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Number of Members 1st Nov., 1896

100,015

Surplus Fund 1st Dec., 1896

\$2,001,690.05

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

Rates of Monthly Assessments.

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

SCHEDULE OF RATES OF MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

Table with 7 columns: Age, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00. Rows represent ages from 18 to 55.

To secure these benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrolment Fee of \$1.00 and a Registration Fee of \$1.00.

The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

Table with 14 columns: At Age of Monthly Assessment (18-55), At Age of Monthly Assessment (18-55), At Age of Monthly Assessment (18-55), At Age of Monthly Assessment (18-55).

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.

Invested Funds.

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

Table listing investments: Deposit Ins. Dept. Canada (\$100,000.00), Gt. Brit. & Ire'd (\$7,333.33), United States (\$3,000.00), New Brunswick Government (\$20,000.00), Mortgages (\$1,500,000.00), Debentures (\$25,000.00).

From the above it will be seen that we have already an invested SURPLUS FUND of

\$1,762,732.49.

No portion of the funds thus invested can be withdrawn except by the joint cheques of the undermentioned officers who comprise the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

S.O.R., Oronhyatekha, M.D., Editor INTER-NATIONAL GOOD THRU PLAN, Toronto.

P.S.C.R., E. Bottrell, House of Commons, Ottawa.

S.V.O.R., Hon. D. D. Aitken, M.C., Flint, Mich.

S. Secretary, John A. McGillicray, Q.O., N.P., Toronto.

S. Treasurer, H. A. Collins, Toronto.

S. Phys., T. Millman, M.D., Toronto.

S. Coun., Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, Q.C., Hampton, N.E.

With what we have in the current bank account, our total surplus on hand at last report (1st December) was the magnificent sum of

\$2,001,690.03.

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 sickness, a payment of \$2.00 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 \$3.00 a week for the next twelve weeks; (2) A payment of \$25 towards funeral expenses, on the member's death, to his beneficiary.

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1. Send all matters relating to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on point of Forestry law to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., Toronto, Canada.
2. Send all Medical Examination Papers, Notices of Sickness, Sick Benefit Claims, etc., to the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, 59 Yonge St., Toronto, Can.
3. Send all Monthly Reports, etc., to the Supreme Secretary, Bro. John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto, Canada.
4. The Monthly Report and exact sum required to cover assessments and other fees called for by such Monthly Reports should be sent together in one cover.
5. 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.
6. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of a court as soon as the Financial Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," 25 Wellington St. West., Toronto. Until such list is received the papers will be mailed to the Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.
7. Financial Secretaries will immediately notify the Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name in full

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

Editorial.

Notes.

1897.

JANUARY,

WISHING YOU A GOOD AND GLAD NEW YEAR,

Membership N vember 1st, 1896, 100,015.

Surplus December 1st, 1896, \$2,001,690.05.

The time to begin whatever you propose doing is right now.

He who delays one day is sure to delay more. Now is the time of the prudent.

Begin well, and follow up your good beginning day by day. The end will take care of itself.

1897 will be largely what we choose to make it. Happiness is conditioned more by our dispositions than our circumstances. The contented mind hath a continual feast.

1897 should surpass all former years. Prosperity is returning. The Order is better and more favorably known. There are 16,000 more members this year than last to speak a good word for it.

Maine, New Brunswick, New Jersey and North Dakota are each over the half century mark for November, and, considering population, may be said to have done as well as jurisdictions with higher figures.

The Province of Ontario leads all other provinces or states with accepted applications for November; the total is 295. To this the High Court of Eastern Ontario contributes 125, Western Ontario 94 and Central Ontario 76.

The Chief has been forecasting the future. He counts on a membership of 150,000, and a surplus of \$3,000,000 by August, 1898, when the Supreme Court will meet in the magnificent "Temple" building, Toronto. It can be done, it ought to be done, and therefore will be done.

The members will note with satisfaction that the time of the competition for prizes has been extended to January 31st, 1897. The first month of the New Year ought to witness a very large addition of new members.

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We shall be glad to hear of the election of members of our Order to municipal positions. An honor to an individual member is an honor to the whole Order. We want to make our personal column as interesting as possible.

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Ohio applications are in three figures for November. 102 is a good showing. High Chief Clark has a fine jurisdiction. Forestry is in its infancy in Ohio, and we are assured that a couple of thousand members will be added during 1897.

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On the 1st November, Michigan had 10,501 members, and Quebec 10,469, a difference of 32 in favor of Michigan. But for November, Quebec had 230 applications and Michigan 133. We are quite curious to know how they stood December 1st.

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That there will be good resolutions at the "New Year" goes without saying. That they will be lived up to when the year has ceased to be new is not so well assured. Resolving is the blossom—but performing is the fruit. Let every one strive to be as good as his intention.

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California maintains a good average twelve months in the year. November shows 152 applications for the Golden State. There are good workers in California. The visit of Dr. Oronhyatekha in October has given the I.O.F. an impetus that will be apparent for some time to come.

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If regrets would avail anything most of us might be making gains at this season. The retrospect shows some time wasted, and opportunities neglected. But regrets are unavailing. "The past who can recall, or what is done undo?" The present is ours. "Arise, let us be doing."

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It looks as if Quebec was going to regain the position it lost to Michigan about a year ago. For November, Quebec is a good second among High Courts with 230 applications, just 97 more than is credited to Michigan for the same month. The Wolverine State will have to hustle.

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Again it is New York that leads. For November the record was 235. To lead for two months in succession is a great honor of which the workers in the Empire State may well feel proud. Our congratulations to High Chief Kendall, High Secretary Fitzgerald, "Grandpa" Caldwell, and all their gallant co-workers.

If it will be any satisfaction to the Chief to have 150,000 members in the Order when the Supreme Court meets in Toronto in August, 1898, he ought to be afforded that satisfaction. He deserves it. To show our earnestness in this matter we have secured our member. Go and do likewise.

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The officers of the Subordinate Courts will be installed this month. Whenever possible the installation should be in public, and when two or more courts can unite additional interest will be lent to the ceremony. The new officers should realize the importance of beginning well. They will have a splendid opportunity of making a good record for themselves.

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We have received from a large number of courts a list of the officers for the current year, with the request that we publish them. We would be glad to do so, but when we explain that giving an inch to each court it would take all our space for six months to give them all, our friends will see that it is impossible. The local papers will be glad to publish them.

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Michigan will have to look to her laurels. New York has an eye on first place among the States of the Union; and Quebec has never rested since second place was lost to Michigan almost a year ago. Michigan can easily improve on the 133 record for November. High Chief Joslyn and State Organizer Weeks and their colleagues have their work cut out for them.

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The fair name of Court Beechwood, No. 1093, has been used for dishonorable purposes. Individuals claiming to be members of the court have been soliciting and securing assistance, and giving the name of this court in security. Court Beechwood repudiates all such members and claims. They have not now, and never had, members of the "dead beat" type.

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Every court should, before the year closes, arrange for some public function by which the principles and benefits of the Order can be brought still more prominently before the community. The social gathering serves two good purposes: it develops the fraternal spirit among the members and their friends, and affords an opportunity to the public of learning more about us.

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The November record is one of which the Order may well feel proud; 2,268 applications were received, of which 2,043 were accepted, Benefits paid for the month were \$55,662.77, and the amount added to surplus was \$59,250.40. An Order that in the 22nd year of its history can show such a record for one month is evidently founded on safe principles, and is ably managed.

Illinois has a good position with 190 accepted applications. To stand third among 34 High Courts is high rank for a jurisdiction where the Order only received legal recognition about a year ago. It shows the inherent merit of the I.O.F., and the ability and energy of those who administer its affairs. The recent visits of the "Chief" has done much to advance the I.O.F. in Illinois.

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Nova Scotia comes bravely to the front for November, and ranks *fifth* with 148 applications. The High Standing Committee, led by High Chief Heisler, have been doing good work. The labors of Bros. Whale, Gilmore, Clendenning and Wisemillar are being crowned with success. The visit of the Supreme Chief to Halifax will doubtless lead to a still better showing for December. Well done, Nova Scotia!

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We call attention in our advertising columns to the advertisement of the Gold Hills Exploration and Development Company of Toronto. This is a Canadian Company and the directors are all well-known and responsible Canadians, amongst the number being Dr. Oronhyatekha, to whom we are authorized to refer as to the *bona fides* of the company.

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For the twelve months ending 1st October, 1896, the increase in membership was **15,419**, a number equal to the entire membership in 1890. For the twelve months ending the 1st December, the surplus increased **\$468,922.21**, an amount equal to the entire surplus in 1892, the eleventh year under our present management. And yet our adversaries were positive years ago that the maximum of membership and reserve had been reached.

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The New Year suggests a fresh start, better methods and greater persistence. Many feel as they enter upon it that all its days will be theirs, and as there are 365 of them, it will not matter very much if a few at the beginning are not turned to good account. And so a mistake is made at the outset that mars the work of the whole year. Begin well, improve each day as it comes, remember that the days as they pass are laid to your charge.

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In our December issue we stated that Bro. Wardrope, H.C.R. of Western Ontario, was banqueted by the members of Court Oronhyatekha, Hamilton. We published the item as it came to our hands. We are informed now that five other courts in Hamilton, viz., Courts Hamilton, Amity, Alert, Pride of Barton and Benedict, joined with the banner court of Western Ontario in honoring the High Chief Ranger and his colleagues on the High Standing Committee. If courts would take

the precaution to appoint some one to report their social and other functions, the danger of having incomplete statements would be avoided. We are anxious to give news, and not to withhold credit wherever, or whenever it is due.

One Hundred Thousand Members.

Fifteen years ago the membership of the Independent Order of Foresters was **369**. To-day it is about one hundred and four thousand. On the 1st November, the latest date up to which the figures were corrected, the membership stood at **100,015**. Two months have passed since then, and the applications have been over 500 a week. The members of the Executive Council can be pardoned for taking a considerable amount of pride in the splendid position of the Order. It stands without a peer in Canada, where half the membership is, and in the United States it yields first place to none. At the present time, its growth in the Union is equal to that of any of the Fraternal Societies that have their headquarters there, and greatly in advance of what it has been at any former period. The growth of the Order is the best possible evidence of its popularity, the soundness of its principles, and the wisdom and efficiency of its management. It has stood the test of time, and the competition and criticism that time brings. It enters upon a new epoch under circumstances that are full of hope, and we see no reason why the expectation of Dr. Oronhyatekha, to meet Supreme Court in August, 1898, with 150,000 members, may not be realized.

Surplus \$2,001,690.05.

Another epoch has been marked in the history of our Order. Only two years and three months have passed since the members of the I.O.F. met at Foresters' Island Park to celebrate the reaching of the *one million* mark. Now they have as a gift with the New Year, 1897, the gratifying intimation that the surplus has reached and passed the *two million* mark. And, while the membership has also increased by about 16,000 for the past year, the amount of surplus to the credit of each member is greater than it ever was before. When it is remembered that fifteen years ago there was not a single dollar of surplus, but in its stead a debt of \$4,000, the present magnificent amount is all the more gratifying. That it increased more rapidly during the past year than during any of the 15 years that it has been accumulating, must also strengthen the faith of the members in the soundness and stability of the I.O.F. It is worth noting, too, that the increase for last year alone was equal to the total increase from 1881 to 1892, a period of

11 years, and that the income from the surplus at the beginning of 1897 is greater than the surplus was in 1889, just seven years ago. The "Chief" predicts that by Sept., 1898, when the Supreme Court meets, the surplus will be \$3,000,000. We believe it will. Steady growth, economical management, wise investments, careful medical selection are among the conditions that will ensure it. These conditions the I.O.F. enjoys in an eminent degree.

We congratulate Dr. Oronhyatekha, his colleagues on the Executive Council and the membership generally, on this magnificent showing - unparalleled in the history of Fraternal Insurance.

Our New Dress.

In opening the new year, we again greet our readers in a new dress, which our publishers, The Hunter, Rose Company, Limited, assure us will greatly improve and make the "Independent Forester" far more attractive than at present. With this number we also improve the quality of the paper, and we trust that not only in appearance, but in other ways, we will show a marked improvement. The type is the manufacture of the well-known firm of Miller & Richards, Edinburgh, and is made of their celebrated extra hard Scotch metal. This same manufacturers' type has been entirely used in the publication of the "Forester," and has afforded the greatest satisfaction. The type has a world-wide reputation for its lasting qualities and handsome face, and no severer test could be given type than to employ it in the printing of the "Forester," with its regular edition of over 100,000 a month. It is our publishers' intention from this out not to print direct from the type, but from electro plates, which will keep up a uniform appearance in the subsequent numbers of the "Independent Forester."

A Happy New Year.

To the 104,000 members of the I.O.F., their families and friends, we wish A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. If the coming months will bring them all the happiness we would like to see them enjoy, they will have little to desire. But wishes, or even earnest efforts, on the part of others will not ensure the happiness of any one. They may promote them. Our happiness is largely of our own creation, resulting more from disposition and purpose than from outward circumstance. We have seen the poor and struggling displaying a contentment wanting often in the lives of their more prosperous and successful neighbors. The great Apostle had learned both a difficult and helpful lesson when he was enabled to say: "I have

learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content." Though pre-eminently a man of endeavor, he never allowed either his failures or success to disturb the calm of his soul. To him whatever was, was best. He loved his Lord and his kind; and all things, even his disappointments and his sufferings, were working together for his good. Let us establish and maintain a right relationship towards our Maker and our fellow-creatures, and we will not fail of happiness whatever our circumstances. Accepting each day as a trust from God, we will strive to live it profitably and unselfishly. If we begin the year resolved to do all the good we can, not a day will come but will bring with it opportunities for easing some one's burdens, and brightening some one's life. While not unmindful of the claims of our fraternity, let us not forget the wider claims of humanity. "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

If the splendid progress and commanding strength of our great Order can be contributing causes to our happiness, and they surely are, we have more than ever reason to rejoice. The year closed was the best in its history. May we all strive to make the one opened not only the best in the history of the I.O.F., but the best in our individual lives. That will indeed be happiness.

