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

## Editorial.

### Notes.

This issue completes Vol. XVIII. of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

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Make June the crowning month, as it is the last month of the Forestric year.

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The membership for May 1st was **132,664**, a gain of **2,118** for the month of April.

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For the twelve months ending April 30th the net increase in the membership of the I.O.F. was **20,942**.

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Every Forester who can should visit Foresters' Island Park on June 18th. It will be the excursion of the year.

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Again it is Illinois that leads for May, and that with 239 applications, being eleven ahead of the big sister state, New York.

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The surplus on the 1st June, 1897, was \$2 233.-326.89. On the 1st June, 1898, it was **\$2,786.-564.11**. A gain of \$553,237.22 in the twelve months.

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Michigan was a good third for May with 212. By the way, Michigan was to take first place on or about June 30th. Well, June has yet to be heard from.

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New York must be content with second place for May. 227 was the number of accepted applications. Illinois went the Empire State twelve better.

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The three Canadian jurisdictions of Ontario Centre, Quebec and Ontario East ran a very good race with 201, 192, and 185 respectively. Ontario Centre again leads the Dominion.

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For June last year the applications were 5,667. For June this year we hope the number will be in five figures. We have asked for 10,000; no one has yet advanced any reason why that number cannot be secured.

For May the applications for Great Britain and Ireland exceeded any former month. The number was 162. Indications point to a marked increase on this figure for June.

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With this month the Order completes the 24th year of its history. Every year has shown a marked improvement on the year preceding. The one just closed has in every particular been the most prosperous in the history of the Order.

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What about promises to increase the membership? The Forestric year will close in a couple of weeks. There is still time to secure that long promised new member. There is certainly time and opportunity to *try* and secure one. Improve it.

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Every court in the Order should have a Thank-giving service, if not on June 19th, then on some other Sunday that would be more convenient for the brethren. Members have much for which to be thankful. The year closing is the best in our history.

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The press of the United States is commenting very favorably on the liberal way in which the I.O.F. treats members of the Order who, in the present war with Spain, respond to their country's call. The Order has done its duty in a generous, statesmanlike way.

### The Late Bro. R. J. Dodds, High Treasurer, Washington.

By the sudden death from heart failure of Bro. Alderman R. J. Dodds, of Seattle, the High Court of Washington loses its High Treasurer, and one of the most active members of its High Standing Committee, his Subordinate Court an officer that always took pleasure in attending the meetings, the Order at large a zealous and enthusiastic member that always placed the I.O.F. in the front rank of all kindred organizations, and the city of Seattle one of its public-spirited and enterprising representative men. The sad event took place on Sunday, May 22nd. The funeral was taken charge of by the Foresters, and was under the direction of Bro. J. A. Forsyth, H.C.R., who deeply deplores the death of his active colleague. The funeral ceremonies were very impressive, and called forth many expressions of approval. The writer had the pleasure of meeting the late Bro. Dodds at the High Court meeting, at which he was elected to the position that he held at the time of his death. Of his kindness and courtesy he has very pleasant recollections. A short time ago we congratulated the brother on his election to the City Council of Seattle—to-day we mourn his loss. Such are the uncertainties of life. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Dodds in her great sorrow.

### Welcome Home to the Chief.

The courts of the city and suburbs have completed arrangements to give the Supreme Chief Ranger a rousing "Welcome Home," on the evening of June 16th. A reception will be tendered him in the Assembly Hall, Temple building. Temple Encampment Royal Foresters will escort him to the building, and Bro. Rev. W. J. McCaughan, P.H.C.R. of Ireland, will, on behalf of the courts participating, deliver the address of welcome. Addresses will be delivered by a number of leading Foresters, and prominent public men who are members of the Order. The Assembly Hall will doubtless be taxed to its utmost capacity by the many friends of the Chief, desirous of joining in bidding him welcome back to Toronto. It will be gratifying to Dr. Oronhyatekha's hosts of friends, both within and without the Order, to be assured that his health is completely restored, and that his capacity for work is as great and his zest for it as keen as ever.

### High Court Meetings in the Old Land.

With the 4th of June, the Supreme Chief Ranger completed a most interesting and satisfactory tour of the High Courts of Great Britain and Ireland. On the above date he instituted the High Court of the South of Ireland, which makes the *thirty-fourth* High Court of the Order. The Chief had the privilege of meeting the High Courts in session. In a letter to head office he expresses himself as delighted with what he saw, heard and learned. From the day the Order was introduced into the British Isles the personnel of those that identified themselves with it was of a high character; time, instead of witnessing any deterioration in this respect, has only wrought improvement—finer bodies of men it would be difficult to find than the Delegates to the High Courts of London, Mid-England, Centre England, Southern England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland. Not less gratifying to the Chief than the physical and intellectual character of the representatives that he met was the spirit of confidence in the Order that all manifested. If any misgivings as to its complete success among the conservative people of the home country at one time prevailed, these have given place to a sentiment that is not only one of absolute satisfaction with the principles of the Order, and its ability and willingness to carry out all its promises and obligations, but also one of enthusiasm for its more rapid extension. The Doctor is confident that in the immediate future the applications for membership will be largely in excess each month of what they have been in the past.

The Forestry year just closed has been one of great prosperity to all the High Courts. In Central England the increase in membership was fully 80 per cent. In Southern England it was even greater than this, while all the remaining High Courts show gratifying gains. We would not be at all surprised to find the membership doubled in Great Britain and Ireland during the next twelve months.

### An Artistic and Literary Souvenir.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the publishers notice on the inside page of the back cover of this number, regarding the "*Dulce Domum*" (Sweet Home) supplement of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER. This elegant supplement will be a fitting souvenir of the Supreme Court meeting and will mark an epoch in the history of Forestry. As it will find its way into the hands of tens of thousands of Foresters, it will be the best advertising medium of the year, and we have no doubt that the limited space that can be devoted to this purpose will be promptly taken up by members of the Order and other business men.

### The Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the I.O.F.

On Friday, the 17th June, THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS will have completed the twenty-fourth year of its history. Two dozen eventful years they have been. The growth and development that they have witnessed in the I.O.F. have more than realized the highest hopes of the founders, and of the great army of those that from its inception have been working for its extension. The retrospect is a most pleasing one. All along the years the progress of the Order shows widening usefulness, and increasing confidence on the part of the public that it has so well served. The outlook was never so bright as it is to-day. Strong, united, progressive, it fears no rival.

The efforts to injure it are growing more and more futile. Opposition to it has so long been ineffective that it has now practically ceased. Foresters everywhere will observe the twenty-fourth anniversary with a light heart. The annual excursion to Foresters' Island Park will doubtless draw a larger crowd than ever. Excursions by rail and steamer will be run from a great many points. From Toronto, the extremely low rate of \$1.75 for the round trip has been secured. A great many courts will doubtless participate in the picnic. Régatta and games on Saturday, the 18th. On Sunday, the 19th June, the anniversary service

will be held in the pavilion. The praise will be led by a Mohawk choir. The Chief will be at his Island Home to receive his many guests. Past experiences have testified to the cordiality of the welcome with which Dr. and Mrs. Oronhyatekha receive their thousands of friends. We confidently expect the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Order will be celebrated with greater enthusiasm than ever.

### The I. O. F. is Commended for its Statesmanlike Attitude Towards United States Volunteers Who are Members.

The action of the Executive Council in issuing the following rules has been highly commended by the press of the United States. The rules show the broad international spirit of the Order, and the appreciation of the Executive of the cause that the great Republic is championing in the present conflict with Spain.

1. All members of the Order who have responded or who may hereafter respond to the call of their country, and serve in the army, navy, or militia, shall from the date of such service be classed as in the "Ordinary or Preferred" class, and shall pay the rates provided for such class in section 237 of the Constitutions and Laws.

2. All restrictions as to residence south of the 38th parallel of latitude are hereby suspended, in so far as it affects or may affect the said brethren, such suspension to continue during the time that the said brethren are so engaged in the service of their country.

3. Your Financial Secretary is hereby instructed to transfer any brother who may be in the "Hazardous" or "Extra Hazardous Class" to the "Ordinary or Preferred Class" from the date of his entrance into the military or naval service of his country.

4. All courts are instructed to immediately furnish the Supreme Secretary with the name of each brother who may enter the military or naval service of his country, giving, if possible, such further information as to regiment or ship as to enable the Supreme Officers to keep track of our brethren and to communicate with them from time to time.

A Detroit paper, referring to the above rules, asks, concerning the Order, the question, "Is it American?" and proceeds to remark:

"The good book teaches, 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' We believe this will apply to fraternal insurance societies as well as to anything else. We have heard those who oppose the Supreme Court I.O.F. howl about its being un-American until we are positively tired of it. Now, all at once, like a clap of thunder from a clear sky, to those who have heard these assertions, comes from the Supreme Court Office the decree that any and all Foresters who desire to enlist in the service of their country to fight against Spain shall have the benefit of protection the same as though they remained at home. Whether this is American or not we leave to each man to judge for himself."





many years to point to their recovery, under the Divine blessing, to the thoughtful and generous action of their brethren in Forestry of Saginaw.

SAGINAW, E.S., MICH., April 4th, 1898.

Upwards of a year ago, two members of Court Waldone, No. 529—James E. Marshall and Malcolm McDonald—each developed symptoms of consumption that refused to yield to the best medical treatment.

Upon the statement of physicians that a change of climate would be the only hope of recovery, and upon the urgent recommendation of the Court Physician that the brothers leave as soon as possible, the court at once set to work to bring this about.

Tickets to Port Arthur, Texas, were purchased and given to the brothers, together with sufficient funds for their immediate needs. Every detail concerning their comfort was carefully looked after, and the morning of March 29th saw the two brothers on the way to their destination. Word has since been received from them which conveys the information that they arrived safely at their destination, and that they already feel that the healthful climate of Texas will produce the relief they could not obtain at home.

The brothers and their families are enthusiastic in their praises of the court for the valuable assistance rendered and the commendable interest manifested by it in its members, and desire that to the world shall be published the information that the true fraternal principles of Forestry were never more vividly illustrated than in the case under notice.

### Is Fraternity Only a Name?

Members of the I.O.F. have been told so often that fraternity is but a name, that for practical purposes the professions of brotherhood carry but precious little of brotherly kindness or consideration. The strength of the fraternal tie in the I.O.F. is being strikingly exemplified just now by many courts in the United States, the courts agreeing to pay the assessments of brothers who have volunteered, at their country's call, to engage in the war with Spain.

The following resolutions illustrate what is being very generally done:

*Resolutions Passed by Court Missoula, 1549, Missoula, Montana, I.O.F., Thursday Night.*

At a meeting of Court Missoula, No. 1549, Independent Order of Foresters, held Thursday, May 12th, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, in the course of human events war exists between Spain and the United States, and several of our brothers having enlisted in the service of our country, be it resolved:

First—That the best wishes of our court go with them while absent.

Second—That while absent the court pay the necessary assessments on their policies.

Third—That we shall gladly welcome them home again after serving our country's cause, but if otherwise decreed we shall remember them as having fallen in the first war ever waged by a great nation

for the liberty of an oppressed people on the sublime principle of universal freedom of mankind.

Fourth—That these resolutions be published in our local press, and a copy of the same sent each of our volunteer brethren.

DAVID BLACKIE,  
M. R. C. SMITH,  
E. J. SALSMAN.

### "Heartfelt Thanks for Prompt Payment."

23 TEILO STREET,  
NORTH HILL STREET,  
LIVERPOOL, 3rd May, 1898.

To Oronhyatekha, M.D., Supreme Chief Ranger, and members of the Executive Council, Independent Order of Foresters:

DEAR SIRS,—I beg to return you my heartfelt thanks for the very prompt payment of the sum of two hundred pounds, the amount of the policy held by my late husband, John Ross, who was a charter member of Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050.

I desire also to express my indebtedness to Mr. A. A. Campbell, Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Mr. S. L. Ferguson, Mr. W. F. Stevens, Mr. W. Graham, Mr. J. Nicholls, and to the other members of the Order in this city, for their kind assistance and sympathy in my bereavement.

That your noble Order may grow and prosper in its good work is my earnest prayer.

Yours most sincerely,

HARRIET ELIZA ROSS.

Wherever people have had experience of the benefits of the I.O.F. and of its methods of doing business, they are unstinted in their praise. The above letter from a beneficiary in Liverpool, England, shows how the Order is appreciated in the old land.—Ed.

### The Whole English-Speaking Race Together.

Bro. H. E. Payne, D. S. C. R., of Fargo, N. D., and one of our most active workers in the jurisdiction, in a letter to the Supreme Secretary, writes the following words that will find a responsive echo in the heart of every one of our 135,000 members:

"As a Christian, a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and one humble member of the English-speaking race, I feel to thank God, the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, that He is making the "wrath of man to serve Him" in the present war, by bringing the whole English-speaking race together, and to pray Him that we may never again be allowed to drift apart. May the time speedily come when the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack may float from the same mast-head."

Life insurance assessments are, or ought to be, as much a part of household expense as a barrel of flour. The one will appease the hunger of the present, the other of the future.

# TABLE VII. DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS

Showing the Number of Claims and Amount of Benefits partially or wholly Paid during the year 1897 in each of the several Countries, Provinces, States and Territories in which the Order is operating.

JURISDICTION.	MORTUARY DEPARTMENT.						SICK AND FUNERAL DEPARTMENT.			
	Death Claims.		Total and Permanent Disability Claims.		Old Age Claims.		Sick Claims.		Funeral Claims.	
	Claims.	Amount Paid.	Claims.	Amount Paid.	Claims.	Amount Paid.	Claims.	Amount Paid.	Claims.	Amount Paid.
British Columbia.....	5	\$ 7,000 00	1	\$ 500 00	1	\$ 100 00	14	297 32	..	\$.....
California.....	36	50,637 40	2	1,000 00	..	.....	50	1,251 41	..	.....
Connecticut.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	2	11 44	..	.....
District of Columbia.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	11 58	..	.....
Illinois.....	16	21,537 00	1	250 00	1	250 00	15	203 61	..	.....
Indiana.....	9	9,000 00	1	250 00	..	.....	4	37 58	..	.....
Iowa.....	11	12,000 00	1	1,000 00	..	.....	2	63 72	..	.....
Maine.....	7	9,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	21	3,911 71	5	250 00
Manitoba.....	67	75,836 44	16	10,000 00	..	.....	78	1,203 56	1	30 00
Michigan.....	13	20,811 95	..	.....	..	.....	573	10,917 79	14	692 96
Minnesota.....	3	7,000 00	1	500 00	..	.....	71	1,074 81	2	100 00
Missouri.....	1	2,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	6	108 30	1	30 00
Montana.....	1	1,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	6	71 26	..	.....
Nebraska.....	1	1,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	1	11 00	..	.....
New Brunswick.....	38	38,000 00	2	1,000 00	..	.....	463	9,021 75	13	650 00
New Jersey.....	21	23,558 34	2	1,000 00	1	100 00	36	365 79	1	50 00
New York.....	32	70,113 72	2	1,500 00	..	.....	311	5,186 97	8	400 00
New Hampshire.....	4	4,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	98	1,726 10	1	50 00
North Dakota.....	7	13,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	22	395 21	..	.....
North-West Territories.....	5	6,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	18	366 91	2	100 00
Nova Scotia.....	20	23,000 00	5	3,500 00	..	.....	196	1,556 58	3	150 00
Ohio.....	28	38,000 00	3	2,500 00	..	.....	51	831 78	2	100 00
Ontario (Central).....	81	100,459 93	8	4,000 00	8	1,200 00	1,153	21,676 89	32	1,511 00
Ontario (Eastern).....	47	58,150 88	7	4,500 00	..	.....	677	10,984 07	6	233 59
Oregon.....	2	3,000 00	5	3,000 00	1	300 00	460	8,139 13	6	390 00
Pennsylvania.....	1	3,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	10	217 87	..	.....
Prince Edward Island.....	5	4,500 00	..	.....	..	.....	11	95 60	..	.....
Quebec.....	92	121,500 00	8	5,500 00	1	300 00	2,112	36,401 22	48	2,400 00
Rhode Island.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	6	125 62	..	.....
Utah.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	3	23 25	..	.....
Vermont.....	1	1,000 00	..	.....	..	.....	101	1,410 23	1	50 66
Washington.....	4	6,500 00	3	2,500 00	..	.....	7	137 71	..	.....
Wisconsin.....	7	12,000 00	2	1,000 00	..	.....	10	191 60	..	.....
England.....	3	2,927 76	..	.....	..	.....	6	45 50	..	.....
Ireland.....	6	7,802 12	..	.....	..	.....	3	43 43	..	.....
Scotland.....	3	2,307 27	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Wales.....	1	487 77	..	.....	..	.....	3	50 58	..	.....
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>\$817,017 95</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$13,500 00</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$2,000 00</b>	<b>7,005</b>	<b>\$121,850 10</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>\$7,927 55</b>



## Remedies Provided by the Constitutions and Laws of the Order Must be Exhausted Before Legal Proceedings can be Taken.

An Important Decision by Judge Archibald of the Superior Court of Quebec.

The following copy of judgment by Judge Archibald of the Superior Court of Quebec has been handed us by the Supreme Secretary for publication. The learned Judge upholds section 213, subsection (1) of the Constitutions and Laws of the Order:—

“No member shall be entitled to bring any action or other legal proceedings against The Supreme Court or any other Court of the Order until he has exhausted all the remedies provided for in the Constitutions and Laws of the Order, by appeals and otherwise.”

### SUPERIOR COURT.

Province of Quebec, District of Montreal.

No. 2373.

JOSEPH GODIN, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, Defendant.

### NOTES OF THE JUDGE.

JUDGE ARCHIBALD.—The plaintiff alleges that he became a member of the defendant's Society about the 1st of May, 1895, having been initiated in Court Victoria about that date, and that thereafter and up to the 6th day of October, 1897, he had regularly paid his dues and performed all obligations incumbent on him as such member; that on the said 6th day of October, 1897, he presented himself at a regular meeting of said court, but was brutally expelled by the officers of the court on the pretence that he had not paid his dues; that the officers of Court Victoria were the agents of the defendant, and that the latter was in consequence responsible for the acts of such officers; that the defendant was a Benefit Society, and the plaintiff by reason of the payments which he had made regularly as a member was entitled to certain benefits during his lifetime, and also mortuary benefits to his family after his death; all of which plaintiff alleges himself to have been deprived of by the fault of the officers of Court Victoria, agents of the defendant.

Plaintiff prays for reimbursement of the moneys actually paid in by him, amounting to \$46.55, and other sums for various damages specified in the Declaration making his claim altogether \$346.55.

Defendant pleads among other things:—

1. Non-responsibility of the defendant for the acts of Court Victoria or its officers.

2. Provisions of the By-laws of the defendant accepted by the plaintiff ousting the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts until the plaintiff should have exhausted certain remedies given to him under the rules of the Order.

As the case will be decided under this second plea, I will take it up at once.

Section 213 of the defendant's By-laws is as follows: “No member shall be entitled to bring any action or other legal proceedings against The Supreme Court or any other Court of the Order until he has exhausted all the remedies provided for in the Constitutions and Laws of the Order, by appeals and otherwise.”

