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(ASSESSMENT TABLE)

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

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

To secure (1) the Ordinary Benefit, (2) the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, the members of the I.O.F. are required to pay the small monthly rates shown below:

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Age	Rate	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
18	32	78	81	82	83	84
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84	98	78	81	82	83	84
85	99	78	81	82	83	84
86	100	78	81	82	83	84

To secure these benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrollment Fee of \$1.00 and a Registration Fee of \$1.00. The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

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| 85                         | 86                         | 87                         | 88                         | 89                         | 90                         | 91                         |
| 92                         | 93                         | 94                         | 95                         | 96                         | 97                         | 98                         |
| 99                         | 100                        | 101                        | 102                        | 103                        | 104                        | 105                        |

Our Investments.

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

Invested Funds.

The following shows where some of the funds are thus invested:

Deposits Int. Dept. Canada	\$100,000 00
Gr. Brit. and Ire.	95,610 77
United States Government Bonds	144,938 36
New Brunswick Government	50,000 00
Real Estate's and First Mortgage on	
Real Estate	2,883,012 28
Debentures	130,791 77
Deposits Receipts	540 77
National Bank of La. Cross	2,500 00

From the above it will be seen that we have already an invested Surplus Fund of

\$3,441,382 32.

No portion of the funds thus invested can be withdrawn except by the joint cheque of the authorized officers who comprise the Executive Council.

- S. L. B., Granby, N.B., Major in the National Good Templar, Toronto.
- F. S. G. R., The Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, Q.C., Hampton, N.B.
- S. V. C. H., Victor Morin, Montreal, Que.
- S. Secretary, J. A. McGilvray, Q.C., Toronto.
- E. Treasurer, H. A. Collins, Toronto.
- E. Payne, E. Millman, M.D., Toronto.
- A. Coun., Hon. Elliot Stevenson, Detroit, Mich.

With what care in the current year we have our total surplus on hand at last report (list below) was the magnificent sum of

\$3,735,382 32.

For rates of Monthly Assessments in the Hazardous and Extra Hazardous Classes, see Constitutions and Laws, or official literature of the Order.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits.

The Sick and Funeral Benefits are optional. The Benefits are as follows: (1) During each separate continuous illness, a payment of \$3.00 a week for the first two weeks, \$5.00 a week for the next ten weeks, and at the discretion of the Executive Council a further sum of \$2.00 a week for the next twelve weeks; (2) A payment of \$50 towards funeral expenses on the member's death in his beneficiary.

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4. The Monthly Reports and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports should be sent together in one cover, as per special instructions.

5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 2, duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent through the London Office, so that certificates of membership may be promptly issued.

6. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary of their own High Court; those not under a High Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.

7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each beneficiary member of a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," Toronto. Until such list is received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Recording Secretary in bundles for distribution among the members.

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

## The High Courts.

HIGH COURT OF CALIFORNIA.

Official Circular No. 1.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 1, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts throughout the Jurisdiction of the High Court of California, GREETING :

MY DEAR BRETHREN, — I take this, my first, opportunity to acknowledge to the membership of the jurisdiction generally, my high appreciation of the honor that has been conferred upon me by the High Court in placing me, for the ninth time, in the honorable and important position of Chief Executive Officer over the affairs of our beloved Order throughout California. In my acceptance of this high trust, at the hands of your representatives, I do so with my earnest assurance of a constant effort towards the advancement of the Order's interest everywhere, but more particularly in California. To this end I earnestly request the co-operation and assistance of every member of the Order, because without that co-operation I can accomplish but little indeed.

The welfare of our Order, and the very best interests of every one of its membership, requires at all times your most earnest endeavors towards its advancement. The institution of our kind that has as its membership those who are well informed in its principles, and who are constantly active in its work, will naturally be the most progressive and successful. It therefore behooves every member of the Order, who desires its success, to at least render unto it that moral support which every member owes towards its upbuilding. Every member should endeavor to educate himself in the principles of the Order and the advantages that accrue to a membership therein, so as to be better able to advance its noble cause.

I would be pleased to have your Court take under consideration the matter of holding public or open meetings occasionally, inasmuch as these meetings will be found to be valuable factors in the success of the Court, as they afford an opportunity for the families and friends of the membership to enjoy one of the social features of the Order as well as the spreading of its principles. Many of our Courts are suffering from the lack of interest taken in the Court's affairs by a large portion of the membership. I am of the opinion that more interest can be aroused, and a better attendance had, if the officers of a Court will use more effort in making the meetings interesting by arranging for some form of amusement under the head of "Good and Welfare." A little music, song or declamation, the

reading of some interesting matter or debate upon some live and proper issue of the day will go far towards removing the business monotony of the meetings, bring out a better attendance and a greater practice of the fraternal and social advantages of our Order.

In the interest of the establishment of new Courts, the charter fee has been fixed at sixty dollars for all Courts organized under the auspices of the High Court. I am authorized to pay the full sixty dollars to any member who will organize a Subordinate Court with not less than twenty bona-fide Charter Applicants and have the same ready for institution.

I have compiled a new circular of useful information concerning our Order, a copy of which you will find enclosed. These circulars will be furnished to Subordinate Courts at the small cost of fifty cents per hundred, this being about the cost of printing the same.

It is my intention to endeavor to visit with as many of our Courts during the term as the other duties of my office will permit of. I would be pleased to have the Courts arrange for open meetings on the occasion of my visits, and that a special effort may be made to have these meetings attended by worthy men who are not enjoying the benefits of a membership in our Order, to whom I could more particularly address my remarks.

The coming year gives every promise of being one of the most prosperous ones, generally, that the Pacific Coast has enjoyed for many years, and that our beloved Order may participate in this general prosperity, and that this may be the most prosperous term in the history of our excellent High Court, whose true success is, I know, dear to the heart of every loyal California Forester, I earnestly ask for the assistance and co-operation of all of the brethren in my efforts towards the advancement of our noble cause. Wishing you all success and happiness, I am, as ever,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

G. A. McELFRESH,  
High Chief Ranger.

### HIGH COURT OF MICHIGAN.

LAPÉER, MICH., Nov. 2nd, 1899.

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS,—I enclose you three forms of circulars that can be obtained for use in soliciting new members. The small folder can be obtained from the High Treasurer, W. H. Sparling, 23 Frank St., Detroit, Mich., by paying the express charges, and the others can be obtained from A. E. Stevenson, the American Agent, 6436 Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Ill.

These may be advantageously used in canvassing a desired applicant. The liberal offer made for the procuring of new members should interest some member of your court, and if any one would like to engage in the work of soliciting members for the months of November and December, I should be pleased to correspond with them. Do not wait for your next meeting to read this or have them write me. Please inform all your members convenient of the offer made and they may write me at once. Reports already in indicate that there will be an enormous increase in membership before the first of January. They should join now to get advantages of the reduced rates.

From the fact that there will be no High Court

meeting this coming winter, it is desired that all efforts be made to increase our membership. It is not a labor of love alone, now, but a substantial compensation has been offered for the work. Good wages can be earned by members at a commission of two dollars for every beneficiary applicant initiated between now and Jan. 1st. Can you not get some one in your Court interested in the work of securing new members on this basis! Great assistance may be rendered by the members who have never been active in the work by recommending the names of persons to join. The merits of the I.O.F. are such as to require but little argument to convince anyone that it is the one to join. Always take the best.

I would suggest that you get a list of names of desired applicants from every member of your Court and divide them up among the active workers. Or, if you have one good, energetic solicitor, give them all to him and have him personally interview them and say: "Now is the time to join, as you can do it with the least expense." If there is any doubt about a desired applicant joining, decide among yourselves what member can have the most influence with him and have that member have an interview or write him a letter of recommendation, and the individual can be induced to reach out and take the protecting hand of the great Order that stands like a guardian angel over our helpless beneficiary.

When you procure an application, have the applicant examined at once, and initiated as soon as he passes the Medical Board. Persistent effort is the key to castle of success. It is a part of our duty to procure new members, as only by the membership aiding the increase of new blood can we give a better class of insurance than old line companies at a much less cost. I would advise you to carefully examine the comparative table of cost, No. 1, on page 101 of the October INDEPENDENT FORESTER. Let us place the High Court of Michigan at the top of the High Courts.

Applications for speakers at public meetings should be addressed to me several weeks before the time of the proposed meeting, as there are now great demands upon all who are able to attend. I will always endeavor to furnish you a speaker when you can assure me of a sufficiently enthusiastic meeting to warrant the expense.

Again I want to remind you that it is as essential to keep the old membership as it is to acquire the new. Should you find any of your members are likely to be or have been suspended, I shall be much pleased to have you send their names and addresses to me.

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

WM. E. BROWN,  
High Chief Ranger.

### EVERYBODY WANTS THE HEIFER.

LAPÉER, MICH., Nov. 1.—High Chief Ranger Brown has hit upon a novel scheme to increase membership in the Foresters. Brown announced to Court Franklin last night that he would give a fine full-blooded Jersey heifer to the member of the Order in the jurisdiction of the High Court of Michigan in either Subordinate or Companion Court, who would procure the most applications before the first of January, 1900, and have the applicant initiated as a beneficiary member. There is great hustling all along the line.—*Detroit Evening News.*

## Among the Courts.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

#### A Land Office Business in Kootenay.

The local Forester Court is doing a great business in the way of taking in new members these days. About 30 applicants are now awaiting a trip through the forest.—*Kootenay Mail*

### CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 13th, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If you will enquire of the S. Physician, Bro. Millman, you will no doubt observe that we are having a little boom out here in the way of securing new members. I am satisfied if you would continue the dispensation to initiate at charter rates during the month of December that it would no doubt permit of us adding three hundred new members to the lists in this State alone. I hope that you can see your way clear to do so.

Yours respectfully in L. B. and C.

G. A. McELFRESH, H.C.R.

P.S.—My own Court, Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532, tendered me a public reception in honor of my re-election as H.C.R. A splendid programme of music, song and declamation was rendered. I had the privilege of speaking for one hour, after which a banquet was served to all present. The hall was overcrowded after turning some two hundred people away. At the close of my address I invited all who desired to join the Order to come forward and sign applications, and the consequence was a regular old time Methodist revival; about twenty-five applicants secured, besides ten for the Companion Court.

Court Yerba Buena, of San Francisco, is making preparations to institute a Companion Court in connection with that Court, which will be the third Companion Court in the State, the other two being located in this city.

#### The Hinds Were There Too.

Court Glendora had the arrangements all perfected for a "stag" party for the members and their gentlemen friends Saturday evening, Nov. 4th, and were about ready to commence the programme when a delegation of ladies armed with refreshments swooped down upon the meeting and proceeded to take part in the enjoyment that followed. High Secretary W. H. Perry was present and delivered an address. As a result of the affair fourteen applications were taken that evening, and a number more have been filed since.

Court Mateo, No. 3343, initiated five candidates the week of Nov. 4th.—*L. A. Times*, Nov. 10, '99.

At the visit of Council El Ma'akiah, No. 880, Princes of the Orient, to Court Centinela, No. 3355, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Cal., Friday evening, Nov. 3, the work was conferred on thirty-two candidates. Visitors were present from Gardena, Compton and Los Angeles.

Companion Court Los Angeles, No. 18, received 10 applications at its last meeting, making a total of thirty in the last three weeks. A number of members were present from Companion Court Morris Vineyard.

Court Los Angeles, No. 422, is still the banner Court of the world, with a membership of 600. The next highest membership is Court Champlain, No. 603, of Quebec, with a membership of 454.—*L. A. Times*, Nov. 9, '99.

(From Los Angeles Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27th, 1899.

A special train of the Terminal conveyed the members of Kaaba Council, No. 422, G. O. of the Orient, and a large number of friends to San Pedro Saturday evening, November 24th, where the degree was conferred upon a large number of members of Court Palos Verdes. Refreshments were served and the train returned to this city in the early morning. Many new and startling features were added by the reorganized Council.

Companion Court Morris Vineyard, No. 152, initiated fifteen candidates and received fifteen applications at its meeting Wednesday afternoon. This Court will hold a social session next Wednesday evening.

Court Centinela, of Inglewood, tendered a public reception to High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh last Saturday evening. There was a large attendance, and the High Chief Ranger delivered an address on the aims and objects of the Order, the affair concluding with a banquet. During the evening seven applications for membership were taken.

High Chief Ranger McElfresh paid a visit to Monrovia, and addressed Court Monrovia this week, and at the conclusion of the meeting the Monrovia Band serenaded the assembly. This Court has ten applications on file.

The High Chief Ranger was the guest of a public reception under the auspices of Court Santa Barbara this evening and delivered an address. A musical programme was a feature of the affair.

High Secretary W. H. Perry will visit Court Covina and address a public meeting under its auspices next Monday evening.

The following General Deputy High Chief Rangers have been appointed and commissioned in the city by G. A. McElfresh, H.C.R.; W. J. O'Brien, Court University, No. 61; F. W. Wismer, Court Los Angeles, No. 422; A. J. Bradley, Court Occident, No. 467; G. W. Judkins, Court Morris Vineyard, No. 532; J. M. King, Court Temple, No. 510; W. C. Woodman, Court La Fiesta, No. 880; O. E. Grassie, Court Eucalyptus, No. 966; V. J. Jacques, Court Semi-Tropic, No. 1442; W. J. Scherer, Court Central Avenue, No. 1970; J. P. Lee, Court Mateo, No. 3343; J. W. Musselman, Court Palmetto, No. 3345; A. H. S. Perkins, Court Angelina, No. 3122; Frank Pinschower, Court La Gazelle, No. 3631. The following General Deputy High Chief Rangers at large have also been appointed in the city. A. Whittaker, C. L. Wilde, George Coulson, E. E. Wilson, E. W. Fox, C. H. Martin.

### ILLINOIS.

COURT GIBBONS, No. 3852,

PFORIA, ILL., Nov. 20, 1899.

The Court prizes for securing 15 new members during the month of June last have been received, and as a token of our appreciation of the same, the Court, at its regular meeting held on the 17th inst., tendered to you a unanimous "vote of thanks" for so generous a prize as the one sent us; to say that we appreciate the different articles most high-

ly is all that we can say, but in the heart are feelings of appreciation that words do not express.

This Court is a very proud one; we are proud of our existence, proud of our membership, proud of our Bro. the High Physician of Illinois, Bro. L. A. McFadden, who led us into existence, and proud of our record. We were instituted on June 20, '98 with 60 charter members, and in one year from that date we had more than doubled our membership, and by the end of this our second year we hope and expect to double again. At our last meeting we received 15 applications, and the boys are still out hustling. We have never yet held a meeting entirely void of applications. Hoping all other Courts may do as well, I am

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,  
G. I. LEPLER, R.S.

### INDIANA.

UNION CITY, INDIANA, Nov. 15, 1899.

That the entertainment given by Court Union City, No. 1188, on Oct. 27th, the celebration of their seventh anniversary as a Court, was a whole success, is proven by the fact that they have, up to the 10th of Nov., initiated three of the visitors who were present. Court No. 1188, at its first meeting in November, decided by a unanimous vote that each member would do their best to secure at least one new member by January 1st, 1900. Three of the brothers have so far been successful. Our Court has been making a steady growth for the past two years, and truthfully boasts of securing its recruits from the very best people in the community. It also delights in telling the people that it meets at least 52 times a year, which brings the fraternal spirit of its members to the topmost round.

A BROTHER OF ABOVE COURT.

The Independent Order of Foresters will meet to-night in special session for the purpose of initiating twenty new members. This is the third meeting held within two weeks for this purpose which shows that this Order is in a very good condition. All members are cordially invited to be present.—*Daily Tribune*, Alexandria, Ind., Nov. 7, 1899.

### IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Nov. 21st, 1899.

I want to trouble you again with a few items from the great state of Iowa. I have been here for some little time, and I have finally succeeded in establishing two very fine Courts. One was organized on October 4th with about 60 members. I think it has now in the neighborhood of 85. I will close the charter of another new Court to-night. The first Court is known as Court Council Bluffs, No. 3786, located at Council Bluffs. The second one is to be known as Court William Frise. They start out with about 26 members. They named the Court after my father who died some years ago.

We have a very fine staff of officers in Court Council Bluffs. The Court Deputy H.C.R. is a young man, who is very popular and is one of the best leaders that Council Bluffs can produce. He is in the bicycle business and he is known the world over. Too much cannot be said of our new Court Deputy, Harry K. Smith.

The Chief Ranger, who is known among the people of this section as Colonel C. Budtz, is a man

nearly as large as our noble Chief, and always ready and willing to assist a brother Forester. He and Bro. Smith have been very kind to me and have assisted in every possible manner to make our organization a success.

The Court Deputy of Court William Frise is Bro. Frank Colburn, a very popular young man among the railroad men. I was very successful and very much gratified to secure for Chief Ranger of this Court, Bro. John B. Rishel, who is the agent for the Chicago Rock Island R.R. He is a thorough business man and a perfect gentleman, and I can see a bright future for this Court as well as Court Council Bluffs. All other societies have fought us very hard to keep us from getting an organization here, but with hard work and a good deal of patience, with the help of Bro. Frank Elgan, we have succeeded in making a fine start.

I received a letter from Bro. E. G. Dille, Chief Ranger of Court Sioux City, No. 1101, in which he informed me that they were giving smokers every little while. At their last meeting they took in eight candidates. The members in Sioux City are all a fine lot of young business men.

Forestry in Iowa is just beginning to grow, and I think within another year that she will compare very favorably with all other jurisdictions. I do not exactly know just what my next address will be as there are several invitations that have been extended to visit them first. I will write you later on. With kind regards I remain,

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
J. A. FRISE, D.S.C.R.

### MAINE.

Dedication of New Hall of Court Penobscot.

(Bangor Commercial.)

Maine now has an encampment of Royal Foresters. The headquarters are Old Town, and the Encampment was instituted Friday evening in connection with the dedication of the new hall of Court Penobscot, in the Hamilton block. Old Town has given the hospitality of the city over to the Foresters for two days.

The new hall of Court Penobscot is one of the prettiest lodge rooms in the State, and of it the members feel justly proud. An inspection of the new quarters of the lodge finds everything for comfort and convenience from an elaborately furnished assembly room to well equipped kitchen and banquet halls. The furniture of the assembly room consists of solid oak stands and settees, the seats being upholstered in rich gold plush. Upon the floor is spread a handsome Roxbury tapestry carpet. The altar is a novel affair, made to resemble an old oak tree, and it was the work of T. A. Lagasse, of Old Town. The gavel with which the Foresters are called to order is made from a piece of the "Maine," and was presented the lodge by J. S. Gallant, who was in Cuba during the Spanish-American war.

