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 - When a member joins a court by card.
 - When a member is reinstated.

Editorial.

Notes.

Read the prize-list for June. You will find something that will suit you and that you can win.

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Every court should attend church in a body on Sunday, June 20th, or some other Sunday should it be more convenient.

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Bon voyage to the Chief and his companions! Now assuredly there will be a boom in matters Foresteric in the Old Land.

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On the 1st of April the surplus stood at \$2,-
129,211.38, a modest gain of \$445,000 in twelve months. This is considerably better than the most sanguine expected.

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Times are improving, so people are saying, and it must be so. In good times prepare for the time that will not be so good. In youth, when health and the ability to earn are yours, insure.

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The causes for thanksgiving at the end of our twenty-third year are more abundant than ever. Let the brethren everywhere honor the proclamation of the Chief by giving thanks, and gifts for the worthy enterprises specified.

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We heard a clergyman remark recently: "Next to persuading men to make provision for themselves or a happy eternity, I like to urge them to make provision for their loved ones for time." Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

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May and June complete the Foresteric year. There is no reason why 10,000 applications should not be received in these two months. Every 11 members working together for two months can surely secure one. Now go to work.

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If you want to know with what promptness the Executive pay all benefits, or with what degree of sympathy and helpfulness the brethren of a court visit a brother and his family in time of trouble, read over our column of acknowledgments.

Bad habits are no recommendation. Competition is too keen for anyone to handicap himself with a needless habit. Many a boy and man has gotten a position because he did not smoke cigarettes or pipes; but we have yet to hear of the first one that got a position because he smoked, chewed, drank, or gambled.

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The widow of a late brother is right when she says the benefit money "does not ease the heart-ache or help the loneliness, *but it takes a great weight off my hands.*" Yes, and there are too many widows with not only the aching heart, but weighted hands, because a husband did not have a benefit certificate for one or more thousands in the I.O.F.

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In this issue we give portraits and brief biographical sketches of Bro. W. B. Sanders, H.C.R., Central Ontario, and of Bro. C. Day Clark, M.D., H.C.R., of Eastern Ontario. Both have recently been called to the highest position in their respective jurisdictions. Their ability and experience justify the expectation that they will give a good account of themselves.

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"Is any brother out of employment?" is a question that is asked at every court meeting. It is usually asked, and that is all. If a brother is out of employment he does not care to say anything about it. The question should be more than a form. Fraternity implies doing for one another as the circumstance may require and our ability enables us to. There is nothing better in life than helping those who need.

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We only know of one way of getting members, and that is going after the man that ought to be a member and is not, and keeping after him. In nine cases out of ten you will get him to join the Order when you point out to him the many benefits that he will enjoy by belonging to the I.O.F. Men are not looking for insurance and membership in fraternal societies; they wait, at least 99 per cent. of them, till you hunt them up.

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"What in the world will I do if my husband is taken?" we heard a distressed wife say the other day as she watched by the bedside of her sick husband. We found on enquiry that there was no insurance, and no accumulation of either money or property. A delicate wife and several little children were wholly unprotected in the event of the death of the bread-winner. Why will not men be wise to-day and secure for themselves and their families the protection the I.O.F. affords?

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Quite frequently we receive communications from courts in which they wish to appeal to the

membership of the whole Order for aid to build a court-room, or for assistance for a distressed brother. We regret to be obliged to decline giving such communications the publicity of our columns. If one court can make such an appeal it would establish a precedent for the other 2,700 to make a similar appeal, and calls would be endless. Excepting in extreme cases courts must be self-reliant.

Thanksgiving.

Hard things have been said of ingratitude; it is truly the "unlovely sin." To receive good without one feeling of thankfulness, or one word of appreciation, is proof of a cold and calloused heart. Thankfulness is a Christian grace. That it is as desirable as it is beautiful is evidenced by the frequency with which we are exhorted—"In everything give thanks." Happy are they who count among their mercies the "thankful heart" that tastes the least gift with joy. Following established custom, the Supreme Chief has issued his proclamation, directing that the members of the Order, in their organized capacity as courts, shall, on Sunday, June 20th, attend a convenient place of worship to render thanks to Almighty God for the mercies vouchsafed to them as individuals and as members of a strong, powerful and benevolent organization. The seemliness of this is evident. The Order claims as its corner-stones the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; to meet in social fellowship for the worship of the Universal Father is most appropriate. The special grounds for thanksgiving are set forth in the proclamation that appears in another column. We are sure that our members will gladly observe the twenty-third anniversary of the Order by participating in a religious service of praise and thanksgiving, and almsgiving, on the 20th. The high physical, intellectual and moral standard of our membership is invariably noticed at the anniversary service.

A Close Run.

Three High Court jurisdictions, Central Ontario, Eastern Ontario and New York, are, as will be seen from this month's report, of almost equal membership, with 8,800, 8,777 and 8,770 respectively, a difference of only 30 between the highest and the lowest. New York, of course, with its wider area and larger population has an immense advantage, and is sure to come still more prominently to the front. Ontario, as a whole, will for many years retain first place, as the membership is nearly three times that of any other Province or State where the Order is established. A friendly rivalry between the High Courts sustains the interest and builds up the Order.

New York's Splendid Work.

That New York should have the highest number of applications each month is now looked upon as a settled matter. For months back this jurisdiction has led all others; for March it has a commanding lead of 116 over Michigan, that comes second, and 34 more than the united applications of the three High Courts of Ontario. In point of total membership New York had on the 1st March 8,770, ranking sixth among the thirty-three High Court jurisdictions of the Order, being only 7 behind Eastern Ontario, and 30 behind Central Ontario. By this time New York probably ranks fourth. We cordially congratulate the brethren of the Empire State on their splendid work. We beg to extend personal congratulations to High Chief Kendall, High Secretary Fitzgerald, Dr. Coulter, D.S.C.R., New York, Founder Caldwell, and the working legion generally.

The Work in Ontario.

We are pleased to learn that the work in the great Province of Ontario is being prosecuted with increased vigor. We want to see Forestry maintaining its lead as the foremost and strongest fraternal organization in Canada. And we want to see Ontario, where the I.O.F. found so hospitable a home during the past sixteen years, still leading in the number of additions to our ranks. We are persuaded that it is in the interest of every man to be insured, and to be a member of a strong, well-governed fraternal Order. The I.O.F. affords both advantages to all men of good health and habits, who are not too old. Our membership of 30,000 in Ontario (and, by the way, it has been in the neighborhood of 30,000 for some little time) can easily be increased by 4,000 or 5,000 a year. This was done in 1891-92-93-94; it can be done again, and with as little difficulty as before. Work accomplished it in the past, the same means can do it again. Good intentions and expectations will hardly bring it about. To ensure the maximum of efficiency at the minimum of cost the High Court Jurisdiction of Ontario was divided into three jurisdictions in August last. One High Court elected their officers, the other two were "picked" men the choice of the Executive. Those who saw the three "sets" as they were installed by the Supreme Chief easily assented to the declaration that they were "magnificent," and naturally every one associated them with magnificent work for the Order that they pledged themselves faithfully to serve. Some of us who had served, in our time, the whole Province were quite prepared to see our achievements dwarfed by a force three times that which we directed, and operating in compact areas admitting of a saving of time, energy and means

in the prosecution of the work. The results up to the present have been disappointing. In 1893-94 the applications were 6,394; what they are for 1896-97 any one can find out for himself by consulting the monthly statement of the Secretary of the Medical Board. We believe the record for April shows a decided advance. It is still possible in the two remaining months of the Forestry year, May and June, to bring up the number of applications to the best record of former years. Work will be required; it is work not talk that counts. The Order as a whole is increasing as never before. We want that to be as true of it in Ontario as in any other place to which the I.O.F. has extended its operations. WORK!

The I.O.F. in its New Home.

Before another issue of this journal The Independent Order of Foresters will be permanently located in its new headquarters in the "Temple Building," corner of Bay and Richmond streets, Toronto. The building as a whole will not be finished before the end of the summer.

The seventh flat, on which the offices of the I.O.F. are located, are nearing completion, and will be ready, architect Bro. Gouinlock assures us, to receive the office staff by the 12th of May—very near moving day. That the arrangement for the convenience of the large and steadily-growing staff, and for the transaction of the business of the Order, are as complete as possible goes without saying.

The Supreme Chief has given personal attention to every detail, and the architect has carried out admirably the important task assigned him. Our friends will allow a little time to get settled; by the end of the month we will be ready, as we will be delighted, to receive them. "Housewarming" will come later.

The Chief in Bronze.

It is a genuine pleasure to be identified with a movement that commands the ready sympathy and generous support of those to whom it is commended, and on whose co-operation its success depends. The proposal to place a life-size bronze statue of Dr. Oronhyatekha in the "Temple Building," as a tribute from the membership of the I.O.F. to the eminent head of the Order, is meeting with a degree of favor that is highly gratifying to those in charge of the scheme.

The I^o Courts are taking the matter up in their several jurisdictions. Illinois set an admirable example in remitting the full proportion assigned the High Court within a week after the scheme. Court Pacific in Portland, Oregon, that is under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court,

sent the full amount the other day to the committee. The Court received no circular, but saw from the FORESTER what was being done and at once sent their \$10.40, being 10 cents for each of their 104 members. For the consummation of a most worthy project the committee hopes to hear from every Court of the 2,700 that comprise the Order. Every member wants to contribute his quota to the testimonial.

A Benefit Concert as an Anniversary Celebration.

Court Brantford, No. 503, celebrated the anniversary of their court by giving a benefit concert on behalf of an afflicted brother, who has been ill for nearly a year. The goodly sum of \$61 was netted and handed over to the brother. Acts like this give double pleasure—to those who do them, and to those for whom they are done.

The court has commended the principles of the Order to the community, and as a result three applications were received. People like to identify themselves with the considerate and kind-hearted. The brother who was so thoughtfully assisted is full of gratitude to the Order that paid him \$92 in sick benefits, and to his brethren that individually and as a court have given him many proofs of their regard. Fraternity is considerably more than a name in the I.O.F. Court Brantford did themselves credit, the brother a kindness, and the Order a service.

A Strong Staff for Great Britain and Ireland.

The working force in the Old Land is being reinforced by the addition of no less than eight experienced and prominent workers from this side of the Atlantic. One or two of them will only remain a few months, but the majority will continue working in Britain for two or more years. Immediate results may be looked for in an awakening of interest in the principles and benefits of the Order and in large additions to the membership. The Supreme Chief will see the new deputies fairly commenced at their work. We bespeak for them a successful career.

Those who accompanied the Chief to Liverpool are: Rev. R. McNair, P.H.C.R. of Ontario, who will give two years to the work. In Ontario he did the Order capital service, both in the way of instituting courts and in administering the affairs of the High Court of Ontario in 1895-96, and that of Eastern Ontario from the formation of the jurisdiction till he resigned to accept his present position.

Bro. Geo. F. Marter, M.P.P., is one of the best known of the public men of Ontario. He has been

prominent in Forestry circles for many years, was an officer of the High Court of Ontario in 1892-93, a member and officer of Supreme Court in 1893 and 1895, and recently inspector and valuator for the Order. He will spend the summer in Great Britain.

Bro. Jas. Gilmour, D.S.C.R. of Toronto, has been actively engaged in Forestry work for over two years. Recently he did capital work in Nova Scotia. He will doubtless give a good account of himself among his countrymen of the Green Isle.

Bro. Jas. Boddy, D.S.C.R., has been in the employ of the Supreme Court for two years. His work in the Eastern and Northern States of the Union has given great satisfaction. While a native of the United States, he has lived a good part of his time in Canada, where he successfully taught school for a number of years.

Bro. A. A. Campbell, D.S.C.R., has been actively engaged in I.O.F. work one year. During that time Bro. Campbell has organized eight new courts, besides having done considerable work on those already established. His work has largely been done in California. Bro. Campbell takes his wife with him, and expects to remain for some length of time in the interests of the Order.

Bro. W. T. Williams, D.S.C.R., has been a member of the Order four years. Previous to working for the Order he spent five years in fire and life insurance business. He entered the employ of the Order over a year ago, working in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Michigan. The Foresters of Duluth presented him with a gold-headed cane. Most of his work has been the building up of weak courts.

Bro. Capt. Allen, D.S.C.R., revisits his native heath, England, being his birthplace. The brother has had a wide and varied experience of countries, men and affairs. He brings to the work of the Order the versatility of the journalist, soldier, traveler and man of affairs. In point of membership he is the oldest Forester of the party. When obliged to give up journalism through impaired health he devoted his attention to organizing for the I.O.F., at which he has been eminently successful. He is accompanied by his wife and child.

We will be very much surprised indeed if the above brethren do not give an excellent account of themselves.

"The Queen—God Bless Her."

Bro. Rev. Wm. J. McCaughan, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, will lecture in Massey Music Hall on "The Queen," on Thursday, May 26th. This will be the first appearance of our distinguished brother on the lecture platform in Canada. We hope the brethren will turn out and give him a bumper house.

The Supreme Chief Ranger.

After a winter of incessant work, the Chief left Toronto on Thursday, April 22nd, for the Old Land. He will, we hope, find in the enforced rest of an ocean voyage, and in change of scene and labor, an opportunity to recover from the exhausting labors of the past months. It only needs a moment's reflection for any one to realize how onerous the duties must be of the executive head of an Order of 110,000 members, operating in two continents, and under a great variety of insurance laws.

The Temple building that is now nearing completion has, since the corner-stone was laid two years ago, received the personal attention of Dr. Oronhyatekha. It will stand a very imposing and substantial monument to his ability and energy. While in the Old Land the Supreme Chief will visit all the High Courts of Great Britain and Ireland, and will place in the field a strong and experienced staff of Organizers, eight of whom accompanied him from Toronto. While in Europe the Doctor will attend the International Supreme Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, of which he is P.R.W.G.T., and that meets at Zurich, Switzerland. He expects to be in Toronto by the end of July. Every one will join in the wish that he will have a pleasant trip, and that it will prove beneficial to his health, as it is sure to prove advantageous to the Order.

"Thank You is a Small Word."

There is not a day passes without our receiving letters expressive of the gratitude of those who have enjoyed the benefits of the Independent Order of Foresters. A lady in Little Cascapedia, N.B., who is left a widow with seven children, in writing to the Deputy of the court of which her husband was a member, says: "Thank you is a small word by which to express the gratitude I feel to the brethren for the kind interest and trouble they have taken in behalf of myself and family. I can say they have acted as true brothers, and may God reward you all for your kindness. Thank them at headquarters. I am very, very glad of the money. Of course it does not ease the heartache, or help the loneliness, but it takes a great weight off my hands." This is the best possible evidence of how completely the Order is filling its mission, by preventing want, and alleviating the cares that are inseparable from bereavement. "Thank you!" is a small phrase to express the great and good work that the Order is accomplishing.

Bro. Thos. Cullom, C.D.H.C.R. of Court Queens County, No. 3191, and editor of the *Mirror*, writes us in terms of generous appreciation of the worth, work and growth of the I.O.F.

Official Circular No. 5.

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

To All Subordinate Courts:

That the last month of the present Forestric year, ending with the 30th of June, 1897, may prove the most prosperous ever enjoyed by our noble Order, is the sincere wish of the Executive Council, and they ask each and every Forester to contribute his mite to the accomplishment of so desirable an object. Since the amended Act of Incorporation went into operation the Order has enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity, which the Executive Council desires should be crowned by the fruit of a month of special and extra effort that will give Independent Forestry a boom surpassing all previous records. With a view to inducing this special effort the Executive Council offers the following prizes:

1. To all courts now in existence which initiate 20 members or more during the month of June, 1897, a set of officers' badges, or its equivalent in members' badges.
2. To the court, as above, that initiates the largest number of beneficiary members—1 set of officers' sashes.
3. To the court, as above, that adds the largest percent. to its membership—1 set of officers' badges.
4. To the officer or member (salaried or commissioned deputies or inspectors excepted) which secures two new beneficiary members—a two million dollar badge and a copy of the Second Edition of the History of the Order in cloth.
5. To those as above who secure four new beneficiary members—a two million dollar badge and a copy of the Second Edition of the History of the Order in cloth.
6. To those as above who secure six new beneficiary members—a two million dollar badge and a copy of the Second Edition of the History of the Order in morocco.
7. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest number of courts—a two million dollar badge and a Deputy's sash and badge.
8. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest court (beneficiary members only being counted)—a two million dollar badge and a Deputy's sash and badge.
9. To any lady friend of the Order securing one new member, a pin bearing the likeness of the Supreme Chief Ranger, together with suitable emblems of the Order thereon.
10. Only candidates who have been passed by the Medical Board, and actually initiated within the month of June, can be counted for any of the foregoing prizes; except in the Pacific Coast jurisdiction and in Great Britain and Ireland, where initiations at the first regular meeting in July may be included if the candidates were proposed and accepted on or before the 30th of June.

Dispensation is hereby granted to courts desiring to do so to initiate at charter rates between the 31st May next and the 1st July, 1897.

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

ORONHYATEKHA,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JNO. A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

Official Proclamation.

In the Name of Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

To all Courts and Encampments Greeting:

Once more we are approaching the anniversary of our beloved Order. During the year now nearing its close, the marked prosperity of former years has been enjoyed to a higher degree than ever before. On every hand evidences of continued and increasing success abound, indicating that a kind Providence takes pleasure in our labors.

I esteem it both a duty and a privilege to call upon the members of our favored Order, wherever residing, to unite in fervent thanksgiving to the Gracious Giver of all good for having spared our lives to enjoy the privilege of working for the extension of the Order, as well as for the peace, unity and signal prosperity enjoyed by us as members of the Independent Order of Foresters.

A year ago we rejoiced in a membership of \$9,465. To-day we number over **110,000**, a net gain of over 21,000 in one brief year—the largest increase in any one year of our singularly prosperous history.

The small amount payable monthly by our members in the way of assessments has not only been sufficient to meet the sick and death claims of the year, amounting to \$869,865.98, but it has also enabled us to add to our surplus, during the twelve months, \$453,745.23, bringing the total surplus for the security of our policyholders up to the magnificent total of **\$2,129,211.38**.

During the year new territory has been opened, and High Courts have been organized in Central Ontario, Eastern Ontario and Nebraska. New courts, at an average of over *one per day*, are being instituted.

The year opened with perfect harmony in all our Courts and Encampments, and the leaders united in an earnest effort to maintain and advance the great prestige of the I.O.F. The year is closing with that harmony not only unbroken, but deepened, and with the leaders, as one man, seeking the furtherance of the common interests.