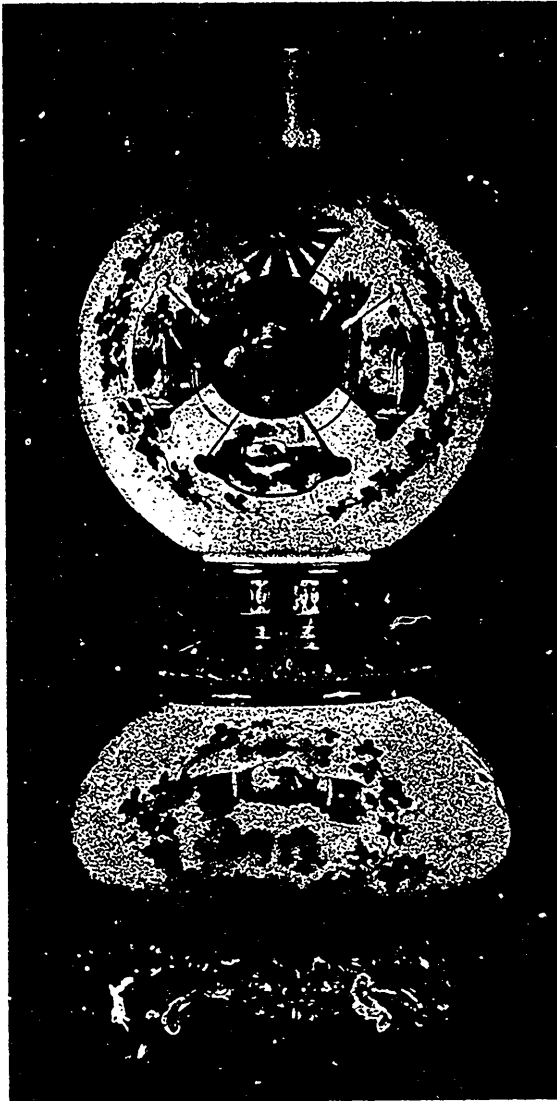
Sections 209 and 210 provide a series of appeals which an aggrieved member may adopt.

Court Victoria had, before the happening of the events upon which the present action is founded, authorized one of its members, named Belanger, to call upon certain members and receive from them, on behalf of the court, their monthly dues. Belanger did receive from plaintiff at the end of August the dues for September, but did not return them immediately to the Financial Secretary. Indeed, the Financial Secretary was in the habit of calling upon Belanger for the collections made by him before making his report to the Supreme Court. On this occasion the Financial Secretary, being absent on a short holiday, another member was fulfilling his duty, and thus it happened that the report was made to the Supreme Court showing plaintiff in arrears. This had the effect *in pro facto* of suspending plaintiff's membership in the Society, and thus when the plaintiff presented himself on the evening of the 6th of October as a member under the rules of the Order he was suspended, although his pass-book showed that all dues had been paid. The matter was clearly an error; and indeed the Financial Secretary made every effort to induce the plaintiff to seek the remedy the rules allowed for the removal of his suspension, and offered to defray any necessary expense, but plaintiff declined, and brought the present action.

Plaintiff claims that the By-law above recited, in so far as it takes away his recourse to the ordinary tribunals, is *ultra vires* as against public policy, and is not binding upon him; and, further, that he has been expelled from the defendant's Society unjustly, and is no longer a member, and is not even under the By-law barred from taking the present action, because the By-laws are binding only on members.

This last contention is sophistical, because the matter complained of arises out of acts of Court Victoria, done when plaintiff was a member; and against which his status as a member gave him a right to appeal, and in default of such appeal such acts were to be conclusively presumed against him to have been right and proper, and which could not in consequence give rise to a recourse in damages. It seems clear that if plaintiff could not ask the court to determine that he has been illegally expelled from the defendant's Order and to order his reinstatement he should not ask for damages by reason of such expulsion. The accessory must fall with the principal.

As to the main question, it seems to me reasonable that in regard to these benefit societies resorting to litigation should be as far as possible restrained and limited. The defendant's Society has a great multitude of members widely scattered over the Dominion. It is composed mostly of the industrial classes, depending upon their daily labor for the support of their families, but as experience proves, not the less ready to indulge in the luxury of litigation at relatively enormous cost, upon grounds more or less trivial. It is essential that the monthly dues of the members should be kept down to the lowest possible figure,



I.O.F. Lamp No. 1.

This gem is included in the prize list of the May and June competition. It is resplendent in gold and colors in which the emblems of the Order are artistically displayed; a prize that many Foresters will desire to win. It is not a cheap-John affair, but a thoroughly high-class article, that would be an ornament to any parlor in the land.

but if the fund raised by these contributions is liable to be dissipated by the costs of an action in the Superior Court upon complaints like that set up in this case, what would become of the security which the members have for their sick and mortuary benefits? I doubt very much whether this Society could be conducted without the limitation of legal proceedings above referred to.

This point has already been decided in this sense in the case of *Essory vs. Court Pride of the Dominion*, reported in the 2 Ont. Rep., p. 596. The holding in that case was as follows:

"Members of charitable and provident societies should not be allowed to litigate their grievances within the society in courts of law until they have exhausted every possible means of redress offered by the internal regulations of their societies." Therefore, the plaintiff being expelled from the Ancient Order of Foresters filed his bill of restitution thereto on the ground of illegal expulsion, but it appears that the rules of the Society provided certain internal tribunals to which he might have appealed for redress had not this court refused to interfere.

See *Dawkins vs. Antrobus*, L. R., 17 ch. O., 615.

This case is decisive of the present and, indeed, goes much farther than it is necessary to go at present. There did not seem to be any by-law in *Essory's* case ousting the jurisdiction of the ordinary tribunals until internal remedies have been exhausted, whereas in the case at Bar, such a by-law is very explicitly enacted. *Essory's* case went rather upon the particular circumstances of benefit societies, and the impolicy of permitting members to rush into law to regulate matters provided for by the terms of the Association.

Even, however, in other cases it is not correct to assert broadly that agreements to leave the determination of certain matters finally to a tribunal other than those established for the public administration of justice would be null as against public policy. In the case of *Scott vs. Avery*, 5 H. L. C. 811, *Colderidge, J.*, speaking of an alleged rule that such agreements were void, said: "I certainly am not disposed to extend the operation of a rule which appears to me to have been founded on very narrow grounds, directly contrary to the spirit of later times which leaves parties at full liberty to refer their disputes at pleasure to public or private tribunals."

In *Dawson vs. Fitzgerald*, 1 Ex., D. 257, *Jessel, M. R.*, said in relation to an agreement to refer to arbitrators the amount of loss under an insurance policy: "There are only two cases where agreement to refer can be successfully pleaded—first, where the action can only be brought for the sum named by the arbitrator; secondly, where it is agreed that no action shall be brought till there has been an arbitration, or that arbitration shall be a condition precedent to the action."

Sec. 36 and 39 Vic., Imp. C. 60, s.s. 21 and 22., *Friendly Societies Act*. This Act expressly limits the right of members of such societies to go into courts of law, and may be taken as an indication of public policy in that direction.

The plaintiff not having availed himself of the remedy provided by the defendant's By-laws, which I may add, as far as I can judge from the proof,

would have given him speedy and ample justice, is without right to apply to this court and his action must be dismissed with costs.

### Railway Arrangements for the Supreme Court and the Dedication of the Temple.

The following very favorable arrangements have been made with the different railroads in Canada and the United States for the thousands who intend to visit Toronto in August next in order to attend the Supreme Court session and participate at the dedication of the Temple:—

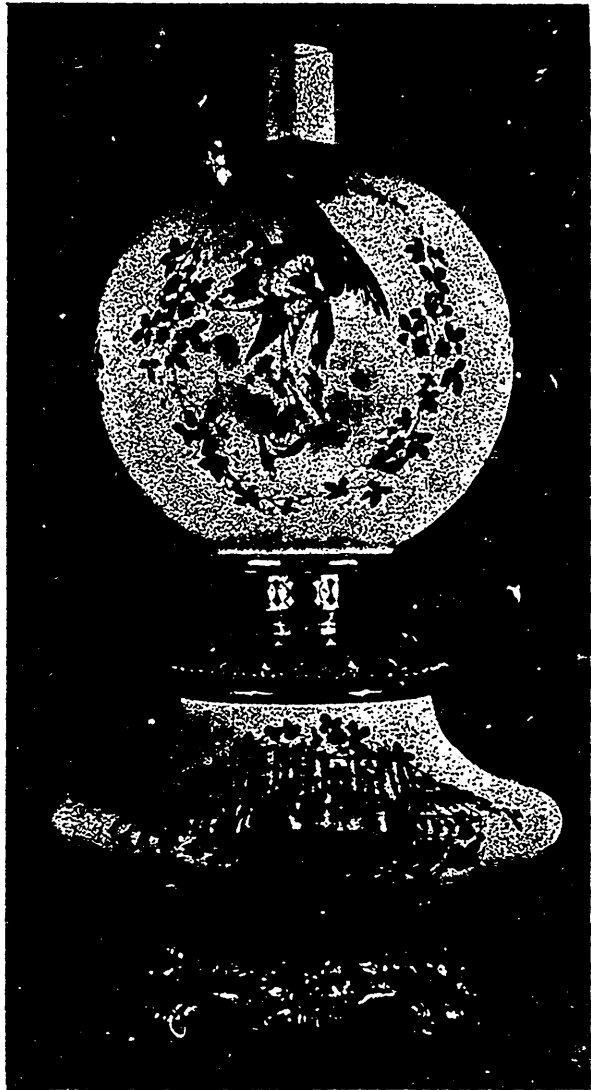
The Canadian Pacific lines east of Port Arthur and the Grand Trunk system of Canada will issue tickets, at a single fare to Toronto and return, to all those holding standard railway convention certificates, provided not less than 300 holding such certificates are in attendance.

The Canadian Government Railway system, which comprises the Inter-colonial division, Prince Edward Island division and the leased lines, will also grant the same favors over their lines, provided there are not less than 300; one-third fare will be charged extra if there are less than 300, and two-thirds fare if less than 50.

In regard to the Canadian Pacific west of Port Arthur, arrangements are now in progress, and it is hoped that similar rates will be granted from there.

The Central Passenger Association, which comprises railroad lines operating in the states of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, the southern part of Illinois, a small portion of New York, Pennsylvania and northern Virginia; *i. e.*, includes in its membership lines operating west of and including the western terminus of the Trunk Line Association, *viz.*, Toronto, Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Salamanca, Erie, Pittsburg, Bellaire, Wheeling, Parkersburg and Charleston, W. Va.; the northern part of the Ohio river, including Louisville; east of Lake Michigan; also east of and including the following cities: Chicago, Keokuk, Hannibal, and St. Louis, will issue tickets at one fare, certificates not required, for the round trip in their territory on August 24th, 25th and 27th, good leaving Toronto September 6th.

The Trunk Line Association, which comprises the following roads, will issue tickets at a fare and a third, on the certificate plan, provided 100 persons are in attendance and hold certificates: Addison & Pennsylvania, Allegheny Valley, Baltimore & Ohio (Parkersburg, Bellaire and Wheeling and east thereof), Baltimore & Potomac, Bennington & Rutland, Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, Camden & Atlantic, Canada Atlantic, Central of



I.O.F. Lamp No. 2.

This is one of the magnificent prizes offered in Official Circular No. 12 for new members secured during the months of May and June. It is in every respect thoroughly first-class; a perfect beauty, ornamented with appropriate symbolic designs, and would be an ornament in the best parlor in the land. Every Forester should possess one; and he can by bringing in half-a-dozen new members by the 30th of June.

New Jersey, Central Vermont, Chesapeake & Ohio (Huntington, W. Va., and east thereof), Cumberland Valley, Delaware & Hudson, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Elmira, Cortland & Northern, Erie (Buffalo, Dunkirk, Salamanca and east thereof), Fall Brook, Fitchburg, Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville, Grand Trunk, Jamestown & Lake Erie (for business to points in Trunk Line territory), Lehigh Valley, New York Central & Hudson River (Harlem & New York & Putnam divisions excepted), New York, Ontario & Western, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk, Northern Central, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Erie, Phila-

delphia & Reading, Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, Western, New York & Pennsylvania, West Jersey, West Shore, Wilmington & Northern. Arrangements are now being made with the Western Traffic Association, which comprises lines west of Chicago, and which will be published as soon as completed.

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

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## Correspondence.

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### His Last Prayer will be for the Good of the I.O.F.

#### The Value of the Disability Benefit.

CHAMBER OF COURT PEGET SOUND,  
No. 538, I.O.F.  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,  
March 30th, 1898,

The Officers, Supreme Court, I.O.F.

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS,—Please accept my heartiest thanks for the draft for \$1,000 you sent me for my Permanent and Total Disability claim, also for the promptness in which it was paid. I cannot express myself as I would like to. Had it not been for the fact that I held an insurance policy in the I.O.F. I don't know what I would have done, as I have not been able to earn a dollar for over a year past, and now the doctor says that I should go to Arizona as it might help me a little. From the fact of my holding such policy, it has enabled me to procure credit, whereas, if I had not held such policy nobody would have cared to trust me. I see plainly now that a policy in the I.O.F. is all you need to procure what you need in that particular, and I can never say too much in favor of our beloved Order. If I should go to a climate where it will help me and, perhaps, prolong my days, and if I continue to get better, I assure you that I will do all in my power to help you along in your good work, and if the good Father above sees fit to call me to that last resting-place, where we are all born to go, I hope that my last dying prayer will be for the good and welfare of the I.O.F.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
JAMES H. McSORLEY.

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### Is the I.O.F. British?

ATTICA, N.Y., May 18th, 1898.

To the Editor of the FORESTER :

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—My attention has just been called to Official Circular No. 13, issued by the Executive, dated at 24 Charing Cross, London, Eng., April 30th, 1898, whereby all members of the Order who have, or may hereafter, respond to the call of their country and serve in the army, navy or militia, shall from the date of the commencement of such service, to the close thereof, be classed as the "Ordinary or Preferred Class," instead of

paying hazardous or extra-hazardous rates, as such member or members may have been paying according to their respective vocations. In other words, by this edict so issued by the Executive, the member or members so defending his or their country are placed upon the Preferred list during such military or naval service.

By the Constitutions and Laws of the Order, the making of this circular by the Executive was wholly discretionary with that body. The question is, was it made in the interest of Great Britain, or was it made in the interest of these United States and humanity?

Great Britain has no war on, and therefore so far as that country is concerned no reason whatever exists for the issuing of the circular. This Order does no business in Spain, hence it was not issued in the interests of that country. Therefore but one deduction can be drawn therefrom, viz., that the circular was intended to apply and does apply to the so-called "Yankee" members of this most noble and glorious Order, residents and subjects of these United States. We sometimes hear the remark made that the objection to the Order is, "that it is a foreign corporation: a British Order," etc., etc. Can the circular above referred to impress any mind having any activity whatever that the Order is wholly British or foreign? I hope not; and whenever an American member of this Order may hear the remark made or the objection raised that the Order is a selfish foreign one, he should not enter into any discussion whatever, but point with pride to Circular No. 13, which will have the full effect of a period to a y discussion upon the subject.

In conclusion, permit me to say that Court Attica, No. 796, desires to express its sincere thanks, through the FORESTER, to the Executive of the Order, for this kind and generous act on its part, in voluntarily issuing Circular No. 13, which act in and of itself erases and wholly obliterates even the imaginary line between Great Britain and these United States in so far as this great Order is concerned.

If, however, the act of issuing Circular No. 13 can be styled wholly as a British act, may God bless the British and ever keep and preserve such a kind, humane and generous nation.

Sincerely yours in L., B. & C.,  
O. P. STOCKWELL,  
H.V.C.R. I.O.F., of N.Y.

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### The I.O.F. Redeems its Promises and Renders Aid When Most Needed.

OAKWOOD, May 13th, 1898.

To Court Mariposa, No. 1906,  
Independent Order of Foresters.

DEAR OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—Please accept my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown me during the past year, and especially since the great affliction has come upon me which leaves me incapable of taking my place in the world among men as formerly.

You will also please forward to the Supreme Officers my heartfelt thanks for the very prompt payment of my Disability claim, amounting to \$1,500, which will have very much influence in lessening the care that would naturally arise under such circumstances.

I can truly say that I am able, from personal experience, to testify to the fact that the I.O.F. redeems its promises and renders aid when most needed. That continued success may attend this noble Order is my sincere desire.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
WM. SHORT.

### Thanks to the Executive and Brethren in Canada.

UNION CITY, PA., May 23, 1898.

MR. JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,  
Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Court Canadohta, 1717, at their last meeting instructed our Sec. to acknowledge receipt of "Official Circular 13," and extend a vote of thanks to the officers of the Executive Council and our brethren in Canada toward the friendly feeling as is demonstrated in said circular. No doubt every man loves his country and should answer to the call of his Government. We have no member at present in the field, but should there be another call for volunteers, no doubt some of the boys will respond. And the question has been asked, will our members forfeit their claim if enlisted? We are glad to have received the answer favorable. We shall comply with your request and notify you if any of our members go to the front.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
E. Crow,  
Sec. Court Canadohta, 1717,

### Companions of the I.O.F.

#### A WOMAN IN IT.

"They talk about a woman's sphere  
As though it had a limit;  
There's not a place in earth or heaven,  
There's not a task to mankind given,  
There's not a blessing or a woe,  
There's not a whisper, yes or no,  
There's not a life, or death, or birth  
That has a feather's weight of worth  
Without a woman in it."

"Hang out your banners on the outward walls.  
The cry is still they come."

Court Victory, No. 151, Cleveland, O., gave a very enjoyable concert on May 20th to a crowded audience.

In our last issue we reported the number of Courts of Companions of the I. O. F. as 152. Now the number is—163. Before this reaches our readers the figures will be still higher.

Mrs. E. C. Brabrook is the talented C. C. of the newly-organized Court Victoria, Omaha, Nebraska, Companions of the I. O. F., and kindly gives the use of her residence for meetings.

Mainstee, Mich., has a fine Court of Companions. It began its career in Feb. with 47 charter members. The future success of the court is assured. An excellent staff of officers was installed by C. C. W. H. Stott.

Court Ingram, No. 135, Deseronto, Ont., had a very successful meeting on the 11th April. It was the second meeting since organization; 5 applications and 3 initiations were disposed of. As many more are expected at next meeting.

Court Alpena, No. 33, Companions of the I.O.F., Alpena, Mich., was organized in July, 1897, by J. Sinaberg, D.S.C.R., and now has a membership of 30, with 5 more to initiate. The court has a good staff of officers and is doing excellent.

Court Olive, No. 42, Marbleton, N.H., gave its first entertainment some time ago. More than one good end was served. The Companions became better known. The members and their friends had a good time, and the funds of the court were considerably increased.

Mrs. Mary E. Hall, D.S.C.C., of Bay City Michigan, was unable for some time owing to impaired health to fill all her appointments in connection with courts of Companions of the I.O.F. She is, we are happy to say, able to resume work again.

Col. Caldwell on April 25th instituted Court Blanche, Companions of Foresters, at East Syracuse, with 30 ladies and one gentleman. This makes the fourth instituted in New York by the "Founder," having instituted the first one at Schenectady called Court Mirian.

We are debtors to our fair sisters who are sending us items of news about their branch of our great Order. At the rate at which Courts of Companions are multiplying, the necessity of enlarging our columns, in order to give them the space they are entitled to, is pressing upon us.

Now the Pacific coast jurisdictions are having Courts of Companions. The first one was instituted in Washington, at Spokane. It will be known as Court Washington, and makes its debut with 36 charter members. To Deputy Supreme Chief Companion Forsyth, H. C. R., belongs the honor of instituting it.

Court Echo, No. 10, Niagara Falls, N.Y., initiated four candidates and received three applications. At the next meeting an "At Home" will be given, partly for the entertainment of the ladies, but chiefly to give the "poor men" a chance. May the good work of this court "Echo" through the land.

The Companions of the I. O. F. have instituted, through the efforts of Miss Saunders, Court Victoria in Omaha, and Court Trans-Mississippi in South Omaha, the members of which are very enthusiastic in their work. On the 29th of April a very enjoyable joint social session was held by all the courts, which was productive of great pleasure to those present.

