have to acknowledge its 'inability to survive through adversities which old line companies take as a matter of course.'

"We wish our readers to understand that we believe in the old line system and have no doubt whatever that the leading companies now doing business in this field are reliable. At the same time, we hold there is a manifest need for assessment insurance, and there are systems now in force which claim, with every show of reasonableness, to be stable and equitable."

British Columbia.

A new court was organized by Bro. Geo. F. Johnstone, of Court Banana, at Ebuine, on the 11th inst.

For the month of September 29 applications were received. Considering population this is a remarkably good showing.

When will British Columbia have a High Court? There are several High Courts with a smaller membership than the Order has in this Province.

Gold mining is not the only thing booming in the Pacific Province. Independent Forestry is steadily, we might say rapidly, coming to the front.

The members of Court Banana are greatly pleased with the promptness with which the Mortuary Benefit of the late Bro. Jno. Campbell was paid. Only sixteen days elapsed between the passing of the claim and the receipt of the cheque.

Prince Edward Island.

Office of High Chief Ranger,
CHARLOTTETOWN, August 17th, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

At the annual meeting of the High Court of P. E. Island, held in Summerside on the 12th and 13th of this month, I was elected to the office of High Chief Ranger, and I take this occasion to express my thanks to the brethren, through their representatives, for the honor conferred upon me.

Realizing fully the responsibilities of this high office, it will be my aim at all times to consolidate and build up our beloved Order throughout this province, wherever possible to do so, and by the time of next High Court meeting I fully expect to meet it with one thousand five hundred Foresters in good standing on P. E. Island.

In order to do this, brethren, it will be necessary for each individual member to set himself to work and get in at least one new member during the coming year. It only requires a little effort on the part of the membership, and in order to make the work interesting, and to assist in building up courts already in existence, I have decided to offer as a prize to the court that initiates the largest number of members between now and July 1st, 1898, a Cabinet Organ (made by the Dominion Organ Co.), suitable for lodge purposes. The courts competing to send a list of the new members initiated (to be at least ten), certified by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of the respective courts; the said list to agree with the High Court returns.

I will be glad to correspond with Court Deputies in regard to the work of their courts, and shall also endeavor to visit as many courts as possible during my term of office, and render any assistance it may be in my power to give.

Hoping that the membership will join together and decide that their court is not going to be behind in this prize competition, and that each court will, now that the fall is approaching, meet regularly and practice fully the signs and unwritten work of the Order—always keeping in view the fact that there is a vast power for good in a well-conducted meeting of the brethren—I anticipate for us all a happy and prosperous year, one that will place P. E. Island in the front rank of Forestry, where she rightly belongs.

I am yours in L., B. and C.,

FRANK S. JOST,
High Chief Ranger.

The Foresters' booth in the Exhibition Building during the days of the Provincial Fair, Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24, was a decided success, although the exhibition was somewhat of a failure.

A great many Foresters called and registered. Among them were: Hon. George Forbes, Court Balanogwan; A. P. Prowse, Court Murray Harbor; Uriah Matthew, Court St. John; Chas. R. Rogers, Court Onaway; Dr. Campbell, Court Wallace; J. E. B. McCready, Court La Tour, St. John, N.B.; J. D. Seamans, Court Avondale; John S. McNeill, Court Silvan.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Perly C. Walsh, of Court Avondale, a young man of great promise. He having been ill for two years past, the court had made application to have him placed in the disability class. This is the first loss by death for Court Avondale.

Bro. L. W. Fowler, H.S., has been engaged by the Supreme Executive to devote all his time to the work of the Order. Bro. Fowler is a capable and zealous officer. He has entered upon his fall campaign, and a boom in P. E. I. is looked for.

Illinois.

High Court Meeting at Peoria—100 Representatives Present.

The first biennial session of the High Court of Illinois was held in Peoria on the 24th and 25th September. The pleasant weather, large attendance, the welcome of the citizens of Peoria, the encouraging reports of High officers, and the presence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, all combined to make the meeting an enjoyable and successful one.

The report of the Credential Committee showed 100 delegates to be in attendance.

CIVIC WELCOME.

The Mayor of Peoria gave the delegates and officers of the High Court a very hearty welcome to the city of Peoria, and stated to them that everything in sight was placed at their disposal. A. E. Stevenson, High Chief Ranger, responded to the welcome in a few happy and well-chosen words.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

Shortly after the opening of the afternoon session, the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, was announced, and amidst the greatest enthusiasm was conducted to the platform, and by request of the High Chief Ranger took the chair and conducted the further business of the meeting. A short time after this Mayor Koch, of Bloomington, was introduced to the members present, and on invitation of the Supreme Chief Ranger gave a short address to the members of the High Court.

Mayor Koch is a member of the Order in his own city, and he gave a very glowing account of the prospects and success of Court Evergreen City, No. 3250.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

From the reports of the officers it was gathered that the Order was in a most flourishing condition in the State. The membership on the 1st of August was **3,834**, as compared with 633 two years ago. A *six-fold* increase is an exceptional record. All the courts are in good working order. The report of the treasurer showed a satisfactory state of the finances of the High Court.

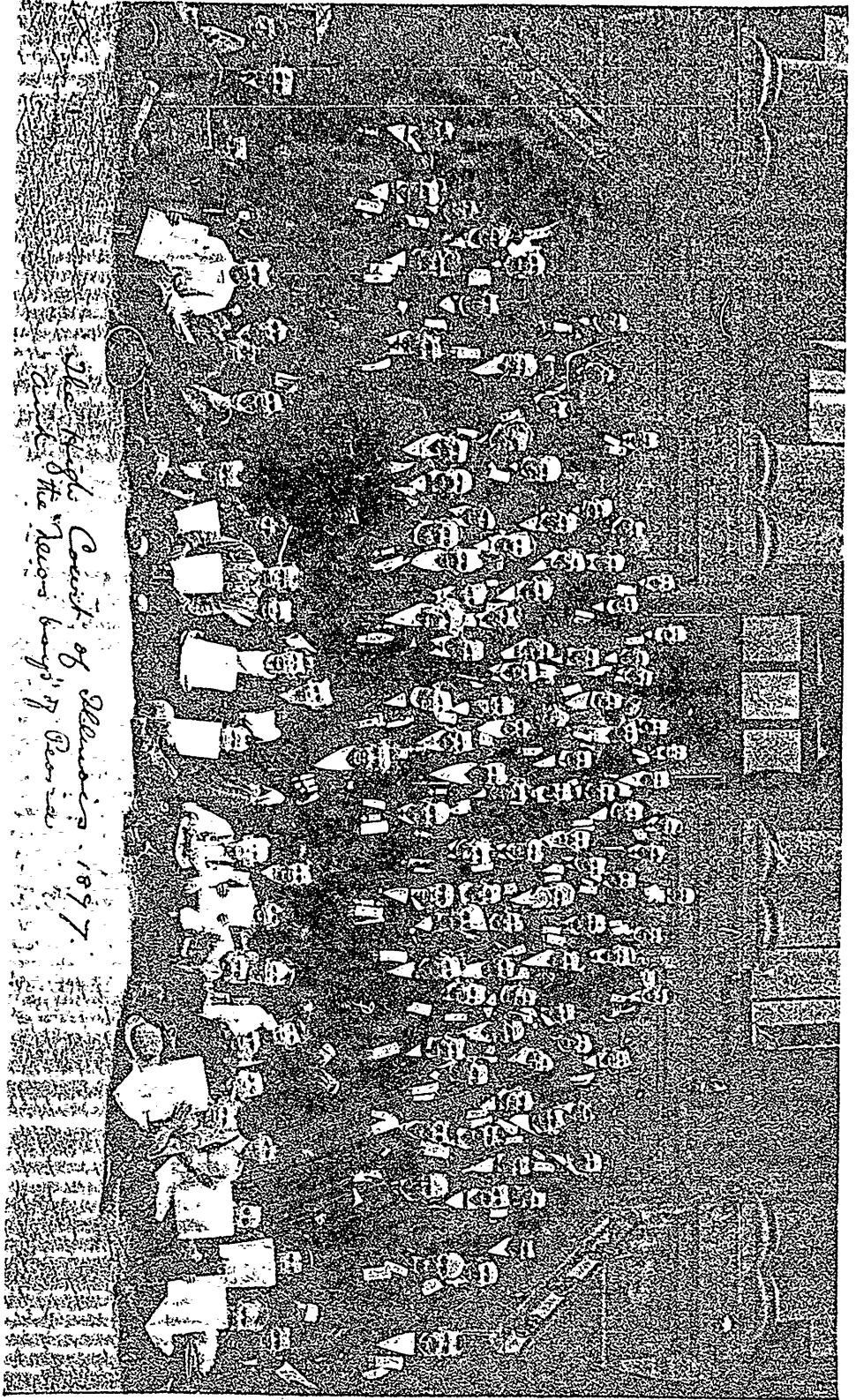
PARADE, PUBLIC MEETING AND BANQUET.