Friday evening the new hall and furniture were dedicated. At the appointed hour, the Court was opened in due form, and a committee sent out to escort Judge William Wedderburn and the members of the High Court from the hotels to the lodge room where they were received. The members of the High Court present were Clarence Scott, of Old Town, High Chief Ranger; Dr. M. MacDavid, of Augusta, High Secretary; George L. Spaulding, of Orono, High Treasurer; H. L.

Hunton, of Oakland, High Councillor; A. H. Bailey, of Winthrop, High Auditor; S. L. DeBeek, of Franklin, High Marshal. In addition to the above who represented the courts to which they belonged there were delegates present from Court Industry, South Brewer, Court Dirigo, Bangor, Court Rumford Falls, and Court Orono.

After the reception of officers and guests, the hall was formally dedicated according to the ritual of the Order, followed by speeches by Judge Wedderburn and members of the High Court, music, and the serving of refreshments in the banquet room.

Directly following the refreshments and dedicatory exercises came the instituting of the Royal Encampment of Foresters, which will be known as the Pine Tree Encampment, and is the first Encampment to be organized in the state by the Independent Foresters. It is the uniformed rank of the Order.

The instituting officer was Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, acting as Ill. Com. The following appointment of staff officers was made, the officers being advanced to the exalted degree of Royal Foresters: Ill. Com., Sir Kt. Clarence Scott, Old Town; Ill. P. C., Sir Kt. H. L. Huston, Oakland; Ill. O., Sir Kt. A. K. P. Meserve, M. D., Portland; Ill. Chan., Sir Kt. Geo. L. Spaulding, Orono; Ill. Arch., Sir Kt. O. M. Heath, Milford; Ill. Mar., Sir Kt. Geo. B. Menniman, Rumford Falls; Ill. C. of G., Sir Kt. A. F. Marsh, Old Town; Ill. S. Brs., Sir Knights Everett Sawyer and H. D. Bridge, Old Town; Ill. Sword Brs., Sir Knights S. S. DeBeek, Franklin and M. A. Johnson, Rockland; Ill. I. G., Sir Kt. T. S. Dickerson, M. D., Houlton; Ill. O. G., Sir Kt. M. L. Rosen, Bangor.

#### Eastport Rejuvenates.

A movement has been under way for some time to re-establish a branch of the Independent Order of Foresters in Eastport by a number of the prominent business men. The Supreme Executive in Toronto realizing the importance of having a city of the size of Eastport properly represented in the Order, sent their special Deputy A. A. Campbell of Toronto to institute the new Court. About fifty have already signified their intention of becoming members and a meeting will be held for the purpose of instituting, in the G. A. R. Hall on Monday evening, Nov. 27. A special dispensation has been granted to former members upon their paying the examination fee only. This has been extended to both old and new members. Dr. E. M. Small has agreed to examine all applicants for one half the usual fee, so that the total cost of joining the new Court will be but 75 cents. New Courts were started on Saturday last in Welch Pool and Red Beach, and the Order generally is making rapid progress in this district. Mr. Campbell visited the Courts on Deer Island, N. B., and was greeted by a large assembly. The last reports of the Supreme Court show a total membership of over 150,000 and surplus funds of \$3,659,156. The increase of the surplus for October was given at over \$1,500 per day. After the organization of the Subordinate Court on next Monday evening, an Encampment of Royal Foresters will be instituted. This beautiful degree is the uniformed branch of the Order and is said to be the finest degree work in existence.—*Bangor Daily News*, Nov. 24th, '99.

—Court Dirigo of Bangor entertained Court Nicola of Old Town with a social and supper, one Monday night, recently.

At a meeting of Court Samoset, Dexter, Maine, held Monday evening, Pearlston L. Stubbs, of Brewer, who has been employed by Fay & Scott for the past six months or more, was given the degree and Chas. F. Witham elected to membership. Considerable interest has been awakened of late and it is probable that several applications will be received for membership at the next regular meeting.

#### MONTAGUE, ME., No. 27th, 1899.

We received the premium offered to Court Enfield, No. 3223, for members secured in month of June, and it is a Jim Dandy and the Court is more than grateful to the Supreme Court for the same and at our last meeting we extended our thanks to the S. C. and to you for all the kind favors and especially for this one. It has aroused a deeper interest in our Court and we will do our best for an Order which we all love.

Hoping you will have a successful new year and enter upon the 20th century with a cheerful heart,  
We remain yours in L., B. and C.

L. J. FOLSOM, C. R.  
E. J. GRAHAM, R. S.

A Court at Red Beach, Maine, was instituted on Wednesday evening, with the following charter members: Arthur Y. Lane, Elisha Rafus, Wm. Mitchell, Frank W. Bagley, Adelbert Mingo, Geo. H. Colmer, Fred G. Lane, Zebina M. Lane, Warren Cook, B. Shattuck, jr., S. G. Lindsay, Irvin Lane, Benjamin Mirgo, Amos G. Johnson, Henry Marshall, Frank L. Martin, Fred W. Young, U. M. Wentworth, Isaac L. Ederly, Geo. E. Newton, Walter Brown, Frank E. Smith, Chas. D. Young, Wm. J. Mahoney, Edgar Glidden, Chas. H. Noble, Wm. P. Cook, Sylvester Lynott, Chas. Gardner, D. M. Hannah, Geo. McAdam.

#### MICHIGAN.

Court Evert, No. 372, and Companion Court Kate Callaghan, of Evert, Mich., held their annual banquet at their hall Saturday evening, 25th inst. The entertainment consisted of a musical programme, games, and an enjoyable intermingling of Foresters and their families. High Chief Ranger R. J. Macdonald and High Secretary M. M. Callaghan, of the Western Michigan High Court, were present, and favored us with short addresses pertinent to the occasion and for the good of the Order. At ten o'clock an adjournment was had to the G. A. R. Hall, near by, where an elaborate spread was laid, and nearly 400 persons partook of refreshments. The menu consisted of chicken pie, cold meats, salads, fruits, coffee, cakes and pies in great variety and abundance, thus testifying anew to the fact that Evert Foresters are not lacking in hospitality and are liberal to an extreme.

Forestry is much alive in this vicinity. Our Court passed through the dark days of doubt and hesitation when the Michigan High Court was divided and rates raised last fall, without losing a member, and have joined the onward procession again. Our record for present month is 19 new members, and we expect to even excel this record during December. We feel safe in saying that we are fully abreast of any Court in this jurisdiction.

for class of members, general enthusiasm and size of membership, taking into consideration the size of our town.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

GEO. W. MINCHIN, C. T.

Taken from letter of Wm. H. Sparling, H. Treas. for High Court of Michigan:

"Everything coming our way very nicely, Bagley, 51<sup>st</sup>, Detroit, Mich., in the lead. Initiations 71 to date and over 60 applications on their Secretary's desk."

#### Circular Issued by Court Waupakisco, I. O. F.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Court Waupakisco, 807, will initiate a large class on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, 1899. The local Court are making extensive preparations for the event. Arrangements have been made to secure the Jackson Degree Team to confer the work of Forestry. Hon. Elliott G. Stevenson, Supreme Counsellor of Detroit, Hon. John A. McGillivray, Supreme Sec. of Toronto, R. J. MacDonald, of Muskegon, High Chief Ranger, of Western Mich., M. M. Callaghan, High Sec. of Reed City, W. J. Sampson, of Hillsdale, High Counsellor. Dr. A. J. Patterson, of Grand Rapids, H. V. C. R., will be in attendance. The meeting will be very interesting to Forestry in Battle Creek. All members are requested to be present, and invite friends for the open meeting to be held at Auditorium.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

W. A. CROUCH, JR., G. H. SHARP,  
D.S.C.R. High Treasurer.

#### NEW JERSEY.

Court Plainfield, No. 1144, Plainfield, N.J., at its meeting on the 24th ult. initiated six candidates; the work was admirably done, and all the applicants said they had their money's worth. Visitors were present from Courts Dunellen and South Plainfield. A smoker was enjoyed after the ceremony, and a general good time in the good and welfare followed. A special meeting on the 30th will add four more to our membership, now 132.

JAMES PATTERSON,

Rec. Sec. Court Plainfield, 1144.

#### NEW YORK.

Bro. James K. McGuire, a member of Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, Syracuse, was recently elected Mayor of Syracuse, N.Y., for the third time, receiving 2,000 majority.

Colonel A. B. Caldwell, of Syracuse, P.S.C.R., and founder of the Independent Order of Foresters, instituted, in Royal Arcanum Hall, Court Binghamton, I.O.F. He was assisted by Supreme Marshal John H. McOmber, of Black River.

This is the first branch of the Order in Binghamton and the second in Broome County, the other being Court Cokose, No. 3593, at Deposit. The Court begins work with a large membership.

The officers of the new Court are:

Chas E Bennett, C.D.H.C.R.; Orval R. Bacon, P.C.R.; Eugene S. Everett, C.R.; David J. O'Neil,

V.C.R.; Edward F. Day, C. Phys.; James A. Orr, Rec. Sec.; Martin P. Congdon, Fin. Sec.; Martin Holdrich, Treas.; Joseph C. Murray, Orator; Albert W. Thomas, Sup. Juvenile Court; Thos. J. Congdon, S.W.; Andrew J. Sweeney, J.W.; Timothy C. Sheehan, S.B.; and Daniel W. Wilson, J.B.

Illustrious Commander John Dillon, of Columbia Encampment, No. 79, resigned at the last convocation, and Ill. Knight George A. Ford was unanimously elected to fill the position. Bro. Dillon accepted the captaincy, and Capt. George Sheehan accepted the lieutenantcy, in order to give special attention to drilling the Encampment.

#### Court Ruth.

Companion Court Ruth, No. 95, did not hold a meeting on Friday evening, but generously turned over their rooms, at Welch's Hall, for a church entertainment, and the Society was greatly benefited not only fraternally but financially.

P.S.C.R., Col. Caldwell has returned home from a six weeks' visiting tour in the 'southern tier.' He instituted Court Binghamton, Nov. 15th, and now the I.O.F. is firmly planted in the southern part of the State. Court Cokose at Deposit, Court Binghamton at Binghamton, Court Steuben at Hornellsville, Court Allegany at Friendship, and Court Chemung Valley at Elmira, and other large towns will soon awaken to the trumpet sound of the best insurance society known in two hemispheres.

Bro. Caldwell's trip gained him thirteen pounds avoirdupois, but a very lame leg which may both him for life.

#### Court Kruger, No. 3922.

At the regular meeting of Court Kruger, No. 3922, a very enjoyable time was had by all. One candidate passed over the rough and rugged road into the mysteries of Forestry. Four applications were received and more are coming. Among the visitors present were Chief Ranger Chapin of Court Central, New York, and several brothers from Court Dana.

Our first meeting in December is nomination and election of officers. All brothers are requested to be present.

The select ball is progressing finely. A general invitation has been extended to all Courts to attend, the majority of whom have signified their intention of being present. The ladies of Court Martha Washington will furnish refreshments on that evening.

#### This Means Business.

The Foresters of Brooklyn, ever with an eye to the idea of advancing fraternity, have organized an association known as the "Associated Courts of I.O.F. of Brooklyn."

The Association consists of Court Deputies, Chief Rangers, all Past Chief Rangers and delegates to the High Court, and though in its infancy has already begun to make its influence felt.

One of its objects is visitations to the different Courts and a schedule has been made of all the Courts to be visited at least once a year.

The present membership is about 50, and includes the prominent men of the Order in Brooklyn. The Supreme authorities congratulate the Association and hope that unlimited success attends our efforts.

The officers of the Association are: T. W. Smith, Pres.; C. H. Simmons, Vice-Pres.; John R. Smith, Rec. Sec.; Theo. Hooper, Treas.; H. J. Carpenter, Fin. Sec.; Trustees—H. Woerner, C. W. Neiss, Jos. G. Acker, Geo. A. Drolge, John C. Schmitt.

### NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

The newly organized Court I. O. F. is a great success; about twenty members are already on the roll. We understand they intend holding an entertainment in the near future.—*Weekly Herald*, Calgary, Nov. 23, 1899.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

#### Another Temple.

Court Yarmouth, No. 1390, Yarmouth, have removed to their new hall in Grantham's building (formerly Lorne Hotel). The hall is on the third floor, at the south end of the block, and is the whole width of the building. The ceiling is vaulted, extending several feet up into the pitch of the roof, and, together with the walls, is covered with embossed metal sheathing beautifully tinted. There are three panels showing Forestry emblems. There are raised platforms running around the sides of the room, and a row of folding opera chairs against the walls. In connection are an ante-room, a store-room and a parlor. The Court is fortunate in securing such commodious, well-arranged and elegant quarters.

The formal dedication of the hall took place Tuesday evening, November 14th, Deputy T. M. Seeley officiating. He was assisted by Bro. T. R. Hogan as Marshal, and Bros. Ross, Burrows, Redding, H. S. Cook, A. B. Cook, Crawley and Rogers. After the dedication, which was performed in open Court, and was witnessed by the wives and many of the friends of the brethren, the following programme was announced by Chief Ranger Jeffery and successfully carried out:

Banjo Duet—Frank Allen and Gardner Allen.

Address—Deputy T. M. Seeley.

Reading—T. R. Hogan.

Banjo Music—Messrs. Allen.

Reading—Wm. Crawley.

Solo—Miss Joan Gardner (A. Roy Williams, accompanist).

Address—Chief Ranger N. Jeffery.

Refreshments, National Anthem.

—From the *Light*, of Yarmouth, N.S.

### Halifax.

HALIFAX, Nov. 10th, 1899.

Court Seymour, No. 1603, has started in for a good winter campaign after its summer rest. Last two meetings members have attended in increasing numbers. One candidate was initiated, and five applications for membership were read at last meeting, Nov. 9th. After business had been transacted, several of the brethren entertained the members with readings, etc., and fruit was passed

around. A real good time was spent by all present, and plans drawn up to fill up the time devoted to "Good and Welfare" next meeting night.

Court Seymour's motto, "Second to None," is going to be backed up with "Deeds, Not Words."

Yours in L., B. and C.,

"ONE OF MANY."

### OHIO.

Court Magic City, No. 4054, Barberton, held a spirited meeting Monday, November 20th, it being the wind-up of a week's work of Supreme Deputy Bro. H. Evison, at that point in the interest of this Court. Fifteen applications were received, nine of whom were made acquainted with the mysteries of the Order. After the close of the business session, the entire gathering marched across the street to the City Restaurant, and partook of quite an elaborate spread, which was given a farewell banquet to Deputy Evison. As usual on occasions of this nature speeches were next in order, and Dr. Rodenbaugh, their Court Physician, was chosen as toastmaster. Chief Ranger Acker was the first called upon, followed by High Secretary Robecheuk, Supreme Deputy Evison, Bros. Williams, Lewis, Hanford and others. Brother Evison's remarks were very interesting, setting forth the various workings of our Order, intermingled with witty jokes. He referred to Magic City being his "baby" Court, and as he had felt a fatherly interest in their welfare, was pleased to see their growth had been so rapid. This Court was instituted by him on April 22nd, 1899, with a charter list of 25, and now had 50 members. He felt proud of their success, and said that he would always watch with eagerness the standing of the Court. Before adjourning all signified their intention to work hard and increase their membership to three figures.

Court Banner, No. 360, has for some time past been holding "smokers," given under the auspices of their Entertainment Committee. One of their popular gatherings was held on Nov. 13th and was very largely attended. Bros. Ridler and Striegel furnished music. Cards were played, and during the evening it was reported that even though Bro. Oscar Egert was the poorest player in the room, he won the first prize—due to the good players he had for partners all evening. Bro. Melbourne appeared to be the most unfortunate of all, sitting at one table all evening, and not a game was scored in his favor; at one time there was hope that he would be removed, that was when a tie between the partners took place; although his opponent cut a tray of spades, and everyone felt a ray of hope for him, he unfortunately turned up the deuce of spades.

Under the auspices of Court C. C. and T., No. 3469, Troy, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held. To say it was a success would be putting it mildly. Visitors were present from nearby towns. An elegant banquet was served by the brethren and they showed their hospitality in a remarkable manner. They did not do the cooking, but did everything else to make the visitors feel at home. Supreme Deputy, Bro. Philip, put ten salwarts through the "Rough and Ready," one applicant weighing 240 lbs., and standing six feet. The uniting of the different Courts in these social gatherings is creating a feeling of unity which will redound to the welfare of the Order.

Court Fremont, No. 355, at its meeting, Nov. 13th, received two applications for membership, and also admitted one member by card. The hall was well filled, and their business was promptly transacted. They mourn the death of two of their members, Bros. G. H. Robertson and W. Y. Payne. Resolutions of condolence were adopted and the charter draped.

An enjoyable time was had by members of Court Leven at their meeting, Nov. 15th. Two candidates were initiated and several applications received. After their routine of business, there was an "old timesmoker" and card-playing until quite a late hour. They will give a "box social" on the 22nd.

Court Providence, No. 1407, will initiate quite a large class of candidates at their meeting, Nov. 25th. They appear to have taken advantage of the very low rates at which candidates can be initiated during this month.

Court Kinsman, No. 1038, at its regular meeting on Nov. 14th initiated two candidates. Their entertainment on the 28th promises to be a big success socially and financially.

Court Epworth, No. 1253, is rejoicing in the way the members are interesting themselves in the work and attending meetings. They received seven applications on the 20th, and initiated two.

The officers, in particular, are making a strong effort to increase the membership, and have the support of a good many who have not of late been very regular in their attendance.

Toledo appears to be on the boom. There were 145 applications presented to the various Courts there during the past six weeks. The Committee on Entertainment of the High Court in September, 1900, are working hard, and expect, from proceeds of entertainments and other social functions during the coming eight months, to have a large balance in the hands of their Treasurer, so as to be able to show the delegates and visitors at the coming High Court session the most enjoyable time ever held. A new Companion Court will be instituted there shortly by Supreme Deputy Evison.

Supreme Deputy Philip is laboring in the central portion of the State and doing good work. The new Court put in by him at Lima has a membership of about sixty. He will spend a little time at Bellefontaine, putting the Court at that point in better shape.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Francis M. Reed, of Canton, Ohio, for the prompt payment of \$36.00 sick benefit and thanking the brethren of Court Brady, No. 1557, Canton, Ohio, for fraternal attentions during his illness.

### A Mysterious Announcement.

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## MEETING

The best ever held by the Court.

**C**AKE **O**RONHYATEKHA **M**YTHICAL **E**ATABLES  
**C**OFFEE **O**MELETS, **M**YSTERIOUS **E**NTERTAINMENT

Do not forget to enjoy the free lunch and election of officers Dec. 4th, 1899.

M. D. McCorkle, Chairman Committee.

The above fantastic inscription was sent out on post cards by Bro. McCorkle and drew a large crowd who wanted to know on what grounds the name of our revered chief should be bracketed with omelets. The explanation is that the S.C.R. cracks the barriers of race and creed like eggshells and fuses the inhabitants in the great frying-pan of fraternity.