"The Temple Building," the corner-stone of which was so auspiciously laid two years ago by His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, Brother the Earl of Aberdeen, is rapidly approaching completion. The headquarters of the I.O.F. will be moved there early in May. You will be pleased to learn that the major portion of the available office room is rented.

In view of these tokens of more than usual prosperity, vouchsafed to us in our labors by the Universal Father in heaven, the Executive Council call upon the whole membership to assemble together in their different localities, on *Sunday, June the 20th*, the twenty-third anniversary of the Order, and to proceed together to some place of public worship, and there give thanks to Almighty God for His many mercies, and to pray for the continuance of His loving kindness, endowing the officers of our Order with prudence and wisdom in the administration of our affairs, that humanity may be still further blessed and His great name glorified by the beneficent work of our Order.

Wherever the civic authorities shall arrange for the holding of the Jubilee Services on the Anniversary Sunday of the Order, and the court or courts

in the locality desire to join in such celebration, they are hereby authorized so to do.

The annual services at Foresters' Island Park will be conducted on Sunday, 20th, at 3 p.m., by the Rev. J. H. Courtney, H.C. of the High Court of Ontario.

I take the liberty of suggesting that collections be taken up at all the services and that you appropriate half the "thankoffering" to the Victorian Order of Nurses, recently inaugurated by Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who has won a world-wide reputation as a benefactress of humanity, and half for the erection of a cottage in connection with the National Hospital for Consumptives, at Gravenhurst, which cottage will be for the exclusive use of Foresters, and can be erected at a cost of \$1,000. All amounts received for the above purposes will be duly acknowledged in *THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER*. I trust that the anniversary services will be characterized by large attendance, heartiness of worship and liberality of offering.

Done at the office of The Supreme Court, Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto, Canada, May 1st, 1897.

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

JNO. A. MCGILLIVRAY,
S. S.

Correspondence.

We give the following letter as illustrating the good results to members from the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit:

MIDLAND, MICH., March 20th, 1897.

To the Editor Independent Forester.

MY DEAR SIR,—Words fail to express my gratitude for the prompt payment of my disability claim, \$500. I have been blest in many ways by the noble Order and the members thereof. I shall feel indebted for the kind, loving care and watching afforded me by the members of my own court, and all members in this my native State, who voluntarily contributed about \$300 whilst I was confined to my bed. God bless the Order and every member thereof in this and other lands. I realize my total disability keenly, but it suffices, I am satisfied, to be an exemplification of our noble Order. God willing, while life remains, I entreat the blessings of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to abundantly prosper us in our teachings to alleviate the distress of man, and to cement us firmly in a loving unity, to be at last received in the High Court above.

I remain,

Your very grateful Bro.,
JAS. L. DONIHUE.

Transmission of the Predisposition to Cancer, and its Importance in Life Insurance.

BY T. MILLMAN, M.D., SUPREME PHYSICIAN
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Read at the Annual Session of the National Fraternal Congress, Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17-19, 1896.

The question of heredity is always an important one from an insurance point of view, and after listening to the two able papers on cancer, read two years ago in the medical department of the

National Fraternal Congress at Buffalo, it struck me that it would be of great value if medical examiners-in-chief would compile statistics from time to time from medical examination papers which pass through their hands.

The transmission of the tendency or susceptibility to cancer from one generation to another is generally admitted, but to what extent is not satisfactorily known, and possibly never will be. There is not only the history of cancer in the former generations which predisposes to this disease, but there are many other influences which have a bearing to the liability of an individual being a victim to malignant disease, such as other diseases which may assist in producing an offspring below the normal vitality, or the environments may be such as to keep the vitality below par. It is known that cancer is a disease which invades the tissues during the period of life when degeneration is going on, and this is more marked when said degeneration is assisted by anything which materially lowers the power of vital resistance.

All these conditions must be carefully considered when reviewing an examination paper where there is a history of cancer.

If the medical examiner find the applicant sound, if personal and family history be otherwise satisfactory, I am in the habit of accepting applicants where there has been one death from cancer in the family record, no matter whether it is one of the parents, or a brother, or sister, or a more distant relative, but where two or more cases occur I reject, especially if one of them is a parent or a brother or sister. I would still advise this course, even if some modern writers do not believe in heredity, but rather attribute the occurrence of certain diseases in the child which existed in the parents to environment rather than heredity.

Dr. C. F. Stillman, in his work on Life Insurance, writes as follows :

TRANSMISSION OF CANCER.

"1. Cancer is a specific disease, and in regard to the frequency of transmission stands next to consumption.

"2. Cancer and tubercle may co-exist, but cancer usually excludes the latter.

"3. The development of cancer generally occurs between thirty-five and fifty, when the vital forces begin to wane.

"4. Females are more liable than males, and the parts most frequently affected are the generative organs and breasts.

"5. When both taints, the cancerous and tubercular, exist in his family, the applicant should be rejected.

"6. When two or more deaths from cancer have occurred in the applicant's family, he should be rejected.

"7. The death of one parent should not necessarily reject.

"8. Sporadic cases of cancer, though rare, may be encountered."

After an experience of many years I would place the transmission of the predisposition to insanity next to consumption, and not cancer.

Dr. Wyeth, in his work on Surgery, states :

"The influence of heredity upon the production of carcinoma is believed to be established, although its importance has been greatly overestimated. Prolonged irritation is undoubtedly the chief exciting cause of the development of this neoplasm. In evidence of this conclusion is the

fact that those portions of the body which are subject to the greatest amount of irritation are most often affected. The mammary gland, pylorus, rectum and uterus are the more common location of cancer."

Mr. C. E. Mogridge Hudson (London Sec. of the Scottish Metropolitan Life Assurance Co.) published an article last July, in which he argues the improbability of disease being inherited, but rather due to environment, and in reference to cancer writes as follows :

"Cancer in the parent, ditto in the child; the unhealthy environment that has induced a weakness of tissue, and made a congenial soil for cancer in the parent, has equally affected the child. Anyone who will dispassionately think the matter out, free from the prejudice of the present teaching on heredity, must admit that a blow, or friction of surface, or breakage of tissue, is probably (the soil being congenial) the first cause of cancer; at any rate those parts of the body in which it is generally found point to that assumption."

In the same article Mr. Hudson quotes the following paragraph from a paper recently read by Dr. Dreschfeld before the Insurance Institute of Manchester :

"Recent researches have thrown considerable light on the causes of consumption, and have modified to some extent also our views as to the transmission of consumption from parent to offspring, and these views must necessarily be taken into consideration in cases for life assurance. No one doubts the heredity of phthisis, or consumption, or tuberculosis, but, as we know that phthisis is a disease due to a distinct and well recognized micro-organism, many hold the view that it is not the disease itself which is inherited, but rather some peculiarities of the constitution which render the individual much more liable to become the prey of micro-organism of consumption, or, in other words, that we do not inherit consumption, but only a predisposition to become consumptive."

And in reply to said quotation Mr. Hudson writes : "Exactly so, and if we delete the words 'No one doubts the heredity, etc.,' the 'no one' of which is somewhat startling, when we consider that some of the ablest, if not the very ablest, men who are able to give an opinion on the matter do doubt it. That is simply what I am contending for."

The above quotation from Dr. Dreschfeld's paper is rather foreign to our subject, viz., cancer, but I introduce it in order to state Mr. Hudson's criticism on the same, and to show that he does not agree with Dr. Dreschfeld's views. However, what is stated above on consumption will also in a great degree apply to cancer.

From the quotations above, the question of transmission of disease from one generation to another has become a disputed one. From past experience I still feel, and I believe most of you will agree with me, the question of heredity should be carefully considered when reviewing medical examination papers for life insurance. No doubt carefully-prepared statistics should materially assist us in arriving at a correct conclusion as to the importance to be placed on the various diseases which are claimed by many to be transmitted, or rather the predisposition to such disease to be transmitted.

I have carefully gone over the deaths from cancer which have occurred in the Order of which I am Medical Examiner-in-Chief and I herewith submit a table of the same:—

No.	Age.	Height.	Weight.	Family History of Cancer.	Where Located.	Occupation.
1	39	5 9	171	None	Liver	Farmer
2	53	5 9	145	None	Unknown	Teamster
3	42	5 7	138	Mother	"	Carpenter
4	45	5 6	137	None	Throat	Hotelkeeper
5	46	5 6	140	None	Stomach	Laborer
6	51	5 11	123	Brother	"	Carpenter
7	51	5 11	160	None	Unknown	Agent
8	39	5 11	229	None	Intestines	Architect
9	42	5 5 1/2	135	"	Rectum	Carpenter
10	17	6 0	181	"	Liver	Engineer
11	53	5 8	168	Brother	"	Farmer
12	41	5 11	196	Mother	Stomach	Merchant
13	50	5 6	150	None	Unknown	Undertaker
14	48	5 8	167	None	Stomach	Quarryman
15	56	5 6 1/2	172	"	"	Blacksmith
16	51	5 2	138	"	"	Agent
17	4	5 2	165	"	Rectum	Farmer
18	56	5 1 1/2	170	"	Stomach	Carpenter
19	45	5 9	135	"	"	Laborer
20	39	5 5	115	"	Jaw	Farmer
21	38	5 7 1/2	180	"	Stomach	Bookkeeper
22	55	5 8	155	"	Bladder	Teamster
23	49	5 11 1/2	145	"	Stomach	Tarpenter
24	51	5 8	165	Aunt	Liver	Butcher
25	46	5 8	116	None	Bowels	Laborer
26	59	5 9	158	"	Stomach	Tanner
27	43	5 11	169	"	Unknown	Carpenter
28	58	5 8	155	Brother	Liver	"
29	59	5 9	165	None	Jaw	Marshal
30	53	5 10	135	"	Throat	Miller
31	59	5 4 1/2	111	"	Stomach	Laborer
32	52	5 8	158	"	"	Painter
33	48	5 10	175	"	Bowels	Merchant
34	28	5 10 1/2	180	"	Liver	Traveller
35	47	5 9	130	"	Unknown	Clerk
36	51	5 8	175	"	Liver	Laborer
37	44	5 6	160	"	Stomach	Merchant
38	45	5 11	150	"	"	Miller
39	51	6 0	167	"	Bladder	Farmer
40	39	5 9	195	"	Liver	Engineer
41	51	5 5 1/2	135	"	Liver	Cutter
42	36	5 9 1/2	158	Father	Stomach	Leather
43	56	5 10	165	None	Bowels	Machinist
44	51	5 6	140	None	Throat	Lumber Agent
45	57	5 10 1/2	212	"	Face	Blacksmith
46	37	5 7	150	"	Pancreas	Physician
47	42	6 2	170	"	Tongue	Draughtsman
48	56	5 3 1/2	164	"	Kidney	Farmer
49	29	5 6	110	Father	Unknown	Sawyer
50	57	5 5	161	None	Kidney	Loom Fixer
51	45	5 7	150	"	Stomach	Merchant
52	52	5 7	190	"	Throat	Physician
53	48	5 1	130	Brother	Tongue	Registrar
54	45	5 7 1/2	150	Mother	Bowels	Painter
55	25	5 8	145	None	"	Lawyer
56	43	6 0	150	"	"	Carpenter
57	37	5 11 1/2	165	"	Stomach	Farmer
58	62	5 8	165	"	Bowels	Carpenter
59	51	5 6	176	Brother	Stomach	Farmer
60	56	5 2	130	None	Throat	Hardware Merchant
61	35	5 6	155	"	Bowels	Boiler Maker
62	48	5 9	110	"	Jaw	Shoemaker
63	27	5 8	150	"	Stomach	Laborer
64	33	5 9	160	"	Liver	Conductor
65	46	5 4	160	"	Rectum	Farmer
66	45	5 1	178	"	Stomach	Traveller
67	30	5 10	209	"	Bowels	Shoemaker
68	41	5 6	140	"	Stomach	Stockdealer
69	59	5 11	228	"	"	Farmer
70	55	5 1 1/2	200	Brother	Liver	Street Inspector
71	50	5 9	145	Sister	Stomach	Railway Supt.
72	49	5 9	190	None	"	Manufacturer
73	47	5 7 1/2	158	"	Pancreas	Butcher
74	52	5 10 1/2	175	None	Stomach	Lumberman
75	46	5 9	144	"	Lungs	Laborer
76	34	5 5 1/2	137	"	Stomach	Carpenter
77	40	5 10	210	Father	"	Laborer
78	45	5 7 1/2	159	None	Rectum	Machine Agent
79	43	5 9	162	"	Tongue	Car Repairer
80	48	5 10	166	"	Stomach	Machinist
81	60	5 9	137	"	Neck	Dyer
82	59	5 10	180	"	Stomach	Accountant
83	41	5 8	155	"	Stomach	Farmer
84	35	5 1	145	"	Bowels	Physician
85	53	5 6	140	"	Pancreas	Farmer
86	57	5 5	135	"	Rectum	"
87	46	5 5	136	"	"	Cabinetmaker
88	66	5 5	145	"	Stomach	Farmer
89	36	5 8 1/2	140	"	"	Miller
90	51	5 6	140	"	Rectum	Farmer
					Bowels	"

The first column gives the number of deaths. These 90 deaths from cancer occurred out of a total of 2,230 deaths from all causes, or 1 in nearly every 25 deaths. In the earlier part of this paper I stated that I accepted applicants where one relative had died from cancer, provided everything else showed the applicants to be first-class risks. With this rule I find that 1 in every 26 applicants accepted give a history of cancer in family record. On analysing the 2,230 examination papers of those who had died from all causes, I find 1 in every 22 give a history of cancer in their family record. This would tend to show that the applicants accepted who give a history of one relative having died from cancer are not as good risks as those who give no history of cancer, but the difference is so slight that I do not consider we would be justified in rejecting every applicant who gave a history of cancer in family record. But it certainly warns us that such applicants should be personally first-class risks and that their personal and family history, outside of cancer, should be without blemish.

The second column gives the ages at death, the average age being 47.35 years.

The third column gives the height on admission, the average height being 5 ft. 8½ in.

The fourth column gives the weight on admission, average weight being 159 lbs. In one of the papers read at Buffalo, it was stated by the writer that he considered those whose weight was below the average were most liable to cancer. The above figures of average height and weight give the weight above the standard set forth in insurance tables.

The fifth column gives a record as to family history of cancer. It will be seen that 14 out of 90 deaths, or 1 in every 6.43 give a history of cancer in family record. This large percentage would seem to indicate that there is a transmission of the predisposition to cancer even where only one relative had died of cancer.

The sixth column names the part of the body in which the cancer was located, but possibly it is of little value from an insurance point of view.

The seventh column gives the occupation on admission. The occupation may be of interest, as it might help us to come to a conclusion as to the environment of each individual. Vitiating air, improper and insufficient food, or anything that would tend to lower the health of the individual, ought to predispose to cancer. The majority of the above 90 cases appear to have lived in comfortable circumstances, to have had plenty of fresh air, a nutritious diet and home comforts, and the environment, therefore, did not assist in bringing on the cancer from which they died.

The average duration of membership in the Order was a trifle over 4½ years.

The above statistics on cancer are limited, and if we had larger data to figure on the deductions might not agree with those I have set forth. I therefore hope the Medical Examiners-in-Chief of the various Societies represented in this Congress will compile statistics on the same line as set forth in this paper and present them at the next Annual Session. Such reports will be of interest and value.

We had a very pleasant call from Bro. Luce, C.R. of Court Eggleston, No. 1631, Chicago. He is one of the contractors on the Temple building. Bro. Luce was greatly interested in the extent and completeness of the office.

Prize Competition of Supreme Court for Months of Nov. and Dec., 1896, and Jan., 1897.

3. (g) Adding the largest number of members, the *two million dollar* badge and \$100 cash.—Peter Stenson, of Court Neahtawanta, No. 3263, proposed 78.

(h) Adding the second largest number, the *two million dollar* badge and \$75 cash.—John Fitzgerald, of Court Glen Oak, No. 3027, proposed 69.

(i) Adding the third largest number, the *two million dollar* badge and \$50 cash.—Jason M. Woodiwiss, of Court Kingsville, No. 9, proposed 33.

(j) Adding the fourth largest number, the *two million dollar* badge and \$25 cash.—Robt. Tack, of Court Robin Hood, No. 84, proposed 32.

From competition No. 3. (g), (h), (i) and (j), all paid officers, whether paid by salary or commission, are excluded.

4. For the subordinate court adding to its membership roll the greatest number of initiates, one set of officers' sashes, or its equivalent in members' sashes, and the new lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger, suitably framed.—Court Independence, No. 1792, initiated 146.

5. To the subordinate court adding to its membership the largest percentage of initiates, one set of officers' sashes, or its equivalent in members' sashes, and one new lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger, suitably framed.—Court Fresno, No. 763, 335½ per cent.

6. To the subordinate court whose new members carry the largest amount of insurance, one set of officers' badges, or its equivalent in members' badges, and new lithograph of the Supreme Chief Ranger, suitably framed.—Court Independence, No. 1792, \$158,500.

As this court won prize No. 4, Court Glen Oak, No. 3027, comes next for prize No. 6, with \$104,500.

7. To the officer or deputy who adds to the membership the largest number of initiates, whether as charter members or otherwise, the *two million dollar* badge and a gold watch.—F. W. Emmerson, 113 accepted beneficiary members.

The period for the above competition shall be from First of November to Thirty-first of January, 1897, both inclusive. None but accepted beneficiary members shall be counted in this competition.

No prize-winner in this competition shall be entitled to more than one prize.

Any prize-winner having won two or more prizes shall elect which prize he will take.

Personal Mention.

The fact that Bro. Jos. Wilson, C.D. of Court Rosseau, has been reeve of Caldwell for ten years is well worth mentioning. May he be reeve for ten years more.

Bro. Prof. Forshaw Day writes in terms of grateful appreciation of the care given him in a critical illness by the Physicians of Court Frontenac, Bro. Dr. Begg and Dr. Herald, High Physician.

We congratulate our old friend and fellow-student, Dr. John Herald, Court Physician of Court Frontenac, Kingston, on his election to the position of High Physician of the High Court of Eastern Ontario. The worthy brother will adorn the position.