Fully 400 members of the Order, headed by a splendid band, paraded the streets on the evening of the 24th.

The scene was most inspiring and encouraging to the members of the Order. Thousands of people lined the streets on either side of the line of march, to the place of meeting.

The hall at the evening meeting was filled to overflowing and the programme was very interesting as well as instructive.

Dr. Oronhyatekha gave an address, characterized as usual by his sallies of wit and humor, and so plainly did he set forth the duties devolving upon men to protect those who are dependent upon them that no conscientious man could leave the hall uninsured, and feel that he was doing anything like



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justice to his family. The balance of the programme was very interesting, both the singing of the quartette and the selections rendered by the elocutionist present.

At half-past nine o'clock the banquet hall was thrown open, and all Foresters present took their places at the table. After they had finished their repast, Dr. Oronhyatekha was called upon to respond to a toast given by the toast-master of the occasion. The Dr. said, among other things, that he felt he had great reason to be proud of the position which he held, and that he believed the time would come when the Independent Order of Foresters would be the largest Fraternal Insurance Institution in the world, and that at this time he would rather be Supreme Chief Ranger of the I.O.F. than be Governor-General of Canada, or President of the United States. He also gave a brief account of his work in the Order, and stated that on this evening he had instituted the first Court of Companions of Foresters that it had been his privilege to organize. He prophesied that in the near future Courts of the Companions would be numbered by hundreds, while the membership would quickly run into the thousands. As a matter of fact, though hardly three months have elapsed since work was begun in earnest, already there were over forty courts in existence.

A. E. Stevenson, the popular and energetic High Chief Ranger, was next called upon to respond, which he did in a brief manner, stating that the credit given to him for the remarkable growth of the I.O.F. in Illinois was, in reality, due to the faithful workers in the several Subordinate Courts, and he hoped they would be enabled to work together as efficiently and agreeably for the next two years as they had done during the past term, and he prophesied that should such be the case, we should have a membership two years hence of between ten and fifteen thousand.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers consumed but little time, as in most cases the choice was a unanimous one. The following brethren will hold office for the next two years:

ELECTED.

High Chief Ranger, A. E. Stevenson, Chicago; Vice-Chief Ranger, Thomas Stevenson, Joliet; High Secretary, E. T. Richards, Chicago; High Treasurer, Florence Donohue, Chicago; High Physician, Dr. L. A. McFadden, Peoria; High Counselor, W. C. Schafer, Chicago; High Auditors, John B. Lenson, Chicago; F. H. Knapp, Chicago.

APPOINTED.

High Journal S., S. S. Noble; H.S.W., F. W. Fulks; H.J.W., C. G. Glendenning; H.S.B., S. J. Allen; High Journal Secretary, John Sutherland, Chicago; High Senior Warden, F. M. Fulks, Bloomington; H. Junior Warden, Dr. C. G. Glendenning, Clinton; High Commander, D. Decamp, Chicago; High Messenger, E. R. Knox, Hoopes-ton; High Chaplain, F. W. Wagner, Freeport; High Marshal, N. C. Galloway, Blue Island.

REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPREME COURT AT TORONTO, 1898.

Chairman, A. E. Stevenson, who received practically the unanimous vote of the Delegates present, E. T. Richards, Florence Donohue, C. H. Gillig.

After the customary votes of thanks the High Court adjourned to meet two years hence, the place and date of meeting to be fixed by the High Standing Committee.

NOTES.

Illinois goes marching on!

15,000 at next High Court meeting is the membership for which High Chief Ranger Stevenson and his comrades are going to work.

A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R., attended the Fraternal Congress held in Port Huron the first of the month. He reports a very interesting time.

Citizens in Chicago note with interest the prompt manner in which all claims are met by the I.O.F. It has always been the policy of the Order to pay every verified claim with the least possible delay.

Officers and members in all our courts have buckled on the armor in good earnest, and we may confidently look for a bountiful harvest during the months that remain of 1897. Chicago is getting wideawake as regards Forestry.

The courts of this city seem to be enthused with new life since the meeting of this branch at Peoria. Evidently a number of the delegates received new impressions at that meeting with reference to our Order at large and in our own State.

Agreeably to instructions of High Court the High Standing Committee appointed Bro. W. R. Gillette, D.S.C.R., High Inspector for the jurisdiction. From Bro. Gillette's character and qualifications for the position, good results for the I.O.F. are anticipated from his appointment.

We give on another page a picture of the High Court, with the "Newsboys" of Peoria in the foreground. They will be men and Foresters some day. The look on "the Chief's" face is indicative of how he felt on the occasion. It was he who called the boys to be photographed with the High Court.

The women of Chicago are taking very kindly to the movement instituted by the Supreme Chief Ranger toward the organization of the Companions of Foresters. A number of courts have been instituted here, and Mrs. Dr. Schroeder, the Organizer for this jurisdiction, meets with nothing but encouragement in her work.

The Illinois Branch is offering a series of prizes to those who secure applications during the months of November and December. Any Forester who is enthusiastic and desires to do something for the Order can now feel that he is being well repaid for the pains he may take in securing additions to our membership. The prizes are not only beautiful but they have real value. The solid gold watch charm, with raised moose head and ruby eyes, is a very beautiful ornament, and any member securing only twenty-five applications can win one. It is well worth trying and we hope a number of Illinois brethren will be wearing this charm the first of the coming year.

Michigan.

Bro. VanSickle is hustling at Albion, and is having good success.

Bro. Mudge, D.D.H.C.R., succeeded in putting in Courts at Eldenville and McBain this month.

Bro. Ely, D.D.H.C.R., after a hard fight, succeeded in putting in a court at Blaine on Oct. 5th. Bro. Ely never gives up.

The H.C.R. accompanied the S.C.R. to the meeting of the High Court of Illinois at Peoria, and reports a pleasant and successful meeting.

The High Chief Ranger is commencing an active campaign for new members, and before the year is

out Michigan will have moved a long way towards the top.

Courts Bagley and City of the Straits gave an entertainment and hop in the Cowie building last evening which was a success numerically and socially.

The Foresters of Western Michigan are preparing to make a big showing at the Carnival of Fun in Grand Rapids on Oct. 27th. All the courts in that vicinity are expected to be present.

Court Valley claims that it is all ready for the special Chief Ranger sash offered by the High Court for the largest membership Jan. 1st, but they must look out for Court Traverse—they are after them.

Bro. Sparling, D.D.H.C.R. for Detroit, is at it night and day, and his work is beginning to tell. The courts in that city have already appointed committees to arrange for the High Court meeting.

One of the most pleasant and best meetings attended by the H.C.R. was the regular meeting of Court Evart, Oct. 9th. Bro. Minchin is a hustler, and is bound to have one hundred members before Jan. 1st.

Court Vivian, No. 1254, Pontiac, is enjoying a season of prosperity. Bro. Weeks spent a few days in their interests lately and as a result 6 new members were added, among them Hon. S. J. Smith, Congressman from the 6th district, and E. J. Kelly, Mayor of the town.