### ONTARIO.

Court Brock, No. 242, Toronto, at its October meeting held in the Temple Building, tendered a reception to the newly elected High Chief Ranger, Bro. Geo. L. Wilson. The H.C.R. is held in high esteem by the members of this Court, as was evidenced by the many kind words said of him by the members of the Court who addressed the meeting.

Bro. Wilson is not a stranger to this Court, as he has many times visited it, and his zeal and loyalty are known by the members. At the conclusion of his able address he announced that he had commissioned the Chief Ranger, Bro. F. S. Mearns, to the office of D.D.H.C.R. Games, refreshments, music and a cake-walk, with cheers for the Canadian Contingent and the Queen, terminated one of the best evenings this sociable Court has ever held.

The Eloquence of Dr. Montague.

(Spectator of Nov. 2nd.)

Court Oronhyatekha 23, Hamilton, Ont., celebrated its twenty-first anniversary in a fitting manner by holding a most successful dinner at the Waldorf hotel last night. Covers were laid for 125 guests, including several High Court officers.

It was a most enjoyable affair, the gathering being large and representative. An excellent menu was provided for the guests. Clever speeches were made in response to the various toasts and there was plenty of good singing. While the dinner was being served music was furnished by Anderson's orchestra.

Samuel J. Heath, Chief Ranger of the Court, occupied the chair, and at the head table with him were Hon. Dr. Montague, H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer; Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician; Rev. J. H. Courtenay, High Chief Ranger; J. H. Long, M.A., LL.B., and Mayor Teetzel. The secretary, James Weir, read a letter of regret sent on behalf of Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, and a congratulatory telegram from Joseph R. Wolf, of San Francisco.

After the cloth had been removed the following toast list was carried out:

The Queen.

The Army and Navy—Responded to by H. F. Gardiner.

The Empire—Responded to by Hon. Dr. Montague.

Canada—Responded to by J. H. Long, M.A., LL.B.

Mayor and Corporation—Responded to by Mayor Teetzel.

Supreme Court—Responded to by H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer; Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician.

High Court of Ontario—Responded to by Rev. J. H. Courtenay, High Chief Ranger.

Court Oronhyatekha—Responded to by Bro. E. S. Cummer, first Chief Ranger of the Court.

The Ladies—Responded to by A. F. Pirie.

The Press—Responded to by Bro. D. Hastings.

Mr. Gardiner, Editor *Times*, made a good speech for the Army and Navy. He said that while he was not a Forester he was familiar with Forestry and had many friends among the Order. He approved of the social, as well as the insurance features of the Order. He did not assume that he was selected to respond to the toast because of his military record, as he had always been a John Bright man. He was free to admit that he always preferred peace to war.

As usual, Hon. Dr. Montague made a loyal and eloquent speech. He thanked the members for inviting him to join with their friends and guests in celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the Court. The day had gone by when an excuse was necessary for the existence of fraternal organizations. Besides the insurance feature there was the social side which brings us together. No better evidence is needed of the prosperity of the people than that the amount of insurance is steadily growing. This should be a matter of pride. In 1869 the amount of insurance carried by old line companies was \$35,000,000, and in 1898 it amounted to \$368,500,000. It was satisfactory that the increase had been in the Canadian companies. In glancing at the report of the Order he discovered that the surplus was \$3,347,000. This was a splendid record, a guarantee of the high standing of the Order. He had to congratulate the Court on its prosperity, occupying as it did first place in the jurisdiction. To the members it must be a matter of pride that \$7,000,000 had been paid to the widows of deceased members. Referring to the toast, he said it needed no word from a speaker to call forth the plaudits of the hearers. He referred eloquently to the departure of the Canadian boys to South Africa to

fight the common cause of British liberty and British right. While misfortune had fallen on British soldiers, all were satisfied that the hour was not far distant when victory, as of old, would perch on the banner of the British. It was always sad to hear of the loss of life and the spilling of British blood, but this would uncover the pretence of Oom Paul that he had not expected war. All the time he was praying he was keeping his powder dry. Not only this, but the blood of the British would be well spent if success would bring Britons closer and closer together the world through, whether in the motherland or colonies. Touching upon the Transvaal question, he referred to the fact that when peace was declared in 1881 the British were prepared to wipe the Boers out. Britain was now reaping the cost of its magnanimous action in 1881. He contended that Britain was now pursuing the only policy open to it consistent to the people's rights. He endorsed the action of the Government in sending a contingent to South Africa, not that Britain needed it, but because it was an expression of the warmth of sentiment to the motherland and showed that the old lion and her cubs are one. (Applause.)

Mr. Long made an eloquent speech for Canada. In opening he referred to the marvelous progress of the Foresters, who now occupied such a position that they could face all attacks and withstand all blasts. Referring to Canada he touched on the place it occupied in literature, to its progress in population and area, and to the advancement of its intellectual life. It had taken its place as one of the nations of the world. If Canada has determined for good or ill, weal or woe, to accept its place as part of the integral empire, it must bear its share of the responsibility. It is not a question of dollars and cents. If Canada shares the privileges and rights it should bear its share of the responsibility. He regretted that in the last few years the tone of political life had not improved, but had deteriorated. Politics had become a trade, a stepping-stone for self-advancement, instead of occupying the high station it did in the old land. He also regretted that any racial question should come up. The French Canadians were loyal to Canada and to the Queen and respected British life and liberty, but it was not to be expected that they should entertain the same views of imperialism as we do.

Supreme Treasurer Collins made a capital speech and was given an enthusiastic welcome. He referred to the wonderful progress made by the Order, especially under the guidance of Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger, to whose untiring efforts was due much of its success. He also referred to the satisfactory report made by the Superintendent of Insurance, who had carefully examined the affairs of the Order, and had reported on it favorably. He also referred to the action of the Order in respect to the young Canadians who had gone to South Africa to fight for the motherland.

Dr. Millman, Supreme Physician, made a good speech, dealing with matters of interest to the Order. He paid a tribute to the valuable services rendered by the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha.

High Chief Ranger Courtenay was greeted with loud applause when he rose to speak. He dwelt on the progress made by the Order. During October 3,000 new members were accepted, and in this jurisdiction the membership so far this year exceeded the net gain last year.

Bro. Cummer, the first Chief Ranger of the Court, gave a number of interesting reminiscences. A. L. Pirie, Proprietor and Editor *Dundas Banner*, made his usual clever and witty speech for the ladies. He said it was one of the best banquets he had ever attended, the speeches being of a high order, and he has been at many of the best.

David Hastings spoke briefly for the press.

During the evening songs were sung by Charles Spalding, G. Filgiano, Jas. Jardine and Fred Briggs, and Martin Cleworth delivered a couple of recitations. Bro. J. E. P. Aldous played the accompaniments.

The banquet committee was composed of Samuel Heath, Chairman; James Weir, Secretary; C. H. Peebles, Treasurer; Robert H. Foster, James Laurie, J. W. Lamoreaux, Ald. Kerr, T. J. Baine, Robert McClenahan and H. T. Drope.

Among the charter members present were John Temple, R. J. Howard, E. S. Cummer and Robert Wilson.

During the month of November Court Oronhyatekha will continue to celebrate by enrolling members, the only cost being the medical examination, the usual charges of registration, certificate, etc., being done away with for the month named.

Court Oronhyatekha is the largest Court in the jurisdiction of the High Court of Ontario.

Bro. Samuel J. Heath is a particularly zealous officer and is surrounded by a worthy set of officers.

It was a matter of regret that John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Supreme Secretary, was unable to be present, but he was in California furthering the work of the Order in that state.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Citedion, No. 14, Citedion, Ont., on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Kestle, the beloved wife of Bro. Moses Kestle.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Wilmer, of London, Ont., for the prompt payment of mortuary benefits of her late husband, Edward Wilmer (Court Welcome, No. 12 London, Ont.)

Card of Thanks.

To the Brethren of the I.O.F.

The following are Courts who nobly responded to the relief of Bro. J. S. Bruce up to date, Nov. 13, 1899:

J. H. Courtney, H. C. R.	.....	\$1 00
Court Lambeth, No. 143	.....	1 00
“ McGregor, No. 6	.....	1 00
“ Valley City, No. 73	.....	1 00
“ Komoko, No. 3076	.....	1 00
“ Dresden, No. 164	.....	1 00
“ Conquest, No. 1073	.....	1 00
“ Tablot, No. 1323	.....	1 00
“ Exter, No. 123	.....	1 00
“ Oak Leaf, No. 62	.....	1 00
“ Sarnia, No. 55	.....	2 00
“ Hamilton, No. 170	.....	1 00
“ Pelham, No. 233	.....	1 00
“ Watford, No. 444	.....	1 00
“ Petrolia, No. 42	.....	5 00
“ Listowell, No. 519	.....	1 00
“ Cottam, No. 3435	.....	1 00
“ Sneedwell, No. 846	.....	1 00
“ Reliance, No. 1103	.....	1 35
“ Summervale, No. 161	.....	1 00
“ Simcoe, No. 166	.....	1 00

Court Willburn, No. 1363	.....	\$1 00
“ Beechwood, No. 1003	.....	5 00
“ Pleasant, No. 912	.....	1 00
“ Sauble, No. 196	.....	1 00
“ Empress, No. 20	.....	1 00
“ Oronhyatekha, No. 23	.....	2 00
“ Orient, No. 416	.....	1 00
“ Black Knight, No. 173	.....	1 00
“ Pyramid, No. 412	.....	10 00
“ Success, No. 191	.....	1 00
“ Kangengele, No. 3778	.....	1 00
“ Rosewood, No. 72	.....	75
“ Alert, No. 1214	.....	1 00
“ Harrow, No. 962	.....	1 00
“ Putman, No. 160	.....	1 00
“ Kintore, No. 813	.....	1 00
“ Royal, No. 212	.....	1 00
“ Hopeful, No. 310	.....	1 00
“ Eagle Nest, No. 3241	.....	1 00
“ Oxford, No. 46	.....	1 00
“ Waverley, No. 345	.....	1 50
“ Kingsville, No. 9	.....	1 00
“ Walkerton, No. 521	.....	1 00
“ Freestone, No. 830	.....	1 00
“ Peerless, No. 193	.....	1 00
“ Atwood, No. 782	.....	1 00
“ Brigden, No. 581	.....	2 00

All of which is submitted.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

C. H. CHAPMAN,

F. S. Court Pyramid, No. 412, Copleston.

Practical Patriotism.

At the last meeting of Court Wellesley, No. 3103, Toronto, it was unanimously decided to pay the assessments on the insurance of Bro. A. R. McGregor, who is one of the Canadian Contingent on its way to South Africa.

Court Wellesley has the honor of counting in its membership the present Premier of Ontario, the Hon. G. W. Ross.

Oyster Supper and Concert.

Court Welcome, No. 2, gave their fourteenth annual oyster supper and concert in the Foresters' Hall, East London, last night, Nov. 13th, and it proved a very successful and enjoyable affair. The spacious halls were crowded with the brethren and their friends.

The walls of the room were gaily decorated with flags and bunting and the Order's banner. Much interest was added to the gathering by the presence of the High Chief Ranger for Ontario, Rev. J. H. Courtenay, of Port Stanley and the High Secretary, Mr. F. E. McCormick, St. Thomas, both of whom delivered addresses on the noble work and the inspiring mission that the Independent Order of Foresters were working. They also congratulated Court Welcome on its splendid success. It was evident to be seen that the energetic and patriotic members, who had made a success of this event and who also had won for Court Welcome the name of the banner Court of London, have made up their mind and are determined, that in the near future Court Welcome shall be the banner Court of this jurisdiction. Supper was served in the smaller lodge room, after which the company adjourned to the main hall, where a programme was carried out, comprising selections on the phonograph, piano solos, by Miss Mabel Fox; character songs, Sandy Drennan; recitations, Miss Proctor and Miss Met-

calfe; songs by Messrs. Geo. Faull, R. V. S. Saunders and W. B. Lockhart, and club swinging by Miss Perkins; Miss Mabel Fox and Mr. Frank Gruber were the accompanists.

The committee in charge of the affair included Messrs. R. Gilmour, Chairman; J. W. Thomas, Sec.-Treas.; James Lillywhite, F. Brodison, Jos. Amor, E. Galpin, C. Mawson.

Yours in L., B. and C., J. W. THOMAS.

#### Court Gold Sheaf, No 3042.

BLIND RIVER, Nov. 13th, '99.

Bro. Canavan, Deputy S.C.R. of Toronto, visited our town during the second week of Oct. After making enquiries from some old Foresters and other citizens, he decided to institute here a Court of the I.O.F. The organizer, acting on this decision, immediately visited every house in town advising the people that he, with the help of other Foresters, would hold a meeting in the school house the following evening. The people, in anticipation of hearing something out of the ordinary, crowded the school room. They were not disappointed in this, as their anticipation was realized to the fullest extent; that Bro. Canavan fully mastered the subject of Forestry in his address of over an hour every one admitted. Bro. Canavan's sole object of holding this meeting was to awaken thought in connection with fraternal life insurance and this he thoroughly succeeded in doing, which was evidenced by the number that enrolled as charter members at the close of the meeting. Bro. Canavan then left for other points to continue the good work, leaving your correspondent with the responsibility of enrolling members during his absence.

He again returned on Nov. 1st, and decided to give the people a treat in the way of a public installation of the officers of the new Court. On the evening of Nov. 3rd, after the secret work had been given by the D.S.C.R., the Foresters marched in a body to the school room which was packed with people. After the speaker of the evening, Bro. Canavan, had received a grand ovation, he entertained the large audience with an earnest talk on the duty of officers to the Court and of the members of the Order. He closed his address with a few touching remarks regarding our brave boys who had formed the Canadian Contingent and had gone to South Africa as British soldiers to fight for their Queen and country. The I.O.F. would sacredly guard the interests of their loyal brothers in their absence. This was followed by the "Maple Leaf Forever."

The impressive service of installing the officers was now proceeded with, and indeed it was a service not soon to be forgotten. As each officer presented himself before the D.S.C.R. for instructions he felt and knew that he was taking a most solemn obligation.

Thanks is given by the Foresters to Mrs. Leasia for the many selections she rendered, but special mention should be made of the charming manner in which the "whistling" of the mocking bird was given. Special thanks is due Miss Scott, of Webbwood, for giving us a treat in the way of a recitation entitled, "The Legion of the Organ Builder," also to Miss Christilaw, who so ably presided at the organ.

After a few chosen remarks by Bros. Rev. McKenzie and Booth, the meeting closed with three rousing cheers for the I.O.F. and singing of God Save the Queen in right royal strains.

Yours in L., B. and C., A. C. EGAN, C.R.

Mr. Wilkinson, organizer of the I.O.F., is in Galt, and when he leaves the local membership will have grown in no slight degree. The Lady Companions met on Thursday evening, and Court Valley City last night. Mr. Wilkinson was present, and the result justified the estimate placed on his services. I.O.F. interests are in capable hands when they are in his.

At the regular meeting of Court Valley City, I.O.F. last evening, \$10 was voted to the Red Cross Society.

An appeal, made for some assistance on the part of a Forester who lives in Grimsby, and who had met with an accident, causing the loss of all but the thumbs of both hands, was met by a grant of \$2.

Ten new members were formally initiated.—*Daily Reformer*, Galt, Ont., Nov. 11, 1899.

The members of Court McGregor, No. 6, Chatham, gave a very interesting entertainment Nov. 23rd, after the routine work of the Court had been disposed of. Mayor Smith occupied the chair and made a short address, pointing out the advantages of membership in fraternal organizations. He urged every young man to join all the good societies he could afford. The following musical and literary programme was then carried out in good style, encores being the order of the evening:

Instrumental—Frank Phelps.  
Song—Miss Maggie Braddon.  
Recitation—Miss Belle Baxter  
Song—Ross Ball.  
Song—Miss Belle Riddle.  
Song—H. Horstead.  
Instrumental—Frank Phelps.  
Song—J. Tucker.  
Recitation—Miss Belle Baxter.  
Song—G. O'Hara.  
Song—W. Chrysler.  
Song—H. Horstead.

At the conclusion of this programme refreshments were served.

Bro. T. A. Smith, C.R., chairman.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. W. S. Crawford, of Bolton, Ont., for the prompt payment of \$2,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, William Spence Crawford (Court Bolton, No. 308, Bolton, Ont).

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The arrival of the fall season with its crisp, nipping atmosphere and generally invigorating conditions, has produced a marked influence on Forestry affairs in this city and vicinity. Among the latest moves to arouse enthusiasm that has lain dormant throughout the past summer is the inauguration of a series of district meetings, the nights being at least a month apart, and the Courts in which they are held selected by reason of their peculiar relation to widely separated localities. This arrangement will, it is believed, result in bringing to each meeting representation from all local Subordinate Courts. The first of these meetings was held at Tacony, the evening of October 23, was splendidly attended, and developed many new converts to Forestry ideas. Dr. Chas. G. Frowert, S.S.W., originated the plan for the meetings, and is working strenuously and persistently to make them all around successes.

Court Fairhill, No. 3985, is in the market with an eye-opener, in the shape of a grand prize hop, to take place Monday evening, December 4th, at Roth's Hall, 2807 North Fifth Street. In this spurt the Court is being aided by the Cleoda Social, an up-town social organization. Bros. Trimble, King, McGlenn, Govel, and Peck are a special committee in charge of the affair. They report heavy ticket sales, and say indications point directly toward unqualified success, which, if borne out by results, will be equivalent to a well-stocked Court treasury.

The High Secretary of the State reports most gratifying progress in Order accessions in all quarters. Altoona Courts are forging ahead. Tyrone is making great strides.

Pittsburg stands a first-rate chance of wresting the title of "Banner City" from all competitors. The "Smoky City," as a matter of fact, has not only exceeded most sanguine expectations, but also the accomplishments of any other locality in the State, by adding to its own membership two hundred (200) names within the last three months. Speaking of Pittsburg's record on this line recently, a prominent Forestric worker dropped into well known rag-time vernacular, saying: "She's a warm baby, and shows plainly how a 'good thing' (meaning Forestry) is snapped up and appreciated when its merits are properly set before the people."