How Near to an Existing Court Should Another Be Organized?

The above question is frequently asked. Our answer is, as near, or as far, as you can get it. If a new court can be organized within a mile of an existing one, by all means organize it. The existing court will complain. The members will say: "Here are twenty men that we should have. They would greatly strengthen our court, and help lessen our court dues. It is not fair to encroach on our territory, etc." Why didn't the existing court secure those that have formed the new court? Partly for the reason that they did not try, partly for the reason that some of them lived far from the place of meeting, and still partly for the reason that many will go into a new organization in preference to an old or existing one. Existing courts may appear to be disadvantaged by the institution of courts in their near neighborhood. A few members that they might have gained are lost to them, but they and many more are gained for the whole Order. And whatever is a gain to the Order is a gain to the Subordinate Courts and to each individual member of the I.O.F. In the interests of the I.O.F., existing courts should give their hearty cooperation when an effort is being made to establish another court in the locality, which will become a new centre for the dissemination of the principles and benefits of our great Order.

Regain the Loss.

In every organization there is a measure of loss that is inevitable. The "wear and tear" of time is manifest everywhere; some of it is avoidable, much of it unavoidable. In any case, if prosperity is to be maintained and progress made, the loss must be regained and the injury repaired. This is vitally true of our Order, and all similar orders. "Eternal vigilance" is the price that we must be ready to pay for stability and growth. Time is irresistibly bearing our membership on to "the country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Every vacancy in our ranks is loss till it is filled up. It can be converted into a gain by placing in it a younger and more active brother than the one who occupied it. The rivers that empty into the sea would run dry in their course thither were they not fed by the rainfalls and the melting snows and glaciers in the mountains. The fruit tree yields up each season much of its life in broken twigs and torn branches, but every season it is repairing the loss by putting forth new shoots. Day by day the men who toil with brain and hand impair their vigor, but day and night they recreate the waste by food and rest. So the Fraternal Order suffers daily by time and the suspensions, sickness, disability and death that time is ever bringing; but the Fraternal Order can gain all that it lost, and more, from the young generation that time brings, and brings in ever-increasing numbers to replace the old. Let us bring in the new members as fast as we lose old ones, and the Order will be maintained as strong and as vigorous as it is now. Let us continue bringing in young men faster than old ones drop out, as we have been doing since the organization of the Order, and we will be constantly improving the condition of the Order. Meeting these possible conditions, the Order will continue prospering while humanity lasts. When humanity ceases, its occupation will be gone, the need for it will be at an end, and it can go out of the business. Meantime it is doing business at the old stand, and it means to do a growing and therefore profitable business.

The Supreme Secretary Retires from Active Politics.

After a year's experience of political life, Bro. Jno. A. McGillivray, Q.C., has taken leave of active politics. In that brief time he has had a more varied experience than falls to the lot of much older parliamentarians. He has in two sessions been a member of two different parliaments, and in the House with three different Premiers. We do not regret his determination to quit the arena of party politics. It will prevent any one from saying that the Order has even the appearance of party prefer-

ence. We did not hold with those who affirmed that the Order would be injured by his entering public life. As a matter of fact, the contrary was the case. When the I.O.F. was seeking legislation a year ago, the presence of the Supreme Secretary in the House was of immense advantage. The fact that one of the leading constituencies of Ontario had chosen one of our officers as their representative was an honor to the Order and attracted attention to it, and led directly to many members of Parliament joining our ranks. While Bro. McGillivray was in Parliament, I.O.F. interests gained instead of suffering, and the constituency that honored him with the highest position in their gift had in our John A. an able and zealous representative.

The Chief at Peoria, Illinois.

The "Chief" yielded to the urgent invitation of the brethren of Peoria, and visited them on the 17th December. He was greeted with a bumper house, and his able and brilliant address was listened to with the closest attention. Bro. A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R. of Illinois, who accompanied him, also spoke and was accorded a cordial reception. At the close of the meeting a banquet was tendered the "Chief," to which over 100 sat down.

The following letter shows concisely the effect of the Doctor's visit:

COURT GLEN O. K., No. 3027,

PEORIA, ILL., Dec. 29th, 1896.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.,

Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—We wish to report the following progress towards the 350 mark set for us by you and the H.C.R. We have already initiated 32 this month, and will initiate at least 20 more to-morrow evening, and have 56 applicants not yet examined. Although you and Bro. Stevenson placed the mark high we will reach it.

Trusting that these lines will find you strong and hearty, and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and Many Returns of the Day, I am,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

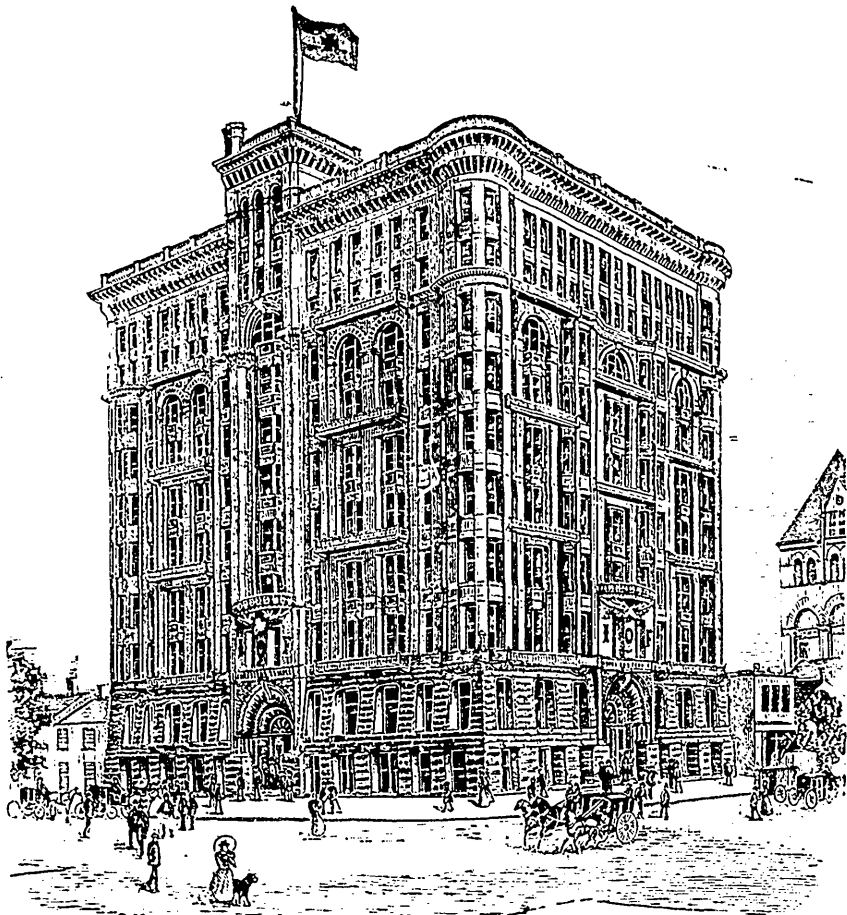
C. H. GILLIG, F.S.

That's the way to do it! Well done, brethren!

The Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of Belfast, H.C.R. of Ireland, has been called to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto. The congregation is one of the first in the great Presbyterian Church, counting among its members many of Toronto's most influential citizens, and for many years leading in contributions to the missionary schemes of the church. The stipend promised is \$4,000 and manse. Should Mr. McCaughan see his way clear to accept, he will receive a warm welcome to Toronto.

The members of Court Pocahontas, No. 1474, St. Joseph, Mis., express their sympathy with Bro. Geo. H. Winslow on the death of his wife,

“TEMPLE BUILDING.”



The accompanying illustration represents the magnificent Temple Building at the corner of Bay and Richmond Streets, Toronto, now approaching completion for the Independent Order of Foresters. To say that the building has been erected, and is now being finished, under the supervision of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, furnishes a sufficient guarantee that it will be, if not the best, certainly among the best and most complete of its kind in the Dominion. The erection of this handsome edifice was commenced in the spring of 1895, the corner-stone being laid by His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, on the 30th of May in that year, since which time the work has been prosecuted with vigor, and it is expected that the building will be ready to receive its tenants within a couple of months.

How it is Built.

The first two storeys are built of Credit Valley brown stone, and the remaining eight storeys of brownish-red brick, trimmed throughout with Credit Valley and Connecticut brown stone. The

foundations and the walls in thickness and strength are sufficient to sustain a building of considerably greater height. The whole structure is lined with, and the steel construction therein is wholly protected by, fireproof porous terra-cotta of superior manufacture. As a matter of fact, the whole building will be as thoroughly fireproof as modern science can make it, there being nothing to burn except the window-frames and sashes.

The main elevator shaft will contain two of the most modern and up-to-date elevators that can be procured, and they will be the largest in the city. This shaft is separated from the rest of the building by solid brick partition walls, with steel fireproof sliding doors, while the floors within it will be of tile. It will thus be seen that there is nothing about the elevators that can burn. There is to be a second elevator shaft in the rear of the building, which will be likewise isolated and completely fireproofed. The stairs will be of steel, slate and marble.

The roof is composed of fireproof terra-cotta and tiles laid in cement; and the architect affirms that any number of bonfires could be built thereon

without affecting it in the least, or injuring the building in any way.

There are four tiers of fireproof vaults in different parts of the structure, built from the foundations with brick, cement and fireproof terra-cotta, and extending to the ninth storey. These will be furnished with doors and locks of the latest and most approved kind, with a view to securing for their contents ample protection against both fire and burglars.

Special Fire Protection.

There are to be two standing water-pipes, with steam pump to make pressure, and suitable hose attachments on each floor, to be used not so much for fire protection within as to assist in extinguishing fire that may occur in adjacent buildings, which will be the chief source of danger to the Temple, so far as fires are concerned.

The heating of the Temple Building will be by steam, and the lighting by electricity produced on the premises. Special attention has been given to the subject of ventilating every room in the Temple.

The ninth and tenth storeys will be used for lodge purposes, and, in addition to spacious lodge rooms, will contain suitable anterooms, preparation, committee, smoking, cloak, and toilet rooms, together with a banquetting hall capable of seating three hundred at a time, with kitchen adjoining, in which will be all modern conveniences. A large assembly-room, with the necessary adjuncts, will occupy the rear of the sixth and seventh storeys of the western section, also Court rooms with suitable ante and toilets rooms in the fourth and fifth storeys of the same section. The major part of the building will be devoted to offices, which are most compactly and conveniently arranged with suitable vault accommodations for all.

The Chief and Staff High Up.

The Supreme Court officers and staff, numbering at the present time sixty-five persons the great majority of whom are ladies, will occupy the entire eighth storey.

There will be two main entrances—one from Richmond Street and the other from Bay Street, both leading direct to the elevators and main staircase. The entrance halls will be richly embellished in marble and ceramic decorations, presenting an imposing appearance.

The "Temple Building," which is to be the name of the new structure, will not only be a credit to the Independent Order of Foresters, but an ornament to the city. The architect, Mr. George W. Gouinlock, under whose professional supervision the work is being carried out, has certainly succeeded in producing an excellently-planned and ornate building, and so well proportioned that few would realize when looking at it that it was the highest building yet erected in Canada. As a matter of fact, it is 140 feet high, exclusive of the tower, which adds another forty-five feet, making a total height of 185 feet from sidewalk to the top of the tower. From the roof of this eminence an extensive view may be enjoyed of the city and surrounding country.

To Look at Niagara from the Top of the Temple Building.

It is the purpose of the Supreme Chief Ranger to throw this open to the public, so that citizens

may, from this elevation, view not only the whole city and a good portion of the surrounding country, but may also look at Niagara Falls. The Temple Building will certainly be a worthy companion to the magnificent new civic building standing but half a block away.

A Good Investment.

There could be no better evidence of the foresight and shrewdness of the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, whose well-known likeness accompanies this sketch, than is afforded by the selection of the present site for an office building, located, as it is, within half a block of the new City Hall and Court House, within two hundred feet of the city registry offices, and only a block away from Osgoode Hall; while from the corner of Queen and Yonge Streets, or of King and Bay Streets, but a block distant, electric cars radiate to every part of the city.

That the Temple Building will be a profitable investment for the Foresters goes without saying. In the first place, the greater portion of the site was purchased for a mere song. The contracts for the structural portions of the building have been most advantageously placed, and the indications are that before the building is completed the whole of the available space will be taken. We understand that at least half of the offices are already rented, while a great many more have been spoken for.

It is understood that some of the representatives of the Masonic lodges are seriously considering the securing of accommodation in this up-to-date building, which, in our opinion, will be a move in the right direction, especially as we learn that the necessary accommodation has been offered upon very reasonable terms.

A Word for the Architect.

The Supreme Chief Ranger cannot speak too highly of the architect of the "Temple Building," Mr. G. W. Gouinlock, not only because of the beautiful exterior and the substantial way in which it has been constructed, but also of the phenomenal fact that not a dollar of extras has accrued in connection with the structure, and it now appears that the building will be finished with the record unbroken in that respect. The Chief justly attributes all this to the care and professional ability displayed by the architect.

Something About the Foresters.