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their March Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Hampton.....	429	Carteret.....	1602
Salmon Bay.....	619	Sequin Falls.....	1830
Southport.....	981	Champ.....	1839
St. Ferdinand.....	1220	Kakabeka.....	3107

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Emerado.....	497	Hardwood.....	1630
Spence, etc.....	882	Industry.....	1538

Receipts, March, 1897.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
385	British Columbia.....	\$ 370 23	\$ 40 81	\$ 5 00	5770	New York.....	\$9615 14	\$ 658 32	\$620 75
6322	California.....	8804 43	184 42	485 00	1814	North Dakota.....	2585 74	67 84	139 25
232	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	335 73	13 38	36 00	609	N. W. Territory.....	960 20	68 61	33 25
3296	Illinois.....	3542 78	45 75	257 25	2116	Nova Scotia.....	2730 74	211 85	137 00
1176	Indiana.....	1614 94	6 91	87 00	5216	Ohio.....	5179 16	103 22	266 00
523	Iowa.....	717 92	2 42	35 50	12230	Ontario.....	12132 30	2444 55	307 25
2553	Maine.....	1734 85	493 16	180 25	8800	Central.....	9335 26	1219 70	292 50
1887	Manitola.....	2314 86	200 48	161 50	8777	Eastern.....	9224 89	860 82	195 50
1878	Michigan.....	11047 21	1903 27	421 00	805	Pennsylvania.....	1093 94	23 79	32 25
2775	Minnesota.....	3086 06	113 56	289 70	943	Pr. Edward Island.....	1076 82	25 12	34 25
356	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1074 48	9 78	43 00	11377	Quebec.....	12635 32	3566 28	1100 00
5007	New Brunswick.....	4922 42	873 19	142 00	535	Washington.....	733 67	13 46	36 00
1151	New England.....	1025 08	353 97	123 75	1469	Wisconsin.....	1741 78	16 05	45 50
2307	New Jersey.....	3281 90	45 33	133 50	659	S. C. Jurisdiction.....	952 18	25 32	75 50
	Received on account of Fire Insurance.....				3156	Great Britain and Ireland.....	4778 57	22 15	154 74
	Refund Huyck Claim.....						313 30		
	Refund S. Nelson Claim.....						610 70		
	Refund Valuation Fees.....						337 26		
	Received on account of organizing and other accounts.....						5 00		
	Grand totals.....		107,715				\$120,239 51	\$1,732 69	\$8578 59

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA-CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	\$141,550 73
" General Funds.....	
Total.....	\$111,530 73

Supply Account.

Received on account for supplies..... \$165 74 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$165 74

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans..... \$1,151 88 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$1,151 88

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of March, 1897.

No. 2167. Brother Geo. B. Filmore, aged 39 years, of Court Columbia, No. 900, died of Acute Tuberculosis on the 2nd February, 1897. Initiated 28th October, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary E. Brundage, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2168. Brother J. W. McQuig, aged 42 years, of Court Long Beach, No. 35, died of Typhoid Fever on the 13th February, 1897. Initiated 25th May, 1895. Beneficiary, Urban McQuig, son. \$1,000.

2169. Brother Ed. McDermott, aged 28 years, of Court Alabama, No. 1768, died of Tuberculosis on the 20th February, 1897. Initiated 24th May, 1895. Beneficiary, Thomas McDermott, father. \$2,000.

No. 2170. Brother Henry D. Kious, aged 28 years, of Court White River, No. 1691, died of Pneumonia on the 6th February, 1897. Initiated 19th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Jos. Ann Kious, wife. \$500.

No. 2171. Brother Robt. Mark, M.D., aged 65 years, of Court Mt. Sherwood, No. 52, died of Pneumonia on the 22nd February, 1897. Initiated 13th February, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary Jane Mark, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2172. Brother Samuel Marshall, aged 26 years, of Court San Bernardino, No. 447, died of Phthisis on the 14th February, 1897. Initiated 31st October, 1895. Beneficiary, Sarah Marshall, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2173. Brother Ernest Sands, M.D., aged 33 years, of Court Harwood, No. 720, died of Phthisis on the 10th November, 1896. Initiated 1st January, 1891. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2174. Brother Donald F. Beaton, aged 26 years, of Court Ioseo, No. 278, died of Typhoid Fever on the 17th December, 1896. Initiated 15th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Sarah J. Beaton, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2175. Brother John P. Shaw, aged 37 years, of Court Maple Grove, No. 658, was Murdered on the 30th February, 1897. Initiated 14th October, 1890. Beneficiary, Hannah Shaw, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2176. Brother Jas. Walters, aged 50 years, of Court Relief, No. 218, died of Tuberculosis of Bowels, on the 8th February, 1897. Initiated 16th September, 1892. Beneficiary, Helen Walters, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2177. Brother Beecher Scharf, aged 36 years, of Court Russell, No. 49, died of Phthisis on the 26th February, 1897. Initiated 7th March, 1895. Beneficiary, Maggie Scharf, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2178. Brother S. J. Frank, aged 36 years, of Court Central, No. 635, died of Nephritis on the 4th January, 1897. Initiated 8th January, 1891. Beneficiary, Ailsa M. Frank, daughter. \$3,000.

No. 2179. Brother Robt. Simpson, aged 22 years, of Court Elorn, No. 17, was Accidentally Killed on the 23rd February, 1897. Initiated 29th September, 1896. Beneficiary, Katherine Simpson, mother. \$500.

- No. 2180. Brother R. J. Berrian, aged 47 years, of Court Empire City, No. 1402, died of Bright's Disease on the 27th February, 1897. Initiated 20th December, 1884. Beneficiary, Mary A. Berrian, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2181. Brother Wm. R. Scurr, M.D., aged 39 years, of Court Kirby, No. 1046, died of Tuberculosis, on the 23rd February, 1897. Initiated 13th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Elizabeth A. Scurr, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2182. Brother Jas. Tyson, aged 62 years, of Court Burrard, No. 347, died of Softening of Brain on the 15th February, 1897. Initiated 17th July, 1888. Beneficiary, Esbeln Tyson, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2183. Brother A. W. Miller, aged 27 years, of Court Yarmouth, No. 1390, died of Phthisis on the 15th February, 1897. Initiated 22nd September, 1893. Beneficiary, Nellie Miller, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2184. Brother Henry Potts, aged 46 years, of Court Erie, No. 47, died of Pneumonia on the 23rd February, 1897. Initiated 26th March, 1891. Beneficiary, Julia Potts, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2185. Brother Oliver D. Benoit, aged 44 years, of Court Champlain, No. 653, died of Apoplexy on the 19th February, 1897. Initiated 28th December, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.
- No. 2186. Brother Joseph Sandhofer, aged 32 years, of Court Olive, No. 992, died of Peritonitis on the 25th February, 1897. Initiated 8th July, 1892. Beneficiary, Lizzie Sandhofer, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2187. Brother Clark W. Steeves, aged 25 years, of Court Bend No. 1485, died of Pneumonia on the 26th February, 1897. Initiated 22nd June, 1891. Beneficiary, Jane Steeves, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 2188. Brother Rev. Jos. R. Griffith, aged 53 years, of Court Ganega, No. 1533, died of Cerebral Anemia on the 8th February, 1897. Initiated 17th April, 1894. Beneficiary, Alfred H., Gertrude and Geo. S. Griffith, children. \$1,000.
- No. 2189. Brother Chauncey M. Gaylord, aged 46 years, of Court Union, No. 410, died of Heart Disease on the 2nd February, 1897. Initiated 26th April, 1895. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$3,000.
- No. 2190. Brother John H. Lloyd, aged 23 years, of Court Los Angeles, No. 422, died of Acute Nephritis on the 16th February, 1897. Initiated 9th February, 1893. Beneficiary, Ed. Lloyd, brother. \$1,000.
- No. 2191. Brother Francis J. Schulte, aged 25 years, of Court Injunction, No. 3657, died of Phthisis on the 25th February, 1897. Initiated 13th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Ellen Schulte, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 2192. Brother Homer E. Bullard, aged 27 years, of Court Magog, No. 1216, died of Appendicitis on the 7th March, 1897. Initiated 28th January, 1897. Beneficiary, Emma M. H. Bullard, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2193. Brother A. L. Anderson, aged 41 years, of Court Heuvelton, No. 1223, died of Typhoid Pneumonia on the 5th March, 1897. Initiated 3rd January, 1893. Beneficiary, Martha R. Anderson, wife. \$500.
- No. 2194. Brother John H. Nablo, aged 28 years, of Court Wellesley, No. 3103, died of Phthisis on the 17th February, 1897. Initiated 12th December, 1893. Beneficiary, Catherine Nablo, sister. \$1,000.
- No. 2195. Brother Wm. John Mitchell, aged 33 years, of Court Dufferin, No. 4, died of Pneumonia on the 21st February, 1897. Initiated 10th December, 1896. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.
- No. 2196. Brother Azaria Boutin, aged 21 years, of Court Convention City, No. 1127, died of Typhoid Fever on the 3rd March, 1897. Initiated 14th January, 1897. Beneficiary, Ella F. Boutin, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2197. Brother Eleazer Fisher, aged 26 years, of Court Elkland, No. 826, died of Appendicitis on the 7th March, 1897. Initiated 9th February, 1892. Beneficiary, Sarah Fisher, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 2198. Brother G. A. Deucher, M.D., aged 31 years, of Court Fremont, No. 355, died of Ulcer of Stomach on the 16th December, 1896. Initiated 26th August, 1892. Beneficiary, Emmy Deucher, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2199. Brother Gottfried Hahn, aged 55 years, of Court Banner, No. 360, died of Typhoid Pneumonia on the 1st March, 1897. Initiated 12th November, 1891. Beneficiary, Augusta Hahn, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2200. Brother Wilfrid Belanger, aged 33 years, of Court Morin, No. 3018, died of Laryngitis on the 15th February, 1897. Initiated 7th January, 1895. Beneficiary, Albina B. Belanger, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2201. Brother Herbert J. Hoyt, aged 49 years, of Court Chateaugay, No. 772, died of Typhoid fever on the 1st March, 1897. Initiated 7th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Cynthia Hoyt, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2202. Brother Lars Michael Larson, aged 32 years, of Court Wildwood, No. 633, died of Phthisis on the 22nd February, 1897. Initiated 29th June, 1895. Beneficiary, Wilhelmina E. Larson, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 2203. Brother Wm. Thompson, aged 45 years, of Court Evening Star, No. 662, died of Acute Bright's Disease on the 9th March, 1897. Initiated 27th October, 1891. Beneficiary, Janet W. Thompson, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2204. Brother John B. Buckland, aged 32 years, of Court Good Cheer, No. 746, died of Appendicitis on the 3rd March, 1897. Initiated 29th March, 1894. Beneficiary, Claribel Buckland, wife. \$3,000.
- No. 2205. Brother John J. Leary, aged 30 years, of Court Lafayette, No. 314, died of Pneumonia on the 9th March, 1897. Initiated 22nd October, 1889. Beneficiary, Julia Leary, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2206. Brother Jas. F. Burcham, aged 50 years, of Court Willamette, No. 1153, died of Apoplexy on the 7th January, 1897. Initiated 20th July, 1891. Beneficiary, Dell L. Burcham, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 2207. Brother Geo. F. Hazen, aged 37 years, of Court Schewauag, No. 710, died of Phthisis on the 9th March, 1897. Initiated 12th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Katharine Hazen, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 2208. Brother John Foster, aged 51 years, of Court Muskoka Forest, No. 126, died of Pulmonary Tuberculosis on the 1st March, 1897. Initiated 14th January, 1891. Beneficiary, Ellen Foster, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2209. Brother Oscar E. Gifford, aged 49 years, of Court Tuscarora, No. 1255, died of Typhoid Fever on the 15th March, 1897. Initiated 29th March, 1894. Beneficiary, Erminia A. Gifford, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2210. Brother Joseph Perrault, aged 29 years, of Court Actonvale, No. 351, was Accidentally Killed on H.R. on the 6th March, 1897. Initiated 9th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Alex. Perrault, father. \$1,000.
- No. 2211. Brother Harry R. Smith, aged 43 years, of Court Valley, No. 232, died of Obstruction of Bileducts on the 4th March, 1897. Initiated 4th February, 1887. Beneficiary, Gresham R. Smith, brother. \$1,000.
- No. 2212. Brother Richard Day, aged 48 years, of Court Thamesford, No. 68, died of Rupture of Coronary Artery on the 13th March, 1897. Initiated 12th November, 1888. Beneficiary, Mary Day, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2213. Brother W. G. Park, aged 32 years, of Court Commerce, No. 2285, Shot Himself on the 31st December, 1897. Initiated 25th July, 1896. Beneficiary, Julia A. Park, wife. \$1,500.
- No. 2214. Brother Wm. W. Blake, aged 25 years, of Court Bend, No. 1485, died of Phthisis on the 13th March, 1897. Initiated 16th May, 1895. Beneficiary, Lucy May Blake, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2215. Brother Abram Levy, aged 22 years, of Court Amity, No. 39, died of Heart Disease on the 10th March, 1897. Initiated 25th November, 1895. Beneficiary, Jacob Levy and Theresa Levy, father and mother. \$1,000.
- No. 2216. Brother John T. Massé, aged 23 years, of Court Foxton, No. 1353, died of Consumption on the 6th March, 1897. Initiated 15th July, 1893. Beneficiary, John Massé, father. \$1,000.
- No. 2217. Brother Chas. Tremblay, aged 37 years, of Court St. Catherine, No. 729, died of Phthisis on the 9th January, 1897. Initiated 27th June, 1891. Beneficiary, Mathilde McKenna, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2218. Brother A. Caron, aged 46 years, of Court St. Catherine, No. 729, died of Fracture of Skull on the 20th November, 1897. Initiated 8th May, 1894. Beneficiary, Alphonse Caron, son. \$1,000.
- No. 2219. Brother Robt. J. Boyd, aged 36 years, of Court Maryland, No. 1691, died of Apoplexy on the 21st March, 1897. Initiated 31st January, 1897. Beneficiary, Alice Boyd, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2220. Brother Albert Alle, aged 21 years, of Court Alexandria, No. 1677, died of Pneumonia on the 24th March, 1897. Initiated 5th November, 1894. Beneficiary, Angelina Alle, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 2221. Brother W. F. Scott, aged 26 years, of Court Union, No. 86, died of Typhoid Fever on the 8th November, 1896. Initiated 17th November, 1893. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.
- No. 2222. Brother Dr. R. M. Stephen, aged 42 years, of Court Collingwood, No. 95, died of Phthisis on the 10th March, 1897. Initiated 28th October, 1885. Beneficiary, Sarah Stephen, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 2223. Brother Frank Dore, aged 45 years, of Court Fall City, No. 765, died of Pneumonia on the 11th March, 1897. Initiated 28th October, 1891. Beneficiary, Alonzo C. Dore, son. \$2,000.
- No. 2224. Brother Edward L. Stevens, aged 55 years, of Court Tantramar, No. 894, died of Pneumonia on the 24th March, 1897. Initiated 13th December, 1892. Beneficiaries, Blanche P. Stevens and Caroline A. Stevens, daughter and wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2225. Brother Thomas Milne, aged 49 years, of Court Cronhyatekha, No. 23, died of Haematemesis on the 23rd March, 1897. Initiated 22nd June, 1888. Beneficiary, Margaret Milne, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 2226. Brother John E. Decker, aged 41 years, of Court Shattuck, No. 1234, died of Pneumonia on the

21th March, 1897. Initiated 4th April, 1896. Beneficiary, Nancy B. Decker, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 2527. Brother Alex. Mason, aged 26 years, of Court Ottawa, No. 4 died of Consumption on the 23rd March, 1897. Initiated 26th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Ada Mason, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 2528. Brother C. McLaughlin, aged 44 years, of Court Sheffield, No. 290, died of Diffuse Myelitis on the 24th March, 1897. Initiated 20th November, 1894. Beneficiary, Miriam McLaughlin, wife. \$1,000.

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

During the month of March the Medical Board reviewed 2,972 medical examination papers, of which 2,729 were accepted and 243 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:

Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected	Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected
British Columbia	72	12	N. W. Territory	8	11
California	180	18	Nova Scotia	128	11
Colorado	1	1	Ohio	165	11
Connecticut	10	3	Ontario (Centre)	101	6
Illinois	237	13	Ontario (East)	33	10
Indiana	66	3	Ontario (West)	145	19
Iowa	11	1	Oregon	5	1
Kansas	1	1	Pennsylvania	83	7
Kentucky	9	2	P. E. Island	7	1
Maine	72	10	Quebec	113	8
Manitoba	81	4	Rhode Island	1	1
Massachusetts	1	1	Utah	3	1
Michigan	217	26	Vermont	5	1
Minnesota	155	10	Washington	5	1
Missouri	27	1	Wisconsin	47	6
Montana	13	2	England	70	3
Nebraska	13	1	Ireland	10	1
New Brunswick	66	6	Scotland	9	1
New Hampshire	10	2	Wales	12	1
New Jersey	63	1			
New York	363	36	Total	2,729	243
North Dakota	39	2			

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

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

Mortuary Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Statement	\$1,999,490 55
Supreme Secretary	118,943 23
Received on ac. Insurance	343 30
Refund Re Huyek Claim	610 70
Refund Re Nelson Claim	337 25
Refund Valuation Fee	5 00
	\$2,119,730 09

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Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers

George B. Fillmore	Court Cumbria, 910	\$1,000
Francis H. Sherman	Sanilac Centre, 414	1,000
Samuel Marshall	San Bernardino, 447	1,000
Henry D. Kions	White River, 1091	500
Robert Mark, M.D.	Mount Sherwood, 32	1,000
Edward McDermott	Akabana, 1768	2,000
Ernest Sands, M.D.	Harwood, 720	1,000
John P. Shaw	Maple Grove, 658	1,000
John Walters	Relief, 248	1,000
Donald F. Beaton	Ioxa, 278	1,000
Beecher Scharf	Russell, 49	1,000
Robert Simpson	Flora, 17	500
R. J. Berrian	Empire City, 1402	1,000
O. D. Benoit	Champlain, 663	1,000
Henry Potts	Eric, 47	1,000
Wm. R. Scurr, M.D.	Kirby, 1016	1,000
James Tyson	Bernard, 347	1,000
Arthur W. Miller	Yarmouth, 1390	1,000
Joseph Sandhofer	Olive, 932	1,000
Joseph K. Griffith	Ganaga, 1533	1,000
Clarko W. Steeves	Bend, 1485	1,000