Court Unity, No. 8, Marion, O., is meeting with great success. The membership has doubled since the institution of the court. They have a sick benefit of \$2 per week and \$100 in their treasury, and the rent of hall paid a year in advance. Their Easter social was a great success, and netted the Companions a handsome sum. The Companions can give the sterner sex some business pointers.

Court Oronhyatekha, No. 1, gave a ladies' minstrel entertainment and ball some time ago. It was pronounced by all the very best thing in the way of entertainments ever given by Companions or Foresters in Cleveland. The hall was crowded, and long before the hour for opening there was not even standing room. A cake-walk preceded the dancing, and all went home wishing the court success.

Court Los Angeles, No. 18, Los Angeles, Cal., is doing admirable work. Not yet a year in existence, they have aided in establishing Courts of Com-

panions in Redlands and Harwick, with the expectation of soon seeing one at Santa Monica. The members keep open house once a month, when each member brings a friend to enjoy a social hour. A visit from the Supreme Chief Companion is looked for in the coming autumn.

Court Olive, No. 26, Peru, Ind., have their place of meeting adorned with the portrait of the Supreme Chief Companion, Dr. Oronhyatekha. They purpose having their evenings enlivened with music, for which laudable end they have purchased an organ. The treasury of the court is being replenished from month to month with the proceeds of "nickel socials," which are proving very popular and profitable.

Court Harmony, No. 123, Galt, Ontario, gave an open meeting on May the 9th. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, the members of Court Valley City, their wives and friends, being present in large numbers. A very entertaining programme of speeches, recitations, songs and instrumental music was rendered. An address was given by Bro. Rev. R. E. Knowles, the recently inducted pastor of Knox Presbyterian church.

Court Mizpah, No. 86, Toledo, O, sends the cheering word that everything is prosperous. The membership is 46. At this figure it is not going to remain long. On April 2nd the court gave a supper and quilt drawing that was well attended and much enjoyed, netting a snug sum for the treasury. The brethren of Court Maumee gave the use of their hall and patronized the entertainment, for which courtesies the Companions are deeply grateful.

Court Portsmouth, No. 56, Bay City, Mich., Companions of I.O.F., is growing rapidly, and its members are working harmoniously. At a recent meeting they were honored by a visit from Brother M. M. Callaghan, H.C.R. Brother Callaghan was introduced to the court by D.S.C.C. Mary E. Hall. On the evening of the 17th of March they cleared a neat sum by serving supper to their friends. Provision for a sick and funeral benefit has been made and members can have free medical attendance.

Bro. A. Cornwall, Deputy Supreme Chief Companion, instituted two more Courts of Companions, one on the 15th day of March, and another on the 25th March—Court Old Glory, Cleveland, O, with a charter list of 42 names, organized by Mrs. Smith, and Court Victory, with 27 names on the list, organized by Bro. Cornwall, assisted by Bro. Dr. Layton and Companions Davies, Mallion and Lewis. This court is centrally located, and will be a growing court. They have a good staff of officers that are well posted in their work. They invite all Companions to visit them.

Court Enterprise, No. 55, Cleveland, O., was organized November 15th, 1897, with 34 charter and several social members, after a diligent canvass of the district in which it is located, by Mrs. Sadie Campbell and Mrs. Agnes Hickman. The majority of the members of this court are relatives of the members of Court Buckeye, No. 312, I.O.F., the most enterprising court of Foresters in Ohio's largest commercial city. Court Enterprise has had large initiations at every meeting since its institution, and is now the banner court of the city of Cleveland. This court held a "dime social" recently, which was both a financial and social success.

## Personal Mention.

Bro. J. H. H. Low, High Secretary of Colorado, is representative of his High Court to the Supreme Court meeting in Toronto.

Bro. Henry B. McCoy, a member of Court Pueblo, No. 1479, is Colonel of the First Regiment of Colorado. He is now with his command on his way to Manila. May he and his gallant regiment return in safety.

Bro. Trull, D.S.C.R., has been doing excellent work at East St. Louis, Illinois; he has secured and initiated into the local court a large number of members. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by the court for his valuable services.

Judge Grier M. Orr, Chief Ranger of Court Abraham Lincoln, and Senior Past High Chief Ranger of Minnesota, was selected judge of the municipal court of St. Paul at the election, May 3rd, by the largest majority given any candidate.

Bro. John D. Bickley, D.S.C.R., has been working in the interests of Court Fox Valley, No. 3217, Ill. He has been instrumental in adding 32 to the membership. The court passed a resolution highly eulogistic of the quality and manner of Bro. Bickley's work.

Bro. T. G. Davey, P.S.T., was in the city recently for a few days. He reports the I.O.F. as making steady progress in Western Ontario. The brethren there are determined to regain first place that they surrendered last month (but for a month) to Quebec.

Bro. Wm. Robinson, a member of Court Exeter, Ont., had a very pleasant experience of the fraternal spirit of the Order during a recent illness. He writes to express his thanks to the brethren of Court Farquhar, a neighboring court, for many acts of kindness.

Bro. James Glendenning, ex-M.P.P., who has done excellent work in Eastern Ontario since the beginning of the year, was at headquarters the other day, and reported the friends of the East as delighted with their leading position among all jurisdictions for April.

Bro. Rev. R. Ferris, of Fort Hope, is a member of Court Sherwood Forest, Toronto. The brother is 300 miles from Court Keewatin, Rat Portage, which is his nearest court. Having heard of the I.O.F. in this distant field, he became a member on a recent visit to Toronto. He hopes to establish a court at Fort Hope.

Bro. Corporal J. V. Reid, of Portland, Oregon, was presented by his fellow operators in the Western Union Telegraph Office with a handsome gold ring, suitably inscribed, upon the occasion of leaving with his regiment to take part in the American-Spanish "unpleasantness."

Bro. J. B. Halkett, P.S.V.C.R., of the House of Commons, Ottawa, while on a visit to Galt to see his former friend and pastor, Bro. Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Knox Church, attended the meeting of Court Valley City and gave an interesting historical address on the growth of Forestry.

Bro. Geo. Richardson, of Oakley, Muskoka, is the proud wearer of the Victoria Cross, bestowed upon him by Her Gracious Majesty for conspicuous bravery in the East. Bro. Richardson paid the Temple a visit while in Toronto. He expressed



himself as delighted with all he saw. The worthy veteran was much pleased with the attention shown him while in the city.

Bro. Henry Gentle, of Court High Park, Toronto, met with a serious and painful accident on May 24th. When moving a salt barrel to the cellar he slipped, and the barrel fell on him, fracturing his leg below the knee. Bros. Drs. Spence and Watson were soon in attendance, and the injured limb was set. Bro. Gentle will be confined to his house for probably a couple of months. He has the sympathy of many friends in his misfortune. He wisely connected himself with the sick department on joining the Order.

### Condolence.

The members of Court Chandler, No. 774, desire to express their deep sympathy with the wife of their late brother, Mr. Balkmill.

The officers and members of Court Manitou, Manitoba, sympathize with Bro. Wm. McFadden on the sudden death of his infant son.

The members of Court Dunwegan, No. 955, Dunwegan, Ont., extend to Bro. Jno. Dickson their sympathy on the death of his wife.

The officers and members of Court Calgary, No. 295, express profound sympathy with the wife and family of their late brother, Malcolm McKinnon.

The members of Court Netewan, No. 3535, Kearney, Ont., express their sincere sympathy to Bro. Jno. Rattenbury and family in the loss of a beloved wife and mother.

Court National, No. 1775, learns with regret of the death of the beloved wife of Bro. Napoleon Lapointe, and extends to him its sincere sympathy in the hour of his bereavement.

The members of Court Providence, No. 1407, Cleveland, Ohio, extend their tender sympathy to Bro. Frank Jahuke and family, on the death of his daughter Gertrude.

Also to Bro. W. W. Wilson, who mourns the death of his brother, Albert Wilson.

The members of Court Bloomfield Centre, No. 3220, extend their heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing wife and family of their late brother, George Washington McCaddin. The court has received an appreciative reply from Mrs. McCaddin to the resolution tendered at the time of her husband's death.

### There Will Come a Time.

We cannot understand why men with sound minds and affectionate hearts will neglect or refuse to pay a few dollars a year to keep an insurance policy on their lives, for the protection of their loved ones. It may be that the minds of such men are not sound or that their hearts are not affectionate. But, be that as it may, they should know that a home without life insurance is always in danger, that it is like a ship at sea without a rudder. It may ride safely for a time on the waves of good fortune, but there will come a time when the sky will be over-cast with clouds; when the storm will descend in full force. Then, indeed, is needed the friendly aid and protection of some fraternal insurance order, such as the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

## Among the Courts.

### CANADA.

#### Manitoba.

##### Official Circular.

WINNIPEG, Man., 16th May, 1898.

To all Members of Subordinate Courts.

Greeting :

The fifth annual session of High Court of Manitoba, Independent Order of Foresters, will open in Albert Hall (opposite City Hall), Winnipeg, Tuesday, 12th July, at 7.30 p.m.

Court officers will please see that the credentials of their delegates are made out on the proper form and duly attested and sealed.

Credentials to be in the hands of High Secretary not later than 6th July.

Our session being held during Exhibition week, special rates will be advertised by the various railway lines entering the city.

Delegates will make their own arrangements as to accommodation while in the city. This should be done as far ahead as possible, so as to secure same.

Officers will see that Form No. 25 is properly filled up and sent in to the High Secretary; also payments of Capitation Tax, and any other payments due High Court. Kindly have these sent in prior to 6th July.

The chairman and members of the committees will be chosen from the courts who have their reports and delegates' credentials in Secretary's hands by the date mentioned.

Courts having any resolutions or matters to bring up would confer a favor on the Secretary by sending him a copy prior to meeting.

Special attention is called to the circular recently issued by the High Chief Ranger; there are many points in same of great interest to the Order.

Notice of courts and delegates is drawn to the following resolution passed at last meeting of High Court: "That all courts sending a full delegation to the High Court be paid for one delegate, and all courts having a membership of 25 and under be paid for one delegate in any event."

The High Standing Committee requests all courts to observe Sunday, 19th of June, as the anniversary of the Order, by attending Divine Service in a body, if possible.

ROBERT MUIR,  
High Chief Ranger.

W. D. PETTIGREW,  
High Secretary.

Court Norman, No. 3956.—This court is holding its own. At a social some days ago they netted a sum for the funds of the court. Evidently they are not asleep, as there are five initiations for next meeting. They are trying to live up to our present motto.

Court Keewatin, No. 19.—This flourishing and lively court held a regular meeting the other evening. The High Secretary dropped in unawares, and was delighted to see so many of the brethren present. He took occasion to congratulate the court on the turnout, and also on the way the business of the court was transacted. Refresh-

ments followed. The brethren of the Canadian Saratoga know how to do things.

Court Manitou, No. 135, is deservedly pleased at the recognition of the services rendered to Forestry by its Court Deputy, Bro. Geo. W. Ulyot, who has recently been appointed D.H.C.R., and who will no doubt do splendid work in this wider field of usefulness.

## North-West Territories.

### Official Circular, No. 2.

PRINCE ALBERT, May, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts of the High Court of the North-West Territories.

BRETHREN,—The marvellous growth of our noble Order during the past few months must have excited the admiration of all good Foresters, and should induce each member to make an extra effort to reach the 150,000 mark confidently looked forward to as the starting point for September next. This number is the reasonable expectation of our worthy Supreme Chief Ranger, and I feel assured that every court within the jurisdiction of this High Court will make a creditable response. The object is a noble one, and your High Court officers confidently expect that the Territories will not be behind when the roll is called. Let every court act and act promptly. The competition is worthy of our best efforts. Which court will make the greatest pro rata increase in membership?

Our Order never occupied a more important and honorable position than it does to-day. By a slight effort on our part its importance as an institution of the Territories can be more than doubled. If you believe in its advantages, demonstrate your faith by prompt action.

In the April number of our FORESTER is an important circular (No. 12), published over the signature of our Supreme Chief. Every court is earnestly requested to note its contents and act with energy. If this is done the Foresters of the North-West Territories will not be ashamed of the position they occupy when the round-up takes place. Believing that every court will do its duty, and wishing for each that prosperity their work may entitle them to,

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

J. F. BETTS, High Chief Ranger.

W. S. URTON, High Secretary.

## New Brunswick.

In our brief reference to the recent celebration of the local court at Port Elgin we omitted to say that special mention was due to the C.D., Brother Dr. Carter, who ably presided, to Brother W. W. Wells, M.P.P., who delivered an eloquent address of welcome to the H.C.R., and to Brother Tilley McKnight, who seems to have been an indefatigable committeeman. Of the address by Judge Wedderburn, the *Sackville Post*, in a long report of the meeting, said:

"Seldom has a lecturer in this village been honored with as large and intelligent an audience as that which filled the spacious Methodist Church on Tuesday evening to hear His Honor Judge Wedderburn, S.C., H.C.R.

"W. W. Wells, M.P.P., extended the welcome to Judge Wedderburn, and referred to the many prominent positions in public life his Honor had filled. The distinguished gentleman was then introduced and received a most enthusiastic reception. His address, which was replete with eloquence, humor and pathos, electrified and delighted the audience. The peroration was one of the finest displays of oratorical ability ever heard in this village. The lecturer received a perfect ovation on resuming his seat."

At the banquet in the evening several neighboring courts were represented.

Chairman Carter called the assemblage to order. The Queen was drunk with musical honors. Our Guest brought the Supreme Counsellor to his feet, the company singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The Clergy, proposed in a neat speech by Chas. Reade, evoked replies from Revs. Messrs. James, Fraser and Gardner. The Medical Profession, responded to by Dr. Black of Bay Verte. Our Sister Courts revealed that there were representatives present from Courts Nokomis, Bay Verte, Shemogue, Northport, Chappell, Cumbria, Acadia, and Belleisle. The Ladies brought a suitable acknowledgment from Boyd Anderson. Dr. Black offered The Legislature. W. W. Wells eloquently responded. The closing toast, the Health of Court Queen Bay, was proposed by Judge Wedderburn with very complimentary allusions. Court Deputy Carter modestly responded. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mennel Spence and seconded by William Reade, was tendered the Supreme Counsellor. Although past midnight the Judge consented to hold an impromptu reception, and all had the privilege of receiving his hearty shake. The singing of Auld Lang Syne terminated one of the pleasantest and most harmonious gatherings ever held in Port Elgin.

On his way to the April meeting of the Executive, the H.C.R. "stopped over" at Newcastle, and delivered an address under the auspices of the court located there, which is one of the oldest and best in the jurisdiction. His Honor Speaker Burchill, of the N.B. Legislature, who is an active Forester, and C.R. of the court, made an admirable chairman.

From the local press we learn that Judge Wedderburn spoke for over an hour. He referred briefly to the history of the Order. He depicted very eloquently the grand things being accomplished by the Foresters. In treating of the solvency of the Foresters, he pointed out that the Dominion Parliament had endorsed the Order as a sound financial insurance institution by authorizing the Order to issue policies for the great amount of \$5,000. He asked what better endorsement was required of the soundness of this great Order. He expatiated upon the benefits of insurance, and advanced reasons innumerable why the young man, the husband and the father should make provisions for those dependent upon them. Turning to the fraternal side of the Order, his eloquence knew no bounds, and in addition to learning of the foundation principles of the Independent Order of Foresters, the audience was treated to a most eloquent peroration.

At the close, a vote of thanks was moved and carried amid a round of applause, and a most successful meeting closed. The Judge took the I.C.R. train at midnight for Toronto.

Certainly the Foresters of New Brunswick are deeply indebted to the press of both cities and

towns for the very lengthy and excellent reports, in instances occupying columns of space, and from which we are enabled to condense our brief synopses.

### Nova Scotia.

Court Tomodin, No. 951, Wolfville had a public installation of officers before a large audience. The ceremony was performed in excellent style. An interesting programme of speeches, songs, recitations, etc., followed. As a result, fifteen applications for membership have been received by the court.

### High Court of Ontario.

The following proposed amendments, which will be submitted and considered at the session of the High Court of Ontario, has been forwarded by Bro. A. H. Backus, H.C.R., for publication in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

At the last annual meeting of the High Court of Ontario the High Standing Committee were instructed to receive and consider proposed amendments to the Constitution, and the High Chief Ranger was to issue a circular to Subordinate Courts concerning the same, and the following proposed amendments have been received and considered. The Committee's Report will be submitted to High Court at the meeting to be held at Chatham.

#### COURT COTTAM, No. 3435.

1. That the Registration Fee be made \$1.00 straight, instead of fifty cents for each \$500.00.
2. Drop the Enrolment Fee.
3. That Sec. 256, Sub-Sec. 2, be revised to what it was prior to 1896.

#### COURT DOVER, No. 328.

- 4 Any beneficiary member lawfully married shall receive on the death of his wife a funeral benefit of \$50.00, provided he has been a member and married one year preceding her death.

#### COURT VALLEY CITY, No. 73, GALT.

5. That at page 109, Sec. 128, members joining by card, that the fee of fifty cents be struck out.
6. That on page 171, Sec. 225, that the schedule on monthly rates be reduced and the former rates be adopted, and that no change be made in Sec. 224, but that the 10 cents additional in the S. & F. Benefits be still kept on, and that in case of illness the brother to receive \$5.00 per week for the full 24 weeks if he is so long ill.

#### COURT ATTWOOD, No. 782.

7. That \$1.00 only be sent to Supreme Court for an initiate brother in the S. & F. B. Department.
8. That the Sick Benefits be \$5.00 per week for the first two weeks instead of \$3.00.
9. That a sick claim need not be verified.

#### COURT FOREST QUEEN.

10. That some provision be made whereby a brother in good standing can honorably sever his connection with the Order.

#### COURT RIDGETOWN, No. 221.

11. That Sec. 40, Sub-Sec. 8 and Sec. 263, Sub-Sec. 1, shall read three instead of five per cent.

#### COURT WELCOME, No. 12.

12. That all supplies furnished to Subordinate Courts be reduced fifty per cent., and High Courts receive same at cost.

13. That the Enrolment Fee be abolished in the S. & F. Department.

14. That the Supreme Court in granting dispensation to initiate at Charter Rates, \$1.00 initiation should remain with the Subordinate Court and each High Court receive a per cent. from Supreme Court General Fund on all members initiated during dispensations granted by Supreme Court to pay prizes

15. That members joining in the month that High Court dues or capitation tax is payable shall be free from same.

16. That High Court dues be payable same time as capitation tax.

17. That the Court Deputy be empowered to certify sick claims instead of having same verified as at present.

#### COURT BYRON, No. 683.

18. That Supreme Court pay the medical examination of candidates.

19. That a sick brother need not notify the Supreme Physician of his illness.

20. That a sick claim need not be verified but simply certified by the Court Physician.

21. That a brother suspended for non-payment of monthly assessments or dues should be re-instated *ipso facto* on paying within thirty days.

#### COURT OROHYATEKHA, No. 23.

22. That management expenses of Supreme Court be limited to a fixed amount annually, and that Sub-Sec. 2 (c) of Sec. 26 be repealed.

23. That Sec. 87, Sub-Sec. 3, page 76, be amended by adding the following after the word court in the ninth line thereof: "Provided that no member who is holder of a contract with Supreme Court or any High Court, nor any member who is the recipient of a salary from the Supreme Court or any High Court, shall be eligible as a delegate to Supreme Court.

24. That Sec. 124, Sub-Sec. 4, page 105, be repealed and the Sec. formerly repealed and replaced by this section be re-enacted.

25. Section 40, Sub Sec. 5, page 44, abolish the necessity for membership certificate.

### Ontario Centre.

For May the Centre has distanced the two Sisters right and left.

Courts Huntsville and Brechin, with 31 and 17 gains respectively, have shown what can be done in one month.

Court Sunnidale, Stayner, the court of the H.C.R., is booming; the membership is 92—it will be 100 by July 1st.