While writing on this subject it may not be amiss to notice some figures relating to the Order given by the Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, in an address recently delivered at Halifax. The Doctor said that "the Independent Order of Foresters was founded in Newark, N.J., in 1874. In 1881 the management was transferred to Canada, at which time it was reorganized and placed on its present basis. At its reorganization only 369 members cast in their lots with the new leaders, and the Society started afresh with an indebtedness of over \$4,000. Since its reorganization the Independent Order of Foresters has been extended throughout our own great Dominion. It has also been re-established in all of the Northern States of the great Republic to the south of us, and recently it has been planted in Great Britain and Ireland, where we already have over two hundred subordinate courts.

Surplus of Two Million Dollars.

"All this has entailed very heavy expenditures. But not withstanding this, and the fact that over \$4,000,000 have been paid in benefits to the members of the Order and to the widows and orphans of deceased Foresters, there was a surplus on the 1st of December, 1896, of \$2,001,690 remaining from the small monthly contributions paid by the members, and the little band of 369 had increased on the 1st of November last to 100,015. He explained that any member of the Order was entitled practically to free medical attendance by the court physicians, who, as a rule, were the ablest men in their profession. As some indication of the manner in which these gentlemen performed their work in connection with the Independent Order of Foresters, he pointed out that in 1880, the year before the Order came under its present management, the death-rate among the membership was 10.03.

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Oronhyatekha, M.D., S.C.R.

000 to \$160,000, secured about ten times as many members, carrying about ten times as much insurance, as did its wide awake competitor."

From the statistics thus given by the Supreme Chief Ranger we can form some idea of the vastness of the operations of the I.O.F.

Vast Domain of the I.O.F.

The Supreme Court, over which Dr. Oronhyatekha presides, has at the present time jurisdiction in 39 provinces, states, territories, and countries, embracing Canada, from Prince Edward Island to British

Columbia, and the United States, extending from Maine to California, and Great Britain and Ireland. There are within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court over 2,600 subordinate courts, every one of which is "managed" from the head office in Toronto, and every one of which sends to the head office here a monthly report of its status, together with the premiums and other liabilities of its members. The monthly revenue of the Supreme Court has risen to \$122,213.50. All death claims, and claims for other benefits of every kind given by the Supreme Court, are sent to Toronto, and dealt with by Dr. Oronhyatekha and his colleagues upon the Executive. Every cheque issued for the payment of benefits, or for any other liability of the Order, must be signed by Dr. Oronhyatekha, as Supreme Chief Ranger, John A. McGillivray, as Supreme Secretary, and Harry Collins, as Supreme Treasurer. Dr. Millman, the Supreme Physician, reviews and passes upon every medical examination in the whole Order.

Immense Volume of Business by the I.O.F.

From the 1st of January to the 1st December no less than 25,755 medical examinations were received, of which 23,167 were passed and 2,588 rejected. The Supreme Chief expects that these numbers will be increased by at least 3,000 more during the current month of December. The organizing officers in Canada, the United States, and Great Britain and Ireland are under the control and direction of the Supreme Chief.

The printing and supply department, which is also under the immediate management of the Chief, is also large. Some idea of its extent and scope may be formed from the fact that the profits in this department for 1895 were sufficient to pay the salary, not only of the Chief, but of his two assistants, all of which went into the treasury of the Order.

To the Supreme Secretary, John A. McGillivray, ex-M.P., is assigned the management of the investments of the I.O.F., with G. F. Marter, M.P.P., as inspector. When these two have approved of an application for a loan, it is then submitted to the Loaning Board, consisting of the Chief, the Supreme Secretary, the Supreme Treasurer, and the Supreme Physician. No greater testimony can be given as to the care and judgment exercised in this department than the fact that up to date not a single dollar of loss to the Order has accrued therefrom.

The success of the I.O.F., though certainly phenomenal, is not to be wondered at when we consider some of the advantages of membership therein. We have obtained the following on the subject from the head office:

The Benefits Given by the I.O.F.

In addition to the social and fraternal privileges which a Forester enjoys by virtue of his membership in this great fraternal Order, he secures the following substantial benefits:

For himself, during his lifetime:

A—Furnished by the Subordinate Courts:

1. Free medical attendance of the Court Physician within whose jurisdiction the brother is taken sick. Some courts, in addition, furnish medicine free, as well as trained nurses, if deemed necessary by the court.

B.—Furnished by the Supreme Court:

2. A sick benefit of \$3 a week for the first two

weeks, and \$5 a week for the next ten weeks, and, as provided in Section 221 (5) of the Order, \$3 a week for an additional twelve weeks.

3. A total and permanent disability benefit of \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000, or \$2,500.

For his beneficiaries at his death:

4. A funeral benefit of \$50.

5. A mortuary benefit of \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000, or \$5,000.

Cost of Joining the I.O.F.

An applicant for \$1,000 of Mortuary Benefit would be required to pay the following fees:

- 1. The deposit fee, which must accompany his application for membership \$ 1 00
 - 2. The initiation fee, which must be not less than 2 00
 - 3. The registration fee, which is 50 cents for each \$500 of mortuary benefit taken 1 00
 - 4. The certificate fee, which pays for the certificate of membership 1 00
 - 5. The medical examination fee, which is as above..... 1 50
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A candidate taking \$2,000 of mortuary benefit would be required to pay \$1 extra registration fee and 50 cents extra for medical examination fee, thus making the total cost of admission..... 8 00

If taking \$3,000 mortuary benefit, the cost would be..... 9 00

If taking \$4,000 mortuary benefit, the cost would be..... 11 00

If taking \$5,000 mortuary benefit, the cost would be..... 12 00

Immediately after an applicant has become a member of the Order he is placed at once under the full protection of the I.O.F., and is from date of joining entitled to its benefits. The monthly rates of assessments for each \$1,000 of assurance taken are as follows:

Rate of Monthly Assessments.

(Ordinary Class.)

Age.	\$1,000	Age.	\$1,000
18.....	\$ 60	37.....	\$ 82
19.....	61	38.....	84
20.....	62	39.....	86
21.....	63	40.....	90
22.....	64	41.....	95
23.....	65	42.....	1 00
24.....	66	43.....	1 10
25.....	67	44.....	1 20
26.....	68	45.....	1 30
27.....	69	46.....	1 40
28.....	70	47.....	1 60
29.....	71	48.....	1 90
30.....	72	49.....	2 20
31.....	73	50.....	2 50
32.....	74	51.....	2 60
33.....	75	52.....	2 70
34.....	76	53.....	2 85
35.....	78	54.....	3 00
36.....	80		

We have said that the growth of the Order has been phenomenal. The following figures speak for themselves as to

The Phenomenal Growth of the I.O.F.

Date.	Membership.	Surplus.	Surplus Per Capita.	Death Rate per 1,000.
Jan. 1882	1,019	\$ 3,555	\$ 3.48	11.00
" 1883	1,131	2,769	2.44	4.73
" 1884	2,210	13,070	5.91	4.23
" 1885	2,558	20,992	8.20	7.76
" 1886	3,642	31,082	8.53	4.85
" 1887	5,801	60,325	10.39	5.78
" 1888	7,811	86,102	11.02	6.43
" 1889	11,800	117,599	9.96	5.85
" 1890	17,349	188,130	10.84	5.18
" 1891	24,604	283,967	11.54	6.40
" 1892	32,303	408,798	12.65	6.25
" 1893	43,024	580,597	13.49	5.47
" 1894	54,484	858,857	15.76	5.47
" 1895	70,055	1,187,225	16.94	5.67
" 1896	86,521	1,560,373	18.03
Nov. 1896	100,015	1,942,415	19.42

Surplus 1st December, 1896, \$2,001,690.05.

With such a record we shall not be surprised to find the predictions of the Supreme Chief Ranger verified, which are, that when the Supreme Court meets in Toronto in 1898 there will be more than 150,000 members in good standing in the Order, and the surplus will be at least \$3,000,000.

Official Circular No. 3.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
TORONTO, December, 1896.

To all Subordinate Courts, *Greeting*:

BROTHERS,—The attention of the subordinate courts is hereby specially directed to the provisions of section 245 (1) c of the Constitutions and Laws, requiring subordinate courts to remit the capitation tax, fee for the official organ, and the extra assessment for each member enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department, with the December remittance. [See Section 40 (10, 11 and 12) for the amount of these Fees.] The penalty for failure to thus remit is, as you are aware, suspension, which we hope no court will incur. The importance of following the provisions of the Constitutions and Laws in this respect will be patent to all, when we say that the reports to all insurance departments must be based upon the status of the Order upon the 31st December inst. We therefore ask the co-operation of the officers of all courts in playing the I.O.F. in the most favorable light. Please see that your court makes a full remittance of all its liabilities to the Supreme Court, so that the same may be in the hands of the Supreme Secretary prior to the 31st day of December inst.

Your special attention is also directed to the alterations of the Constitutions and Laws respecting entrants into the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, requiring them to pay, in addition to the enrolment fee heretofore paid, a registration fee of \$1. [Section 224 (2).] The new law will be strictly enforced on and after the 1st of January, 1897. From and after that date separate benefit certifi-

cates will be issued to all new entrants in that department. Any old member desiring to obtain this new benefit certificate can do so on payment of half fees, viz: 50 cents. The securing of the new S. and F. Benefit Certificates on the part of the old members is, however, not compulsory, as the non-possession of a Benefit Certificate will not affect the status of such old members.

We have received so many requests to extend the time of the present competition for prizes, that it has been determined to comply with said requests; and you are hereby notified that the time of the competition set forth in our Official Circular No. 2, dated 31st October, 1896, is hereby extended to the 31st January, 1897.

The Executive Council has pleasure in being able at this time to announce that our surplus has reached the *two millions of dollars* mark, it being on the first day of December \$2,001,690.05, while the payments of the Order, not reckoning the payments made by our subordinate courts, to the widows and orphans and to sick and disabled brethren, amount to over \$4,000,000.00.

Never before in our history has our beloved Order stood better and stronger than it is to-day.

Never before has it been more united, and the membership more contented, than it is to-day. Let the achievements of the past but stimulate us all to greater efforts in the future for the upbuilding of Independent Forestry.

You will, doubtless, be glad to learn that the magnificent Temple of the Order is rapidly approaching completion, and that it is conceded by the business men of Toronto that the Temple will be the office building of the Queen City, and will be the highest and best building in Canada.

It is to be hoped that by the end of January the offices for the Supreme Court will be ready for its future tenants.

The Executive Council, in wishing each brother personally a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, respectively asks every Forester to lend a helping hand to make our 100,000 members 150,000 strong, and our surplus \$3,000,000.00, by the time the Supreme Court meets in Toronto, in August, 1898, and thus still more entitle us to use the word "Excelsior" in connection with our beloved Order.

Submitted in L. B. & C.

ORONHYATERHA, M.D.,

Attest: Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Q.C.,

Supreme Secretary.

P. S.—If your court has already transmitted the monthly report for December without the capitation tax and fee for the official organ, be good enough to at once send a supplementary report with these tax and fee, and the extra assessment for each member enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department.

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We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. Ernest Sands, M.D., Court Physician of Court Harwood. The late brother was a gaily instrumental in the organization of this fine court in 1891. Bro. Sands died in Texas whither he had gone in quest of health. The members of the court and the relatives of the esteemed brother have our sympathy in their loss and sorrow.

John Dayton Clark, Esq.,

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF OHIO.

We have great pleasure in giving to our readers a portrait and brief biographical sketch of the young and talented High Chief Ranger of Ohio, Bro. J. D. Clark, of Dayton. We do not know of any



BRO. JOHN DAYTON CLARK, ESQ.

brother in the Order who has come more rapidly and prominently to the front than the popular and eloquent Chief of Ohio.

The subject of our sketch saw the light thirty-six years ago. He enjoyed the advantages of a good education, being a graduate of the National Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio.

Bro. Clark made choice of law as his profession, and was called to the bar of Ohio in 1886. He is a member of the firm of Dickson & Clark, Dayton. For a young man he has already gained distinction in his profession, and enjoys a wide practice among an appreciative clientele.

Bro. Clark joined the Order in June, 1894. The following month he was elected High Counsellor of the High Court and one of the four representatives of the State to the Supreme Court that met in London, 1895. In that representative body he served on the committee on petitions and appeals. At the meeting of the High Court in September, 1895, he was elected H.V.C.R., and a few months ago he was by unanimous vote chosen High Chief Ranger. At the meeting of the Fraternal Congress, Louisville, Kentucky, he was one of the representatives of the I.O.F.

Last April Bro. Clark suffered a great loss by the death of his wife. Two children, a girl of 8 and a boy of 4, are spared to enjoy his care and cheer his loneliness.

The ability and enthusiasm that the High Chief Ranger brings to his official duties are manifesting themselves in the rapid spread of the Order in

Ohio. We extend to him the congratulations of the Order on his success, and trust that he may be spared for many years to give to the Order and humanity the benefit of his services.

Charles A. Kendall, Esq., D.D.S.,

HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF NEW YORK.

The High Chief Ranger of the Empire State, whose portrait we give below, has the unique honor of being the youngest Forester that has attained the rank of High Chief Ranger in the Order: and when it is remembered that he is at the head of so important a jurisdiction as New York, the distinction is all the more notable. We have no fear but that his administration of affairs will justify the action of those who bestowed upon him the highest position in their gift.

Bro. Kendall, like many others who have taken active and leading parts in "building up" Independent Forestry, is a native of Canada. He was born in the town of Bradford, Simcoe County, Ontario. He received his early education in the Public and High Schools of his native town. He also studied at the Parkdale Collegiate Institute, Toronto, and matriculated at Victoria University. Having chosen dentistry for his profession, he went to Philadelphia to study, and graduated in 1892. After a post-graduate course of one year he located in Buffalo, and there commenced the practice of his profession. The success that has attended him is far beyond that which falls to the average young practitioner.



BRO. CHARLES A. KENDALL, D.D.S.