Dr. Chas. G. Frowert, Philadelphia's popular Forestric stalwart, gave one of his illustrated lectures on Forestry in the old City Hall, Pittsburg, the evening of November 14, under the auspices of the combined Courts of the I.O.F. of that city. The hall was formerly the location of the municipal offices, but, with their removal to more commodious quarters, was literally torn out, the interior being converted into one vast auditorium, in which, of late years, all the city's great political conventions, religious meetings, and large public gatherings, have been held. The city was well placarded with hand-bills announcing the lecture, while across the street passing the hall was suspended a huge transparency bearing like announcement. A large and enthusiastic audience of quite 5,000 people were on hand to bid the doctor welcome, the seating capacity of the big structure being early fully occupied, while the aisles were crowded back to the entrance doors by standing listeners. Pictures illustrative of the Order's growth and extent elicited rounds of applause. Special approbation was accorded the pictures presenting the noble countenance of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the architectural pride of international Forestry—the Temple Building. Although the acoustic properties of the great hall have in the past sorely taxed the vocal powers of some of the ablest of our public speakers, Dr. Frowert's articulation was distinctly and agreeably heard by all present, and he received many compliments on his possession of a voice that readily penetrated all parts of the building. The arrangements for the meeting were in charge of D.S.C.R. Barton and H.V.C.R. Rev. Mr. Wittich, to whom much credit is due for the splendid turnout, and the great interest manifested. Illustrated songs were admirably rendered by Bros. Barton and Gregory, the singets coming in for vociferous encoring. The Home Grand Graphophone reeled off Forestric speech and melody to perfection, and was voted the decided hit of the evening. The audience was composed of the best class of citizens. Many applications for membership were received immedi-

ately following the lecture, and many more were promised. Bro. Barton reports that he expects at least 150 new members as the outcome of the gathering. Such lectures are the key-notes to Order progress, they being, as to Forestry, not only encyclical in their territorial influence, but as well encyclopediac in their depiction of the otherwise more or less concealed gems of Forestric fraternalism and assurance.

The second district "hurrah" meeting in Philadelphia is booked for the evening of November 28th. Dr. Frowert will again introduce the stereopticon and graphophonic features, and deliver an impromptu talk on Order matters. Other local speakers are expected to participate, while music and humor are sure of generous representation.

### All Right Is All Wrong.

ERIE, PA., Nov. 15, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Lately we have had two Courts in this jurisdiction suspended because the Financial Secretaries thereof, who were not bonded as required by our laws, diverted the assessments of the members to their own uses instead of remitting them to the Supreme Secretary. It is recognized as a difficult matter to get the officers of Subordinate Courts to see the importance of the laws respecting bonds of financial officers, because they are well acquainted with their Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and feel assured that they are all right. It is, however, the "all-right" officer who is sufficiently trusted to be allowed to do about as he pleases.

In bringing up this matter I do not desire to be understood as objecting to any officers now holding these positions in Pennsylvania, because I believe we have as good, if not better, officers than most organizations of this kind; but it seems to me that it would be well to impress upon the membership at large, that if they want assurance that proper use is made of their funds they should insist upon bonds for the financial officers of the Court and a proper periodical examination of the accounts.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

W. S. CLARK, H.C.R.

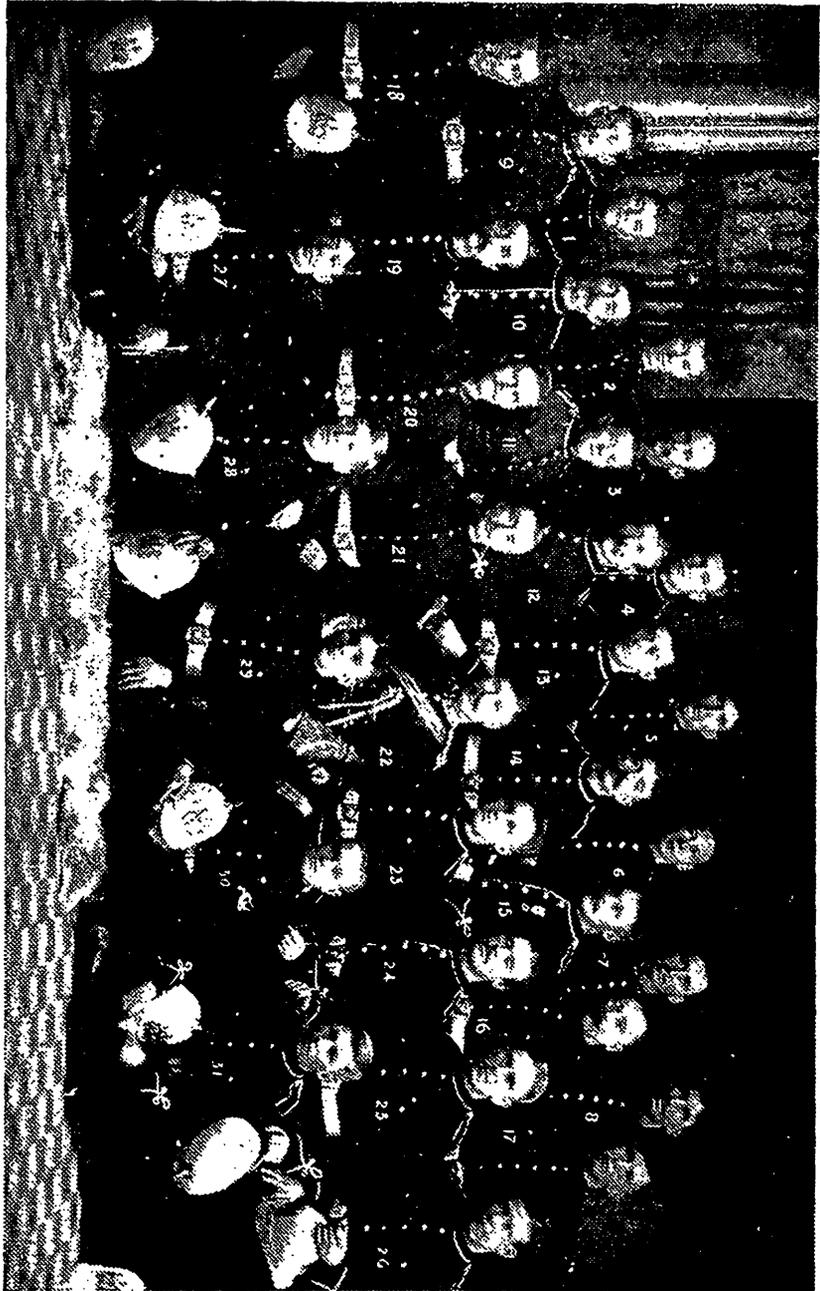
### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

A meeting of the High Standing Committee was held at the Queen's Hotel, Charlottetown, on the 24th October. Every member of the Committee was present. Part of the afternoon was spent trying to arrange with the trustees of the P.E.I. Hospital for a Foresters' ward in the new hospital. No arrangements could be made, owing to difficulty of securing medical attendants.

The H. S. Committee decided to ask each Court to pay a fraternal visit to some other Court during the year. A circular explaining the plan will be sent each Recording Secretary at an early date.

No doubt from every province there are Foresters among the volunteers going to South Africa, but the whole number from Prince Edward Island are members of the Order. Major W. A. Weeks, the officer in command of the N.B. and P.E.I. Company, and Lieut. Lorne Stewart were members of Court Mt. Stephen, the Major having lately joined, taking \$5,000 mortuary benefit.

When a number of the citizens of Charlottetown decided to raise enough money to insure each volunteer for \$1,000 there was no difficulty in



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TRANSVAAL CONTINGENT.

Every Man a Forester.

- 1—Herbert H. Brown. 2—Hurdle J. McLenn. 3—Arthur J. B. Mollish. 4—Thos. L. McBeath. 5—Lawrence Gaudet. 6—Hortley V. McKinnon.
- 7—Joseph O'Reilly. 8—J. Edwara Small. 9—Frederick Wray. 10—Frederick B. McRae. 11—Le Roy Harris. 12—James I. Walker. 13—R. Ernst.
- Lord. 14—Lorne Stewart. 15—Thos. A. Bond. 16—Frederick C. Parvo. 17—Nelson Bruce. 18—Jas. Matheson. 19—M. I. McCarthy. 20—J. S.
- Leslie. 21—Richard J. Foley. 22—Major W. A. Weeks. 23—Reginald Cox. 24—John A. Harris. 25—Ernest W. Bowness. 26—A. K. Dillon.
- 27—John Boudreau. 28—H. D. Taylor. 29—Noy Dorion. 30—Alfred Rivers. 31—Walker Lane.

deciding which was the best institution to join. When it was left to Bro. Major Weeks he said the I.O.F. Twenty-nine were examined by Bro. Doctor Warburton, Mayor of Charlottetown, who is an active member of the militia, and he pronounced them all first-class risks and recommended them all for beneficiary membership.

A special meeting of Court Avondale was held in the Court room on the evening of the 24th October. The High Chief Ranger, Dr. Robertson, presided. Every member of the H.S. Committee

was present, besides a number of the officers and members of Courts Avondale and Mt. Stephen. The 29 applications were received and the candidates initiated amid great enthusiasm. Bro. Lorne Stewart applied for an increased mortuary benefit. We expect to see in the next issue of the FORESTER a cut of Bro. Weeks and his thirty noble, good-looking men.

We have been mentioning in the P.E.I. notes in the FORESTER the marriages of any of our brethren, but so many of them have lately joined

the happy army of Benedicts that space will scarcely permit to mention all. The latest are Bros. U. D. Dingwell, of Court Dundas and E. H. Duchemin, the popular Recording Secretary of Court Mt. Stephen. The officers of this Court presented Bro. Duchemin with an address befitting the occasion.

Congratulations are being tendered to Bro. N. E. Carruthers, of Court Prince Edward, and Bro. M. Smith, of Court Stratheona, on their election as President and Vice-President of the Teachers' Institute of Prince Edward Island, to Bro. George W. Simpson, of Court New London, on his election as Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance, to Bro. J. D. Seaman, of Court Avondale, as President of the Y. M. C. A., and to Bros. Drs. McDougald, of Court Great West, and Houston, of Court Nonpariel, on their successful examinations before the Medical Board of Prince Edward Island. No one can now say that those two at least are not legal practitioners.

Bro. A. P. Prowse, of Court Murray Harbor, has been chosen by the Opposition to try for the vacant seat in the fourth local district of King's Co. Without wishing ill to the new Attorney-General, all the friends of the genial Past High Treasurer wish he will win.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. H. Craig, Recording Secretary of Court Great West.

### QUEBEC.

Letters of acknowledgment have been received from Court Agnes, and Mrs. Mary Matheson, of Agnes, Que., for the prompt payment of \$1,050 mortuary benefit of the late W. P. Matheson.

### WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Nov. 7th, 1899.

The members of Court Sycamore, No. 3001, have made arrangements for a Reception and Benefit Performance at the Academy of Music on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th, at which time the Thanouser Company will present the romantic drama "The Romance of a Poor Young man."

A large sale of tickets is reported, and no doubt this will be the most important event of the Order here this year.

The committee in charge of the arrangements consist of Zeno M. Host, Charleton D. Lisle, Wm. F. Schad, Robert Keith, Wm. De Frain, John H. Murray, jr., and Peter M. Lutzenberger.

Fraternally yours,

H. F. KAUFMANN,  
Rec. Sec.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from John C. Beck, R.S. Court Gateway, No. 963, La Crosse, Wis., on behalf of the Court and Mrs. Stoddard, for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of our late Bro. C. A. Stoddard.

This is a good epitaph—

An honest fellow here is laid ;

His debts in full were always paid.

And what's more strange, the neighbours tell us,

He brought back borrowed umbrellas.

## GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

### ENGLAND.

#### London and Suburbs.

Active work in connection with London Courts, in view of strengthening same, and formation of new Courts in unrepresented districts, is being carried on under the supervision of Bro. Benjamin Cronyn, D.S.C.R., Deputy Supreme Secretary, who has charge of our London office, 24 Charing Cross, and the organizing work in London and suburbs.

The following largely attended and enthusiastic meetings of members have been held :

*First.*—The members of Courts Maida Vale, No. 2062, and Stafford, No. 2111, met on Friday evening, 13th Oct., in the Court room of Court Maida Vale.

*Second.*—The members of Court St. Pancras, No. 2003; Haverstock Hill, No. 2006; Best Help, No. 2075, and Chancery, No. 2092, met on Monday evening the 16th Oct., in the Court room of Court St. Pancras.

*Third.*—The members of Courts Erimus, No. 2012; Whitehall, No. 2018; Cosmopolitan, No. 2032; Admiral Benbow, No. 2190, and Belgrave, No. 2202, met on Thursday evening the 26th Oct. in the Court room of Court Belgrave.

*Fourth.*—The members of Courts England Standard Bearer, No. 2004; Myrose, No. 2134; Friern Barnet, No. 2140; Finsbury Park, No. 2176, and Rustic, No. 2183, met on Friday evening the 27th Oct. in the Court room of Court Myrose.

*Fifth.*—The members of Courts Canaland, No. 2001; First Surrey, No. 2002, and Wimbledon, 2010, met on Tuesday evening the 31st Oct. in St. Mark's Hall, Wimbledon.

All these meetings were presided over by a C.R. of one of the Courts and were opened in due Court form.

Official circulars five, seven and eight were read at these meetings, after which an address was delivered on each occasion by Bro. Cronyn, followed by a full and free discussion, the greatest interest being exhibited in the welfare of the Order by all present, who cordially promised their active assistance in the work and strengthening present Courts and establishing new ones in unoccupied territory.

There were present on these occasions, in addition to the officials and members of the several Courts, Bro. Dr. M. C. Ward, J.P., Chairman of Medical Board; Bro. Edward Tidman, C.E., Representative from the High Court of London to the Supreme Court; Bro. C. N. Holmes, D.S.C.R.; Bro. B. B. Halford, P.H.V.C.R.; Bro. G. Emery, H.T.; Bro. W. H. Grigg, H.A.; Bro. G. H. Powell, H.S.W.; Bro. E. W. Eagle, H.J.W., and Bro. C. Hopkinson, Archivist, London Encampment. Also a number of members from the London Court of Instruction.

At each meeting a vote of thanks to Bro. Cronyn for his address and the energetic manner in which the work of the Order in London and suburbs was being carried on under his supervision, was proposed and carried unanimously.

From this active movement, practical and good results are anticipated and are already beginning to develop.

#### London Encampment Royal Foresters.

A very pleasant Convocation and pleasant dinner thereafter of this Encampment took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening, the 21st Oct.

During the evening, after the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," the health of our S.C.R., Dr. Oronhyatekha, was proposed by Dr. Ward, Ill. Com. It was heartily received and was responded to by Sir Knight Cronyn, D.S.C.R., who, in his remarks, mentioned the receipt of a cablegram from Head Office to the effect that "only ordinary rates would be charged Foresters in British military service in South Africa."

Reported by C. HOPKINSON, Archivist.

**Court Stafford, No. 2111.**

The members of above Court held a most successful musical and vocal concert at their Court room, 75 Maida Vale, W. The proceedings opened by the initiation of new members, the Court being presided over by Bro. Cronyn, D.S.S., who was assisted by a number of brothers from other Courts, after which the social part of the entertainment was commenced. There was a very full programme. Miss Gwennie Mason gave a splendid performance on the harp. This young lady delighted the audience by the grand fingering and touch of this most difficult instrument, and the hearty applause was well earned. The Misses Rees-Webbe also gave an excellent contribution of dancing and singing which was a great feature of the evening's entertainment. The other items of the programme were all carried out in a most professional-like manner. During the interval there was tea, coffee and light refreshments served out to the numerous friends, after which Bro. Cronyn gave a short but graphic account of the benefits of the Order, its social and fraternal aspects and touched with great feeling on the splendid fellowship which is being shown by the grand volunteering of our brothers in Canada to serve the Empire with the Imperial troops now in active service. There was a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Bro. Parr and seconded by Bro. Tattersall to Bro. Cronyn and the Rev. Rees-Webbe thanking them for the way they had helped towards making the evening a success, and after singing "God Save the Queen," in which the whole of the audience joined, the proceedings terminated. This is the first concert of the kind attempted by Court Stafford, the success of which gives great hopes for future ones.

**IRELAND.**

**Dedication of New Chambers.**

On Friday night, Nov. 3, the officers of the High Court of the North of Ireland, together with the Chief Rangers of the forty-five courts in this High Court jurisdiction, met to dedicate to the work of Forestry the new and beautiful chambers and offices which the Order now occupies in Wellington Chambers, 18 Wellington Place. The change to larger premises was necessitated by the rapid growth and extension of this great organization, and the new meeting-place secured will enable the members to take full advantage of the growing desire on the part of many young men to join the Order. The ceremony of dedication was performed by Bro. Rev. James Cregan, H.C.R., assisted by Bro. W. Bell, P.H.C.R.; Bro. W. Gibson, M.D., J.P., as High Marshal; Bros. James Wilson, H.T.; James Hollywood, H.A.; B. Gamble, H.S.W.; D. L. Cottrill, H.J.S., as Heralds, and Bro. J. Gowdy, H.S.B.; and Bro. Rev. T. R. Balfantine, H. Ch. After the impressive service had

been concluded, Court Erin's Pioneer held an "At-home," when, in addition to those mentioned above, there were present:—Bros. John McCaughey, J.P., H.V.C.R.; John Laird, J.P.; Knox, Lisburn; A. Alexander, H. McMillan, W. Curran, J. Martin, S. Emerson, J. Dickson, W. De Winter, Max Hill, J. Mills, A. Lyttle, Hoffman, R. J. Munn, M.D.; J. C. Gilbert, R. N. Boyd, J. J. Mercer, T. McKinstrey, I. Moore, etc.

Court Erin's Pioneer was represented by Mrs. James Wilson, C.R.; Mrs. Gibson, P.C.R.; Mrs. Hollywood, V.C.R.; Mrs. Bell, C.D., H.C.R.; Mrs. Dawson, the Misses Gilmer, Miss Martin, Treasurer; Miss Shaw, R.S.; Miss Thompson, Mrs. Cregan, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Larmour, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. McMillan, etc. After a most enjoyable tea had been partaken of, Rev. James Cregan resumed the chair, and, after making a few remarks, called on Mrs. James Wilson, C.R., who, in the name of Court Erin's Pioneer, welcomed all the guests present that evening. Mrs. Wilson alluded to the great progress the Independent Order of Foresters was making in the North of Ireland, and hoped that in the near future the social side of the Order would be more developed. The ladies' Court was desirous of helping to make the meetings of the various Courts more enjoyable, and she begged on behalf of the ladies forming the Companion Court, to present to the High Court a beautiful piano for the use of the brethren meeting here. (Loud applause.) This piano which she now presented was one of the best that could be procured, and she had no doubt the new and commodious rooms that the Order now possessed, and the addition of such a fine piano, could not fail to foster and stimulate the work they all had at heart. (Applause.) Miss Shaw and Miss Gilmer having added a few words, on the motion of Dr. Gibson, J.P., seconded by John McCaughey, J.P., the cordial thanks of the High Court were accorded to the ladies' Companion Court for their labors on behalf of Forestry, and the beautiful and valuable gift they had that night presented to the High Court. A select musical programme was then gone through, among the artists being—Mrs. Munn, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Curran, etc., while Mr. Davidson, Donaghadee, acted as pianist. The Bloomfield Bakery acted as caterers, and gave great satisfaction.—*Northern Whig*, Nov. 7, 1899.