John H. Lloyd	Cont	Los Angeles, 422	\$1,000
Frank J. Schlutte	"	Uniontown, 3057	1,000
Edward C. Lindner	"	Orient, 416	900
A. L. Anderson	"	Hennelton, 1288	500
Homer E. Ballard	"	Magog, 1216	1,000
I. H. Nablo	"	Wellesley, 3103	1,000
S. G. Frank	"	Central, 635	3,000
William Riley	"	North Western, 1573	1,000
Gottfried Hahn	"	Banner, 360	1,000
Wilfrid Behinger	"	Morin, 3048	1,000
Azarius Boutin	"	Convention City, 1127	1,000
Elezear Fisher	"	Elkland, 826	1,000
Gustav A. Deucher	"	Fremont, 355	1,000
W. G. Clark	"	Commerce, 3253	1,500
Herbert G. Hoit	"	Chattaugay, 772	1,000
John B. Butland	"	Good Cheer, 746	3,000
William Thompson	"	Evening Star, 662	1,000
L. Michael Larson	"	Wild Wood, 633	2,000
J. P. Burcham	"	Willamette, 1433	2,000
George F. Hazen	"	Sebwaing, 710	1,000
John J. Leary	"	Lafayette, 344	1,000
John Foster	"	Muskoka Forest, 126	1,000
G. Oliver Delisle	"	St. Roche, 701	2,000
C. M. Gaylord	"	Union, 410	3,000
Oscar E. Gifford	"	Pascara, 1255	1,000
Joseph Perrault	"	Actonvale, 351	1,000
Harry R. Smith	"	Valley, 232	1,000
Alfred W. Little	"	Evershed, 638	2,000
David McFarlane	"	View, 987	3,000
Richard Day	"	Thamesford, 68	1,000
John T. Masse	"	Roxton, 1353	1,000
William W. Blake	"	Bend, 1485	1,000
Abraham Levy	"	Amity, 39	1,000
W. J. Mitchell, M.D.	"	Dufferin, 4	1,000
Sherman G. Huick	"	West Duluth, 787	63 10
John Stevenson	"	Leaskdale, 322	421 87
Charles Tremblay	"	St. Catharine, 729	1,000
Alfred Caron	"	St. Catharine, 729	1,000
James P. Bowley	"	Ebert, 372	1,000
W. F. Scott	"	Union, 86	1,000
Albert Alt	"	Alexandria, 1677	1,000
Robert Boyd	"	Maryland, 1991	1,000
Alex. McKinnon	"	Lucknow, 451	1,000
Dr. R. M. Stephen	"	Collingwood, 95	1,000
John E. Decker	"	Shatnuck, 1234	1,000
Thomas Milne	"	Oronhyatekha, 23	1,000
Edward L. Stevens	"	Tantramar, 803	500
Alex. Mason	"	Ottawa, 41	1,000
C. McLaughlin	"	Sheffield, 290	1,000

\$79,834 97

Old Age Disability Claims—

Charles R. Colville, Victoria, 10	\$300 00
Robert Miller, Sydenham, 43	300 00
William Longland, Kingsville, 9	100 00
Charles Vivian, Harwich, 98	100 00
William Cullin, Cariboo, 743	100 00
	\$ 900 00

Total and Permanent Disability Claims—

A. De Santel, St. Catharine, 721	\$1,000 00
Samuel Donihue, Tittabawasse, 353	500 00
James Oakes, Oscoda, 285	1,000 00
Joseph A. Hinds, Milbourne, 407	500 00
W. H. Knipple, La Gra, 961	250 00
Edward Soden, Clover Leaf, 959	500 00
John Bland, Cairnsmore, 432	1,000 00
Doctors' Fees, Re Examinations	30 00
	\$ 4,750 00

Robert McNair, Re Claim	15 00
Inspector's salary and expenses	80 20
Fees for Legislation	50 00
Commission on Loans	270 00
Fire Insurance	798 47
Five per cent. to General Fund	5,947 17
Balance	2,027,004 28
	\$2,119,730 09

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last Report	\$ 105,239 79
Supreme Secretary	12,732 60
	\$ 117,972 39

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Benefits	\$14,535 16
Funeral Benefits	600 00
5 per cent. to General Fund	636 63
Balance	102,200 60
	\$ 117,972 39

Court Aylesford, No. 3115, Aylesford, N.S.
 Instituted on the 9th March, 1897, by A. R. Andrews.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Chas. B. McIntyre;
 Chaplain, Cecil Clairmonte; Physician, P. N. Balcom,
 M.D. 17 members.

Court Carroll, No. 3146, Carroll, Man.
 Instituted on the 2nd February, 1897, by Thos. Wad-
 dell.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., P. R. Lamb; Chap-
 lain, J. G. Moffatt; Physician, Dr. Hughes. 15 mem-
 bers.

Court O'Kanagan, No. 3147, Vernon, B. C.
 Instituted on the 3rd March, 1897, by J. E. Annable.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. McKissock;
 Chaplain, C. E. Mohr; Physician, Osborn Morris, M.D.
 23 members.

Court Bright, No. 3148, Burt's Corners, N. B.
 Instituted on the 15th March, 1897, by Le Baron
 Coleman.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Edward Burt;
 Chaplain, A. Jones; Physician, O. E. Moorehouse,
 M.D. 17 members.

Court Diamond, No. 3149, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Instituted on the 16th March, 1897, by J. D. Hender-
 son.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Charles H. Thompson.
 Chaplain, H. W. Howell; Physician, S. Lewis Sum-
 mers, M.D. 18 members.

Court Mineral Point, No. 3150, Mineral Point, Iowa.
 Instituted on the 18th March, 1897, by C. A. Van Ness.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Albert S. White;
 Chaplain, Phil. Allen, Jr.; Physician, W. Eastman,
 M.D. 21 members.

Court Rounthwaite, No. 3151, Rounthwaite, Man.
 Instituted on the 25th February, 1897, by Thos. Wad-
 dell.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Chris. H. C. Newton;
 Chaplain, Thos. Chapman; Physician, Dr. Anderson.
 18 members.

Court Mankato, No. 3152, Mankato, Minn.
 Instituted on the 18th March, 1897, by G. J. Guddall.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Andrew T. Johnston;
 Chaplain, Jacob Traub, Jr.; Physician, Edwin D.
 Steele, M.D. 10 members.

Court Nickel Plate, No. 3153, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Instituted on the 18th March, 1897, by James W.
 Fleming.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Wm. W. Cole; Chap-
 lain, C. G. Brockhurst; Physician, E. H. Young, M.D.
 42 members.

Court Cody, No. 3154, Island Falls, Me.
 Instituted on the 19th March, 1897, by T. S. Dickson.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John H. Perkins;
 Chaplain, Clifford H. Pomeroy; Physician, Peter W.
 Cody. 35 members.

Court Loggie, No. 3155, Mulgrave, N. S.
 Instituted on the 18th March, 1897, by C. C. Whale.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Nathan Pushie;
 Chaplain, Rev. R. O. Armstrong; Physician, Dr. John
 McKenzie. 16 members.

Court Twin Mountain, No. 3156, Twin Mountain, N. H.
 Instituted on the 20th March, 1897, by Geo. W. Allen.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Richard J. Quinn;
 Chaplain, S. G. Holmes; Physician, R. E. Wilder,
 M.D. 28 members.

Court Melita, No. 3157, Melita, Man.
 Instituted on the 8th March, 1897, by Thos. Waddell.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., G. A. Bell; Chaplain,
 Jas. White; Physician, Dr. W. Rogers. 27 members.

Court Oakley, No. 3158, Chicago, Illinois.
 Instituted on the 20th March, 1897, by Florence
 Donohue.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., A. B. Brierly; Chap-
 lain, William Wilson; Physician, ——. 7 members.

Court —, No. 3159, Bridgeport, Conn.
 Instituted on the 26th March, 1897, by M. Edward
 Downey.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Wallace A. Smith;
 Chaplain, Rev. John W. Gill. Physician, Dr. L. S.
 Ford. 22 members.

Court Lawdale, No. 3160, Chicago, Illinois.
 Instituted on the 26th March, 1897, by Geo. Cross.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Chas. Perrett;
 Chaplain, Henry W. Seafie, M.D.; Physician, Dr.
 Henry W. Seafie. 12 members.

Court Mount Begbie, No. 3161, Revelstoke, B.C.
 Instituted on the 13th March, 1897, by J. E. Annable.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., B. R. Atkins; Chap-

lain, Geo. E. McGregor; Physician, Dr. McKechnie.
 25 members.

Court Kelowna, No. 3162, Kelowna, B. C.
 Instituted on the 18th March, 1897, by A. H. Dixon.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., E. R. Bailey; Chap-
 lain, M. J. Curtis; Physician, B. F. Boyce, M.D. 21
 members.

Court Dauphin, No. 3163, Dauphin, Man.
 Instituted on the 15th February, 1897, by Thos. Wad-
 dell.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., W. Rintaul; Chap-
 lain, L. Manly; Physician, Dr. Gunne. 19 members.

Court Gold Hills, No. 3164, Kamloops, B.C.
 Instituted on the 12th March, 1897, by J. E. Annable.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., A. G. Brown; Chap-
 lain, James J. Guest; Physician, Ed. Furrer, M.D.
 23 members.

Court Raritan, No. 3165, Raritan, N. J.
 Instituted on the 27th March, 1897, by W. T. Bing-
 ham.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Michael Hickey;
 Chaplain, James C. Wyckhoff; Physician, L. M. Lan-
 ning, M.D. 22 members.

Court Beverly, No. 3166, Beverly, N. J.
 Instituted on the 26th March, 1897, by W. T. Bing-
 ham.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John C. Stewart;
 Chaplain, F. Zigenfus; Physician, E. S. Adams, M.D.
 12 members.

Court Buena Esperanza, No. 3167, Salinas City, Cal.
 Instituted on the 12th March, 1897, by William Kay.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., F. A. Abbott; Chap-
 lain, H. L. Bradford; Physicians, H. E. Stafford, M.D.
 and A. M. Stafford, M.D. 32 members.

Court C. & T., No. 3169, Troy, Ohio.
 Instituted on the 28th March, 1897, by H. J. Spence.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., H. Acker; Chaplain,
 J. C. Egold; Dr. C. W. Counts. 15 members.

Court Truro, Truro, No. 3170, Nova Scotia.
 Instituted on the 25th March, 1897, by James H.
 Gilmour.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Dr. M. K. Atkinson;
 Chaplain, B. S. Wisener; Physicians, H. V. Kent, M.D.
 and M. K. Atkinson, M.D. 17 members.

Court Grundy, No. 3168, Trenton, Mo.
 Instituted on the 27th March, 1897, by R. O. Cross.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., J. A. Asher; Chap-
 lain, C. C. Kendig; Physician, J. A. Asher, M.D. 20
 members.

Court Kilmanagh, No. 3172, Kilmanagh, Mich.
 Instituted on the 25th March, 1897, by D. Sayles.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Christian Haist;
 Chaplain, Geo. King; Physician, L. H. Hallock. 20
 members.

Court McClellan, No. 3173, Chicago, Illinois.
 Instituted on the 15th March, 1897, by A. J. Kniffen.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., James R. Reid;
 Chaplain, John Carroll; Physician, Mortimer H. Far-
 mer, M.D. 19 members.

Court Livingston, No. 3174, Chicago, Illinois.
 Instituted on the 12th March, 1897, by F. T. Hendryx.
 Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., E. Lochlin; Chap-
 lain, Harry Baumgart; Physician, E. J. Mellish, M.D.
 23 members.

Condolence.

The members of Court Black Creek, No. 504, Bradshaw, express their sympathy with their Bro. Wm. Bradshaw, on the death of his daughter.

The members of Court Ferndale, Georgetown, P.E.I., extend their sympathy to Bro. Stewart, H.C.R., on the death of his wife.

The members of Court Mazepa, P.E.I., extend their sympathy to Bro. Stewart, H.C.R., in his recent bereavement.

The officers and members of Court Western Star, Ont., No. 648, extend to Bro. J. G. Dease their heartfelt sympathy on the death of his wife.

The members of Court Moncton, N.B., express their sympathy with the widow and family of their late brother, Richard Knight.

Among the Courts.

Ontario.

Ontario West did a good month's work in March. The applications were 164, of which 145 were accepted.

The total membership is 12,230, which places the mother High Court in the front rank of the 33 High Courts of the Order. Quebec is a close enough second with 11,377.

Bro. T. G. Davey, D.S.C.R., has been doing excellent work in the west. His new courts at Windsor and Chatham have helped to swell the number of applications.

Ontario is the best cultivated Forestric field in the world. For area and population it has more courts and members than any jurisdiction in the Order. There is still room for further extension.

Court Lambeth, No. 143, is one of the live courts of the west. Their entertainment on March 25th was a decided success. The attendance was good, the programme first-class, the refreshments all that appetite could desire. Dr. Routledge presided. Addresses on behalf of the High Court were given by Bros. F. McCormick, H.S., and Frank Adams, H.T. We know how well the Lambeth friends do things. We had the pleasure of taking part in the dedication of their fine hall.

Courts along the St. Clair River, with the exception of Huron, Sarnia and Windsor, want working up. The above are partially awake, but the remainder have had a long rest.

In honor of past achievements, and as an incentive to future success, Court Kingsville, No. 9, held a grand banquet on the evening of March 31st. The large town hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens, flags and bunting, and the long tables were laden with every luxury of the season. Nearly 400 sat down at table, and, after doing full justice thereto, were treated to an excellent toast-list. Among the many who responded to toasts might be mentioned Dr. King, Dr. Allworth, Rev. Bro. Whalen, of Court Harrow. There were many present from other courts. Bro. Frank E. McCormick replied to the toast of the Supreme and the High Courts in a forty-minute address. It was a glorious success.

The Chatham papers give interesting reports of the institution of the new court of the Order organized in that city by Bro. T. G. Davey, D.S.C.R. The court will be known as Court Chatham, 3488. There are 34 charter members, all prominent citizens of the Maple City. It is expected that the membership will be largely increased at an early date. Members of Court McGregor assisted at the institution of the sister court.

Court Freestone, No. 830, Grimsby, is in a flourishing condition, and gradually going ahead all the time. A very important event happened to one of our brothers here in the person of our able Recording Secretary taking upon himself the responsibility of married life. He was united in the sacred bonds of matrimony on March 24th to one of our most popular young ladies, Miss Elsie Blair. The court extends to them their most hearty congratulations.

Bro. A. C. Darling, of Court Petrolia, No. 42, acknowledges the following donations received from sister courts in aid of a distressed brother, who is very thankful for the help:

Court Welland, No. 116, \$5.00; Court Selkirk, No. 235, \$1.00; Court Strathroy, —, \$1.00; Court

Hopefield, No. 310, \$1.00; Court Woodstock, No. 69, \$1.00; Court Pyramid, No. 412, \$1.00; Court Howard, No. 927, \$1.00; Court Florence, No. 189, \$1.00; Court Valley City, No. 73, \$1.00; Court Erie, No. 87, \$2.00; Court Dresden, No. 164, \$1.00; Court Brigden, No. 581, \$1.00; Court Success, No. 191, \$2.00; Court Princess Alexandria, No. 26, \$2.00; Court Dominion, No. 25, 50 cts.; Court Leisure Hour, No. 348, \$2.00; Court Jolly, No. 539, \$1.25; Court Lambeth, No. 119, \$1.00; Court Kingsville, No. 9, \$1.00; Court Sylvan, No. 218, \$1.00. Total, \$27.75.

Central Ontario.

W. B. Sanders, Esq.,

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF CENTRAL ONTARIO.

We have the pleasure of giving in this issue an admirable likeness of the recently-appointed H.C.R. of this important jurisdiction. Bro. Sanders is one of the best known Foresters in Ontario. He has been a familiar figure at all High Court meetings in recent years, and is also a member of the Supreme body, of which he was appointed an officer at the meeting in London two years ago.



BRO. W. B. SANDERS.

The genial H.C.R. of the Centre is a Nova Scotian by birth, where he saw the light some fifty-one years ago. Like many others who claim that favored Province as their birthplace, he came to the West in his early boyhood. He resided with his parents in Barric, where he received a thorough English and commercial education. In 1869 he removed to Stayner, where he has since resided.

He began business in the dry-goods line, but for recent years he has been identified with the drug and stationery business, in which commercial line he has been eminently successful; having amassed a competency, he has handed the management of

his fine business over to his nephew. He still carries on an insurance and loaning business.

Bro. Sanders has been a man of public affairs, and has identified himself with various movements for the benefit of the community. He has been a member of the Council Board of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. He was mayor of his town for four consecutive years, declining re-election last January. He has been an enthusiast in agriculture, and has served the North Simcoe Industrial Association as President for many years. He is a member and office-bearer of the Church of England. He is married and has no family. At his pleasant home in Stayner Mrs. Sanders and he enjoy nothing better than meeting their many friends.

In politics he is an ardent Conservative, but political convictions never interfere with personal friendships. He is something of a "joiner" from the fraternal standpoint. The Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum and Masons claim him as a member. Of the latter Order he has been P.D.D.G.M. of Georgian Bay district.

His connection with Forestry dates back to the organization of Forest Sunnidale, of which he was a charter member, and of which he is still C.D. In 1892 he was appointed High Conductor of the High Court of Ontario. He held office in the High Court till the division. Last August he was elected H.V.C.R., and upon the office of High Chief Ranger becoming vacant a few weeks ago he was unanimously chosen for the chair.

He brings to the discharge of the duties of the position fine social qualities, a thorough knowledge of the Order, knowledge of human nature, tact in the administration of affairs, and considerable debating powers. He enters upon the discharge of his duties with enthusiasm that will doubtless be come contagious, and that will result in decided advantage to the Order in his jurisdiction. We are satisfied that the high expectations that are entertained regarding him will be fully realized, and that he will render signal service to the Order in which he has unbounded confidence. The best wishes of hosts of friends are with him for his success.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1.

Office of the High Chief Ranger,
High Court of Central Ontario,
Stayner, Ont., April 15th, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts
of the High Court of Central Ontario:

Brethren,—The office of High Chief Ranger of our jurisdiction having become vacant, I have, at the unanimous request of my colleagues on the High Standing Committee, assumed the duties of that office. I fully appreciate the honor and the responsibility of the position.

I am anxious that the interests of our great Order may not suffer in my hands, and I accept the trust committed to me, resolved to do all in my power not only to maintain our present standing but to advance it to a still higher degree.

I am aware that Independent Forestry embraces in its membership a larger number of our citizens than any other Fraternal Order in Ontario. At the same time, I am confident that our members can be greatly increased, and that all that is necessary is to have the merits of the I.O.F. clearly set forth to the public.