Dr. Kendall was a charter member of Court West Side, No. 1306. He commenced his official career as Junior Beadle, and filled at least half the offices in his Subordinate Court. He became a member of High Court in 1894, when he was chosen as a

representative to the Supreme Court in London, and appointed High Conductor. At the meeting of the High Court in Buffalo he was chosen H. V. C. R. At the meeting held a few months ago at Albany he was elected to the chair, and twice in that brief period he has had the proud satisfaction of seeing his jurisdiction lead all others in securing applications for membership.

Bro. Kendall is a member of several other fraternal organizations. Independent Forestry is, however, his first and chief love. Dr. Kendall was married in 1895 to Frances Edith, a daughter of Dr. Armstrong, of Toronto.

The High Chief Ranger of New York has begun his official career under favorable auspices. He is fortunate in his colleague the High Secretary, Bro. C. R. FitzGerald, a Forester through and through, an officer of long experience and marked efficiency, and a brother in the highest sense of the term.

We predict for Bro. Kendall a brilliant career in Forestry and in his profession. We are sure he has the hearty good wishes of his 100,000 brother Foresters.

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

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE AND LIBERAL POLICIES.

We have received the latest prospectus of this prosperous Fraternal Order, and note with pleasure that it confirms all we have previously said regarding its enterprise. We particularly notice the exceptionally favorable and liberal nature of its policies, under the conditions of which it is provided that

(1) All payment of premiums cease on a member reaching the age of seventy, the policy then becoming a fully paid-up one for the full amount of the sum insured; and

(2) That the payment of the premiums and all liability for them ceases at once on the member becoming totally and permanently disabled, from either disease or accident; and one-half the sum insured is then payable in six months to the member, the other half being payable at his death, whenever that may occur.

This is a decided advantage to the insured, and, to our mind, the most liberal privilege ever tendered to a policy-holder.

The strength of the Order lays, of course, largely in the rigid selection of its lives and its extremely low rate of expenditure, this only amounting to five per cent. of the premium income.—*Insurance Agents' News.*

AN EVOLUTION IN INSURANCE.

(From the *Local Government Journal*, London, England.)

Before those most skilled and experienced in the science could see their way clear to remedy the acknowledged anomalies of the old systems, many adventurous spirits tried for themselves to find a way that should provide life insurance at a minimum of cost. The imperative need of the people for insurance, and the awkward fact that the people could not afford insurance at old rates, gave the attractive and plausible assessment societies their opportunity, and with varied results. The strong ones remain with us to this day, but the

weaker ones succumbed to the cold blast of old-time prejudices, as have weaklings of the high-priced level premium system. We may hardly claim that there can be only one safe system of life insurance. We can only claim that each system shall have safety as the leading characteristic, and safety we have to a certainty in widely differing systems to-day. In point of fact, we have a choice of insurance systems, very distinct, yet equally based on sound mathematical principles. A system possessed of more substantiality than assessmentism, because really combining all in other systems that is essential for insurance, has been operating in life insurance business, and that to an extent which must have lessened the bulk of business done by the ordinary insurance companies. With our belief that the many new features which are being introduced into the schemes of old-established ordinary insurance companies are but proofs of the great changes which are in store for us, we are free to say that we think the happy medium appears certainly to have been found in the adaptation of the best features of the old British fraternal orders combined with just and mathematical insurance practice. With a table of premiums based on sufficient experience by thoroughly qualified actuaries, the most rigid and careful selection of lives insured, and an absolutely fixed limit of expenses, the truest principles of life insurance have been secured; and by the combination of true brotherhood the Independent Order of Foresters would seem to come as near the ideal of pure life insurance as possible. The careful selection of lives that we have referred to has resulted in an abnormally low death-rate; the average mortality experience of the whole Order, from the date of its organization in the year 1874, has been but 5.56 per thousand, and that, too, with a membership of 100,000. The average in the United Kingdom for last year was but 3.52 per thousand, and its average in the United Kingdom from its commencing business here has been but 4.41 per thousand. This is remarkable in itself, and proves the value of the careful selection made by the Order, and how much this tends to its stability. It should be particularly mentioned that "selection" by the Independent Order of Foresters does not end with medical or physical fitness; it also includes moral selection, since no man may become a member unless he is of good standing in the community, and he has to undergo an election by the existing members of the Order in the district in which he lives before he can enjoy any of its privileges, or become entitled to a policy such as is issued by the Order.

A GREAT MEETING IN HONOR OF DR. OROHYATEKHA—AN ELOQUENT EXPOSITION OF I.O.F. PRINCIPLES.

The *Halifax Morning Chronicle* of December 5th has the following:

The Independent Order of Foresters gave their Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, a grand reception Thursday night. Headed by the Canadian Artillery band, they paraded from Maling's hall to the Halifax hotel, where the doctor was taken in charge and escorted through the principal streets to Orpheus hall, where he delivered an eloquent address on the principles of Forestry. The hall was densely crowded, and hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

Among those on the platform were the following gentlemen: Ald. Redden, J. C. Calder, T. S. Bow-

ser, F. W. Stevens, A. G. Hiltz, R. S., Belle Aire, R. P. Proctor, Cliff Mumford, J. W. Creighton, F. J. Moxon, H. S. W., A. E. Sulis, J. C. Jones, J. W. Heckman, Chas. E. Johnson, Ald. Outhit, W. D. Cameron, H. L. Wallace, Dr. A. C. Hawkins, A. B. Moxon, H. C., R. H. Daine, C. R., Mulgrave, C. U. Upham, Chas. Nickerson, C. D., James Halliday, F. W. Carroll, A. J. Taylor, C. D., H. H. Banks, Rev. E. P. Crawford, T. McConkey, P. C. R., C. H. Hopson, J. C. Lloy, Thos. Trenaman, M. D., Albert Downey, Geo. A. Gauvin, L. F. Monaghan, R. H. Humphrey, W. J. Hopgood, A. M. Hodge, Capt. S. R. Hill, J. P. Esdaile, Ald. M. T. Foster, A. C. Layton, John H. Blakeley, Wm. Davies, F. W. Goodwin, M. D., F. H. Phy., Cyrus Hubley, C. H. Longard, Henry Lethbridge, John B. Naylor, H. S. Colwell, W. L. Barnstead, C. R. Reynolds, Ald. D. H. Campbell, J. H. Bertram, S. C. Ellman, J. L. Archibald, E. S. Hubley, J. A. Zwicker, J. A. Crooks, W. A. Purcell, Dr. A. R. Anderson, H. Phy., S. E. Mack, H. T., Ernest Dodge, Kentville, E. Hogan Weymouth, Jas. Simmonds, A. W. Purcell, Chief Ranger Ct. Seymour, R. A. Croucher, Dr. W. F. Smith, J. N. Scott, R. S., Seymour, J. M. Scovil, W. H. Stevens, C. R., Dartmouth, John Moir, C. D. H. C. R., W. J. Bell, H. S., Jas. W. King, Lunenburg, J. A. Grierson, H. C., Ald. Butler, C. C. Whale, D. S. C. R.

High Chief Ranger E. J. Heisler was chairman, who, in a few and appropriate remarks, introduced the distinguished guest as the head of the Order.

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Although the doctor spoke for over an hour, the audience showed no signs of weariness, but seemed to be thoroughly interested in the subject as presented by the supreme chief.

There are now six courts of the I. O. F. in Halifax. The last court was instituted only about a month ago, and already numbers over 100 members, and is composed of some of our best business men and leading citizens.

It will be remembered that Dr. Oronhyatekha obtained amendments at the last session of parliament to the I. O. F. act of incorporation by which, among other things, the Order was given power to give insurance to the extent of \$5,000, and under which also a license was issued to the I. O. F. to transact business in Canada.

A better or more persevering worker the Order does not have than E. O. A. Weeks, State Organizer for Michigan. He has done excellent work since his appointment among the 260 courts of the State. Since March last Bro. Weeks has visited a large number of courts, organized four new ones, and secured 351 applications, travelling 8,000 miles by rail and 4,000 by "bike." He finds THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER his best help in canvassing, and looks for its monthly visit as a hungry boy does for his dinner.

"Charlie" Whale has lost none of his old popularity. From more than one source we have heard of the good work he is doing among the Nova Scotia courts and the enthusiasm he creates for Forestry. All this we can from personal experience readily believe.

Personal Mention.

Bro. John Bremner is editor and publisher of the *Bancroft Times*. He has done good work for the Order in Manitoba, and is now booming it in Bancroft, Ontario.

Bro. Doxtetter, of Roseneath Court, is sure to wear a Forester's pin after New Year's, and some other members are looking forward for a badge. They meet the third Thursday in the month.

We extend our congratulation to Bro. McAllister, M.P., New Brunswick, on being confirmed in his seat. The petition against him was dismissed. There was not a tittle of evidence to show corrupt practice.

Any brother knowing the whereabouts of George F. Cook, age 30, tinsmith by trade, will confer a great favor by sending his address to his brother,

JOHN COOK, C.D.H.C.R.,
Court Milford, No. 460, Milford.

Bro. N. H. Chaddock, of Court Royal Jubilee, Halifax, was killed accidentally by falling from a car. His funeral was attended by over 300 Foresters. The H.C.R. of Nova Scotia, Bro. Hessler, was in charge. Fully 1,000 citizens were in the procession.

Bro. Dr. Coulter, D.S.C.R., New York, paid a visit to our sanctum recently. The worthy doctor has hosts of friends in Toronto, who are always delighted to see him. Forestry in New York city is making splendid progress. Two years ago there were not twenty-five members; to-day there are close on to 600.

We regret that we are not able to report any improvement in the condition of Bro. Brown, the engrosser of the Head Office. We fear, indeed, that his recovery is hopeless. His wife and family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their anxiety, and Bro. Brown that of hosts of brother Foresters in his suffering.

Dr. M. Laughlin, Court Physician of Court Mazeppa, Prince Edward Island, on the eve of his departure for Great Britain, where he purposes taking a post-graduate course, was presented by the brethren of his court with a highly complimentary address in which his social and professional worth were deservedly eulogized.

Bro. Sanders, of Stayner, H.V.C.R. of Central Ontario, after serving his town for five years as mayor, declined re-election, much to the regret of his fellow-citizens, whom he has served with conspicuous success. The High Vice is booming things in his section of the jurisdiction. Already three courts have been organized under his direction.

Bro. C. L. Sanders, G.D.H.C.R., is fast making for himself the reputation of being one of the most successful Organizers in the Order. He commenced work under the direction of the H.V.C.R. of Central Ontario last November, and has already instituted three courts in a part of Ontario where every available place was supposed to be already occupied.

The enthusiasm of Bro. Col. A. B. Caldwell, P.S.C.R., knows no abatement; in fact, it seems to rise with the circling of the years. He has just organized, in Syracuse, one of the strongest courts instituted during the year. It is composed entirely of freemen, and "Grandpa" is justly proud of it.

May he institute many courts during 1897. He is the youngest old man we know.

Bro. Thomas J. Birch, D.S.C.R., has been cordially thanked by the members of Court Chancellor, No. 3166, Waterloo, Iowa, for the interest he has taken in the court, and for the very valuable work he did in building up the court when its fortunes were at a low ebb. Bro. Birch has done excellent work for the Order.

Among recent additions to our ranks is the Hon. Col. Gibson, M.P.P., of Hamilton, Minister of Crown Lands for Ontario. Bro. Gibson is one of the first citizens of Canada, alike prominent in the legal profession and military, fraternal, religious and political circles. We cordially welcome our distinguished brother into the I.O.F. In our next issue we hope to give his portrait and a brief biographical sketch.

Condolence.

The members of Court Ferndale, No. 1055, Georgetown, P.E.I., extend their sympathy to Bro. Geo. W. Hibbert, on the death of his wife.

The members of Court Selkirk, Wallaceburg, Ont., in a letter of condolence express their sympathy with Bro. F. C. Dulong on the death of his wife.

The members of Court Reese, No. 737, Reese, Mich., extend to their afflicted brother, Chas. Schmetler, their sympathy on the death of his wife.

The members of Court Restigouche, No. 641, Restigouche, N.B., are mourning the loss of Bro. Wesley Myles. They extend to his widow their sympathy in her great sorrow.

The members of Court Pacific, No. 1247, Portland, Oregon, are mourning the loss of Bro. Jno. Mackie, a respected and dearly beloved brother. They extend to the widow and family their heartfelt sympathy.

COURT CUMBERLAND, No. 870, mourns the loss of an esteemed member, Bro. Jas. Sheriff. The members extend their condolence to his parents.

They also wish to express their sympathy with Bro. H. Byrnes, on the death of his wife.

The members of Court Harwood, No. 720, Harwood, Ont., are mourning their first loss through death. They have sustained a great loss through the death of Bro. Ernest Sands, M.D., Court Physician, who died of consumption at Texas, at the early age of 32. The court passed a resolution expressive of their esteem of their brother and sorrow at his death.

COURT DESERONTO, No. 93, mourns the loss of Bro. Charles P. Hinchie, who was accidentally drowned at Oswego on the 30th November. The members extend their sympathy to the afflicted parents of their late brother. They also extend their cordial thanks to the Longshoremens' Union of Oswego, for their kind and brotherly acts in connection with the death of Bro. Hinchie.

They also extend their sympathy to Bro. J. Borden, on the death of his daughter and only child.

Bro. Joseph McCall of COURT CHARLOTTEVILLE, No. 338, Vittoria, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$500, his disability benefit, from the Supreme Executive.

Supreme Secretary's Statement for the Month of November, 1896.

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their November Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Moosomin	879	Red Cedar	1912
Rusfield	1776	Middlesex	1990
Pine Grove	1785	Ponbakin	3118

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

Receipts, November, 1896.

