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- When a member is suspended.
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- When a member changes his address.
- When a member joins a court by card.
- When a member is reinstated.

HEREAFTER, when a Refund is due to a member, a Requisition therefor, on Form No. 49, must be made by the Court; the Refund, if allowed, will then be paid by cheque sent from The Supreme Court.

Refunds due to members must not be deducted from the Monthly Reports and Remittances; the full amount called for by each Monthly Report must be remitted to The Supreme Court.

Requisition for Refund, Form No. 49, can be obtained from all High Secretaries, price 2 cents each.

All members of the Order, when writing to Headquarters, are respectfully requested to give the name and number of their Court, in every letter, as well as the name of their Province, State or Country. In a large percentage of the letters received these important requisites are omitted, and the waste of time at the Head Office hunting for this information, before such letters can be answered, is so great that we are forced to make this request urgently. Don't ask us to reply to you personally when you write on matters connected with your Court. All communications from Headquarters, in connection with the business of the Court, must, according to the Constitutions and Laws, be sent to the Court Deputy. The Supreme Officers have no option in the matter.

Editorial.

Notes.

Have you brought in that new member?

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Three months remain of the Forestric year.

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How many of your friends have you asked to join the Order?

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It is worth remembering that an ounce of performance is worth a ton of promising in building up any enterprise.

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On the first of February the membership was 126,328. On the first of March it was 128,540, a net gain of 2,212.

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Study carefully the fine prize-list to be found in another column. It should cause a great increase in applications for May and June.

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Twelve months ago the membership was 107,715. The gain for the twelve months has been 20,825. The next twelve months will show a still greater gain.

Wisconsin is doing great work, and is away up among the leaders; 235 is a splendid gain for one month.

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New York always does well. Though second, it has a fine record for the month; 346 accepted applications means steady, thorough work.

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Michigan is ahead of Quebec, and that is always gratifying to Michigan, but only ahead for the month, with the substantial margin of 101. Quebec, beware!

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An esteemed brother writes us complaining that members do not read the Constitution and Laws. He claims that "the book is too large and contains too much." He does not, however, point out what sections are superfluous, and what clauses could be abridged.

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Five months more and the Supreme Court will be in session. Will we have a membership of **150,000**? We will, if every brother will do his duty. Loyalty to the Order implies that we, at least, try to increase its numbers and extend its influence.

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People who succeed are usually credited with being specially gifted, those who fail with lack of ability. Longfellow, however, was right when he said: "The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do."

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No better demonstration of the excellence of the I.O.F. system of selecting risks could be desired than is furnished by the fact that whereas, according to the Combined Experience or Actuaries' Table of Mortality, 919 deaths should have occurred during the year 1897, the actual number was 632.

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The premier province of Ontario still gives the I.O.F. its largest monthly addition. For March the applications numbered 618; the Centre gave 297, the West 162, and the East 162; in all, 289 more than for the same month a year ago. Long experience of the Order increases the confidence of the people.

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In spite of the excitement of a keenly contested provincial election, Ontario did well for February; 434 applications were received. This shows the popularity of the Order where it is best known, and where it has carried on its operations longest. We expect to see applications from Ontario rise to 1,000 per month.

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Some brethren found the winter too cold to attend the meetings of their court or do anything for their Order. In a couple of months the same

brethren will be finding the heat too oppressive for active effort. Now is their opportunity, when the weather is a little like themselves, neither cold nor hot.

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Don't defer your good deeds till you have time to do them. The busy people are the most benevolent. We owe to them the success of missionary and charitable enterprises. The men who are doing the most for the I.O.F. are busy men, but in the press of business they find odd moments in which to commend the principles and benefits of the Order.

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One of the great needs of the world is more work and less talk. This is true in all departments of activity. It is specially true in fraternal organizations. There is talk that is work—the talk that convinces a man of his need of the benefits of the I.O.F., and that persuades him to fill out an application for membership. That work-talk is always welcome.

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When we say to a member, "Secure an application," he is apt, among other things, to answer, "Oh, I have had that advice before." His position is all the less excusable; a man in the possession of good advice should act upon it. Those who have been profiting by the hard work of others should bestir themselves and do a little work on their own account.

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Members can scarcely find a more profitable exercise than recalling the conditions of the obligation to which they subscribed when they became members. All that brotherhood implies is promised. To alleviate the needs, protect the honor, and advance the interests of a brother is a brother's part. Is it always remembered and acted upon are questions every Forester should frequently ask himself.

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The man who is living up to the last dollar of his income would be just as well provided for if he took *one dollar* a month less to live on. If he should die and the income of his family cease with his existence, the dollar monthly that he had saved to carry \$1,000 benefit in the I.O.F. would prove a good investment for those he left behind. Every wage-earner *can*, if he *will*, save enough to pay for the benefits of our Order.

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The court room is the place to discuss the business of the court and of the Order. There are some things which should never be discussed elsewhere. Sometimes we hear on the street of things that were supposed to be considered under the sacred seal of confidence. Not a little mischief has been caused by careless talk about matters that

concerned members only. Don't tell all you know. This applies to all life's relationships.

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Every year an increasing number of courts give a public entertainment or hold an open meeting. The results are always advantageous to the Order. The outside public get to know our members, and they invariably find among them representative men in all walks of life, with whom it would be an honor to be associated. They also learn of the aims and work of the Order. Any court that gives an entertainment to which the public are invited is sure to add to the membership.

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A man earns \$500; that shows his worth as an income producer. A building that would yield a rental of \$500 would probably be worth \$10,000 or \$12,000, and would be insured for nearly that amount to protect the owner from loss, in case the building should be destroyed by fire. If the man should die, the loss would be still greater. A man's life should be protected as well as one's warehouse. The prudent man insures; if he has neglected it he will attend it at once. Now is a good time to join the I.O.F.

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If everybody refused to lend, it would be a bad thing for those obliged to borrow. A brother at _____ writes that two years ago, at Christmas time, a brother in _____, borrowed money that he has failed to repay. This is very un-Foresteric, a distinct violation of the obligation and a wrong against honesty and the brother that made the loan. If the delinquent brother wishes to retain his standing as an honest man among honest men, and to enjoy his Christmas in future, he will pay at once what he owes.

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For March the Supreme Physician examined 3,680 application papers. For the same month last year he examined 2,972; an increase of 708. This is another evidence of the growth and popularity of the I.O.F. That the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, does his work faithfully and fearlessly is evidenced by the fact, that out of 3,680 that made application for admission for increased benefits, 384, or nearly eleven per cent., were rejected. Whenever there is a doubt about the wisdom of accepting a particular applicant the Order gets the benefit of the doubt.

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It is hoped that the readers of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER will kindly give a moment's time to looking over the advertising which appears in this issue. It is the desire of the management to exclude from the advertising columns all announcements of an objectionable character, and an advertisement of anything known to be of a fraudulent nature or from any dishonest person, firm or cor-

poration will not be published. On the other hand, it is hoped that if any of the announcements in the advertising columns interest you, and you make an inquiry regarding the articles advertised, you will kindly mention the FORESTER. This will enable our advertisers to judge of the results of their announcements in the paper in which we are all interested.

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Everyone does well to ask himself frequently if his affairs are in such shape, that if he were called hence they would reflect credit on his thrift, forethought and business habits. We have known a few painful instances where much hardship and sorrow were entailed on loved ones through want of thought. When a young man is single he usually has a mother or sister named in his certificate as his beneficiary, and when he marries he sometimes neglects to have his wife substituted in her proper place as his beneficiary. Death may come unexpectedly, and does so come not unfrequently, and the young wife finds that she is penniless and at the mercy of others whose selfishness is greater than their justice or generosity. We say to every brother, "See that your beneficiary is the one for whom you intend the benefit. See that all your affairs are in shape, and creditable to a thoughtful and upright man."

Keep Your Membership Good!

During 1897, 30,137 joined the I.O.F., being about 6,000 more than the gain of any previous year. For the same period no less than 7,658 allowed their membership to lapse. This is too large a number. From the standpoint of the Order, with renewals and suspensions a gain, when for every one so lost to the I.O.F. four come in to take his place. It does not cost the Order anything when a member allows himself to be suspended; all that has been paid in is so much gain. We want our members to persist and keep their standing good. Health is no guarantee of long life. The man is without excuse who throws away, through failure to pay his assessments, the heritage that his family has in a certificate of membership in the Independent Order of Foresters—an Order that in 1897 paid in benefits to the widows and orphans, and to sick and disabled members, the magnificent sum of \$992,225.60.

Ten Thousand Applications for June!

Why not? And at once some will answer the figure is too high. Others will say it has never been done before, and it cannot be done now, competition is too keen; besides, in many places nearly all the eligible men are in the I.O.F., that is true but of very few places. We believe it can be done,

but not by raising objections or dwelling on the difficulties, but by going to work. What does it after all mean? Only this, that every 13 men in the Order secure among them *one* application. We see something accomplished every day, that is, in advance of anything that preceded it. We will see it in Independent Forestry. We have been seeing it regularly. We have 33 well organized High Courts. The number named will only call for an average of 303 from each. Some will fall below it, others will double it. There are some organizers that will secure 100 applications for that month. Every Forester who is thoroughly in earnest in his wish to build up the Order will at least make an effort to secure one, and no court will allow June to pass without one or more initiations. We will be glad to give in May FORESTER the views of our workers on this proposition.

New York Submits Handsomely.

The "Old Founder," in a fraternal letter to us, thus cleverly mentions Quebec's victory:

"Oh! you seductive Quebec! Notwithstanding New York held the blue-ribbon for fourteen consecutive months, and once before, against all comers, in you pop for January, with your united French, Scotch and English forces, and clear us out 'horse, foot and dragoons.' High Secretary Fitzgerald and the rest of us imagined that we were a Gibraltar, but the conceit has been knocked out of us, but not our grit, for we have picked our flints and will try again to overcome your puny majority of four. If we can't outflank you we will invalid you, providing Michigan will keep in the background. That state is Ai(t)ken to force us to capitulation."

Printers' Ink.

The I.O.F. has been a generous patron of the advertising columns of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals generally. We do not know of any Order that has been kept more prominently before the public during the past half-dozen years. Nor do we know any kindred organization that has made more substantial progress, or that enjoys to a higher degree the confidence of the reading and discerning public. It may be true that but few seek admission to a fraternal society because they have read its literature; it is doubtless true that literature creates a sentiment in its favor, and prepares the way for the Deputy when he goes forth in quest of applications. The work is much easier when he finds that the person he is seeking to bring into the Order is familiar with the Order and its great work. We heartily commend the example of those courts that publish, in the

local press, resolutions of condolence, cards of thanks, etc. Such matter is sure to be read; the persons concerned are known; and the good work of the Order is sure to be generally discussed, and that favorably. We hope every local court will see that the local press publishes resolutions of condolence, in sympathy with the family of a departed member, which they pass, as well as the letters of thanks that they receive from beneficiaries for prompt payments of benefits and practical sympathy shown. The general public will in this way become more fully informed of the Order's work, and will be more easily induced to seek the benefits that it offers. The Order as well as the individual is to "let the light shine."

One-Sided Fraternity.

Fraternity implies mutuality and co-operation. In order that one may give he must first receive. When the giving exceeds the getting, the bases of continuance are disturbed, and the beginning of the end is reached.

The other day we received a long, earnest letter from a warm-hearted brother in British Columbia, in which he complained in severe terms of the lack of the fraternal spirit in this and other kindred orders. The case in point was that a brother who had been overtaken by ill-luck was forced to lose his standing through his inability to pay his assessments. Our correspondent says, and that rightly, that the case shows a lack of the brotherly spirit. We are not informed, however, that the brother whose case is cited acquainted his court with his straitened circumstances. That fact alone would have secured him the temporary assistance he needed. We must not impose too heavy burdens on the fraternal spirit. Most men are so busy, the vast majority of them, of necessity, with their own affairs, that they are not giving a thought to the concerns of their fellows. Not through want of heart, but from want of time. In many years experience of the I.O.F. we have never known a deserving brother to be denied the assistance he needed to keep his membership good. We have known quite a few instances of individuals who acted as if the Society existed for their benefit. The court paid, not one, but several assessments, and when it stopped doing so, and insisted on the brother paying like the others, as he was quite able to do so, he got angry, refused to pay, repudiated his indebtedness, and left the court, saying, "If that's what you call fraternity, I'll have no more to do with it."

We have heard of a treasurer that was short in his accounts, and when asked to refund, coolly answered, "I thought this was a fraternal society; if one has to account for every cent I'll quit." He

did, but the court is "out" a few dollars. Let us make no mistake; the true foundation of fraternity is giving as well as receiving: doing for others as we expect others to do for us "The man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

The I.O.F. may not be perfect, but the unsolicited testimony of thousands shows that it honors the fraternal principle, and redeems its pledges.

Use Him Well.

"The friends thou hast and their adoption tried,
grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."

So wrote the immortal Shakespeare. Time proves the wisdom of his saying. There are a royal few that not only gratitude but self-interest should keep in constant remembrance. Among them is the silent, unobtrusive brother that is not known for his much speaking, but who is loved for his unwearied service. You have him, probably, in your court; you rarely miss him from any of the meetings. If you are there before him of an evening it is probably owing to the fact that your watch is fast. If anything is wanting in the court room, he quietly sees that it is provided. Among the applications received, more than one is apt to bear his name. If a brother is sick, he usually knows of it before the case has been reported to the court; the afflicted family can tell you how cordial his sympathy has been, and how comforting his presence. He is a modest man; he does not profess to know more than the Supreme officers, and is willing to take it for granted that their first aim is the good of the Order. He is a well-informed brother, for he reads the Official Organ of his Society, and although he rarely rises to points of order, he knows the Constitution and Laws from cover to cover. Yes, use him well. He is a brother to be cherished. May he be long spared to us, and may his good example have many imitators.

Anglo-American Alliance.

To those who love peace, the present is full of anxiety. Not in years has there been so much war talk on both sides of the Atlantic. Preparations for defensive and offensive operations are going on day and night on a large scale, and millions are being voted without debate or division for the better equipment of the armies and navies. If the way to preserve peace is to be prepared for war, then peace ought to be assured. Amidst the prevailing uneasiness, the English-speaking world regards with keen satisfaction the cordial relations between Great Britain and the United States. In New York at the theatres the flags of both nations are frequently displayed together, the bands play the martial airs of both countries, and every such indi-

cation of international good will is received with applauding cheers by the people. Long may this friendly feeling continue. Of the same language, largely of the same kindred and faith, Britain and her colonies, and the United States should be bound together in the bonds of peace and friendship, seeking the victories of peace, the triumphs of commerce, civilization and benevolence, more renowned, as they are unspeakably more humane and precious, than those of war. The idea of war, the destruction of life, and property essential to life, is terrible in any case, but the idea of the English-speaking race unsheathing the sword to imbrue it in a brother's blood is as appalling as it is unnatural. Commercially, fraternally, religiously, we are one. The mission of both nations is not only to maintain peace among themselves, but to insist upon it among the other nations of the earth, to seek, and insist by their united and irresistible power, upon others seeking the things that make for peace, prosperity and happiness. 130,000 Foresters, equally divided between the United States and the British Empire, of the flower of the manhood of both nations, are one in their love of peace and concord, in their desire for the perpetual friendship of both countries. We give below the poem of Alfred Austin, the British Laureate. It will find an echo in the hearts of the English-speaking people the world over:

▲ VOICE FROM THE WEST.

"What is the voice I hear
On the wind of the Western sea?
Sentinel, listen from out Cape Clear,
And say what the voice may be.
'Tis a proud, free people calling loud
To a people proud and free.

"And it says to them, Kinsmen, hail,
We severed have been too long;
Now let us have done with a wornout tale,
A tale of an ancient wrong,
And our friendship last long as love doth last
And be stronger than death is strong.

"Answer them, sons of the self-same race,
And blood of the self-same clan,
Let us speak with each other face to face,
And answer as man to man,
And loyally love and trust each other
As none but free men can.

"Now fling them out to the breeze—
Shamrock, thistle and rose,
And the Star-Spangled Banner unfurl with these
A message to friends and foes,
Wherever the sails of peace are seen
And wherever the war wind blows.

"A message to bond and thrall to wake,
For wherever we come, we twain,
The throne of the tyrant shall rock and quake,
And his menace be void and vain,
For you are lords of a strong, young land,
And we are lords of the main."

Use These Facts.

In the opinion of a great many members, the most interesting and important statement ever issued by the Order was that given by the Supreme Chief in the February issue of *THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER*, in which a summary was made of the standing of the I.O.F. and the great work done in 1897. We give from that statement the following facts, that every member should remember and use for the still further advancement of our great Order.

I. Membership.—124,685, showing a net gain for 1897 of 21,847, and an advance on the gain for 1896 of 6,013.

II. Average Age.—Though a year was added to the age of the Order, the number of young men that joined during the year was so great that the average age, instead of increasing, was reduced from 35.49 years to 35.40 years. The I.O.F. is an Order of young men.

III. Death Rate.—For five years the death rate has been below 6 in the 1,000, for 1897 the death rate was 5.56 in the thousand, a remarkably low death rate for an Order in the twenty-fourth year of its history.

IV. Surplus.—On the 31st December the surplus stood at \$2,558,832.78, showing a gain of \$545,348.40 for the year. A marked advance on the gain made in any previous year.

V. Benefits Paid.—Mortuary benefits to the beneficiaries of deceased Foresters \$817,647.45, sick and funeral benefits \$129,077.65, total and permanent disability benefits \$43,500, and old age benefits \$2,000.00; a total of \$992,225.60. This vast amount went to relieve suffering and bereaved ones at a time when their need was greatest.

VI. Management Expenses, for the securing of new business and the carrying of the old business, were only \$5.68 for each new member received into the mortuary department, as compared with \$6.81 for the preceding year.

VII. New Courts.—The number of new courts instituted during 1897 was 458, or an average of 38 per month.

Gains since the beginning of 1898.—On the 1st April the surplus was \$2,714,314.64, an increase of \$155,481.86. The membership on the first of March was 128,540, a gain of 3,855 in two months. The new courts added since January 1st number 185. Nothing is needed but a united, persistent effort on the part of the members to have the membership at 150,000, and the surplus at \$3,000,000 when the Supreme Court meets in August.

We gladly add to the goodly list of brothers recently elected to the Ontario Legislature the name of Bro. Henry Eilber, M.P.P., of South Huron, a member of Court Crediton, No. 14, and a P.C.R. Congratulations, brother.

Don't.

Below we give a dozen "don'ts," slightly modified to suit our members. We found them in *Our Home*, the official organ of the Home Circle.

1. Don't fail to be present at all your court meetings.
2. Don't fail to pay your dues promptly.
3. Don't fail to pay your assessments promptly.
4. Don't forget to have a pleasant smile and a welcome for everybody.
5. Don't forget that the officers of your court are working for you. Their interests are yours also.
6. Don't talk during initiatory ceremonies.
7. Don't forget to pay particular attention to new members.
8. Don't forget to have applications always on hand.
9. Don't forget to bring in new members.
10. Don't forget to visit other courts.
11. Don't say too much if asked to speak.
12. Don't forget to read *THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER*. There is much to learn by so doing.

"Saved Him from Becoming a Dependent."

Members do not as a rule appreciate the benefits that are assured them on joining the I.O.F. The social side of the Order has not been developed as much as it deserves. We are persuaded that this feature will receive more and more attention. In the midst of the activities and competitions of business, there is danger of neglecting the social relationships and claims of life. In the courtroom members meet as brothers, lay aside their cares and enjoy one another's fellowship, and acquire a deeper interest in one another's welfare. The sick benefits enjoyed by thousands have stood between many a family and hardships, if not want, at seasons when the breadwinner was laid aside. The disability benefit, of which little is said, has brought a measure of comfort to hundreds, and saved them, as the following letter sets forth, from becoming dependents on others when health was irretrievably lost. The testimony of Mr. Rounds, that has come unsolicited, is conclusive proof of all we have said:

PAVILION CENTRE, N.Y.
March 21st 1898.