**City of Dublin Courts.**

Last night, in the Metropolitan Hall, Lower Abbey Street, a conversazione and musical and literary entertainment was held under the auspices of the City of Dublin Courts, Independent Order of Foresters. The Independent Order is now some twenty-five years in existence, and is incorporated by special Act of Parliament. It is a benevolent Order, based upon the broadest principles of mutual aid and fraternal intercourse. The benefits paid from the organization, up to the 31st January last, amounted to the magnificent sum of £1,322,920. At Coolock a public meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. J. Clarke, LL.D., who said that he had to congratulate the meeting on the great prosperity of the Order, which had extended its branches like the great tree of the forest. He believed the Order was sinking its roots down deep into the hearts of the community. Short addresses were also delivered by Mr. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., London, and Rev. Wesley

Guard. A very fine vocal and instrumental entertainment followed, in which Messrs. W. H. Whitehead, Jr., Cope, Purdon, Topham, Langley, J. Palmer, and Miss Lillian Lefroy displayed great ability.—*The Daily Express*, Nov. 11th, 1899.

#### Dublin Notes.

Forestry seems to be at a standstill in the capital Irish city, but still waters run deep and underneath the seeming inactivity there is a strong current of progression which will in a short time make itself more apparent to the outside observer. There are rumors of two more new Courts for the city, and the ball has been set rolling in some of the immediate provincial towns where we find the Order has more friends than was thought probable and no doubt that when the great principles and benefits of Independent Forestry become better known all over Ireland the influx into the Order will be great. Thinking men everywhere are beginning to see what marvellous power for good, what incentives toward practical economy, benevolence and providence are contained in the simple scheme of Independent Forestry.

A very choice entertainment was given on Friday evening the 10th Nov., in the Metropolitan Hall, Dublin, under the auspices of the City of Dublin Courts. The members and friends gathered at 6.30 when tea was provided, and for upwards of an hour had a very pleasant conversation. At 8 o'clock those who could not be present earlier flocked in and made an exceedingly pleasant company of nearly 400 ladies and gentlemen, many of whom were in evening attire which made the gathering quite picturesque and of good tone.

The chair was occupied by Bro. the Rev. W. J. Clarke, D.D., and his right trusty supporters, Bros. James Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., and the Rev. Wesley Guard, H.O., took their seats of honor to right and left on the platform.

Bro. Dr. Clarke opened proceedings with a short address of welcome and congratulations on the great prosperity of the Order, which had extended its branches like the great tree of the forest and was sinking its roots down deep into the hearts of the community. It was spreading like the green bay tree and is full of a vitality unprecedented in the annals of benevolent fraternities. Its growth is one of the marvels of the century. Its management during the last 25 years has been one of extremely wise and generous policy. He was glad of the privilege of belonging to the Order and was sure that it would keep on broadening and widening its sphere of influence so that many thousands more might come under its protecting care and avail themselves of its many generous and far-reaching benefits.

Mr. W. H. Whitehead, jr., in response to the chairman's call, gave a pianoforte solo which was highly appreciated.

Miss Lillian Lefroy rendered in a delightful manner Barnard's beautiful song "I trust you still."

Bro. Doctor Gibson, M.D., J.P., H.S. of the High Court of North of Ireland, was to have given an address on the fraternal aspects of the Order, but the meeting was very much disappointed when the chairman reported having received a telegram from Dr. Gibson regretting his inability to be present owing to an extremely serious case he had on hand.

Mr. Cope then sang Jude's great song, "The Skipper," with such power and ability that he had to respond to a most enthusiastic encore.

Bro. J. Palmer was next called upon for his recitation, "The Leaguer of Lucknow," and fairly brought down the house by his magnificent power of oratory in the delivery of this stirring poem. Bro. Palmer is a gold medallist of the highest order.

The meeting was next favored by Mr. Charles Topham, the beautiful tenor, singing one of Robinson's masterpieces, "The Snowy-Breasted Pearl."

Bro. James Marshall, of London, then followed with his address on Forestry, and he certainly excelled himself, as his address of half an hour's duration was one of the most beautiful orations on the dry subject of insurance that could possibly have been given. Bro. Marshall, in his courteous way, traced the progress of the Order from its beginning to its present prosperous position. He gave many interesting examples of its benefices and dwelt for some time upon its complete and simple organization, its solid financial standing, its ability and readiness to fulfil all its promises; he argued with subtle and logical force against the plea of our opponents, "that the Order was not working on a safe premium rate." He was convincingly clear on this point, and said "that if one would take away the elements of bonus, profits, dividends, surrender values and large management expenses, charged for by the average insurance company in the premiums of their policy-holders, it would be found that the I.O.F. charges as much, and in some cases more, for the purpose of insurance only as does any insurance company in the world." (Applause). He also spoke at some length on the admission of ladies into the Order, their powers, duties and privileges, and gave all present a hearty invitation to enter the ranks of our noble Order. Bro. Marshall finished up all too soon as the audience was extremely interested. He certainly dressed up two such dry subjects as Insurance and Finance in the most taking way, well besprinkled with the humors and cuteness of bonny Scotland.

The second part of the programme was then proceeded with, Mr. Whitehead again opening with a finely executed pianoforte solo. He was followed by one of the items of the evening, Mr. George Langley in one of his inimitable ventriloquial sketches. Mr. Langley is highly gifted with this strange power and he kept the audience in roars of laughter for twenty minutes or more. Some of his items were most amusing and cleverly put; his figure doll Jely said the Order was a safe institution in Dublin anyhow, because it had two "Guardes," and it upheld its benevolent reputation by having its good "Sam-Maritan." He said cycling in South Africa, according to Mr. Kruger, was unwholesome for him, as he considered the "Rhodes" there extremely bad.

Bro. Purdon, C.R., gave an excruciatingly funny recitation, entitled "My first visit to Dublin."

Miss Lefroy, Mr. Cope and Mr. Topham again delighted the company with the fine rendering of their several songs, and Bro. Rev. W. Guardø gave a short address on the benevolent principles of the Order, urging upon all who had not already done so to become registered members of our great Order.

An extremely pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

A rather good story is going the rounds about our genial Bro. Purdon, the C.R. of Court Dublin. One evening last week an Endeavor Convention Committee met in the I.O.F. office. Amongst those present was the Rev. J. D. Lamont, a great

humorist and hailed all over Ireland as the "best of good fellows." Bro. Purdon, thinking a Forester's meeting was in progress, walked into the room when Mr. Lamont jumped up from his chair and in a voice of thunder demanded the password. The fierce attitude of Mr. Lamont drove all the passwords out of the brother's head and he could, in his astonishment at such a reception, only gasp out that he was Chief Ranger of Court Dublin, and Mr. Lamont said that was not the password and he could not be admitted, whereupon our brother, thinking that that Court was certainly the strictest he ever tried to enter, departed in bewilderment.

The Courts in Dublin have got over the stile of ways and means and are purchasing a piano for their use in the Court room.

#### Cork Notes.

The brethren in Cork are to be congratulated on the increased interest they are showing in things Forestric.

There has been some talk of the consolidation of two Courts. It is to be hoped that such a step would be given the fullest consideration, for if it should take place the Cork brethren would be closing one of the doors of the Order, which with difficulty and expense had been opened. The members of a Court should hold on tenaciously to their charter. They paid for it, and so long as a few of the members could hold together, they should treasure their charter and hand it down to generations yet unborn.

Bro. J. T. Mulligan, H.V.C.R., has decided that it is not good for man to be alone and has taken unto himself a companion. Sensible man. The H.V.C.R.'s example has proved too strong for Bro. Stuart Todd, D.D.H.C.R., and he has followed suit. May their future lives be happy and prolific with recruits for the I.O.F.

I.O.F. brethren in Cork have been the recipients of Masonic honors. The H.S. is W.M.-elect for Hibernian Lodge, No. 95. Bro. Henry, of Court River Lee, will be S.W.; Bro. Dr. McMath, H. Phy., J.W.; Bro. A. Gaul, I.G., and the present W.M. is Bro. E. V. Kearney, C.D.H.C.R.

#### North of Ireland Notes.

A new Court has been instituted in the town of Antrim by Bro. Cottrell, Organizing Deputy. The name selected was Court "Antrim," and the principal officers are as follows:—C.R., John Walker; P.C.R., Hamilton Millar; Phy., Dr. Saml. Gawn, J.P.; Recording Secretary, John Kyle; F.S., Wm. O'Flaherty; Treasurer, Campbell Lowry; Court Deputy, R. H. McManus, etc.

Court Shamrock is looking up. Three candidates initiated at November meeting and two others on the way.

"Second to none in the city." This is the comment passed on the new chambers of the I.O.F. in Belfast.

Court Cregagh, No. 2227, held a very successful and enjoyable social meeting in the new Chambers, 18 Wellington Place, on the 10th November. The Chief Ranger, Bro. T. H. McKnight, occupied the chair, and there were also present, Bros. Rev. Jas. Cregan, H.C.R.; W. Gibson, M.D., J.P., H.S.; W. Bell, P.H.C.R.; Jas. Wilson, H. Treas.; D. L. Cottrell, Official Organizer, and a large number of other brethren.

Tea having been disposed of, an excellent programme was gone through, interspersed by speeches from the chairman and the members of the High Standing Committee present. The re-union promises to be instrumental in bringing several new members into the Order.

On the 20th November the High Chief Ranger, Past High Chief Ranger, and High Secretary, with Bro. Cottrell, D.S.C.R., held a meeting in Antrim for the purpose of establishing a Court of the Order there. There was a large attendance presided over by Robert Russel, Esq., Manager of the Ulster Bank. The chairman expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present and to assist in the formation of a new Court in that town, and expressed his conviction that societies such as the I.O.F. were the very best means of promoting thrift, especially among the working people of the country. Addresses were delivered by the visitors and after a very successful meeting the full Charter list was obtained.

The I.O.F. Cycling Club held its first social meeting in the rooms on the 29th November. The meeting was presided over by W. Gibson, M.D., High Secretary and was large and enthusiastic. The President expressed the satisfaction he felt at presiding over the first meeting of this new organization in connection with Forestry, and was specially gratified at the success that had attended the efforts of the Club meetings during the past season.

The Club had been established to promote the social end of the Order, and to give opportunity to the members to become better acquainted and to enjoy the summer evenings in company, viewing the scenery in and around the Counties of Antrim and Down.

The promoters of the Club were perfectly satisfied that it would fully come up to the expectations formed for it, and the very gratifying membership for the first year led them to hope that there would be a great development of this Club in years to come.

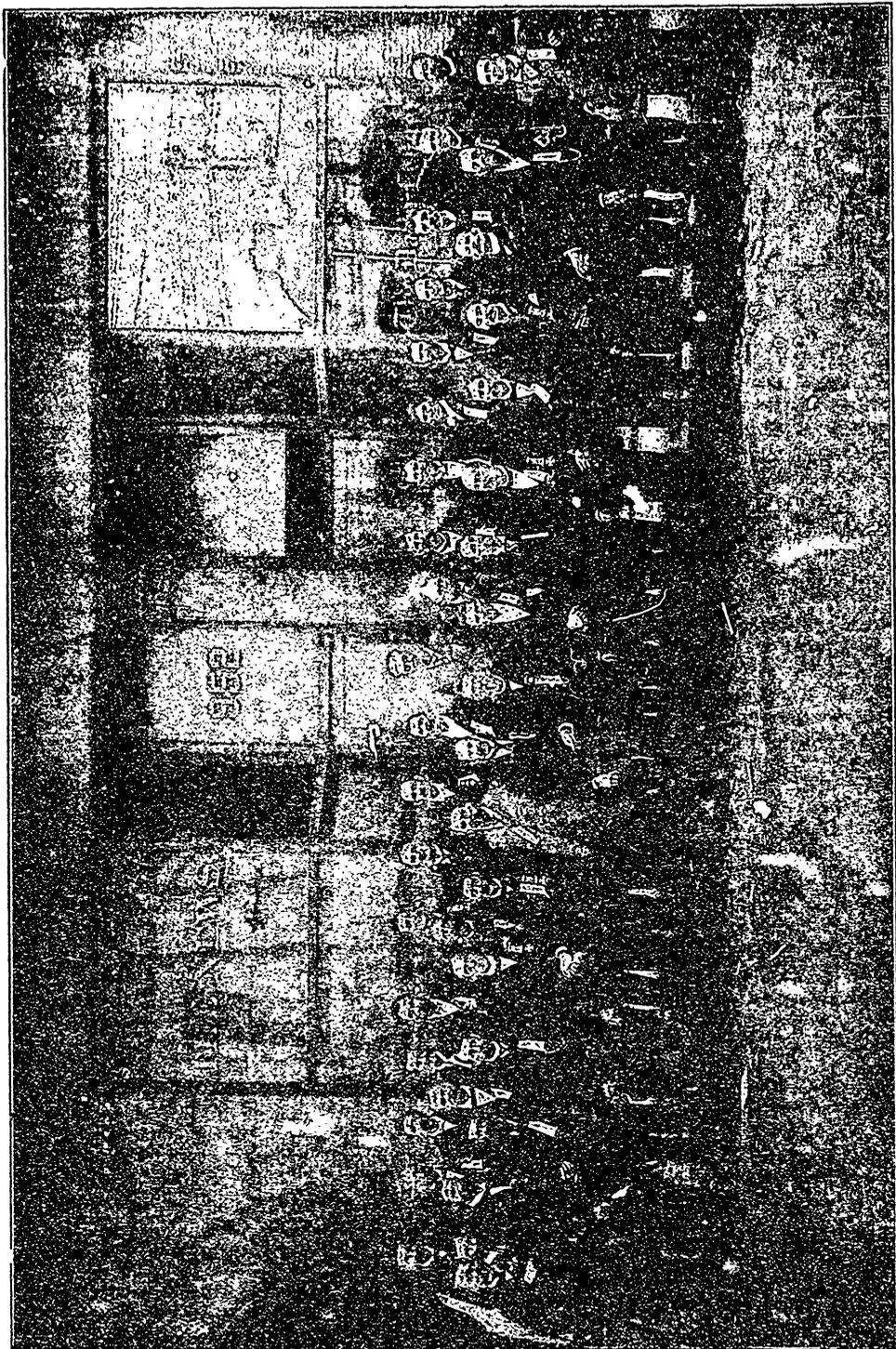
Medals were then presented to the various prize winners, and afterwards a very handsome gold albert and watch chain pendant were presented to Bro. T. L. Carruthers, the Secretary of the Club, as a mark of the Club's appreciation of his services. Bro. Emerson, the Captain of the Club, was presented with a beautiful pipe and silver match box by Mrs. Wilson on behalf of the lady members of the Club, in recognition of the great services he had rendered during the past season. A varied programme was gone through, the meeting terminating with a dance.

The annual social meeting of the United Belfast Courts to be held in the large Hall of the Y.M.C.A. on the 12th December, bids fair to surpass anything of the kind previously held by the Foresters.

Musical talent of a high order has been secured for the occasion, and there is no doubt if the members of the Order do their duty that the annual social meeting will be a great success.

"Sir," began young Timkins, as he entered the presence of the dear girl's father, "I want to marry your daughter—"

"Oh, don't come to me with your troubles," interrupted the old gentleman. "She told me some time ago that she intended to marry you, so you'll have to settle it between yourselves.—Chicago News.



HIGH COURT OF WASHINGTON, HELD AT TACOMA, WASH.

## Editorial.

**The Surplus on the 30th of November, 1899, stood at \$3,705,562.92.**

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Read your FORESTER. This is the official organ of the I.O.F. Nevertheless intelligent members keep writing to headquarters complaining that they have just discovered matters which were prominently announced months before in the official organ. Read your FORESTER.

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There is a lull at present in the ferocity of old line journals on this continent and in England. Having broken their teeth against the structure of the Order they have become more civil. It is with a sort of reminiscent feeling therefore that we observe over in Norway that the I.O.F. is being assailed by a periodical, of little circulation it is true, but with no less a name than *Forsikringstidende*. We have every confidence in Bro. Reynhold's ability to demolish the editor if he can climb over the name.

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"The management, under the leadership of Dr. Oronhyatekha, by enterprise, vigor and integrity, has contributed in no small degree to the auspicious results so generally recognized. Circumstances have rendered the Independent Order of Foresters a conspicuous object of general attention. But the more it has been observed the more brightly its sterling qualities have appeared, and the more honor is reflected upon its management."—*The Lodge Record*.

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Members of the I.O.F. who are interested in the Boer War, and did not succeed in obtaining transport to the field of hostilities, can obtain a very clear and concise history of the origin of the war and what they killed each other for, by mailing a dime to Biggar, Samuel & Co., Montreal, in return for which they will receive a 40-page pamphlet.

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Bro. John Gant, of London, England, writes to inform us of the erection of a Court of Instruction with the object of enabling the members to acquaint themselves with the ritual, and Constitution and Laws. When we find out how the Court of Instruction is worked we shall divulge it to our readers.

7,143.

We have decided to go out of the prophecy business, having discovered that an unkindly nature has fashioned us too modest to meet with success

as a seer. Last issue we considered that we were doing a pretty brave thing in promising 4,000 new members during the month of November. The number actually accepted during November was 7,143. Henceforth be it known that when we speak in praise of the I.O.F. we speak all too faintly and tell only half the truth.

We have before us an outline of what is known as the "Dependency Plan," the author of which wastes much sad sympathy on what he terms our disastrous experiment in increasing the rates. We commend to his consideration the figures 7,143, and while he is analyzing their mystic and symbolic meaning, let us be permitted to think that these 7,143 members are people who prefer Independence to "Dependency;" who are asking not for charity, but for security; and who would prefer that when a brother dies his brethren in the Order should seek out his beneficiaries and pursue them with a cheque rather than that his beneficiaries should come as mendicants to those who have taken the dead man's money.

## The Insurance of Armies.

It is one of the distinguishing features of up-to-date war-making that the preparations and works which once formed the essence of military operations have been almost overshadowed in their importance by things which did not formerly find their way into the bulletins. In the good old days, when the soldier went forth to battle he calculated to live on the immediate neighborhood in whose defence or defiance he was operating. If some General was so provident as to supply him with hard-tack, he regarded that General as a great and far-seeing genius. But the system to which army supply columns are now reduced would have seemed like lavender water and kid gloves to the soldier of the Crimea.