No. of Members.	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.	No. of Members.	Name of Court.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Funds.
282	British Columbia..	\$ 270 48	\$ 38 12	\$ 10 75	3109	New Jersey.....	3127 89	52 34	69 09
5795	California.....	8233 77	186 03	286 75	7774	New York.....	8414 28	601 66	371 75
218	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	307 22	15 46	4 00	1569	North Dakota	2030 87	54 66	32 25
2563	Illinois.....	2671 81	40 85	177 00	596	N. W. Territory... ..	744 81	63 84	50
1313	Indiana.....	1504 51	6 79	38 25	1884	Nova Scotia.....	2423 87	183 09	52 50
515	Iowa.....	1530 96	2 42	5 00	4808	Ohio.....	4820 89	89 51	118 25
1822	Maine.....	1524 63	478 32	66 50	29408	Ontario.....	30132 15	4531 92	520 00
1565	Manitoba.....	2141 24	199 97	63 50	656	Pennsylvania.....	860 67	22 57	18 75
10501	Michigan.....	10574 56	1078 46	145 25	907	Pr. Edward Island.	998 54	22 45	19 50
2332	Minnesota.....	2762 84	109 02	73 50	10469	Quebec.....	11460 63	3221 97	276 75
838	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1042 06	10 35	17 50	536	Washington.....	507 44	14 12	10 00
4731	New Brunswick...	4839 09	845 87	139 25	1395	Wisconsin.....	1661 80	15 90	59 25
918	New England.....	796 82	278 91	86 00	539	S. C. Jurisdiction..	712 60	19 08	19 00
	Received on account of organizing and other accounts.....				2972	Great Britain and Ireland.....	3842 09	20 80	123 49
	Received on account of Insurance.....						595 49		1661 04
	Grand totals.....			100,015			\$100,259 91	\$12,204 48	\$4,465 53

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.	CONTRA—CR.
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.....	\$125,929 92
" General Funds.....	
Total.....	\$125,929 92

Supply Account.

Received on account of supplies \$769 19 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$769 19

Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans.... \$3,180 32 | Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer..... \$3,180 32
Submitted in L. B. and C.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary

Mortuary Statement for the Month of November, 1896.

No. 2268. Brother M. W. Farley, aged 46 years, of Court Redwood, No. 1104, died of Cirrhosis of Liver on the 26th October, 1896. Initiated 30th December, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2269. Brother Wm. Davey, aged 50 years, of Court Amity, No. 39, died of Bronchitis on the 28th October, 1896. Initiated 26th December, 1885. Beneficiary, Annie Davey, wife. \$1,000, and \$1,000 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 2270. Brother W. C. B. Murray, aged 40 years, of Court Birr, No. 898, died of Bright's Disease on the 14th October, 1896. Initiated 22nd September, 1891. Beneficiary, Laura Murray, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2271. Brother Manley E. Jones, aged 35 years, of Court Romeo, No. 755, died of Consumption on the 29th October, 1896. Initiated 23rd June, 1893. Beneficiary, Sarah D. Jones, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2272. Brother Fred Radmore, aged 34 years, of Court Atlantic, No. 562, died of Injury to Bowels on the 19th October, 1896. Initiated 8th March, 1892. Beneficiary, Jessie Radmore, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2273. Brother Wm. McRossie, aged 57 years, of Court Frontenac, No. 59, died of Cerebral Hemorrhage on the 26th October, 1896. Initiated 20th December, 1889. Beneficiary, Elthea McRossie, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2274. Brother B. C. Lindner, aged 39 years, of Court Orient, No. 416, died of Puffy Degeneration of Heart on the 14th October, 1896. Initiated 27th September, 1890. Beneficiary, Mary Lindner, wife. \$3,000.

No. 2275. Brother Isaac J. Green, aged 43 years, of Court Beeston Hill, No. 2119, died of Cancer of Stomach on the 10th August, 1896. Initiated 6th July, 1894. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$100, or \$486.66.

No. 2276. Brother Wm. Morris, aged 34 years, of Court Perry, No. 877, died of Tuberculosis on the 8th October, 1896. Initiated 19th August, 1891. Beneficiary, Harue A. Morris, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2277. Brother Jephtha G. Ross, aged 52 years, of Court Relief, No. 248, died of Endocarditis on the 18th October, 1896. Initiated 31st March, 1891. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$2,000.

No. 2278. Brother Wm. P. Kimball, aged 26 years, of Court West Side, No. 1306, was Accidentally Killed on R. R. on the 30th September, 1896. Initiated 28th November, 1895. Beneficiary, Lena Kaufman, affiance. \$1,000.

No. 2279. Brother Wm. Mahucke, aged 34 years, of Court Valley, No. 232, died of Hydrophobia on the 29th October, 1896. Initiated 30th January, 1890. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Mahucke, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2280. Brother Wm. Reed, aged 56 years, of Court Mt. Royal, No. 7, died of Bronchitis on the 2nd November, 1896. Initiated 30th January, 1880. Beneficiary, Agnes W. Reed, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2281. Brother Joseph B. Morin, aged 27 years, of Court Dessaulles, No. 1732, died of Consumption on the 6th October, 1896. Initiated 28th May, 1895. Beneficiary, Antoine Morin, father. \$1,000.

No. 2282. Brother Edward Willette, aged 24 years, of Court Lowelltown, No. 3114, was Accidentally Killed on the 30th September, 1896. Initiated 2nd October, 1895. Beneficiary, Joseph Willette, brother. \$1,000.

No. 2283. Brother Wm. McConnell, aged 41 years, of Court Woodbine, No. 2037, died of Tuberculosis on the 25th October, 1896. Initiated 8th May, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary A. McConnell, wife. \$200.

No. 2284. Brother R. C. Brookover, Jr., aged 36 years, of Court Central, No. 635, died of Inflammatory Rheumatism on the 27th September, 1896. Initiated 25th June, 1896. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2285. Brother James Marshall, aged 38 years, of Court Lachute, No. 280, died of Pneumonia on the 9th

November, 1896. Initiated 8th December, 1887. Beneficiary, Grace E. Marshall, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2287. Brother Geo. W. Parker, aged 22 years, of Court Fortune, No. 297, died of Cerebral Meningitis on the 10th September, 1896. Initiated 12th September, 1893. Beneficiaries, Samuel H. and Catherine B. Parker, father and mother. \$1,000.

No. 2287. Brother Peter F. Hicks, aged 60 years, of Court Pictou, No. 177, died of Paralysis on the 27th October, 1896. Initiated 19th November, 1885. Beneficiary, Maitland Hicks, son. \$500, and \$500 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 2288. Brother I. Rufus Black, aged 31 years, of Court Mulgrave, No. 824, died of Cancer of Rectum on the 26th October, 1896. Initiated 17th March, 1892. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$1,000.

No. 2289. Brother H. A. Lafonde, aged 32 years, of Court St. Denis, No. 731, died of Heart Disease on the 26th September, 1896. Initiated 1st April, 1891. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$2,000.

No. 2290. Brother Henry H. Newton, aged 40 years, of Court Wellington, No. 24, Committed Suicide while Insano on the 3rd November, 1896. Initiated 2nd November, 1895. Beneficiary, Elizabeth Newton, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2291. Brother Thomas Noonan, aged 46 years, of Court Illinois, No. 1623, died of Dropsy on the 13th October, 1896. Initiated 1st October, 1894. Beneficiaries, Lucy and Thomas Noonan, children. \$2,000.

No. 2292. Brother David Purvis, aged 33 years, of Court Oronhyatekha, No. 23, died of Phthisis on the 10th November, 1896. Initiated 19th May, 1891. Beneficiary, Mary E. Purvis, wife. \$1,000, and \$1,000 has been paid on Total and Permanent Disability.

No. 2293. Brother Carl Gerling, aged 32 years, of Court Rochester, No. 1687, died of Pulmonary Oedema on the 12th November, 1896. Initiated 12th December, 1894. Beneficiary, Emma Gerling, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2294. Brother Wilmer Reed, aged 46 years, of Court Burlington, No. 1081, died of Pleurisy on the 2nd November, 1896. Initiated 26th December, 1894. Beneficiary, Mattie Reed, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2295. Brother A. Marcheterre, aged 52 years, of Court Ville Marie, No. 1031 died of Diabetes on the 5th November, 1896. Initiated 19th May, 1892. Beneficiary, Eliza Belisle, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2296. Brother Wm. T. Westcott, aged 37 years, of Court 1000 Isles, No. 350, died of Acute Bright's Disease on the 13th November, 1896. Initiated 11th April, 1894. Beneficiary, Jane A. Westcott, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2297. Brother John M. M. Arbuckle, aged 50 years, of Court Chantauqua, No. 202, died of Tuberculosis on the 17th November, 1896. Initiated 26th July, 1892. Beneficiary, Clara C. Arbuckle, wife. \$1,000.

No. 2298. Brother John Mackie, aged 47 years, of Court Pacific, No 1247, died of Apoplexy on the 28th October, 1896. Initiated 27th February, 1891. Beneficiary, Isabella Mackie, wife. \$2,000.

No. 2299. Brother J. S. P. Hard, aged 52 years, of Court Milford, No. 460, died of Acute Dysentery on the 13th October, 1896. Initiated 9th February, 1894. Beneficiary, Executors or Administrators. \$5,000.

No. 2300. Brother T. M. Haddock, aged 24 years, of Court Forest Home, No. 431, was Accidentally Killed on R. R. on the 2nd October, 1896. Initiated 28th March, 1893. Beneficiary, Mary Jane Haddock, mother. \$1,000.

No. 2301. Brother Wm. H. Brown, aged 26 years, of Court Sylvan, No. 218, died of Typhoid Fever on the 17th September, 1896. Initiated 25th May, 1891. Beneficiary, Elizabeth C. Brown, sister. \$1,000.

No. 2302. Brother Courtlundt Olds, aged 52 years, of Court Dover, No. 328, was Accidentally Drowned on the 24th October, 1896. Initiated 6th December, 1889. Beneficiary, Mary Olds, mother. \$2,000.

No. 2303. Brother Floyd E. Collier, aged 18 years, of Court Owosso, No. 669, was Accidentally Killed by Machinery on the 3rd November, 1896. Initiated 4th May, 1895. Beneficiary, Eva M. Collier, mother. \$500.

No. 2304. Brother Wm. Riley, aged 49 years, of Court North Western, No. 1573, was Accidentally Drowned on the 8th October, 1896. Initiated 26th March, 1895. Beneficiaries, Catherine A. and Emma Riley, wife and daughter. \$2,000.

No. 2305. Brother Wm. Riley, aged 49 years, of Court North Western, No. 1573, was Accidentally Drowned on the 8th October, 1896. Initiated 26th March, 1895. Beneficiaries, Catherine A. and Emma Riley, wife and daughter. \$2,000.

Mrs. Mary Martin expresses her gratitude to the members of COURT SELKIRK, No. 235, for their kindness at the time of her bereavement, and to the Supreme Executive for the prompt payment of the mortuary and funeral benefit of \$1,050, carried by her late husband, Bro. Joseph Martin.

Report of the Medical Board for the Month of November, 1896.

During the month of November the Medical Board received 2,268 medical examination papers, of which 2,013 were accepted and 255 rejected. The subjoined table will show the Jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.	Jurisdiction.	Accept'd.	Reject'd.
Arizona	1	1	New York	235	20
British Columbia	1	1	Nova Scotia	143	18
California	152	8	Ohio	102	10
Illinois	190	19	E. Ontario	125	13
Indiana	33	1	C. Ontario	76	5
Iowa	11	1	W. Ontario	94	12
Kansas	1	1	Pennsylvania	41	3
Maine	61	9	P. E. Island	12	1
Manitoba	27	3	Quebec	230	36
Michigan	133	10	Utah	1	1
Minnesota	33	2	Vermont	16	1
Missouri	10	1	Washington	2	1
Montana	16	2	Wisconsin	32	4
Nebraska	9	1	England	20	8
New Brunswick	61	10	Ireland	11	4
New Hampshire	32	4	Scotland	2	1
New Jersey	53	8	Wales	2	1
North Dakota	17	3			
N. W. Territory	50	7	Total	2043	225

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

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for the Month of November, 1896.

Mortuary Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report	\$1,846,335 76
" Supreme Secretary	108,750 42
" Rec'd on account of Insurance	509 49
	<u>\$1,955,595 67</u>

CONTRA—CR.

By Claims paid to Beneficiaries of our late Brothers—

Jas. W. Newham, Court Lawn, 1461	\$1000 00
Wm. Meltosie	1,000 00
Frederick Radmore	1,000 00
Jephtha G. Ross	2,000 00
William Morris	1,000 00
Geo. H. McNabb	800 00
Isaac Jas. Green	486 66
James Smith	3,000 00
Joseph B. Morin	1,000 00
Wm. Mahueke	1,000 00
William Reed	1,000 00
Wm. P. Kimball	1,000 00
Edw. C. Lindner	2,100 00
John Lowery	1,000 00
Benjamin G. Bacon	1,000 00
G. W. Parker	1,000 00
Manley E. Jones	1,000 00
Samuel L. Rubin	428 57
R. C. Brookover, Jr.	1,000 00
William Davey	1,000 00
Thomas Noonan	2,000 00
David Purvis	1,000 00
Henry H. Newton	1,000 00
Peter F. Hicks	500 00
Mich'l McMonagh	1,400 00
Joseph R. Black	1,000 00
Horace A. Lafond	2,000 00
Edward Leslie	1,000 00
Jacob S. Dainard	1,000 00
F. M. Haddock	1,000 00
Wm. H. Brown	2,000 00
Courtlundt C. Olds	500 00
Floyd E. Collier	1,000 00
Wm. Riley	1,000 00
M. W. Farley	1,000 00
Edward Millette	1,000 00
A. Marcheterre	1,000 00
Wm. McConnell	973 32

\$ 46,788 55

Total and Permanent Disability Claims—	
Lewis Napoleon Dore, Lachine, 514	\$1,000 00
Sumpter Bates, Anderson, 3,110	500 00
Re Expenses Total and Permanent Claims	28 95
Re Expenses Valuations	90 10
Marter & York, Oct., 1896, Fire Insurance	203 75
Legal Services, re Death Claims	156 05
	\$ 1,978 85
5 per cent. to General Fund	5,437 52
Balance	1,901,390 75
	<u>\$1,955,595 67</u>

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance per last Report	\$ 96,079 26
Supreme Secretary	12,204 48
	<u>\$108,283 74</u>

CONTRA—CR.