MR. C. R. FITZGERALD,
High State Sec., I.O.F.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

DEAR SIR:

About ten years ago my brother, Eugene Rounds, recently deceased, joined the Valley Court, Independent Order of Foresters, in Saginaw, Mich.

Three years ago, in consequence of sickness and disease, he was totally incapacitated from perform-

ing manual labor, and in consequence of total disability clause in his policy he was paid one thousand dollars by your most excellent Order. This money came at a time when it was most needed, and saved him from becoming a dependent on his brothers who were, though perfectly willing, yet not in position financially to furnish him the care and attention a sick person in his condition required.

On the 16th of January last my brother died in the General Hospital at Buffalo, and the balance of his policy, viz., one thousand dollars, was promptly and cheerfully paid the beneficiaries, of which I was one.

Please accept my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your kindness and attention, and express the same to your Home Office. May your tribe increase in numbers and prosperity, as I consider it one of the most beneficent of all life insurance concerns.

Yours truly,

MARK S. ROUNDS.

How the I.O.F. Redeems its Pledges.

It not unfrequently happens that there is a difference between promise and performance. It is easier to promise than to perform. Sometimes when the intentions are the best, the ability or opportunity, or both, are lacking. The record of the I.O.F. shows unswerving fidelity to its principles. It has always claimed to pay benefits at the earliest possible moment. The hundreds and thousands of beneficiaries that have profited by the bounty of the Order bear unsolicited testimony to the promptness with which their claims have been honored. The following from among many letters will illustrate what we say.

"COURTESY, SYMPATHY, KINDNESS."

SAGINAW, W.S., MICH., March 5th, 1898.

MR. T. H. BROUGH, City.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of one thousand dollars paid to me yesterday, as widow and beneficiary of my late beloved husband, by the Order of the Foresters.

For myself and my children in our circumstances, and in our great bereavement, I can scarcely find words to express my deep gratitude to you, and to the noble Order to which you belong, and especially to Court Saginaw, No. 494, of which my dear husband was a member, for the great and constant courtesy, sympathy and kindness you have all shown to me. I shall always hold it as a precious memory, and I pray God to bless you all.

Sincerely and thankfully yours,

MRS. ANGUS MCINTYRE AND FAMILY.

A RECORD BREAKER.

DAYTON, OHIO, March 9th, 1898.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Esq., Sup. Secy.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I desire to personally compliment the Executive Council on the prompt manner in which the Mortuary Benefit of \$1,000 of the late Bro. Collins was paid. It was indeed a record breaker, and speaks well for the Officers at Headquarters, and will be the means of bringing many

good men into the ranks at Dayton, and also those already in will be more loyal Foresters when they see so many like acts on the part of their officers.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

J. M. SWEETMAN.

Well Done, Illinois!

Illinois planned and worked for first place in March, and success has crowned the efforts of High Chief Stevenson and his zealous colleagues. The jurisdiction has the great satisfaction of securing the largest number of applications among the 33 High Courts of the Order; 430 applications are down to their credit. The Empire State, that led so often during last year, comes second with 346, leaving the rival of the west the substantial lead of 84. Illinois affords a capital illustration of what can be accomplished by concerted, plucky action. We congratulate the workers; they have achieved a great triumph. When it is remembered that a few years ago the Order was struggling for a foothold in this State, its pre-eminence now is all the more gratifying. We hope the example of Illinois will stimulate other jurisdictions. Illinois will doubtless do its share to make the membership 150,000 by Sept. 1st. Well done, Illinois!

The Foresters' Cottage.

Muskoka Sanatorium for Consumptives.

In our next issue we will give a cut of the cottage the Order intends building in connection with the Sanatorium at Gravenhurst, Muskoka. The plans are by Bro. G. W. Gouinlock, the architect of the Temple. Below we give the letter that accompanied the unsolicited contribution of \$5.00 from the venerable and honored founder of the Order, Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.H.C.R., Syracuse, N.Y. The hope is that the cottage will be built and furnished by the modest contributions of the many rather than by the larger gifts of the few. That the brethren, irrespective of locality, will give, is evident. The first contributions came from Tacoma, Washington, Court Destiny sending \$5, and Court Tacoma \$2. We are sure that the deed and words of Bro. Caldwell will not only command the admiration, but will also evoke the liberality of Foresters everywhere. We will give a list of additional contributions in our May issue:

SYRACUSE, March 17th, 1898.

Rev. Alexander Macgillivray:

MY ESTEEMED BROTHER—Enclosed find my mite for the Muskoka Sanatorium. It is a God-given work, and Heaven will reward its projectors, and all those who aid in their endeavors to relieve the poor consumptive brethren. The sudden changes of climate during the past few years seem to accelerate that infectious and terrible disease, consumption, which baffles court and lodge examiners, as

well as Supreme Medical Boards of all societies. A look in their death lists reveals the astonishing fact that hasty consumption is ravaging the United States as a scourge. In two years past, as organizer, our esteemed Supreme Physician, Dr. Thos. Millman, has continuously been warning us all to look out for consumptives, and for that reason I have assumed, in all the cases I could, to take the statements myself of charter and other applicants, and give them all good "cross examinations" as to their family histories, and if any of the applicants themselves show the least predisposition (by colds or coughs) to weak lungs, I lay them aside. I select the most conscientious court examiners, who exercise great caution, but Dr. Millman often interrogates them as to that distressed malady. I hope all courts and brethren will throw in their mites, as the benevolent work is in safe hands.

In L. B. and C.,

A. B. CALDWELL, P.S.C.R.

What Others are Saying of the I.O.F.

(From the *Shareholder, Montreal, March 11th.*)

Independent Order of Foresters.

The Act incorporating the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters was amended at the session of the Dominion Parliament held in 1896, and provision was made among other matters for the deposit with the Government required from insurance companies licensed to do business in Canada under the Insurance Act, and also for the issue of a license. Under the amending Act referred to, annual statements were required to be furnished, and the Society was placed under Government supervision similar to that exercised over other licensed insurance companies. This involved certain changes which have been carried out. From the report of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, the year just closed has been the banner year of the Society, as during that term 30,137 new members were admitted, covering insurance amounting to \$35,224,500, making the total membership at the close of the year 124,685, holding \$154,510,000 of insurance. This insurance is held in Canada, Great Britain and the United States; that held in Canada amounting to \$68,750,000, that in Great Britain to \$4,630,000, and that in the United States to \$81,130,000. The net gain for the year was 21,847 members and \$25,819,000 in the amount of insurance carried. The total premiums received during the year were \$1,462,237 mortuary and \$154,981 sick and funeral, of which \$667,353 and \$114,878 were from members in Canada, £52,865 and \$267 from Great Britain and Ireland, and \$742,017 and \$39,835 from United States members; and the benefits paid were \$863,147 mortuary and \$129,077 sick and funeral. After paying benefits and appropriation towards management expenses there remained a balance at the credit of premium account amounting to \$525,977 in the mortuary department and one of \$18,154 in the sick and funeral department, making in all \$544,132, which, with the exception of \$783, was carried to surplus. The assets of the Society are shown at \$2,680,424 and the liabilities at \$28,325, making a surplus of \$2,632,099. The death rate for the year was 5.56, and the average age of the members on 31st December last was 35.40, compared with 35.49 on 31st December, 1896. The Supreme Chief Ranger, in his annual

statements for the past year, enters fully into the figures of the Society's operations, and to these we refer for fuller information in regard to an institution which has apparently taken a strong hold upon the people of this country, as well as in the United States.

(From the *Spectator, N. Y., March 3rd.*)

Independent Order of Foresters.

In the words of President Oronhyatekha, of the above Order, 1897 was a record-breaker. The new applications accepted and placed numbered 30,137 for \$35,224,500. The net gain in insurance in force was 21,847 certificates for \$25,819,000, the total amount now outstanding being represented by 124,685 certificates for \$154,510,000. The record-breaking is shown in the fact that the new business and the gain in insurance in force were both much greater than in the preceding year. The surplus funds of the Order now amount to \$2,558,833, an increase of \$543,348 for the year. Mortuary premiums received in 1897 amounted to \$1,462,238, and \$863,148 was paid to members. The expenses of management amounted to \$171,220, being at the rate of only \$5.68 per member, and showing a reduction from \$6.81 per member in 1896. This indicates a satisfactory condition of affairs. The I.O.F. operates in Canada, the United States, and in the British Isles, the increase in its business being proportionately distributed. It owns a splendid office building in Toronto valued at \$233,063, and also has \$1,611,763 in real estate and mortgage loans. Supreme Chief Ranger Oronhyatekha is guiding the affairs of the Order with great ability, and looks to still greater progress.

(From *The National Underwriter, Philadelphia, March, 1898.*)

Independent Order of Foresters.

No fraternity is making more remarkable progress than the Independent Order of Foresters, which is a monument to the enterprise and conspicuous ability of Dr. Oronhyatekha, its Chief. The monthly publication of the Order for February is at hand and exhibits a story of wonderful gains. The membership stood on January 1 last at no less than 124,685, and on February 1 the surplus fund had mounted to no less than \$2,611,155. This Order is the only American fraternity that rivals in any sense the great British friendly societies, the Manchester Unity of Old Fellows and the Foresters. Moreover, the American Order has itself a large membership in Britain. Alone among American Orders is the Independent Order of Foresters comparable to the great British prototypes in resources.

The surplus of the Order increased \$52,372 during January, and at this rate will amount up to near \$3,500,000 by January 1, 1899. This means more than \$5,000,000 by the close of the century.

The Independent Order of Foresters does not supply merely current cost insurance. It offers policies which provide for a fund above current cost to be used in holding the price level. From this and the large accumulations of the Order have been made.

The wealth of a man is the number of things that he loves and blesses and that he is loved and blessed by.—*Carlyle*.

Official Circular No. 12.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
TORONTO, 15th April, 1898.

To all Subordinate Courts and Members:

The approaching triennial session of the Supreme Court in Toronto, when the magnificent Temple will be formally dedicated to the purposes of Independent Forestry, will be of more than ordinary interest to every court, wherever located. The completion of the palatial home of the Order is an event which concerns every member, because every member is a partner in the great enterprise of which it forms a tangible and conspicuous asset. This is therefore felt by the Executive Council to be a fitting occasion to ask that the membership make a special effort during the last two months of the triennial term to extend the influence and increase the usefulness of the Independent Order of Foresters throughout the world, and in that way to express their appreciation of the great privileges they enjoy by reason of belonging to the Order, and their thankfulness for the success which has thus far crowned the efforts of Supreme, High and Subordinate Courts to make it the largest and best fraternal beneficiary organization in existence. The prompt and generous response of officers and members everywhere to the previous requests of the Executive Council for special efforts to increase the membership encourages the hope that the achievements of this special occasion will completely overshadow in magnitude all previous records of this or any other Order. That those who work to produce the much desired result may not go unrewarded, the Executive Council offers the following handsome prizes to be competed for, namely:

1. To the High Court jurisdiction which shows the largest percentage of actual increase in beneficiary membership between the 30th of April and the 1st of July, 1898—the services of a Supreme Court organizer will be granted free of charge for six months; and to the High Court jurisdiction showing the next largest percentage of actual increase as above—the services of a Supreme Court organizer for three months free of charge (the increase to be computed from the monthly reports sent to the Supreme Secretary at the 1st May and the 1st July respectively).

2. To all courts *now in existence* which initiate 25 members or more during the months of May and June, 1898—a set of officers' badges, or an equivalent in members' badges.

3. To the court *now in existence* that initiates the largest number of beneficiary members—a set of officers' sashes. (The winner of this prize will not be awarded prize No. 2).

4. To the officer or member (deputies or inspectors paid by salary or commission excepted) which secures two new beneficiary members—a handsome lithograph picture of the Temple, or an I.O.F. souvenir coffee spoon.

5. To the officer or member as above who secures four new beneficiary members—a handsome lithograph picture of the Temple and an I.O.F. souvenir coffee spoon, or a copy of the second edition of the History of the Order bound in cloth.

6. To the officer or member as above who secures six new beneficiary members—a beautiful I.O.F. table lamp, or an I.O.F. souvenir spoon and a copy of the second edition of the History of the Order bound in cloth.

7. To the officer or member as above who secures ten new members—a beautiful I.O.F. table lamp,

an I.O.F. souvenir spoon, and a copy of the second edition of the History of the Order bound in morocco.

8. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest number of courts of not less than twenty bona-fide beneficiary charter members each, all of whom have been accepted by the Medical Board before the 1st day of July, 1898—a handsome solid gold I.O.F. jewel and an I.O.F. table lamp.

9. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest court (beneficiary members who have been accepted by the Medical Board before the 1st day of July, 1898, only being counted)—a handsome I.O.F. watch charm and an I.O.F. table lamp.

10. To any lady friend of the Order securing two new members—a handsome I.O.F. souvenir spoon.

11. To any lady friend of the Order securing five new members—a beautiful I.O.F. table lamp.

12. Only candidates who have been accepted by the Medical Board, and actually initiated within the months of May and June, can be counted for any of the foregoing prizes; except in the Pacific Coast jurisdiction and in European jurisdictions, where initiations at the first regular meeting in July may be included for all the prizes except Nos. 1, 8 and 9, if the candidates were proposed, balloted for and accepted by the courts and examined by the court physicians on or before the 30th of June; and in every case where prizes are claimed for candidates initiated in July there must be attached to the claim a certificate signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the court attached, showing the dates of proposal in and acceptance by the court, and the date of examination by the court physician, and a copy of the by-law fixing the regular meetings of the court.

Dispensation is hereby granted to courts desiring to do so to initiate at charter rates between the 30th day of April and the 1st July, 1898.

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

ORONHYATEKA,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

Jno. A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

Boston's Mayor on Fraternal Orders.

In speaking of fraternal protective societies recently, Mayor Quincy, of Boston, said: "The United States has seen an extraordinary growth of such societies, and much more encouragement has been extended to them here than in the countries of the Old World. The idea of mutual or assessment insurance is a sound one if the affairs of the society which puts this idea into practice are managed in a conservative or business-like way.

"There is just as much a place for societies of this nature as for the old line companies. Insurance is essentially of modern growth. It is the awakening of the fraternal spirit, of the spirit of co-operation, of mutual dependence. Not independence, but common dependence is the lesson.

"We have all a common life, not only in politics, but in insurance and in all the relations of life. Such a society, which teaches the idea of mutual dependence and helpfulness, is entitled to all legitimate encouragement, and is doing a work of great value to the State and community. It is a great work to promote the feeling of fraternity, of mutual interests, and to unite men into one great organization, in which the interests of all are considered."

Personal Mention.

Bro. J. Farrer Stewart, P.H.C.R., has been seriously ill, but we are glad to hear that he is improving.

Bro. John Cabot of Court Cabot, and F. H. McFadyen of Court Mount Stephen have gone to the Pacific Coast.

Bro. Jas. Carruthers, of Court Freetown, has been elected president of the Farmers and Dairy-men's Association of P.E.I.

Bro. J. T. Hawke, editor of the *Moncton Transcript*, and an up-to-date Forester, sailed in March on a three months' visit to Great Britain and the continent over the seas. *Bon voyage*, Bro. Hawke.

Bro. Dr. Willoughby, of Regina, N.W.T., and past High Secretary, is, we are glad to say, rapidly recovering from a long and serious illness. He has been spending some time with relatives in Peterboro', Ont.

Bro. C. M. D. McKinnon, of Court Onaway, who has made his home in the Northwest Territories after visiting his friends and relatives in P.E.I., returned to his home in the West on March 15th.

Bro. Dr. A. McKay, Mayor of Woodstock, visited the Temple recently. He examined it from "observation tower" to sub-basement, and expressed himself delighted with all he saw. As an office building he pronounced it perfect.

Bro. Dugald Munn, an honorary member and Court Deputy of Court Gordon, died very suddenly at his home in Roseneath on March 20th. The sympathy of all the members will go out to his son, Bro. E. P. Munn, and other members of the family.

Bro. J. M. Clark, S.M., and P.H.C. of Prince Edward Island, was at headquarters last week and honored our sanctum with a visit. The genial brother is welcome wherever he goes. We will long remember his kindness when visiting in his jurisdiction.

Bros. A. C. Rogers, mayor of Summerside; Jno. M. Clark, Supreme Marshal, have been elected president and secretary of the Packing and Curing Co. of P.E.I. Bro. Walter Simpson, High Messenger, and Jas. McNeill, of Court Onaway, have been elected directors of the same.

Bro. the Hon. J. F. Betts, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, and H.C.R. of the High Court of that jurisdiction, visited headquarters the other day. He reports the Order as making rapid progress in the N.W.T. Several strong courts have been organized recently.

It is with pleasure we learn that Bro. A. W. Blouin, local manager of Bank of Hochelaga, Montreal, has been elected Grand Master Workman, A.O.U.W., Province of Quebec and Maritime Provinces. Bro. Blouin is a member of Court Eveline, No. 1159, and an accomplished and popular French-Canadian.

Bro. R. J. Dodds, Chief Ranger of Court Puget Sound, and High Treasurer of Washington, has recently been elected a member of the City Council of Seattle. We congratulate our brother, who is one of the most zealous Foresters on the Pacific Coast, on this honor. Court Puget Sound has sent its quota for the bronze statue of the Supreme Chief.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Jesse S. Burns, which occurred in the Hospital in Massachusetts. Bro. Burns was an honorary member of Court Freetown. It is the intention of his relatives to bring his body home. He will be buried by the I.O.F. and Sons of Temperance. He was Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance for many years.

By the death of Bro. Wm. H. Storey, reeve of Acton, Ontario, the Order has lost an honored member, and the town, of which he was reeve, a high-minded, public spirited and successful business man. Bro. Storey passed away on the 6th March. The funeral was unusually large. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the brethren of the I.O.F.

Bro. P. L. Coffey, of Court Placer, Lincoln, Cal., won the \$50 prize in the stone-drilling contest at the Miners' Jubilee Exhibit in San Francisco. With a four-pound hammer and three-quarter inch steel drill he cut a seven-eighth inch hole seventeen and five-eighth inches into a block of California granite in fifteen minutes. California granite is as hard as any granite on the continent.

We have received the initial number of the *Railway and Shipping World*, published in Toronto by Bro. Acton Burrows, and devoted to steam and electric railways, shipping, express, telegraph and telephone interests—a field not previously occupied in Canada. It is a well-edited, handsomely-illustrated publication, thoroughly in touch with the important interests it represents. Bro. Burrows continues to publish the *Western World* and the *Canadian Pacific Courier*, and also manages the station advertising over the whole Canadian Pacific Railway system. He is an enthusiastic member of the Order, in which he has emphasized his confidence by insuring right up to the limit.

Condolence.

The members of Court Osgoode, No. 363, extend their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. U. B. Saunders on the death of his child.

The members of Court Orono, Maine, extend to the mother and family of the late Bro. Clement their sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

The members of Court National, No. 1775, Montreal, express their regret at the death of Mr. Pre-court, father of their esteemed brother, Louis Pre-court, to whom they extend their sympathy.

The officers and members of Court Norman, No. 3596, extend their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. A. McQuarry on the death of his beloved wife, and also to Bro. S. McQuarry on the death of his mother.

Insurance as an Investment.

The member who drops out because it is "costing too much" had better sit down and do a little figuring. Let him cipher out just how long he will have to live and pay in at present, or even higher assessment rates, in order to have contributed to the Order as much, compound interest added, as will be paid back to his heirs at death. Where is the savings bank that will duplicate the proposition? Where is the investment to beat it, leaving out every other feature than that of a cold, matter-of-fact financial proposition? Saying nothing about the element of uncertainty of life, can any other proposition beat it as an investment?—*A.O.U.W. Record.*

Companions of the I.O.F.

This new organization is making great progress. Last month we reported 129 courts. On the 1st April the number was 152.