Brother E. S. Grece, C.R. of Court Frome, and well known to the legal fraternity, is in Massachusetts, having received notice of the death of Mrs. Grece, who had been ill for some months and had gone to the seashore for her health. The brethren extend sympathy to Bro. Grece.

A worthy brother in Detroit writes:—Under the head of Michigan news in your September number I notice your first was "Quebec still leads." Let the Detroit brothers take that for a motto, and keep pegging away. Increase the membership of your Court. Court Cadillac, 863, have a membership increasing committee, they intend doing some good work before the year closes. The Court has adopted a new set of by laws for the better guidance of our deliberations. Some new features are about to be added to the initiatory work.

Ohio.

High Court Meeting at Conneaut—A Pleasant and Successful Meeting.

The High Court met in Conneaut on Tuesday, September 21st, at 2 p.m., the High Chief Ranger, Bro. J. D. Clark, in the chair.

The citizens of Conneaut were most cordial in their welcome. The town was gay with flags and bunting, and Foresters were made to feel at home.

The Foresters of Conneaut presented an address of welcome, to which the High Chief responded in felicitous terms.

After the formal opening, the High Chief Ranger appointed the following committees:

On Credentials—Dr. Hawley, H.S., chairman; Messrs. M. G. Fitzgerald, H. C. Brooks, A. C. Smith and D. W. McBride.

Distribution—C. P. Sweetman, Albert Roe, Dr. R. M. Durban, J. L. Gleason and C. Cahill.

Constitution and Law—J. V. Hilliard, J. Snitznick, F. Schleuter, C. E. McGinniss, J. H. Bartram.

Petitions and Appeals—C. E. Margerum, W. W. Kingsley, C. H. Sorg, Dr. A. Morden, A. R. Campbell.

Finance—J. C. Diehl, Earl Lines, J. B. Porter, A. Cameron, J. R. Clingerman.

State of the Order—Dr. E. J. Wunderlich, Chas. Byrne, W. H. Gonder, A. D. Campbell, J. H. Brinkner.

A ROUSING WELCOME TO THE CHIEF.

At four o'clock the meeting adjourned to march to the Lake Shore station, to receive the Supreme Chief Ranger and Bro. G. A. Harper, P.H.C.R. The procession was headed by the Independent Band of Cleveland. In a carriage were the officers of the High Court. When the train from the east arrived there were fully two thousand people at the station. As the Supreme Chief Ranger, Oronhyatekha, alighted there arose a deafening applause. The distinguished guests were escorted to the carriage awaiting, and then the march was resumed to the headquarters up-town. The officers are deserving of the highest praise for arranging the line of march past the house of their sick brother, Mr. J. F. Stone. In passing the house Mr. Stone saluted the Supreme Chief and the High Court officers, who in return lifted their hats to their beloved brother.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A very impressive service was held at the Congregational Church in commemoration of the brothers who had passed away during the past year. The church was well filled with visiting delegates, together with a large number of Conneaut people. On the platform sat the Supreme Chief Ranger, Oronhyatekha, Past High Chief Ranger J. D. Clark, Rev. Dr. Post, Rev. Dr. Prentice, Past High Chief Rangers Phillips and Rodgers. The services opened with a song by the Foresters' quartette, assisted by Miss Stevenson. Rev. Bro. Prentice offered a fervent prayer and Dr. Post read the scripture lesson. Mr. Rodgers then explained briefly the reason of the gathering, and at the close of his talk introduced Mr. Clark, who gave a very interesting talk on "Our Departed Brothers." He was followed by Mr. Phillips, who spoke on the "Widows and Orphans." Mr. Harper was next introduced and spoke of the "Silent and Unwritten Work of the Order."

The audience arose and sang "He Leadeth Me," and after the benediction by Dr. Post, they adjourned to the banquet hall.

THE BANQUET.

The audience room of the city hall never looked more inviting in all its history. All around the hall were the Stars and Stripes tastefully arranged, and in the windows and in every nook and corner were potted plants and flowers. Plates were laid for 350. The High Court officers, together with the Supreme Chief Ranger, were seated at the extreme north end of the hall. On the right of this table was Mayor Stanley and his wife and the city council and their wives, as guests of honor. The supper served was one of the finest and most elaborate of the season. After the inner man had been satisfied, the High Chief Ranger called on the honored Oronhyatekha to reply to the first toast. He responded in a very able and interesting manner, and for fully half an hour held the closest attention of the hundreds of people in the hall.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The reports of the various High Officers showed the Order to be in a very flourishing condition.

The membership is now over 5,000 in the State, the increase during the past year being the greatest in any one year in the history of the Order. Bro. Clark, H.C.R., and his colleagues received many hearty congratulations on the splendid record they had made.

A GREAT PUBLIC MEETING.

The public meeting in the city hall was a thoroughly representative one. The interest throughout was well sustained, and all the speakers received marked attention. The duties of the chair were discharged by Bro. D. W. McBride. The exercises opened by a song from a quartette composed of Mrs. C. D. Baker, Miss Hayward, Messrs. Marcy and Titus.

The speakers were the Supreme Chief, Dr. Oronhyatekha, J. D. Clark, H.C.R.; G. A. Harper, P.H.C.R.; and H.C.R.-elect Rogers. The principles and benefits of the Order were clearly and convincingly set forth to the large audience present.

OFFICERS FOR 1897-'98.

The following officers were duly installed by Dr. Oronhyatekha, assisted by Bro. Harper, A.S.C.R., Bro. Parkinson, D.S.C.R., and Bro. Mayor Stanley.

ELECTED.

P.H.C.R., J. D. Clark, Dayton; H.C.R., D. E. Rodgers, Alliance; H.V.C.R., G. H. Sorg, Mansfield; H.S., D. E. Hawley, Cleveland; H.T., Rev. L. E. Prentiss, Dayton; H.C., W. H. Miller, Dayton; H.P., Dr. S. McClure, Newark.

Mr. Bullard, of Cleveland, and McKinsey, of Eaton, were elected High Auditors.

APPOINTED.

High Chaplain, J. B. Clingerman, of Springfield; H.S.W., Albert Roe, of Cleveland; H.J.W., W. H. Gonder, of Akron; H.S.B., A. Cameron, of Toledo; H.J.B., C. Cahill, of Columbus; H.M., J. F. Stone, of Conneaut; H.C., W. C. Wagar, of Warren; H.Mess., C. P. Sweetman, of Dayton; H.J. Secy., B. F. Hannum, of Independence.

REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPREME COURT.

J. D. Clark, Dayton; C. E. Margerum, Middletown; J. C. Diehl, Alliance; W. J. Phillip, Cleveland; Dr. Ralph Marden, Circleville.

Hamilton was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A very cordial resolution of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Conneaut for their cordial and abounding hospitality. The press was also thanked for full and interesting reports of the proceedings.

The proceedings were closed with the usual ceremonies, by Bro. Rogers, H.C.R.

NOTES.

The welcome of the brethren and citizens of Conneaut left nothing to be desired.

The Memorial Service in honor of the "dear departed" was appropriate and impressive.

Welcome to Bro. Mayor Stanley. It is now the custom of the "Chief" to capture the Mayor of every city he visits.

The "Chief" is very much at home when he goes abroad among the brethren. Never was he more so than at Conneaut.

The Cleveland brethren with their fine band and party of excursionists captured a large share of the pleasures they were seeking.

The election of Bro. J. D. Clark, P.H.C.R., as representative to Supreme Court, by a practically unanimous vote, demonstrates the popularity of "Joseph."

New York.

HIGH COURT MEETING.

Eighth Annual Communication. A Large, Enthusiastic and Harmonious Gathering.

Pursuant to an adopted resolution of the High Court at its last annual session, the High Court convened at the Opera House, Malone, N.Y., September 14th, 1897, at 2 o'clock p.m., and upon roll being called the following were present:

ELECTED OFFICERS.