By Sick Benefit Claims	\$ 7,074 22
Funeral	300 00
5 per cent. to General Fund	610 22
Balance	100,299 30
	<u>\$108,283 74</u>

General Account.

RECEIPTS.

To Supreme Secretary	\$ 4,465 53
account of supplies	769 19
5 per cent. Mortuary Benefit Receipts	5,437 52
Sick and Fun'l Benefit Receipts	610 22
Balance	3,577 13
	<u>\$14,859 59</u>

CONTRA—CR.

Salaries of Officers	\$ 1,999 99
Organizing Salaries and Expenses	5,136 44
Wages of Employees	2,184 45
Furniture Account	48 91
Refund of Fees	5 50
General Management Expenses	4,185 71
"Forester" and Supplies	1,298 59
	<u>\$14,859 59</u>

Surplus.

Deposited with Dominion Insurance Department of Canada	\$ 100,000 00
Great Britain and Ireland	97,333 33
United States	50,000 00
New Brunswick Gov't.	20,000 00
Mortgages	1,400,208 83
Debentures	95,190 31
Total Invested Surplus	\$1,762,732 49
Current Account Surplus	138,658 26
	\$1,901,390 75
Sick and Funeral Surplus	100,299 30
Grand Total Surplus	<u>\$2,001,690 65</u>

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

New Courts.

Court Nita, No. 1179, Oldfield, Ontario.
 Instituted on the 2nd day of November, 1896, by Israel L. Smith.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., William H. Tobey; Chaplain, Rev. Peter Myers; Physician, ———. 21 members.

Court Chebucto, No. 1376, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.
 Instituted on the 19th day of October, 1896, by James H. Gilmore.
 Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., John Moir; Chaplain, Capt. Richard Williams; Physician, T. Milsom, M.D. 27 members.

Court Cando, No. 1556, Cando, North Dakota.
 Instituted on the 2nd day of November, 1896, by J. R. Cooper.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., A. W. Neu; Chaplain, Rev. Frank C. Robeson; Physician, W. H. Lane, M.D. 24 members.
Court Flickertail, No. 1629, Caledonia, North Dakota.
 Instituted on the 2nd day of November, 1896, by Jas. Twanley.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Grant Paton; Chaplain, Wm. P. Cleveland, M.D.; Physician, Wm. P. Cleveland, M.D. 13 members.

Court Aggassiz, No. 1657, Bethlehem Junction, New Hampshire.
 Instituted on the 9th day of November, 1896, by Geo. W. Allen.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., A. H. Quimby; Chaplain, J. R. Beere; Physician, G. W. McGregor, M.D. 26 members.

Court Canadohta, No. 1717, Union City, Pennsylvania.
 Instituted on the 11th day of November, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Gilbert B. Tourtellot; Chaplain, Rev. Charles M. Conway; Physician, Ernest B. Smith, M.D. 12 members.

Court Ally Green, No. 1721, Turnerville, Ontario.
 Instituted on the 10th day of November, 1896, by Israel L. Smith.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., W. Henry Ferguson; Chaplain, Hamilton Purdy; Physician, ———. 24 members.

Court Golden West, No. 1746, Sutter Creek, California.
 Instituted on the 11th day of November, 1896, by A. A. Campbell.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., J. S. Clark; Chaplain, Harley N. Hurlbert; Physician, J. Nichols, M.D. 25 members.

Court Scotia, No. 1818, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
 Instituted on the 10th day of November, 1896, by E. J. Heseler.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., E. T. Lammett; Chaplain, John E. Hills; Physician, Thos. Trenaman, M.D. 52 members.

Court Blomidon, No. 951, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.
 Resuscitated on the 19th day of November, 1896, by D. Weismiller.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., W. H. Duncanson; Chaplain, Rev. P. M. MacDonald; Physician, E. P. Bowles, M.D. 44 members.

Court Centre Toronto, No. 1950, Toronto, Ontario.
 Instituted on the 23rd day of November, 1896, by Atwell Fleming.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., O. P. McDonnell; Chaplain, ———; Physician, Dr. Norman Allen. 33 members.

Court Lakota, No. 1692, Chicago, Illinois.
 Instituted on the 2nd day of November, 1896, by Florence Donohue and Wm. C. Schaefer.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., L. R. DuVerdies; Chaplain, W. T. Conrad; Physician, Arthur E. Genius, M.D. 20 members.

Court Picton, No. 1633, Picton, Nova Scotia.
 Instituted on the 4th day of November, 1896, by D. Weismiller.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., R. C. Hamilton; Chaplain, W. E. Jones; Physician, Smith Anderson, M.D. 23 members.

Court Asbestos, No. 1731, Asbestos, Quebec.
 Instituted on the 14th day of November, 1896, by J. W. Stocks and G. W. Snaden.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Theodore Rivard; Chaplain, Edward Carson; Physician, Dr. H. E. Chaput. 18 members.

Court Adogwaasook, No. 1332, Richibucto, New Brunswick.
 Instituted on the 6th day of November, 1896, by F. W. Emmerson.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., J. D. McMinn; Chaplain, Rev. H. A. Meek; Physician, ———. 22 members.

Court Fellowship, No. 1870, Bass River, New Brunswick.
 Instituted on the 7th day of November, 1896, by F. W. Emmerson.

Officers Installed—C.D.H.C.R., Joseph B. Miller; Chaplain, ———; Physician, ———. 17 members.

Court Pleasant Grove, No. 1893, Ford's Mills, New Brunswick.
 Instituted on the 7th day of November, 1896, by F. W. Emmerson.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Jas. Carruthers; Chaplain, Joseph C. Little; Physician, —. 13 members.

Court Lyster No. 1913, Lyster Station, Quebec.
Instituted on the 20th day of November, 1896, by Edmond S. Bois.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Alfred Hamel; Chaplain, —; Physician, Narcisse G. Cantin, M.D. 14 members.

Court Yorkton, No. 1918, Yorkton, Assiniboia.
Instituted on the 6th day of November, 1896, by Thos. Waddell.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., J. W. Christie; Chaplain, W. G. Kittel; Physician, —. 24 members.

Court South Plainfield, No. 1922, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Instituted on the 21st day of November, 1896, by W. T. Bingham.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., R. J. Hendrick; Chaplain, Patrick McDonough; Physician, W. J. Nelson, M.D. 19 members.

Court Blackville, No. 1965, Blackville, New Brunswick.
Instituted on the 20th day of November, 1896, by F. W. Emmerson.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., W. J. McLaggan; Chaplain, John B. Curtis; Physician, —. 29 members.

Court Mead, No. 1963, Meadville, Pennsylvania.
Instituted on the 24th day of November, 1896, by Geo. W. Strickland.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Frederick W. Pierson; Chaplain, Fred. C. Baird; Physician, Winters D. Hamaker, M.D. 13 members.

Court Central Avenue, No. 1970, Los Angeles, Cal.
Instituted on the 24th day of November, 1896, by G. A. McElfresh.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., N. J. Scherer; Chaplain, R. H. Shannon; Physician, W. L. Brown, M.D. 21 members.

Court Successful, No. 3306, Chicago, Illinois.
Instituted on the 24th day of August, 1896, by W. P. Clancy.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Thos. W. Mansfield; Chaplain, J. J. Hayes; Physician, J. McNamara, M.D. 14 members.

Court Lombard, No. 2181, London, England.
Instituted on the 22nd day of July, 1896, by Charles E. Price.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., Richard Loom; Chaplain, F. Newcomb; Physician, W. J. Scott, M.D. 12 members.

Court Headingley, No. 2193, Leeds, England.
Instituted on the 30th day of September, 1896, by Lewis J. F. Watson.

Officers Installed—C. D. H. C. R., A. Eastwood; Chaplain, Rev. A. R. Light; Physician, C. E. Dawson, M.D. 10 members.

Acknowledgments.

Bro. J. R. Lumby, of Glenboro', writes the Supreme Secretary: "Allow me to thank the Order through you for the prompt remittance of the cheque for \$33.15, being my sick benefits for a long illness this fall. I wish the I.O.F. a continued career of usefulness and success."

Mrs. Margaret Megzer conveys her thanks for the prompt payment of the \$1,000 mortuary benefit carried by her late husband, Bro. Meyzer, of Court Speedwell, No. 846, Windsor. She also thanks the members of the court for their kindness in her affliction. Her prayer is "That Heaven's richest blessings may ever attend the noble Order of Foresters."

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

Among the Courts.

Ontario Notes.

Forestry is booming in Hamilton, the home of Bro. Wardrope, H.C.R. Court Amity initiated ten members in November.

Dr. Baugh, High Physician, addressed a very successful gathering of Foresters and their friends at Brantford Nov. 13.

Bro. Harford, P.D.H.C.R., has been attending a number of meetings of the I.O.F. in the vicinity of Otterville, and reports satisfactory progress.

Brother W. L. Wilkinson is being heard from on the Niagara frontier. He expects to report one or more new courts in his part of the Province very soon.

Court Oronhyatekha, the banner court of the West, is now 243 strong. Fifty members have been initiated since May last. We will be pleased to hear from other Hamilton courts.

Brother Backus, H.V.C.R., attended a public meeting given by Court Howard, No. 927, at Morpeth, on the 17th of November. The address he gave was much appreciated by the brethren, as his addresses always are.

Court Sarnia had a good turn out of its members on the 2nd of November, when the H.C.R. spoke to them earnestly about their duty to the Order, and the privileges they enjoyed by belonging to it. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him.

On the 3rd of November the Foresters of Point Edward gave a most successful concert, at which the High Chief Ranger was present. There is every prospect of our brethren at Point Edward adding largely to their numbers as a result of their entertainment.

Court Orient, of Hamilton, one of the largest courts in the Order, had a most successful concert on the 27th of November. It was given in honor of W. H. Wardrope, the H.C.R., who spoke earnestly for half an hour on the benefits to be derived from the I.O.F.

On account of the sickness of the High Chief Ranger of Ontario the Foresters did not have as full notes of what has been going on in his jurisdiction as it otherwise would have had, but the following will give an indication of some of the work that is being done:

Bro. Wardrope has reason to congratulate himself, and the Order generally, on account of having secured the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario, as a member of the Order. He is not an honorary member either, but a regular every day member, who has joined the Order for the benefits to be derived from it.

Brother H. C. Merryfield is doing good work in his district, visiting courts and stirring up anew a strong Forestric spirit. He thinks that large accessions will be made to the membership during the next few months. He is running for the county council in his county, but we trust that in his efforts to "get there" he will not forget the old I.O.F.

On the 24th of November all the Hamilton courts with the exception of Court Orient, which had previously made other arrangements, gave a banquet in honor of W. H. Wardrope, the H.C.R., and other High Court officers. It was a great suc-

cess. Many good speeches were made, all strongly impregnated with good will towards the I.O.F. Bro. Wardrope has reason to congratulate himself on the honor done him by the Hamilton brethren.

Court Orwell held a most successful entertainment on the 23rd of October, at which Mr. Burton, the elocutionist, appeared. Bro. Wardrope, the H.C.R., and Bro. Backus, the H.V.C.R., were also there. The latter made a model chairman, and kept the audience in great good humor by his witty remarks. The H.C.R. during the evening gave an address on Forestry. The members were in good spirits and showed a strong desire to increase the membership.

On the 21st of October the High Chief Ranger addressed a public meeting of Foresters at Windsor. On account of the excitement engendered by the elections across the river, and the gold procession that was taking place the same night, the attendance was not so large as it otherwise would have been. The members at Windsor will require to show a great deal more enthusiasm than they are doing, if they intend to hold their own with other courts in smaller places.

Central Ontario.

Just now Ontario is a sort of Forestric crescent, with the EASTERN horn considerably exalted.

The pushers of the CENTRE will make an effort to turn the horns EAST and WEST down, by elevating the CENTRE. We shall see.

Bro. Collins, Supreme Treasurer, gave a very clear exposition of the principles and benefits of Forestry at a largely-attended meeting, held under the auspices of Court CHATSWORTH on the evening of the 17th December.

Court Nottawa, recently instituted, has a capital charter membership of 22. There is a court at Duntroon, three miles south, with 30 members, and one at Collingwood, three miles north, with nearly 100. All of which shows the popularity of the I.O.F.

Simcoe County is adding to the number of its courts. Three were instituted by W. B. Sanders, H.V.C.R., since his election. The working up has been done by Bro. C. L. Sanders, G.D.H.C.R., one of the most efficient workers in the service of the Order. His determination, tact, and enthusiasm are deserving of high praise.

Toronto is the hub of the CENTRE, and of the Forestric world. Just now it is a little quiet. With four of the Supreme Executive, three of the High Standing Committee and Past Highs, D.S.C.R.'s, and appointed officers, Supreme and High, galore, Toronto should at the least show 100 applications every month. It has not, but it can, and we hope will.