We have less to complain of this month in the way of news. Our sisters are privileging us to hear from them, for which favor we are grateful.

Mrs. Julia M. Warren, of Attica, N.Y., has been appointed and commissioned a Deputy Supreme Chief Companion, and is engaged in organizing courts of the Ladies' Branch of the Order.

Court Mizpah, Massena, N.Y., was instituted on March 17th, by S. W. Dodge, M.D., D.S.C.R. The court has a good list of charter members, a capable staff of officers and will doubtless do good work.

Court St. Clair, Companions of the I.O.F., was organized at Yale, Mich., on March 5th, by Mary Davenport, D.S.C.C., with a charter membership of 26. An efficient staff of officers was installed.

Court Saginaw, No. 103, is progressing. The members gave a pedro party on March 2nd; the attendance was large, the hall being filled to overflowing. The membership is 40, with more to follow.

Court Republic, No. 16, C.I.O.F., gives a basket social entertainment and dance Saturday, March 26th, at Aurora Hall, Milwaukee avenue and Huron streets. The tickets are only 15 cents. The ladies guarantee a pleasant time.

Good news has just been received from Court Peoria. This court now numbers 48 ladies, all enthusiastic and determined to make their court a credit to our honored chief. (This court is the first court of Companions that Dr. Oronhyatekha personally instituted.)

Court Havilin, No. 38, C.I.O.F., gave their first entertainment, lunch and dance, Feb. 15th. The entertainment was excellent. Everybody went away rejoiced, and the Companions of Court Havilin were so pleased that they have announced a prize masquerade to be given March 15th.

The first court of Companions was organized in Winnipeg recently, by Bro. Waddell, P.H.C.R., assisted by R. Muir, H.C.R. and Jas A. Stewart, organizer for the Order. The court has a good charter list and will be known as Court Shining Star. More are sure to follow in the Prairie Province.

Galt has the honor of having the first Court of Companions in the Mother High Court. Bro. Alex. J. Wilson, D.S.C.C., who has been the efficient R.S. of Court Valley City, No. 73, for many years instituted it. Court Harmony has now 56 members, is well officered, and doing excellent work.

A court of Companions of the I.O.F. was organized at Monson, Me., March 5th, 1898, by D.S.C.C. H. B. Smith, with 22 charter members. It will be known as Court Snowden, No. 134.

The Foresters of Court Idris feel proud of their baby (as they call it) and expect good results from it.

Court Crystal, No. 20, Frankfort, was instituted last July by Supreme Deputy W. C. Smith, with a charter membership of 21 members. We have now 31 members in good standing and have 7 more to initiate at our next meeting, at which time we hope to have the presence and assistance of H.C.R. M. M. Callaghan.

Court Wilson, Cleveland, has an active membership of 38. All are interested in the success of the court, and work for its prosperity. Candidates are initiated at every meeting. Preparations on a large scale are being made for a social to be held on the 20th inst. by Courts Columbia, I.O.F., and Court Wilson, C.C.O.F.

Bro. A. Cornwall, Deputy Supreme Chief Companion, instituted another Court of Companions of the Independent Order of Foresters on the 15th day March, 1898, to be known as Court Old Glory, with a charter list of 43 names. Great credit is due Companion A. L. Smith for the energetic and unceasing efforts to make this court a grand success.

Court Friendship, No. 22, West Owosso, is reported as doing splendid work. The number of members is steadily increasing, and the enthusiasm is rising proportionately. The court gives sick benefits, and has a snug sum in the treasury. The Companions expect to take possession of their Forest Home in May, when it will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

On February 12th, the first court of Companions of the I.O.F. was instituted at Spokane, Washington, by John A. Forsyth, D.S.C.C., consisting of 38 charter members, and we look now for Forestry to make good progress in Spokane during the next 6 months. Mrs. Frankie Rhodes rendered great assistance to the High Chief while there in the institution of the Companions.

Court Isabel, No. 51, Buffalo, Companions of the Foresters, gave their friends and the public an opportunity to enjoy their hospitality and to learn something of the benefits to be derived by being members of the Order as well as of their branch of the Order. An interesting evening's entertainment was presented, for which a slight admission was charged, and the result was about \$25.00 increase of their court funds.

The Companions of Court Ruth, No. 95, Syracuse, N.Y., held a very interesting and perfectly enjoyable evening party at the residence of Mrs. J. Boyd, No. 201 Boyden St., Syracuse, recently, at which over 100 guests were present. The entertainment was furnished by, and participated in, the ladies of the court, and it can be said by those participating that it consisted of a round of pleasure long to be remembered.

Court Carter H. Harrison, Chicago, was organized Feb. 3rd, with a charter list of 32 names. This is a very promising court, with a membership possessing energy and push.

The ladies met weekly during February for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the secret work, and to initiate candidates, but have now arranged to meet regularly on the second and fourth Thursdays, at 2525 S. Halsted street.

Court Pride of Illinois was organized Feb. 8th with 22 charter applicants. A number of brother Foresters of Court Pride of Illinois have promised to join the Companions, and with their assistance the Companions of West Pullman, ere long, will give as much credit to the Companions as Court Pride of Illinois, No. 1989, does to the I.O.F. The ladies are enthusiastic, energetic and determined to have their court second to none.

The C.C. of Court Ontario, No. 47, Oswego, in response to the hint in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER of Feb. 15th, writes:—"On Feb. 10, C.C. Ontario, No. 47, gave an entertainment for members

and their families, served coffee, sandwiches and cake, and got 10 applications that night, which we initiate on March 10th, and serve coffee, sandwiches and cake. On Feb. 18th we sold tickets, served lunch to the Oswego Court Dancing Club and made \$20. On April 13 we give a dancing party, and serve ice cream and cake." Truly a live court.

Court Robin Hood, No. 12, C.I.O.F., Cleveland, was well attended at the last meeting, and initiated four candidates and received one by card. Court Euclid visited the court in a body, and was received and welcomed with great cordiality. After regular business, "good and welfare" speeches were made by the Companions, which were much enjoyed, especially Companions Cornwall and Robertson; after which lunch was served, the Companions hoping to meet many times in the future.

Past Chief Companion Carrie Bowman was surely well pleased with her warm reception back after her long absence.

A fair Companion writes:—"Court Waldone, No. 68, Companions of I.O.F., has never been introduced to the outer world. We are a grand society, and expect to grow in success and strength as the weeks lengthen into months. Our court was organized Dec. 8th, 1897, with 63 charter members, most of whom are taking commendable interest in the work of the society for the promotion of good, both socially and financially. Time alone can develop our society as we aspire to be developed. The interest is growing among our Companions; in order to make our work successful each individual must do her part, studying earnestly to bring about the best results. An encouraging feature is the punctual attendance of officers, also a large attendance of members. A most enjoyable card party was given by the court, No. 68, the evening of March 8th, and it was a decided success, the guests numbering over 200. Light refreshments were served by the Companions. We have 4 for next review with 7 applications, and have initiated since our organization 14 members. Let us not rest until every court of I.O.F. has connected with it a Court of Companions, that we may be joined more firmly in the golden chain of friendship."

Court British Pioneer, No. 44, is the first court of Companions in the United Kingdom, having been instituted on Sept. 27th, 1897, at 60 Cotham Hill, Bristol, by Mr. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.C. In spite of the drawbacks which necessarily attach themselves to the launching of all new institutions, the members have stood to their colors, "Red, White and Blue," and are determined to make their court a success. Meetings have been held regularly on the first and third Monday of each month; the first being a social evening, to which members invite their friends, preparatory to making them members at the second. Notices are sent out, printed on neat cards, which also show very clearly the advantages of membership in the I.O.F. The latest decision of the court is that a cycling club be added to the benefits of membership, and affiliated to the National Cyclists' Union for the protection of its riders. This court was organized by Marion E. Price, D.S.C.C., who is also Chief Companion, and at institution honorary membership was conferred on Bro. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.C., and Bros. C. E. Price, H.C.R., and C. E. Bowman, H. Auditor (High Court Southern England). Canadian and American Companions are requested to visit British Pioneer.

Among the Courts.

CANADA.

British Columbia.

From the Pacific Province news is limited this month.

The applications for March number 47.

Court Burrard, No. 347, Vancouver, is the strongest court in the Canadian West. It has a membership of 249.

Forestry in British Columbia has made great progress during the past year. Bro. J. H. Falconer, D.S.C.R., is visiting different parts of the Province, and reports the Order as "booming."

Manitoba.

Manitoba will furnish its quota to make the membership 150,000 by Sept. 1st, 1898.

The first Court of Companions was recently instituted by H.C.R. Muir in Winnipeg with a good charter membership.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend." The February FORESTER got belated somewhere on its way to the Prairie Province, and the brethren, who miss a good thing, are rebuking us for the delay. The March FORESTER was on time. We were commended and are therefore happy.

Bro. John D. Sinclair, of Court Point Douglass, a few days after his marriage, was waited upon at his home by the brethren of the court and presented with a congratulatory address, in which mention was made of his valuable services to the court, both as a private member and officer. The best wishes of the members were extended to Mrs. Sinclair and himself. A handsome parlor lamp accompanied the address. We unite our congratulations to those of the court to Bro. Sinclair and his bride.

Winnipeg.

Court Greenridge, No. 1633.—The C.D. of this energetic court writes as follows: "Initiated two candidates at our last regular meeting, 28th Feb. We now number 50 members. Can any country court in the Prairie Province boast as much? If so, let us hear from you. We are bound to lead, let all who can follow. We are making arrangements for a concert to be held in Fortsters' Hall on 28th March, and guarantee a pleasant time for all who attend."

The FORESTER of issue 15th Feb., 1898, was delivered in Winnipeg on 15th March, 1898, just one month after date of issue. Is this not rather long to be on the way? Where does cause of all this delay arise?

Court Birtle, No. 129.—There was a slight error in the figures. It should read: "This court has now a membership of 74 members (not 14, as printed); a year ago it was only 20. The membership is now 76."

Bro. Charles L. Eaton, of Court Adelpia, No. 1505, for himself and family, thanks the brethren of his Court "for their generous acts, kind sympathy and desire, if possible, to share their great sorrow," caused by the death of Mrs. C. L. Eaton.

New Brunswick.

Capt. H. V. Wilbur, of Albert, who intends soon to remove to British Columbia, was on Tuesday presented with an address by Court Shepody, of which he has been secretary for years.

Court Bellisle, with its present membership of 54, is one of the most progressive in the province. Its success is largely due to the interest taken and the wide-awake spirit assumed by a number of its members. Initiations are frequent and the officers and members wide-awake and pushing.

St. John Encampment held a very excellent public meeting and concert in Foresters' Hall, St. John, in aid of a fund for the purchase of a banner. Brother Todd, who is in command, made an efficient chairman. Vocal and instrumental music, readings, and an address by the H.C.R., composed the programme, and encores were very much in evidence, and quite deservedly so.

A fine audience assembled in the Public Hall at Point de Bute when it was known the H.C.R., Judge Wedderburn, would deliver an address, under the auspices of Court Cumberland, I.O.F. The meeting was favored with some excellent music, vocal and instrumental. The H.C.R. spoke for an hour, and at the close received a hearty vote of thanks, which was proposed by the resident Methodist clergyman and seconded by Brother McQueen, M.P.P., in very eulogistic terms, and unanimously carried amid loud applause.

At the close of the regular meeting of Court Miramichi, No. 165, I.O.F., a social was held in their room, at which the members of the Society and their friends were present. The programme consisted of songs, instrumental music, recitations, etc., after which light refreshments were passed around and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Two new members were initiated into the Order last night, and several applications received. Court Miramichi is feeling the impetus pervading the jurisdiction.

An esteemed brother writes: "Whether the compliment paid to Court Milicete, Fredericton, in your recent issue of the FORESTER is deserved or not, we are trying to do our business in good shape. We have an excellent Chief Ranger in Bro. C. E. A. Simonds, a rising lawyer; and Bro. A. Burchill, who is both C. D. and R. S., is a most painstaking and efficient officer. The membership on the 1st of January was 149, not 102, as printed, so that we then ranked second on the roll of this provincial jurisdiction. Court Moncton is likely, however, to outstrip us."

A very large number of people attended the funeral of the late Brother John J. Waring, and everywhere were evidences of regret. The floral offerings included a Maltese cross from Court Lancaster, I.O.F. Rev. Mr. White, of the Fairville Baptist Church, conducted the services at the house, and interment was in the rural cemetery. Members of Court Lancaster, I.O.F., of which deceased was a member, and other Foresters, attended the funeral in a body. The late Brother Waring was a prominent resident of Milford, a man of excellent worth and deservedly respected by all who knew him.

The remains of Ernest, fifth son of the late Douglass Pelton of St. Andrews, who died suddenly at Harrison, Me., were brought here by C.P.R. and taken to the residence of his sister,

from which the funeral took place. The remains were taken to All Saints' Church, where service was read by Rev. Canon Ketchum, and thence to the rural cemetery, where the concluding part of the service was read by Rev. E. W. Simonson. Ernest Pelton, who was 32 years of age, left St. Andrews four years ago for Kingman. Subsequently he went to Harrison, Me., and entered the employ of the C.P.R. He was a member of the court of Foresters at Harrison. The Foresters made all the arrangements for the funeral, and his brothers and sisters desire to express grateful thanks to the Harrison Foresters for the brotherly care bestowed on their late brother. Ernest Pelton is remembered as a kind-hearted, genial companion.

Under the heading "Foresters at Chatham—Rousing Address by Judge Wedderburn," *The St. John Telegraph* says: "There was a grand public meeting held in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, in the interest of Forestry. The meeting was under the auspices of Court Brunswick, who should be congratulated for the success. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, while mounted heads of Canadian animals were given prominent places on the walls. Chief Ranger of the Chatham court, Robert Murray, occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen and flattering remarks introduced the speaker of the evening, Judge Wedderburn, High Chief Ranger of the province. The Judge delivered a very able, entertaining and instructive address on the growth, progress and principles of Forestry. A young man 18 years of age can join this Order very cheaply, costing him only 60 cents a month on \$1,000, and for a little extra charge he can have the benefit of the sick list, drawing from \$3 to \$5 a week, with free medical attendance and at death \$50 for funeral expenses. The speaker gave the young men some good and able advice in his usual witty and amusing way, and with an eloquent flow of oratory the Judge described the old folks and the homestead, which was very touching, and wound up his lecture amid great applause.

During the evening White's orchestra played excellent music, and the following programme was carried out: Solo, Thomas Murray, of Sackville; solo, Mrs. H. Pallan; solo, Mr. Miller.

As the Judge is announced to speak—or probably has already spoken—at Blackville, Douglastown, Kingston, and elsewhere, we shall expect a report of interest for "our next." It is announced that the Judge will address a mass meeting, under the auspices of the three courts of Moncton, on Easter Monday (11th April) Public Meeting and Meeting of High Standing Committee; Fort Elgin, 12th; Sackville, 13th; Dorchester, 14th; and Petitcodiac. As all these meetings are open to the general public, ladies included, much interest is felt in them.

Judge Wedderburn, H.C.R., accompanied by High Auditor Thos. Murray, made a tour of the courts on the north shore of the jurisdiction. The first meeting was at Chatham; a fine audience of Chatham's ladies and gentlemen is met and every one present enjoys the next two hours.

White's orchestra renders some very bright and harmonious selections and is loudly applauded. Then High Auditor Murray follows with a song and is immediately a favorite with the audience. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Patten also sang.

The address of the H.C.R., Judge Wedderburn, which followed, was listened to with the closest

attention. He started from the beginning of the Order and carried his hearers all through its progress, onwards and upwards to its present proud and honored position. His address was a masterpiece of eloquence and ability. The gathering broke up with singing God Save the Queen. When all but the Foresters and their lady friends had departed the feast began, and the honored visitors were entertained to a very dainty supper.

Tuesday, Blackville was visited. This is truly an ideal spot for a Foresters' home. The Foresters have a good, strong court here and are very active. They expect soon to move into a new hall that they have just about completed. In the evening the hall was crowded, and probably the most successful entertainment ever given in it was held. Both the Judge and Mr. Murray will be sure of a hearty welcome from the ladies and Foresters of Blackville, should they ever return. Messrs. McLoggan, Dale, Been and others, extended to the visitors the most unbounded hospitality.

Bro. Colter drove the visitors to Douglstown, where we were just in time for another meeting. We found the hall well filled, and everybody was most attentive. A first-class programme, in which the Judge and Mr. Murray were assisted by local talent, made the evening pass all too quickly.

The next day the visitors proceeded to Kingston, Kent Co., where the final and probably the most successful meeting of all was held. Here we were met by Bro. Mitchell and escorted to the Royal Hotel. The meeting in the evening was certainly a fitting climax to such a successful tour. In a beautiful new hall built in opera house style, the stage a mass of greens, flowers and potted plants, with the emblem of the Order in a most conspicuous position, this was the sight that greeted us. On the platform, besides Chairman Carter of Richibucto and the visitors, were Mr. Barnes, M.P.P., two of the local clergymen, and the committee. Mr. Carter, in a neat speech, opened the meeting. The Judge's oration was a grand effort, as was evinced by the thunderous applause that followed. Mr. Murray after singing six or seven times had to give up or give out. Seldom has any singer met with such a warm reception as was given Brother Murray in Kingston. This splendid meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which the visitors were entertained to an elaborate supper got up by the popular and pleasing hostess of the Royal Hotel.

Court La Tour, No. 125, St. John, of which Bro. Fred. G. Flewelling is the efficient and popular deputy, is enjoying a season of prosperity that is likely to be not only maintained, but increased. The members are discussing the question of admitting the ladies into the Order. A debate was held on the subject at the last regular meeting; it will be continued at the next meeting of the court.

It is needless to say that the meetings of the court are well attended.

Nova Scotia.

The H.C.R. intends visiting the courts of Colchester and Pictou counties during the early part of April.

Bro. R. B. Moxon, H.V.C.R., is as enthusiastic as ever, and the courts of Halifax and Dartmouth are greatly indebted to him for their success, and they always appreciate a visit from "Dick," who is at home in all.

Bro. Heisler also addressed a public meeting at Upper Stewiacke, and instituted Court Mutual Aid, No. 3382, as a direct result. The Court will, when the charter is closed, have some 30 members.

Court Eastern Star, No. 884, held a public meeting on the 15th, at which the H.C.R. was also present and placed the merits of the I.O.F. before the people of Waterville. Court Eastern Star has had an increase of about 400 per cent.

The High Court of Nova Scotia meets on the fourth Wednesday in June, and from present indications this season will be the largest and most important since the formation of the High Court. More than 100 officers and representatives are expected to be present. An official circular will be published in the next issue of the FORESTER.

Court Utopia, at Ritecy's Cove, is in exceptionally good hands, the Court Deputy, Bro. Arthur Webb, and E. Sec'y, Bro. Samuel Ritecy, being enthusiastic Foresters, and all the officers well versed in the Ritual and Laws of the Order. The H.C.R. paid a very pleasant and profitable visit to this court, and held a public meeting in February.

Bro. Dr. Goodwin, Court Physician of Court Royal Jubilee, 114, intends leaving for England in a few days to spend a few months among the great hospitals, and to take the post-graduate exam. before the London College. Bro. Goodwin has been physician of his mother court for more than ten years, and has given the greatest satisfaction to its members. The court, by a unanimous vote, granted the Doctor six months' leave of absence, and he goes to the Motherland followed by the good wishes of all his brethren.

A public meeting and entertainment, under the auspices of Court Nova Scotia, 1388, was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Berwick, on the evening of March 14th. Bro. E. J. Hiseler, H.C.R., was present, and spoke at length, giving interesting facts and statistics relative to the Order, together with very interesting comparisons between the various Old Line companies and the I.O.F. The Berwick brass band discoursed sweet music during the evening. The Wabash quartette, Messrs. H. E. Sawyer, W. H. Snyder, Fred. Bennett and J. D. Nichols, rendered several selections, which were much appreciated.