In the past the Order has owed not a little of its wonderful growth to the loyal and active co-operation of the membership. My predecessors in this office have again and again made grateful mention in their annual reports of the splendid work done by courts and individual members.

We are now within ten weeks of the end of the Forestry year. Short though the time is, much can be accomplished by active and united effort. I appeal with confidence to you for assistance. I believe that we have not a single member but can induce a friend to join the Order before the end of June. Let there be an advance movement, and at once, all along the lines.

My colleagues and myself will do all in our power to advance the common interest. Personally, I will visit the courts in the order of invitation, as far as my time will allow.

The Order, as you are aware, is growing more rapidly than ever. Let us contribute our full share. I will be pleased to receive any suggestions from you as to the carrying on of the work.

At present we have the services of several organizers in the jurisdiction, added to which, I am pleased to state, we are to have the services of that veteran and indefatigable worker, Brother Charlie Whale, for a short time, so that I am particularly desirous that information as to localities where either new courts can be instituted, or weak ones assisted, should be reported to me without delay.

Any court desiring the services of a public speaker will kindly address its application to me, when the requirement will be promptly filled.

Trusting that you will aid me in pushing forward the good work with energy and vigor, and with every good wish,

I am, dear Brethren,

Yours in L., B. & C.,

W. B. SANDERS,

High Chief Ranger.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

Office of the High Chief Ranger,
High Court of Central Ontario,
Stayner, Ont., April 15th, 1897.

To Court Deputy, High Chief Ranger, Officers and
Members of Subordinate Courts, Central Ontario:

Brethren,—Some time ago I received a circular from a Central Committee in Toronto, stating that a movement was on foot to place a life-size bronze statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, in the "Temple Building." The matter was laid before your High Standing Committee at its meeting on the 8th April. They cordially and unanimously agreed that they would look after the matter in this jurisdiction, as requested by the Central Committee.

We consider the tribute to our great leader both timely and well deserved. Kindly lay the matter before your court and send your proportion, at the rate of 10 cents per member, to Bro. Atwell Fleming, H.T., 25 Wellington Street West, Toronto, on or before the 1st July, 1897. Some High Court jurisdictions have already sent the Secretary of the Central Committee their full quota. I shall be disappointed if a single court in our noble jurisdiction fails to respond.

One of the merits of the movement is that it has

been received with great cordiality by the brethren everywhere.

Faithfully yours in L. B. and C.,
 R. J. NIDDRIE, W. B. SANDERS,
 High Secretary. High Chief Ranger.

Now push things!

After what looked very much like a rest, things are moving at the Forester hub.

Another court is about to be organized in the city. It will probably be located in the north end.

Court High Park, Toronto, at its last meeting received two members. More are expected to follow.

The applications for March were 101, just 30 better than February. April, we are told, will be still better, and May and June will be away up.

Bros. C. C. Whale and C. L. Sanders are at work in the city of Guelph and county of Wellington. The whole county is to be thoroughly organized.

The new hand at the helm is making itself felt. Bro. Sanders has all the qualities of an executive officer—ability, experience, leisure, and enthusiasm.

With only a difference of 7 between the membership in the East and Centre, the race is a remarkably even one, and position may change with each month.

Barrie, Stayner, and Nottawa are arranging for demonstrations in May. The Rev. A. Macgil livray, P.H.C.R., is expected to assist the H.C.R. and give addresses.

Court Israelite, Toronto, held high festival on the evening of April 19th. Nearly all of the large membership was present. Two candidates were initiated. The High Chief, Bro. Sanders, made four presentations, among them a handsome jewel to Bro. Simon, and a beautiful gold pin to Rev. Bro. Solomon, C.R.

Court Prosperity, Toronto, is again showing some of its old-time spirit. Their smoking-concert on the 13th was well attended. The High Chief Ranger of the Centre, Bro. W. B. Sanders, was present and gave an address. Bro. Perriman, who has served the court long and faithfully as Treasurer, was presented with a gold locket.

Court Trinity, Toronto, is probably the most active court in the city. Meetings are held fortnightly, and are invariably well attended. Whenever there is a prize competition, some of the winnings go to Trinity. The first official visit of Bro. Sanders, H.C.R., was to this court, where he was well received and gave a stirring address.

Court Lithos, No. 3030, Toronto, is moving on with a rapid pace. The court that initiates six candidates at a meeting is doing highly satisfactory work. This is what Court Lithos did at the last regular meeting. After the transaction of business a profitable and pleasant hour was spent in listening to speeches, songs and recitations. Bro. Watson, C.R. of Court Cookville, was present and gave a short address.

We call attention to the able paper by Dr. Millman, our Supreme Physician, in this issue. It will repay careful reading by any brother, and especially by Court Physicians.

Eastern Ontario.

C. Day Clark, M.D.,
 Tamworth.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF EASTERN ONTARIO.

Below we give an excellent likeness of Bro. Dr. Clark, who has recently been unanimously chosen by his colleagues to fill the place made vacant through the acceptance by Bro. Rev. R. McNair, P.H.C.R., of a position from the Supreme Executive in Great Britain. The High Chief Ranger of the East is a native of the country and of the locality where he resides. He was born in 1863 and is now in his 34th year. His early education was obtained at the Napanee and Sydenham High Schools. He taught school in 1881, afterwards attending Queen's University, where he graduated M.D. in 1885. During his college term he was Vice-President of the Alma Mater Society.



BRO. C. DAY CLARK, M.D.

He supplemented his studies in Canada by a post-graduate course in the universities of Great Britain, where he spent nearly three years. In 1888 he returned to Canada and took up the practice of his profession at Tamworth, where he has since resided, and where he has built up an extensive practice.

When Court Tamworth, No. 392, was instituted by Dr. Oronhyatekha in 1889, Dr. Clark became a charter member and Court Physician. In 1889 he attended the High Court meeting at Kingston. He has been in attendance at all High Court meetings since. At Barrie, in 1892, he was elected High Physician. On the division of the Province of Ontario into three jurisdictions he was appointed High Physician for the East, and more recently High Chief Ranger.

The duties of his profession will not permit Dr. Clark to give to the duties of his office the time that his zeal for the Order would prompt him to do.

He has the reputation of being a good administrator, and he will doubtless succeed in enlisting the hearty co-operation of his colleagues and organizers.

We cordially wish him a distinguished career in his high office. His many friends all through Ontario will learn with satisfaction of his promotion, and will watch with interest what all hope will be an able and successful term in the highest position in the gift of his brethren.

Quebec.

745 prize claims were accepted, securing 779 members at a cost of \$778.

The High Standing Committee held an important meeting in Montreal on March 27th.

There are now 190 Subordinate Courts and 11,000 members in the province, increasing at the rate of 200 per month.

The date of the meeting of the High Court of Quebec at St. Hyacinthe was fixed for Wednesday, August 25th, 1897, commencing at 2 p.m.

The High Secretary has been obliged to retire from a permanent situation, and will now devote all his time to the growing interest of the Independent Order of Foresters.

The High Secretary has prepared and issued a very convenient Court Directory. It gives the name, number, location, Court Deputy, and night of meeting of each court in the jurisdiction.

We regret that our limited space does not permit us to give the splendid list of some 145 prize-winners in the recent competition. We congratulate these brethren on their splendid work for the Order.

\$150 was placed at the disposal of the H.C.R. to defray expenses in celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Montreal on June 21st, when the I.O.F., with other fraternal societies, have been invited to take part.

The High Court of Quebec still ranks second in point of membership. The applications for March are not up to the high average that has been maintained by this energetic jurisdiction. We expect a fine showing for May and June.

The boom of the past four months has been very gratifying to our H.C.R. and the workers of our Order; but he again appeals to them to keep it up for four months longer, and he will present at the High Court meeting one of the grandest records that has ever been presented by any H.C.R. since the institution of the High Court of Quebec.

The members of the I.O.F. in Sherbrooke, in company with their brethren of the Canadian Order of Foresters, attended Divine Service in that town in the Church of England. The Rev. Dr. Dumbell preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from Psl. 122, 1, in which he eulogised the work done by the Orders represented.

Bro. A. M. Gluness, of Court Beechwood, writes expressing his thanks for the prompt payment of his Sick Claim of \$43.15.

Bro. Joseph Gims, of Watertown, N.Y., thanks the Order for the prompt payment of his Sick Claim of \$50, and says, "Long live Forestry and God bless its reign."

Prince Edward Island.

Office of High Chief Ranger,

West Cape, P.E.I., April 7th, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of the Courts of the I.O.F. in Prince Edward Island:

Brethren,—I take this opportunity of thanking you for the many letters of sympathy I have received from the various courts, and also from many private members of the Order, in the great trial that I have recently passed through.

The many kind letters I have received show me that ours is not merely an insurance society; but that brotherly love is one of the chief stones in the foundation of our Order.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

J. FRASER STEWART, H.C.R.

A new court has been organized at Dundas, King's County.

The High Chief Ranger has been visiting the courts in the western part of the province, namely, Wallace and Onawa.

Only 7 applications for March! Add a cipher for May. The High Court Meeting will be held during the second week of August.

Bro. Alexander Horne, City Councillor, of Court Avondale, was elected Provincial President of the Dominion Alliance, at the Temperance Convention held in Charlottetown on March 12th.

Brother George Irving, of Court Balmagowan, is preparing for his trip to Zurich, Switzerland, to attend the meeting of the Supreme Lodge, I.O.G. Templars. Bro. Irving will represent the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island.

A number of our Forester brothers are leaving this province for the United States and British Columbia, among whom are Bros. Thomas McNeill and W. A. Howatt, of Court Petrel; W. H. Laird, of Court Minnewawa; and Russell Donald, of Court Aberdeen.

Court Avondale has appointed a committee to arrange for a Forester procession at the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on June 22nd. The County courts will be invited to take part. Bro. L. E. Prowse, of Prowse Brothers, are importing parade hats for the occasion.

Nova Scotia.

The good work in Nova Scotia goes marching along.

The membership is now 2,416, a marked increase on the last six months.

Aberdeen Encampment of Royal Foresters will turn out in full uniform.

Court Royal Jubilee, Halifax, has donated \$25.00 to the Indian Famine Fund.

For March Nova Scotia was among the leaders with 128 accepted applications, ranking second in the Dominion.

Our congratulations to Bro. J. A. Grierson, H.C., on his marriage. May joy and prosperity attend him and his bride.

Court Mulgrave of the same city was the first to respond to the statue fund circular. All the courts in Halifax are booming and will take part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration.

The impetus given to organization work by Messrs Whale, Gilmour and Glendenning, will be felt for months to come.

The brethren by the sounding sea mourn the departure of Supreme Organizers Whale and Gilmour. They did excellent work.

H.C.R. Heseler has been on the move. He visited the following courts in March and made additions to each: Newport, Port Williams, Canny and Windsor. He has also added several to the Halifax courts.

Manitoba.

News from the Prairie Province is scarce. Where is Bro. Pettigrew?

The applications for March were 81.

Bro. Waddell is steadily pushing the work. After spring work a boom.

Court Plum Creek, No. 1192, is still making good progress. Every month we have a new member by steady work and a good selection of applicants. Our membership keeps increasing steadily. We have had only one suspension in our court since August, 1895, which is a record hard to beat, and since that time we have added 24 new members. At our meeting on the 13th inst. a committee was appointed to co-operate with our sister societies in holding a monster demonstration on June 21st, "Queen's Diamond Jubilee." We have 50 members in the S. & F. B. Dept., which is, I am told, the largest number in any one court in Manitoba.

British Columbia.

The Pacific Province is coming to the front. The applications for March were 72. The membership of British Columbia has doubled during the last four months, Bro. J. E. Annable, D.S.C.R., having organized good strong courts in Trail, Sandon, New Denver, Kaslo, Vernon, Armstrong, Kamloops and Revelstoke. Courts have also been organized in Rossland and Port Gulchore. Bro. D. F. Jelly, ex-M.L.A., formerly of Regina, is Court Deputy for Court Trail, and Bro. M. L. Grimmett, the leading barrister of Sandon, is Court Deputy for that court. Court Armstrong started off with 40 on the charter list, and the charter list for Court O'Kanagan contained the name of the captain and officers of the steamer "Aberdeen," which plies on the lake after which the court is named.

New York.

Bro. Wm. Cain, of Chemical No 1, was promoted to V.C.R.

Court Schenectady, one of the youngest courts, had twelve applicants at its first meeting.

Court Vinita has become defunct and its membership divided among other courts.

Enough courts are in progress to make the organizing work in this State equal, if not surpass, all previous years.

Dr. J. A. Belch is about completing the organization of a new court at Fulton, where he has already 25 on his list.

Charles S. Hall, once an organizer in this State, and formerly a member of Court Lake Erie, is no longer a member of the Order.

Court United States and Court Desono are "neck and neck" now, with sixty odd members, and both are striving to see which will get its hundred first. They will win.

Court Dana is also progressing finely. Chief Ranger Edmonds and Secretary Cadd are always on hand early and ready for business. They are bound for one hundred members.

Court Motor has doubled its membership within a few weeks, and has now five to ten initiations every meeting. It meets to-morrow evening, and several captures will ride the moose.

District Deputy Otto Ochs of the Manhattan District is President of the Melrose Turn Verein, of New York city, and is said to be a very pleasant writer of local "Forester" matters in that city.

Dr. S. Roe, High Physician, has been confined to his house ever since last session of High Court. He became convalescent some time ago, but is now suffering a relapse from which he is said to be slowly improving, although unable to go out.

The court voted \$5 for the "Oronhyatekha statue," with cheers. Speeches were made by Bro. Col. Caldwell, Judge Kennelly, Dr. Belch, Bros Carlton, Cain, Throop, Healey, Clark, De Young and others. This court is bound for one hundred members.

Court Empire State is on the road to prosperity and is doing considerable hustling. It has doubled its membership during the past three months, with 16 more applications on hand. The other courts in the Metropolis will have to look to their laurels or Court Empire State will carry the banner by July the 1st.

Organizer J. H. Walker has instituted a new court at Oswego with about 50 charter applicants, assisted by Bro. Fred. Brown, H.S.W., and W. H. Goodale, P.C.R. Oswego now has four courts, the "Baby" court being the smallest, and has in prospect one or two more. Good luck to Oswego and all the Independent Foresters therein.

The Rev. B. G. Blaisdell, District Deputy for Jefferson County, ranks among the very best of District Deputies, and is withal a good lecturer and devoted to the interests of the Order whose principles he has so zealously espoused. The brethren of Watertown contemplate inviting him to a reunion of the courts in their city at no late date.

Court Hennepin is booming at Niagara Falls, and has increased its membership from 79, on the first of January, to 93, with four applications for next meeting. The hall they now meet in has become too small, and they have entered into a five years' lease of Silberberg's large hall, which is one of the largest and best halls at the Falls.

Alive to the general interests of the Order, our worthy "Founder," Col. A. B. Caldwell, is working at Gloversville, where he has instituted a court comprised of the best of its citizens. Mayor Cummings, Recorder McDonald, ex-Sheriff Palmer, Alderman Dodge, Dr. Robt. J. Palmer, Coroner of Fulton County; the Rev. George L. McClelland, of the Presbyterian Church, and others, comprise its membership, and we shall expect to hear of its being a good live court from the start.

Court West Side recently entertained a delegation of brethren from Court Evershed, of Niagara Falls, and a very pleasant entertainment was enjoyed at the parlors of Court West Side. H. C. Ranger Dr. C. A. Kendall is Financial Secretary

of Court West Side, and entertained the brethren with a few remarks. Bro. James Boddy, D.S.C.R., also made a few remarks, and an entertaining letter from Bro. C. R. Fitzgerald, H. Sec'y., was read by the H.C.R., and received with cordial greetings.

Court Adirondack, No. 1284, Malone, appreciates the fact that the High Court of New York is going to meet there next September. The brethren are preparing to give the High Court a right royal reception to their beautiful city. Other courts in the county will join with the court of Malone, "The Star of the North." If they press us to go, we may take advantage of the opportunity of seeing for ourselves the fine way in which they can make visitors feel at home.

Bro. James Boddy, D.S.C.R., formerly of New York city, where he was born, has just completed organizing a court at Alden, composed of some of the very best of its citizens. He has also started a court at Akron, where a good court will soon be organized. Bro. Boddy is a very efficient organizing officer and invariably institutes a court of which any brother might feel proud. He is suave in manners, genteel in every respect, a Christian gentleman and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

The brethren of Rochester, or, at least, the officers of the various courts in that city, enjoyed a banquet and a good time generally upon the occasion of presenting the retiring High Chief Ranger, Bro. W. F. Morthorst, with the gold badge ordered by the High Court at its last session. Bro. C. A. Kendall, H.C.R., made the presentation, and Bro. C. W. Lerch, H.V.C.R., presided. District Deputy Cripps and High Auditor Thomas Baker were present. Toasts and other things were quite numerous, and all pronounced the evening well spent.

Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, held a fine meeting on Thursday evening last, Judge Kennelly presiding. Colonel Caldwell, founder of this good branch, now numbering over 50 members, dropped in and was cordially received. Bro. John P. Quigley, assistant chief of the fire department, and Court Deputy, was elected delegate to the next High Court. Bro. Doolittle, who is ill, and in the Adirondacks, resigned as Financial Secretary, and Bro. Wm. Rieley, of Engine Company No. 1, was elected to fill the vacancy. Bro. Albert J. Carlton was elected Recording Secretary.

Court 1,000 Isles, Alexandria Bay, enjoyed the privilege of attending Divine Service as a body on Sunday, March the 20th, at the M. E. Church, of which Bro. Rev. H. M. Danforth, Court Chaplain, is the popular pastor. The brethren of the court mustered 75, and were accompanied by visiting brethren from Courts Hammond, Sydney, Glenmorris and Victorious. The sermon by Bro. Danforth was appropriate to the occasion and highly enjoyed by the large congregation present. The court has had several additions to its membership recently.

Court Empire City gave a grand entertainment and reception at Ebling's Casino, 156 St. and St. Ann's Ave., on Thursday evening, April 29th. The Committee succeeded in securing the Royal Hungarian Band, that dispensed such entertaining music at the recent renowned Bradley-Martin ball. Everything was tastefully arranged, and the pleasures of the evening were appreciated by all, and their thanks tendered the Committee and the District Deputy, Bro. Otto Ochs, who is a member of the court, for the enjoyment of such a pleasant entertainment. We hope the court has reaped a

financial benefit and that the result will be an increase of membership.