The court at Singhampton is the fruit of hard work. A sister Order, in a rather unsisterly spirit, said "No other Order will be allowed to organize here." And to carry out their threat everything possible was attempted to prevent Bro. Sanders from organizing a court. A week's hard canvassing was followed up by a largely-attended public meeting on the evening of Dec. 18th. Dr. Ball made an admirable chairman, and telling addresses were delivered by Bros. W. B. Sanders, Mayor of Stayner, and Rev. A. Macgillivray, P.H.C.R. of Ontario. Several names were added to the charter

list, and at 2 a.m. a good, live court, composed of the stalwart men of Simcoe and Grey, was organized. Some brothers from Courts BOWMORE and NOTTAWA were present, and gave valuable assistance.

Eastern Ontario.

The H.C.R. reports that courts are soon to be organized at Sydenham and Verona.

Bro. Ingram did great work in Campbellford, and Court Trent, No. 333, is in good spirits.

The snow is not likely to drift around the High Chief of Eastern Ontario. He keeps a-going.

Bro. Hubbell has developed into a great worker. Court Glen Buell is proud of the work he did for them in December.

First position among the High Courts of Ontario for November for accepted applications! Good! Keep it up!

The H.C.R., Bro. McNair, has as usual addressed a number of public meetings, and added materially to the membership thereby.

Bro. Leyden has just returned from a most successful tour among the courts in Peterboro county. He met with great kindness among the brethren.

Rev. G. D. Bayne and Bro. McKim, of Pembroke, are pushing the Order in Renfrew county. They expect to have a new court organized shortly.

A grand public installation is announced for Kingston on the 5th inst., and Bro. Stokes instructs us to say that the same is true of Deseronto. Court Deseronto is one of our most progressive courts.

The H.C.R. desires to thank the deputies and the courts that so ably assisted to bring Eastern Ontario to the honorable position which it occupies. We must defend our honors. Yes, the centre is coming to the front - that is, will try.

COURT WOODLAWN, No. 1461.—The promptness with which the Supreme Executive paid the first sick claim from the court, that of Bro. R. J. Armstrong, has greatly pleased the members. Two candidates were initiated at the last regular meeting of the court. Better work than ever is expected for the New Year.

Court Agathos, No. 1464, held a very successful concert on the 15th of December. The I.O.F. is very popular in Lanark county, and their concert was well patronized. The H.C.R. was present and delivered an address. Four applications were received at the close. This court is composed entirely of enterprising farmers, and they are a credit for promptness.

COURT CARP, No. 142, is one of the old reliables that can always be depended on to do good work. Recently a very successful public meeting was held. The chair was occupied by the C. R., Bro. E. J. Hughes. Addresses were given by Revs. J. M. Tradrea, Court Chaplain; Jno. McLaren, P. High Chaplain, and Robert McNair, H.C.R.; and Dr. Groves, P.H.P. Excellent music was rendered by a union choir. At the close of the meeting seven candidates were initiated. Twelve applications are pending. The membership is now 102. Court Carp has done well.

COURT ROSLIN gave a concert at Phillipston, Thurlow, November 20th. It was a decided suc-

cess. The evening was all that could be desired, and an excellent programme was given. Prof. Matheson, P.H.C.R., occupied the chair, and the Rev. Robert McNair, H.C.R., Carleton Place, gave a very able and eloquent address, as also did by Mr. Harry Collins, Supreme Treasurer, Toronto. Mr. George E. Fax, of Belleville, was received with great applause and encored frequently in the rendering of his popular songs. Messrs. Arbuckle, Honeywell and Bradshaw added greatly to the entertainment by giving several selections on violin and autoharp, also recitations. The proceeds were about \$49.—*Belleville Lulliegenger.*

COURT MOIRA, No. 33, has been in a sort of comatose state for some time past, and a meeting was called last evening for the purpose of reviving the local branch of the Order. The meeting was held in the office of the Secretary, Mr. A. G. Northrup, Shire Hall, and Rev. Robt. McNair, H.C.R. for Eastern Ontario, was present. He made an address well calculated to stir up the members, and agreed to send two organizers to the city to thoroughly canvass it if the court so desired.

Mr. J. Parker Thomas occupied the chair, and he asked for the views of the members on the situation. Messrs. A. McGinnis, Dr. McColl, J. W. London, S. S. Lazier, E. Milburn, Geo. P. Miner and R. Mathison spoke, and it was decided to accept the offer of the High Chief Ranger. At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Mr. McNair for his address and his offer of assistance.—*Lulliegenger.*

High Court of Quebec.

We give below the official circular of this court together with an address delivered at the institution of Court St. Anne Beupre, in French and English. We have been frequently asked to give some news of the Order in Quebec in the language of nearly 6000 members of the I.O.F. This we may do from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

The amount of Forestric news from Quebec this month is limited. There is one item, however, that compensates to some extent for the absence of others, viz., the one that tells us of 230 applications for November, the second highest of any jurisdiction. If the suspensions are not too numerous Quebec may again be ahead of Michigan.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

Office of the High Chief Ranger,
No. 11 Place d'Armes,

Montreal, November 30th, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of the I. O. F. in the Province of Quebec:—

Brethren,—During this thanksgiving time allow your High Standing Committee to join you in thanking the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the favors He has bestowed upon us during the year 1896, and more specially for the phenomenal expansion of the Independent Order of Foresters during the same period. For, surpassing the expectations of its founders, our beloved Order has attained a prosperity unknown before in the his-

tory of fraternal societies. After having paid several millions of dollars to the beneficiaries of dead members, the Supreme Executive has accumulated a surplus which has now reached two millions of dollars from a communication just received from the Supreme Chief, thus showing the good management of the affairs of the Order.

Such a result has only been attained by perseverant work and by the union of all the Independent Foresters in spreading the principles and the benefits of the I.O.F. wherever there was a field opened to their activity.

So as to facilitate the entrance into the I.O.F. to parties who are desirous of securing to their families the protection which the Order affords to its members, and for the purpose of inducing them to make new recruits, the High Standing Committee has decided to offer the following prizes to every Forester in this jurisdiction who shall secure the initiation of new candidates in a competition commencing on the 1st of December, 1896, and ending on the 23th of February, 1897, to wit:

LIST OF PRIZES.

1st Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of fifty-five candidates	\$60 00
2nd Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of fifty candidates	55 00
3rd Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of forty-five candidates	50 00
4th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of forty candidates	45 00
5th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of thirty-five candidates	40 00
6th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of thirty candidates	35 00
7th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of twenty-five candidates	30 00
8th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of twenty candidates	25 00
9th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of fifteen candidates	20 00
10th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of ten candidates	13 00
11th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of eight candidates	10 00
12th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of five candidates	6 00
13th Prize—To the member presenting and securing the initiation in his own Court of one, two or three candidates, one dollar per candidate.	

RULES.

1° The competition shall commence on the 1st of December, 1896, and on the 23th February, 1897, both days inclusive, and no member shall receive more than one prize.

2° The candidates must be accepted by the medical board and be initiated as beneficiary members.

3° Charter applicants shall not count as initiates.

4^b All claims for prizes must be filed with the High Secretary on or before the 20th of March, on Form No. 50 herewith enclosed, or they shall *ipso facto* be forfeited, as the committee to award the prizes will only meet once.

DISPENSATION.

The Supreme Chief Ranger has been pleased to grant a dispensation to initiate at charter rates during the competition.

The term "initiate at charter rates" means that the portion of the initiation fees which goes to the Subordinate Court may be in part or wholly remitted, and that only the portion of the initiation fees which goes to the Supreme Court must be charged and collected.

In closing, let me call your attention to the fact that the capitation due to the High Court is now payable on the first day of the months of June and December; therefore the capitation payable on the first of December must be collected with the assessment for that month, and forwarded without delay to the High Secretary, J. W. Stocks, Sherbrooke.

Moreover, each Court, after the election of its officers for the current year, should see that bonds are given by its Financial Secretary and its Treasurer, as required by the constitution.

Trusting that every Forester will secure at least one candidate for membership in the I. O. F., I remain,

Yours very truly in L., B, & C.,
F. S. MACKAY,
High Chief Ranger.

Attest,

JOHN W. STOCKS,
High Secretary.

P.S.—According to Article 224 of the last edition of the Constitution and Laws, the entrance fee in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department is now of two dollars.

Haute Cour De Quebec.

CIRCULAIRE OFFICIELLE No. 2.

Bureau du Haut Chef Forestier,
No. 11 Place d'Armes,
Montreal, 30 Novembre, 1896.

Aux Officiers et Membres de l'O. I. F. dans la Province de Québec:—

Confrères,—Dans ce temps d'actions de grâce, permettez à votre Haut Comité Permanent de se joindre à vous pour remercier la Divine Providence des bienfaits dont Elle nous a comblés dans l'année 1896, et en particulier de l'essor qu'a pris l'Ordre Indépendant des Forestiers dans ces derniers temps. En effet, dépassant l'espérance de ses fondateurs, notre Ordre bienaimé en est arrivé à une prospérité inouïe dans les annales des sociétés de secours mutuels. Après avoir payé des millions de dollars aux héritiers des membres défunts, l'Exécutif Suprême a accumulé un surplus qui s'élève maintenant à deux millions de dollars, d'après une communication reçue aujourd'hui même du Chef Suprême, preuve de la bonne administration des affaires de l'Ordre.

Ce résultat n'a pu être obtenu que par un travail constant et par l'union de tous les Forestiers à répandre les principes et les bienfaits de l'O.I.F. partout où peut se déployer leur activité.

Afin de faciliter l'entrée de l'O.I.F. aux person-

nes qui désirent assurer à leurs familles la protection qu'il offre à ses membres, et en vue de les encourager à faire de nouvelles recrues, le Haut Comité Permanent a décidé de donner les prix suivants aux Forestiers de cette juridiction qui feront initier de nouveaux candidats dans un concours qui commencera le premier Décembre, 1896, et se terminera le 28 Février, 1897, savoir :

LISTE DES PRIX.

1 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour cinquante-cinq candidats.	860 00
2 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour cinquante candidats	55 00
3 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour quarante-cinq candidats.	50 00
4 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour quarante candidats	45 00
5 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour trente-cinq candidats	40 00
6 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour trente candidats.	35 00
7 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour vingt-cinq candidats	30 00
8 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour vingt candidats	25 00
9 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour quinze candidats	20 00
10 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour dix candidats.	13 00
11 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour huit candidats	10 00
12 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour cinq candidats	6 00
13 ^e Prix—Au membre qui présentera et fera initier dans sa Cour un deux ou trois candidats, une piastre par candidat.	

REGLES.

1^o Le concours commencera le 1^{er} Décembre, 1896, et se terminera le 28 Février, 1897, inclusivement, et aucun membre n'aura droit à plus d'un prix.

2^o Les candidats devront être acceptés par le bureau médical et être initiés comme membres bénéficiaires.

3^o Les requérants d'une charte ne donneront pas droit aux prix.

4^o Les réclamations pour prix devront être produites entre les mains du Haut Secrétaire le ou avant le 20 Mars, 1897, et être faites sur la formule No. 50, ci-incluse, sinon elles seront périmées de plein droit vu que le comité de distribution des prix ne se réunira qu'une seule fois,

DISPENSE.

Le Suprême Chef Forestier a bien voulu accorder la dispense nécessaire pour initier aux taux de la charte pendant le temps du concours.

L'expression "initier aux taux de la charte" veut dire que la partie des honoraires d'initiation qui reste à la Cour Subordonnée peut être remise en partie ou en entier, et que seulement la partie de tels honoraires qui doit être remise à la Cour Suprême doit être chargée et retirée.

Permettez-moi, en terminant de vous rappeler que la capitation due à la Haute Cour est maintenant payable le 1^{er} Juin et le 1^{er} Décembre; par conséquent la capitation exigible le 1^{er} Décembre doit être perçue avec la contribution de ce mois, et

transmise sans délai au Haut Secrétaire, J. W. Stocks, Sherbrooke.

De plus chaque cour, après l'élection de ses officiers pour l'année courante, devrait faire donner des cautionnements par son Secrétaire Financier et son Trésorier, tel que voulu par la constitution.

Vous souhaitant à tous de faire entrer au moins un nouveau membre dans l'O. I. F., veuillez me croire.

Votre tout dévoué confrère en L., B & C,

F. S. MACKAY,

Haut Chef Forestier.

Attesté :

JOHN W. STOCKS,
Haut Secrétaire.

P.S.—D'après l'article 224 de la dernière édition de la constitution l'honoraire d'entrée dans la classe des secours en maladie est maintenant de deux dollars.

STE. ANNE BEAUPRÉ, 4th Dec., 1896.

MESSIEURS,—

Je desiré vous exprimer d'une manière toute spéciale la satisfaction et le plaisir, que j'éprouvé en voyant autour de moi, une si belle réunion d'amis et de frères comme je vous appellerez dans quelques instants dans le but commun de s'entre aider, et de se protéger les uns les autres en faisant, une nouvelle cour du Grand Order des Forestiers Independants, que est une des meilleurs assurancés de vie de toute la Puissance du Canada et des Etats-Unis, tant au tau minimie de l'assurance et tant qu'à l'efficacite d'aider ses membrés, et frères en temps de maladie et de detresse et de besoin extreme comme on dit souvent, "A friend in need" is a friend indeed.

Un ami et frère qui vous aide dans un besoin urgent est un véritable ami.

En Joignant et appartenant à l'Ordre des Forestiers Independants vous avez cet ami, non-sentement celui là mais des milliers.

L'Ordre complé déjà, *Cent milles membrés* avec un capital fond de reserve de *Deux Millions d'Piastres*, c'est un montant enorme comme vous le constatz, seulement fondé depuis 1874 vingt deux ans a püne, l'ordre progresse a pas de geant.