Court Nova Scotia, which had been in a semi-dormant condition, is now full of life and energy, and its membership has arisen from 6, when the H.C.R. paid his first visit, to more than 20 now, and a large increase is expected during 1898.

The amount subscribed by the various courts in aid of the distressed brethren at Windsor is as follows: High Court of N.S., \$50; Court Mulgrave, No. 824, \$20; Court Halifax, No. 1624, \$21.25; Court Mic-Mac, No. 1614, \$5; Court Yuvan, No. 1594, \$10; Court Stewiacke, No. 931, \$10; Court Sissiboo, No. 122, \$5; Court Cornwallis, No. 818, \$20; Court Widows' Friend, No. 1003, \$10; Court Utopia, No. 3506, \$13.85; Court Prince William, No. 1004, \$3; Court Yarmouth, No. 1390, \$12; Court Royal Jubilee, No. 114, \$67.40; Court Cumbria, No. 910, \$25; Court Hawthorne, No. 1074, \$54; Court Seymour, No. 1603, \$23; Court Peninsular, No. 1206, \$5; Court Mayflower, No. 209, \$11; Court Happy Thought, No. 917, \$10; Court Lloyd, No. 1604, \$5; Court Rand, No. 3412, \$14; Court Chebucto, No. 1376, \$10; Court Acadia, No. 102, \$8.50; Court Scotia, No. 1818, \$10; Court Chappell, No. 3610, \$10.

Halifax.

Court Seymore's At-Home was a grand success; over 500 members and friends were present.

Major-General Purcell, of the Royal Foresters, has been laid up, and Aberdeen Encampment miss their instructor very much.

Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger A. W. Purcell installed the officers of the following courts during the month of January: Courts Uniacke, Scotia, Halifax, Cherbucto, and Aberdeen Encampment. The D.S.C.R. is a true Forester, and performs his duties in true Forestric style.

Court Halifax, No. 1624, has had more than its share of deaths of its members' wives in the last few months, and in nearly all cases practically unexpected deaths. The brethren who have been called on to mourn their severe loss are: Bros. J. D. Spencer, manager for Miller Bros., piano dealers; H. W. Cameron, chemist and druggist; Ralph Isehor, of H.M. Dockyard, and C. W. Nickerson, deputy chief of police and former Deputy of the court. The first named brother's wife died the latter part of 1897; the last three in the month of February, on the 5th, 22nd and 26th respectively. To the bereaved brethren, their friends and relatives is extended the sincere sympathy of all worthy Foresters.

Ontario.

Court Valley City, No. 73, Galt, sends \$5 for the Foresters' Cottage, with the kindly hope that we may have abundant success.

Court Oronhyatekha, No. 23, Hamilton, with a promptness and liberality worthy of its name and its position as the banner court of the mother jurisdiction, has sent \$10.00 for the Foresters' Cottage, Muskoka.

St. Thomas is to have a third court of the I.O.F. The new one is to be known as the Business-men's Court. Bro. T. G. Davey is working it up. He expects to launch it with a charter membership of at least 75. The more the better.

Court Wingham enjoyed the services of Bro. T. G. Davey, P.S.T., recently. A week's canvass secured a goodly number of applications. In connection with this special work an entertainment was given in the town hall on March 4th. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Oaken, of Belgrave. Rev. Archdeacon Davis, S.C., of London, gave an excellent address on the principles and benefits of the I.O.F. A fine musical programme was also rendered.

Court Simcoe, No. 166, on Tuesday evening, the 8th day of March last, gave a most successful "At-Home."

Although the invitations were extended to Foresters and families only, it was a grand success, there being over 300 present to enjoy the evening.

The chair was taken by the Court Deputy, Bro. J. Porter, who, by his pleasing and entertaining manner, kept the audience in the best of good humor throughout the rendering of one of the best programmes ever given by local talent in the town of Simcoe, who, by the way, were members of Court Simcoe.

The intermission was taken up by partaking of a very bountiful repast prepared by the wives of the brethren of Court Simcoe.

During the last two months Court Simcoe initiated forty-two members, and have now a membership of 158, but they have not quit at that, as it was the determination of each brother present at the "At-Home" to secure a new member, and the readers of the FORESTER can rest assured that they will hear from them right along in their efforts to have the Banner Court.

Ontario Centre.

Bravo! Centre to the front again.

Court Sunnidale, No. 983, Stayner, sends "with pleasure" \$5 for Foresters' Cottage.

To have a place among "the big four" is an honor of which any jurisdiction may be proud.

For March the Centre is third, among thirty-three jurisdictions. It will be its turn to be *first* before long.

Court High Park, No. 3237, Toronto, sends \$2.35, with the wish that it were more. It is over 10 cents per member.

"The Centre will do its share to make the membership 150,000 by Sept. 1st, 1898." All right. Now let the other thirty-two jurisdictions speak.

Organizers J. L. Sanders and R. Tink, of the High Court, are keeping up their record. Nothing short of an average of 20 applications a week satisfies them.

Bro. Sanders, H.C.R., is planning a vigorous campaign for the closing months of May and June. The end of the Forestric year is to be better than the beginning.

Court Trade and Commerce Toronto, the special delight of Bro. Atwell Fleming, initiated 47 candidates since last report. Will the court that has done better please speak out.

Court Dryad, Harriston, believes in deeds. The secretary for the "Foresters' Cottage" Fund received \$5 from this court some time ago. They did not wait for the official circular.

Bro. Jas. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R., has been doing yeoman's service. During March he addressed good meetings at Elmvale, Hillsdale and Kimmount. To the court in each place applications are coming in.

The High Vice-Chief Ranger is booked for a number of meetings in April. No wonder that he is in demand; he is an earnest and persuasive speaker, a good singer, a clever reciter and an accomplished pianist.

Court Queen City will have to look to its laurels. Court Northern Light and Court Trade and Commerce are both after the banner, and judging from the pace at which they have started out it looks as if the last might be first before many moons.

Court Mad River, Creemore, is well represented in the village council. Dr. Niddrie, H.S., D. McArthur, banker and F.S. of the court, and J. Shepherd, S.W., are among the village fathers. Bro. Shepherd is also a member of the school board.

Public affairs are bound to be ably and energetically managed in the burgh on the banks of the Mad River.

Each day, each week, each month, each year is a new chance given you by God. A new chance, a new leaf, a new life—this is the golden, the unspeakable gift which each new day offers to you.—
Frederick W Farrar.

Ontario East.

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
HIGH COURT OF EASTERN ONTARIO, I.O.F.
TAMWORTH, 26th March, 1898.

To Court Deputies, Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts.

GREETING :

During last October an appeal was issued in the form of a circular to every court within the jurisdiction of this High Court of Eastern Ontario, asking aid for our brethren who were so grievously afflicted by the fire that swept over part of the county of Russell. Courts Casselman, No. 437, and Cambridge, No. 675, lost all their books, papers, forms, and court furniture, and nearly every brother was left in a practically destitute condition, and we confidently hoped that not one court in the jurisdiction would fail to forward its share towards their relief.

Thus far no response has been received from your court, and we now appeal to you again and urge upon you to give a practical demonstration to the chief sentiment of our beloved motto of "Liberty, Benevolence and Concord." We assure you that the needs of our brethren are great, and urgent, and that by responding at once you will earn the gratitude of not only the brethren who have so grievously suffered, but of every member of your High Standing Committee before whom this matter has been laid and by whom this appeal is made. We regret to add that evidence laid before your committee compels the conclusion that the status and reputation of our Order in the vicinity concerned is shadowed by the lack shown by our courts, who have paid no attention to our first appeal. Sister societies have been more prompt and generous to their members than have the I. O. F., and we feel assured that every court is desirous that our Order should not suffer in comparison.

Kindly send at once whatever amount your court can grant, to Bro. G. L. Dickinson, High Secretary, Manotick, Ont., for which you will receive a prompt acknowledgment.

Yours in L., B. and C.,
C. DAY CLARK, M.D.,
High Chief Ranger.

ATTEST :

G. L. DICKINSON,
High Secretary.

Bro. Spence, High Vice-Chief Ranger, attended a meeting at Court Bonnechere, at Renfrew, on the evening of March 24th.

Bro. Ingram established a new court at Sillsville in Lennox County, and has been doing the usual good work we always look for from him.

Let every brother feel that he has a duty to perform in securing new members between now and June 30th, when our Forestry year closes.

A meeting of the High Standing Committee was held in Ottawa on March 22nd, and all are well satisfied with the work for the past seven months.

Bro. Dr. Crain, the High Physician, is taking an active part in the work in his part of the jurisdiction, and we may look forward to a boom in Forestry in that district.

Bro. Dr. Mallory, our High Treasurer, has attended a number of meetings, among others, at Warkworth and the anniversary meeting of Court Tam O'Shanter at Hastings.

Bro. Potts, who has been working under the direction of the High Vice-Chief Ranger Bro. Spence, has put in a good court at Centreton and has another ready to institute in the same district.

Bro. G. N. Brown organized a court of 22 members at Bancroft, and Bro. Jas. Glendenning, with Bro. Brown, instituted the court on February 23rd. Already 8 new members have been secured in this court.

We look forward to a very successful term from now to the meeting of High Court. Any brother who is desirous of devoting some time especially to the work of securing new members will receive a good offer from the High Chief Ranger by communicating with him.

Bro. Dickinson, our ever efficient and genial High Secretary, is still at the good work of visiting courts and looking after the needs of the courts in his district, and the P.H.C.R. and H.C. Bros. Mathison and Fraser, though very busy men, are doing their share of the work.

Court Mountain Grove, No. 3626, held a very successful oyster supper and public meeting on March 4th, at which the H.C.R. delivered an address. This court, though young, is doing excellent work and will very soon take its place amongst the best of the country courts.

Court Tam O'Shanter, No. 1022, held an anniversary public meeting on the evening of March 10th., and as usual scored a decided success. Addresses were delivered by the High Chief Ranger and by the ever welcome Past High Chief Ranger of Ontario, Bro. Col. N. F. Patterson.

Bro. Glendenning has been doing yeoman service for Forestry during the past few months and has established two new courts in the eastern part of the jurisdiction, one at Morrisburg and one at Mangard. We hope Bro. Glendenning will be allowed to continue his good work amongst us.

Court Adolphustown, No. 1892, held a union sugar social with the Lodge of A.O.U.W. in that village, and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. We are pleased to see this good feeling existing between our courts and other societies. Addresses were delivered on behalf of the A.O.U.W. by Bro. Dobson, Principal High School, Picton, and for I.O.F. by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Dr. Clark.

Prince Edward Island.

The Civic Elections, etc.

We congratulate Brother Dr. Warburton, of Court Avondale, on his election as Mayor of Charlottetown, with a majority of over six hundred.

Bros. Alexander Horne and D. L. Hooper, members of Court Avondale, were re-elected to the City Council of Charlottetown; both with good majorities.

Bro. Arthur C. Rogers, of Court Cabot, was elected Mayor of the town of Summerside; and Bro. John Grady, Treasurer of Court Chautauqua, was elected a member of the Town Council. A large number of candidates were in the field. Bro. Grady was the only Forester, and was at the head of the poll.

Brothers John D. Goss, H. A. Compton and Major Schurman, who have served the town as members of the Council for years, did not offer

themselves for re-election, being satisfied to retire with the honors won.

Gone West.—Bros. N. McFarlane of Court Chautauqua; A. T. Wright, Court Minnewawa; J. B. Dawson, Court Avondale; John F. Hayden, Court Balnagowan; David Ross, Court Albion, and T. A. Stewart, Court Elliott, have gone to the Klondyke; and Bros. D. C. McKay and Neil J. McLeod, of Court Dundas, to British Columbia. We wish the brothers good luck, and pray that they will be successful beyond their expectation and return again to the Garden of the Dominion.

Personal.—Bro. D. B. McLellan, Ex-M.P.P., was nominated as candidate for the Liberal party to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of the late F. S. Perry, M.P.

Bro. S. A. Clark, Rec. Secy. of Court Cabot, Summerside, for some years past in the Merchants Bank of Halifax, has been promoted to be teller of the branch at Truro, N. S.

The sympathy of all Foresters goes out to Bro. Robert Bears, of Court Silvan, in the loss of his wife.

Bro. D. A. Stewart, M. D., intends moving from Georgetown to Montague Bridge.

Congratulations are tendered to R. G. McLaren, F. Sec. of Court Gordon, for doing what all wise men do. The brother concluded, at last, that it is not good "for man to be alone."

We regret to hear that Bro. Sheriff McDonald is very poorly. The brother is an honorary member of Court Dundas.

Anniversaries.—Banquets, Socials, etc., are the order of the day with the Courts in P. E. I.

The social at Summerside, held under the auspices of Courts Chautauqua and Cabot, was a very successful and enjoyable event. There was a large number of Foresters present, with their wives and daughters, besides several specially invited guests, and all were much pleased with the affair, the best of good feeling and good fellowship prevailing throughout.

The first part of the programme consisted of musical and literary selections, by several well-known artists of recognized ability. Bro. Chas. Murphy, C.D.H.C.R. of Court Chautauqua, presided.

The second part of the programme was an adjournment to the supper room, where the ladies had provided one of the finest spreads we have ever seen here on an occasion of this kind. It was certainly a credit to them, and the guests did "ample justice" to the abundance of good things with which the tables were loaded.

The third part of the programme was devoted to the "feast of reason and flow of soul." The speeches, of which we cannot here attempt even a brief synopsis, were excellent, many of them being really choice. Bro. Donald McCallum, Chief Ranger of Court Chautauqua, presided, with Bro. A. McDowell, Chief Ranger of Court Cabot, as Vice Chairman, and the toast list was as follows:

"The Queen," Singing of National Anthem.

"Our Country," responded to by Bros. J. H. Bell, M.P.P., and John Mollison.

"The United States," responded to by Dr. Brown.

"Our Supreme Court," responded to by Bro. J. M. Clark, who reviewed the growth of Forestry, and spoke of the vast amount of good it had done.

"Our High Court," responded to by Bro. L. U. Fowler, H. S.

"Our Sister Societies," responded to by Bro. A. C. Rogers.

"Our Fraternal Societies," responded to by Bro. R. H. Macdonald.

"The Medical Profession," responded to by Rev. Dr. Covey, who made one of the wittiest speeches of the evening, and Dr. McPhail.

"The Bench and Bar," responded to by Bro. K. J. Martin.

"Our Educational Institutions," responded to by Bros. Neil Macleod and R. H. Campbell.

"The Press," responded to by Bros. W. A. Brennan and W. T. Lefurgey.

"The Ladies," responded to by Bros. J. B. Gunn, J. B. C. Baker and L. U. Fowler.

The committee who had charge of the arrangements, the ladies who prepared the banquet, and all concerned, are to be congratulated on the complete success of the social, which we hope will not be the last one of the kind.

Courts Avondale and Mt. Stephen, Charlottetown, held a banquet on the evening of March 3rd. Everything passed off in a first class manner.

Court New London held an "At-Home" at the Bay View House on March 3rd. This was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. This court has been enjoying great prosperity in the way of new members. So may it be. The members of Courts Albion, Balnagowan and Abegweit, of Eklon, Verner River and Pownal, have made the meetings interesting of late by fraternal visits.

Progress.—For the month of January, 37 applications were passed by the Medical Board, not as many as we would wish, but being one more than our large sister, New Brunswick. Even 37 may be a good showing. No doubt; but all our P. E. I. members remember that the High Chief Ranger, Bro. F. S. Jost, has offered an organ, manufactured by the Dominion Organ Co., to the court that will increase its membership by the largest number before the first of July next. "Where will the organ go?" is the question.

In order to make a second prize and include the new courts organized, a member of the High Standing Committee will give a Financial Secretary's desk, made to order by the firm of Mark Wright & Co. The desk will be of antique oak, finished in first-class style, with twelve drawers, just the size for the different forms. "Where will the desk go?" is the question. At the present time a number of the courts are about equal in the number of new members initiated; so there will need to be some hustling before the 1st July. Brethren, don't be weary in well-doing.

Bro. L. U. Fowler, H. S., visited Tignish recently. At this meeting of the court one new member was admitted and five propositions for membership submitted and passed. At the close of the meeting Chief Ranger, Bro. B. C. McLellan, ex-speaker of the legislative assembly, invited the members and some friends to the Hotel Barnard, where an excellent supper had been prepared at his expense, and where a couple of hours were spent with much pleasure and profit to all present.

Duty is a power which rises with us in the morning and goes to rest with us at night. It is co-extensive with the action of our intelligence. It is the shadow which cleaves to us, go where we will, and which only leaves us when we leave the light of life.—Gladstone.

Quebec.

First for two months in succession! Well done!

Quebec is not where it was for the past two months—from first to sixth place is a change. The brethren on the banks of the St. Lawrence are probably girding themselves for a great effort in the closing months of the Forestry year.

Our friend "Charley" of the Empire State will bear us out in this, that every thing we have is of the best material, at least the Supreme Treasurer thinks so. We just want now to get ahead of Ontario once, then I think we would feel happy.

What is the matter with Quebec? Why, Quebec is all right and its administration in good hands. We are not going to say much either; we are simply going to do, so long as we can, what we promise, and that is to hold up our end in the interests of Forestry.

We much regret to learn of the continued illness of Bro. Longly, P.C.R. of Court Balmoral. The brother has been for years a faithful officer of the court, and we trust we will hear of his recovery and again have the pleasure of seeing him going in and out amongst us.

Two courts a month for Quebec since High Court met, making a total of twelve courts instituted up to the present time, and we just learn that the H. C.R. has ordered a set of supplies, and to have no less than thirty constitutions included. This speaks well for the province, and we feel satisfied another successful year will crown our efforts.

If Michigan or New York wants a pointer we will give it to them. The S.V.C.R., who we believe is a Michigander, was once heard to ask the present High Chief, "What kind of a place is that Quebec, anyhow?" We are now able to assure him that it is the liveliest spot known for Independent Forestry, and able to lead the great jurisdiction west of the tunnel.

Court Sir E. P. Tache, No. 1676.—Just a word to this court. We are pleased to congratulate them. The return for the competition just closed shows them first on the list, having added 35 to their number. This is what we like to see, and I am sure the Executive of Quebec are more than satisfied at their good work. May success continue to attend their efforts.

Court St. Hyacinthe, No. 588.—Who said St. Hyacinthe would now fall behind? An addition of 13 members during the last month; this shows good work. The fact is they are only getting established properly in St. Hyacinthe—they are simply a little bit shy. Now they are getting over that and will go ahead. Fyle your claims, boys; the Executive want every claim paid.

Brethren of Quebec, get ready for our next competition. The executive congratulate you for the efforts you have made in again placing our jurisdiction at the head of the list. Let us continue; there is plenty of the right material in our province. It only requires a little united effort to keep up our fine lead, and I am sure we need only ask our enthusiastic brethren, and it shall be done. Let us do our individual best to secure a new member and so retain our good name and first place.

Court Prince Arthur, of Montreal, had a meeting of more than ordinary interest recently. Bro. R. M. Wovenden, F.S., was presented by Bro. W. A. Dougherty on behalf of the court with a hand-

some writing-desk for his long, faithful and efficient services. The unexpected present was suitably and feelingly acknowledged. Songs and speeches followed the presentation. The court gave a public social on March 21st which was largely attended. Prince Arthur is in the procession.

Court Eastis, No. 1477.—We learn this court has had its own difficulties, and as we in Quebec allow no excuse for a court being in difficulties it has soon to be accounted for. The High Secretary was instructed to give this court his attention, the result being that everything is now in good running order with them, which we trust will continue, as we want to retain our good name, and no court need be at a loss if they require looking after. We hope now to hear good results of the H.S.'s work.

Court Deschallions, No. 3539.—This court for several months has been in a dormant state. This was made known to H.C.R., who at once made it his business to find the location of the nearest Deputy. He got on the track of General Deputy Tremblay, and at once arranged with him to visit the brethren and do everything possible to place them on a good, sound footing. This the brother reports as having been done, and it has been confirmed by the H.C.R. having received a communication from the Secretary that everything is now O.K., and that we may look forward to have good work done in that district.