The accepted applications for May were 201, not sufficient to give first place, but enough to entitle to a place among the "big four."

On the first of June organizers and deputies started in with a rush to make a record. Central Ontario will certainly be among the leaders.

The High Standing Committee met in Toronto on June 14th. There was a full attendance. The review of the year's work proved highly gratifying.

Court Beaverton, No. 145, took a long step forward in May. 40 names were added to its substantial membership roll. What court in the jurisdiction has done better!

High Court Organizers, Bros. C. L. Sanders and Robert Tinck, are keeping up their excellent work. They are determined to leave nothing undone to place the Centre in the front for June.

Bro. J. C. Morgan, H. V. C. R., addressed a large gathering at a picnic given under the auspices of Court Moonstone on the 10th June. The H. V. C. R. is always welcome at Forestric gatherings.

Court Farewell, No. 419, now owns its Forest Home. The hall is in every way suitable and is a credit to the court. The court since the visit of Bro. Tinck last January has made great progress.

The Rev. A. Macgillivray, P. H. C. R., addressed a largely-attended meeting at Hartly on the 31st May. Courts Hartly, Glenarn, Lornville, etc., were largely represented. Bro. Manning presided. The local choir rendered some excellent music. Short addresses were given by the chairman, Dr. Galloway, and Bro. McEachern. The thanks of the meeting by a standing vote were tendered Bro. Macgillivray.

Court Elmvale attended Divine service in a body in the Presbyterian church, Elmvale, Sunday afternoon at 2.30. The Foresters occupied the centre of the handsome church, and made a very fine appearance. There was a large attendance of the public generally. The preacher was the Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Toronto, and P. H. C. R. of Ontario. At the close of the service the members of the court, with visiting brethren from Waverley, Fergusonvale, Minesing, Wyevale, etc., marched to the court-room, where short addresses were delivered, and a hearty vote of thanks tendered the preacher. Court Elmvale is one of the strongest and most active courts in Simcoe.

### Ontario East.

Swing your hats, boys. It's the first time we ever had the chance to do so.

Bro. Glendenning, D. S. C. R., is still doing good work, and is at present in the eastern part of the jurisdiction.

Bro. W. J. Ingram secured 43 applications during three and a half days' canvassing at Moulinette, in County of Stormont.

Accepted applications 298. Rejected 35. A grand total of 333 who desired to join with us in Eastern Ontario during the month of April.

Bro. G. N. Brown has secured some 40 applications in Peterborough during the present month, and expects a new court in the county in the near future.

And now then for June. We can hardly hope to hold the proud position we gained in April, but we will be there or thereabouts when the numbers are put up.

Bro. G. W. Potts has been working in the western part of our jurisdiction and secured 18 applications for Court Hillier, at Wellington, in a few days' canvass.

Many other courts deserve honorable mention for work during the month of April, and among others are Cherry Valley, Roseneath, Harwood, Gower, Napanee, Selby, Crysler and Aultaville.

We hope the courts will all observe Sunday, June 19th, by turning out in a body to attend Divine service. We certainly have very much to be thankful for as an Order, and it is fitting that we should meet together on our Anniversary Day.

Shoulder to shoulder, and "forever keeping at it," will accomplish any task, and the one we have set for ourselves is 400 new members for the month of June. That only means 2 accepted applications for each court, and I feel almost ashamed to ask for so little.

Court Napanee, No. 30.—At the regular meeting, on Friday evening, May 13th, 1898, nine applications were received and five candidates initiated. Bro. Jas. Glendenning spent a few days with us, and the above is the result of his untiring efforts. The members of Court Napanee are very loud in their praise of the work done by Bro. G. The members are all working hard, and we feel sure that encouraging results will follow.

### Prince Edward Island.

The High Court meeting will likely be held on Thursday and Friday, August 11th and 12th.

Bro. E. H. Duchemin, of Court Mt. Stephen, has gone to N.S. and N.B. for some time in the interests of the firm he is employed with.

By a letter to Bro. R. H. McDonald from Boston, the death of Rev. S. C. Wells, who first introduced the Order in P. E. Island, is announced.

A new court to be known as J. G. Camron, No. 3911, was recently organized at Murray Harbor North. Court Deputy, David Reid; Chief Ranger, A. E. McFadyen; Rec. Sec., George McKenzie; Fin. Sec., Neil McDonald.

The Supreme Marshal, High Treasurer and High Secretary, visited Court Prince Edward, Kensington, on the evening of the Queen's Birthday. This is one of the best courts in the Province, and the visiting officers were well pleased with the reception they met with.

Among the many bills passed by the Local Legislature at the recent session were bills to incorporate the "Stanley Bridge Foresters' Hall Company" and the "Freetown Foresters' Hall Company." Bro. John H. Bell, M. P. P., of Court Chautauqua, had charge of the bill from Freetown.

A number of the High Standing Committee visited Court Onaway, Alberton, on the evening of May 20th. The attendance was small owing to a number of the members being out of town. The best members, however, were on hand, willing and ready to make the best arrangements possible for the meeting of the High Court.

Brother Ernest A. Bryan, of Court Cabot, returned one evening from Quincey, Mass., where he now resides, and the Summerside papers, the next day (May 19th), said that "A very pretty wedding was solemnized that morning by Rev. D. Sprague at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Clark; that Miss Mamie G. Clark (daughter of Bro. S. H. Clark and sister of Bro. S. Wylie Clark) was Mrs. Bryan."

The sources of joy and glory lie solely within us. If a man's heart be not at peace; if he does not possess his own approval; if a peaceful conscience does not shed its light upon him, then nothing can make him happy.—*Farrar.*

## Quebec.

**BRO. RAYMOND PRÉFONTAINE,  
Q.C., M.P.**

We have great pleasure in giving the portrait of our distinguished brother, the Mayor of Montreal.

Among the many prominent politicians of Montreal and the Province of Quebec, there is no one better known by sight and reputation than Bro. Mr. Raymond Préfontaine, the enthusiastic member for the County of Maisonneuve, former member for the County of Chambly. Since the annexation of Hochelaga to the city in 1883, he has represented that ward in the City Council, and has officiated as chairman of the Road Committee, one of the most important positions in our municipal administration. He is now the Mayor of the com-



**BRO. RAYMOND PRÉFONTAINE, Q.C., M.P.**

mercial metropolis of the Dominion, having been called to that important position the 1st of February last, by the unanimous vote of his fellow-citizens.

Like all men who plunge in their youth into the mazy intricacies of politics, with firm, strong convictions he has necessarily made many adversaries, but no actual enemies. The former was a natural sequence after the many hot contests which have taken place in his county, but they all acknowledge and admire the good qualities of heart and mind which have rendered him so immensely popular among his more immediate partizans. Defeated in 1878, he resolved to devote himself to the practice of his profession, but his fellow-citizens in 1886 so strongly requested him to come forward, that he yielded to their wishes and again took up the Liberal National cause in Chambly, the scene of his first political struggle.

We still recall with pride the brilliant victory he achieved on that occasion; his fervid eloquence, and the whole-souled manner in which he threw

himself into the contest, gained for him the admiration and esteem of his opponents.

Since then Mr. Préfontaine has devoted himself exclusively to municipal affairs, for which he has displayed considerable aptitude.

Since he has been Chairman of the Roads Committee, a number of public improvements have been accomplished, of which many had been previously suggested, but no one had the courage to proceed with.

Owing to his resourceful and commanding spirit, we have seen inaugurated a continuous construction of sidewalks and streets which are a credit to the city.

Mayor Préfontaine has a happy faculty of gaining not only the sympathy of the public, but also the approbation and cordial co-operation of his colleagues. We can, without prejudice, call him the "Baron de Haussman" of Montreal, and, like his prototype, he is the born enemy of the routine mud and dust. His fondest dream is to give to us a metropolis whose seat will be that of a city well kept, and which will compare favorably with the most prosperous cities of the Old World.

Mr. Préfontaine is one of the most active promoters of the building of the bridge between Montreal and Longueuil, and he is most fervent in expatiating on the advantages which will accrue from its construction. He is never discouraged at any impediments in the way of progress, and always at the breach he is ready to advocate and defend his rights under the most trying circumstances. Préfontaine is a Catholic School Commissioner, and has always been found on the side of broad and liberal education for the Canadians.

We have already told of the high estimation in which he is held in Chambly, and in Hochelaga is just the same. Rouge or Bleu, all are united in his favor; so much so that he has been elected by acclamation several times, and is equally assured of being re-elected on each occasion that he presents himself.

Raymond Préfontaine was born in Longueuil, the 15th September, 1850, and is the son of Toussaint Préfontaine, an honest and industrious farmer, much respected in Longueuil, whose ancestors came from Orléans, France, in 1660.

He obtained his classical education in the Jesuits' College, in Montreal, and having studied law under the late Chief Justice Sir A. A. Dorion, he was admitted to the bar in 1873.

He has since constantly practised his profession in Montreal, first with Mr. J. A. Perkins, Q.C., afterwards with the Hon. W. Prévost, and later with Mr. D. Major. He was associated with Mr. E. Lafontaine, Ex-M.P.P., later forming the society of Robidoux, Préfontaine, St Jean & Gouin, and is now at the head of the firm of Préfontaine, St. Jean & Archer.

Elected in 1875, at the age of 25 years, member of Parliament for the County of Chambly, he was defeated in 1878; re-elected in 1879; defeated in 1881; and was elected for the Federal House in 1887, and re-elected again for the same county in 1891. In 1896, after having refused the Liberal nomination for Chambly, which was united to Verchères, Mr. Préfontaine accepted the nomination which was unanimously offered to him by the Liberals of Maisonneuve, a new electoral district which had been formed from part of old Hochelaga County. He accepted said nomination, and carried it with flying colors by a majority of 1,800.

Mr. Préfontaine married in June, 1876, Miss

Hermantine Rolland, daughter of the late Senator J. B. Rolland.

Mr. Préfontaine is the happy father of three sturdy boys that he hopes will continue the traditions of their fathers and will be good Foresters.

Bro. Préfontaine is a member of Court Eveline, No. 1159, Montreal. His court tendered him a complimentary banquet recently that was a brilliant success. The Mayor of Montreal is a firm believer in the principles of the I.O.F., that he takes pleasure in commending to his many friends. We wish for our distinguished brother many years of life in which to enjoy the confidence of his fellow-countrymen, and to exercise his splendid gifts for the benefit of his city and country.

Wanted, for THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, some news from Quebec. The working editor finds it impossible to make good brick without straw. We sincerely trust, with a membership of over 13,000, there is to be found some who will furnish items for Quebec. We feel satisfied the Chief, with his Executive, endeavors to do his best.

The members of Court Balmoral, No. 269, have been called upon to mourn the loss of a worthy brother and officer, Geo. H. Longley, who after a long illness passed away. They extend their sympathy to the family of their late brother, and by a resolution express their high esteem of their lamented comrade, who has been missed amongst them.

Court Chenier, No. 1551, held their annual banquet on May 25th, which was a grand success. The H.C.R., owing to the death of Past Chief Ranger Longley on that date, was unable to be present. This court deserves great credit for the good work done, Dr. Poupart and his able staff coming well to the front. We trust they will continue in well-doing, and bring good results in the coming competition.

We wish to congratulate Quebec for the good work they are doing. Quietly bidding Michigan good-bye, they now find themselves on the course with Ontario. One of the Toronto brethren, a Royal Forester and an enthusiast, we believe he is a Mc., while in Montreal a few days ago on business, having a little leisure, stepped in to see the Chief. He appeared to be quite puzzled at the amount of work being done in Quebec, and seemed astonished when he heard of the work being done by the Royal Foresters, who are busy getting ready to attend the Convention in Toronto.

If pressure of business and impaired health does not allow Bro. Colin McArthur to give the personal attention to Forestry that he did in former years, it must be pleasing to those interested that every opportunity that is afforded him he is always willing to assist, and we were pleased to note his presence along with Bro. Rev. Dr. Barelay at the funeral of our late Past Chief Ranger, Bro. Longley. The Past High Counsellor, Bro. McArthur, has done much for Forestry in Quebec, and I am sure we appreciate it; in fact, he was amongst the first agitators in having it established, all his employees that are able being members of the Order. We trust that he may be long spared amongst us to render us his counsel and assistance.

Charity does not confine itself to the pocket, but is a broad mantle with which to "cover a multitude of sins."

## UNITED STATES.

### California.

California maintains a good average for all months and through all seasons. For May 166 applications were accepted.

Court Arwigs had an official visit on May 14th.

Court Sunset had a visit of a helpful nature from H.C.R. on the 20th May.

Courts Olive and Silveyville had the advantage of an official visit from the H.C.R. on the 11th and 12th May, respectively.

Court Tolo's public meeting on the 13th May was a practical success, the eloquence of the High Chief securing 5 applications.

Court Valle Bonita, No. 3825 was visited by Bro. McElfresh and the members thoroughly instructed in the workings of the Order.

Court Los Gatos, No. 1370, in May held a public meeting that was addressed by the H.C.R. Supper and ball followed. Everything went merry as a marriage ball.

Court Observatory, No. 1128, had May 25th for their date. The H.C.R. addressed the brethren and visiting members from Court Mt. Hamilton. A banquet followed.

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. G. A. McElfresh, spent a very busy month of May, visiting courts, delivering public addresses and attending to the general duties of his high office.

Courts Alameda and Miramar united in giving a superb entertainment on the 19th May. Among those present was Dr. Acland Oronhyatekha. The High Chief Ranger gave an address.

Court Grizzly, No. 3772, had the closing meeting for the month on May 27th. The attendance was good and the speech of the H.C.R. was well received. Excellent music was rendered by local talent.

Court Stamford, Polo Valley, had a big rally on May 16th. The High Chief gave one of his best addresses. A fine banquet followed. Large delegations were present from Courts Mayfield and Mountain.

Court Mountain View, No. 1337, carried proceedings on the evening of May 23rd into the morning. Six applications were received, the Oriental degree conferred, a banquet enjoyed, and good-morning said at 2.30 a.m. to their guest, Bro. McElfresh.

The Potrero Opera House in San Francisco was not too large for the audience that came on the invitation of Court Northern Height, May 17th, to enjoy the evening of speeches, song and recitation and refreshments furnished. The address of Bro. McElfresh was the feature of the evening.

High Vice-Chief Ranger Chas. S. Peery has been visiting the courts in Santa Clara and Monterey counties, having, on Sept. 13th, had an interesting meeting at Monterey, and on the 14th addressed a public meeting at Morgan Hill, Santa Clara County. A good audience assembled at the latter place and was much interested in the explanation given of the principles and work of our Order. Bro. J. B. Briscoe, Chief Ranger, presided, and stated at the conclusion that he expected a rapid growth of the court. After the meeting was concluded a ban-



quet was given in honor of the visiting officers, at which eighty guests were seated. The High Vice-Chief Ranger visited Court Hollister, No. 654, on the 22nd of September.

## Colorado.

### HIGH COURT MEETING AT PUEBLO.

A well attended meeting of the High Court was held in the Foresters' Hall, Pueblo, on Friday, May 17th. Three sessions were held, morning, afternoon and evening, and much business of importance was transacted. The High Court of Colorado includes in its jurisdiction Subordinate Courts from Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, and there were ten courts represented at the session yesterday. The delegates were a fine body of men, among whom one recognized prominent members of the learned professions, merchants, manufacturers, &c.

Much general business was transacted at the sessions yesterday, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: High Standing Committee: High Chief Ranger, Gilbert C. Wells, Pueblo; Past High Chief Ranger, J. A. McKim, Denver; High Vice-Chief Ranger, R. K. Harrison, Colorado Springs; High Secretary, J. H. H. Low, Pueblo; High Treasurer, R. A. Druley, Pueblo; High Physician, B. B. Grover, M.D., Colorado Springs; High Counsellor, William Francis Robinson, Denver; High Auditors, James E. Bemus, Boulder, and J. E. Rockey. Appointed officers: H. C., J. H. Spicer, Denver; H. J. Secretary, J. G. Chapman, Pueblo; H. Sr., Luke MacLean, Pueblo; H. Jr., F. M. Pearson, Colorado Springs; H. Sr. B., A. H. Moses, Pueblo; H. Jr. B., J. J. O'Rourke, Idaho Springs; H. Marshal, D. T. Tibbs, Salt Lake; H. Conductor, A. H. Linebarger, Pueblo; H. Messenger, E. G. Hawkins, La Junta. J. H. H. Low, of Pueblo, High Secretary, was elected delegate to the Supreme Court, which meets at Toronto, Canada.

After the closing of the session last night an adjournment was taken to the Silver Grill, where an elegant banquet was served. Toasts were given and responded to, and it was altogether a most fitting close to the session of the High Court. The next meeting of the court will be held at Boulder, Colo.

Court Pueblo, No. 1479, at Pueblo, Colorado, has leased and furnished a hall for its own use in the Mechanics' Building, and now feels very much at home.

The High Court of Colorado met with this court in its new hall on the 27th of May.

## Illinois.

Three cheers for Illinois—again first with 239 accepted applications.

We hear it whispered that for June Illinois expects to be again on top.

Nothing succeeds like success. Illinois has made the record for the year in point of steady, substantial gains.

Court Wisdom, instituted in February last by Bro. Clancey, P.H.C.R., now numbers over 130, and is increasing every meeting night. Bro. Clancey says it will soon reach 200.

Courts Independence, Wisdom, Lakota, Prominence, and several others have passed resolutions to pay the assessments of all members having gone to the war in defence of our country. Court Lakota has seven members in the army.

The members of the High Standing Committee are working now in building up the weak courts and not doing much towards new work, believing it is more important to have all courts in a good, healthy condition, even though we don't have so many of them.

The members of Court Cahokia at East St. Louis, with assistance of D.S.C.R. Henry Jones, have been doing good work, and prospects for June are bright. What was once a dead court is now one of the best in our jurisdiction. The success is largely due to Bro. Price, who has been an untiring worker for the good of the Order in East St. Louis.

The High Standing Committee held an open meeting at 84 E. Madison St., Chicago, May 30 (Decoration Day), which was attended by members of about fifty courts in Chicago and some from Peoria. The advisability of holding a picnic and a moonlight excursion was discussed, but no definite action taken.

Plans for work during June were arranged, and all agreed to put forth an extra effort, and Illinois will do her best to assist in the increase for June.

Friday, May 27th, H.C.R. Stevenson visited Malta, at invitation of officers of Court Kilbuck, to participate in a lawn social to be held at residence of Dr. Lucas, but on account of rain during the evening a meeting was held in the Town Hall, when a short address was made by the H.C.R. in connection with a short programme. Refreshments were served in the basement. Every member of Court Malta has agreed to take in one new member before January 1st, and Court Kilbuck will soon have double its present membership.

## Iowa.

### High Court Meeting.

#### A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING! GRATIFYING REPORTS!

The city of Davenport gave a right royal welcome to the High Court of Iowa at the annual meeting, May 17th and 18th. All the courts were well represented. The meeting was the largest ever held in Iowa; fully eighty delegates were present. The representatives, on their arrival, were met by a reception committee under the efficient direction of Bro. A. D. Fleu, H.C.R.

The High Court was duly opened in the Knights of Pythias hall at 10 a.m., May 17th, by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. A. D. Fleu. The fine appearance of the officers and members called forth many favorable comments.

Hon. Geo. T. Baker, Mayor of Davenport, in a cordial and eloquent speech welcomed the members of the High Court to Davenport, and extended to them the freedom of the city.

A happy and appreciative reply was made by Bro. A. J. Smith, of Clinton. In the course of his remarks Bro. Smith referred to the cordial relations at present existing between the United States and Britain, and expressed the hope that the English-speaking races would ever remain united in the interests of right and humanity.

The reports of the High Chief Ranger, High Secretary and High Treasurer all showed substan-

tial progress, and indicated that the Order was firmly rooted in Iowa.