Dr. C. A. Kendall, High Chief Ranger; William F. Morthorst, Past High Chief Ranger; Charles W. Lerch, High Vice-Chief Ranger; Charles R. FitzGerald, High Secretary; Henry J. Snook, High Treasurer; M. C. Rutherford, M.D., High Physician; Hon. O. P. Stockwell, High Counselor; Thomas Baker, High Auditor; Frank W. Ames, High Auditor.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Rev. F. G. Severance, High Chaplain; Clyndon S. Phillips, High Journal Secretary; H. J. Simiolink, High Senior Woodward; Frederick Brown, High Junior Woodward; John P. Maddever, High Senior Beadle; George A. Ford, High Junior Beadle; Luther C. Warren, High Marshal; William A. Trowbridge, High Conductor; W. W. Holmes, High Messenger.

Bro. Charles A. Kendall, High Chief Ranger, after making the following appointment to fill vacancy, viz.: as High Chaplain, Bro. Rev. F. G. Severance, then appointed the Standing Committees, consisting of the following brethren:

Credential Committee—C. R. FitzGerald, Buffalo; S. A. Nichols, Brooklyn; Rev. F. G. Severance, Brownville; J. H. Walker, Chonagnen; W. D. Christian, Evans Mills.

Distribution—W. E. A. Faichney, Watertown; C. E. Perkins, Malone; R. H. Connor, Buffalo; Jacob Pilgen, Syracuse; C. N. Rogers, Lowville.

Constitution and Laws—Hon. O. P. Stockwell, Attica; O. T. Taylor, Depew; A. A. Wellington, Oswego; Peter M. Martin, New York; Henry W. Barcham, Rochester.

Finance—Hon. A. B. Caldwell, Syracuse; Geo. E. Cripps, Rochester; Francis A. Drake, M.D., Buffalo; Fred H. Creamer, Malone; S. H. Johnson, P.H.C.R., Clayton.

Appeals and Petitions—Frank L. Barnet, Alden; H. Eldrett, Amsterdam; Sam Barlow, Schenectady; L. C. Perkinson, Morristown; Geo. E. Ellis, M.D., Brockton.

New Business—M. J. Davies, Utica; Otto Ochs, New York; J. J. Kennedy, Syracuse; J. Albert Harper, Lisbon Centre; B. C. Graves, Mount Vernon.

State of Order—Rev. B. G. Blaisdell, Depauville; Thos Curran, Jamestown; Rev. N. Wayne Wolcott, Mexico; D. E. Sweet, Watertown; E. Moshell, Johnston.

Mileage and Per Diem—F. W. Allison, Buffalo; Peter Fox, Rochester; Henry J. Carpenter, Brooklyn.

The High Court degree was conferred on about 175 members.

The reports of the officers were distributed in printed form, and taken as read. We give a summary of them.

High Chief Ranger's Report.

OFFICERS AND DELEGATES :

BRETHREN,—Pursuant to the Constitutions and Laws of our Order, I respectfully submit my report as your High Chief Ranger, and invite you to join with me in returning thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the manifold mercies shown to us during the past year.

It is with a feeling of sadness that I call your attention to the death of one of my associates on the High Standing Committee, our late Bro. Sylvester Roe, M.D., of Brooklyn, who was elected High Physician at our last session in Albany. Bro. Roe returned to his home after the session of the High Court feeling poorly, and was confined to his bed for several months. He became sufficiently convalescent to venture from the house, but suffered a relapse from which he never recovered. His death occurred at his home in Brooklyn, on the 7th day of May, after an illness of eight months.

We have added another successful and prosperous year to our record.

Forty-three courts have been instituted in this State during the year, thirteen of which were instituted by the Supreme Court and thirty by the High Court. This is a decided change from previous years, and reflects credit upon the able manner in which the organizing work has been carried on by our High Secretary, who has demonstrated this year, more than any previous one, that by a concentrated effort in this line of work more good can be accomplished and better results attained. Ten more courts have been instituted during the past year than in the previous year, and I feel it my duty to accord the praise to our efficient High Secretary for his untiring zeal which has crowned this work with success.

I have made forty-nine official visits to different courts, addressed twenty-three public meetings, installed the officers of nineteen courts, instituted nine new courts, dedicated one hall to the uses of the Independent Forestry, presented the Grand Cross of Merit, at the request of the Supreme Chief Ranger, to your Past High Chief Ranger, Bro. Wm. F. Morthorst, attended one Forester picnic, and was present, in my official capacity, at the opening of the Temple building in Toronto.

The question of finances should receive your more careful consideration at this session. Last year we decided to pay the expenses of one delegate from each court. A doubt has arisen as to our ability to pay the mileage and *per diem*, as called for in our By-laws, on the income we receive. Of this we will be better able to judge when we hear a report from our mileage and *per diem* committee. If our income is not sufficient to meet this expenditure we must adopt some remedy. I know that too little provision is now made for the visitation of Subordinate Courts by officers of the High Court.

The remedies that suggest themselves are simply these:

- 1st. To increase the High Court dues.
- 2nd. To reduce the allowance to delegates, or
- 3rd. To legalize biennial sessions.

The necessity of either of these propositions will be made apparent to you when you realize that one-half or nearly so of our present surplus funds will have been consumed in defraying the expenses of this annual session.

In considering this matter we must lay all selfish motives aside and legislate solely for the best interests of the Order we represent. It is with great

confidence that I place this matter in your hands, believing you will do it justice.

Being constantly in touch with the High Secretary has greatly facilitated matters which have required our joint attention, and I desire to express my appreciation of the valuable counsel and courteous attention always accorded me, and, like my predecessors, feel it my duty to compliment the High Court in having selected a High Secretary of such generally recognized trustworthiness and efficiency. I also desire to express my thanks for the assistance I have received from the different members of the High Standing Committee. The most perfect harmony has prevailed. I also desire to express my thanks to the Supreme Chief Ranger and associate officers for all courtesies extended to me in my official capacity. I could not be forgetful of the warm reception and cordial treatment that I have received from the different members and courts where I have visited, and I bespeak for my successor the same fraternal treatment.

It is with feelings of thanksgiving that I surrender into your hands the great trust you placed in my charge one year ago, and may God, the searcher of all hearts, protect us in health and enable us to still further progress in our great work of Benevolence.

Submitted in L., B. & C.,

CHAS. A. KENDALL,
High Chief Ranger.

High Secretary's Report.

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

BRETHREN,—United, successful, prosperous and loyal, we again assemble for the regular transaction of all business deemed necessary for the proper welfare of this High Court, and in all our proceedings let brotherly love be distinguished as one of the crowning virtues of the Order we are called here to represent.

Notwithstanding great business depression, forty-three courts have been instituted during the year, thirty of which we have instituted ourselves, making ten more courts instituted than were during the same period of the preceding year. Our increase of membership is in the same proportion, having added 2,342 members during the past year, making a gain over the increase of the year previous amounting to 630.

The pleasant rivalry between the various High Courts continues one of those features of our labors that is truly exhilarating, and this spirit should permeate every member and throughout every High Court. We have arrived at a point of success wherein the High Court of New York has to its credit the fact that it is now the fourth High Court in the Order, in the point of membership, and has been monthly the first High Court in the Order during the past ten months in accepted risks with but one exception. Those who have been active in High Court matters since the beginning of the Order in the State of New York can but look upon the results in this State as simply marvellous.

The results of our business principles, in the management of the affairs of the High Court, has placed our finances in a much better condition than formerly, as you will note by reference to report relating to "assets and liabilities."

The many acts of fraternal courtesy extended to me, and the hearty co-operation by the High Chief Ranger, has been a source of great assistance, for which it affords me especial gratification to be thus

enabled to extend to him my heartfelt appreciation.

My gratitude to my colleagues is extended for the continued harmony prevailing and the pleasantness of our social intercourse.

Especially to my worthy friend and brother, Oronhyatekha, M.D., our Supreme Chief Ranger, do I desire to express my sincere acknowledgments for able counsel and guidance afforded me upon all occasions, and to assure him that our State is loyal to him and sincere in their support of the Order in general.