Court Temescouata, No. 1170.—This court had a successful installation of officers. Bro. Bedard, H.V.C.R., presided. The court-room was tastefully decorated, and there was a large and successful meeting. After the installation the H.V.C.R. and several of the members addressed the meeting, which proved a successful one for the court. We well know the enthusiasm that exists among the brethren, and we feel assured that the presence of a High Court officer amongst them will encourage them to push forward the work in that district, and we have no doubt that every effort will be put forth by active workers to secure a new member.

We have just learned that Bro. P. N. Breton, coming from some place unknown in the States, called in at Quebec city, made a stay of twenty-four hours, instituted a court of twenty-five members, went and shook hands with the H.V.C.R. and told him to keep an eye on it, as he had to return. We learn the H.V.C.R. has not got over it yet, and no wonder, doing such a trick at his very door! We always said Bro. Breton required watching. You have got to get up early to get ahead of him; even our cousins on the other side are finding that out, and the work he is doing, just as we say Quebec may have cranks, but in Forestry we keep the best material.

Court Joliette, No. 3657.—This is one of the young courts in Quebec; still, we give such courts our attention, and the H.C.R., in order to satisfy himself, and give the membership that did exist an opportunity to recruit, had Bro. Skelly pay them a visit, giving him full instructions as to what was required of them if they wished to continue in good standing. The brother on his return presented a very creditable report, and we now feel quite satisfied that all Court Joliette requires is a little time, and they will soon be able to make a name for themselves. We are always pleased to give such courts a helping hand. We hope to see them ere long in a flourishing condition.

UNITED STATES.

California.

Court Madera was visited on the 11th, and the members thoroughly posted in the principles of the Order, and in the unwritten work.

Courts Yosemite and Independence, of Stockton, were visited on March 5th by the High Chief Ranger. Both courts are doing excellent work.

Court Kingsburg was visited on the 16th and a very enjoyable court meeting was held, followed by a supper for the guest of the evening, the H.C.R.

The month of March was an exceptionally busy one, meetings were held almost nightly. The result can be looked for in increased applications in the near future.

Court Reges, of Hanford, was down for the 17th. The open meeting was largely attended. Five candidates were initiated at a private meeting of the court afterwards.

Court Siera, of Sacramento, was down for a visit on the 7th March. There was a good attendance of members, the H.C.R. instructing them in the unwritten work, and initiated two candidates.

The High Chief Ranger of the Golden State is a believer in work. The success of the Order in California proves that work always tells. At one meeting as many as 37 applications were received.

Court Chico was visited on March 9th. The public meeting was largely attended. Five applications were received. The members of the court at the close of the meeting entertained to supper all present.

Court Gridley held a public meeting and reception to the H.C.R. on March 8th, which was a success in every way. The city cornet band discoursed good music. Bro. McElfresh addressed a large audience, and then came a grand supper, followed by a ball.

Court Fresno on the 12th gave a grand public meeting in honor of the visit of the High Chief. A splendid programme of music, recitation and song was rendered by some of the best local talent of the city of Fresno, after which all enjoyed a fine supper, which was prepared by the wives of the brethren of the court.

Court Lemoor had the pleasure of welcoming to their public meeting one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the town. The address of the H.C.R. was received with marked attention. The brethren count on making many additions. The banquet, which is a usual feature of the Forestric gatherings, followed.

Court Manzanetia, of Jackson, was visited on the 4th March. The meeting was open to the public, and was largely attended. The address of the H.C.R. must have carried conviction, for several candidates were received. At the close of the public meeting a session of the court was held, and a number of candidates were initiated. To crown an evening of unusual interest a banquet was tendered the High Chief.

Court Fowler on the 15th March held one of the largest and most successful public fraternal meetings ever held in Fowler. The large hall was crowded to the outer doors. A well rendered programme of music, song and recitation; the address of the H.C.R. was the feature of the evening. A

bountiful supper and two hours of dancing made up one of the most pleasant evenings ever enjoyed by the large company present.

Court Golden West, of Sutter Creek, had the call on March 3rd. All present had a very grand time indeed. Lavaggio's theatre was crowded. The H.C.R. was the whole programme for the evening. After the public meeting a private session of the court was held to confer the "Oriental Degree." This was followed by a banquet.

Court Eldorado, of Sacramento, was visited on March 1st, in private session, and in company with our High Counsellor, Bro. O. G. Hopkins and G.D. H.C.R. A. J. Robelin, and a large delegation of representatives from Court Sutter and Siera. The members were greatly interested in the rapid growth of the membership and surplus.

Court Hangton, of Placerville, was visited 28th Feb. in their fine theatre building; the audience crowded the house to the door. A fine musical and dramatic programme was rendered by local talent, after which Bro. McElfresh addressed the people on the advantages of the I.O.F., and at the close of the public meeting the membership repaired to their hall, where a regular meeting of the court was held, after which all sat down to a fine banquet.

Court La Fiesta, No. 880, Los Angeles, Cal., began the new year with a thoroughly competent staff of officers, and with prospects of a bright future. The past year was the most successful of the history of the court. The social feature of the Order is doing wonders for its growth and permanence in Los Angeles. The different courts have instituted the practice of visiting each other as courts in a body after the regular business is finished. The good of the Order is discussed by all, when dormant ideas are brought forth and exchanged for an hour. Then a light luncheon is served, and a general social is indulged in, when a general acquaintance is made, and brothers are known and met as brothers, and there is an impression made that lasts: we know each other when we meet on the street. We find it has increased the interest and attendance, and by the influence brought about has added to our numbers the best and most influential of our citizens. We see the popularity it has gained in the past three months by the following figures. The first social visit was given in December, 1897, by Court Morris Vineyard to Court La Fiesta, when seventy brothers were present. The last was given to Court La Fiesta in February, 1898, when nearly five hundred were present. Many brothers lived so far away they could not remain for refreshments. The Oriental was given to a number of members on that occasion. Many brotherly acts are performed that would not be thought of were it not for these social visits, and they are bringing the attendance up to a high standard. We highly recommend the experiment to other sections where more than one court exists.

Illinois.

Court Glory, No. 3510, Chicago, Ill., held a public installation of officers on the evening of January 24th, at which the following High Standing Committee presided: In the absence of H.C.R. Stevenson, of Illinois, H. Coun. Wm. C. Schaefer acted as H.C.R., ably assisted by H. Treas. Florence Donohue, who acted as H. Mar., and H.C.D. F.P. Hendricks, who acted as H. Con. The ceremony

was witnessed by upwards of 200 invited friends of the members of the court. During the course of the evening H. Treas. Donohue made a most eloquent speech in regard to the manner in which the finances of the Order were handled and protected, which was listened to with great interest and vigorously applauded. H. Coun. Schaefer also made a very brilliant speech, explaining in a plain way the working of the Order; also giving a brief history of the Order from the time of its birth up to the present time, showing its increase from year to year, both in its finances and membership. Bro. Schaefer also gave a comparison of the rates of assessment of different fraternal organizations with our Order, in which he proved that our Order was not only the cheapest but was also the best and safest. Intermingled with speeches there were several musical selections, and these, together with the refreshments that were served, helped to make it an evening of thorough enjoyment. This was our first but not by any means our last public installation, as we propose to make it an annual function.

Indiana.

HIGH COURT MEETING.

The High Court of Indiana convened in sixth annual session at Terre Haute, Ind., on Thursday, Feb. 24, 1898. The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m., by Bro. C. R. Roehrig, H.C.R., and roll being called showed that all the officers were present and that 36 of the 42 courts were represented. J. N. Gresham, C.R., in behalf of Court Rose, No. 1240, extended a cordial greeting and welcome to all present. The High Chief Ranger responded in behalf of the High Court. The H.C.R. announced the appointment of the Credential Committee and instructed said committee to report at earliest possible moment. On announcement, by the Beadle, of the arrival of the Supreme Secretary, Bro. John A. McGillivray, the chair appointed Past H.C.R's. W. E. Francis and J. E. Shultz, and C. D. Sellers, C.R., as a Committee on Reception. The distinguished visitor was then introduced and received with the honors due his rank. The Supreme Secretary then responded in his own happy style.

HIGH CHIEF RANGER'S REPORT.

The High Chief Ranger, in his report, expressed his thanks for the great honor conferred upon him, and his pleasure at being permitted to again greet the members of the High Court. He called attention to the progress being made as a High Court, and submitted the following figures:

Members July, 1892 (time of institution)....	200
“ Jan., 1893.....	350
“ “ 1894.....	402
“ “ 1895.....	741
“ “ 1896.....	1,056
“ “ 1897.....	1,369
“ Feb., 1898.....	1,804

He congratulated those present in belonging to an organization which could show a surplus fund of over two and a half millions of dollars, and commended the Supreme Court for its good business management and promptness in meeting all obligations.

He cited our need of organizers and recommended that the necessary action be taken to secure such officers for the ensuing year. He cited the work done in building up the weak courts and re-

commended that this work be continued, and that additional courts be instituted in cities of ten thousand and upwards in order to create a friendly rivalry among the members which would stimulate their efforts in securing new members. He paid a tribute to the deceased members, and asked the court to “bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.”

He recommended that the following questions be considered at this meeting, viz.:

- 1st. Biennial Sessions.
- 2nd. Raising the High Court dues.
- 3rd. Discontinuance of Mileage and Per Diem.
- 4th. Decreasing salary of High Secretary.

He concluded by extending thanks to the Supreme Chief Ranger for assistance rendered during the past year, to the Standing Committee for its able support, and to the members in general for honors bestowed upon him, and urged all, upon their return home, to unite in an effort to promote the welfare of the noblest of Orders.

HIGH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The High Sec'y submitted full and complete statements showing the growth and condition of the membership and finances, including an itemized account of receipts and disbursements.

The several statements showed:

No. of Courts Jan. 1, 1897.....	42
“ “ instituted during 1897.....	2
“ “ suspended.....	2
“ “ Jan. 1, 1898.....	42
“ Members Jan. 1, 1897.....	1,369
“ “ Jan. 1, 1898.....	1,778
Net gain during year (about 30%).....	409
No. of initiations during year.....	581
“ Affiliations by card.....	5
“ Re-instatements.....	41
“ Suspensions.....	194
“ Withdrawals by card.....	12
No. expelled.....	1
No. of deaths.....	11
Amount of Insurance carried by deceased members.....	\$11,000

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer submitted the following gratifying report of the business transacted through his office:

Receipts.

Cash on hand last Report.....	\$ 648 33
Cash received from H. Secretary.....	1,622 77

Total.....\$2,271 10

Disbursements.

Checks Nos. 72 to 92, inclusive.....	\$1,667 25
Balance cash on hand.....	603 85

Total.....\$2,271 10

OPEN MEETING.

At 8 p.m. a large assembly of Terre Haute's best people gathered at Bindley's Hall and assisted Court Rose in receiving the members of the High Court. Programme: Grand march, “Big Five,” orchestra; welcome address, Mayor Fred. A. Ross; violin, polonaise, Op. 49, Haus Silt, Miss Florence A. Warhurst; recitation, “Jim,” Miss Lillian Howarth; tenor solo, “Thine, Still Thine,” Mr. Dan. Davis; address, “The I.O.F.,” John A. McGillivray, Supreme Sec'y; violin, “Nocturne in B flat” (Chopin), Miss Florence Warhurst; duet,

"See How the Moon has Faded" (Rossini), Mr. and Mrs. Dan. Davis; recitation, "The Boss Forester," Miss Lillian Howarth; comic song, "Medley," Mr. Joe H. Davis; Mrs. Grace Williams Mollenhauer and Miss Nellie G. Davis, accompanists; Dr. L. J. Weinstein, master of ceremonies; banquet, cards, dancing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committees on Distribution, Appeals and Petitions, State of the Order, New Business, Mileage and Per Diem, and Press were read and adopted.

The Committee on Laws reported adversely on biennial sessions, and report of committee concurred in.

Committee on Finance reported recommending the High Court dues fixed at \$1.00 per annum, and salary of High Secretary to remain as last year, viz., \$700 per annum. Report received and concurred in.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers then took place, and resulted as follows: H.C.R., G. W. Goff, Rensselaer; H.V.C.R., C. W. Ennis, Union City; H. Sec'y, W. W. Wilson, Logansport; H. Treas., E. Bierhaus, jr., Vincennes; H. Phys., S. G. Todd, Mishawaka; H. Coun., C. H. Henderson, La Fayette; H. Auditors, D. H. Sliger, Terre Haute, and J. H. James, Anderson.

The H.C.R. then announced appointments as follows: H. Chap., G. M. Gregg, Delphi; H.J.S., E. T. Ireland, Alexandria; H.S.W., E. Tousley, Fort Wayne; H.J.W., J. S. Nelson, Hebron; H.S.B., R. T. Robbins, Peru; H.J.B., W. P. Gebhardt, Evansville; H. Marsh., J. Greve, Wheatfield; H. Cond., T. J. Loden, South Bend; H. Mess., Lute Douge, Elwood; Representative to Supreme Court, J. E. Shultz; Alternate Representative to Supreme Court, W. R. Francis. The officers were installed by P.H.C.R. J. E. Shultz.

Anderson was selected as place of next session. Session adjourned at 3.30 p.m., February 25th.

NOTES OF SESSION.

Terre Haute is all right.

Court Rose is all right.

Committee of Arrangements is all right.

The chairman of the evening session and the Mayor of Terre Haute are all right.

The entire programme was all right, and so were the people.

The members could not find words sufficient to praise the most excellent address of the Supreme Secretary.

The resolution expressing sympathy for the Supreme Chief Ranger in his illness and praying for his speedy recovery was adopted unanimously.

The sincere thanks of the High Court were extended to the press of Terre Haute for the able manner in which the proceedings were published.

Court Miami, No. 661, and not Court Noble, is the banner court of the "Hoosier" State. Miami has 161 members and Noble 157. We owe an apology to Court Miami for the mistake. Honor to whom honor is due. Court Noble is still a good second.

An empty pocket is bad, an empty mind is worse, and an empty heart is the most deplorable kind of poverty.

Iowa High Court.

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER,
DAVENPORT, March 22, 1898.

To all Iowa Courts:

The High Court of Iowa will hold its fourth annual session at Davenport, commencing at 10.00 a.m., Wednesday, May 18th.

The headquarters will be at the St. James' Hotel, where members of the local Committee on Arrangements will be in waiting.

The membership in Iowa is not such as to enable the securing of reduced rates from the railroads, so each individual attendant will make the best possible personal arrangements.

We are informed by the Supreme Chief Ranger that Hon. Jno. A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, will be with us.

Each court having a membership of fifty or less will be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five members, or major fraction thereof.

In this connection it may be well to state, as a matter of information, that owing to the presentation of the report of the Committee on By-Laws the session will undoubtedly occupy two days; that if each court send but one delegate that we will have funds sufficient with which to pay the full railroad and hotel expense from the time of leaving home until return thereto, but should the full delegation come from each court, then there must be a pro rata of the expense among all delegates present. Should there be less than a full delegation from any court, the delegates present have the power to cast the full vote to which the delegation would be entitled, and on all questions.

Visiting brethren, having proper credentials from their courts, may receive the High Court degree.

A change from annual to biennial sessions will be one of the principal questions to be considered at this meeting.

With this call the High Secretary will inclose to deputies blank credentials for delegates; these should be held by the delegates, and be taken by them to the session, but the names of such elected delegates should be at once reported to the High Secretary.

Every member of the Order expecting to be present at this session is earnestly requested to forward his name to the High Chief Ranger, so that complete and satisfactory local arrangements may be made.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

Attest: A. D. FLEU,
PERRY PERKINS, High Chief Ranger.
High Secretary.

Massachusetts.

An esteemed brother writes: "Court Boston, No. 1705, meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 616 Wash. St., 8 o'clock. Court Boston is wide awake and flourishing, and I think we will astonish some of the older ones before the year is over. Keep your eye on us."

Not until you make men self-reliant, intelligent, and fond of struggle—fonder of struggle than of help—not till then have you relieved poverty.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Michigan.

We give below the business-like circular of the High Secretary. It may contain some suggestions of value to other High Secretaries:

BAY CITY, MICH., March 10, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts of the Independent Order of Foresters, of Michigan.

BROTHEREN.—At the session of the High Court held in Detroit, Feb. 22nd and 23rd, the representatives present saw fit to select me as your High Secretary for the ensuing year. I desire to thank the representatives and the several courts in Michigan for the honor conferred upon me, and to assure each court that it shall be my endeavor to transact the business pertaining to the office of High Secretary in an economical, business-like and systematic manner. In order to do this without dissatisfaction, misunderstanding or waste of valuable time, it is necessary that the office should have as largely as possible the active, energetic and consistent support of each court. The following suggestions, excepting the third, are not binding upon any court, but if the courts will carry them out it will be a saving in every possible direction. The suggestions are as follows:—

First—Each court is requested as largely as possible to conduct all of its correspondence on paper of regular letter size, 8½ by 10½ or thereabouts, with the name and number of the court, and the name of the court deputy, at least, printed on the stationery. If the court desires stationery of this kind, either with the name and number of its court and its court deputy printed thereon, or with the names and numbers left blank, together with a neat I.O.F. emblem thereon, I will furnish it at actual cost at any time.

Second—In ordering supplies, the name of the blanks required, together with the form number and the price, should be given in all cases. Two price lists of supplies are enclosed with this circular, and the Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary should at once paste a copy in their books for future reference.

Third—Courts in ordering supplies will take notice of the following resolution adopted by the High Standing Committee at its meeting in Detroit immediately after the adjournment of the High Court:—

Resolved, That the High Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to require the courts to send money for supplies when they are ordered in every case; and he it further

Resolved, That the High Secretary be held personally liable for any and all supplies which may be sent out to the courts, unless money accompanies the order for the same.

This being a new regulation, I shall take it upon myself not to insist upon its going into effect until April 15th; on and after that date no orders for supplies will be filled unless the money accompanies the order. All orders will be filled, whatever the amount may be; but the courts will readily see that if they will order at least one dollar's worth with each order that it will be a saving to the court for postage or express charges, and also a saving in this office.

To the amount of each order should be added sufficient to pay postage or express charges, and which amount will vary from two cents to thirty cents, and possibly more where large orders are

given. I would prefer to send all orders by express, if possible, as it will do away with any differences as to supplies that might otherwise be lost if sent by mail.

Fourth—All remittances should be by draft, post-office or express order. Postage stamps will be accepted where the amount does not exceed one dollar.

Fifth—I would advise that each court keep on hand at least two applications for mortuary benefits; but in case of death, blanks will be furnished without the money if desired and such blanks may be ordered by telegram, as delay in those matters ought to be avoided in every case.

Sixth—If your court does not use stationery, each recording secretary in writing this office must in all cases add to his letter the name and address of the court deputy.

Two copies of this circular are enclosed, and I advise that the Recording and Financial Secretaries cause the same to be pasted in their respective record books, so that it may be at hand for reference at any time.

In conclusion, permit me to say that the name of Independent Forestry occupies to-day a better place than ever before in our history in this State, the benefits and advantages offered by our Order are being more and more thoroughly understood and are much more highly appreciated than ever before. With just a little effort on the part of the individual members who have any leisure time the coming year will certainly be by far the best in the history of Independent Forestry in Michigan, and when its close shall have been reached Michigan ought to be, and will be, the banner High Court of all the jurisdictions.

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

LEE E. JOSLYN,
High Secretary.

Minnesota.

High Chief Ranger O. H. O'Neill visited the Duluth brethren during the last week of February, and attended the regular meetings of Courts Duluth and West Duluth, and was present at entertainments given by Courts Central Duluth and Loyal. He had an opportunity of seeing them at work and at play, and expressed himself as well satisfied with the energy and sociability which the members manifested. It is unnecessary to say that the High Chief Ranger was warmly welcomed and well entertained during his stay.