The address of the Supreme Secretary, Bro. Jno A. McGillivray, Q.C., was received by the delegates and visiting brethren with great attention, and proved interesting and instructive.

The following officers were elected and installed with appropriate ceremonies:

High Chief Ranger—A. D. Fleu of Davenport.  
High Secretary—John L. Salm of Dubuque.  
High Treasurer—Chris. Haw of Ottumwa.  
High Physician—Dr. G. A. Smith of Clinton.  
High Counsellor—William Theophilus of Davenport.

High Chaplain—Rev. T. E. Greene of Cedar Rapids.

High Journal Secretary—Charles B. Wilson of Perry.

High Senior Woodward—Chas. Launsbach of Sioux City.

High Junior Woodward—Henry Lehman of Waterloo.

High Senior Beadle—C. Christensen of Cedar Grove.

High Junior Beadle—W. A. Paige of Creston.

High Marshal—A. P. Cramer of La-Mars.

High Conductor—Dr. J. E. Harrison of Burlington.

High Messenger—C. H. Hubbard of Oelwein.

Bro. A. D. Fleu, H.C.R., was chosen representative to the Supreme Court that meets in Toronto, Canada, on Aug. 26th. Waterloo was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting.

### Maine.

Court Samoset starts out on its mission of benevolence very auspiciously with Bro. Ed. Bunker at the helm, Bros. Witham, Flagg, Ladd and Blethin as able lieutenants. The members of Court Samoset show an enthusiasm that puts many of our older courts to shame.

Court Lakenwild, No. 1932, Princeton, is adding to its membership, and has excellent prospects of considerable growth. At a recent meeting, the brethren passed a resolution expressive of their sympathy with Bro. Fenlason, an active worker in the court, on the death of his wife.

The public meeting of Court Penobscott was a great success. Unity Hall was crowded to overflowing; fully 500 people were present. The H.S., Bro. McDavid, was present and in his happy manner made a short address. The H.C.R. also addressed the meeting, and remarks were made by Bro. Rackliff and other brothers.

A very pleasant and highly successful meeting was that held by Court Moosehead at East Wilton. Bro. Foster, H.J.S., accompanied the H.C.R. on this visit, and both pronounced it a most delightful affair. The members of this court are as fine a lot of fellows as one would meet in a day's travel. An excellent staff of officers was installed.

Mrs. Sarah E. Hull, of Vassar, Mich., thanks the Order for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of \$2,000 carried by her late husband, and will ever hold in kindly remembrance the brethren of Court Vassar for their assistance in her hour of bereavement.

### Michigan.

212 applications for May; third on the honor roll.

Court Bad Axe, No. 117, of Bad Axe, is having a boom and claims it will have 125 members by July 1st.

The Detroit courts are arranging for a public demonstration within a short time, at which time several members of the Supreme and High Courts are expected to be present.

High Secretary Joslyn has promised the courts in the upper peninsula a series of public meetings during the coming summer; the dates of the same are being arranged as rapidly as possible.

The Foresters of Michigan are pleased indeed to learn that Bro. J. A. Frise is again a member of the High Standing Committee, as they know this will add to the dignity and energetic business ideas of the Executive.

Dr. J. L. Ambrose, Court Physician and Vice-Chief Ranger of Court Bay City, No. 306, is a hustler in Forestry. He has taken over twenty-five applications since March 1st, and his court has passed the century mark.

Bro. Charles E. Himmeliien, the genial H.V.C.R., has been promoted to be Assistant General Manager of the largest dry goods and carpet store in Saginaw. These are the kind of men that the High Court is pleased to honor.

The Foresters of the "Thumb" have united with the Maccabees and a monster picnic is being arranged for June 16th, at which time the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary will hold forth in the interests of Forestry; several distinguished Maccabee speakers will also be in attendance.

"The courts in Detroit," says the *State Democrat*, "have voted unanimously to pay all dues and assessments of brothers while engaged in the service of the U.S., and to exercise a watchful care over the families of absent brothers. Altogether this is by long odds the most liberal proposition yet made."

One of the most pleasant events in the history of Saginaw Forestry was the presentation of the prize sash to Court Valley, No. 232, on May 16th. High Chief Ranger Callaghan made the presentation speech. Brief remarks were also made by High Secretary Joslyn, Hon. A. M. Fleischauer, Hon. Hiram Savage and others. Over three hundred Foresters were present, and after the ceremonies the Lady Companions served refreshments.

Court Verona, No. 1713, believes in following up business with pleasure. Recently the members and gentlemen friends had a smoker, etc. Every second meeting in the month is partly devoted to pleasure. This court has organized a baseball team and would be pleased to arrange social games with courts in or near Detroit during the summer. Court Beaufait can furnish any information regarding our ability in this line. All Foresters visiting Detroit, also members in the city, are earnestly requested to call on us. You will find a thoroughly up-to-date court. Although our membership is rather small, forty all told, meetings held at corner of Sixth and Michigan Ave. first and third Mondays.

Mrs. Ellen Martin, of Bay City, thanks the Order for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, Bro. Martin, of Court Bay City, No. 306, and the brethren of the court for their sympathy and kindness.

### Minnesota.

The High Court officers of Minnesota expect to meet the representative next year and report a membership of 5,000.

Competent and experienced deputies are at work in various parts of Minnesota. The applications are running up to 150 per month.

The brethren throughout the state are delighted with the action of the Executive Council in permitting members to go south of the 38th parallel at ordinary rates.

Bro. Matt Bantz, of Court Ramsay, was one of the two Democrats who managed to pull through, Bro. Bantz having been elected alderman from Ward 8, the most populous in the city.

Court Lionheart, St. Paul, gave an entertainment and dance at Twin City Hall on May 7th, which was a success both financially and socially. An address on the features of the Order was made by H.C.R. O'Neill.

Court Rosemount initiated a class of twenty on April 20th, the ceremonies being conducted by High Chief Ranger O'Neill. After the meeting a supper was served at the Cadzow House, at which eighty-five sat down. A large number of visitors was present from Hastings, Farmington and Lakeville.

Court Minnesota, No. 453, has set aside the money received from the High Court as first prize for the largest number of candidates admitted the last three months of 1897, and divided the amount into three prizes, to be paid to the members of the court bringing in the three biggest lists during May and June.

A good many of our brethren have answered their country's call, and are now enrolled in the Minnesota regiments of volunteers. Some are now at Chickamauga and others are bound for the Philippine Islands.

Bro. M. S. Meade, of Court A. Lincoln, St. Paul, is now Battalion Adjutant in the 13th Minnesota with the rank of lieutenant. His regiment is on the way to the Philippines.

Bro. John J. Walsh, for many years the efficient Financial Secretary of Court Stillwater, holds the rank of first lieutenant in Company K, 13th Minnesota Regiment.

Bro. Dr. Fitzgerald, Court Physician of Court Mendoza, Minneapolis, goes as regimental surgeon of the 13th Minnesota, with the rank of major.

Bro. A. M. Jacobson, Financial Secretary of Court Transfer, Merriam Park, is a member of Company E, 14th Regiment, now encamped at Chickamauga.

There are others whose names we cannot recall, but to all the brothers in the service we extend our best wishes, and for them we will offer our prayers to the God of battles for their success and safety. Neither they nor their families will be forgotten in their absence.

### Missouri and Kansas.

Court Eastside, No. 874, Kansas City, Mo., recently gave a rousing entertainment to an audience of 200 Foresters and friends. The first on the programme was an address by Bro. W. J. Barnes, who set our noble Order before the public

in a most efficient manner. The eight numbers on the programme having been rendered, Bro. Geo. R. Walls, C.D.H.C.R., presented the prizes that were won in our last competition to the brothers who were entitled to them. The evening then closed with a social hop, everyone enjoying themselves most heartily. Two applications have since been received.

### Nebraska.

**BRO. MATTHEW ALEXANDER HALL,**  
Omaha, Neb., H.C.R. Nebraska.

The popular and energetic High Chief Ranger of Nebraska, whose portrait adorns this page, is a Canadian by birth, and has still a warm place in his affections for the country and brethren north of the line. Born in Scarborough, Ontario, in 1862, he



BRO. MATTHEW ALEXANDER HALL.

received his early education in the public schools of his native township and the adjoining township of Markham. Later he entered the High School of Newmarket, and afterwards the Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute of Toronto, where he prepared himself for the vocation of school teaching. After teaching with marked success in the public schools of Glenville and Kettleby in North York for two years, he gave up the life of a pedagogue, and exchanging the birch rod for a sample case, he became a "knight of the grip." For some years he travelled through Canada, representing, first, the McColl Brothers and Company, of Toronto, and later, the Standard Oil Company.

In this capacity he gained a wide and valuable experience of men and things, but his ambition was not yet satisfied. In 1885 he entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wis., and three years later was graduated from the Law Department of that seat of learning with the degree of LL.B. He at once entered upon the practice of

his profession in Omaha, Nebraska, where he is now the junior member of the firm of Montgomery and Hall.

Though now a resident of the land over which "Old Glory" floats, Bro. Hall has many ties to bind him to the land of his birth, not least of which is his marriage, in 1890, to the daughter of a prominent member of the Canadian Bar, C. J. C. Wurtelle, Sorel, Que. Their home has been blessed by the advent of three little ones.

Bro. Hall is the right type of citizen, taking a live and practical interest in whatever makes for the physical and moral well-being of his fellow-citizens. He is a member of the Vestry of All Saints' Church and of various other organizations, and is actively interested in all manly athletics, notably in the Omaha Cricket Club. His superior ability and sterling character have already won for him an assured position in the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Recently he was appointed Resident Vice-Consul for Great Britain, and during the past winter he was sent by the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition to Canada as Special Commissioner for that country.

Bro. Hall has taken up the duties of High Chief Ranger with characteristic zeal, and the High Court of Nebraska is to be congratulated on having for its H. C. R. a man of such marked ability.

Our High Chief Ranger returned a few weeks ago from a visit to Ottawa, and reports a most kindly reception at the hands of the brethren in Canada. He went as Special Commissioner for the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, and was successful in inducing the Canadian Government to agree to be officially represented at such Exposition. Canada's resource and wealth will be exhibited in International Hall, and we are sure that it will be second to none on the grounds. By the way, the Exposition bids fair to eclipse the World's Fair in some respects, and we hope that all Foresters will seize the opportunity to visit us between June 1st and November 1st, and learn for themselves that the State of Nebraska is not a part of the Great American Desert, but is a rich and fertile part of the great United States.

### New York.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts in the State of New York, Greeting.

BRETHREN,—The outlook for the present year is very gratifying, and the results, under all the circumstances, are pleasing and satisfactory. Your High Standing Committee desires to express the hope that every court, and every member, will make especial efforts towards increasing the membership during the month of June, that the High Court of New York may again take the lead of all other High Courts in the 34 jurisdictions. Let every brother make a little exertion and we will accomplish the desired result.

Pursuant to by-laws of the High Court, Article IV., you are required to comply with its provisions as follows: "Section 1. The High Court dues, payable by each Subordinate Court, shall be at the rate of fifty cents per year for each beneficiary member in good standing upon its roll, which shall be payable in advance,—one-half on the first day of January and one-half on the first day of July, and shall be transmitted by each Financial Secre-

tary of the High Court with the semi-annual return to the High Court."

Section 146, Article II., of the Constitution, also requires to be forwarded to the High Secretary of the High Court, immediately after the first of January and July of each year, "the semi-annual returns, Form No. 25, together with the High Court dues." Section 246, Article III., should also be referred to.

Chief Rangers and Court Deputies should personally superintend making these reports that no error or omission may occur, and that the High Court dues should be promptly sent to the High Secretary, and not to the Supreme Secretary.

All supplies used by the Subordinate Courts shall be purchased of the High Court, through its High Secretary, as provided in Supreme Court Rules.

No Subordinate Court shall order supplies from the High Secretary in any amount less than the sum of one dollar, and, in each case, the cash must invariably accompany the order for supplies.

Your especial attention is directed to the foregoing provisions of law, that you may give these matters your immediate attention and avoid the necessity of executing Section 169 relating to suspension of courts, thereby jeopardizing the interests of each member.

The Supreme Court clearly defines its intentions regarding these matters, and in any case where courts fail to comply, on, or before, the 15th day of July, 1898, the said failure will work their immediate suspension.

The Secretary of any court whose members do not receive the FORESTER will please send the names and addresses of such brethren to the Supreme Secretary. They will also report *without delay*, the name of a newly-recommended Court Deputy, together with his street and number, to the High Secretary and not to the Supreme Secretary.

Section 139, Article II., provides for the election of delegates to the High Court, and is as follows: "The election of delegates to the High Court shall be held at the last regular meeting of the Subordinate Court, in the semi-annual term, immediately preceding the time of holding the session of the High Court.

As the next session of the High Court will be held September 13, 1898, the proper time for the election of delegates will be the last meeting of each Subordinate Court in the month of June. Election of delegates at the December election of Subordinate Courts, if any, will be considered null and void.

Your attention is called to Article III. of the By-laws, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, which relates to representation, travel and *per diem* allowance of delegates. Section 4 of said article refers to the manner of electing such delegates, and to the especial provisions therein provided as relates to the delegate, whose expenses are to be paid by the High Court. Section 5 of the same article makes provision for possibility of a tie vote.

In calling your attention to said sections of the By-laws, you are informed that provision for the payment of the expenses of one delegate only, from each Subordinate Court, is made payable out of the treasury of the High Court.

In consideration of this provision of the High Court, it is considered unnecessary for any Subordinate Court to go to the expense of sending more

than one delegate, whose expenses are paid by the High Court, as such delegate will be vested with all rights, privileges, prerogatives and voting powers which belong to his court, the same as if the Subordinate Court sent its full quota of delegates. Subordinate Courts sending more than one delegate will be required to defray the entire expenses of any and all such delegates, excepting the one delegate, whose expenses will be defrayed by the High Court as hereinbefore provided.

We urge upon the members to use all diligence possible toward the further advancement of the Order, both as to increase of membership and quality of the risks selected.

The organizing work has been given especial attention, and we are now able to report that thirty-one courts have been organizing since July 1st last, and that we have 225 courts to our credit, with a total of 12,000 members in the State of New York.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

CHARLES W. LERCH,  
High Chief Ranger.

CHARLES R. FITZGERALD,  
High Secretary.

NOTICE.—Brethren possessing pluck, grit and energy, who can furnish satisfactory references, or who will devote the whole or even part of their time, can secure territory and authority to organize courts, by applying to C. R. FitzGerald, High Secretary, P. O. Box 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

Court United States, of Syracuse, has contributed \$5.00 toward the "Sanatorium Fund" for the care of consumptives.

Mecca Encampment is making a special effort to revive interest in their ranks, and it is to be hoped the reorganization will prove successful.

Mrs. Otto Ochs, the esteemed wife of the District Deputy of New York City, has earned two prizes for proposing, in two instances, two men applicants.

Court Knickerbocker held a musical and literary entertainment at their last meeting in May, which was declared to be a success, and all participating were well amused and entertained.

Court New York City gave a smoker last month, which was well attended, and many a good story was told. It was pronounced a success, and new members are promised for the next meeting.

The fifth annual entertainment and hop given by Miss Marie Jacke, under the auspices of Court Fillmore, May 16 ultimo, was a pronounced success. The proceeds were given to a disabled member of the court, and all engaged in the work are to be commended for their unselfish and earnest labors.

Col. A. B. Caldwell, on April 25, at East Syracuse, N. Y., instituted Court Blanche Companions, with 31 members, Mabel Blanche Taber as Chief Companion. The colonel planted the first Companion court in this State, and this is his fourth lady court. There are "no flies" on the "old founder" yet.

Bro. Lum, who has been Chief Ranger for Court Empire City for the past five years, ever since its installation, has resigned, and Bro. W. S. Bourne, managing clerk for the Birbeck Loan and Investment Co., has been selected to succeed him. The good wishes of the court go with Bro. Lum, who fully recognizes his proficiency, and wish him good luck in his new field.

The friends of Supervisor Gordon T. Phillips, Dist. Deputy of St. Lawrence County, unite in tendering him their earnest sympathies upon the death of his beloved and aged father. The family consisted of the parents and three sons, and this was the first death in the family during a married life of 48 years.

Court Santanoni, in making an order for supplies, recently, has evinced a commendable spirit in the use of their court funds rather than the usual expenditure of funds for "table supplies." The court has 24 members, and they have ordered a set of sashes for each of their officers, a sash for each of their 24 members, 24 Constitutions, and 24 Pass Books, in all about \$120.00.

Bro. Charles Coombs, of Court Fire Brigade, was recommended by the Civil Service Commissioners, and appointed by the Fire Commissioners, to the position of second assistant chief engineer of the Fire Department of Syracuse, and promoting Bros. Adam Group and Frank L. Stephens as captains. This court is composed almost entirely of members of the Syracuse Fire Department, and are a nice lot of boys.

Court Hennepin, No. 1152, Niagara Falls, will not be responsible for any failure to bring the membership up to 150,000 by Sept. 1st. The court has agreed to give a bonus to every member bringing in a new one. Bro. Berry, C. R., will give a gold pin, or any Forestry emblem of the value of \$5, to the brother who brings in the largest number of members before July 1st. The contest is on, and six candidates will be initiated at next meeting.

Court Attica's entertainment, under the direction of Mrs. Weller, of New York City, was one of the most popular and entertaining ever held in Attica, and consisted of an excellently-arranged programme, which was fully enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience, which tested the capacity of the Williams Opera House. The committees of arrangement, headed by the genial Court Deputy, Bro. Henry B. Flach, were praised for the success their efforts merited.

Court East New York recently held an entertainment for the reception of their members and friends, and were assisted by Court King's County. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Dr. O. H. Rohde, of Court Reid, and District Deputy H. J. Carpenter spoke upon the merits of the Order and the good already accomplished. The best of feeling prevailed, and the two courts more firmly annealed themselves to each other, and several new members will be the result of the entertainment.

The biographical sketch of the "Founder" in last issue of the *New York Forester*, published at Tonawanda, and over the *nom-de-plume* of Emma Gales, was, viewing it from a Heliocentric standpoint, one of the ablest articles it has been our pleasure to read for many moons. When expressing himself, in his usual facetious manner, the colonel avowed there were no "sun spots" on him, and concluded by jocularly giving vent to a present day phrase that it was a "corker" on him, anyway. To say the least, he owes an inexpressible debt of gratitude to the writer, whom he would be pleased to have enter the portals of the Companions of Foresters, that he might personally view the scene as she entered through the portals of the tenth sign of the Zodiac, and to use his chivalric right arm in her defence against the menaces of Cambri, when allowed to roam from the secret chamber.

## North Dakota.

Court Gardar, No. 3147, organized two years ago with 26 charter members, has now 93 members in good standing, and is determined to make a "century run" before the year is much older. A new hall will be erected this summer, and it looks as though this lusty two-year-old may soon be the banner court of the jurisdiction.

## Ohio.

### Official Circular, No. 2.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,  
ALLIANCE, OHIO, June 1, 1898.

To all Courts and to all C.D.H.C.R.'s of all Courts in this jurisdiction: Greeting.

You will please give the following items of importance your attention on the last meeting night in June, 1898, and the first meeting night in July, 1898:—

1st. You will have the credentials of your delegates and alternates to High Court properly filled out, signed and sealed, and a duplicate sent to the High Secretary by August 1, 1898.

2nd. Your semi-annual report (on form No. 25) to High Court made out and sent, together with your per capita tax (25 cents for each member in good standing on July 1, 1898) to the High Secretary by July 15, 1898. See Constitution, Sec. 245-4; also Sec. 146 (2); also all moneys due the High Court for supplies. Forms No. 25 (two) accompany this notice.

Providing your court has lost a member by death during the last year, please send the High Secretary a short notice of the brother deceased.