My grateful considerations are also due to my friend and brother, the Hon. John A. McGillivray, Q.C., for the uniform courtesies extended to me and for the promptness and attention given all correspondence.

A special meeting of the High Standing Committee was deemed advisable, and was held at Rochester, June 30th, 1897, with the following members present: H.C.R. Dr. C. A. Kendall, P.H.C.R. W. F. Morthorst, H. Sec'y C. R. FitzGerald, H. Treas. H. J. Snook, H. Coun. Hon. O. P. Stockwell.

The announcement of the death of the Hon. Sylvester Roe, M.D., of Brooklyn, was made by the High Secretary, and upon motion of the High Counsellor, the High Secretary was directed to prepare a memorial and set aside a page in the proceedings of the High Court when printed.

On motion of W. F. Morthorst, P.H.C.R., the name of Bro. M. C. Rutherford, M.D., was placed in nomination to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Sylvester Roe, M.D.

The following is a report of the number of courts and membership during the year ended June 30th, 1897:

Total number of Subordinate Courts under jurisdiction of High Court of New York, July 1, 1896	159
Number of Subordinate Courts having become defunct during year ended July 1st, 1897, viz.: Ellisburg and Vinita..	2
Number of courts having lapsed through consolidation with other courts, viz.: New York, No. 1009, with Rochester. No. 1687; Manlius, No. 740, with De Sono, No. 1472; Caldwell, No. 3117, with United States No. 1050.	3 5
	<hr/> 154
Number of Subordinate Courts reinstated, East New York, No. 177.	1 1
	<hr/> 155
Number of Subordinate Courts instituted by Supreme Court during year ended July 1st, 1897.	13
Number of Subordinate Courts instituted by High Court during year ended July 1st, 1897.	30 43
	<hr/> 198
Total number of Subordinate Courts July 1st, 1897.	198
Additional number of Subordinate Courts instituted from July 1st, 1897, to date.	15
	<hr/> 213
Total number of Subordinate Courts on roll, to date.	213
Membership July 1st, 1896.	7,279
Membership added from July 1st, 1896, to July 1st, 1897.	2,842
	<hr/> 10,121
Total membership July 1st, 1897.	10,121

Appreciating and thanking you for all favors, I remain,

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

CHARLES R. FITZGERALD,
High Secretary.

High Auditor's Report.

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

BROTHERS,—We, the auditors of the High Court, beg to report that we have examined thoroughly the High Secretary's books, vouchers and all matters concerning the financial affairs of the High Secretary's office, and we are highly pleased to report that they are absolutely correct in all their details.

We have also examined thoroughly and carefully the High Treasurer's accounts, bank slips, bank books, checks, stubs and accounts, and we find that they agree in every respect and detail with the books of the High Secretary. We find that there was on deposit on the first day of July, 1897, in the Fidelity, Trust & Guaranty Co. of Buffalo, the depository of the High Court, the sum of \$6,664.66.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

THOMAS BAKER,
FRANK W. AMES,
High Auditors.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held Tuesday evening in the opera house, which was largely attended by delegates, mayor, city officials and citizens. Bro. John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, delivered the principal address upon Forestry, Bro. A. B. Caldwell, Past Supreme Chief Ranger and Dr. Chas. A. Kendall, High Chief Ranger, of New York State, also spoke. The mayor of the city, Hon. J. C. Badger, on behalf of the city, welcomed the Foresters, and the Rev. T. G. Cass, of Malone also made a short address. The evening's programme was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the reports and found them correct. They recommended that the High Secretary's salary be increased from \$600 to \$800. The High Chief Ranger's salary be \$200 per year, and that the members of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee receive \$5 per day for their services. The report was adopted with an amendment making the High Secretary's salary \$1,000 instead of \$800 per year as recommended:

Bro. Supreme Secretary Hon. J. A. McGillivray was invited to address the delegates on Internal Economy, and was listened to attentively throughout. On the conclusion of his remarks, on motion of Bro. Caldwell, Court United States, duly seconded by Bro. Johnson, Court Clayton, a rising vote of thanks was unanimously extended to the distinguished visitor.

REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPREME COURT.

Six representatives to the Supreme Court were elected: Dr. Chas. A. Kendall, Buffalo; B. G. Blaisdell, Depauville; Otto Ochs, New York; W. F. Morthorst, Rochester; G. S. Phillips, Hammond; O. P. Stockwell, Attica.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Mileage and Per Diem Committee reported that 166 courts were represented, and that they recommended the payment of \$2,483.63 for their expenses; also \$315.82 for High Officers' expenses.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Committee on State of the Order reported the excellent showing made by the Order during the past year and commended the excellent service done by the High Chief and the High Secretary.

The following officers were duly installed by Bro. A. B. Caldwell, P.S.C.R.:

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

High Chief Ranger, Charles W. Lerch, Rochester; Past High Chief Ranger, Dr. Charles A. Kendall, Buffalo; High Vice-Chief Ranger, Hon. O. P. Stockwell, Attica; High Secretary, Charles R. FitzGerald, Buffalo; High Treasurer, Henry J. Snook, Watertown; High Physician, M. J. Davies, M.D., Utica; High Counsellor, J. S. Frost, Albany; High Auditors, Thomas Baker, Rochester; Frank W. Ames, Morristown.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

High Chaplain, Rev. W. N. Woicott, of Mexico; High General Secretary, Glyndon S. Phillips, of Hammond; High Senior Woodward, H. J. Simmelink, of Court Genessee; High Junior Woodward, Frederick Brown, Court Oswego; High Senior Beadle, John F. Maddever, Court Evershed; High Junior Beadle, Charles Foster, Court Dexter; High Marshal, F. A. Drake, M.D., Court West Side; High Conductor, W. A. Rogers, of Court Watertown; High Messenger, F. J. Spraker, of Court Elm Park.

Niagara Falls was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The High Court closed with appropriate ceremonies, to meet next year on the second Tuesday of September.

Col. A. B. Caldwell has instituted Court Martha Washington, Companions of the Forest (ladies' degree), at Syracuse, with 178 on the charter list.

High Chief Ranger C. A. Kendall has, pursuant to resolution of High Court, at last session, been decorated with the "Grand Cross of Merit," of which he manifests himself with just pride and gratitude.

It seems an unintentional injustice was done Oswego in not crediting it with the meeting of the High Court held there in 1892. We gladly rectify the error. We hope Oswego will have the High Court there again in the near future.

Court Miriam was instituted at Schenectady by the "Founder" and is another to the credit of the "Companions of the Forest." He also instituted while there Oronhyatekha Encampment of Royal Foresters, No. 62, with Mayor J. W. Clute among its members.

Bro. F. J. Spraker organized an Encampment of Royal Foresters at Hammond. District Deputy Lyndon S. Phillips is the Ill. Com., and the membership consists of 103 charter members, from Courts Hammond, Redwood, 1000 Isles, Brier Hill, Rossie, Morristown and Brasie.

We were very much gratified to meet in Buffalo, at the great encampment of the G.A.R., Bro. E. J. Burchell, of Antwerp, Bro. F. H. Cramer, of Malone, and Bro. John T. Ross, of Clayton, members and delegates of the Grand Army of the Re-

public, of which High Secretary C. R. FitzGerald is also a member.

Court Gouverneur had its field-day October 1st, participated in by a representation from many adjoining courts. A procession of Foresters and Sir Knights was held in the forenoon, field sports in the afternoon, concluding with speech-making in the interests of Forestry. The Committee of Arrangements made everyone happy and were congratulated for their good judgment. Everything passed off nicely and the establishment of a "Field Day" is a fixed fact.

The good and faithful Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., cannot rest easy, while life and health remain, unless he is doing some good work for the Order. A court at Cleveland, in Oswego county, has recently been organized by him, and two others are in course of organizing at Syracuse. Such activity for one of his age, now 70, is remarkable; but the dawning rays of a great hereafter incite him to still greater and ennobling deeds, for the benefit of man and woman kind, while health and life are meted out to him by the Supreme Architect of the universe.