There are seven courts of the Order in Duluth, and with one exception all are in a healthy and flourishing condition. The old pioneer, Court Duluth, No. 724, is the largest in Minnesota, with a membership close on to 300. It is admitted that the I.O.F. occupies first place amongst fraternal insurance organizations in Duluth, and the intention is to keep it so.

Missouri and Kansas.

Court Eli is hustling again and says it will get there, sure.

Court Central reports a steady growth, but again mourns the loss of a brother.

Court Atchison is preparing for a vigorous campaign. Look for a good report from them in the near future.

Courts Tipton and Moberly report an awakened interest in Forestry in their section.

Court Jefferson City has not captured the capital yet, but is laying plans for a siege.

And Court Boom, of Columbia, is doing good work at the university which should tell later.

The High Court of Missouri and Kansas is still in business and reports Forestry doing well, especially in western Missouri.

Bro. Robinson, F.S. of Court Grundy, Trenton, Mo., called lately and reports four new members for January. He says this Mrs. Grundy lets her work talk for her.

Court East Side had 10 initiations and 12 more applications for March, and with an entertainment they will give March 29th should do as well, if not better, in April.

Court Pocahontas is working hard to retain the medal won for greatest net increase for year ending July 1st, 1897; but look to your laurels, brothers, for there are "others."

Court Independent reports three new members for March. Their C.R., Bro. Adams, is trying the baths at Hot Springs, Ark., for rheumatism. Our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Court Wyandotte gave a musical and literary entertainment on March 3rd; results, 8 applications for membership for March. Brothers, it pays to let the public know you and your work.

And last, but not least, our baby sister, Court Kaw Valley, is proving herself a lusty infant, with an additional charter list of 17 on March 1st and more for April 1st, when they will be in their new quarters, Tacoma Hall, and will meet every Thursday evening in future.

Court Remember, of Kansas City, Kansas, which has won more prizes than any in the jurisdiction, says it is coming to the front again, and when it does try it generally wins. Court Kansas City is made of the right stuff, and, though new, can give pointers to many of her older sisters, especially in Forestry law.

Court Wyandotte, No. 600, Kansas.—This court is progressing; they held an entertainment recently and had a splendid house, the audience filling it to overflowing. They purpose giving an entertainment every month. They have now on hand 11 applications for membership. Truly a live court that will do its full share to make the membership 150,000 by Sept. 1st, 1898.

Dr. E. M. Hetherington writes from Kansas City, saying: "J. S. Heatherington died at Columbia, Mo., on the 4th of February, and I handed over the papers to the Fin. Secretary on the 9th of February to fix up, which he sent off the same evening, and on the 19th day of February Mrs. J. S. Heatherington received check No. 36013 for Three Thousand Dollars, full payment of her husband's insurance in Court Central, No. 635, Independent Order of Foresters of Kansas City, Mo."

New Jersey.

Court Frelinghaysen, No. 1698, Newark, is marching onward and upward. We are having from two to three initiated at each meeting and are working under a full paraphernalia for the past three meetings, and this certainly does create a desire among our members to see an initiation at

each meeting and has a tendency to bring in new members. We will have two initiations at our next meeting.

New York.

Court Mecca, of New York, to which Bros. P. M. Martin and L. W. Dinkelspiel belong, is reputed carrying the heaviest insurance per member of any court in the State. Their membership now numbers 65, with three more to initiate at next meeting.

Bro. T. S. Griffith, a member of Court Attica, has been elected Town Clerk by a handsomer majority than he would have done had he not belonged to Independent Forestry. He is known to be popular, and is a favorite with the members of his court.

Court Lake Erie, No. 1205, Buffalo, has a record for 1897 of which the members are pardonably proud. 103 members were initiated during the year, 28 of them in December. The total membership is now 311. Watertown, with 333, had better look to its laurels.

Court King's County, No. 3611, gave an entertainment and reception on Feb. 15, at Palm Garden, and although the weather was very bad, it was largely attended, members of the various courts in Brooklyn being present. Altogether, the affair proved a grand success financially and otherwise, several new members being the result. This court promises to be the banner court in Brooklyn, or, at least, is trying for first honors.

Col. A. B. Caldwell is again to the front with another new court (Umbria) at Syracuse, and will soon have one ready for institution in the old Seventeenth Ward. He has recently contributed five dollars towards the erection and furnishing of the new Foresters' Cottage for Consumptives at Gravenhurst, on the bay of Muskoka Lake, in connection with the Sanatorium there, which has now thirty patients under treatment, all of whom are said to be doing nicely.

Court Attica, at its last installation of officers, was largely represented by both sexes, and the public installation ceremonies were conducted by the Hon. O. P. Stockwell, H. V. C. R., assisted by Court Deputy Henry B. Flach and a corps of efficient officers. Speeches were made by Bros. Stockwell, Flach, Dr. S. G. Warren, Chief Ranger Bey and Past Chief Ranger Bro. Hugh Goff. After the performance of the ceremonies all were invited to participate in a formal lunch which had been provided by the committee, and the 150 present, young and old, concluded the evening's entertainment by dancing, singing and games. Space does not permit giving the names of the officers installed, but from various sources we learn that the entertainment was one of the finest ever held in Attica.

The contemplated formation of an Encampment of Royal Foresters at Buffalo is progressing favorably, and with the assistance of Temple Encampment of Royal Foresters and their Drum and Bugle Corps of Toronto, assisted by some of the Supreme Court officers, will materially enhance the importance of the occasion. Bro. Dr. C. A. Kendall, P. H. C. R., has the matter in charge and reports twenty applicants having qualified, and success is assured. There will be no public meeting, so that all who contemplate joining must be ready to complete their membership on or before April 8th (Good Fri-

day), when Buffalo Encampment will be instituted and the ceremonial of institution, installation and routine business of an Encampment will be exemplified by the full uniformed Sir Knights of Temple Encampment. Dr. Kendall's address is 186 Vermont Street, to whom applicants desirous of becoming charter-members should at once apply.

Court Empire City is displaying a spirit of enthusiasm that is commendable, which is having a tendency to enliven the membership and increase their numbers. Their present membership is 85, with three applications and six more on the way. The probabilities are they will number over 100 by the next High Court session. The "P.E.C.'s." of this court are not Past Eminent Commanders, as the initials might indicate to an old goat-rider, but "Permanent Entertaining Committee." They inaugurated a "stag party" recently, ending in the usual amount of smoke from the Cuban product, and gave an entertainment long to be remembered. Bro. Dum, the Chief Ranger, welcomed the guests, and District Deputy Ochs delivered a neat address upon the merits of the Order. An entertainment followed, consisting of recitations, violin and piano solos, stereoscopic views, interspersed with mottoes pertaining to the Order, and concluding with sleight-of-hand performances by local talent. Among the novelties of the evening was a song composed by two well-known authors, viz., Otto and Oppe, members of the court, which is a parody on "The man who broke the bank of Monte Carlo," and was very amusing, as it referred to several of the members. The court room was crowded, and the enthusiasm infused will no doubt redound to their general interests. This court meets every second and fourth Wednesday, corner 125th street and Lexington avenue, over 12th Ward Bank, where all brethren are welcomed.

Ohio.

Ohio has six representatives to Supreme Court session this year.

If we told you all that Ohio is doing, and have it all in one issue of the FORESTER, it could not contain anything else.

Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, O., gave a very fine and elegant prize mask ball in February, and all of its members, including the efficient Deputy, were in the height of their glory.

The court at Carthage had a very enjoyable visit recently from brethren in Hamilton and Oxford. Several candidates were initiated in true Forestry style. For some time back Court Carthage has had initiations at every meeting.

Court Dr. Adler, No. 3705, Cleveland, O., one of our new ones, is wide awake, and will make one of the best in the state. Bro. H. Sandrowitz is C.D.H.C.R., 97 Broadway. He certainly has the I.O.F. interests at heart, and is a capable officer of this court, and one of the recognized business men of this city.

Court Broadway, No. 1252, Cleveland, continues to open its doors to the most deserving, and the clatter of the goat's hoof is frequently heard in their midst. Their growth is of the best—not a boom, but healthy. January 1st, 1898, 98 good live members. We expect 125 by High Court session in September next.

Court Dayton, No. 1000, is still booming, constant and true. At each session new additions. This

shows who is working, and many in the future will rise up and call Court Dayton, No. 1000, and its members, blessed. January 1st, 1898, their numbers were 348, and you may expect us to have 450 by September High Court session.

The next session—High Court session—will be held in their city, and this court, with Court Butler, No. 1380, Hamilton, O., are anticipating, with a great amount of pleasure, the entertainment of all of Ohio's Foresters. You may look a long time before you will find greater harmony, more earnest and loyal Foresters than those in Hamilton, O.

Our Bro. W. G. Philip, P.H.C.R., is warming up some of our courts in a decided manner, and great good is anticipated from his efforts. Monday, March 7th, we arranged and instituted a new court in Lorain, O., made up of the "finest." This the brother expects to be one of the best courts in the state at no distant date. You will hear from Bro. Philip again.

Court Buckeye, No. 32, still "leads the van in large purse. January 1st, 1898, \$2,565.18 in bank, and 196 good loyal boys to enjoy the honor. No one can find fault with their business principles; would that more were like them. They are gaining steadily. Their motto is, "Be sure we are right, then go ahead." Their annual function is always of a high class, and well attended.

Court Fort Hamilton, No. 1749, Hamilton, O., gave a very interesting session March 4th, 1898. Several candidates were taken into the fold, and experienced the several pleasures en route. More are coming. Our estimable H. Treas., L. E. Prentiss, entertained the members and friends with his true version of the benefits of the I.O.F. Every one wants, and all should hear, Bro. Prentiss, when Forestry is his theme.

Court Perry, No. 877.—March 8th, three initiations, and more "almost persuaded." April 12th, social and ball to be given. We now pass the centenary mark, and are entitled to be placed among the honored ones. How many courts will gain the goal of 100 by September 19th, 1898—High Court session? The function was enjoyed greatly, and all agreed that for a real good time only a few can improve, and none excel, Court Fremont, No. 355, in entertaining.

"Royals," Excelsior Encampment, No. 32, Cleveland, O., are "daily" adding new timber to their ranks. Everything in the uniform rank is moving harmoniously. The "line" officers have been appointed by Captain Walker, and the appointments have been confirmed by his superior officers. We are working very diligently, and hope to materially increase our number. It is the desire of our captain that all the members attend regularly, and be prepared to attend and appear in line at the Supreme Court session at Toronto, August next.

Court Banner, No. 360, Cleveland, have become so important in the eyes of the people, and their numbers are so rapidly increasing, they have been obliged to ask permission of our H.C.R., to move into larger and more commodious quarters for the accommodation of their host. January 1st, 1898, members 225. We expect no less than 300 by July 1st, 1898. Banner, No. 360, team work has become famous, and enquiries are being made in regard to it from courts in smaller cities. We invite you all to visit us any time you are in our city. Their C.D.H.C.R. is C. E. Hall, 68 Oakland

Ave., who will be pleased to give you information as you may request.

What are they doing in Alliance? Why, all Ohio revolves around this city. Court Alliance, No. 1516, with 67 standard I.O.F. men, and our H.C.R., D. E. Rogers, at their helm, sways with dignity and despatch all matters connected with I.O.F. in this state, whether great or small. Whichever our H.C.R. goes crowds are eager to hear him outline the benefits and privileges of our Order. This is not chat, as many who have been converted can and will testify. He it was who inaugurated the "annual memorial service" at our High Court sessions. This is one of the best innovations that has ever taken place in fraternal gatherings. All jurisdictions should follow.

Court Epworth, No. 1253, Cleveland, O — January 1st, 1898, 54 members. Our good Bro. D. Gleason, D.D.S.C.R., has gained us \$13,000 insurance in July and February, and the best of men immoral as well as physical risks. Mr. Henry Ward Picord, D.D., Dr. E. Jewett, Geo. C. Johnson, attorney, are among the number, and such men as these will surely gain us members. The outlook for our future is charming.

Our estimable Bro. F. A. A. Dean, F. Sec., has gone into business for himself. Our best and long wishes are for our good brother.

Dr. Stoner, our Treasurer and Physician, looks out for our money that none gets away, and all good men are admitted who apply. May success attend all the efforts of the Doctor.

After many a long day of sickness and stay in hospital, our estimable Bro. John Switzenisk, of Court Banner, No. 360, Cleveland, O., is able to be out again, and everyone is grateful and pleased to see him in our midst. I met him on the car one day, and I cannot say who was pleased the most — Bro. S. or myself. At least the clasp of the hand and the genial smiles were mutual.

Pennsylvania.

Court Pennsylvania, for a long time the banner court of the state, has at last lost her place and gives way to Court Mountain City, but the latter court will have to hustle to keep ahead, for the Pennsylvania warriors have put on their war-paint and intend to recapture their former position.

Court Mountain City won the set of officers' badges in the recent contest, and Bro. A. J. Price, the Court Deputy of Court Glass City, took the cash prize, having secured 15 new members.

A very interesting meeting was held by Court Mountain City on Feb. 17th, when several applicants were initiated. At 10 o'clock the meeting adjourned to the Climax café, where the committee had a sumptuous repast spread for the fifty members in attendance. Having given the inner man proper attention, a number of excellent speeches were listened to. The Chief Ranger of the court, Bro. J. H. Hogue, presiding, called upon the following brothers, who responded in good style: Dr. H. E. Crumbaker, "The Head of the Order"; A. S. Fisher, High Councillor, "The High Court"; H. L. Smith, High Vice-Chief Ranger, "Our Court"; Dr. E. S. Miller, "Rigid Medical Examinations"; Dr. J. M. Sheedy, "Ous Families"; A. P. McLeod, Court Deputy, "Ruler and their Observance"; Dr. Charles Long, "Our host."

Washington.

Official Circular.

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF RANGER, I.O.F.,
TACOMA, WASH., Mar. 21, 1898.

To all Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts of the High Court of Washington.

BRETHREN — I desire at this time to call your attention to the grand and splendid growth of our noble Order, and in doing so feel that the record is one of which each and every one of us may feel proud. I assure you it is one that has far exceeded the expectations of the most of us.

Our surplus on January 1st, 1898, was \$2,611.15 24; our membership at same date, 124,685.

Now, brothers, it is the desire that our membership should, on September 1st next, be 150,000. I am eager that the jurisdiction of Washington should do its part during the next few months. There are, no doubt, many of you who could secure a new member during that time, and I earnestly ask you to put forward your best efforts in so doing, that our grand young State of Washington may not be behind, but take its place among sister jurisdictions.

I desire once more to bring before your notice the matter of the Bronze Statue to our noble Supreme Chief Ranger, and I feel it is one that should receive the hearty support of us all.

I am pleased to say that a majority of courts have already responded, but there are some yet who have not done so, and I would ask those who have not to send without delay ten cents per member to the Rev. Alex. Macgillivray, secretary of the fund, Temple Building, Toronto, Canada.

In conclusion, do not rest until you have secured your member, and when the poll is taken, we can all exclaim, "Washington, my Washington."

Wishing each of you continued success and prosperity,

I am faithfully,
Yours in L., B. and C.,
JOHN A. FORSYTH,
High Chief Ranger.

Attest: OLIVER CRUSE,
High Secretary.

NOTES.

May all the brothers who are seeking municipal honors be elected; so say all of us.

Washington will do its share to place our membership at 150,000 and our surplus at \$3,000,000 by Sept. 1st next.

Court Klamath, at Spokane, is making steady progress, and will give a good report of itself. Bro. Ike Marlow is a rustler, and while the High Chief Ranger was there Bro. Ike made a good record.

Court Destiny, No. 598, is still creeping up to the 200 mark. Read the circular of the H.C.R., act accordingly and make it 250. It can be done, and will be done by the brothers of Destiny. "Bring them in."

Court Alturus, at Fairfield, is all right. During March. They held an entertainment, also a ball. Both proved a great success, and no doubt applications will now pour in. Brothers, you are on the right track; success to you.

State Organizer Forsyth is now in North Yakima and Ellensburg in the interests of the Order, and

expects soon to report courts in each place, and after he gets through there it is his intention to call a joint meeting of the four courts in Seattle.

There is one court that should not be overlooked and that is Court Emerald at Clearbrook. The brothers own their hall and have it all paid for, and business and Forestry are well looked after, as it is a small place. When the H.C.R. was there he was warmly received.

There is a court at Spokane called Silver. Wait till you hear from them at the end of June; it will surprise you. Those brothers mean business. They do not believe in being second, and Destiny will have to look to her laurels if she holds the banner. Go it, brothers; the largest membership at the end of June is the banner court.

Wisconsin.

The "Badger State" will be one of the record-makers for 1898.

On Monday night, March 14th, a court was organized at Nekoosa by Bro. Arnett, with a charter list of 40 members.

Bro. Kidney and the courts of La Crosse did a six weeks' work that stands unsurpassed when they secured 175 members. Where, when and by whom has better work been done?

On February 16th Court Eve, No. 3786, was organized by Bro. Geo. A. Arnett at Manitowoc, and also Court Bloomington, No. 3789, by Brother Chas. A. Van Ness at Bloomington.

We are glad to state, writes a brother, that the membership in Wisconsin is growing quite rapidly. We intend to be 5,000 strong by February 1st, 1899, when our High Court meets in Hudson.

Col. Parker, H.C.R., Pro. Proctor, H.S., and their colleagues on the High Standing Committee, with the organizers, officers and members of subordinate courts, are to be congratulated on the fine outlook.

The applications for February were 188; for March they number 235; by June we will expect at least 500. The membership of the Order is to be 150,000 when Supreme Court meets. Wisconsin will do its share.

On March 3rd Court Platteville was organized by Bro. J. S. Hall, with a charter list of 108. The H.C.R., Bro. Parker, H.T., Bro. Jewett, H.Cl., Bro. Witte, and D.S.C.R., Bro. Van Ness, were all present and assisted in the institution of this court and installing the officers. After the ceremonies of organization were completed a feast of good things for the inner man followed. All report a very enjoyable time. This court has the largest charter list of any court ever organized in this state.

Court Freia, No. 1450, of Racine, always up to the times in most things, held a very pleasant and profitable entertainment last month. The affair was called a "valentine party" and the programme, a very unique one, was as follows: An opening address by a former member, a boxing match given by two professionals, a gymnastic performance; and a chair, given to the court by their deputy, was voted to the most popular lady; all of these exercises being interspersed by good music and speaking. Following these exercises was a feast of good things for the inner man. All declared that they had spent a very enjoyable evening, and the whole

affair was a grand success. A small admittance fee was charged which netted the court nearly \$30.

On Tuesday evening, March 15th, Court Boscobel was organized by Bro. Van Ness, with a charter list of 31. A court of Companions was also organized the same evening with a charter list of 30. The High Treasurer and High Secretary were present and assisted in the institution of the court. After the organization had been completed all repaired to the Central House, where an elegant banquet had been prepared for the members of the two new societies. After a most enjoyable evening with Companions and Foresters the High Court Officers left with the firm belief that the Order of Companions will be a pleasant and profitable auxiliary, at least, to our noble Order. Bro. Van Ness as well as the Order is to be congratulated for the excellent court organized at this place.

The best record ever made in any one place in this state has been made during the past six weeks in La Crosse. 175 members have been added to the honor roll of Courts La Crosse and Gateway. On January 1st, Court La Crosse reported 82 members in good standing. It now has over two hundred. Court Gateway reported 37 and it now numbers nearly one hundred. This grand work is due to the united efforts of Bro. Robert Kidney, D.S.C.R., from Toronto, and the members of the courts, who have all entered into the work of introducing the principles and benefits of our noble Order with a vim and interest that may well receive the praise and imitation of every member and court in the state. Many influential men in La Crosse have, by the excellent advantages offered by our Order, been induced to join the courts at that place. We congratulate our brothers for their wonderful success. On the 26th of February a court of Companions was organized, with a charter list of 34. The banner court of the state, in point of numbers, is now Court La Crosse. We hope and trust that Bro. Kidney, who has met with such grand success at La Crosse, will continue with us for some time to come.