Should your court have any resolutions or communications for the High Court, have them ready in writing and sealed, to be presented by your delegates.

Your representation will be one delegate for fifty members or less in good standing on July 1, 1898, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty members or major fraction thereof. You will also elect alternate delegates at the same time and place to attend the High Court in case the regular delegates cannot attend.

All courts in this jurisdiction will elect their delegates on the last meeting night in June, 1898.

The regular session of the High Court will be held at Hamilton, Ohio, the third Tuesday in September, September 20, 1898, at 2 p.m., Standard time.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

D. E. ROGERS, High Chief Ranger.

E. P. HAWLEY, High Secretary.

Court Hemoga, No. 632, Independence, O., has won a place in the hearts of the people in this place by the moral tone of the members of this court. We have only the best the village affords—no others need apply.

It is the wish of our H.C.R. that the various courts of Ohio would send short items of interest to him at Alliance, or the H.S. at Cleveland, for publication in the FORESTER. All Ohio is desirous of knowing how the various courts are doing.

Court Butler, No. 1380, and Court Fort Hamilton, No. 1749, are busy with plans and programmes to entertain the visiting brethren in September next. Bro. H. C. Brooke is Chairman of Committee of Arrangements. Every one is anticipating a glorious good time.

Court Vigilant, No. 3100, Cleveland.—This court numbers 75 members good and true. The officers are men of character, and administer their work in good form. Their bank account is always good. Applications are on hand, and many more are anticipated.

Court Awanatun, No. 677, Conneaut, O.—J. F. Stone, the Court Deputy, is a very enthusiastic Forester. He lives near Buffalo, and often meets the genial H.S. of New York, Bro. Fitzgerald. Bro. Stone is an admirer of such loyal brethren. The entire court of Conneaut is awaiting to see how much better the "Hamilton boys" will do in September than the brethren in Conneaut did in '97.

Court Standard, No. 847, Cleveland Ohio.—It is always a pleasure to visit Court Standard, No. 847, Cleveland, and hear the good they are doing in the many ways that only the I.O.F. can do. Her home is always open to strangers and others, and many are the visitors who attend their meetings. Especial mention should be made of the entire staff officers, led by our worthy Bro. Samuel Barber, C.D.H.C.R.

Court Fremont, No. 355.—Our faithful C.D. H.C.R., Bro. E. L. Stanley, sergeant U.S. Army, and recruiting officer at this city (Cleveland), is a very busy man recruiting men. When a recruit passes Bro. Stanley you may set him down as a sound man. Bro. Stanley is ever faithful to the duties of his court, and deals out justice freely, yet without fear, when points of law are to be decided by him in his official capacity.

Harvard, No. 281, Cleveland, O., is progressing in fine shape—every meeting night applications. Our socials are a decided benefit to our local court. One would have to give the entire "Roster" were we to give the names of all the prominent members in our court. We expect to reach 150 by July 1, '98. Dr. W. W. Halliday, our Court Physician, looks after all our sick boys, and the members are pleased when they see his smiling face within our Forestric home.

Court Banner, No. 360, Cleveland, O.—Every member of this court is on the alert for strangers in the outskirts, and the captives are many. Every meeting night candidates are passed over the R.R.R., and every night applications are read to the court. Bro. Dr. Monderlich, the Court Physician, with his ever genial smile, attends to the calls of the sick brethren of Court Banner. The Doctor is always present at the court meetings, and fills with honor and dignity the important position of Court Physician.

We all are always anxious to receive the FORESTER to learn how well the Order in other jurisdictions is doing. Although we do not lead the van in number of accepted applicants (or rejected ones for that matter) we are doing what we can. We are Foresters true and loyal, and every one of us is striving to assist in the work of increasing the usefulness, and scatter "golden blessings" in hundreds, yea! thousands of homes in this beautiful commonwealth—Ohio. We are first in peace and war, and now desire to be in charity and benevolence, and fraternal insurance.



## Pennsylvania High Court.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,  
June 1, 1898.

To the Subordinate Courts of Pennsylvania.

The High Court of Pennsylvania will hold its regular meeting in Foresters' Hall, in the city of Altoona, on Tuesday, August 2nd, 1898. The meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock a.m.

Subordinate Court representation will be on the basis shown in section 88-2 of the Constitution and Laws.

Election of delegates should be held at the last meeting in June, as provided in section 139-2.

Delegates must be provided with credentials properly signed and sealed, or they will not be recognized as such. A form for the purpose is enclosed. If you intend to send more than one delegate make application to the High Secretary for the additional forms.

If you have but one delegate present he may cast the entire number of votes to which the court is entitled (section 91-1).

Courts must provide for the payment of the expenses of their delegates.

Courts to be entitled to representation must have paid all amounts due the High Court, including the High Court dues, due on the first day of July (section 88-3).

The High Secretary should be advised as soon as possible as to how many delegates will attend, so that proper arrangements may be made for their accommodation.

GEO. W. STRICKLAND, H.C.R.

CHAS. W. MINGLE,  
High Secretary.

## Washington.

### Official Circular.

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER, I.O.F.  
TACOMA, WASH., May 14, 1898.

To all Subordinate Courts in Washington.

BROTHERS.—The Fourth Annual Session of the High Court will be held at Olympia on Tuesday, July 19, 1898, commencing at 10 a.m. The headquarters of the High Standing Committee will be at the Olympia Hotel, where special rates to delegates will be obtained. All Semi-Annual Reports, No. 25, must be sent to the High Secretary with High Court dues not later than July 5, so as to enable the officers to have their reports ready to place before the meeting. I trust each court will have its reports on time.

Courts not having Report No. 25 on hand should at once write the High Secretary for copies. Courts not having sent in their High Court dues and reports will not be entitled to representation in the High Court. This will be strictly enforced.

It is hoped that each court will be represented at this meeting.

The by-laws passed at last meeting did not receive the sanction and approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger and must again be considered. Consequently the action taken at our last High Court with regard to remuneration of Delegates is not now in force, and courts should, in electing delegates, consider the possibility of having to pay such expenses.

Courts should write to the High Secretary for sufficient credentials for Delegates attending High Court, who will be required to produce them duly attested by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with seal of court attached.

We hope to have the Supreme Chief Ranger with us, whose ability, wisdom and advice is so much sought after and appreciated by the entire Brotherhood.

Our progress during this last term, although not so great as we would desire, is such that we can congratulate ourselves in that it has exceeded our previous record in the history of the Order in the State of Washington, which has been due, to a great extent, to the assistance rendered from the Supreme Court.

I hope you are putting forth every effort to secure some of the prizes offered by the Supreme Executive for securing members during May and June, as per official circular number 12, on page 305 of April FORESTER.

Hoping to meet a good representation at our High Court, of enthusiastic Foresters, all fully determined to place Washington in the foremost ranks of the Order during the next term,

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

JOHN A. FORSYTH,

High Chief Ranger.

Attest:

OLIVER CRUSE,  
High Secretary.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Cruse, H.S., has been very ill, but is improving some we are happy to learn.

We hope the courts throughout the State will make the months of May and June hummers, so we can report our share towards the 150,000.

Court Ellensburg, No. 3917, was organized on May 2nd with a good Charter list. We expect to see them double their membership by June 30th.

The wives of the brothers of Court Destiny who received the souvenir spoons are highly delighted. "They are just beauties!" was the remark heard. More will follow.

Court Key City, No. 636, won the set of officers' badges offered by the High Standing Committee. They kindly thanked the H.C.R. for his assistance to them in securing the prize.

We know Seattle and also Spokane will surprise us during the next two months, and we shall expect all the other courts to do likewise. Now, brothers, do not forget "150,000 strong" is our motto.

The High Standing Committee have decided that it will be to the best interests of the Order to hold the next session of the High Court in July instead of June. A circular will be issued to all the courts in a few days by the High Chief Ranger.

On May 7th, while riding on his bicycle, Bro. Mock, of Court Destiny, came in collision with a young lady on a bicycle, and, sad to say, died the following morning. The funeral was conducted by the High Chief Ranger and was largely attended. Our late Bro. Mock was Secretary to the School Board of Tacoma. The schools were all closed on day of funeral and flags were at half-mast.

Court Puget Sound, No. 538, has met with a great loss in the death of Bro. R. J. Dodds, Chief Ranger of that court and also High Treasurer of the High Court of Washington. On Sunday, May 22nd, Bro. Dodds was out riding on his bicycle and fell over and died of heart failure. His death was

a shock to the entire city of Seattle. On the visit of the High Chief Ranger to the courts of Seattle, on the 19th, he was one who spoke and seemed to be in the best of health. The funeral on May 24th was under the direction of the High Court of Washington. The High Chief Ranger, who came from Ellensburg, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Bros. R. M. Davis, M.D., and D. A. Mitchell, M.D. The city officials, councillors, firemen, Woodmen and other organizations were in procession. The floral pieces were fine. From the High Court a large anchor, with "Our Treasurer High Court of Washington, I.O.F." on it. Court Puget Sound a Maltese cross, and Court Seattle a handsome pillow, and others from various organizations.

Get all the happiness you can as you pass along—and then share it with some one who has less than yourself.

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## GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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### High Court of London.

#### ANNUAL SESSION.

The Sixth Annual Session was held in Exeter Hall, London, on May 14th, 1898, the H.C.R., Dr. Martindale Ward, in the chair. After opening ceremonies, roll call, etc., the Credential Committee reported that fifteen delegates were in waiting to receive the High Court Degree, which was impressively rendered.

The arrival of Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., with Bro. J. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., was hailed with satisfaction by the brethren, while the speech (delivered during the morning session) of the Supreme Chief Ranger gave delight to the whole company assembled. Not the least interesting feature of Dr. Oronhyatekha's address was his lucid and detailed remarks regarding the splendid new home of Forestry, which undoubtedly reflects the greatest credit upon all concerned; and whether it was the new Foresters' Temple, the question of future admission of ladies, the growth of the Order, in all departments, it was patent to the brethren assembled that in our genial S.C.R. we have the man par excellence at the head of affairs. The H. C. Ranger's report was couched in felicitous terms as to continued prosperity.

Dr. Martindale C. Ward received at the hands of the S.C.R. on behalf of the High Court the "Grand Cross of Merit," which he acknowledged with great feeling.

The High Secretary reported an increase of membership and five new courts; also stated that the prospects of continued increase were distinctly encouraging.

The High Treasurer's and High Auditor's reports proved that this High Court stood in a much better financial position than for the past few years, and it was hoped that all indebtedness would be wiped out by next year.

The following is a list of the new High Standing Committee, there having been three changes in the personnel: H.C.R., Bro. Jas. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R.: P.H.C.R., Bro. M. C. Ward, M.D.; H.V.C.R., Bro. B. B. Halford; H.S., Bro. W. G. Stott; H.T., Bro. G. Emery; H. Phy., Bro. W. H. Russell Forsbrook, M.D. Lond.; H.C., Bro. Rev. A. C. R. Wolston, A.K.C.

The High Secretary was honored by a unanimous re-election.

Bro. E. Tidman P.H.C.R., was elected representative to Supreme Court, and it was unanimously resolved that he should be the recipient of a "Grand Cross of Merit" from the High Court, for past and very faithful and efficient services.

A conference held in the evening drew together a large number of brethren and was presided over by Bro. Marshall, the newly-installed H.C.R., supported by Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R. The subjects entered into were ably handled by various delegates and brethren, the Supreme Chief Ranger being ever ready with the "retort courteous" and in helping any lame brother off the stile. This very successful session came to an end after an almost twelve hours' sitting, with the hope that all would be spared to meet again next year at East-Lourne.

#### NOTES.

Court Maida Vale.—We are pleased to learn that this court has been increasing its membership of late, undoubtedly due to the enterprise of its Court Deputy, Bro. H. R. Harvey, and our worthy Bro. H. Ellis, F.I.S., F.R.G.S., who makes an efficient and courteous Chief Ranger. May they continue to prosper.

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### Ireland

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The Order in Ireland is progressing very satisfactorily. Two new courts have been established in Belfast within the last five or six weeks, and we have just had a request from Five Mile Town, County Tyrone, to send an officer there to institute a new court, the Rev. Charles Millar, of that place, having been successful in obtaining a full charter. The High Chief Ranger and H.S. have arranged to proceed there on the 24th inst., and complete Mr. Millar's work.

The increase in membership for the four months of this year is larger than any similar period in the history of the Order here, and I have no doubt that as the Order gets more fully known, and its advantages appreciated, our growth will be still more rapid in the future.

The visit of the Supreme Chief Ranger was a source of great pleasure and encouragement to the brethren in Ireland. Better work than ever is expected during the coming year.

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### Scotland.

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We have much pleasure in giving in the British edition a portrait and brief sketch of Bro. Armour, the able H.C.R. of Scotland.

The work of the past twelve months in Scotland has been on the whole encouraging. Substantial progress has been made.

Bro. Armour, who occupied the position of H.C.R. for two years, retired at the recent meeting of the High Court. He carries with him to the past chair the esteem of the Order.

The report of the proceedings of the High Court, recently held, has not yet reached us. We will give it in our next issue.

The good work done by Rev. Bro. McNair, P. H. C. R. of Ontario, is warmly commended. In the face of many discouragements he has manifested a perseverance and tact deserving of the praise he has received.

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their May Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Almonte.....	731	Twin Mountain.....	3456
Gemli.....	1488	Gem.....	3748
Emerson.....	1637	Steep Creek.....	3755
Manvers.....	1921		

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Richmond.....	234	Astoria.....	3216
Hendum.....	1376	Grand Lodge.....	3218
Carton.....	1413	Knife River.....	3656

Receipts, May, 1898.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessments.	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
1059	British Columbia..	\$ 1141 08	\$ 30 81	\$ 22 00	4090	New Jersey.....	\$ 4131 52	\$ 53 82	\$ 181 25
7804	California.....	11485 04	185 49	383 00	11931	New York.....	12485 98	785 02	439 00
260	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	391 74	12 58	10 50	2094	North Dakota.....	2532 80	60 10	141 00
5043	Illinois.....	5520 73	56 47	419 00	859	N. W. Territory...	1118 72	66 85	32 50
1895	Indiana.....	2013 98	8 90	83 00	3100	Nova Scotia.....	3506 90	252 36	119 50
674	Iowa.....	821 71	1 48	5 50	6416	Ohio.....	6573 79	108 61	199 00
2817	Maine.....	2357 24	718 99	228 25	13117	Ontario.....	13033 41	2463 75	394 50
2191	Manitoba.....	2807 03	289 28	82 00	10223	Central.....	11160 45	1324 99	553 25
12663	Michigan.....	13104 41	1006 78	437 10	9957	East.....	10763 39	940 57	241 00
3852	Minnesota.....	4267 51	98 36	176 50	1335	Pennsylvania.....	1731 19	30 43	29 50
1085	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1307 93	10 78	37 25	1163	Pr. Edward Island	1256 68	32 96	40 00
359	Nebraska.....	383 95	3 46	12 00	13081	Quebec.....	14150 12	4102 87	280 50
5561	New Brunswick.....	5507 96	939 35	99 00	771	Washington.....	1724 32	15 65	25 00
1833	New England.....	1658 53	572 49	143 75	2443	Wisconsin.....	2889 61	21 99	225 50
					628	S. C. Jurisdiction..	935 89	19 48	28 00
					4239	Great Britain and Ireland.....	5543 79	30 02	358 36
	Received on account of Fire Insurance.....						412 10		
	Refunds re Loans.....						200 77		
	Received on account of Organizing and other accounts.....								1734 37
	Grand Total.....			122,664			\$146,669 18	\$14,274 69	\$7,166 08

Recapitulation.

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

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies.....\$ 669 51 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....\$ 669 51

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans...\$ 2,885 91 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....\$ 2,885 91

Submitted in L. B. & C.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of May, 1898.

No. 3258. Brother Alex. Gove, aged 32 years, of Court Tahoma, No. 1635, located at Tacoma, Wash., was accidentally Drowned in October, 1897. Initiated 11th August, 1896. Beneficiary, Jean C. Gove, wife. \$3,000.

No. 3259. Brother W. S. Gilkerson, aged 40 years, of Court Prince Albert, No. 149, located at Sherbrooke, Que., died of Typhoid Fever on the 23rd April, 1898. Initiated 16th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Celina W. Gilkerson, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3260. Brother John McMullin, aged 27 years, of Court Lowelltown, No. 3114, located at Lowelltown, Me., was accidentally Killed by Machinery on the 10th April, 1898. Initiated 2nd October, 1895. Beneficiary, Victoria McMullin, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3261. Brother Thos. Martin, aged 49 years, of Court Bay City, No. 306, located at Bay City, Mich.,

was Accidentally Poisoned on the 29th April, 1898. Initiated 5th June, 1889. Beneficiary, Ellen Martin, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3262. Brother John W. Schermerhorn, aged 23 years, of Court Mayville, No. 522, located at Mayville, Mich., died of Appendicitis on the 25th April, 1898. Initiated 30th June, 1896. Beneficiary, Maggie J. Schermerhorn, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3263. Brother Wm. Maynes, aged 49 years, of Court Goderich, No. 253, located at Goderich, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 22nd April, 1898. Initiated 20th December, 1892. Beneficiary, Jane Maynes, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3264. Brother Henry McKaue, aged 35 years, of Court Desmond, No. 187, located at Port Huron, Mich., died of Consumption on the 30th April, 1888. Initiated 22nd April, 1887. Beneficiary, Lucy Jane McKaue, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3265. Brother O. S. Vernum, aged 39 years, of Court Stella, No. 1385, located at Waterloo, N. Y., died of Typhoid Fever on the 29th April, 1888. Initiated