The issuance of a new society journal at Buffalo, in the interests of Forestry, has been heralded, and the first issue has appeared and is a credit to the brethren having the courage of their convictions that such a paper would not only be of pecuniary benefit to themselves, but have the tendency to promote the cause of Forestry in the State of New York. We trust it will conduct itself upon the lines of friendship and brotherly love, avoiding any personalities, and that no heart will be grieved by any of its utterances. There is a good work for a society journal conducted upon these principles, a deviation of which soon gets it into disrepute, loss of confidence, disrespect, and a final wind-up. We see no reason why the *Buffalo Forester* should not succeed, as its first issue is quite bright and newsy.

Bro. Henry Bareham, Financial Secretary of Court Flower City, and Supervisor of the 18th Ward in Rochester, is one of the most popular Foresters and citizens in that city. He is also President of the 18th Ward Republican Club, and upon his arriving at the 25th mile-post of his married life was by his host of friends, surprised at his residence, where they took entire possession and enjoyed the pleasures of a genuine surprise party. During the evening he and his worthy partner in life were formally presented with a handsome five-piece silver tea set. Other gifts from friends were also presented and the worthy couple were warm in their thanks and the sincerity of their acknowledgments. The whole affair was one of those hearty, informal, thoroughly enjoyable occasions one seldom meets in the course of human events, and demonstrates the warmth of true friendships. We congratulate Bro. "Harry" and his good wife for the pleasures they have received from so many true friends, and hope they may live to enjoy a similar joyous occasion when they have reached the period of their golden wedding.

The following extract from a letter sent Bro. C. R. Fitzgerald, High Secy., from Court Morristown, explains itself: "Regarding the appeal to contribute to the Bronze Statue Fund in honor to our Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, the members of Court Morristown were only too glad to have the chance to contribute ten cents per member for so good a cause, and therefore enclose the sum of ten dollars and twenty cents, being ten cents on our membership of 120 members." This letter is only a sample of the sentiment contained in many letters received daily. Another from Court Illium says: "We hope all the courts in New York State will contribute their share." Court West Side, one of the largest courts in Buffalo, has drawn an order at the rate of ten cents upon their large membership, and Court Lake Erie, the largest court in Buffalo, reports that they will soon forward the expected amount. Reports from a great number of courts are, that they intend to send their ten cents per member at their next meeting. Thus the work of collecting the "Bronze Statue Fund" is meeting with favorable consideration from the brethren of New York State.

Mrs. Josephine Moore, of Sudbury, Ont., writes to Court Shumah expressing her thanks for the sympathy of the members, and to the Executive Council for the prompt payment of the \$2,000 mortuary benefit.

New Jersey.

From the jurisdiction where the Order first saw the light we should have a budget of news every month. Will some one see to it?

The membership in New Jersey is now 3,307, but it will be considerably more next month.

For March the accepted applications were 65. There are larger jurisdictions, but not older ones, with few applications for the same month.

At the third annual smoker of Court South End, No. 1562, held March 30th, at Newark, N. J., Bro. H. C. Phy. Dr. Geo. E. Potter presented to P. C. R. Thomas H. Cox, on behalf of the members of Court South End, a fine diamond-set Forester watch charm.

Ohio.

Courts in Ohio wishing literature for canvassing purposes can have it by applying to the High Secretary of the jurisdiction.

Our organizers, Bros. Capt. Parkinson, Campbell, Spence and Gleason, are doing yeoman service, and many are the weak courts that have been assisted by them.

At a meeting of Court Firelands, No. 1996, Norwalk, O., held recently, a number of new members were initiated, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Gleason, of Cleveland, being present to assist in the ceremony.

Court Pickaway, No. 1406, Circleville, O.—We initiated two last meeting night, and as soon as prosperity comes our way will do this often. We now number 70 in good standing. We are alive and think I. O. F. the very best in the world.

Court Brady, No. 1557, Canton, O., now has a membership of thirty-seven, and the members are endeavoring to reach the half-hundred line. They are hustling, and the prospects are good for success. Chief Ranger Cowan has a good corps of officers back of him. Chief Brady has not had a death in its ranks since instituting.

Court Preble, No. 1835, Camden, O.—We have just received six new candidates into our court and more coming our way. We have a fine new lodge-room, and now we intend doing business. Members of our court attended the initiation of six candidates into Court Talawanda, No. 1061, Eaton, O. They did well. We were received in good style and entertained in a very hospitable manner. Long may Court Talawanda live!

A. A. Campbell, D. S. C. R., will institute a new court in the east end of Columbus on the 15th of April. This court is the result of the efforts of Rev. J. Campbell, and will start out under most favorable auspices. Mr. Campbell has also laid plans for courts in the south and east ends of the city. Columbus is awakening to the fact that the I. O. F. is a good thing, and the outlook is good for several new courts soon.

Court Epworth, No. 1253, now meets in its new quarters, 1231½ Euclid Avenue, a good change and is more home-like, and it is refreshing to know of the increased interest shown by its members. C. R. Bro. Sibeson is loyal to the Order, and makes one of the best presiding officers in this jurisdiction, always looking out for the best interests of his court and its members. The officers are wide

awake, and we shall soon see the effects of the court's change. The court is located in the very best of localities. May they win success, which they merit.

A largely-attended meeting of Court Banner, No. 360, Cleveland, was held recently at Fix Hall on Scoville Avenue. The hall was filled to overflowing, not even standing room being left. The members expected to see the new goat rode, but the committee was unable to get it here in time, as it is being made in France. The court transacted routine business and accepted seven more applicants for membership, making now in all nineteen applicants to receive the secret work of the Order. It was voted to attend the entertainment of Court Garfield.

Court Kinsman, No. 1038, Cleveland, O., Wednesday, March 31st, had the duty of participating in the funeral ceremonies of one of its beloved members, Mr. William Hibbert, who was killed while crossing the tracks of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad. The members heartily sympathize with the bereaved family in their sad hour of trial. Mr. Hibbert was insured for \$2,600. The funeral was attended by thirty-eight members, who formed at the hall on Kinsman Street and marched to Woodland Cemetery and performed the last sad rites required on such occasions. The floral emblem presented by the court was a pretty and appropriate piece, with the insignia of the Order and date of Mr. Hibbert's death worked in colored flowers.

Meetings of Court Champion, 1494, Columbus, have been steadily increasing in size and interest every night since Bro. A. A. Campbell, D. S. C. R., came to the city. Prior to his coming the court held occasionally very lukewarm meetings in the Secretary of State's office, but is now holding good, lively meetings every Wednesday night in the "Owls" Hall at 80½ N. High Street. Last meeting night was well attended and interesting to all present. Three candidates were initiated. In view of Bro. Campbell's departure for England the court will give a farewell social on the 14th. The members all feel that his visit to Columbus has been just what the I. O. F. needed for a long time, and desire to express their appreciation by the social in his honor.

We in Ohio are still keeping up our interest in Forestry. Will you listen while I read you some items of interest sent me from various courts in this jurisdiction? Court Licking, No. 1318, Newark, O., organized in 1892 with 18 to 20 members, fell off to 12; but the twelve apostles were true ones for Forestry and were never discouraged, but kept adding one now and then, until Sept., 1895, 38 members in good standing appeared on the roll. Since the last date the boys have pulled off their coats, and by the earnest work have rolled up the list to 90 or more, and expect to have the largest fraternal Order in their city. Their officers are men of good judgment and sound business principles, and by such men we have a right to expect 125 to 150 by July, '97. Their court Deputy is the right man in the right place (F. A. Plaiçe).

Our H. C. R., Bro. Clark, is always on the alert for—and it is owing to him in a great measure—the success we are now enjoying. Bro. Prentiss, our High Treasurer, goes from place to place spreading the principles of Forestry and instituting courts when opportunity presents. Bro. Prentiss is a scholar, a polished speaker, not only as a

preacher of God's Word, but also of Oronhyatekha's I.O.F. He holds the purse-strings of H. C. of O. and is sound in his financial ideas. Bro. Prentiss, with the aid of Bro. A. Cameron, instituted a new court at Toledo this month, and Bro. P., with Bro. W. H. Miller, instituted one at Sidney, Ohio. A. J. Messenger, D.D.S.C.R., instituted a new court at Kenton, and Bro. Spence one at Troy. May the good work go on and many become Foresters, and thereby enjoy the blessings that follow their advent into Forestry.

Court Ohio, No. 537, of Cleveland, is becoming one of the foremost courts in the State. Having bravely fought their own way through many difficulties they are now on the high road to become one of the largest courts in the State. C. R. Albert Roe is an able and efficient officer, and under his influence the members are taking a great interest in court affairs. All of the officers are painstaking, and altogether the court is in a flourishing condition. On the evening of April 8th they held an entertainment and ball at their hall, and, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, some 300 people were present. An excellent programme consisting of music, singing and speaking was rendered, and P.H.C.R. W. G. Philip was present and delivered an eloquent address on Forestry. They were also honored by the presence of Bro. Sibison, C.R. of Court Epworth. After the entertainment refreshments were served and dancing indulged in until a late hour, and everyone voted the affair the event of the season, and went away convinced that Court Ohio, No. 537, does not do things by halves.

Sisters of the I.O.F.

The second entertainment given by Court Oronhyatekha, No. 1, located at No. 955 Willson Ave., Cleveland, O., March 26th, was a grand success. The hall of Pythian Star Lodge of the K. of P. was well filled, and all spoke well of the refined class of entertainment given by the ladies. They distinguished themselves, after the first part of the programme was over, by ministering to the wants of all who were inclined to partake of refreshments. The wives of the Foresters are grand bakers. No less successful was the financial part. The ladies displayed marked ability in getting out a programme filled with advertisements, which added greatly to their finances. The ladies of Court Oronhyatekha are full of business and good cheer. God bless the ladies. Mrs. A. Hittinger, No. 326 Grand Ave., is President Commander, and Mrs. J. Crummer, of 184 Atlantic St., Secretary.

Illinois.

The good work in Illinois goes on apace. The membership is now 3,500.

For the month of March the applications were 237, ranking third, Michigan being second with only 10 more, New York leading with 363.

Illinois will feel the loss of two such efficient organizers as Bros. Capt. Allan and Mr. Williams, who have been added to the staff in Great Britain.

Court Chicago Heights, No. 3095, which had suffered somewhat by loss of membership, owing to the prevalent long-continued depression, has now taken a "new departure," which has already produced good results in procuring applications.

On the suggestion of Bro. A. B. Morse, R.S., sides were chosen composed of an equal number of members, with the understanding that when a chosen date be reached the side that has brought in the lowest number of candidates shall pay for a supper for the entire court. The side which made the first important spurt, presenting a batch of three applications, professes to already be feeling hungry.

A worthy Bro. from Peoria, writes: "In our municipal election, held last Tuesday, two Bro. Foresters were elected Aldermen. Court Glen Oak is now represented by four aldermen in the city council, viz.: Bros. Thos. Gorman, John J. McDonald, L. A. McFadden and Stephen Wolschlag."

At the adjourned meeting of Court Decatur, No. 3168, held April 6th, reorganization was completed by the unanimous election of a complete staff of officers, who were duly installed by C. W. Allen, D.S.C.R. A code of by-laws was also adopted, and the meeting then adjourned until Thursday week, to meet in the P.S.O.A. Hall. A committee was appointed to arrange in the meantime for an entertainment, by invitation of the members exclusively, at which Bros. A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R. of Illinois, Rev. George F. Hall, and other prominent members are expected to deliver addresses explaining the advantages offered by the Order. Dr. A. M. Drew was nominated to be commissioned a Court Deputy High Chief Ranger.

Court Decatur, No. 3168, gave an entertainment on the evening of April 14th. Chief Ranger John Trainer presided. The first part of the evening passed in social intercourse, varied by instrumental music by W. C. Beckwith, songs by Miss Drew and Capt. Allen, and some excellent recitations by Mr. Griffin. Later an address setting forth the special advantages offered by this fraternal Order was made by Capt. G. W. Allen, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, who dwelt particularly on the fact that every member's insurance was protected, without any chance of special assessments having to be resorted to, by reliance on the large reserve fund already saved up, and which increased from about a million and a half to over two millions in the course of last year, as the result of compound interest on investments and by other accretions.—*Decatur Times-Herald*, April 15th, 1897.

Maine.

The "Pine Tree State" has maintained a good average growth since the Order was first introduced in the State.

For March, Maine shows up well, with 72 accepted applications. The membership is now 2,053, and is steadily advancing month by month.

Court Jas. G. Blaine, 1385, Bangor, has secured new and enlarged quarters in Red Men's Hall, opposite their former meeting-place. This court is showing a healthy growth, and in its improved quarters hopes to gain steadily in membership.

An esteemed correspondent writes: "We are not all asleep on the Maine coast, as, in reading THE FORESTER, and not seeing any communication from this section, one would naturally suppose. On Wednesday evening, March 24, Court Baron de Castin, No. 3221, entertained twelve of the members of Court Isleboro, No. 3437, a new court instituted on March 22 by D.S.C.R. Fred A. Perkins. After initiating two candidates, the tables were

spread and a fine collation served and enjoyed by all present. Although our court is small, yet we can enjoy ourselves to a big extent. Visiting members returned to Islesboro on the 7.45 boat next morning, highly elated with their reception and more than pleased with the work and principles of the Order.

From the *Culais Advertiser* we learn that, on a recent evening, the brethren of Court Magnerrawank with visiting brethren from Courts Schoodic, St. Stephen, Pine Glen, Oak Bay and Dumbarton met together and had a pleasant and profitable evening. Speeches, songs, recitations, and refreshments filled in the hours till midnight, when the company broke up after singing Auld Lang Sync.

California.

California maintains its excellent average. For March the accepted applications were 180.

The High Chief Ranger of the State, Bro. G. A. McElfresh, reports the Order in a most prosperous condition throughout his jurisdiction.

On the first March the membership of California stood at 6,393, and now ranks seventh in point of membership among the High Court jurisdictions.

Court Yolo, No. 1313, Woodland, gave a "smoker" on the evening of April 7th. Bro. McElfresh, H.C.R., gave an instructive address. Five applications were received at the close of the meeting.

Court Willow, No. 1798, has been dormant for some time. The H.C.R., Bro. McElfresh, visited Willow recently, and had the satisfaction of seeing a strong court, with a capable staff of officers, in good working order.

Bro. A. A. Campbell, S.C., who has spent about a year in the State, and with excellent results, has been transferred by the Supreme Chief to Great Britain. His ability and experience will doubtless be highly advantageous to the Order there.

Court Solano, No. 909, had an official visit recently from the High Chief Ranger. A social meeting, in which the families and friends of members participated, was held in the course of the evening. A short and enjoyable programme was rendered.

A large picture of High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh graces the gallery at Schumaker's. The High Chief Ranger, in response to requests from numerous courts throughout the State, is having copies made. It represents him in the full General's uniform of the Royal Foresters.

The Foresters of Butte City and their friends, to the number of 200, met on Tuesday, 13th April, to receive the head of the I.O.F. in California. Songs, recitations, speeches and choice refreshments filled up the hours very pleasantly. Everybody voted the entertainment first-class.

The H.C.R. left Los Angeles on March the 21st and travelled 3,000 miles, delivered 21 public addresses, reinstated one court, and secured 135 members who applied for \$181,000 of benefits, all in 25 days (working days). Large and enthusiastic meetings were held at the places visited.

Count Chico held open house to receive Bro. McElfresh on his tour of official visitation. A large audience was present to hear his exposition of Forestry as well as enjoy a select musical pro-

gramme provided by the committee in charge. A bountiful repast brought the proceedings to a close.

An esteemed brother of Court Reges, No. 3134, Hanford, writes: "We were organized the 14th day of February, 1896, with 17 charter members. We have grown in membership steadily until Bro. McElfresh, H.C.R., gave a public address by which we captured 12 members, which makes 49 in good standing up to date, and more applications coming in."

At the instance of Court Los Angeles and concurrence of other courts, a series of union monthly socials will be held by the I.O.F. of this city, the first one to be given with Court Los Angeles at Forester Temple on Thursday evening, March 18th. There will be a literary and musical programme, followed by an informal hop. A very large attendance is assured.

The Independent Order of Foresters is having a phenomenal growth everywhere. For the month of January the net increase in membership of the whole Order was 4,127. The High Court of California during the month received 345 applications for membership, of which 313 were accepted. The average monthly increase in California during the past year has been two hundred.

The bold burglar went looking for spoil around the quarters of Court Los Angeles, and of the High Secretary, Bro. Perry. His find was small. A month's assessments of the banner court of 700 members were not in the desk that he rifled. From Bro. Perry's desk he carried away the Grand Cross of Merit, the loss of which the High Sec. of California naturally deploras. May it be a cross to his thieving soul till he repents and makes restitution.

The High Chief Ranger, during March, addressed meetings at Glendale, and instituted a new court there, also addressed the members of the following courts, most of which held public meetings in honor of his visits, affording him the opportunity to address the public on the many advantages of the I.O.F.: Court Palmeto, on the 17th; California, of Riverside, on the 19th; Chino, 20th; Reedley, 23rd; Sanger, 24th; Fowler, 25th; Madera, 26th; Fresno, 27th; Lemoor, 29th; Court Reges, of Hanford, 30th; ending up at Kingsburg on the 31st.

Court Sutter, No. 974, Sacramento, has a splendid record as one of the most active courts, not only in California, but in the whole Order. Some time ago we gave a list of the twenty-seven leading courts in the I.O.F., taking the first one in each jurisdiction. Some of these have fewer members than many not included in the list. Court Sutter, with 128 members, wonders why it is not in the list when a court with only 66 members appears in it. Court Sutter will understand that said court is the leading one in that jurisdiction, as Los Angeles is the leading court in California. As might be expected of a court of the known enthusiasm and loyalty of Court Sutter, the members have voted the ten cents per capita for the Bronze Statue of "the Chief." They do it gladly, and with every good wish for the success of the scheme.

The members of Court Redondo, California, extend to Bro. H. Shlegel their sympathy on the death of his wife. The court has a by-law providing for the payment of \$20 to a brother on the death of his wife. The amount was in the brother's hands a few hours after his bereavement.

Michigan.

Michigan is working up a good-sized boom.

The applications for March were 247, and Quebec for that same month is away behind.

Bros. Callaghan, H.C.R., and H. D. Weeks, State Organizer, visited Toronto recently, to examine how things are worked at headquarters, and get pointers for local work. They express themselves highly pleased with what they saw and learned.