The sixth annual outing of Court Flower City was celebrated Sept. 6th (Labor Day). Supervisor Henry Bareham was chairman of the committee of arrangements, and also general manager. The day was spent in sports, consisting of bicycle races, ball games, boat race, and men, women and children's running races. Shoe, potato and walking contests and bowling were also indulged in. The best dressed girl, under seven, was entitled to a gold ring. "Henry" is well experienced in such matters and together with his associates on the Reception, Sports and Floor Committees made the day one long to be remembered.

Pennsylvania.

The Keystone State is coming to the front.

H. C. R. Strickland expects to report at least 2,000 members to next Supreme Court.

For September the applications received were 72. This for an off month is a good showing and in advance of several older and stronger jurisdictions.

Titusville enjoyed a visit from the H.C.R., with the result that 6 members were initiated and 2 reinstated.

Oil City has had a Forestric boom. As a result of a canvass by Bro. Strickland 20 new members have been added to the court.

The courts at Kane and Clarion are to be visited in the near future with a view to increasing the membership.

The members of Court Petroleum have not been getting new equipment in vain. On the evening of the 15th Oct. 5 new members were initiated.

From Pittsburg, t. "Iron City," we hear of good work being done. Through the efforts of Bro. Kidney the two courts of the city have been greatly strengthened and a great impetus given to the work. Pittsburg is a splendid centre. With Courts Pittsburg and Pitt to copy from, there should be a score of courts and 1,000 members in the Iron City.

Rev. Bro. P. Wittick, C.D.H.C., says Forestry easily takes precedence over all other fraternal insurance orders.

Let us hear again from the second city of the Keystone State.

High Court of New Jersey.

ELFVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

A Large Attendance and Gratifying Reports.

MORRISTON, Sept. 24th, 1897.

High Court convened at 10.45 a m., High Chief Ranger Bro. James E. Febrey in the chair. The following brothers were appointed a committee to receive Bro. John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Supreme Secretary, viz.: Bros. T. Heywood, W. T. Bingham, W. S. Stevens.

Bro. O. Brian, Acting Mayor of Morristown, was introduced. He cordially welcomed the brethren and extended the freedom of the city to all Foresters.

Bro. the Supreme Secretary was introduced at this stage. He was received with enthusiastic cheers, and gave an able and comprehensive address, full of facts and points of interest to the members.

The greetings of the High Court were telegraphed to the High Court of Illinois, in session at Peoria.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials—F. A. McKenzie, C. Wardell, F. Stevens, Carl Toupon, L. T. Titsworth.

Committee on Distribution—Jos. Lowden, Gorman, Barnard, John W. Scott, Thos. Geimer, S. Bullock.

Committee on State of Order—C. C. McBride, F. Weller, Thos. Heywood, Geo. Colon, Wm. Stevens.

Committee on Finance—R. C. Plume, P. A. Banker, J. T. Lines, A. G. Black, W. A. Thorp.

High Chief Ranger's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the High Court N. J., I.O.F.:

In presenting for your consideration this my report for the year drawing to a close, I do so with the gratification of knowing that the officers of the High Court have every reason to be proud of its excellent condition and progress made. In the face of business depression, the equal of which has never been known in the history of this country, our growth has been a healthy one. For this I desire to extend my thanks to the active workers, to whom much credit is due.

This, together with our Supreme Organizer, Bro. W. T. Bingham, has enabled us to show an increase for the year of 531 members.

To liquidate our indebtedness to the Supreme Court, which instructions I am proud to state have been carried out to the letter, and for the first time in the history of this High Court, we have liquidated every claim against us and have a cash balance of \$1,245.30, and I am tempted at this point to make the assertion that we are the only High Court in existence which can boast of this record. Well done for New Jersey, and may the good work continue with greater zeal than ever.

I beg to make the following suggestions:

1st—We have felt severely the want of an Inspector. I trust this High Court will see its way clear at this meeting to create such an office and appoint or instruct the next High Standing Committee to appoint an able officer to do the work. From my experience this year I have come to the conclusion that the High Court cannot do really effective work without such assistance.

While the Order in this State is growing in popularity and favor, the upbuilding of weak courts should in no wise be neglected.

2nd.—That the High Standing Committee be authorized to present to every member in our jurisdiction who brings into the Order at least six new members before the first of February, 1898, a gold badge similar to those given two years ago.

Brothren of the High Court of New Jersey, I close this report thanking you for the honor you conferred upon me one year ago by electing me your High Chief Ranger. I felt deeply the responsibility of chief executive officer of such a High Court.

Trusting that our deliberations may be conducted in the spirit of harmony, and that they may result in a revival of the good work in which we are engaged, I am,

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

(Signed) JAMES E. FEBREY.

Report of High Secretary.

Bro. Jas. C. Calvert, H.S., submitted a full and interesting report, showing the financial standing of every court, also the

STATE OF THE ORDER.

No. of courts at last session of High Court	48
“ “ since instituted	11
“ “ disbanded	2
“ “ consolidated with other courts	.1
Net loss	3
Increase in courts	8
Total number of courts Sept 1st, 1897	56
Membership reported July 1st, 1896	3,008
“ “ “ 1897	3,579
Increase	531

High Treasurer's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the High Court of N. J., Independent Order of Foresters:

The High Treasurer submitted the following gratifying financial report of the past year for the approval of the High Court:

Receipts.

Sept. 22, 1896, balance in bank	\$1,286 39
Deposited in bank during term	1,746 73
Total	\$3,033 12

Disbursements.

Per Warrant No. 219 to No. 266, inclusive	\$1,787 82
Total receipts	3,033 12
Disbursements	1,787 82

Leaving cash balance in bank.... \$1,245 30

Respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.,

ARTHUR C. WENZEL,

High Treas.

Auditors' Report

We have examined the books of the High Secretary and High Treasurer. We find the entries as made therein correct. We have compared them with the receipts and vouchers and the balance in the bank, and find that they agree in every particular. The clear and business-like way in which the books are kept has enabled us to perform our duty quickly, and deserves commendation.

Respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.,

WM. H. DEHART, W. M. MACKAY,

High Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Finance Committee begs to submit the following report and recommendations.

We recommend that the per capita tax of 40 cts. be continued at the present rate, and that the High Standing Committee use as much of this as possible in building up weak courts by the distribution of literature and the appointment of District Deputies where travelling expenses shall be paid by the High Standing Committee.

Respectfully submitted, L. B. and C.,
R. C. PLUME, P. A. BANKER,
A. G. BLACK, W. A. THORP,
J. T. LINES.

Report received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

High Chief Ranger and Brethren of the High Court of N. J.:

Your Committee on State of the Order respectfully report the condition of Forestry in New Jersey. It is in many respects highly satisfactory. The increase in membership, while not numerically as large as the merits of the Order warrant, is still gratifying, all the circumstances being considered. At the same time, it is a source of regret that other like Orders are making much more strenuous efforts than we to secure new members, and are succeeding. These facts should spur us to greater effort. Our Order is second to none.

Ten per cent. of the moneys due to the High Court remains unpaid, a proportion altogether too large.

We commend very highly the courts which have paid their dues in full, and regret that the high percentage of general prosperity is so reduced by the delinquencies of a few courts.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
C. C. McBRIDE,
F. WELLER,
THOMAS HEYWOOD,
WILLIAM STEVENS.

Report received and adopted

OFFICERS FOR 1897-98
ELECTED.