What They Are Saying.

PRESIDENT PATTON'S, OF PRINCETON, ESTIMATE OF LIFE INSURANCE.

Speaking at a gathering of life insurance agents in New York recently, President F. L. Patton, of Princeton University, after poking fun at the persistency of insurance agents, concluded:

"I would not be true to my profession if I did not preach to you as you have preached to me in the quiet of my own study. I say, therefore, to you, don't let your client take any bigger policy than he can carry. Don't let him sacrifice his manhood, don't delude him with any false promises, and don't let him forget that insurance is primarily for protection and not for investment. Then the insurance agents would be messengers of God, they would check the tear of the widow and stop the crying of the orphan."

I owe my health and vigor through a long and busy life to the Sabbath day with its blessed surcease of toil.—*W. E. Gladstone.*

Put it in the power of your family to say that in the warfare of life you won—won them comfort while you lived, and left them plenty when you died.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.**Central England.**

Court Wentworth, No. 2161, Sheffield.—At the usual monthly meeting of the above court, held in the Trinity Wesleyan School, Highfields, on Monday, Feb. 20th, Bro. W. H. Chambers, Recording Secretary, was presented with a watch in token of the esteem in which he is held by the members. Chief Ranger Roper, in making the presentation, alluded to the services Bro. Chambers had rendered to the I.O.F. and to Court Wentworth in particular. He had been Recording Secretary ever since the formation of the court in April, 1895, and during that time he had done a great amount of gratuitous work, and the members had always found him a most willing and obliging comrade.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT ITEMS.

Court Garston, No. 2122, still continues to grow, and Court Widnes, No. 2126, is waking up from a long sleep and is adding new members.

The membership in this district is looking forward with great pleasure to the proposed visit of the S.C.R.. They promise him a rousing reception.

The new staff of officers of Court Mt. Pleasant, No. 2098, are taking hold of the work of the court with great vim. Court Mt. Pleasant has doubled itself in the past few months.

Court Liverpool Pioneer, No. 2050, under the Chief Rangership of Bro. Ferguson, is making new members every meeting. This court has more than doubled its membership in the last few months.

Court Roby, No. 2137, is the liveliest little court in the district. They had 9 members on their roll a few months ago, but now they boast of over 20, with new additions at every meeting. They propose to give a genuine Lancashire Hot Pot supper after the March meeting.

Court Birkenhead, No. 2116, was organized in October, and has initiated at least one new member every meeting night since institution. This court has a very valuable acquisition in the person of Bro. E. B. Maxwell, who recently transferred his membership from the H.C. of London.

Court Liverpool, No. 2007, is going to give the "biggest and best" party ever attempted in Liverpool or "bust a button." The members are all swelling up about the grand party to come off in March. We understand tickets will cost half a guinea. Court Liverpool, as becomes the largest court, always does things on a grand scale.

Scotland.

The work is progressing slowly, but there is sure to be a grand High Court in Scotland before very long.

Two new courts were instituted in March by Bro. McNair, P.H.C.R.—one in Glasgow which is composed of business men, the other in Kilmarnock. Both will start out under favorable conditions.

The High Court of Scotland meets in Glasgow in May. All the representatives are looking forward with expectation to the event. The promise of the presence of the S.C.R., Oronhyatekha, who is very popular, will secure a good meeting and will prove helpful to the Order here.

A magnificent social gathering was held under auspices of Court Dundee Pioneer, No. 2159, on the 22nd of Feb. Many friends of the members were invited, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. The addresses were all excellent, and the strangers went home persuaded that the I.O.F. was their proper place and good results will follow. Bro. McNair represented the Supreme Court upon the occasion; the High Court being ably represented by Bros. Scott and Slater. Bro. H.V.C.R. Chapman and his associates are deserving of all praise for their excellent work.

On the invitation of Bro. Mozart Allan, C.R., the members and friends of Court Fraternity, Glasgow, met in the Gordon Halls, Paisley Road, on February 28th; the company numbering over 100. After a sumptuous repast, an excellent programme of dances and music was given by the friends of the Order. In a masterly speech Bro. McNair, Canada, explained the principles of the Order, and during the evening the meeting was addressed by Bro. Armour, Irvine, and Bro. McNeill, Wishaw. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the energetic C.R., by whose means this court has almost doubled its members during the 2½ years he has held office. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A smoking concert under the auspices of Court Scottish Pioneer, No. 2005, was held in the North British Station Hotel recently. Bro. Herriot, C.R., presided, and was supported by Rev. R. McNair, P.H.C.R., Ontario, and the officers of the court. The wealth of talent—vocal, instrumental, and dramatic—provided an entertainment which was much above the average "smoker," and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of guests present. During the course of the evening Bro. McNair gave a short and pithy address on the principles of the Order, urging those present who were not members to seriously consider the advantages of membership with a body like the Independent Order of Foresters.

Ireland.

It looks as if the Green Isle will have the space to which it is entitled in our columns from this out. Two esteemed brothers in north and south, respectively, have honored us with communications. If this is kept up our cup of happiness will be full.

Bro. W. Gibson, H.S., expects that before the end of April two new courts will be instituted in the north.

Court St. Fin Barre, Cork, is pushing to the front. At a recent meeting it initiated two members, and had six applications handed in.

Court Blarney, exercising the persuasiveness its name implies, has proved itself a "good one" by adding new members at almost every meeting.

Bro. S. Martin has been working away in the south, and is meeting with gratifying success. Early last month Court Limerick was instituted in the city of that name.

The meeting of the High Court on June 2nd is looked forward to with special interest, and promises to be attended by representatives. The Supreme Chief Ranger is expected to be present.

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

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their March Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Altoona.....	343	Smelter.....	3662
Noire Dame de Beauport.....	3100	Lo Santa.....	3714
Batoche.....	3585		

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Brucefield.....	321	Dirigo.....	1875
Casselman.....	437	Charlo.....	3032
Anson.....	451	Stockton.....	3261
Orientine.....	490	Medhurst.....	3520
Cote Brilliant.....	495	New Denver.....	3386
Schuyler.....	1751	Arrow Lake.....	3686

Receipts, March, 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.
1039	British Columbia	\$ 1182 87	\$ 70 05	\$ 67 50	3359	New Jersey	\$ 4915 25	\$ 51 30	\$ 198 50
7587	California	10953 05	199 73	310 75	11511	New York	12333 55	776 62	409 00
255	Colorado with Utah annexed	415 78	10 98	7 00	2456	North Dakota	2662 21	70 71	139 25
4192	Illinois	4916 06	52 81	348 75	820	N. W. Territory	1129 94	72 38	80 25
1839	Indiana	2053 74	8 41	110 25	3028	Nova Scotia	3539 31	211 88	131 75
639	Iowa	761 07	1 48	45 00	6290	Ohio	6117 25	104 86	191 50
2761	Maine	2307 97	714 74	139 00	12956	Ontario	12720 55	2191 13	310 50
2136	Manitoba	2863 58	266 57	77 00	9776	Central	10694 85	1321 84	418 75
1233	Michigan	12788 01	1046 85	416 50	9573	Eastern	10226 13	956 31	259 00
3385	Minnesota	4066 96	106 87	145 00	1268	Pennsylvania	1639 54	39 27	40 75
1138	Missouri with Kansas annexed	1308 23	22 03	72 00	1131	Pr. Edward Island	1253 62	33 37	28 50
315	Nebraska	374 69	54	9 00	12934	Quebec	14129 95	4168 05	1178 25
5542	New Brunswick	5653 52	1021 95	122 50	731	Washington	1164 74	16 60	30 00
1729	New England	1659 62	581 11	171 00	2175	Wisconsin	2487 49	20 46	291 75
	Received on account of Fire Insurance				614	S. C. Jurisdiction	896 86	16 51	46 50
	Refunds re Loans				4004	G. Britain & Ireland	4918 15	26 14	301 71
	Received on account of Organizing and other accounts						41 75		
							86 38		
	Grand Totals		128,510				\$142,051 58	\$11,598 58	\$8,751 36

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	\$142,051 58
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	11,598 58
" General Funds.....	8,751 36
Total.....	\$165,311 42
By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....	\$165,311 42

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies\$2,243 27 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer\$2,243 27

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans... \$3,165 56 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$3,165 56

Submitted in L. B. & C.,

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Mortuary Statement for the Month of March, 1898.

No. 3131. Brother John Liddiard, aged 43 years, of Court Columbia, No. 104, located at Cleveland, Ohio, died of Oedema of Larynx from inhaling acid fumes on the 1st February, 1898. Initiated 8th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary Liddiard, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3132. Brother Peter Geroux, aged 26 years, of Court Piercefield, No. 110 located at Piercefield, N. Y., died of Pneumonia on the 18th February, 1898. Initiated 21st September, 1897. Beneficiary, Marie Geroux, mother. \$1,000.

No. 3133. Brother Jos. E. La Force, aged 42 years, of Court Los Angeles, No. 422, located at Los Angeles, Cal., died of Acute Nephritis on the 6th February, 1898. Initiated 5th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Elsie E. La Force, wife. \$5,000.

No. 3134. Brother Adolphe Jacques, aged 24 years, of Court Mercier, No. 1976, located at St. Joseph, Que., died of Typhoid Fever on the 22nd February, 1898. Initiated 19th September, 1895. Beneficiary, Celatine Lagneux, mother. \$1,000.

No. 3135. Brother Walters Richards, aged 26 years, of Court Restigouche, No. 641, located at Campbelltown, N.B., died of Pneumonia on the 16th February, 1898. Initiated 30th June, 1892. Beneficiary, Edith Richards, wife. \$1,000.

No. 3136. Brother Thomas Collins, aged 49 years, of Court Dayton, No. 1000, located at Dayton, Ohio, died of Hemorrhage of Lungs on the 20th February, 1898. Initiated 28th April, 1897. Beneficiary, Genio Collins, wife. \$2,000.

No. 3137. Brother Hy. L. Williams, aged 30 years, of Court Ebeceme, No. 857, located at Henderson, Me., died of Appendicitis on the 16th February, 1898. Initiated 23rd June, 1896. Beneficiary, Blanche Williams, wife. \$2,000.

- No. 3138. Brother J. H. Jameson, aged 34 years, of Court Almond, No. 734, located at Davisville, Cal., died of Injuries from Horse falling on Him on the 15th December, 1897. Initiated 13th March, 1893. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.
- No. 3139. Brother Angus McIntyre, aged 51 years, of Court Saginaw, No. 491, located at Saginaw W.S., Mich., died of Laryngitis on the 10th February, 1898. Initiated 10th February, 1890. Beneficiary, Margaret McIntyre, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3140. Brother John J. Waring, aged 59 years, of Court Lancaster, No. 836, located at Fairville, N.H., died of Hodgkins' Disease on the 19th February, 1898. Initiated 12th September, 1893. Beneficiary, Alice Fitzmaurice Waring, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3141. Brother Wm. H. Perry, aged 33 years, of Court Vassar, No. 337, located at Vassar, Mich., died of Injured Spine on the 20th February, 1898. Initiated 12th November, 1888. Beneficiary, May Perry, wife. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.
- No. 3142. Brother John Barrett, aged 43 years, of Court Sierra, No. 1871, located at Sacramento, Cal., died of Pneumonia on the 7th February, 1898. Initiated 16th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Emma J. Barrett, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3143. Brother John Burgess, aged 52 years, of Court Amadore, No. 457, located at Amadore, Mich., died of Phthisis on the 16th February, 1898. Initiated 31st October, 1891. Beneficiary, Melissa J. Burgess, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3144. Brother John Hyde, aged 53 years, of Court Wakefield, No. 715, located at Wakefield, Que., died of Traumatic Abscess of Lung on the 23rd December, 1897. Initiated 24th May, 1893. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.
- No. 3145. Brother Isaac M. Row, aged 41 years, of Court Lisbon, No. 500, located at Lisbon, N.D., died of Heart Disease on the 21st February, 1898. Initiated 27th February, 1890. Beneficiary, Frankie L. Row, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3146. Brother Jas. E. Hubbell, aged 63 years, of Court Owosso, No. 669, located at Owosso, Mich., died of Angina Pectoris on the 19th February, 1898. Initiated 28th March, 1889. Beneficiary, Nancy A. Hubbell, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3147. Brother Joseph H. Smith, aged 31 years, of Court Talavanda, No. 1061, located at Eaton, Ohio, died of Consumption on the 22nd February, 1898. Initiated 25th January, 1895. Beneficiary, Florence Smith, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3148. Brother Joseph Mayer, aged 32 years, of Court Deux Montagnes, No. 1209, located at Ste. Scholastique, Que., died of Gastro Enteritis on the 27th February, 1898. Initiated 30th June, 1894. Beneficiary, Dolerisse F. Mayer, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3149. Brother Wm. H. Toms, aged 22 years, of Court Plumb Creek, No. 1192, located at Souris, Man., died of Phthisis on the 27th February, 1898. Initiated 24th December, 1895. Beneficiary, Emily Toms, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 3150. Brother John J. Norton, aged 52 years, of Court Vernon, No. 585, located at Vernon, Mich., died of Phthisis on the 28th February, 1898. Initiated 1st July, 1892. Beneficiary, Mattie Norton, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3151. Brother John Gehring, aged 48 years, of Court Red Jacket, No. 1296, located at Buffalo, N.Y., died of Cerebral Hemorrhage on the 21st February, 1898. Initiated 15th June, 1895. Beneficiary, Gilford Gehring, son. \$1,000.
- No. 3152. Brother N. Courtemanche, aged 43 years, of Court Sir George E. Cartier, No. 1691, located at Montreal, Que., died of Consumption on the 1st March, 1898. Initiated 16th March, 1896. Beneficiary, Victoria M. Courtemanche, wife. \$1,000, and \$1,000 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.
- No. 3153. Brother Martin A. Barrett, aged 32 years, of Court De-ne-ho-ga-wa, No. 3401, located at Buffalo, N.Y., was Accidentally Killed on R.R. on the 26th February, 1898. Initiated 4th July, 1891. Beneficiary, Bridget Barrett, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3154. Brother William H. Tragle, aged 45 years, of Court Cooper, No. 1567, located at Dayton, Ohio, died of Disease of the Brain on the 31st January, 1898. Initiated 18th June, 1895. Beneficiary, Emma L. Tragle, wife. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.
- No. 3155. Brother Joseph I. Dufresne, aged 37 years, of Court Gingués, No. 1515, located at Ottawa, Ont., died of Appendicitis on the 25th February, 1898. Initiated 16th October, 1894. Beneficiary, Marie Emilie C. B. Dufresne, wife. \$3,000.
- No. 3156. Brother David G. McFarlane, aged 51 years, of Court Frontenac, No. 59, located at Kingston, Ont., died of Chronic Bronchitis on the 2nd March, 1898. Initiated 16th August 1888. Beneficiary, Cornelia W. McFarlane, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3157. Brother Wm. H. Browning, aged 61 years, Court Anchor, No. 393, located at Upt on Works, Mich., died of Paralysis on the 2nd February, 1898. Initiated 29th January, 1890. Beneficiary, Lucianna Augusta Thomas, niece. \$1,000.
- No. 3158. Brother Wm. Hyslop Storey, aged 60 years, of Court Olive Branch, No. 99, located at Acton, Ont., died of Cancer of Bladder on the 6th March, 1898. Initiated 2nd June, 1886. Beneficiary, Wm. Albert Storey, son. \$1,000.
- No. 3159. Brother Carl August Anderson, aged 47 years, of Court Unison, No. 110, located at Big Rapids, Mich., died of Pneumonia on the 1th March, 1898. Initiated 23rd January, 1891. Beneficiary, Carrie Anderson, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3160. Brother Thos. F. Carey, aged 24 years, of Court Awanatank, No. 677, located at Conneaut, Ohio, was Accidentally Killed on R.R. on the 23rd February, 1898. Initiated 11th August, 1896. Beneficiary, Sarah Maher, mother. \$2,000.
- No. 3161. Brother Fred C. Ruble, aged 29 years, of Court Piqua, No. 925, located at Piqua, Ohio, died of Tuberculosis on the 27th February, 1898. Initiated 6th December, 1893. Beneficiary, Anna A. Ruble, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3162. Brother James T. Doran, aged 23 years, of Court Happy Retreat, No. 150, located at Derby, N. B., died of Pyæmia on the 9th March, 1898. Initiated 21st May, 1891. Beneficiaries, John Doran, father. \$1,000.
- No. 3163. Brother Morris V. Bancroft, aged 17 years, of Court West Side, No. 1306, located at Buffalo, N.Y., was Accidentally Shot, and Peritonitis, on the 24th February, 1898. Initiated 7th July, 1896. Beneficiaries, Claude M. Bancroft, son; Anna J. and Emma A., daughters. \$3,000.
- No. 3164. Brother William Plough, aged 49 years, of Court Niagara, No. 227, located at Buffalo, N.Y., died of Disease of Heart on the 11th February, 1898. Initiated 1st September, 1890. Beneficiary, S. Plough, wife. \$2,000.
- No. 3165. Brother Allen Smith, aged 29 years, of Court Killbuck, No. 740, located at Malta, Ill., died of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis on the 1st March, 1898. Initiated 1st March, 1897. Beneficiary, Sarah Bennett, aunt. \$1,000.
- No. 3166. Brother S. M. Linander, aged 25 years, of Court Duluth, No. 721, located at Duluth, Minn., died of Otitis and Meningitis on the 9th March, 1898. Initiated 16th January, 1894. Beneficiary, Allie Linander, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3167. Brother Wm. C. Jones, aged 56 years, of Court Maple, No. 155, located at St. Thomas, Ont., died of Rheumatoid Arthritis on the 6th January, 1898. Initiated 13th January, 1887. Beneficiary, Caroline Jones, wife. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.
- No. 3168. Brother John T. Jones, aged 45 years, of Court Enfield, No. 3223, located at Montague, Me., died of La Grippe on the 9th March, 1898. Initiated 2nd June, 1897. Beneficiary, Cassie Jones, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3169. Brother Wm. H. Kinnison, aged 37 years, of Court Calgary, No. 295, located at Calgary, N.W.T., died of Pleuro-Pneumonia on the 10th March, 1898. Initiated 10th July, 1890. Beneficiary, Christina G. Kinnison, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3170. Brother B. F. Freeman, aged 27 years, of Court Potsdam, No. 1336, located at Potsdam, N.Y., died of Typhoid Fever on the 11th February, 1898. Initiated 2nd May, 1897. Beneficiary, Adelia Freeman, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 3171. Brother Francis Hagerly, aged 44 years, of Court Hancock, No. 1371, located at Elizabeth, N.J., died of Pneumonia on the 6th February, 1898. Initiated 1st September, 1897. Beneficiaries, Mary M., Francis J. and John M. Hagerly, children. \$1,000.
- No. 3172. Brother Sam Slade, aged 32 years, of Court Santa Maria, No. 613, located at Santa Maria, Cal., was Accidentally Killed by striking against a rock on the 13th February, 1898. Initiated 36th July, 1897. Beneficiary, Elizabeth B. Slade, wife. \$1,000.
- No. 3173. Brother William Bondy, aged 25 years, of Court Harrow, No. 962, located at Harrow, Ont., died of Typhoid Fever on the 25th August, 1897. Initiated 27th September, 1892. Beneficiaries, Executors or Administrators. \$2,000.
- No. 3174. Brother William Watts, aged 36 years, of Court Allenford, No. 249, located at Allenford, Ont., died of Typhoid Fever on the 2nd December, 1897. Initiated 27th June, 1891. Beneficiary, Jane Watts, mother. \$1,000.
- No. 3175. Brother Henri Chartrand, aged 48 years, of Court Jeanne d'Arc, No. 1650, located at Montreal, Que., died of Paralysis on the 7th March, 1898. Initiated 11th