- 27th September, 1895. Beneficiary, Eva Venum, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 3266. Brother James Davidson, aged 34 years, of Court Tennyson, No. 1161, located at Montreal, Que., died of Phthisis on the 30th April, 1893. Initiated 6th October, 1892. Beneficiary, Emma Davidson, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3267. Brother John Bland, aged 62 years, of Court Cairnsmore, No. 432, located at Toronto, Ont., died of Ulceration and Hemorrhage of Stomach on the 12th April, 1898. Initiated 14th November, 1887. Beneficiaries, Wm. John and Frank S. Bland, sons; and Mary Ann Bland, daughter. \$1,000. \$1,000 previously paid on Total and Permanent Disability.
- No. 3268. Brother John R. Sundberg, aged 45 years, of Court Golden Gate, No. 603, located at San Francisco, Cal., died of Phthisis on the 6th April, 1898. Initiated 11th June, 1897. Beneficiary, Emma L. Sundberg, wife. \$3,000.
- No. 3269. Brother Timothy McCarthy, Jr., aged 29 years, of Court Somerset, No. 985, located at Somerville, N.J., died of Diabetes Mellitus on the 3rd May, 1898. Initiated 14th September, 1893. Beneficiary, Timothy McCarthy, father. \$1,000.
- No. 3270. Brother John B. Collings, aged 50 years, of Court Birmingham, No. 2026, located at Birmingham, Eng., died of Apoplexy on the 18th April, 1898. Initiated 24th April, 1893. Beneficiary, Caroline Collings, wife. £1,000.
- No. 3271. Brother Wm. E. Cobby, aged 49 years, of Court Blue Island, No. 3120, located at Blue Island, Ill., shot himself while Insane on the 27th March, 1898. Initiated 8th February, 1896. Beneficiary, Charlotte S. Cobby, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3272. Brother Jas. W. Cassidy, aged 49 years, of Court Happy Thought, No. 917, located at Tatamagouche, N.S., died of Pneumonia on the 10th April, 1898. Initiated 19th November, 1891. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.
- No. 3273. Brother Frank H. Ellis, aged 28 years, of Court Lafayette, No. 314, located at Elizabeth, N.J., died of Consumption on the 2nd May, 1898. Initiated 23rd October, 1888. Beneficiaries, Ada E. Ellis, wife; Minnie Ellis, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 3274. Brother George G. Barnett, aged 42 years, of Court Rochester, No. 1687, located at Rochester, N.Y., died of Cerebral Meningitis on the 3rd May, 1898. Initiated 12th July, 1895. Beneficiary, Nora Barnett, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3275. Brother Elie Tremblay, aged 51 years, of Court Lake Megantic, No. 538, located at Lake Megantic, Que., died of Injuries Received on R.R. on the 18th April, 1898. Initiated 25th September, 1894. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Geffray, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3276. Brother George L. Stokes, aged 25 years, of Court Kinsman, No. 1038, located at Cleveland, Ohio, died of Tuberculosis on the 1st May, 1898. Initiated 23rd December, 1895. Beneficiary, Elizabeth J. Stokes, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 3277. Brother Wm. K. Snider, aged 46 years, of Court Brock, No. 212, located at Toronto, Ont., died of Cancer of Bowels on the 5th April, 1898. Initiated 19th June, 1883. Beneficiary, Charlotte C. Snider, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3278. Brother James Lane, aged 46 years, of Court Duluth, No. 724, located at Duluth, Minn., died of Cerebral Meningitis on the 2nd May, 1898. Initiated 17th July, 1894. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$500.
- No. 3279. Brother David Semple, aged 56 years, of Court Florenceville, No. 1235, located at Florenceville, N.B., died of Typhoid Fever on the 19th April, 1898. Initiated 26th December, 1896. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$500.
- No. 3280. Brother Jacob Hofmeister, aged 49 years, of Court Best, No. 3069, located at Milwaukee, Wis., died of Phthisis on the 29th April, 1898. Initiated 21st January, 1896. Beneficiary, Henrietta Hofmeister, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3281. Brother Elisha Smith, Jr., aged 23 years, of Court Myrtle, No. 5, located at Richmond, Que., died of Pneumonia on the 1st May, 1898. Initiated 10th July, 1893. Beneficiary, Elisha Smith, father. \$1,000.
- No. 3282. Brother John F. Miller, aged 35 years, of Court Sheridan, No. 761, located at Buffalo, N.Y., died of Diabetes on the 13th April, 1898. Initiated 23rd May, 1875. Beneficiary, Regina Miller, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3283. Brother Edward Gilchrist, aged 42 years, of Court Queen's Court, No. 1277, located at Caledonia Corner, N. S., died of Pneumonia and Abscess of Lung on the 1st August, 1897. Initiated 22nd March, 1897. Beneficiaries, Queen's Court. \$500.
- No. 3284. Brother Pat. H. Conway, aged 36 years, of Court Chauncey, No. 3282, located at Depew, N.Y., died of Typhoid Pneumonia on the 22nd April, 1898. Initiated 13th August, 1896. Beneficiary, Lizzio Conway, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3285. Brother Frederick C. W. Wagner, aged 42 years, of Court Woodgrange, No. 2155, located at Forestgate, Eng., died of Pneumonia on the 25th February, 1898. Initiated 17th February, 1896. Beneficiary, Margaretta Wagner, wife. £100.
- No. 3286. Brother Louis Rayot, aged 46 years, of Court Fraternal, No. 3300, located at St. Louis, Mo., died of Pneumonia on the 21st April, 1898. Initiated 20th April, 1897. Beneficiary, Mary Frances Rayot, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3287. Brother D. L. Nickerson, aged 49 years, of Court Inlay, No. 436, located at Inlay City, Mich., died of Heart Disease on the 28th April, 1898. Initiated 9th March, 1892. Beneficiary, Nancy Nickerson, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3288. Brother Gideon Dubois, aged 21 years, of Court St. Michel, No. 1193, located at Sherbrooke, Que., shot himself on the 3rd January, 1898. Initiated 11th November, 1897. Beneficiary, Louis Dubois, father. \$400.
- No. 3289. Brother Frank Opper, aged 37 years, of Court Loyal, No. 3117, located at Duluth, Minn., died of Apoplexy on the 9th May, 1898. Initiated 15th February, 1897. Beneficiary, Frances Opper, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3290. Brother S. Chipman Weston, aged 35 years, of Court Mensecommick, No. 1140, located at Upper Gageton, N.B., died of Laryngitis on the 30th April, 1898. Initiated 13th May, 1897. Beneficiary, Laura W. Weston, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3291. Brother Wm. H. Moore, aged 21 years, of Court Jacques Cartier, No. 970, located at Montreal, Que., died of Appendicitis on the 27th April, 1898. Initiated 25th March, 1892. Beneficiary, T. F. Moore, father. \$1,000.
- No. 3292. Brother C. P. Visser, aged 32 years, of Court Yosemite, No. 1275, located at Stockton, Cal., died of Apoplexy on the 25th April, 1898. Initiated 9th December, 1897. Beneficiary, Emilie A. Visser, wife. \$5,000.
- No. 3293. Brother Louis F. Decker, aged 32 years, of Court Charles, No. 3164, located at Springfield, Ill., died of Pneumonia on the 12th May, 1898. Initiated 1st July, 1896. Beneficiary, J. J. Decker, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 3294. Brother J. A. Dunkerley, aged 33 years, of Court Ulverton, No. 1169, located at Ulverton, Que., died of Nephritis on the 8th May, 1898. Initiated 15th October, 1892. Beneficiary, Cora F. Dunkerley, sister. \$1,000.
- No. 3295. Brother Jas. D. Stoughton, aged 30 years, of Court Ardoch, No. 496, located at Ardoch, N. D., died of Phthisis on the 5th May, 1898. Initiated 3rd December, 1894. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.
- No. 3296. Brother James Donaldson, aged 48 years, of Court Essex, No. 1219, located at Norton Mills, Vt., died of Pneumonia on the 13th May, 1898. Initiated 3rd May, 1893. Beneficiary, Margaret Donaldson, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3297. Brother Julius A. Wendt, aged 31 years, of Court Marshfield, No. 3298, located at Marshfield, Wis., shot himself on the 1st October, 1897. Initiated 12th August, 1896. Beneficiary, Emma Wendt, wife. \$500.
- No. 3298. Brother David Steckley, aged 35 years, of Court Tonawanda, No. 624, located at Tonawanda, N. Y., died of General Paresis on the 10th May, 1898. Initiated 25th February, 1897. Beneficiary, Margaret E. Steckley, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3299. Brother John Doerich, aged 47 years, of Court Genesee, No. 387, located at Rochester, N.Y., poisoned himself while Insane on the 12th March, 1898. Initiated 14th July, 1891. Beneficiary, Christine D. Doerich, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3300. Brother S. T. T. Graham, aged 31 years, of Court Sunbury, No. 1259, located at Blissville, N. B., died of Consumption on the 10th May, 1898. Initiated 9th May, 1893. Beneficiary, Alice E. Graham, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3301. Brother Daniel W. McCall, aged 43 years, of Court Charlotteville, No. 338, located at Victoria, Ont., died of Acute Otitis Media on the 16th May, 1898. Initiated 29th February, 1897. Beneficiary, Mary Elizabeth McCall, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3302. Brother William H. Hutchins, aged 55 years, of Court Parkhill, No. 156, located at Parkhill, Ont., died of Cancer of Liver on the 19th May, 1898. Initiated 29th November, 1889. Beneficiary, Susan Hutchins, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3303. Brother Charles Wesley Pray, aged 34 years, of Court Alvington, No. 67, located at Alvington, Ont., died of Tubercular Laryngitis on the 17th May, 1898. Initiated 19th November, 1883. Beneficiary, Mary Ann Pray, mother. \$1,000.

No. 3304. Brother Edward E. H. Dickson, aged 31 years, of Court Cliftonville, No. 2006, located at Belfast, Ire., died of Malignant Anaemia on the 4th May, 1898. Initiated 8th March, 1891. Beneficiary, Essie Dickson, wife. £200.

No. 3305. Brother John Conway, aged 39 years, of Court Fire Brigade, No. 17.9, located at Syracuse, N.Y., died of Traumatic Disease of Lungs on the 7th May, 1898. Initiated 14th October, 1897. Beneficiary, Catherine Conway, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3306. Brother Samuel Johnston, aged 61 years, of Court Speedwell, No. 846, located at Windsor, Ont., died of Apoplexy on the 29th April, 1898. Initiated 23rd February, 1891. Beneficiaries, Mary, Etta Ella Johnston, daughters, and John Samuel Johnston, son. \$2,000.

No. 3307. Brother Henry A. Turner, aged 53 years, of Court Custer, No. 402, located at Brown City, Mich., died of Pernicious Anaemia and Jaundice on the 24th May, 1898. Initiated 11th February, 1892. Beneficiaries, Franklin H. Turner and John T. Turner, sons. \$1,000.

No. 3308. Brother Walter McFarlane, aged 51 years, of Court St. Marys, No. 115, located at St. Marys, N.B., died of Heart Disease on the 7th May, 1898. Initiated 2nd March, 1888. Beneficiary, Jane McFarlane, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3309. Brother Henry Branton, aged 66 years, of Court Eric, No. 47, located at Leamington, Ont., died of Pneumonia on the 20th May, 1898. Initiated 9th July, 1883. Beneficiary, Hannah Branton, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3310. Brother Silas Wayne Wright, aged 31 years, of Court Lisbon Centre, No. 3570, located at Lisbon Centre, N.Y., died of Appendicitis on the 18th May, 1898. Initiated 1st March, 1898. Beneficiary, Thomas Wayne Wright, father. \$1,000.

No. 3311. Brother E. S. Gamster, aged 27 years, of Court Yerba Buena, No. 913, located at San Francisco, Cal., died of Phthisis on the 28th March, 1898. Initiated 23rd March, 1897. Beneficiary, Belle Gamster, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3312. Brother Daniel W. Crockett, aged 61 years, of Court Hopewell, No. 56, located at Hopewell, N.S., died of Heart Disease on the 21st May, 1898. Initiated 11th May, 1886. Beneficiary, Mary J. Crockett, wife. \$500. \$500 had been previously paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 3313. Brother F. J. Stanyer, aged 29 years, of Court Merrimack, No. 3189, located at Manchester, N.H., died of Phthisis on the 4th May, 1898. Initiated 2nd September, 1895. Beneficiaries, Alice A., Mary A., and Lucy J. Stanyer, sisters. \$1,000.

No. 3314. Brother Goldwin Montgomery, aged 21 years, of Court Dover Centre, No. 1177, located at Dover Centre, Ont., died of Pneumonia on the 5th May, 1898. Initiated 3rd October, 1895. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 3315. Brother James Newton Emrick, aged 48 years, of Court Fort Hamilton, No. 1749, located at Hamilton, Ohio, died of Apoplexy on the 12th May, 1898. Initiated 4th March, 1898. Beneficiary, Sarah Frances Emrick, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3316. Brother Edwin A. Scribner, aged 42 years, of Court Morris, No. 3229, located at Bonton, N.J., died of Enteric Fever on the 22nd May, 1898. Initiated 16th February, 1897. Beneficiary, Annie E. Scribner, wife. \$3,000.

No. 3317. Brother Edgar Reeves, aged 37 years, of Court Ste. Brigitte, No. 1318, located at Montreal East, Que., died of Pneumonia on the 19th May, 1898. Initiated 3rd December, 1891. Beneficiary, Alice Reeves, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3318. Brother John Stirtzinger, aged 47 years, of Court Pelham, No. 233, located at Fenwick, Ont., died of Endocarditis on the 20th May, 1898. Initiated 29th July, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary E. Stirtzinger, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3319. Brother H. M. Van Every, aged 30 years, of Court Pelham, No. 23, located at Fenwick Ont., died of Phthisis on the 8th May, 1898. Initiated 25th March, 1893. Beneficiary, Stella M. Van Every, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3320. Brother Fred Frey, aged 25 years, of Court South End, No. 1362, located at Newark, N.J., died of Nephritis on the 16th March, 1898. Initiated 17th August, 1897. Beneficiary, Minnie L. Frey, aunt. \$1,000.

No. 3321. Brother Wilber Barber Gulley, aged 26 years, of Court Canton, No. 1343, located at Canton, N.Y., died of Appendicitis on the 15th May, 1898. Initiated 13th January, 1898. Beneficiary, Jane E. Gulley, mother. \$1,000.

No. 3322. Brother William M. Rose, aged 34 years, of Court Queen City, No. 66, located at Toronto, Ont., died of Phthisis on the 30th April, 1898. Initiated 23rd

March, 1897. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 3323. Brother R. J. Dodds, aged 45 years, of Court Puget Sound, No. 538, located at Seattle, Wash., died of Heart Disease on the 22nd May, 1898. Initiated 11th December, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary M. Dodds, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3324. Brother Nicholas R. Munroe, aged 37 years, of Court Boundary, No. 3576, located at Greenwood, B.C., died of Erysipelas on the 3rd April, 1898. Initiated 5th July, 1897. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 3325. Brother Turney Murray, aged 32 years, of Court Verne, No. 1019, located at Monmouth, Ill., was Accidentally Killed on R.R. on the 18th May, 1898. Initiated 22nd October, 1897. Beneficiaries, Reta and Barney Murray, children, Anna Murray, wife. \$2,000.

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

During the month of May, the Medical Board reviewed 2,789 medical examination papers, of which 2,462 were accepted and 327 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted		Rejected		
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	
British Columbia.	45	5	Nova Scotia.....	30	10
California.....	168	20	N.W. Territories.	31	8
Connecticut.....	1	0	Ohio.....	98	8
Colorado.....	3	3	Ontario (Centre).	201	34
Illinois.....	239	21	Ontario (East).....	185	23
Indiana.....	27	6	Ontario (West).....	83	2
Iowa.....	26	2	Pennsylvania.....	21	1
Kansas.....	2	5	P. E. Island.....	23	1
Maine.....	47	5	Quebec.....	192	33
Manitoba.....	63	7	Rhode Island.....	7	0
Michigan.....	212	20	Vermont.....	16	3
Minnesota.....	83	9	Washington.....	25	1
Missouri.....	19	2	Wisconsin.....	101	11
Montana.....	7	2	England.....	79	15
Nebraska.....	4	1	Ireland.....	32	5
New Brunswick.....	43	9	Scotland.....	13	2
New Hampshire.....	15	6	Wales.....	14	2
New Jersey.....	39	3	Norway.....	15	3
New York.....	227	34	Total.....	2462	327
North Dakota.....	16	4			

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

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for May, 1898.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$2,626,777 12
" Supreme Secretary.....	146,026 31
" " re Fire Insurance.....	442 10
" " re Refund re Loans.....	200 77
	<u>\$2,773,446 30</u>

CONTRA—CR.

Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—

Alexander Gove.....	Court Tahoma, 1685.....	\$3,000 00
John McMullen.....	" Lowell Town, 3114.....	1,000 00
Willard F. Gikerson.....	" Prince Albert, 149.....	2,000 00
Thomas Martin.....	" Bay City, 506.....	1,000 00
Nathan Aleck Beach.....	" M'phremgog, 902.....	1,000 00
Jn. W. Schermmerhorn.....	" Mayville, 523.....	1,000 00
C. B. Smith.....	" Defiance, 1342.....	1,000 00
William Mayres.....	" Goderich, 253.....	1,000 00
Henry McKague.....	" Desmond, 187.....	1,000 00
William Nettleton.....	" Pictou, 177.....	1,000 00
Orville S. Vernum.....	" Stella, 1985.....	1,000 00
James Davidson.....	" Tennyson, 1161.....	1,000 00
John Bland.....	" Cairnsmore, 432.....	1,000 00
John R. Sundverg.....	" Golden Gate, 603.....	3,000 00
William E. Cobley.....	" Blue Island, 3120.....	1,000 00
Rev. Hor. J. Baldwin.....	" Clayton, 171.....	2,000 00

Tim. McCarthy, Jr. Court Somersct. 988.....	\$1,000 00
James W. Cassidy.....	Happy Thot, 917..... 1,000 00
Frank H. Ellis.....	Lafayette, 314..... 1,000 00
Eli Tremblay.....	L. Megantic, 538..... 1,000 00
George J. Barnett.....	Rochester, 1637..... 1,000 00
G. Dubois.....	St. Michael, 1193..... 400 00
William K. Snider.....	Brock, 212..... 1,000 00
George L. Stokes.....	Kinsman, 1033..... 1,000 00
Elisha Smith, Jr.....	Myrtle, 5..... 1,000 00
John F. McMillan.....	Sheridan, 761..... 2,000 00
John S. Bothwell.....	Chandler, 774..... 500 00
Edward Gilchrist.....	Queen's Co't, 1277..... 500 00
Jacob Hofmenister.....	Best, 3099..... 1,000 00
Pat. H. Conway.....	Chauncey, 1382..... 1,000 00
F. C. W. Wagner.....	W'd Grange, 2155..... 1,918 88
Rev. Jas. Louden.....	Louden, 2100..... 974 44
Louis Rayot.....	Fraternal, 3390..... 1,000 00
D. L. Nicholson.....	Imlay, 436..... 1,000 00
S. Chipman Weston.....	Mensecom'ck, 1140..... 1,000 00
Frank Oppal.....	Loyal, 3417..... 2,000 00
Alex. Atkinan.....	Dufferin, 4..... 800 00
William H. Moore.....	Jacques Cartier, 970..... 1,000 00
Louis T. Decker.....	Charles, 3164..... 1,000 00
Hugh Hinds.....	Ottawa, 41..... 166 66
G. F. Visher.....	Yosemite, 1275..... 5,000 00
Francois Turcotte.....	C. P. R., 1197..... 1,000 00
James Donaldson.....	Essex, 1249..... 1,000 00
J. A. Dunkerley.....	Alverton, 1169..... 1,000 00
Julius A. Wendt.....	Marshfield, 3298..... 550 00
John Dorich.....	Genesee, 387..... 1,000 00
S. T. T. Graham.....	Sumbury, 1289..... 1,000 00
David Semple.....	Florenceville, 1235..... 500 00
David Steckley.....	Tonawanda, 624..... 1,000 00
Daniel W. McColl.....	Charlottetown, 338..... 1,000 00
Wm. H. Hutchins.....	Parkhill, 156..... 2,000 00
Charles Wesley Pray.....	Alviston, 67..... 1,000 00
Edwd. E. H. Dickson.....	Cliftonville, 2096..... 976 66
John Conway.....	Fire Brigade, 1799..... 1,000 00
Samuel Johnston.....	Speedwell, 816..... 2,000 00
Henry A. Turner.....	Custer, 402..... 500 00
Walter McFarlane.....	St. Marys, 145..... 2,000 00
Henry Brunton.....	Bric, 47..... 2,000 00
Silas Wayne Wright.....	Liston O'tre, 3570..... 1,000 00
B. S. Gamester.....	Yerba Buena, 913..... 1,000 00
Daniel W. Crockett.....	Oakville, 56..... 500 00
James D. Stoughton.....	Ardoch, 496..... 1,000 00
Jas. Newton Emrick.....	Ft. Hamilton, 1749..... 1,000 00
Edwin H. Scribner.....	Morris, 3229..... 3,000 00
Edgar Reeves.....	St. Bridget, 1398..... 2,000 00
John Stortzinger.....	Pelham, 233..... 1,000 00
H. M. Van Every.....	Pelham, 233..... 1,000 00
Fred. Frey.....	South End, 1562..... 1,000 00
Wilbur Barber Galley.....	Canton, 1343..... 1,000 00
William M. Rose.....	Queen City, 66..... 1,000 00
R. J. Dodds.....	Puget Sound, 538..... 2,000 00
Nicholas R. Munro.....	Boundary, 3576..... 1,000 00
Turney Murray.....	Verne, 1049..... 1,000 00
John B. Collins.....	Birmingham, 2026..... 4,866 60

\$94,183 24

Old Age Disability—	
A Mountjoy, Ct. Albert, 100.....	100 00
Total and Permanent Disability—	
Lewis R. Rivers, C. Andover, 626.....	\$ 500 00
H. H. Sinn, C. Chieftain, 1735.....	500 00
William Shaw, C. Mariposa 1906.....	1,500 00
Henry Yant, C. Standard, 817.....	1,500 00
Joseph Daly, C. Equity, 112.....	500 00
Thomas Farmiloe, C. Elmerick, 821.....	500 00
Henry H. Rose, C. Sidney, 83.....	500 00
John Johnston, C. Piscataquis, 923.....	500 00
Henry McCloskey, C. Borestown, 845.....	500 30
Doctor's Fees.....	27 50
Taxes on Temple Building.....	216 88
Advertising re Loans.....	58 75
Insurance.....	482 16
Refund of Assessments.....	94 67
Legal Fees.....	309 10
Commission on Loans.....	38 50
5 per cent. to General Fund.....	1,230 06
Balance.....	7,301 32
Total.....	2,661,104 18
Total.....	\$2,773,416 30

Sick and Funeral Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$ 121,433 50
Supreme Secretary.....	11,274 69
Total.....	\$ 135,708 19

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Claims.....	\$12,184 53
Funeral Claims.....	350 00
5 per cent. General Fund.....	713 73
Balance.....	122,459 93
Total.....	\$135,708 19

General Account for May, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 7,166 08
on acct. of Supplies.....	669 51
To 5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	7,301 32
Sick and Fun'l Benefit Fund.....	713 73
Balance.....	8,317 70
Total.....	\$ 24,168 34

CONTRA—CR.