Court Bingham, No. 1436, St. John's, had a fine time April 15th. Fifteen of the members from Court Maple Rapids, No. 1007, drove over a distance of fourteen miles, bringing their goat with them, and assisted me in initiating a class of seven candidates. Now seven is a lucky number, and as this is the first addition for Court Bingham, the boys consider it a very good starter. After the ceremonies of the initiation were over, long tables were brought in loaded down with fruits, cakes, sandwiches and delicious hot coffee, to which all did ample justice. Next came the toasts and speeches. Proceedings closed in the wee small hours.

Pennsylvania.

For a young jurisdiction the "Keystone State" is doing well. 83 applications for March is a fairly good showing.

Bro. Strickland, H.C.R., is pushing the work vigorously, and is ably assisted by organizers of the Supreme Court.

Court Big Run, No. 3134, after a period of anxiety and tribulation, is now on the high way to prosperity. Organizer Kidney has put the court in good working order. The court has a good class of members and an excellent staff of officers.

Massachusetts.

Court Boston, No. 1705, finds lots of work to do and does it. There is not a meeting-night passes without initiations. The brethren are greatly pleased with the I.O.F., and predict for it a first place among fraternal organizations in New England.

Minnesota.

Court Duluth, No. 724, had a right royal time on March 26th. The lady friends of the members turned out in full force and took possession. They came prepared to give pleasure, and, of course, succeeded. Song and speech, refreshments and dancing, filled in the hours. In the early morning "Home, Sweet Home," and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung, and a delightful evening brought to a close.

Bro. E. H. Cullen, of Court Ammonoosus, No. 1995, Littleton, N.H., expresses his great pleasure at the promptness with which his sick claim of \$21.72 was paid. He wishes the Order bountiful success.

Mrs. Claribel Buckland, of Barslon, Quebec, writes to express her sincere thanks for the prompt payment of the benefit carried by her late husband, and also for the sympathy of the brethren.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Scotland.

Bro. Duncan, H.S., has been seriously indisposed, but is regaining his wonted strength and energy. It seems, however, absolutely necessary that he should obey doctor's orders, and take a sea voyage to a warmer climate.

Court Glasgow Eastern, No. 2049, held a special session and followed same by public meeting on the 16th ult., where full and free advocacy of the claims of the Order was made by Bro. Marshall. The court acknowledged the indebtedness by customary vote.

Court Dundee Pioneer, No. 2159, Dundee, was gay and happy on the 18th ult. The ballroom and suite of rooms at Mather's Hotel were in the hands of the court for an "At-Home." The members were cordial, Bro. Chapman, C.R., acting-host, being geniality itself.

Court Craigphadrug, No. 2033, Inverness, organized a public meeting for the 9th ult. in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Bro. Gillanders presided, and briefly introduced Bro. Marshall as speaker. The address was of good import to all present, and has benefited and strengthened the court. Bro. Marshall was deputed by the brethren to make formal presentation of a P.C.R. jewel to Bro. A. F. McKenzie for his many services to the court. The acknowledgment was in good taste.

Wales.

Court Aberystwyth, No. 2169, met on the 24th ult. Bro. H. Hollier presided. Bro. E. Jones, F.S., moved to record our pleasure at the presence of Bro. Scott, C.D.H.C.R., of Court No. 2131. Bro. Scott might be termed the father of Court Aberystwyth. Bro. Cashmore seconded. Bro. H. Biddulph, R.S., said he knew something about the difficulty of starting anything new in the town, and he must admit that the success of Court Aberystwyth seemed something surprising. Bro. Hollier, as chairman, said it afforded him great pleasure to convey the vote to the visitor. Bro. Scott, in reply, said he felt grateful for the kindly feelings expressed towards himself. Bro. Jones said that Bro. Wilkinson had become a very active advocate for the Order; he it was who had secured the latest initiate, a man they felt proud to receive amongst them, viz., B. J. Williams, Esq., manager of the London and Provincial Bank. The court wished to give Bro. Wilkinson some token of their appreciation, and this would take the form of a photo of the S.C.R.

Ireland.

Bro. Rev. Jas. Cregan has been duly installed as High Chief Ranger of Ireland, in succession to Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan, who resigned on account of his removal to Canada, to assume the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

The February meeting of Court Ballymena, No. 2011, had a special importance, it having been announced that H.C.R. Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan would install the officers for current year. The proceedings connected with the session were enthusiastic to a degree, and we glean from the press

reports that the speeches were of more than ordinary excellence.

Court Imperial, No. 2041, Belfast, had a large gathering on 3rd ult., members and friends being entertained at tea by the Chief Ranger-elect, Bro. U. W. Frackleton. Amongst the honored guests Bro. McCaughan had a place, and in responding to the toast of "Prosperity to the Supreme Court," he got a most cordial greeting. Bro. Dr. Gibson was happy in his response to the toast of the High Court.

Bro. J. D. Williamson, P.H.C.R., was made the recipient of a very beautiful set of Provincial clothing by the members of Ionic Masonic Lodge, conveyed by Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan, Chaplain of the lodge, who referred to Bro. Williamson's great interest in all fraternal organizations and the honor that the brethren of the craft in the Province of Down had conferred upon themselves by electing such an efficient and energetic brother to the highest honor in their gift, that of Provincial Senior Warden.

Bro. the Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R.; Dr. J. D. Williamson, P.H.C.R., and Dr. Wm. Gibson, High Secretary, attended at Foresters' Chambers, 5 Royal Avenue, on the evening of the 2nd inst., to inaugurate a new court in connection with the above Order. The High Chief Ranger conducted the ceremony, and appointed Bro. Dr. Gibson as Supreme Marshal, and Bro. Dr. Williamson as Supreme Secretary *pro tem*. The court having been opened in due form, Bro. Cregan proceeded with the beautiful and impressive ceremony of institution. He pointed out to the candidates the progressive nature of the Order, the admirable principles upon which it is based, and the truly fraternal intercourse and interest promoted by its working. He sketched its history from 1882, when it had 880 members and an accumulated fund amounting to £289, up to the present, when the membership exceeds 105,000 and the accumulated funds £432,000. He pointed out to them that the system adopted by the I.O.F. reduced the expenses of insurance to a minimum, and that the benefits secured by the premiums paid were greater than those given by any other fraternal organization. He expressed the great pleasure he felt at being present, and of seeing another court added to the many flourishing courts existing in the city. He said he was particularly impressed by the men he saw before him—shrewd business men, well acquainted with finance and insurance matters; and it was the most striking testimonial the Order could receive to have the men so well acquainted with the detail of finance training. On the motion of Bro. Hugh Allen, seconded by Bro. James Watson, it was resolved that the name of the court be Emerald. The newly-installed officers having been instructed in their respective duties, Bro. Hugh Allen, C.D.H.R., proposed that the best thanks of the members of Court Emerald be given to the High Chief Ranger, Past High Chief Ranger, High Secretary, and Bro. John Dunlop, of Court Imperial, for their kindness in attending and assisting at the institution of the court, the motion being seconded by Dr. John Briggs, V.C.R., and passed with acclamation. The brethren named having responded and wished the court much prosperity in the future, a very successful meeting terminated.

A man thinks he knows it all until a woman begins to enlighten him.

England

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Dr. G. J. Waldron Johnson, Doncaster, has just been elected a Fellow of the British Gynecological Society. We are informed that he is the first medical practitioner in Doncaster to gain this distinction.

Court Streatham gave the second Ladies' Evening on the 3rd February. It was a decided success. Among those present were Bros. Marshall, General Manager; Dr. Ward, H.C.R. Song, speeches and refreshments filled up a very pleasant evening.

The third annual social in connection with Court New Leeds, No. 2142, was held on 26th ult., at the Potternewton Recreation Club, Leeds, when about eighty ladies and gentlemen had a most pleasant time. Bro. S. S. Chiswell was the "distinguished" guest of the evening, and, as on a previous visit, commanded the attention and admiration of everyone.

The members of Court City of Leeds, No. 2052, along with a few specially invited friends, were recently the guests of Chief Ranger H. H. Jennins at dinner in the Leeds and County Liberal Club, where a very pleasant evening was spent. Amongst those present were Bro. J. T. Jackson, H.V.C.R., and Bro. J. Gibson, H.A., both of whom had some cheering testimony to offer respecting the progress of the Order, and their strict adherence to the principles upon which it is worked.

The monthly meeting of Court Castle, No. 2179, Newcastle, C.R. Bro. C. J. Wain presiding, brought a grand muster of brethren on the occasion of the installation of the officers. The acting C.R., on behalf of the court, presented Bro. W. Horne with a jewel for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Court Deputy. Bro. Horne feelingly replied. The court also presented Chief Ranger Wain with a jewel for his services during the year. Bro. Wain suitably replied. Songs and recitations followed.

The officers of Court Anfield, No. 2068, were duly installed on 28th Jan. by H.C.R. Chiswell, assisted by H.S. Joseph Andrews and S. Swain (Liverpool Pioneer). There was a full attendance of the members of this promising and thriving court. On the termination of the installation, a very pleasing and gratifying ceremony was performed by Bro. Porter presenting to Bro. R. Madoc Jones, on behalf of the members, a silver coffee service in recognition of his invaluable services as Financial Secretary.

A meeting of the members of the combined courts of Liverpool and district was held in the Y.M.C.A., 16th ult., to consider the best means to adopt for increasing the membership of the Order in this district. There was a large and representative meeting of the brethren of the various courts. High Chief Ranger S. S. Chiswell presided, and was supported by Bro. J. Andrews, High Secretary. The Chairman drew attention to the necessity for more active effort on the part of individual members, so as to secure an increased membership.

On Wednesday, 10th ult., after the business of Court Prince Bladud of Bath, No. 2066, had been disposed of, a public meeting was held at Beau Nash House to hear an address on "Independent Forestry," by Mr. C. E. Price, H.V.C.R. (of Southern England). Mr. E. J. White, C.R., presided, and there were present: Messrs. H. Isaacs, C.D., H. J. Knott, R.S., E. Found, F.S., H. J. Harding,

Treasurer, W. C. Barrow, Chaplain, etc. The Chairman briefly introduced the speaker, who gave a concise history of the Order, and explained its benefits and working.

A specially convened meeting of officers-elect of Court Liverpool, No. 2007, Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050, Mount Pleasant, No. 2098, and Robey 2137, was held in the drawing-room of the Y.M.C.A., 19th Jan., for installation. The ceremony was very impressively and effectively performed by H.C.R. Bro. S. Southern Chiswell, assisted by H.S. Bro. Joseph Andrews and Bro. S. Swain, C.D., Court 2050, as High Marshal. After installation the High Chief impressed upon the brethren the necessity of punctuality and regularity in attendance at their court meetings.

Court Tunbridge Wells, No. 2125, held its annual meeting on Jan. 25th. After formal business Bro. A. H. Tester installed the officers-elect. At the installation ceremony Bro. A. H. Tester, on behalf of the court, presented Bro. George Glanville with a P.C.R.'s jewel in recognition of the good work he had done for the Order. P.C.R. Glanville, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the brethren for their kind gift.

On Wednesday, 10th ult., the brethren spent a very pleasant evening, the G.R., V.C.R., the S.W. and J.W. having issued invitations for a dinner at the Carlton Hotel.

The annual banquet of Court Southsea, Portsmouth, took place on Thursday, 4th February, at the Freemasons' Club. There are 200 courts in this country, and Court Southsea was started in June, 1894, Mr. Primmer being first Chief Ranger. The nearest court at that time was at Branksome. The Queen of the South has since been started at Southsea, and others elsewhere in the district. After an excellent dinner a somewhat lengthy toast list was commenced, the speeches being interspersed with songs, etc. Mr. Childs presented Mr. Buckle, in the name of the court, with a handsome silver-mounted walking-stick and an illuminated address, in recognition of the able manner in which he had carried out his secretarial duties.

At Sutherland Chapel, Walworth-road, Walworth, on Thursday evening, an entertainment was held under the auspices of Court Walworth, No. 2167. Mr. James Bailey, M.P., presided, and was supported by Messrs. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R. (General Manager for Great Britain), Harry Glover, C.D.H.C.R., Lidle, J. Grinyer, V.C.R., E. W. Eagle (Recording Secretary), J. M. Williams (Financial Secretary), J. W. Schwarz (Treasurer), and Andrews (Senior Beadle). Mr. James Bailey, M.P., who met with an enthusiastic reception, said he had been a Forester for a number of years, and could heartily recommend Forestry to all young men. By joining a society such as the Foresters they were providing for a rainy day. This was what every honest man ought to do. He urged all young men to provide for their old age and become independent in the winter of their life of the Poor-law and the Workhouse. He did not join the Order because he wanted assistance from it, but as an example for every man to follow.

The members of Court Petitiendiac extend their sympathy to Bro. E. P. Eastman in his recent bereavement. The charter of the court is to be draped in mourning for one month.

Personal Mention.

Bro. Dr. Arnold, of Owosso, P.H.P. of the High Court of Michigan, and a member of the Supreme Court, paid our sanctum a visit recently. He reports Forestry as flourishing in his part of Michigan.

We congratulate Bro. M. M. Callaghan, H.C.R. of Michigan, on his appointment to the Postmastership of Reed City. The brethren of Michigan, as well as all who know the young and accomplished H.C.R., will be pleased with the honorable position to which he has attained. May he long enjoy it.

In the party that crossed the Atlantic with the Chief was Miss Jessie Bayly, his private secretary. Her bright, active presence will be missed from headquarters. Every one who has had business with the office of the Doctor will understand how well Miss Bayly has earned her holidays, and will heartily wish her a pleasant time.

Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., is working away in New York State with all the enthusiasm of youth. The founder is the youngest old man we know, if a man is as young as he feels. "Daddy" Caldwell is about 18. The organization of Court Glovers City, in Gloversville, is one of his latest achievements. Our worthy brother is rightly entitled to a share of the credit for the good work being done in the Empire State.

Bro. J. C. Morgan, B.A., of Barrie, Public School Inspector for the County of Simcoe, has been appointed High Vice-Chief Ranger of Central Ontario, which office becomes vacant through the promotion of Bro. Sanders to the chair. Bro. Morgan is a prominent man in society work, a capital public speaker, and intimately acquainted with a wide section of the jurisdiction. He will be a decided addition to the working force of the Centre. We congratulate Bro. Morgan on his election, and the Centre on securing so popular and capable an officer.

Acknowledgments.

Bro. John A. Brown of Vasey, Ontario, acknowledges gratefully his Sick Benefit of \$41; he found it "quite a help."

Bro. Malcom Gredart, of Elgin, N.B., writes gratefully acknowledging the receipt of his Total Disability Claim of \$1,000.

The beneficiaries of the late Bro. Wm. E. Atkinson, of Court Atkinson, No. 1300, wish to acknowledge the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit.

Mrs. Chas. Kemp of Silver Hill, Ontario acknowledges gratefully the payment of the Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, Bro. Kemp of Court Langton.

The Court Deputy of Court Stadacona, Quebec, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Total and Permanent Disability Claim, amounting to \$500, of Bro. W. Munn.

Mrs. Laura Murray tenders her thanks to the members of Court Birr, No. 898, for their sympathy and help in her sorrow, and for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000.

Clifford Routh writes Court Ottawa on behalf of his mother, brothers and sisters, thanking the court for their sympathy in a recent bereavement, and for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit.

Bro. E. H. Cullen, of Court Ammonoosuc, No. 1995, Littleton, N.H., writes his thanks for the prompt payment of his sick claim. He wishes the Order "bountiful success in years to come."

Mrs. J. O. Hardy, of Beauport, Que., expresses her gratitude for the sympathy of the Order in her sorrow, and for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, Bro. J. O. Hardy.

Mrs. Kennedy, of Carp, Ontario, thanks the Executive for the prompt payment to her of the mortuary benefit of \$1,000 carried by her late husband, Bro. Wm. Kennedy, of Court Carp.

Mrs. Ellen Chappell writes Court Sylvan, No. 218, Montague Bridge, P. E. I., thanking through them the Order for the prompt payment to her of the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000 of her late brother, Jno. T. Robison.

The C.D. of Court Bold Forester, Albany, N.Y. writes the Executive Council, expressive of the thanks of the widow of the late Bro. W. Hall for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of \$2,000, held by him.

Messrs. Hoskin, Ogden and Hoskin, barristers, Toronto, write for their clients the beneficiaries of the late Bro. Moffat, who are most grateful for the courtesy and promptness with which they were treated by the officers of the I.O.F.

Mrs. Mary Cool, of Dayton, Ohio, writes thanking the Order for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit of her late husband, Bro. C. H. Cool. She also mentions gratefully the great kindness of the members of Court Dayton, No. 1000.

Mrs. Jno. Cochrane writes to express her gratitude to the brethren of Ct. Pleasant Hour, Bishops Mills, for the sympathy shown her on the death of her son, Bro. Robert John Chambers, and also for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000.

Mrs. Cynthia Hoyt writes to say that she appreciates greatly the promptness with which the mortuary benefit of her late husband, Bro. Herbert G. Hoyt, was paid, as well as the kindness and sympathy of the members of Court Chateaugay, No. 772.

Mrs. Hattie E. Coffin expresses her gratitude to the members of Court Aurora, Denver, Colorado, for their kindness during the illness of her son, the late Wm. F. Coffin, and to the Supreme Executive for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000 carried by him.

Mrs. Elizabeth Forman, of Cairo, Ontario, writes the Executive thanking them for the prompt payment of the \$1,000 benefit carried by her husband, Bro. Geo. Forman, of Court Haggerty, No. 3034. She also makes grateful mention of the kindness of Bro. W. A. Baughart, secretary of the Court.

Mrs. Margaret Milne acknowledges with thanks the prompt manner in which the I.O.F. paid the insurance carried by her late husband, Bro. Milne, of Court Oronhyatekha, Hamilton. Your Order can be highly commended for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which it settles all claims.

Mrs. Emma Starrak, of Little Cascapedia, writes the Court Deputy, Bro. Kelly, thanking him in very grateful terms for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit of her late husband, Bro. John Starrak, C.D. of Court Cascapedia. Of the kindness of the brethren she also speaks in terms of the highest praise,

WHAT "MEG" SAYS OF FORESTERS' ISLAND PARK.

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She Again Met the Indian Chief, Oronhyatekha.—A Trip to Toronto. Foresters' Island the Eden of America. Some Recollections of Literary Workers Gone Before.

(Philadelphia paper.)

Eureka! In plain English I have found it, and am now enjoying emotions akin to those Columbus must have felt when he discovered America (??). "Found what?" some stupid enquires. Why, a new place in which to lie torpid for the next two months, if one wants to; a place that will turn a raving Turk into a praying Christian inside of 24 hours, by which it will be seen that my discovery is full of possibilities for missionaries. Let the Turks come.