Similarly, in the old days, the soldier regarded the regimental surgeons as a tribe of privileged buzzards who hovered on the battlefield and displayed unnecessary zeal in the making of peg-legged men. The medical service corps of these days would have made our ancestors wonder wherein it profited to shoot at a man who had such facilities for being repaired.

We laugh at the knights of the feudal days riding to the fray accompanied by squires and yeomen; and we ridicule the insensate but innocuous French duellist who drives to the meeting with his two seconds and his surgeon. But it sometimes seems as if the soldier of the 20th century will take with him in his automobile his baker, his butcher, his surgeon and his special correspondent; so vast seem the preparations and armaments and so barrenly glorious the collisions.

There has been however amid all the thousand schemes that come from brains heated by the war fever, one idea novel and yet practicable, daring and yet calculated, an idea that in the future will become a system like the supply column system and the medical service corps system. We refer to the proposition to insure the combatants. Like all good movements this starts gradually. It is suggested that the Canadian Government insure its contingent to the Transvaal. The Government not having been able to make arrangements to its satisfaction, private citizens have formed committees to raise the necessary funds and are meeting with considerable success. Moreover, the I. O. F., which doesn't wait for governments to grapple with economic problems, dealt with this question with the same intrepidity with which it has solved the old age dilemma. Our Order, which loves patriotism as it loves all generous sentiments, has opened its heart to the young volunteer to the war as it has opened its heart to the aged workman bowed down by a life of toil.

We think the governments of warring states will find it to their advantage to bargain with the insurer rather than surrender to the pension-agent. We do not think we risk a controversy in saying that a blanket certificate for death benefits placed on the Northern Armies would have been money in the pockets of Uncle Sam.

If however the governments fight shy of this question as they have of the Old Age Pension question, the fraternities must sooner or later deal with it. Nor need we be surprised some day to see the I. O. F., having calculated adequate rates, deal on a large scale with the hazards that beset the myriads who go forth to war.

### Fraternal Journalism.

One of our able contemporaries, *The Artisan*, takes considerable satisfaction out of the present tone of fraternal journalism and regards the improvement as a vindication of the course pursued in its own columns. It says:

"The FORESTER, the official paper of the Independent Order of Foresters; The *Beehive*, the official paper of the Knights of the Maccabees; The *Sovereign Visitor*, the official organ of the Woodmen of the World; The *Fraternal Monitor*, an independent journal devoted to the interests of fraternal insurance, all have adopted the new journalism and indulge in spirited, logical language pertaining to fraternal societies. This new fraternal journalism will be the means of forcing the faulty concerns to get on a sound basis or quit business. Nothing has transpired since the organization of the A. O. U. W., 32 years ago, which is of so much importance to fraternal insurance as the new departure in the conducting of fraternal newspapers."

### Working Courts.

Some Courts appear possessed by the idea that unless an organizer is sent to them by the Supreme or High Court nothing can be done toward increasing their membership. They have established themselves around the interrogation point, "What will the Supreme (or the High) Court do for us?" and overlook altogether the equally practical and often more important one, "What can we do for ourselves?" Even at times when "dispensations" render comparatively easy the work of procuring new members, instead of taking advantage of the opportunity to secure those who are always on the lookout for "bargain days," they appeal to the Supreme or the High Court to send them "a good organizer" to gather in the people around them who are only waiting to be told of the "bargain" to snap at it.

There are other Courts, however, that are constantly on the alert for opportunities to gather in new material; Courts that seldom or never ask for an organizer to help them, but that, instead, are always striving to see *how much they can do for themselves*. And they do it not altogether from a spirit of emulation or rivalry, or a desire to be independent and to see what they really can do, but they do it because it *pays*. In the first place, every member who secures the initiation of a new member is exempted from the payment of the Extension of the Order Tax for the balance of the calendar year, and to that extent profits individually by the work done; then every new member added to a Court means an increase of the revenue from which Court expenses have to be met, besides enlarged opportunities for social enjoyment and fraternal intercourse; and lastly, each new member brought into the Order increases the security for the payment in full of the insurance benefits of the members already in, and this is a consideration in which every member is interested.

The record of work done by Courts which are trying the plan of *helping themselves*, shows up in gratifying contrast with that of those which either are depending upon the exertions of some organizer, or are waiting for the Supreme or High Court to send one. For instance, Court Hennepin, No. 1152, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., unaided by any organizer, sent in one hundred and eleven (111) applications during the month of November, while Court Evershed, No. 638, and Court Echota, No. 3568, both located in the same town, have to their respective credits forty-nine (49) and sixteen (16), a total new membership secured by three Courts in one town of one hundred and seventy-six (176). These Courts, while quite reasonably feeling proud of what they have accomplished, are not wasting time in bragging about it, but are already planning for a climb to "loftier heights." What they have done might be done by every other Court in the Order to some extent or other. What is really needed is the inclination and the determination to *help themselves*. It is said that no man ever knows what he can accomplish until he tries in earnest; and what is true of the man is true also of the Court. Our observation leads us to the conclusion that not one Court in one hundred which really try to *help themselves* fails to grow; the Courts that fail generally are those which continually depend upon others to do for them what they should *and could* do for themselves. The Courts that succeed are the *working Courts*; the Courts that *help themselves*.

The following is a list of the Courts from which twenty or more applications were received by the

Supreme Secretary last month, secured without the assistance, so far as we know, of an organizer:—

Hennepin, No. 1152 .....	111
Evershed, No. 638 .....	49
Pilot, No. 1956 .....	47
Chenier, No. 1551 .....	32
Iosco, No. 278 .....	31
Mountaineer, No. 577 .....	29
Roger William, No. 3536 .....	25
Central New York, No. 3714 .....	25
Simcoe, No. 166 .....	25
Cahokia, No. 3165 .....	24
Butler, No. 1380 .....	23
Mountain City, No. 1879 .....	23
Dorion, No. 3723 .....	21
Orwell, No. 1287 .....	21

The list of Courts that have sent in less than twenty—Courts that have done *something* and, therefore, are entitled to the *thanks of the Order* for having done that something, whether much or little—is a long one, and if space permitted we would gladly have published it to encourage those which, owing to despondency or misfortune, have failed to secure a place in the list, or to shame those which, by reason of innate laziness or downright selfishness, have done *nothing*. Which is your Court among—the *working Courts* or the other kind?

### Attitude of One Order Toward Another.

What a false assumption it is that in order to build up one society another must be torn down; yet how often this is the course pursued by those representing different societies. There is nothing

more repugnant to our idea of fair play than the exhibition, on the part of the deputies engaged in the work of increasing the membership of their respective Orders, of a spirit of determination to belittle and besmirch the record and work of a sister organization. Such a course is neither consistent with fraternal or good business principles.

The agent of any society, that is worthy the consideration of intelligent people, cannot object to opposition, however vigorous, if it is only fair and truthful. Where, as in this country, so many old line companies, co-operative associations and fraternal beneficiary societies are in the field, opposition is inevitable, and not undesirable.

Societies, like individuals in the hustle for existence and an increase of legitimate business, must stand or fall upon the record they have made. If that record be truthfully quoted, it is all that can be asked, for this contest will go on so long as new members are needed to keep up an institution.

Could the methods of misrepresentation resorted to by solicitors for some societies, be eliminated from the contest, it would remove the most prolific source of dissatisfaction, and raise the cloud of distrust cast upon all of these societies in some communities where the operations of unscrupulous representatives are yet fresh in the minds of the people. Methods are resorted to by these which no honorable individual or firm would tolerate for one day in the ordinary transactions of daily life and business. If the officers and agents of all societies will fairly present the plans and facts of their own organizations, and criticise, if need be, in the same spirit those of their competitors, they will have done what will be judged as reasonably satisfactory to the tribunal of public opinion.—*The Bee Hive*.



AMONG THE THOUSAND ISLANDS.

VIEW NEAR ALEXANDRIA BAY, N.Y.

Photo. by Dr. Oronhyateka.

### Saving in Expenses the Secret.

As the representatives of legal reserve companies still continue to attack the Independent Order of Foresters, and other fraternal beneficiary orders, on the ground that they are not collecting a sufficient amount to enable them to pay all their claims in full, we take pleasure in presenting a table showing the balance of premium available for the payment of death losses of the Travelers' Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., and of the Independent Order of Foresters.

In the official reports of the Insurance Department of Connecticut, the expense loading is given, as is also the actual expenses, and from these reports it appears that in the three years ending Dec. 31, 1898, the miscellaneous expenses of the Travelers' exceeded the expense loading by \$2,229,238.44, the amounts being, expense loading \$751,565.92; actual miscellaneous expenses, \$2,980,804.36; in other words, the actual miscellaneous expenses exceeded the expense loading by 296.61 per cent.

Having these known quantities it is an easy

matter to find the balance of premium which the Travelers' had for the payment of death losses. The expense loading of the Foresters is five per cent. of the assessments, which, under its constitution, is available for expenses.

In the column showing the actual expenses the annual dues are included.

An examination of this table demonstrates beyond the possibility of a doubt that if the I.O.F. is not collecting a sufficient amount to enable it to pay its claims in full the same is true to a far greater extent of the Travelers' Life Insurance Company, it being bound, according to its policy contracts, to return a large portion of the premium in surrender values on all policies discontinued otherwise than by death after they have been in force for a few years. The benefits given by the Foresters in the way of free medical attendance, total and permanent disability benefits, relief from payment of premiums at age 70, old age and pension benefits, more than offset the surrender value advantage of the Travelers'.

The following is the table referred to:

LOADING AND ACTUAL EXPENSE, ETC., ON \$5,000 INSURANCE.

Age.	Net Premium Actuaries' 4 per cent.	EXPENSE LOADING.		ACTUAL EXPENSE.		BALANCE OF PREMIUM.	
		Travelers.	I. O. F.	Travelers.	*I. O. F.	Travelers.	I. O. F.
20	\$64 75	\$6 45	\$2 40	\$25 60	\$9 60	\$45 60	\$45 60
21	66 35	6 40	2 46	25 40	9 66	47 35	46 75
22	68 05	6 35	2 52	25 20	9 72	49 20	47 90
23	69 80	6 30	2 58	25 00	9 78	51 10	49 00
24	71 55	6 30	2 70	25 00	9 90	52 95	51 30
25	73 60	6 25	2 82	24 80	10 02	55 05	53 60
26	75 65	6 30	2 94	24 00	10 14	57 95	55 85
27	77 80	6 25	3 06	24 80	10 26	59 25	58 15
28	80 05	6 30	3 18	25 00	10 38	61 35	60 40
29	82 40	6 30	3 30	25 00	10 50	63 70	62 70
30	84 85	6 40	3 42	25 40	10 62	65 85	65 00
31	87 45	6 50	3 54	25 80	10 74	68 15	67 25
32	90 20	6 60	3 66	26 20	10 86	70 60	69 55
33	93 10	6 70	3 78	26 55	10 98	73 25	71 80
34	96 15	7 15	3 96	28 35	11 16	74 95	75 25
35	99 35	7 05	4 14	27 95	11 34	78 45	78 65
36	102 70	7 25	4 32	28 75	11 52	81 20	82 10
37	106 30	7 45	4 50	29 55	11 70	84 20	85 50
38	110 10	7 75	4 68	30 75	11 88	87 10	88 90
39	114 10	8 05	4 86	31 95	12 06	90 20	92 35
40	118 40	8 35	5 04	33 10	12 24	93 65	95 75
41	122 95	8 65	5 28	34 30	12 48	97 30	100 30
42	127 75	9 10	5 52	36 10	12 72	100 75	104 90
43	132 90	9 50	5 76	37 70	12 96	104 70	109 45
44	138 40	9 85	6 00	39 05	13 20	109 20	114 00
45	144 25	10 40	6 24	41 25	13 44	113 40	118 55
46	150 40	10 95	6 54	43 45	13 74	117 90	124 25
47	156 95	11 60	6 96	46 00	14 16	122 55	132 25
48	163 85	12 45	7 50	49 40	14 70	126 90	142 50
49	171 15	13 35	8 10	52 95	15 30	131 55	153 90
50	178 90	14 40	8 70	57 10	15 90	136 20	165 30
51	187 05	15 65	9 30	62 05	16 50	140 65	176 70
52	195 75	16 95	9 90	67 25	17 10	145 45	188 10
53	205 00	18 40	10 80	73 00	18 00	150 40	205 20
54	214 75	20 10	11 70	79 50	18 90	155 35	222 30

\*Includes expense dues \$7.20 on \$5,000 insurance.

EXPLANATION OF TABLE.

The gross premium of the Travelers' may be found by adding together the figures given opposite each age in the second and third columns. The gross premium of the I.O.F. may be found by adding the figures given opposite each age in the sixth and eighth columns: i.e., actual expenses and balance of premium. The actual expenses of the Travelers' is found by increasing the expense loading by 296 61 per cent., this being the percentage by which the actual miscellaneous expenses exceeded the expense loading for the three years ending Dec. 31, '98.

J. THOMSON PATERSON.

In and About the Temple.

The life-size portrait of the Chief looked down from the walls of the great hall upon some two hundred and fifty guests at the annual dinner of Trinity Medical School. Besides the exuberant students with their songs and college peans, and many of the leading physicians of the city, there were present Major-General Hutton and the Surgeon-General, Neilson, who were in Toronto to assist in the formation of University corps. The speeches, as well as Manager Davey's viands, were all in good taste, and the students assisted the speakers towards that brevity that is the soul of wit. A reference made to the way the I.O.F. rose

to the occasion in the matter of the Canadian Contingent was received with rounds of applause

Sherwood Forest, Trade and Commerce, and other Courts meeting in the Temple, have been lavishing their hospitality on new members.

Twenty-five entered Sherwood Forest last month. Great attention is being paid by this Court to the impressiveness of the ritual.

H.C.R. Wilson called together the chief officers of all the city Courts recently, and a strong committee was formed, and work actively begun with a view to an increase in Toronto of, say 500, during December.

Crowds gather every day before the display window of the Café, and look hungrily at the exhibit of suggestions for a Christmas dinner. It makes a weary man think of Pickwick or Christopher North, to look at that window.

Personal.

Dr. C. L. Coulter, D.S.C.R., of New York, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Supreme Court organizing staff.

C. C. Whale, D.S.C.R., has accepted an appointment from the High Court of Central Ontario, and is now hard at work building up Courts in this jurisdiction.

RECORD OF THE I.O.F.

Showing Yearly Premium Income; Yearly Disbursements for Benefits; Accumulated Funds at end of each year; Yearly Membership Record; Yearly Assurance Record; Death Rate per 1,000 Members; and Accumulated Funds per Member.

YEAR.	PREMIUM INCOME.		BENEFITS PAID.		Accumulated Funds.	Member-ship.		ASSURANCE.		Death Rate per 1,000 Members.	Accumulated Funds per Member.
	Mortality.	Sick and Funeral.	Mortality. †	Sick and Funeral.		Total.	Increase.	In force at end of year.	Increase during Year.		
*1881	\$ 5,123 35	\$ . . . . .	\$ 1,300 00	\$ . . . . .	\$ 4,568 55	1,019	65†	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 742,000	4.50	\$ 4.48
1882	12,470 16	275 34	12,000 00	55 86	2,967 93	1,134	115	1,276,000	136,000	11.00	2.61
1883	18,422 31	985 27	9,000 00	433 68	10,857 65	2,210	1,076	2,490,000	1,214,000	4.73	4.91
1884	25,337 59	1,490 22	12,700 00	1,214 31	23,081 85	2,558	348	2,923,000	433,000	4.29	9.02
1885	33,233 14	2,479 57	21,300 00	3,276 99	29,502 42	3,612	1,084	4,283,000	1,360,000	7.76	8.18
1886	50,435 32	4,372 46	25,000 00	3,499 82	53,981 28	5,891	2,162	6,761,000	2,481,000	4.85	9.30
1887	79,185 34	8,533 55	51,300 00	7,714 67	81,384 41	7,811	2,007	9,120,000	2,356,000	5.73	10.41
1888	112,791 22	14,150 89	75,000 00	14,018 16	117,821 96	11,890	3,989	13,714,000	4,594,000	6.43	9.98
1889	165,785 50	26,171 75	89,000 00	27,787 82	188,130 36	17,319	5,519	20,078,000	6,361,000	5.85	10.84
1890	238,629 58	45,704 13	125,000 00	56,846 74	283,967 24	24,694	7,255	28,498,000	8,420,000	5.18	11.54
1891	340,985 03	58,600 14	246,100 00	53,336 21	408,798 24	32,303	7,623	39,395,000	10,897,000	6.40	12.65
1892	459,121 32	70,994 61	291,350 00	63,398 82	589,597 84	43,024	10,721	53,243,000	13,848,000	6.25	13.49
1893	697,650 21	88,501 89	323,039 59	69,146 31	858,857 89	54,484	11,469	67,781,000	14,538,000	5.47	15.76
1894	782,792 26	102,960 66	435,915 00	75,417 30	1,187,225 11	70,055	15,571	86,546,500	18,625,500	5.47	16.94
1895	997,968 23	121,510 19	591,339 65	94,669 52	1,540,373 46	86,521	19,466	108,027,500	21,521,000	5.67	18.03
1896	1,210,761 79	137,678 63	712,597 76	108,434 15	2,015,484 38	102,838	16,317	128,791,000	26,763,500	5.50	19.60
1897	1,464,237 71	154,981 06	863,147 93	129,077 65	2,558,832 78	124,885	21,847	151,510,000	35,719,000	5.56	20.52
1898	1,738,352 81	171,526 38	1,037,831 42	138,183 76	3,186,370 36	118,265	23,580	178,311,500	23,801,500	5.67	21.49

\* Half-year's business from 1st July to 31st December.  
 † Includes Total and Permanent Disability and Old Age Benefits.

## Home Circle.

### Good and Evil.

By J. Mark Baldwin.

Long the waiting—many the tear !  
Dull the sight—alive the fear !  
Weak the will—the effort faint !  
Deep the sigh—low the plaint !

Yet never a goal—but ends a way !  
Never a dark—but hears a day !  
Never a strong—but feels a pain !  
Never a fall—but brings a gain !

For, felt the evil—born the right !  
Dense the darkness—keen the sight !  
Grieved the weakness—gained the strength !  
Strained the dist mee—home at length !

God is in us—this the strife !  
Victory through us—this is life !  
The will to do—is virtue done !  
The grief to lose—is goodness won !

—Independent.

### In Readiness.

To hold one's self in readiness for opportunity, to keep the serene confident, hopeful and joyful energy of mind, is to magnetize it, and draw privileges and power toward one. The concern is not as to whether opportunity will present itself, but as to whether one will be ready for the opportunity. It comes not to doubt and denial and disbelief. It comes to sunny expectation, eager purpose, and to noble and generous aspiration.

LILIAN WHITING.