Salaries of Officers.....	\$1,999 99
Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	9,682 39
Wages of Employees.....	2,986 35
Furniture Account.....	367 40
General Management Expenses.....	4,016 61
"Forester" and Supplies.....	3,115 60
Total.....	\$ 24,168 34

Surplus.

Deposited with Dom. Ins. Dept. of Canada.....	\$100,000 00
Great Britain and Ireland.....	95,610 17
U. S. Government Bonds.....	56,758 36
New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Est.....	2,010,078 40
Debentures.....	236,946 36
Deposit Receipts.....	540 79
Total.....	\$2,549,934 68

Current Account..... 114,169 50

Sick and Funeral Surplus..... 122,459 93

Grand Total Surplus..... \$2,786,564 11

Yours in I. B. & C.

H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Tres.

New Courts for April, 1898.

Court Nepigon, No. 3827, Nepigon, Ont.

Instituted on the 26th March, 1898, by H. S. Lewis. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., James McIlwraith; Chaplain, —; Physician, G. S. Beck, M.D. 16 members.

Court Maine, No. 3828, Chicago, Ill.

Instituted on the 14th March, 1898, by P. McDougall and R. Brett. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., James J. Morris; Chaplain, Jos. H. Labell; Physician, H. C. Dale, M.D. 49 members.

Court Montgomery, No. 3829, Chicago, Ill.

Instituted on the 15th March, 1898, by P. McDougall and R. Brett. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Albert E. Hedstrom; Chaplain, Edward Y. Horder; Physician, Fred. S. Selby, M.D. 44 members.

Court La Riviere, No. 3831, Montreal, Que.

Instituted on the 4th April, 1898, by Idor La Riviere. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Idor La Riviere; Chaplain, Albert S. Bourret; Physician, L. J. Barolet, M.D. 29 members.

Court Laggan, No. 3832, Laggan, Ont.

Instituted on the 1st April, 1898, by James Glendenning. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., John P. McNaughton; Chaplain, James E. McMillan; Physician, Kenneth McLennan, M.D. 32 members.

Court Baltimore, No. 3833, Baltimore, Ont.

Instituted on the 1st April, 1898, by G. W. Potts. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Robt. Franco; Chaplain, —; Physician, N. G. Murray, M.D. 18 members.

Court Cornell, No. 3834, Ithaca, N.Y.

Instituted on the 25th March, 1898, by Col. A. B. Caldwell. Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Dr. Eugene Baker; Chaplain, W. Doane; Physician, Edmond H. Kyle, M.D. 25 members.



**Court Huntingtower, No. 3835, Lorain, Ohio.**

Instituted on the 4th April, 1898, by W. G. Philip.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Luther L. Clark;  
Chaplain, Jacob P. Bechtel; Physician, John F. McGarvey, M.D. 22 members.

**Court Oto, No. 3836, Oto, Iowa.**

Instituted on the 5th April, 1898, by C. F. Clark.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Rev. D. E. Armitage;  
Chaplain, Rev. D. E. Armitage; Physician, G. P. Van Mare, M.D. 18 members.

**Court Deer River, No. 3837, Deer River, N. Y.**

Instituted on the 1st April, 1898, by F. J. Spraker.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., R. C. Otis; Chaplain,  
Rev. Wm. H. Rowe; Physician, Charles F. Adams.  
M.D. 24 members.

**Court Harrisburg, No. 3838, Harrisburg, Penn.**

Instituted on the 6th April, 1898, by Geo. W. Strickland.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Eugene A. Merrill;  
Chaplain, Robert R. Baker; Physician, Samuel F. Hassler, M.D. 17 members.

**Court Cheltenham, No. 3839, Chicago, Ill.**

Instituted on the 1st April, 1898, by Guy Kimball.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Sherman U. Alsop;  
Chaplain, Sherman W. Haas; Physician, E. E. Tansley,  
M.D. 25 members.

**Court Cross Creek, No. 3840, Cross Creek, N. B.**

Instituted on the 5th April, 1898, by Wm. Kinghorn.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., George R. Jonah;  
Chaplain, Edward S. Thomas; Physician, B. M. Mullin,  
M.D. 16 members.

**Court Stars and Stripes, No. 3841, Philadelphia, Pa.**

Instituted on the 7th April, 1898, by C. W. Barton.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., L. G. Wiener;  
Chaplain, H. W. Weihenmager; Physician, W. H. Hobson, M.D. 19 members.

**Court Arlington, No. 3842, Seely's Bay, Ont.**

Instituted on the 8th April, 1898, by James Glendenning.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Manley E. Marsh;  
Chaplain, Geo. G. McKinley; Physicians, Dr. Gardiner  
and Dr. Gardiner's associate. 28 members.

**Court Select, No. 3843, St. Catharines, Ont.**

Instituted on the 21st March, 1898, by C. C. Whale.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., B. J. Leubsdorf;  
Chaplain, R. Walker; Physician, A. Leitch, M.D. 25  
members.

**Court Duquesne, No. 3844, Pittsburg, Pa.**

Instituted on the 5th April, 1898, by Ph. Wittich.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., James E. C. Garber;  
Chaplain, H. W. Luther; Physician, H. K. Beatty,  
M.D. 27 members.

**Court Pleasant Surprise, No. 3845, Grand Rapids, Mich.**

Instituted on the 8th April, 1898, by R. S. French.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Charles A. Bird;  
Chaplain, Thos. E. Nichols; Physician, Jas. M. De  
Kraker, M.D. 34 members.

**Court Otowega, No. 3846, Bridgeburg, Ont.**

Instituted on the 7th April, 1898, by Geo. Caldwell  
for C. C. Whale.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., E. E. Vahey; Chaplain,  
James McKee; Physician, Wm. Douglas, M.D. 24  
members.

**Court Nevada, No. 3847, Nevada City, Cal.**

Instituted on the 11th April, 1898, by W. M. Blake.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. McKinley, jr.;  
Chaplain, Lee Bullington; Physician, Alfred N. Tickell,  
M.D. 25 members.

**Court ———, No. 3848, Anoka, Minn.**

Instituted on the 14th April, 1898, by Frank R. McDonald.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., O. F. Warnes; Chaplain,  
J. H. Frank, M.D.; Physician, J. H. Frank, M.D. 26  
members.

**Court ———, No. 3849, Belleville, N. Y.**

Instituted on the 13th April, 1898, by B. G. Blaisdell.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., D. M. Kelsey; Chaplain,  
A. F. Eveleigh; Physician, S. W. Frame, M.D. 19  
members.

**Court Cairns, No. 3850, Lancaster, Ont.**

Instituted on the 1st April, 1898, by Jas. Glendenning.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., D. A. McPherson;

Chaplain, William Nicholson; Physician, A. McLaren,  
M.D. 16 members.

**Court ———, No. 3830, Moline, Ill.**

Instituted on the 8th March, 1898, by George H. Mustard.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John A. Ullmark;  
Chaplain, Alvin J. Anderson; Physician, August H. Arp, M.D. 44 members.

**Court Grand Trunk, No. 3881, London, Ont.**

Instituted on the 4th April, 1898, by T. G. Davey.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Jas. R. McLardy;  
Chaplain, J. R. Laurie; Physician, A. E. Stutt. 27  
members.

**Court Legion, No. 3885, Brockville, Ont.**

Instituted on the 12th April, 1898, by James Glendenning.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Samuel Kerns;  
Chaplain, Daniel How; Physician, W. Ernest Harding,  
M.D. 31 members.

**Court Vincent, No. 3886, Kingston, Ont.**

Instituted on the 13th April, 1898, by W. M. Drenman.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Edward Lyons;  
Chaplain, ———; Physician, Edward Ryan, M.D. 25  
members.

**Court Penn, No. 3887, Pittsburg, Pa.**

Instituted on the 14th April, 1898, by Ph. Wittich.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Rev. Dr. C. V. Scheuermann;  
Chaplain, Jacob Volkwein; Physician,  
Rev. Dr. C. V. Scheuermann. 21 members.

**Court ———, No. 3888, Cleveland, Ohio.**

Instituted on the 18th April, 1898, by W. G. Philip.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John Rine; Chaplain,  
Thos. M. Hyslop; Physician, John Anderson,  
M.D. 23 members.

**Court St. Evariste, No. 3889, St. Evariste, Que.**

Instituted on the 18th April, 1898, by E. S. Bois and Tremblay.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. A. Dullaire; Chaplain,  
Auguste Philippon; Physician, J. E. Bernier,  
M.D. 29 members.

**Court Yakima, No. 3890, Yakima, Wash.**

Instituted on the 11th April, 1898, by John A. Forsyth.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., C. A. Anderson;  
Chaplain, Geo. C. Arrowsmith; Physician, P. Frank,  
M.D. 14 members.

**Court Visalia, No. 3891, Visalia, Cal.**

Instituted on the 15th April, 1898, by F. W. Chapman.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. H. McKie; Chaplain,  
W. C. Stewart; Physician, Dr. W. W. Cross, jr. 15  
members.

**Court Royal City, No. 3892, Guelph, Ont.**

Instituted on the 15th April, 1898, by C. C. Whale and T. Lawless.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Albert Wicks;  
Chaplain, Rev. Dean Belt; Physician, D. Lowry, M.D. 28  
members.

**Court ———, No. 3893, Crookston, Minn.**

Instituted on the 20th April, 1898, by H. L. Chadwick.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Louis E. Gossman;  
Chaplain, James E. Starkey; Physician, H. Williams  
Smith, M.D. 20 members.

**Court Fountain City, No. 3894, Bellefontaine, Ohio.**

Instituted on the 21st April, 1898, by W. G. Philip.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John H. Martin, M.D.;  
Chaplain, Jas. A. Yates; Physician, John H. Martin,  
M.D. 21 members.

**Court Mahoning, No. 3895, Mahoning, Ohio.**

Instituted on the 22nd April, 1898, by Dennis Gleason and Martin Gluck.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Robt. J. Banner;  
Chaplain, Serenus T. Rutter; Physician, John S. Zimmerman, M.D. 22 members.

**Court ———, No. 3896, Lilloet, B. C.**

Instituted on the 15th April, 1898, by James H. Falconer.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. G. Duguid; Chaplain,  
R. H. Brett; Physician, G. F. Sanson, M.D. 26  
members.

**Court ———, No. 3897, Stella, Ont.**

Instituted on the 22nd April, 1898, by G. W. Brown.  
Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. H. Moutray;  
Chaplain, Wm. Hamilton; Physician, H. S. Northmore,  
M.D. 26 members.

**Court Oleivein, No. 3893, Oleivein, Ohio.**

Instituted on the 23rd April, 1898, by J. W. Kinzinger. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., E. B. Burns; Chaplain, John L. Oiler; Physician, J. F. Cole, M.D. 41 members.

**Court Kawkawlin, No. 3899, Kawkawlin, Mich.**

Instituted on the 20th April, 1898, by Lee E. Joslyn. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Geo. F. Smith; Chaplain, Joseph Schiller; Physician, Stephen G. Olmsted, M.D. 17 members.

**Court ———, No. 3900, Winnipeg, Man.**

Instituted on the 22nd April, 1898, by Thos. Waddell. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. Hunter; Chaplain, Rev. Geo. Rogers; Physician, J. S. Gray, M.D. 36 members.

**Court Court of the Knights, No. 3901, Toronto, Ont.**

Instituted on the 28th April, 1898, by Thos. Lawless, C. C. Whaley and D. C. Forbes.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Thomas Sargent; Chaplain, John Young; Physician, Edward Adams, M.D. 41 members.

**Court Fort Qu'Appelle, No. 3902, Fort Qu'Appelle, N.W.T.**

Instituted on the 23rd April, 1898, by C. R. Stovel. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., C. Featherstonhaugh; Chaplain, J. R. S. North; Physician, Dr. W. Hall. 21 members.

**Court Green Mountain, No. 3903, Montgomery, Vt.**

Instituted on the 27th April, 1898, by John W. Stocks. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. J. Wright; Chaplain, Chas. Macia; Physician, Dr. V. B. Herrick. 21 members.

**Court ———, No. 2215, Limerick, Ireland.**

Instituted on the 1st March, 1898, by Samuel Martin. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. Collier; Chaplain, Thomas Shreeves; Physician, Dr. Humphreys. 23 members.

**Court Euryr, No. 2216, Colwin Bay, North Wales.**

Instituted on the 17th March, 1898, by Robert Scott. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Jas. Burwell; Chaplain, Rev. John Edwards; Physician, Roger Edwards, M.D. 20 members.

**Court Clapham, No. 2217, South Lambeth, England.**

Instituted on the 18th March, 1898, by Edward Tattersall.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Joseph Bradshaw; Chaplain, ———; Physician, Jan L. G. Gellanders, M.D. 11 members.

**Acknowledgments.****\$1,000.**

Mrs. F. C. Ruble expresses her thanks to the Executive of the I. O. F. for their promptness in paying the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000 carried by her husband, Bro. F. C. Ruble, of Court Pigna, No 925.

**\$1,000.**

Mrs. J. J. Waring, Milford, N.B., thanks the Order and the brethren of Court Lancaster for the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, and for many kind acts of sympathy and regard.

**\$1,050.**

Mrs G. Johnson extends her thanks to the members of Court Isafold, No. 1048, for many acts of kindness during the illness and on the death of her late husband, Bro. A. Johnson; and also to the Executive Council for the prompt payment of the Funeral and Mortuary Benefit of \$1,050.

**\$2,000.**

Bro. G. P. Cummings, R.S. of Court Fresno, writes the Supreme Chief, conveying the thanks of the court for the prompt payment of \$2,000, the Mortuary Benefit of Bro. J. H. Cline. The draft was received just 13 days after the proof of claim was sent.

**\$1,000.**

The family of the late Bro. Harvey Ward, of Court Gratiot, Fort Huron, tender their thanks to the Supreme Chief for the prompt payment of the disability of Bro. Ward, of \$1,000.

**\$3,000.**

Mrs. Abbie S. Valliner, of San Francisco, writes the Supreme Chief thanking him for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit carried by her late husband, Bro. Henry A. Valliner, for many years Secretary of Court San Francisco, No. 822.

**\$1,050.**

Mrs. Isabella Hayball thanks the Order for the speedy payment of the \$1,050 benefit carried by her husband, the late Bro. Thos. H. Hayball, of Court Welcome, No. 12, London, Ont. She also thanks the brethren of the court for many acts of kindness.

**\$550.**

Mrs. Geo. F. Robinson, of Ford Mills, N.B., thanks the Executive for the prompt payment of the \$550 benefit of her late husband, Bro. Geo. F. Robinson, of Court Pleasant Grove, No. 1893, and the members of the court for their sympathy in the time of her bereavement.

**\$1,050.**

Mrs. Annie M. Simons, of East Toronto, writes Court York, No. 120, thanking officers and members for acts of sympathy in her bereavement, and the Executive for the prompt payment of the Mortuary and Funeral Benefit of \$1,050 carried by her late husband, Bro. John Simons.

**\$1,000.**

Mrs. Hattie Norton, of Vernon, Mich., writes the court expressing her gratitude to the brethren for their sympathy, and for many acts of kindness to her husband in his sorrow, also her appreciation of the prompt payment of the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000 carried by her late husband, Bro. John J. Norton.

**\$1,000.**

Mrs. Barbara Birmelin, Mansfield, Ohio, wishes to tender her sincere thanks to the Supreme Court of I. O. F. for the prompt payment of the \$1,000 insurance on her late husband's life. He died on the 31st of March, and a cheque for \$1,000 was received on April 15th. "May God prosper this noble Order" is her wish.

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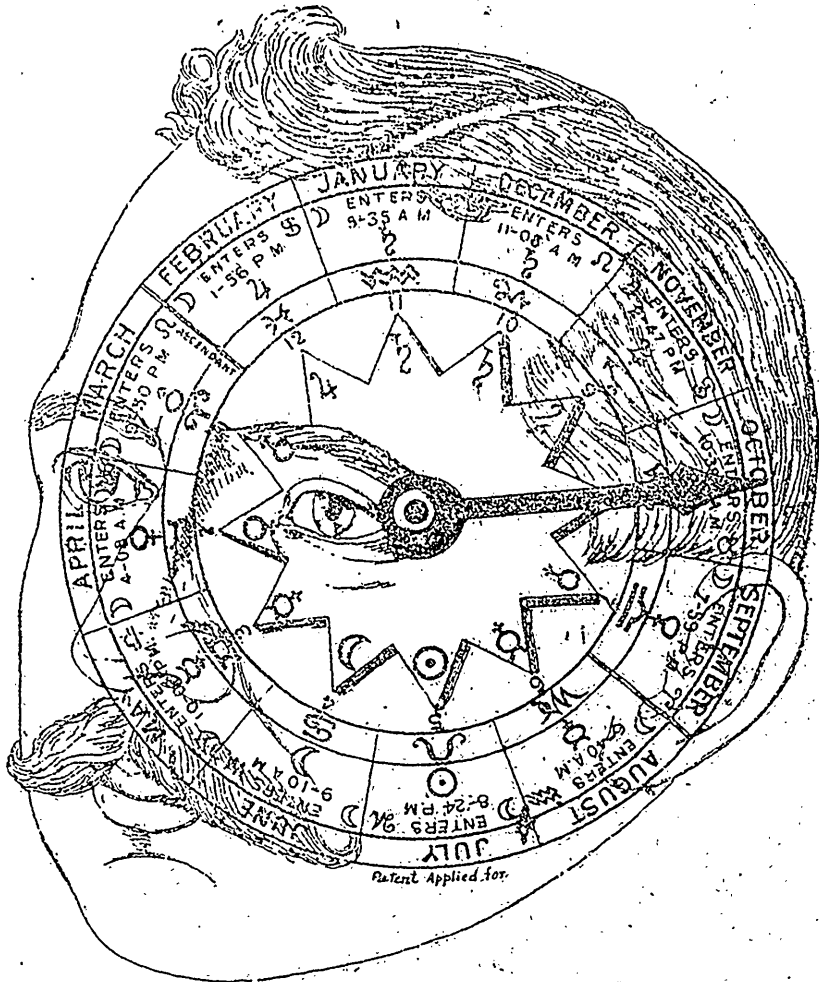
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