Columbus-like, I am not going to be selfish and keep this new world a secret, but will say to all who, like myself, have, from year to year, been going around and around like the wind in the riddle, in search of an ideal place, "far from the madding crowd;" far from all the corroding effects of city life; away from the region of gas and steam-heated houses which seem never to cool off; away from four mails a day; away from afternoon teas; away from engagements and appointments and all other business and social duties that at times make life not worth the living; away from the rush and scamper of American life; away from late hours and hurried lunches; away from the blistering pavements and clanging street car gongs; where one need never hurry to get anywhere at any one time, and where there is plenty of empty space to turn around in and even roll over in, should such undignified spirit seize one; where there are just a few congenial spirits with whom to have quiet, delightful walks, talks about books and writers and interesting places and things; where there is good music in the twilight, good boating and bathing all the time, no noise more startling than the crow of the barnyard autocrat! where the "news of the day" is leisurely commented upon at the evening meal—so different from the mad rush at breakfast and news together at home; where one can go to bed with the chickens and get up with the sun if he is crazy enough, and—

"Yes," says somebody, without waiting to hear me out, "and where there are plenty of fleas, flies, red ants, mosquitoes, mournful crickets and croaking frogs, stinging bees, cross cows, bull dogs, snakes and all such interesting specimens of animal life thrown in gratis to summer boarders in the country."

Not at all. If there are any such creeping, crawling, flying, hooking terrors at Foresters' Island Park upon the day I discovered it, then they must have been anesthetized and put to bed before our party landed, or else were so out of sorts when they saw such an unprecedented number of discoverers landing at one time, realizing their slender likelihood of their getting to eat at the

first table, that they went into the woods to pout, for we saw them not. You notice "there were others" along besides myself, several thousand others, to be real truthful, upon this first day when there was a fine programme of sports, with Haulan, the ex-champion oarsman of the world, in a rowing race; a tug-of-war between Americans and Canadians, etc.

The occasion was the anniversary of the 22nd birthday of the Order after which the island had been named, and Dr. Oronhyatekha, otherwise the Count of Monte Cristo of the island, had given the world the freedom of his home, and it looked as if all the world had come for this one day. But after the multitude had been fed and filled and enjoyed the sports and the dance and departed for their homes, there were enough loaves and fishes left, or their equivalent, to feed 100 of us from Friday until Monday. We, be it known, were of the Forestric elect and Dr. Oronhyatekha's personal friends. We represented many States and several of the Canadas, with three from Ireland and two from England. There were gold Yankees from the east and silver Yankees from the west (we are all Yankees to the Canadians' mind, you know) and Conservatives and Liberals with all their confusing issues; but the occasion was one purely social, and everything in such bad taste as heated argument was not indulged in.

We had been furnished a special train from Toronto, by which it will be seen the way of the discoverer is easier to-day than it was in 1492. After three hours' run we brought up at Deseronto, a little lumber town on the Bay of Quinte. Here were any number of fussy little steamboats, breathing hard and fast over the pleasure of carrying us across the beautiful bay to Foresters' Island Park. The Bay of Quinte is one of nature's "beauty spots," and the most beautiful part of it is the elbow wherein lies the island which two years ago, at the time Dr. Oronhyatekha purchased it, was a mass of wilderness; but now the underbrush, or Canada thistles, has been cleared away, grass made to grow upon the bald places, artistic buildings erected, and it is now one of the most charming summer homes imaginable. The island lies directly opposite the town of Deseronto and about midway between the Hastings and Prince Edward shores. What we first saw as we steamed across the bay was a cluster of buildings set round with green foliage, and "Old Glory" waving us from the States a friendly greeting side by side with the Union Jack, both in apparent disregard or utter forgetfulness of "the late unpleasantness."

The first building among the several to attract attention was this Indian Count of Monte Cristo's residence, characteristically named "The Wigwam," and even in the excitement of being put down upon an island all owned by one man, and that man a full-blooded Mohawk, one wondered what his forefathers would have thought of such a luxurious wigwam as this. Another conspicuous building is the New Park Hotel, a three-towered structure with many rooms and ample verandahs, and a beautiful fountain at the front. This hotel is the latest addition to the group of buildings, and is now ready for the invasion of the tourists who are to disturb forever and a day the delicious quiet of the place as it was at the time of the discovery. By way of making it pleasant for tourists all manner of conventional improvements (?) are being made. There is a splendid music hall for concerts and hops, and a

band-stand for open-air concerts—and I had almost said Fourth-of-July orations. That would have been a "bad break," would it not? And then there are several cottages for those who want to play "keeping house"; and one of these is a genuine old log cabin, which adds a touch of pioneer simplicity to the scene and is more attractive in eyes surfeited with modern architecture than any other building on the island. While one has the satisfied feeling of being beyond the reach of all the annoyances of the world, quite like on board ship, yet it is only a ten-minutes' row across to Deseronto, which is the terminus of the Bay of Quinte Railroad, and which connects with all trains on the Grand Trunk Railway, and all the bay steamers and mail boats between Toronto and Montreal pass daily, and either call at the island or Deseronto.

But once at Foresters' Island Park, and my word for it, you won't care whether the mail ever comes or a boat ever lands—except it comes to take more people away than it brings—one somehow forgets to be anxious about anything, except it be whether the pancakes and maple syrup are going to hold out or not. Some extremely wise person has put himself on record as having said: "He who has experienced the joys of 'flapjacks' and maple syrup has not lived in vain." Talk about venison or trout, or chickens, wild or tame, what would our visit have been without "flapjacks!" They were the beginning and end of daily existence, the "game" by which we lived, loved, and were happy. As made by the Indian cook and served by Indian waiters, who had been brought from the Indian reserve only a few miles away to cater to us, these Forester Island Park "flapjacks" with maple sugar were enough to put one in a good humor with one's worst enemy. The recollection of these cakes was uppermost in our minds from one meal to the next, when we renewed our attentions with all the ardor of a lover whose sweetheart he thinks "good enough to eat," and this same recollection still abides. So also the nappy recollections of the explorations of the island, which we found to be round as a dinner plate, the excursions by boat over the glorious expanse of a bay so placed that it made us silently worshipful; the rest under the trees, where with faces upward we lazily admired the ever-changing clouds by day and learned to love the stars—and each other—by night; where we exchanged yarns, true and false, grave and gay; where we drank in health at every breath; gathered round the table four times a day and thanked God for our appetites and our generous host and his untiring family.

We have the word of Thoreau, the prophet of the American woods, for it that "life consists of wildness. The most alive is the wildest; dullness is but another name for tameness," and upon the occasion of this visit we voted Thoreau quite right. We were anything but tame. We were very alive, and we ran as wild as any others, red or white, who first set foot upon the island. But such untamed employment will not be possible long at Foresters' Island Park now that it has been so much "discovered." Soon the prying excursionists will have marked it for their own, and the busy boats will be landing there by the hundreds. And then there will be dressing three times a day and flirtations every hour; and the women who are too old to flirt will rock upon the porches and knit and gossip about the others. Flapjacks with maple

sugar will no longer be eaten to the soothing dip, dip of the oar, but, doubtless, to music furnished by the summer resort orchestra; and Foresters' Island Park, in the breezy Bay of Quinte, will no longer be noted as a haven of rest for the world-worn, but will be celebrated for its "style." All the delicious wildness, the naturalness, and all the features which made it so restful to the souls of the little band of city-tired, over-worked, brain-fagged and more or less heart-heavy mortals who went out with the "discoverer" will have disappeared; civilization, as usual, will have destroyed the charm.

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Improvements in Life Insurance policyholders' privileges have been very frequent of late years. The endowment policies in their present form marked practically the commencement of a new era, and their increasing popularity is a matter for no surprise. One form of them has been the cessation of the liability for premiums after the insured has reached a certain age. The Independent Order of Foresters has improved even on this, and issues now a policy which, for fairness and liberality, it would seem to be impossible to surpass. Under its conditions, should a policyholder become totally or permanently disabled, whether from disease or accident, one half of the total sum for which he is insured would be paid by the society within six months, the balance being payable at his death, and liability for payment of further premiums immediately cease. To those who know how often disease and its attendant expenses is the cause of the payments on a life policy not being kept up just when its need is most urgent, the advantages of such a scheme will be manifest.—*The Mariner*.

Rapid and Continued Progress.

During the year 1896, the Independent Order of Foresters received from its members the sum of \$1,266,985, and paid to policyholders \$713,040. Its total receipts (\$1,374,072) exceeded its total disbursements (\$913,427) by \$460,645, and its assets increased nearly \$500,000, now amounting to \$1,979,160. The liabilities are given as \$17,181. The Order now has 102,838 certificates outstanding, representing \$128,791,000 of insurance, a gain in 1896 of over \$20,000,000. Dr. Oronhyatekha, the President of the Supreme Court, and its Secretary, John A. McGillivray, to whose efforts is largely due the rapid and continued progress of the Order, should be eminently satisfied with the outcome of their labors.—*The Spectator*.

The Editor—His Poem.

Who weeps with you when you are sad, and laughs with you when you are glad, and swears with you when you are mad? The editor. Who has to be both kind and wise, and never, hardly ever, lies, and when he does, creates surprise? The editor. Who owns a heart, as well as cheek, is possessed of a spirit proud but meek, and lives on forty cents a week? The editor.—*Weekly Enterprise*.

In Due Season.

If Night should come and find me at my toil,
Where all Life's day I had, tho' faintly wrought,
And shallow furrows, cleft in stony soil,
Were all my labor; shall I count it naught

If only one poor gleaner, weak of hand,
Shall pick a scanty sheaf where I have sown?
"Nay, for of thee the Master doth demand
Thy work; the harvest rests with Him alone."
—JOHN McCRAE.

Can't Afford to Pay.

"I can't afford to pay the assessments on a certificate. I have my hands full trying to pay off the mortgage on my farm," was the excuse made when the editor of the *Woodman* asked him to become a member of the Order. "Is your wife a better business manager than you are?" we asked. "Why, no, of course not," he replied. "She doesn't know a thing about business. She has her hands full caring for the family of growing boys. But why did you ask such a question?" "Oh, I was just wondering if your wife might not find her hands more full trying to pay off that mortgage if you should happen to die tomorrow." "I see the force of that remark," he replied after a moment's silence. "I guess you may take my name in tonight if you will." And there are others just like him. Careless because they have no thought of dying just yet. But healthy men to-day are the dead men to-morrow.—*Modern Woodman*.

The Uninsured Man is Dead.

Yes, he died unexpectedly; most men do. He expected to live to make provision for his family. He thought well of the Order as a means, and intended some time to join it; but there was time enough yet, and besides, there was an outlet for money, the very reason why the small amount necessary should have been taken in spite of all else. But he died, and how stood the account? He left a weeping widow anxiously foreboding the future of the little ones at her knee. He left unpaid grocery, clothing and rent bills that had accumulated in life. He left the doctor's bills, of no value, funeral expenses that must be met by charity, and many little bills that increase even in a short sickness. He left naturally good neighbors that responded to the emergency, though grumbling inwardly because he was not insured and left an unnecessary burden on them. He left another striking instance of the sin and folly of procrastination. Had he left only an empty pocket-book, a blank savings-bank book, or even a mortgage on his home, but in their stead the benefit certificate of the Order, the weeping widow would have said, "How kind, how thoughtful of me and mine."

His memory in the community would have been fragrant, for all would have said, "He did what he could." The sorrowing home would have had a streak of light, the dark cloud a silver lining. The widow would have taken up her heavy burden with a lighter heart. The future of the children would have been vastly more hopeful. It is possible that any reader may put off joining the Order and have his last days pained by harrowing thoughts for the family. This dead man did it.—*Golden Cross Journal*.

Maxims of Success.

The President of the London Chamber of Commerce gives twelve maxims for success, which he says he has tried through twenty-five years of business experience :

1. Have a definite aim.
2. Go straight for it.
3. Master all details.
4. Always know more than you are expected to know.
5. Remember that difficulties are only made to be overcome.
6. Treat failures as stepping-stones to further efforts.
7. Never put your hand out further than you can draw it back.
8. At times bold, always prudent.
9. "Men say." What do they say? Let them say.
10. Make good use of other men's brains.
11. Listen well; answer cautiously; decide promptly.
12. Preserve by all means in your power, "a sound mind in a sound body."

Fraternal Insurance.

The immense amount of insurance written under the fraternal plan evidences the popularity of the system and suggests the absolute necessity of adopting the strictest observance of sound business principles for the successful operation of the plans. In order to accomplish great and lasting beneficial results, the principal aim of all orders should be to maintain in office an executive board of officers, who possess the abilities for a proper management, and by reason of their efficiency and long and continued connection with the order can render better and more valuable service than a set of new officers who are not familiar with insurance matters. Difficulties that have arisen must be attributed mainly to such changes which are not in consonance with good logic.—*California Insurance Review.*

Fraternal Beggars.

There appears to be a disposition on the part of some to use the Order to which they belong as a vehicle of help for business, or a refuge for their grievances, and even as a resort for charity when their pocket-books become depleted. Some of these same parties, when they become members, had to take an oath that they were able to provide a living for themselves and family, and, in the face of such an obligation, one would think they would be a little modest in their demands, and not rush to the lodge or to the members of the Order and claim assistance on the grounds of fraternity. There are cases where assistance should be extended to members who, from unforeseen circumstances, have been reduced to privation and financial want; but these cases are the exception rather than the rule.—*Ancient Forester.*

Don't talk much about yourself when you want to be interesting.

Goodness does not always insure present joy. The most perfect being who ever trod the soil of this planet was called the Man of Sorrows,

Which Way ?

Nothing is stationary in the universe; everything is moving, even the "fixed" stars. A lodge is no anomaly in this respect; it is either going forward or backward. Even those lodges which, like fixed stars, seem to be motionless, so far as growth or decay is concerned, are in reality imperceptibly forging ahead or drifting into apathy—the first stage of dissolution.

A tree that has ceased to grow has begun to wither. A lodge that does not gain more members than it loses by suspension and death will soon become extinct, for it is already in a moribund condition.

When a tree is growing all its functions are in a state of activity; every favorable condition is utilized to promote its expansion, and its energy is multiplied by the enlargement of its ramifications. When a tree can no longer turn to good account its opportunities for growth, it begins to die.

The secret of success is persistent work, and a sure sign of vitality in a lodge is the activity of all its functions. When the routine and ritualistic work of a lodge is done in a perfunctory manner; when the members are allowed to become delinquent and dilatory in the securing of candidates for membership; when the executive officers fail to promote enthusiasm among the members because they themselves are indifferent, then it is time to feel alarmed for the prospects of such a lodge. It is on the down grade.

A healthy lodge is like a healthy boy; it must be doing something all the time. Should the routine work become stale and monotonous, a little change is a remarkably good tonic. A social or literary evening, a debate, a concert, a picnic, or anything of an interesting nature will arouse both officers and members from that fatal lethargy which has preceded the disintegration of several lodges, whose only trouble was a disinclination to work. Anything to indicate life. It is better to wear out than to rust out. The brightest and the keenest tool is that which is in constant use.

Say, brother, are you alive? If so, does anybody know it but yourself? What are you doing to prove it?—*Et.*

Good Advice to the Clergy.

In one of Dr. Burton's Yale lectures the following advice was given to the young minister: "When trouble is brewing, keep still. When slander is getting on its legs, keep still. When your feelings are hurt, keep still, till you recover from your excitement at any rate. Things look differently through an unagitated eye. In a commotion once I wrote a letter and sent it, and wished I had not. In my late years I had another commotion, and wrote a long letter; but life had rubbed a little sense into me, and I kept that letter in my pocket against the day when I could look it over without agitation and without tears. I was glad I did. Silence is the most massive thing conceivable sometimes. It is strength in its very grandeur. It is like a regiment ordered to stand still in the mid-fury of battle. To plunge in were twice as easy. The tongue has unsettled more ministers than small salaries ever did, or lack of abilities."

Love is too serious a thing to be treated lightly. That's why the young people turn the lamp down somewhat,

Flowers from the Forest.

The Spinning Wheel.

1796.

Beside her wheel my ladye sits and spins the live-long day,
The drifted wool her fairy touch like magic melts away.
Certes, she is passing fair—fairer than verse may tell;
She winds the skein about my hands, and round my heart a spell.
The sunbeams dancing in her eyes dare me a kiss to steal.
From gentle Mistress Dorothy beside her spinning wheel.

1896.

Scorching down the boulevard,
Chewing gum and pedaling hard,
Ting ling! Almost knock me flat,
Dizzy tie, Fedora hat,
Scarlet bloomers. 'Tis a picture
Makes my very senses reel.
What was that? I ask. O, merely
Dot astride her spinning wheel.

—ERNEST NEAL LYON.

"Have Scribbler, the author, and his wife made up?"

"Oh, yes. She now reads what he writes, and he eats what she cooks."—*Fliegende Blätter*.

An Irish witness was being examined as to his knowledge of a shooting affair.

"Did you see the shot fired?" the magistrate asked.

"No, sorr. I only heard it," was the evasive reply.

"That evidence is not satisfactory," replied the magistrate, sternly; "stand down!"

The witness proceeded to leave the box, and directly his back was turned he laughed derisively.

The magistrate, indignant at this contempt of court, called him back and asked him how he dared to laugh in court.

"Did you see me laugh, your honor?" queried the offender.

"No, sir, but I heard you," was the irate reply.

"That evidence is not satisfactory," said Pat, quietly, but with a twinkle in his eye.

And this time everybody laughed except the magistrate.

"It is said we shall all pass away as a tale that is told." "That sounds all right, but tales that are told don't pass away—they are forever being told over again."

Hath any wronged thee, be bravely revenged. Slight it, and the work's begun; forgive it, and 'tis finished. He is below himself who is not above an injury.

He—"I never smoke a cigarette without thinking what a fool I am."

She—"I didn't know before that there was any virtue in cigarettes at all."—*Odds and Ends*.

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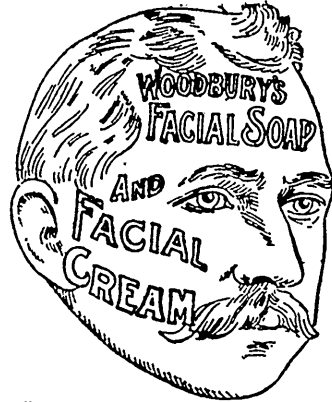
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