### Mothers, Speak Gently.

Children catch cross tones quicker than parrots, and it is a much more mischievous habit. But when an impatient mother sets the example, you will scarcely hear a pleasant word among the children in their plays with each other. Yet the discipline of such a family is always weak and irregular. The children expect so much scolding before they do anything they are bid, while in many a home, where the low, firm tone of the mother, or the decided look of her steady eye is law they never think of disobedience, either in or out of sight. Oh, mother ! it is worth a great deal to cultivate that excellent thing in woman, "a low sweet voice." If you are ever so much tired by the mischievous or wilful pranks of the little ones, speak low. It will be a great help to you to even try to be patient and cheerful if you cannot succeed. Anger makes you wretched, and your children also. Impatient, angry tones never did the heart good, but plenty of evil. Remember what Solomon says of them, and remember he wrote with an inspired pen. You cannot have the excuse for them that they lighten your burdens in any way ; they make them only ten times heavier. For your own sake as well as your children's sake, learn to speak low. They will remember that tone when your head is under the green sward. So, too, will they remember a harsh or angry tone. Which legacy will you leave your children ?

It is said that only four men out of every hundred who engage in actual business pursuits succeed in the lines chosen. Are you prepared to say that you will be one of the four ? If you can't make both ends meet now, what about the chances for your wife and child doing so after your death ?

"Better to stem with heart and hand  
The roaring tide of life, than lie,  
Unmindful, on its flowery strand,  
Of God's occasions drifting by !  
Better with naked nerve to bear  
The needles of this goading air,  
Than, in the lap of sensual ease, forego  
The godlike power to do, the godlike aim to know."

There is no more common thought among people than that foolish one, that by and by something will turn up by which they will suddenly achieve fame or fortune. Things do not turn up in this world unless somebody turns them up.

—Garfield.

A girl who came from Saxony two years ago and knew only her native language has taken first honors in a public school in New York, with an average of ninety-four and eight-tenths. She ranked third among all the grammar-school graduates in the city.

### The Successful Man.

Only as we help to make better and happier the lives that touch ours, do we fulfil the object for which we were put into the world, and thus attain true success. In the words of a recent writer :

"A successful man is one who has made a happy home for his wife and children. No matter what he has not done in the way of achieving wealth and honor, if he has done that he is a grand success. If he has not done that and it is his own fault, though he be the highest in the land, he is a most pitiable failure. I wonder how many men, in the mad pursuit of gold which characterizes the age, realize that there is no fortune which can be left to their families so great as the memory of a happy home."

### Flowers of the Forest.

God make my life a little song  
That comfort th the sad,  
That helpeth others to be strong  
And makes the singer glad.

They may take his dust back to Spain, but his nation will always respect Columbus as the first man to recognize what a great country we have.

An English officer whose ship was stationed off the coast of Ceylon, went for a day's shooting, accompanied by a native attendant. Coming to a particularly inviting river, the officer resolved to have a bath, and asked the native to show him a place where there were no alligators. The native took him to a pool close to the estuary. The officer thoroughly enjoyed his dip, and, while drying himself, he asked his guide why there were never any alligators in that pool. "Because, sir," promptly replied the Cingalese, "they plenty 'fraid of shark."

"Your mother seemed very much amused at the little story I told last night," he said, self-approvingly. "Yes," she replied, "ever since I can remember, mother has laughed whenever she has heard that story."

Jill—"You puckered up your lips so then that I thought you were going to kiss me." Jack—"No; I got some sand in my mouth." Jill—"Well, for heaven's sake, swallow it! You need it in your system.—*Troy Times*."

"I dearly love birds," he gently sighed. And then she didn't do a thing but hasten to the open piano and softly began singing "I wish I were a bird."

They are looking for a nest now.—*Yonkers Statesman*

At a small social gathering the other night somebody started the egg joke a-rolling.

"Did you ever hear the story of the hard boiled egg?" he solemnly inquired of some one across the table.

"No," was the innocent answer.

"It's hard to beat," said the joker with much gravity.

You can't help smiling at these things, and after the laugh died down somebody else sprung this: "Did anybody hear about the egg in the coffee?"

"No," said an obliging somebody.

"That settles it," remarked the funny man blandly.

Of course there was another laugh, and then a brief silence. It looked as if the egg jokes had been exhausted. But presently a little woman at one end of the table inquired in a high soprano voice if anybody present had heard the story of the three eggs.

The guests shook their heads, and one man said, "No."

The little woman smiled.

"Two bad," she said.

"That's a fine, solid baby of yours, Middleton," said a friend who was admiring the first baby. "Do you think he's solid?" asked Middleton, disconsolately. "It seems to me as if he was all holler."

## Children's Corner.

### The Cats' Tea-Party.

Five pretty little pussy cats, invited out to tea, Cried: "Mother let us go—oh, do! for good we'll surely be.

We'll wear our bibs and hold our things as you have shown us how—

Spoons in our right paws, cups in left—and make a pretty bow;

We'll always say, 'Yes, if you please,' and 'Only half of that.'

"Then go, my darling children," said the happy mother cat.

The pretty little pussy-cats went out that night to tea,

Their heads were smooth and glossy black, their tails were swinging free:

They held their things as they had learned, and tried to be polite—

With snowy bibs beneath their chins they were a pretty sight.

But ah! alas for manners good, and coats as soft as silk!

The moment that the little kits were asked to take some milk

They dropped their spoons, forgot to bow, and—oh, what do you think?

They put their noses in the cups, and all began to drink!

Yes, every naughty little kit set up a mew for more,

Then knocked the tea cups over quick, and scampered through the door.

## Our Father.

"Why don't you swear? All the other boys do," asked one boy.

"I would cut my tongue out rather than swear," was the reply. God is my heavenly Father, and do you think I'd speak ugly words to my Father?"—Selected.

"But I haven't a cent to start with," said a young acquaintance of Daniel Drew, who had called upon the great financier for advice as to his future career.

"Lucky fellow!" exclaimed Drew, "you'll not have to waste time losing an inherited fortune before you commence to make one of your own."

A story of a lesson in neatness which Admiral Dewey once gave his men is going the rounds and is so good it ought to be true. While in a foreign port Dewey ordered the heaviest hoisting tackle in the ship out of the hold without delay. Nobody could see any occasion for it, as there seemed to be nothing either to be taken on board or sent ashore. But when after two hours' hard work the tackle was ready, the Admiral ordered that a large wad of tobacco which had been thrown under one of the guns be hoisted overboard and dumped into the sea.

## A Parable.

One night a man took a little taper out of a drawer and lighted it, and began to ascend a long winding stair. "Where are you going?" said the taper. "Away high up," said the man: higher than the top of the house where we sleep."

"And what are you going to do there?" said the taper.

"I am going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," said the man. "For we stand here at the entrance to the harbor, and some ships far out on the stormy sea may be looking out for light even now."

"Alas! no ship could ever see my light," said the little taper, "it is so very small."

"If your light is small," said the man, "keep it burning bright, and leave the rest to me."

Well, when the man got up to the top of the lighthouse for this was a lighthouse they were in, he took the little taper, and with it lighted the great lamps that stood ready there with their polished reflectors behind them.

You who think your little light of so small account, can you not see what God may do with it? Shine—and leave the rest to Him.—*The Well-spring*.

## Companion Courts.

### MAINE.

(Bangor Daily Commercial, Nov. 6th, 1899)

A new Court of the Independent Order of Foresters to be known and hailed as Companion Court Sachem, was instituted in Old Town on Saturday night by A. A. Campbell, D.S.C.R., of Toronto, assisted by Clarence Scott, H.C.R., George Spaulding, H.T., Mrs. Harriet Campbell, D.S.C.R., and a large delegation of ladies from Companion Court Nicolai, No. 254, of Bangor. The degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner by the Bangor ladies. Refreshments were furnished by a leading Bangor caterer and all voted it a most enjoyable evening.

The following were selected as the first board of officers, and were duly installed: Court Deputy, Mrs. Martha Pike; Phys., Arthur J. Bradbury, M.D.; C.R., Mrs. Gertrude Heath; P.C.R., Mrs. Emma F. Orr; V.C.R., Mrs. Jessie Illingsworth; Rec. Sec., Miss Florence M. Stevens; Fin. Sec., Miss Mary E. Farrell; Treas., Mrs. Hannah Wadleigh; O., Miss Myra E. O'Connor; S.J.C., Mrs. A.A. Johnston; organist, Mrs. Gertrude Wickett; S.W., Miss May E. Philbrick; J.W., Miss Olive A. Milton; S.B., Miss Effie M. Cowing; J.B., Miss Bessie H. Green; Trustees, Mrs. Annie B. Marsh, Miss Eva L. Milton.

(Bangor Commercial.)

"One of the prettiest affairs of the kind we have ever attended." That is what was said a number of times about the five o'clock tea which was in Forester Hall Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of Court Sachem, the Companion Court of Court Penobscot, Independent Order of Foresters, organized last week.

Saturday afternoon a special meeting of Court Sachem was held, and received with honors Judge Wedderburn and Mr. Campbell, of the Supreme Lodge, the high standing committee and visitors from the Bangor Companion Court. The special session was one of interest, and was addressed by Judge Wedderburn, P.S.C.R.

At about six o'clock an announcement was made that tea was ready in the banquet hall, to which all adjourned, and the scene that met their eyes was one of beauty, furnishing food for reflection as well as food for the inner man. The tables were arranged in the shape of the Maltese cross, the emblem of the Order. The decorations of the Order were red, white and blue, even the silver being tied with dainty bits of ribbon. The centre piece of the tables was a large ham, decorated and bearing the letters, I.O.F. and L.B.C.

Four charming young waiters stood ready to attend to the wants of all, Misses Florence Stevens, Mame Farrell, Amy Madden and Mae Philbrick. Mrs. Charles E. Rackliffe presided, assisted by Mrs. A. F. Marsh, who acted as toastmaster. The toast, Our Visitors, was responded to by Judge Wedderburn, for the Supreme Court; Clarence Scott, H.C.R., for the High Court; and H. L. Hunton, H.C., of Oakland, for the Subordinate Courts. After tea a short time was pleasantly spent in the large hall, and an adjournment made to city hall for the public meeting.

The city hall was filled. Clarence Scott presided, and the orator of the evening was Hon. Judge Wedderburn, who spoke eloquently for nearly an hour, and so closely did his hearers follow him that there was a desire that he continue longer when he

brought his speech to a close. In addition to the oration of Hon. Judge Wedderburn, the audience was favored by music by the University of Maine orchestra, and vocal and instrumental music, readings, etc. As the result of the two days' sessions of important and interesting meetings, Forestry in Old Town and vicinity is expected to take a great boom.

### OHIO.

Companion Court Grand River, No. 58, Fairport, O., celebrated their 2nd anniversary Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 29th, at Finnish Temperance Hall. The entertainment consisted of an oyster supper, followed by an appropriate Thanksgiving musical and literary programme, as follows:

- I. Organ Voluntary.
  - II. Gen. Smith's March.
  - III. Anniversary Service by Companions.
  - IV. Recitation—The First Thanksgiving Day.
  - V. Instrumental Music.
  - VI. Reading—A Thanksgiving Story.
  - VII. Anthem—It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks.
  - VIII. Recitation and Music—The Battle of Waterloo.
  - IX. A Patriotic Song.
  - X. Recitation—The Fountain of Youth.
  - XI. Anthem—I Will Praise the Name of the Lord.
  - XII. Benediction.
- Tickets 25 cents. Children 10 cents.  
Every one is requested to attend by order of the Chief Ranger.

CIRCLEVILLE, Nov. 21st, 1899.

I am sure that it will please you to learn that we have here in Circleville a very flourishing Companion Court, Circle City, No. 256. It now has altogether 44 members, with quite a few beneficiary members, and a good prospect for more of the latter soon. On the evening of last Tuesday Court Pickaway, 1406, invited the Companion Court to be present at their meeting, and at the close we all set down to a sumptuous lunch. Although we have not the luxurious appointments of the "Temple Cafe" to give zest to our entertainments, we "Buckeyes" know how to enjoy ourselves. About sixty-five altogether were present, and the enjoyment of the occasion was such that it will long dwell in the memory of every one who was present. During the repast we were elegantly entertained by Bro. L. W. Lewis with selections on the "New American Gramophone." Our one hundred and three members are all and each one enthusiastic over the advent of our sister Court, and all wish it the utmost prosperity.

Sincerely in L., B. and C.,  
RALPH MORDEN.

"How do you always manage to have such delicious meat?" asked one housekeeper of another. "Well, I select a good, honest butcher, and then stand by him." "You mean that you give him all your trade?" "No; I mean that I stand by him while he is cutting the meat."

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their October Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Singhampton.....	3352	Algonac.....	3989
De Beaujeau.....	3600	Lynwood.....	4023
Latah.....	3746		

NOTE.—The above Courts not having remitted their Assessments stood suspended on 1st November, 1899, and will stand suspended till duly reinstated.

Receipts, November, 1899.

No. of Members	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Fund.
972	British Columbia.	\$ 1082 21	\$ 71 90	\$ 113 05	4590	New Jersey.....	\$ 4738 38	\$ 54 35	\$ 466 52
8821	California.....	12864 35	175 19	1103 00	14267	New York.....	15175 54	842 46	1559 35
10712	Central Ontario....	11595 90	1396 05	1246 22	2227	North Dakota.....	3149 91	64 40	305 55
378	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	674 37	11 91	51 50	621	Northern Michigan	659 41	51 75	65 10
10143	Eastern Ontario....	10936 07	922 01	1113 24	1397	North'n Minnesota	1665 50	111 50	140 00
7122	Illinois.....	9002 68	71 59	794 91	1158	N. W. Territory....	1418 69	75 62	144 10
2068	Indiana.....	2309 77	14 62	221 31	3198	Nova Scotia.....	3595 94	274 17	376 25
665	Iowa.....	772 35	1 48	69 55	7605	Ohio.....	7782 84	129 50	789 25
3315	Maine.....	2858 13	862 29	347 70	13728	Ontario.....	13720 93	2473 69	1538 00
2390	Manitoba.....	2836 04	301 80	286 05	1863	Pennsylvania.....	2784 74	36 92	219 55
9850	Michigan.....	9960 67	740 03	1059 35	1155	Pr. Edward Island..	1822 36	41 12	190 85
3268	Minnesota.....	3745 19	10 94	365 60	14658	Quebec.....	15883 46	4608 30	1684 53
1052	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1286 44	9 25	124 10	1338	Washington.....	1292 44	15 97	104 20
456	Montana.....	715 06	1 73	62 40	3913	Western Michigan	4746 21	228 79	482 55
414	Nebraska.....	497 28	4 86	42 25	3183	Wisconsin.....	3992 72	24 98	330 65
5797	New Brunswick....	5789 96	1046 02	632 90	289	S. C. Jurisdiction..	531 46	3 7	56 55
2312	New England.....	2133 43	703 64	286 05	5641	G. Britain, Ireland and Norway.....	6986 23	36 79	611 96
					150866				
	Received on account of Fire Insurance.....						243 68		
	" " " Sundry Loans.....						290 51	14 29	
	" " " Organizing and other accounts.....								398 69
	Grand Totals.....	\$170,200 85	\$15,449 64	\$17,382 83					

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	\$170,200 85
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	15,449 64
" General Fund.....	17,382 83
Total.....	\$203,033 32
By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....	\$203,033 32

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies..... \$2,893 10 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$2,893 10

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans...\$18,649 60 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....\$18,649 60

Submitted in L. B. and C.,  
JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for November, 1899.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$3,522,035 62
" Supreme Secretary.....	169,666 66
Sundry refunds re loans.....	290 51
Cheque No. 233 cancelled.....	\$ 3 45
Cheques No. 6853, \$65.00; No. 6875, \$210.00 cancelled.....	275 00
Cheques No. 7116, \$500.00; No. 7117, \$500.00 re Lawson, cancelled.....	1,000 00
	1,278 45
Sundry refunds Insurance.....	243 68
	\$3,693,574 92

Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—	
Thomas S. Wilson.....	Court Forest Home, 431..... \$1,000 00
Robert Jessup.....	" Sherwood F-t, 3105..... 2,000 00
George A. Brown.....	" Deseronto, 93..... 3,000 00
Wm. A. Smith.....	" Gouverneur, 620..... 1,000 00
Ludwig Euphrat.....	" Golden Era, 1315..... 2,000 00
John M. Farber.....	" Genesee, 387..... 2,000 00
James Grasby.....	" Tupper Lake, 1301..... 1,000 00
Napoleon Vezina.....	" Cremazio, 1932..... 2,000 00
Thomas Johnston.....	" Flint, 239..... 1,000 00
John L. Dresser.....	" Erie, 47..... 1,000 00
John W. Steele.....	" Lako Erie, 1205..... 1,000 00

Hy. Patterson.....	Court Northern Light, 127..... \$1,000 00
Geo. Z. Reisinger.....	" Galion, 1360..... 2,000 00
F. N. Chipman.....	" Evangeline, 109..... 1,951 55
A. S. Bertrand.....	" Plessisville, 1542..... 1,000 00
Chas. W. Langsdon.....	" Sutter, 974..... 1,000 00
Theophile Touchette.....	" Camp Leber, 220..... 1,000 00
Geo. L. Crawford.....	" Flint, 239..... 1,000 00
R. B. Snider.....	" Spragge, 1582..... 756 10
Jorgen Jonsson.....	" Isafold, 1048..... 500 00
Perry L. Trity, M.D.....	" Alexandria, 1677..... 1,000 00
C. A. Van Allen.....	" Theresa, 501..... 1,000 00
Paul Cyr.....	" Rumnford Falls, 1861..... 500 00
H. H. Knox, M.D.....	" Shawville, 276..... 1,000 00
George Seaver.....	" Pueblo, 1479..... 1,000 00
Emery Lafontaine.....	" Guignes, 1515..... 3,000 00
Alb. B. Richardson.....	" Yosemite, 1275..... 2,000 00
W. A. Rhyms.....	" Goderich, 253..... 5,000 00
Wm. A. Atkinson.....	" Of the Knights, 3901..... 2,000 00
Samuel Levine.....	" Israelite, 3329..... 1,000 00
Geo. F. Schneider.....	" Palmetto, 3315..... 2,000 00
Dennis Ward.....	" Somerset, 988..... 500 00
Fred Pahl.....	" Fort Dearborn, 3091..... 50 00
Frederick W. Smith.....	" Idlewood, 1993..... 2,000 00
David Blackie.....	" Missoula, 1549..... 2,000 00
Herman F. Becker.....	" Greenwood Pr., 1888..... 1,000 00
Jas. K. Reeves.....	" Pillar, 1868..... 1,000 00
J. F. Wolpert.....	" International, 1117..... 1,000 00
J. G. Simonson.....	" Carle'on, 162..... 1,000 00
Wm. A. Byrd.....	" Pochontas, 1474..... 1,000 00
Chas. K. Stewart.....	" Los Angeles, 422..... 2,000 00
Wm. S. Crawford.....	" Bolton, 308..... 2,000 00
John Black.....	" Rochester, 1687..... 500 00
Alfred Fournier.....	" St. Oatherines, 729..... 1,000 00