January, 1895. Beneficiaries Alex. and Marie Louise, children, Justine P. Chartrand, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3176. Brother Arthur Harper, aged 50 years, of Court North Star, No. 989, located at Winnipeg, Man., died of Pneumonia on the 15th March, 1898. Initiated 1st February, 1892. Beneficiary, Mary Jane Harper, wife. Pro-rated at \$2,908.16.
 No. 3177. Brother F. J. Galarneau, aged 27 years, of Court Sainte Brigitte, No. 1398, located at Montreal, Que., died of Septicemia on the 17th March, 1898. Initiated 6th October, 1893. Beneficiary, M. L. A. Galarneau, sister. \$2,000.
 No. 3178. Brother Alex. Mitchell, aged 61 years, of Court Huron, No. 163, located at Pt. Edward, Ont., died of Cancer of Stomach on the 17th March, 1898. Initiated 6th January, 1890. Beneficiary, Isabella Mitchell, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3179. Brother Edward Driscoll, aged 37 years, of Court Valley, No. 232, located at Saginaw, Mich., died of Cerebral Hemorrhage on the 13th March, 1898. Initiated 4th February, 1887. Beneficiary, Ann Driscoll, mother. \$1,000.
 No. 3180. Brother Henry Lawes, aged 57 years, of Court Princess Alexandra, No. 26, located at Inwood, Ont., died of Effects of Injuries from a Fall on the 2nd February, 1898. Initiated 26th May, 1886. Beneficiary, Emily Lawes, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3181. Brother J. B. Campbell, aged 38 years, of Court Ashtabula Harbor, No. 631, located at Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio, was Accidentally Killed on R.R. on the 2nd February, 1898. Initiated 28th August, 1890. Beneficiary, Emma Campbell, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3182. Brother A. R. Cintrat, aged 55 years, of Court Morin, No. 3948, located at Montreal, Que., was Accidentally Killed by Street Car on the 4th March, 1898. Initiated 19th June, 1893. Beneficiary, Mathilde C. Cintrat, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3183. Brother Demetre Yacovloff, aged 50 years, of Court St. Roch, No. 701, located at Ste. Genevieve, Que., died of Heart Disease on the 20th March, 1898. Initiated 6th April, 1892. Beneficiary, Eliza St. Armour Yacovloff, wife. \$2,000.
 No. 3184. Brother G. P. Hoffman, aged 49 years, of Court Watsonville, No. 1352, located at Watsonville, Cal., died of Gastritis on the 19th March, 1898. Initiated 6th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Augusta L. Hoffman, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3185. Brother Henry H. Given, aged 33 years, of Court Pochontas, No. 1174, located at St. Joseph, Mo., died of Apoplexy on the 20th March, 1898. Initiated 23rd June, 1894. Beneficiary, Emelie Given, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3186. Brother Richard Bradford, aged 42 years, of Court Kemptville, No. 211, located at Kemptville, Ont., died of Cirrhosis of Liver on the 14th March, 1898. Initiated 16th October 1888. Beneficiary, Mary Bradford, wife. \$1,000.
 No. 3187. Brother Geo. F. Archibald, aged 25 years, of Court Ligonía, No. 1151, located at Portland, Me., died of Tuberculosis on the 21st March, 1898. Initiated 23rd February, 1895. Beneficiary, Elizabeth G. Archibald, wife. \$1,000.

Joseph H. Smith	.....	Court Tonawanda, 1061..	\$2,000 00
James E. Hubbell	.....	Owosso, 669.....	1,000 00
Isaac M. Row	.....	Lisbon, 500.....	1,000 00
Joseph Mayer	.....	Dux Montags, 1209	2,000 00
John J. Norton	.....	Vernon, 585.....	1,000 00
William H. Thoms	.....	Plumb Creek, 1192.	1,000 00
James M. Morricey	.....	Uniacke, 3357.....	1,000 00
N. Courtenanche	.....	S.G.E. Cartier, 1694	1,000 00
Martin A. Barrett	.....	DeNoHoGatta, 3401	2,000 00
William H. Tragle	.....	Cooper, 1567.....	500 00
Joseph J. Dufresne	.....	Guignes, 1515.....	3,000 00
David G. McFarlane	.....	Frontenac, 59.....	1,000 00
William H. Browning	.....	Anchor, 393.....	1,000 00
William H. Storey	.....	Olive Branch, 90 ..	1,000 00
Carl Aug. Anderson	.....	Unison, 114.....	1,000 00
T. F. Carey	.....	Awanabunk, 677.....	2,000 00
John Hyde	.....	Wakefield, 715.....	1,000 00
Robert D. Hamilton	.....	Cheong, 530.....	2,000 00
Fred C. Ruble	.....	Piqua, 925.....	1,000 00
Conrad Schneider	.....	Mad River, 311.....	1,000 00
James T. Dorand	.....	Happy Retreat, 150	1,000 00
Maurice V. Bancroft	.....	West Side, 1306.....	3,000 00
William Plough	.....	Niagara, 227.....	2,000 00
William C. Jones	.....	Maple, 155.....	500 00
John T. Jones	.....	Enfield, 3223.....	1,000 00
William H. Kinnisten	.....	Calgary, 295.....	1,000 00
Severn M. Linander	.....	Duluth, 724.....	1,000 00
James Benjamin Day	.....	Pride of North, 2604	1,000 00
Edward Nunn	.....	Echo, 1047.....	1,000 00
Henri Chartand	.....	Jean D'Arc, 1650.....	500 00
William H. Rossiter	.....	Peel, 136.....	925 00
Bruce Thos. Freeman	.....	Potsdam, 1336.....	1,000 00
William Bondy	.....	Harrow, 962.....	2,000 00
Sam Shade	.....	Santa Maria, 613.....	1,000 00
William Watts	.....	Allenford, 219.....	1,000 00
William F. Anderson	.....	Petroba, 42.....	1,000 00
Arthur Harper	.....	North Star, 989.....	2,908 16
F. J. Galarneau	.....	Ste. Bregette, 1398	2,000 00
Alexander Mitchell	.....	Huron, 163.....	1,000 00
Edward Driscoll	.....	Valley, 232.....	1,000 00
Henry Lawes	.....	Pr. Alexander, 26.....	1,000 00
George Rosendahl	.....	Delhi, 1108.....	1,000 00
A. R. Cintrat	.....	Moran, 3048.....	1,000 00
Demetren Yacovloff	.....	St. Roch, 701.....	2,000 00
Charles Piper	.....	Jubilee, 27.....	700 00
Henry H. Given	.....	Pochontas, 1174.....	1,000 00
C. P. Hoffman	.....	Watsonville, 1352.....	1,000 00
Geo. F. Archibald	.....	Ligonía, 1151.....	1,000 00
Richard Bradford	.....	Kemptville, 214.....	1,000 00

\$83,133 16

Old Age Disability—

Charles Vivian, Ct. Harwich 98.....	\$ 100 00
William Longland, Ct. Kingsville 9.....	100 00
Charles R. Colville, Ct. Victoria 10.....	300 00
Col. P. H. Atwood, Ct. Winnipeg 13.....	200 00
A. Mountjoy, Ct. Albert 100.....	100 00
William Cullen, Ct. Cariboo 743.....	100 00

900 00

Total and Permanent Disability—

Robert Watcher, Ct. Theford 192.....	\$ 500 00
Ph. Hy. Rinne, Ct. San Francisco 822.....	1,000 00
T. H. Parker, Ct. Vespra 1008.....	500 00
Joseph Page, Ct. Hudson 409.....	1,000 00
Jas. H. McSorley, Ct. Puget Sound 538.....	1,000 00
Joseph Ed. Arthur Geroux, Ct. St. Hubert 687.....	1,500 00

5,500 00

Doctors' Fees.....	50 00
Refund of Assessments.....	\$ 166 96
Legal Expenses.....	253 55
Commissions.....	351 06
Insurance.....	569 77
Exchange on Debentures.....	11 33
Taxes.....	827 36
Disbursements re Mortgages.....	27 60
The Hunter Rose Co., amt. of act....	42 75

2,240 88

Five per cent. to General Fund.....	\$ 91,824 01
Balance.....	7,096 18
	2,592,107 68
Total.....	\$2,691,027 90

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for March, 1898.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$2,548,976 32
" Supreme Secretary.....	141,923 45
Refunds.....	86 38
Refund Fire Insurance.....	41 75
	<u>\$2,691,027 90</u>

CONTRA—CR.

Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—	
Peter Geroux.....	Court Piercefield, 110..... \$1,000 00
John Liddiard.....	" Columbia, 104..... 1,000 00
Thomas Collins.....	" Dayton, 1000..... 2,000 00
Walter Richards.....	" Restigouche, 641..... 1,000 00
Angus McIntyre.....	" Saginaw, 494..... 1,000 00
Henry L. Williams.....	" Ebeene, 857..... 2,000 00
John I. Waring.....	" Lancaster, 836..... 1,000 00
Adolphe Jacques.....	" Mercier, 1976..... 1,000 00
Joseph E. LaForce.....	" Los Angeles, 422..... 5,000 00
John Barrett.....	" Sierra, 1871..... 2,000 00
G. W. Powers, M.D.....	" Waterville, 1344..... 1,000 00
I. H. Jamieson.....	" Almond, 734..... 1,000 00
John Burgess.....	" Amadore, 457..... 1,000 00
William H. Perry.....	" Vassar, 337..... 500 00
T. William Evans.....	" Ottawa, 41..... 600 00

Sick and Funeral Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Statement.....	\$ 124,993 40
" Supreme Secretary.....	11,508 58
" Cheque No. 31773, cancelled.....	16 00
	<u>\$ 139,517 98</u>

CONTRA—CR.	
By Sick Claims.....	\$15,300 86
“ Funeral Claims.....	1,000 00
“ Rebates.....	7 42
“ Refund of English Assessments.....	277 31
Five per cent. to General Fund.....	725 43
Balance.....	122,206 96
	<u>\$139,517 98</u>

General Account for March, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	
To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 8,751 36
“ on Account of Supplies.....	2,213 27
“ 5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	7,996 18
“ Sick and Fun ^t Benefit Fund.....	725 43
To Balance.....	7,032 53
	<u>\$ 25,848 77</u>

CONTRA—CR.	
Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 3,666 66
Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	7,703 69
Wages of Employees.....	2,739 00
General Management Expenses.....	4,542 78
“ Forester” and Supplies.....	7,116 64
	<u>\$ 25,848 77</u>

Surplus.

Deposited with Dominion Insurance Department of Canada.....	\$100,000 00
Great Britain and Ireland.....	97,333 33
U. S. Government Bonds.....	56,758 36
New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgage on Real Estate.....	2,003,399 47
Debentures.....	137,212 37
Deposit Receipt.....	510 79
	<u>\$2,115,774 32</u>
Current Account.....	176,333 36
	<u>\$2,592,107 68</u>
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	122,206 96
Grand Total Surplus.....	<u>\$2,714,314 64</u>

Yours in L., B. and C.,
H. A. COLLINS, Sup. Treas.

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

During the month of March the Medical Board reviewed 3,680 medical examination papers, of which 3,296 were accepted and 384 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected	Jurisdiction.	Accepted	Rejected
Arizona.....	1	1	N. W. Territories.....	27	5
British Columbia.....	30	17	Nova Scotia.....	57	8
California.....	198	29	Ohio.....	115	15
Connecticut.....	2	2	Ontario (Centre).....	297	23
Colorado.....	16	4	Ontario (East).....	159	23
Illinois.....	430	35	Ontario (West).....	162	23
Indiana.....	48	1	Oregon.....	1	1
Iowa.....	6	1	Pennsylvania.....	39	4
Kansas.....	2	2	P. E. Island.....	38	2
Maine.....	69	5	Quebec.....	173	17
Manitoba.....	32	4	Rhode Island.....	1	3
Michigan.....	274	33	Vermont.....	15	1
Minnesota.....	129	10	Washington.....	27	2
Missouri.....	21	4	Wisconsin.....	235	17
Montana.....	15	4	England.....	63	3
Nebraska.....	11	1	Ireland.....	31	3
New Brunswick.....	62	12	Scotland.....	19	1
New Hampshire.....	28	2	Wales.....	2	2
New Jersey.....	85	21	Total.....	3296	384
New York.....	346	39			
North Dakota.....	35	5			

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

New Courts.

Court Trade and Commerce, No. 3800, Toronto, Ont.
Instituted on the 19th February, 1898, by Atwell Fleming.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Robt. Hodge; Chaplain, W. E. Fudger; Physician, Dr. Byron Field. 131 members.

Court Bancroft, No. 3801, Bancroft, Ont.

Instituted on the 23rd February, 1898, by Geo. Brown. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., David H. Morrison; Chaplain, Rev. Andrew Walker; Physician, A. S. Lovitt, M.D. 29 members.

Court Armijo, No. 3802, Suisun, Cal.

Instituted on the 21st February, 1898, by L. A. Jacox. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. F. Maganini; Chaplain, Rev. T. G. Patterson; Physician, ——— 17 members.

Court Alberni, No. 3803, Alberni, B.C.

Instituted on the 22nd February, 1898, by J. H. Falcomb.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., H. S. Law; Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Taylor; Physicians, Dr. J. A. Pybus and Dr. A. M. Watson. 23 members.

Court Cook County, No. 3804, Chicago, Illinois.

Instituted on the 2nd March, 1898, by F. T. Hendryx. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. T. Sterling; Chaplain, W. J. Marquadt; Physician, J. G. Sinclair, M.D. 32 members.

Court Prominence, No. 3805, Chicago, Illinois.

Instituted on the 1st March, 1898, by J. W. Boyd. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. W. Boyd; Chaplain, Herman Holland; Physician, W. S. Hector, M.D. 21 members.

Court Earlville, No. 3806, Earlville, Illinois.

Instituted on the 12th February, 1898, by G. M. Schaubel, M.D.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Irvin F. Zimmerman; Chaplain, ———; Physician, Fred Elisha Pierce, M.D. 9 members.

Court Daiguillon, No. 3807, Quebec, Que.

Instituted on the 1st March, 1898, by P. N. Breton. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Joseph I. Beaupre; Chaplain, Edward Matte; Physician, Dr. J. Odilas Caron. 24 members.

Court Platteville, No. 3808, Platteville, Wis.

Instituted on the 1st March, 1898, by J. S. Hall. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Bert T. Reed; Chaplain, Rev. H. W. Troy; Physician, Herman Gasser, M.D. 71 members.

Court Melrose, No. 3809, Centreton, Ont.

Instituted on the ———, by G. W. Potts. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. R. Brewster; Chaplain, Cephas Turk; Physicians, Jas. Henderson, M.D., and Thos. Lapp, M.D. 17 members.

Court New Amsterdam, No. 3810, New York City, N.Y.
Instituted on the 8th March, 1898, by Dr. C. L. Coulter.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Albert I. Ross; Chaplain, Robert Schwartz; Physician, Leo Rosenberg, M.D. 20 members.

Court Umbria, No. 3811, Syracuse, N.Y.

Instituted on the 9th March, 1898, by Col. A. B. Caldwell. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Oscar P. Barnum; Chaplain, Chas. L. Yakely; Physician, Louis R. Peck, M.D. 37 members.

Court Miramar, No. 3812, Alameda, Cal.

Instituted on the 7th March, 1898, by E. A. Mack and H. W. B. Taylor.

Officers Installed— ———. 13 members.

Court St. Sebastien, No. 3813, St. Sebastien, Que.

Instituted on the 5th March, 1898, by Edmond S. Bois and P. P. Tremblay. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Joseph E. Dion; Chaplain, Armand Brousseau; Physician, Joseph J. Perrault, M.D. 21 members.

Court Ausable Forks, No. 3814, Ausable Forks, N.Y.

Instituted on the 8th March, 1898, by Thos. Clarke. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Wm. F. Cheesman; Chaplain, Chas. H. Baldwin; Physician, F. G. D'Avignon, M.D. 22 members.

Court Suscol, No. 3815, Benicia, California.

Instituted on the 2nd March, 1898, by L. A. Jacox.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., William Wright; Chaplain, W. L. B. Fields; Physician, S. A. Denel, M.D. 11 members.

Court Samoset, No. 3816, Dexter, Maine.

Instituted on the 11th February, 1898, by Clarence Scott.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Edward H. Wilham; Chaplain, F. F. Flagg; Physician, J. W. Sawyer, M.D. 21 members.

Court St. David, No. 3817, Toronto, Ont.

Instituted on the 11th March, 1898, by W. L. Beale.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., ———; Chaplain, Fred. W. Stark; Physician, J. H. McFaul, M.D. 12 members.

Court Sillsville, No. 3818, Sillsville, Ont.

Instituted on the 10th March, 1898, by W. J. Ingram.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., James Rennie; Chaplain, J. F. Spencer; Physician, H. S. Northmore, M.D. 16 members.

Court Adam, No. 3819, Nekoosa, Wisconsin.

Instituted on the 14th March, 1898, by George A. Arnett.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Fred. Hodge; Chaplain, Henry Alpine; Physician, Samuel A. McGregor, M.D. 42 members.

Court Windermere, No. 3820, Dee Bank, Ont.

Instituted on the 25th January, 1898, by Jno. Canavan.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Rev. R. S. Fralick; Chaplain, Thos. A. Fife; Physician, Dr. S. Bridgeland, 17 members.

Court Boscobel, No. 3821, Boscobel, Wisconsin.

Instituted on the 17th March, 1898, by C. A. Van Ness.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Fred. A. Meyer; Chaplain, Rev. W. J. C. Bond; Physicians, Charles S. Hayman and Chas. H. Armstrong. 33 members.

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Instituted on the 18th March, 1898, by E. J. Hiseler.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., D. M. Mackay, M.D.; Chaplain, William Creelman; Physician, D. M. Mackay, M.D. 18 members.

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Instituted on the 21th March, 1898, by James Glendinning.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Ralph C. Gibson; Chaplain, Gilbert Smith; Physician, Edward McLaughlin, M.D. 27 members.

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Instituted on the 22nd March, 1898, by James Glendinning.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Jno. A. Millefont; Chaplain, Samuel C. Dulmage; Physician, Chas. McPherson, M.D. 14 members.

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Instituted on the 18th March, 1898, by E. H. Bickford and E. A. Mack.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Henry C. Petray; Chaplain, Monroe H. Alexander; Physicians, Jas. K. Warner, M.D., and W. S. Taylor, M.D. 22 members.

Court Redwood Falls, No. 3797, Redwood Falls, Minn.

Instituted on the 21th February, 1898, by H. L. Chadwick.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Fred. L. Warner; Chaplain, Wm. J. Johnson; Physician, H. E. Schlegel, M.D. 25 members.

Court Coronado, No. 3798, San Diego, Cal.

Instituted on the 18th February, 1898, by W. R. Uber.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., A. L. Darrow; Chaplain, Frank P. Favel; Physician, Dr. J. C. Hearne. 61 members.

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Court Blarney, No. 2212, Cork, Ireland.

Instituted on the 7th February, 1898, by Saml. Martin.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., John E. Thomas; Chaplain, J. J. Bamford; Physician, Wm. McMath, M.D. 21 members.

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Instituted on the 24th February, 1898, by Walter Batty.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Joseph Chapman; Chaplain, ———; Physician, L. F. West, M.D. 16 members.

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

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Instituted on the 21st March, 1898, by L. A. Campbell. Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Herbert Moxon; Chaplain, H. R. Lacey; Physician, Geo. Harry Cooke, M.D. 21 members.

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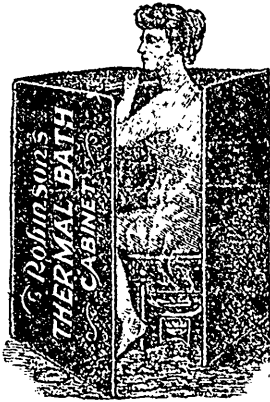
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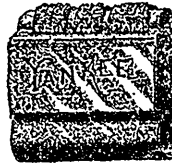
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