H.C.R., J. C. Calvert, Elizabeth, Court Columbus; H.V.C.R., L. T. Titsworth, Dunellen; H. Secy., J. H. Dravis, Washington; H. Treas., W. T. Cox, Court Hancock; H. Phys., W. S. Lockwood, Bloomfield Center; H. Councillor, Clarence D. Ward, Daily; H. Auditors, Irving Wagner, Port Richmond; T. Gallagher, Somerset; and also the following appointed officers: H. Chaplain, F. J. Alderson, Court Summit; H. J. Sec., R. P. DeGroot, Jr., Elizabeth; H.S.W., F. Weller, South End; H.J.W., P. F. Nash, Palisade; H.S.B., W. H. Thorp, Jersey City; H.J.B., Wm. Lawrence, Monmouth; H. Marshall, Joseph Phillips, Lafayette; H. Conductor, F. L. Severs, Columbus; H. Mess, W. H. DeHart, Port Richmond.

The above officers were duly installed by Bro. P.H.C.R. Stevens.

REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPREME COURT.

Bros. Bingham, Febrey, Heywood and Wenzel. Good and welfare addresses were given by the H.C.R., P.H.C.R., H. Secy. and H. Treas.

It was moved and seconded that a badge be procured for P.H.C.R. Febrey, at a cost not to exceed \$25.00. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that any member bringing in six members before the first of February be presented with a gold badge. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the representatives from the High Court to the Supreme Court be instructed to endeavor to have some of the surplus funds deposited in this State. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the High Court pay its representatives to the Supreme Court the sum of \$40.00. Carried.

On motion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Supreme Secretary for his presence and assistance.

On motion the High Court adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

R. P. DEGROOT, JAMES C. CALVERT.
H. Journal Secretary. High Secretary.

The membership looks for progress in the State where the Order had its birth.

For September the showing is creditable—48 applications. Let us see how easily the number can be doubled.

Indiana.

Prosperity is coming; why not meet it half way? The membership in Indiana ought to be 2,000 on Jan. 1st, 1898. Are you doing anything to advance your court? If not, why not?

Dr. T. F. Memough, of Court Shattuck, has departed for the Klondyke, and hopes to become rich enough to divide with the court.

Courts Anderson and White River, of Anderson, are still doing good work and expect to each represent a membership of 100 at the next High Court meeting in February.

Thirty-one applications for September. Indiana can and will do better than this. Will every member in the State lend a hand? The I.O.F. expects every member to do his duty.

Court Miami, No. 661, still leads the State with 162 members. As soon as the members of this court recover from the excitement of the discovery of oil in their city, they will change these figures to 200.

Court Noble, of Logansport, has recently moved into new quarters, and now has one of the finest halls in the city. Visiting Foresters are always welcome. Hall on Pearl Street, between Broadway and Market.

Court Manhattan, of Evansville, is now preparing for the winter campaign. The members of this court have determined to have the name "Manhattan" substituted for that of "Maine" in the list of "leading courts in each jurisdiction." This will require some "tall hustling," but the boys are capable of it.

Court Elwood, No. 1097, is gradually taking possession of the city government. It now has on its roll of members the names of the leading members of the council, police force, fire department, constabulary, board of health, and will initiate the city treasurer at its next meeting. As soon as they get the treasury they will be in position to run the town.

The H. Secretary visited Court Alexandria on the 27th instant, and assisted in the initiation of three of the leading citizens. The good condition of the "Court Goat" is assured by this accession. With a real estate man to furnish pasture, a dentist to fix his teeth, and a doctor to supply him with tonic, he certainly ought to thrive. The above refers to the goat and not to the H. Secretary.

Minnesota.

Just forty-eight applications for September.

We expect that the 3,300 members in this jurisdiction will make the membership an even 5,000 by the meeting of Supreme Court.

Court Abraham Lincoln had its first social evening on October 6. The attendance was large and the spirit excellent. The event of the evening was the presentation of a bust of Abraham Lincoln by Bro. O. H. O'Neil, H. C. R., to the court on behalf of a number of the members. Bro. M. E. Nichols, C. D., accepted the splendid gift for the court. Dinner, speech and song followed. The court is bound to have a prosperous season.

The High Standing Committee has issued a circular offering seven cash prizes, aggregating \$100, to courts and members for applications brought in between Sept. 1 and Jan. 1.

Court Minnesota, No. 453, will move to the hall in the McQuillan block, northeast corner of Third and Wabasha streets. The first meeting at the new hall will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8, and a special programme is being prepared to make it entertaining. Two candidates will be initiated, and a debate will take place on a question of vital importance to every Forester in the city.

At the last meeting of Court Minnesota a resolution was adopted extending the sympathy of the members to the widow and family of their late brother, P. J. Hogan.

It takes on an average but ten or twelve days from the time proofs of death are forwarded to the Supreme Court for the beneficiary to receive the amount of the policy. In a recent case, proofs of death of a member of Court Minnesota were made out and forwarded on Aug. 12, and on Aug. 23 a draft for \$3,000, the amount of the insurance certificate, was handed to the widow by W. P. Hayes, the Court Deputy. The money to pay losses is always on hand, and there is no such thing as waiting until it is gathered in from assessments.—*St. Paul Pioneer Press*.

Court Kilkenny, No. 3171, gave its second annual entertainment early last month. The gathering was one of "beauty and intelligence." Neighboring towns were largely represented. The music was excellent and the arrangement of the best. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, paintings, the "Chief" picture being conspicuous.

Washington.

The tide is rising.

Washington will give its fair proportion towards making the membership 150,000 by Sept. next.

We expect the brothers of Spokane will be doing good work as soon as the harvest is gathered. Bro. Forsyth will be with them shortly, and when he is there give him all the assistance you can, brothers.

Bro. Forsyth is devoting all his time to the interest of Forestry in his jurisdiction. The results will, no doubt, be highly advantageous to the Order.

Court Seattle, No. 526, has invited the sister courts in the city to join with them each month on their last meeting night and enjoy the social and fraternal features of the Order. They intend to work for an increase all along the line and make the next three months a hummer.

On resigning the position of Chief Ranger of Court Destiny, Tacoma, to give his whole time to the Order throughout the State, Bro. Forsyth, H. C. R., was presented by the members of the court with a gold pencil and fountain pen, in acknowledgment of long and valuable services to the Court.

Court Puget Sound, No. 538, gave a ball Sept. 30th, at Rank's Hall, Seattle; a very pleasant time was enjoyed by those present. High Treasurer R. J. Dodds is Chief Ranger of the court, and he is anxious to increase the membership of his court. The H. C. R. and H. Sec. dropped in to see the brothers, and they are always welcome.

The H. C. R., who is State Organizer, has been in Olympia lately doing good work for the court there, and the brothers have promised to give a good report of themselves in the near future. While Bro. Forsyth was there he advertised the I. O. F. thoroughly and secured a number of prominent citizens for members. Bro. O. E. Stiekler rendered good assistance to the High Chief Ranger.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England.

ROTHWELL (NEAR LEEDS) COURT PREMIER, NO. 2028.

The members of the above court and their friends, through the kindness of Brother Balme, held a Foresters' picnic at his farm, on the 11th ult. Tea was partaken of in the barn, which had been kindly cleared out for the occasion. The tea and provisions were excellent; cricket, tennis and other games were heartily entered into. The match Ladies v. Gentlemen afforded much amusement, but as the umpire seemed to give his decisions generally in favor of the ladies, we will not append scores; all seemed agreed that they defended their wickets very manfully. Stumps were drawn about 9 p. m., everyone enjoyed themselves heartily, and the Foresters' picnic to Saint Swithen's Farm was pronounced a decided success. Some of the members were away on their holidays or would have been present. On the motion of Brother Elstob, C. R., and Brothers Drew and Ward, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Balme for the privilege enjoyed.—*Rothwell Times*, 8th Sept., 1897.

A good muster of the members of Court Danum, No. 2074, Doncaster, and their friends turned up for the annual excursion, on Bank Holiday, Aug. 2nd. It was decided to go to Cleethorpes, and the party travelled in specially reserved carriages by the 7.30 a. m. train, per the Great Central Railway. Upon arriving at Cleethorpes, the members separated, some to get the benefit of the sea breezes, and others to sample the many attractions which the lively little seaport presents for the enjoyment of its patrons. All spent a most enjoyable day.