Daniel S. Clark.....	Court Nashville, 1902.....	\$ 500 00
Louis E. Volke.....	" Noc Valley, 1729.....	2,000 00
Philip Samuel.....	" Wellesley, 3103.....	2,000 00
John Ingram.....	" Orillia, 615.....	1,000 00
George J. Russell.....	" Seattle, 56.....	1,000 00
H. O. Templeton.....	" Duluth, 721.....	1,000 00
Judson F. Cady.....	" Banner, 360.....	500 00
C. L. Funk.....	" Pueblo, 1179.....	3,000 00
Gilbert E. Carter.....	" Duck Lake, 1169.....	1,000 00
Frank F. Rinehart.....	" Alfalfa, 660.....	1,000 00
Geo. H. Robertson.....	" Fremont, 355.....	2,000 00
Geo. B. Wilson.....	" Phoenix, 182.....	100 00
Thos. H. B. Roberts.....	" River Speed, 169.....	1,000 00
W. C. Y. Payne.....	" Fremont, 352.....	1,000 00
John D. Myers.....	" Mignonette, 1211.....	1,000 00
Andrew F. Beatty.....	" Stanbridge, 1336.....	1,000 00
John S. Bruce.....	" Pyramid, 412.....	1,000 00
William Smith.....	" Mulgrave, 824.....	1,000 00
James W. Collins.....	" Ellic, 1952.....	2,000 00
John J. Loughlin.....	" Twilight, 791.....	1,000 00
Charles Martin.....	" Lachine, 514.....	1,000 00
Wm. L. Yager.....	" Gibbons, 3852.....	1,000 00
Wm. H. Cook, M.D.....	" St. Pierre, 1551.....	2,000 00
Alfred Allan.....	" La Crosse, 914.....	2,000 00
Henry Koch.....	" Valley, 232.....	500 00
John Symes.....	" Chatham, 3188.....	1,000 00
Solomon Shandrew.....	" Miranda, 326.....	500 00
Thos. Hollinworth.....	" Gesto, 3538.....	1,000 00
C. W. Peters.....	" Portage, 1872.....	767 45
Jas. W. Alston.....	" Frederick, 363.....	1,000 00
R. P. Ritchie.....	" Elmvale, 531.....	1,000 00
I. Edgar Golding.....	" La Tour, 125.....	2,000 00
David Meltae.....	" Hampstead, 1267.....	1,000 00
Samuel H. Rogers.....	" High Ridge, 3501.....	1,000 00
John F. F. Schulz.....	" Duluth, 724.....	66 67
Henry Barcham.....	" Flower City, 336.....	100 00
Elphege Martel.....	" Notre Dame, 1076.....	1,000 00
Nathan Killen.....	" Waldone, 529.....	1,000 00
Wm. F. Parker.....	" Manotick, 144.....	1,000 00
Alfred P. Lyon.....	" Business, 1823.....	2,000 00
John D. Bailey.....	" Welbeck, 2144.....	973 32
Henry Dawse.....	" Fulham, 2188.....	973 32

\$108,741 41

Annuity Benefit—	
Richard Butler, C. Hope, 1.....	\$ 300 00
George Reid, C. Rideau, 31.....	100 00
Charles B. Guillemont, C. Hope, 1.....	100 00
Charles Flanagan, C. Brant, 163.....	100 00
Samuel McMaster, C. Glen, 40.....	100 00

700 00

Total and Permanent Disability—	
Geo. A. Clark, C. Home City, 1435.....	\$1,000 00
Fred. N. Wesley, C. Beechville, 225.....	500 00
Jos. S. West, C. Sioc, 1067.....	1,500 00
Henry O. Muno, C. Applegate, 426.....	500 00
Lemuel Fisher, C. Hiawatha, 108.....	500 00
William Hogg, C. Ottawa, 41.....	500 00
Robert D. Allen, C. Wallis, 1521.....	500 00
Isaac Breakstone, C. Amity, 39.....	500 00
Daniel Brown, C. Avenue, 2170.....	186 66

5,986 66

Refunds.....	\$ 553 49
Insurance.....	1,007 90
Taxes.....	10 77
Doctor's Fees.....	86 00
Commission.....	340 00
Legal Fees.....	110 00
Advertising re Loans.....	39 00
Valuation re Loans.....	111 25
Examination of books by Mich. Ins. Dept.....	1,905 00
English Refunds.....	14 83
English Legal Fees.....	308 58

4,486 82

Five per cent. to General Fund.....	\$ 119,914 89
Balance.....	8,483 33
	3,565,176 70

\$3,693,574 92

Sick and Funeral Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, as per last Statement.....	\$ 15,435 35
" Supreme Secretary.....	14 29
" Cheques No. 1242, \$12.50; No. 1243, \$12.50 cancelled.....	25 00
" Cheque No. 45715 cancelled.....	5 12
" Refund from Mortuary fund.....	24,130 68

\$138,702 48

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Claims.....	\$10,169 06
" Funeral Claims.....	943 33
" Refunds.....	270 50
" Five per cent. to General Fund.....	771 77
Balance.....	\$ 12,154 66
	124,517 82
	\$138,702 48

General Account.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary.....	\$ 17,382 83
" " " " on account of supplies.....	2,833 10
" Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	8,483 33
" " " " Sick and Fun. Ben. Fund.....	771 77
Balance.....	9,065 14
	\$ 38,536 17

CONTRA—CR.

By Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 5,916 61
" Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	9,473 92
" Fees returned.....	298 67
" Wages of Employees.....	3,817 55
" Furniture.....	667 80
" General Management Expenses.....	8,915 41
" " " " Forester and Supplies.....	9,506 18
	\$ 38,536 17

Surplus.

Deposited with Ins. Dep' of Dom. of Canada.....	\$100,000 00
" " " " Great Britain and Ireland.....	95,619 17
" " " " U. S. Government Bonds.....	148,758 36
" " " " New Brunswick Government.....	20,660 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Est.....	2,963 212 29
Debentures.....	120,761 71
Deposit Receipts.....	540 79
National Bank of La Crosse.....	2,500 00

\$3,451,383 32

Current Account.....	127,631 78
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	126,547 82

Grand Total Surplus..... \$3,705,562 92

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

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of November, 1899.

During the month of November, the Medical Board reviewed 8,065 medical examination papers, of which 7,143 were accepted and 922 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted		Rejected	
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Arizona.....	25	4		
British Columbia.....	51	12		
California.....	322	61	1048	112
Colorado.....	2	2	9	7
Connecticut.....	50	3	96	17
Dist. of Columbia.....	1	1	44	7
Illinois.....	552	61	322	40
Indiana.....	118	16	Ontario (Centre).....	275
Iowa.....	55	4	Ontario (East).....	103
Kansas.....	5	2	Ontario (West).....	363
Maine.....	301	60	Oregon.....	1
Manitoba.....	63	8	Pennsylvania.....	101
Massachusetts.....	10	4	P. E. Island.....	75
Michigan (East).....	744	79	Quebec.....	696
Michigan (North).....	78	5	Rhode Island.....	110
Michigan (West).....	283	35	Utah.....	1
Minnesota (North).....	62	9	Vermont.....	61
Minnesota (South).....	124	18	Washington.....	21
Missouri.....	16	2	Wisconsin.....	155
Nebraska.....	65	9	England.....	30
Newfoundland.....	4	1	Ireland.....	13
New Brunswick.....	127	15	Scotland.....	4
New Hampshire.....	123	16	Wales.....	2
New Jersey.....	317	42	Norway.....	4
			Total.....	7143
				922

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

## Supplementary.

## HIGH COURT OF NEW YORK.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts in the State of New York, greeting:

BRETHREN:—Pursuant to By-laws of the High Court, Article IV., you are required to comply with its provisions as follows: "Section 1. The High Court dues, payable by each Subordinate Court, shall be at the rate of 50 cents per year for each beneficiary member in good standing upon its roll, which shall be payable in advance; one-half on the first day of January, and one-half on the first day of July, and shall be transmitted by each Financial Secretary to the High Court with the semi-annual return to the High Court."

Second sub-division of Section 146 of the Constitution, also requires to be forwarded to the High Secretary of the High Court, immediately after the first day of January and July of each year, "the semi-annual returns, Form No. 25 (old number), and No. 48 (new number), together with the High Court dues."

Chief Rangers should personally superintend making these reports that no error or omission may occur.

Courts not having proper blank forms in stock will make requisition therefor as per provisions of By-laws, "Article V., Section 1. All supplies used by the Subordinate Courts shall be purchased of the High Court, through its High Secretary, as provided in Supreme Court rules." "Subordinate Courts shall order supplies from the High Secretary, but in each case the cash must invariably accompany the order for supplies."

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

The Supreme Court clearly defines its intention regarding these matters, and in any case where Courts fail to comply on or before the fifteenth day of January, 1899, the said failure will work their immediate suspension.

Through a generous and wise provision of the Supreme Executive, with the view "of giving to every Subordinate and Companion Court an opportunity to make a record for itself during the months of October and November," issued a dispensation permitting Courts to solicit new members, requiring them to pay, as applicants, no fees whatever, during said October and November, excepting such medical examination fee as they will be required to pay the physician making the examination. This proposition did not affect the sick and funeral benefit fund, the fees pertaining to which are to be paid the same as formerly.

The results of this policy on the part of the Supreme Executive, were to the effect that in October, 3,265 new members were accepted, New York State furnishing 336. For the month of November even greater results were obtained. Over seven thousand new members were accepted in the whole Order, New York State contributing of said amount over one thousand, being one-seventh of the total business for November. This showing exceeds all previous records and substantially confirms the foresight of the Supreme Chief Ranger in recommending the advanced idea of increasing the rates. To still further stimulate the membership

to redouble their energies, the Supreme Executive have extended to the Order for the month of December the same privileges granted during October and November, and to further offer "to every member now in good standing who secures the initiation in his Court during the month of December of one new Regular Beneficiary Member, will have his Court dues for the next twelve months reduced by the amount of his extension of the Order tax, and the Court will be relieved from the payment of the extension of the Order tax for such member during the year 1900. It has been predicted that for the month of December ten thousand new members will have been accepted into our Order, and we trust that the brethren of New York State will display their usual vigor in an endeavor to eclipse all former efforts. Let each brother interest himself to the extent of one member, and on January 1, 1900, will see the High Court of New York the greatest High Court in the entire Order. Strenuous efforts are being made to push the work throughout the State, and we trust every member will perform his part. This will be a great opportunity for weak Courts to induce their friends to join the Order, and thus place the Court on a basis of self-support

Organizers are solicited in every part of the State, and good commissions offered those who can furnish good recommendations.

With your cordial and united support we are confident that by the next High Court Session we will have eclipsed all previous efforts. We therefore urge upon the members to use all diligence possible toward the further advancement of our Order, both as to increase of members and quality of the risks selected.

Enclosed herewith you will find the semi-annual Pass-Word for period commencing January 1, 1900, which will not be operative until that date.

In all matters pertaining to the organizing work, or of matters of interest pertaining to the Order, for publication, kindly communicate the same to Bro. C. R. FitzGerald, High Secretary, No. 143 Allen Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

As the Courts are about to elect their officers, attention is hereby directed to the requirement and necessity of bonding their fiduciary officers.

Secretaries receiving this circular letter are requested to communicate its contents forthwith to the Chief Ranger and, so far as possible, to every member without waiting for the regular Court meetings.

Extending to the members of your Court every good wish for the approaching season, we have the pleasure of remaining,

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

M. C. RUTHERFORD, M.D.,

C. R. FITZGERALD,

High Chief Ranger.

High Secretary.

## WISCONSIN.

## The Fascinations of Bro. Collins.

Although we read the FORESTER as regularly as it comes around, and although we have for years till very recently been the Banner Court of this city, no one except the brothers belonging and the S.S. would know we exist, but we do not mind that; let me tell you that we live and are growing, not hot house-like, but naturally, and that is why such gentlemen as His Honor the Mayor David S. Rose, City Attorney Carl Runge, his assistant Bro. R. S.

Witte and many of like prominence are enrolled on our records. Aside from enjoying each other's friendship, we look not much, yet occasionally we cannot help but to entertain our friends, and so it happened that when recently Bro. Collins, S Treas., made the rounds of the subordinate Courts, and we knew he would call on us, we just told our friends about it and our Court room was not large enough to allow them all to even stand therein; it seats over 500. Bro. Collins was here; we all knew it, for we heard him and were only too sorry to think he would have to stop talking. He held the audience spellbound for about two hours, and everybody who heard him wants to hear him again. Bro. Collins had associates during the evening; they gave music vocal and instrumental, declamations and recitations, and when all was done everybody had at least one good cup of coffee and as much cake as he could eat, for our Companions and Foresters' wives had brought of both a plenty. The committee responsible for all this good time were none other than our genial Col. B. F. Parker, Dr. A. J. Scott and Chas. L. Fuller. These brothers were assisted by many willing hands, none more so, however, than by Bro. Chas. A. Van Ness, who, I believe, is the hardest working Forester around here. He is known as the "Forester," and whoever comes in contact with him for a few moments only, goes away meditating Forestry, I presume.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
CHAS. A. ROBINSON, R.S.

### NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 2, 1899.

D.S.C.R. Bro. Williams has been doing wonders for Forestry in Nebraska. When he came here Forestry was practically dead. For example, Court Ak Sar Ben had only 61 members, and it was difficult to get enough members together to draw a warrant for hall rent. Now her membership numbers upward of 100, with about 20 applications on file, while it is no trouble to get 50 or 60 members out to meetings. In fact, you can't keep them away. This is only an example of what he has done for Court Omaha, Court Alleumanla, and Court Fourman, beside organizing a Companion Court in Omaha, which now has about 50 members, with a goodly number of applications on file. It is frequently remarked, "Why, what a nice class of members; you beat any lodge I ever knew of." We don't want to set ourselves up above any one else, but we have reason to be proud of our members in Nebraska.

The members of Ak Sar Ben, No. 3358, were treated to a very neat surprise on Friday evening, Dec. 1. The Court was preparing to initiate a number of candidates, when the ladies of Companion Court Success appeared, carrying baskets and boxes full of delicacies, also a large punch-bowl filled with lemonade. The ladies were allowed to witness the initiation, and were also assisted to initiate seven of their own candidates. The ladies were much interested in the infernal machine. After having their curiosity satisfied in that line, an elegant repast was served, which was followed by a literary programme of unusual merit. Among those present were Dr. J. M. Aikin, H. C. R. of Nebraska, H. V. C. R. Bro. Hartry, and H. C. Bro. Combs. In all about 150 members and Companions were present.

Yours in L. B. and C.,  
T. R. HUSTON, F.S.

### Royal Foresters.

On Monday evening, Dec. 11, Temple Encampment Royal Foresters, under command of Colonel Stone, in full-dress uniform, accompanied by their Trumpet Band, under the leadership of Trumpet-Major Cuthbert, attended the Princess Theatre in a body to witness Howart's great naval play, "The Ensign," presented by the Cummings Stock Company. The Encampment paraded over 125 strong, and made a very fine appearance. The boxes, which were artistically decorated with the colors and banners of the Encampment, were occupied by Major-Generals Harper and Davey, Col. Stone, Surgeon Rose, Quatermaster Dunlop, Captains Gorrie, Harper, and other officers of the corps. During the evening beautiful bouquets of roses, tied with the colors of the Encampment, were presented to Miss Stone and Miss Marshall, the leading ladies, Colonel Stone deputizing the Encampment's colored mascot to hand them to the ladies. The band played several selections during the evening, which were very much appreciated by the large audience in attendance.

## HEART DISEASE

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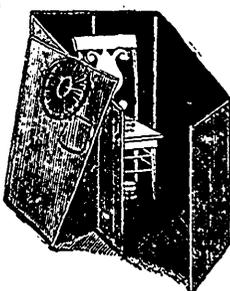
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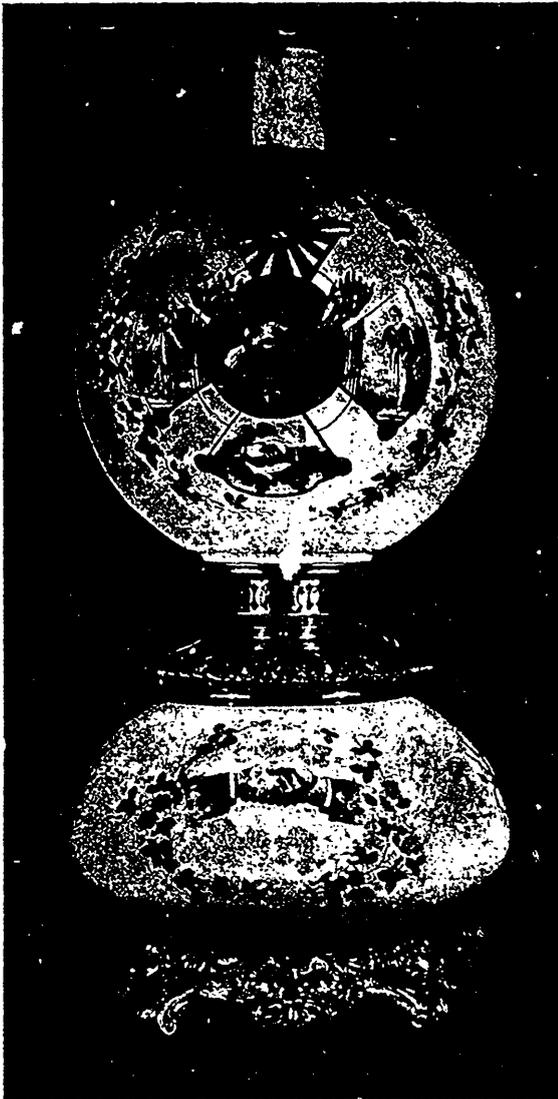
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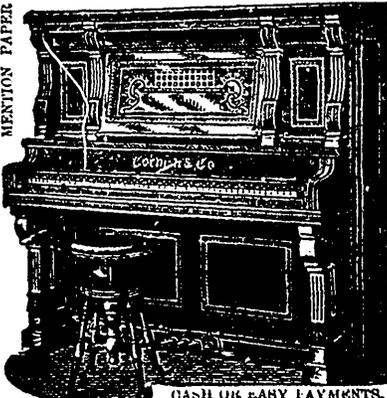
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