S. S. Chiswell, P. H. C. R. of Central England, in laying down the duties of the chair, does not by any means give up his active interest in the Order. In or out of office, Bro. Chiswell will be found doing his part.

An extraordinary instance of the value of life assurance has just occurred. Mr. C. H. S. Hockin, son of Admiral Hockin, of Torquay, went to America a few years ago. After enjoying ranch life for some time, he joined the mounted police of North-

West Canada. Previous to participating in an expedition against some rebellious Indians, he took out an insurance in the Independent Order of Foresters, a high-class friendly society. He paid a month's premium, and was singularly enough the only officer killed in the expedition.

Now, to the surprise of his sister, Miss Ethel Maude Hockin, she is made the recipient of the insurance, \$1,000, which has been paid her within two months of the insurance being effected. Mr. Hockin entered the Order on June 5th, was killed the same month, and his unknown sister has been found out at Torquay, and paid the insurance by Councillor John Taylor, J. P., Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, a post he has held since the introduction of the Order into England.—*From Western Daily Mercury, 16th Aug.*

Leeds.

The newly-elected High Chief Ranger, Bro. H. J. Martin, for central England, has already won his spurs by instituting a new court at Bramley on the 1st October. It was organized by Bro. Walter Batty, formerly R. S. of Court Frontenac, No. 59, Kingston.

The institution of the court was preceded by a meeting of influential residents of this suburb of the great city of Leeds, held in the fine building owned by the Conservative Club. Bro. Martin occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Bro. Diggle, P.H.S., Bro. Jackson, H.V.C.R., and Bro. Ronald McDougall.

One of the immediate results of this meeting was that five signatures were appended to an application for a charter at its close, and that Bro. Batty was enabled within one week to obtain a sufficient number for the ceremony of institution by the H.C.R., assisted by Bro. Ronald McDougall, and by Bro. Clark, of Court Premier, Rothwell, Leeds.

Meeting of High Court of Southern England.

The High Court of Southern England met in annual session in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, St. James' Square, Bro. T. Coles, H.C.R., presiding, supported by Bros. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., T. Webber, P.H.C.R. (Wales), and Harvey (H.C. of London). The Credential Committee reported, the attendance of delegates from Subordinate Courts at Portsmouth, Southampton, Bath, Teignmouth, Exeter, Reading, Bournemouth, Taunton and Bristol, and in due course they were accorded seats in the High Court. H.C.R. Coles submitted a highly gratifying report of the year's progress. The surplus funds of the Order had been increased by over £100,000, the membership by over 20,000, and the amount of benefits paid to £875,000. The death rate for the past year was only 5.50 per 1,000. Reports of the High Secretary, High Treasurer and High Auditors were submitted and adopted. The reports from the various committees having been disposed of, the officers for the current year were balloted for, resulting in the following elections: H.C.R., Bro. C. E. Price (Bristol); H.V.C.R., Bro. C. B. Winson (Bristol); H.S., Bro. A. T. Blamey (Torquay); H.T., Bro. F. P. Willat (Exeter); High Physician, Bro. C. W. J. Brasher (Bristol); H.C., Bro. W. J. Fawn (Bristol); and H. Auditors, Bro. C. E. Borman (Bristol) and Bro. Alex. Baird (Exeter). It was unanimously decided that the next annual session should be held in Reading, the date to be left in the hands of the High Standing Committee.

IRELAND.

CORK.—The brethren of Courts Shandon and City of Cork combined their forces, and thus gave reception to Bro. J. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., as he visited the district on the evening of 15th Oct. The courts enjoyed the visit and benefited by the address given by Bro. Marshall. Bro. Martin, an earnest working Forester, who gave us these two courts, is now taking the field to give us the benefit of his zeal and energy. Bro. Allen in the North, Bro. Gilmour at Dublin, and Bro. Martin in the South, will make the Green Isle prosperous.

SCOTLAND.

Things are looking up for the I.O.F. in the land of the heather. Scotch caution has at last satisfied itself of the soundness of the I.O.F., and the number of applications is increasing.

Bro. Rev. Robert McNair is pushing the work with characteristic energy. He has another court ready for institution, and we have no fear of the ultimate success that will crown his efforts.

For September the applications from Scotland were more than for many months. Not yet what they will be. Only an indication of the rising tide.

Bro. Corporal Brown, of Court Dundee, No. 2159, was a member of the team of the 1st Forfarshire Artillerymen who won the Queen's Prize at Shoburness. The honor is a high and coveted one. The members of the court tendered Bro. Brown a most hearty reception, and personal friends presented him with a valuable piece of plate. We add our congratulations.

Wisconsin.

The High Standing Committee met some time ago and planned a vigorous and aggressive fall and winter campaign.

Wisconsin courts are working vigorously—we need not say harmoniously—for the maintenance and extension of the Order.

The cheque for the full amount of the per capita contribution of 10 cents for the statue fund! The brethren of Wisconsin do a gracious thing graciously.

A net gain of 300 in the membership in the Badger State! Bro. Col. Parker, H.C.R., with the aid of his colleagues and the brethren generally, will make the gain 1,000 for the coming year.

Missouri.

From this State we do not hear much or often; but this state of things will not always continue.

Kansas City has a population of 300,000. The 250 members will increase to 2,250. Let it be soon.

Court Kansas City, recently instituted by Bro. Hoge, has a membership of "hustlers." So writes one who knows.

Court Eastside, No. 874, Kansas City, has a live set of officers; they are appealing to the members to join with them in bringing in members. When officers lead well, the rank and file will not be slow to follow.

Nebraska.

Court Ak-sar-ben, 3358, has organized two competing teams to secure members before the close of the year, and will celebrate the contest with a supper. The court has offered three cash prizes to any of its members who succeed in winning one of the High Court prizes.

Bro. Gordon, of Court Ak-sar-ben, 3358, says she has a kick coming because his brother members do not patronize him in his business, in fact, there seems to be a general disposition on the part of Foresters to keep away from his establishment. We might mention that the genial brother is a police judge of the city of Omaha.

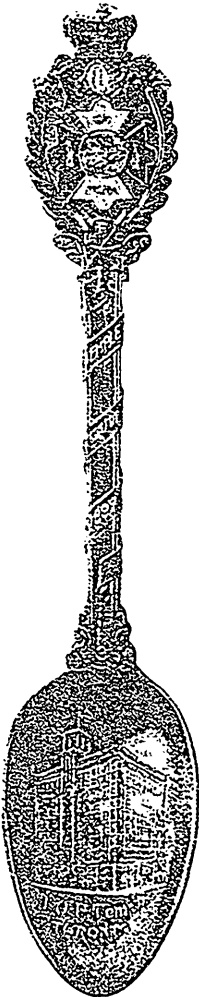
Court Omaha, No. 1091, is getting out a very elaborate programme for its winter season, and gives evidence that it is upholding the social features of the Order. No less than six public entertainments are on the list, including smoking concert, card party, three ladies' socials and a dance. This is a good example for other courts to follow. Court Allemania, 3025, opens the season with an invitation social hop on Oct. 29th, and expects to organize for hard work during the winter.

The High Standing Committee has supplemented the prize competition offered by the Supreme Court for November and December, by offering \$10 in gold to the member bringing in most applications during the two months, \$5 for the second largest number, and \$2.50 for the third largest number. Now, boys, let's close our first year of existence with a 100 per cent. increase. Reach out and get a new member. The increase in membership in the jurisdiction from February 11th, the date of its institution, to July 1st, has been 58 per cent.

H. S. Bro. Tinley L. Combs, who we all thought was wedded to Forestry, has sacrificed himself at the hymeneal altar, and took as his bride last month one of the most charming of Omaha's young ladies, Miss Florence J. Winter. After returning from a wedding trip up to the Rocky Mountains, he was surprised one evening to find his house full of brother Foresters, who came in a body to present him with a magnificent easy chair and an illuminated address as a mark of appreciation of his long and valuable services to his court and the Order at large. Bro. Combs was much affected and pleased to find that he had been remembered in this way

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