L'ordre des Forestiers Independants complé parmi ses membrés des cetoyens les plus influents de la province, en autre une foule de deputés du Gouvernement Federal et local hommes de professions, marchands, etc., etc.

Nous avons fondé tout recemment deux cours-une a St. Flavien et une a Lyster, dans les Townships de L' Est. Comptant parmi leurs membrés les principaux cetoyens de ces paroisses respective des recrus tous les Jours—Et nous sommés certains que la Cour Ste Anne de Beupre, senora leur exemples, et redoublera le nombre de ses membrés avant peu de temps.

Il est aussi très important d' assister aux reunions qui est seulement une fois par mois, afui d'être au fait des transactions des affaires de la cour. Il ne s'agit pas seulement d'être membre, mais il faut assister aux assembles tant que possible pour contribuer sa part de travail au succès de la cour, it a l'augmentation de ses membrés, chacun devant se faire un devoir d'emmener un membré.

Les membrés de differentes cour trouverarent un avantage mutuel en se visitant reciproquement les uns les autres, se communiqueant les changements de po pensées, d'idées et de sentiments.

En terminant mes chers collegues frères je desiré vous exprimer mes sincerés remerciements pour

vosre genereux co-operation a former cette belle cour.

Signé EDMOND ST. BOIS, H.S.W.
T. P. TREMBLAY.

Officers Instituteurs Cour Ste. Anne Beupré,
Montmorency Co., Quebec.

AN ADDRESS AT THE INSTITUTION OF COURT

ST. ANNE BEAUPRÉ, Dec. 4th, 1896.

GENTLEMEN,—I desire to express to you in a special manner the satisfaction and the pleasure which I experience in seeing around me such a beautiful meeting of friends and brothers, as I will call you in a few moments, united in the common purpose of helping one another and protecting each other by forming a new court of the Grand Order of the I. O. F., which is one of the best insurance companies in the Dominion of Canada and the United States, as well as the cheapest and also the most efficacious in assisting its members and brothers in time of sickness, distress or extreme need—as one often says "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

A friend or brother who helps one in urgent need is a true friend.

In joining and belonging to the Independent Order of Foresters you have this friend, not only one, but thousands.

The Order already contains one hundred thousand members, with a capital surplus fund of two millions of dollars. This is an enormous amount, when you consider the Order was only founded in 1874—twenty-two years ago. The Order has progressed with giant steps.

The Independent Order of Foresters counts among its members the most influential citizens in the Province, uniting government officials, federal and local professional men, merchants, etc. We have recently founded two courts, one at St. Flavien and one at Lyster, in the Township of L' Est, counting among their members the principal citizens of these parishes and gaining every day. And we are sure that Court Ste. Anne de Beupré will follow their example and double the number of its members before long. It is also very important to assist at meetings which are only held once a month, in order to be cognizant of the transactions of the court. It is not enough to be a member, but one ought to assist at meetings as much as possible in order to contribute one's part in making the court a success and augmenting its numbers. Each should make it a duty to bring in one member.

The members of the different courts would find it a mutual advantage in visiting reciprocally among themselves, promoting the interchange of thoughts, ideas and sentiments.

In closing, my dear colleagues and brothers, I desire to express to you my sincere thanks for your generous co-operation in forming this beautiful court.

Signed, EDMOND ST. BOIS, H.S.W.,
T. P. TREMBLAY,

Instituting Officers Court Ste. Anne Beupré.

COURT SIR GEO. E. CARTIER, Montreal, is always going ahead, and in the competition of the Supreme Court she will again make a mark. For November nine new members were initiated. She expects to make as many as 20 or 25 for December, as many have been examined and accepted, and many others have given their names and will be initiated by the end of December.

THE COURTS OF QUEBEC DISTRICT DINE TOGETHER.

SPLENDID FUNCTION AT THE CHATEAU FRONTENAC.

The handsome dining hall of the Chateau Frontenac was again the scene of an exceedingly brilliant function. The various courts of the Independent Order of Foresters, situated in the District of Quebec, dined together at the Chateau, and a splendid banquet it was too. Covers were laid for about 175 guests. The dining hall was brilliantly decorated with flags, etc., while splendid exotics occupied the open spaces between the various tables. Trophies of flags were displayed here and there about the walls between the beautiful tapestries, and the table decorations in fancy confectionery, etc., including a number of centre-pieces, were exceedingly artistic.

O. W. Bedard, Esq., occupied the chair, the vice-chairs being filled by Messrs. Gustave Grenier, Emile Trudel and James Ellis. Amongst other distinguished guests present were Chief Justice Sir Napoleon Casault, Mayor Jos. E. Roy, of Levis; Mr. F. X. Lemieux, M.P.P., and P. G. Mackay, Montreal, High Chief Ranger; J. W. Stocks, Sherbrooke, High Secretary; Messrs. Phileas Huot, of St. Roch's, representing the St. Jean Baptiste Society; Richard Turner, president of the St. George's Society; Andrew Webster, president St. Andrew's Society; Dr. S. Grendin, etc.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were read by the secretary from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Hon. W. Laurier, Hon. E. J. Flynn, Hon. T. C. Chapais, Hon. K. G. Marchand, Oronhyatekha, and others.

President O. W. Bedard then proposed the usual loyal healths—The Queen, The Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governor—which were all enthusiastically honored. After the toast of the Parliament of Canada, the toast of the Judiciary was proposed and drunk, and replied to in happy terms by the Honorable Chief Justice, Sir Napoleon Casault. His Honor made some witty references to his curiosity concerning the Order, and said that having learned, during the evening, something of its aims from the president, he wished it all possible success in its excellent work.

To the toast of the Legislature of Quebec, Mr. F. X. Lemieux, the only member of the Local House present, replied and made an exceedingly happy and successful response, replete with many witty allusions.

"The Mayors of Quebec and Levis" was replied to by Mayor Roy, of Levis, who regretted the absence of Mayor Parent, of Quebec, and said that he hoped the time would not be far distant when, instead of speaking of the Mayors of Quebec and of Levis, separately, we would be able to speak of the Mayor of Quebec and Levis. He made a happy allusion to the proposed bridge that was intended to connect the two municipalities.

To the toast of "Our Guests," replies were made by Mr. Huot, who replied simply for the St. Jean Baptiste Society, and the ideas that it represented, and by Messrs. Richard Turner, president of St. George's Society, and A. D. Webster, president of St. Andrew's Society, who took much broader ground, and, while speaking of the societies which they respectively represented as benevolent societies, recognized in the Independent Order of Foresters a kindred benevolent society upon a much broader scale.

The healths of the Supreme and High Chiefs was

replied to in a clever and practical speech by Mr. F. S. Mackay, N.P., of Montreal High Chief Ranger of the Province. He extolled the good work done by the Order, showing that in the Province of Quebec alone it had expended last year some \$83,000 in sick and mortuary benefits. So thorough were the medical examination of candidates that the death-rate of its members was only 5.67, the lowest of any insurance or benefit company. The High Chief also referred to the Champlain Court in Montreal as the banner court in the Province with its 400 members.

The prosperity of the I. O. F. was then proposed and replied to by Messrs. Stocks, of Sherbrooke, Alderman Lavery, of Quebec, and James Ellis, of Quebec.

Mayor Roy, of Levis, proposed the health of the chairman, which the latter replied to by reciting an English poem. The company broke up shortly after midnight, after the toast of the Press had been proposed, and responded to by Mr. J. E. Mercier, of Levis.

New Brunswick.

A recent issue of the *Daily Transcript*, Moncton, of which our esteemed brother, J. T. Hawke, is the able editor, has the following:

A FORESTERS' FESTIVAL.

BELLEISLE, Kings Co., Nov. 17.—[Special].—The members of Court Belleisle, I.O.F., held a festival here on Friday evening. The proceedings opened with a turkey supper, after which there were games and amusements in Scovil's Hall, which is used by the court of Foresters. Later in the evening an entertainment was held, presided over by Mr. G. G. Scovil, M.P.P., who made a most efficient chairman. A string band, composed of local talent, played excellently during the evening. Miss White, a graduate of Mt. Allison, ably presided at the organ, and local talent gave readings and vocal music. High Counsellor Chapman, of St. John, who, by the way, is a native of Westmoreland County, delivered an able address on Independent Forestry, and was followed by Mr. J. T. Hawke, Chief Ranger of Court Moncton. The two speakers were the guests of Mr. G. G. Scovil during their stay. A large number of visitors were present from other courts, and the hall was full to overflowing. The court, which is a progressive one, merits congratulation upon the success of its celebrating.

Nova Scotia.

Royal Encampment "Aberdeen," Halifax, has now over 60 members, all of whom are delighted with Royal Forestry.

Things are booming in Nova Scotia. The applications received for November numbered over 150, which shows that the brainy men by the Atlantic appreciate a good thing when they come to know it.

Several new courts have recently been organized, and quite a number of existing ones have been visited and built up. It is the intention to visit every court, and also to establish courts in places where there are none now.

The visit of the Supreme Chief, an account of which is given in another column, greatly aided the efforts of the High Chief Ranger and his col-

leagues on the H. S. Committee, and the energetic quartette from Ontario, Bros. Whale, Gilmor, Clendenning and Weismiller.

One of the courts recently instituted has a membership of 50. This is fully double the average membership of new courts.

A correspondent from Kentville writes: The Independent Order of Foresters is advancing with rapid strides in this country. Recent visits of Supreme Court officers have encouraged our brethren, and directed public attention to the claims of Forestry. Some months ago, Bro. the Hon. D. D. Aitken lectured with acceptance to a large audience in this town. Bro. Weismiller, a few weeks ago, succeeded in organizing Court BLOMIDON at Wolfville with a large and influential membership.

On the evening of Dec. 8th, the regular semi-monthly meeting of Court EVANGELINE was held. The chambers of the court were filled to their utmost capacity by home and visiting brothers. A large number of brothers came up from Court BLOMIDON to pay a fraternal visit. They included Bros. F. M. Logan, C.R.; J. M. Shaw, P.C.R.; Wm. Regan, R.S.; F. Christie and H. Layton, S. and J.W., and Bros. F. A. Dixon, Thos. Chase, F. Mahoney, E. Wallace, H. Vaughan and E. P. White. One brother was initiated and thirteen applications for membership were read, and an intimation that many more were to follow. The brothers were very agreeably surprised at the unexpected arrival of Bro. C. C. Whale of Ontario, the Inspector of the I.O.F., and all will be glad to renew their acquaintance with him again. In a magnetic address, interspersed with broad humor, he spoke words of encouragement and hope, which were much enjoyed by his interested auditors. Enthusiastic speeches were made by a number of the Blomidon and Evangeline members, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

It is anticipated that a public meeting will be held at Wolfville the first week of the New Year, to be addressed by Bro. Whale, the High Chief Ranger, and other eloquent speakers. Hopes are entertained that a similar meeting may be arranged to be held at Kentville as well.

Prince Edward Island.

The Editor of THE FORESTER said in the December number something about the "little sister down by the sea." If the brother knew how long it takes to go from one part of the Province to the other he would in the future drop the word "little."

A new court is to be organized soon in Tryon.

Court MIMNEWAWA celebrated their 10th anniversary on November 16th. Bro. John M. Clark, Supreme Conductor, was present, and gave an interesting account of his visit to the old land attending the meeting of the Supreme Court.

As the winter months are now here, it would be wise for the courts to meet at least twice in the month, and hold some public meetings.

The following letter has been sent to all the courts interested:—

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Office of High Secretary,
North Bedeque, P. E. Island,
Dec. 15th, 1896.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The High Chief Ranger, Bro. J. F. Stewart, will visit the courts east of Summerside on the under-

mentioned dates. If the date that he will be with your court does not come on your regular night of meeting, I ask you to arrange for a special meeting on that evening. If you cannot do so, be good enough to let me know, and we can go in some other direction for that day.

Yours fraternally,

L. H. FOWLER,

High Sec'y.

Court Avondale	Monday evening,	Jan. 11
" Abegweit	Tuesday	" " 12
" Balmagowan	Wednesday	" " 13
" Albino	Thursday	" " 14
" Murray Harbor	Friday	" " 15
" Ferndale	Saturday	" " 16
" St. John	Monday	" " 18
" Queen's	Tuesday	" " 19
" Lennox	Wednesday	" " 20
" Wiltshire	Thursday	" " 21
" Elliot	Friday	" " 22
" Freetown	Saturday	" " 23
" Northumberland	Monday	" " 25
" Prince Edward	Tuesday	" " 26
" Aberdeen	Wednesday	" " 27
" Beausejour	Thursday	" " 28
" New London	Friday	" " 29

Michigan.

COURT BOREALIS, No. 3262, MENOMINEE, sends greeting to the brotherhood of I.O.F., and wish to tell that we are doing a little to help forward the good work. We were organized July 1st of this year, with 23 charter members, by State Organizer A. A. Weeks, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Our membership at the present is 30, with 6 candidates for our next meeting, and more to follow. We are sure to prosper. We will have 75 members by next spring. Our loyalty is firmly founded upon our charter, and upon the obligation of our Order, which embodies the principles of fraternity. We are busy talking of many things to be accomplished for the advancement of our court. Should we achieve wonders, the echoes will doubtless reach you. It is pleasant, when looking over our monthly FORESTER, to see so many notices of old friends. We are very proud of our court. The best of feeling prevails, and each member does his best to make our meetings enjoyable as well as profitable." So writes an esteemed brother. Long may Borealis shine!

NOTES OF INTEREST.

COURT MOUNTINEER, of Saginaw, West Side, will have a public installation of its officers, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th.

COURT ALPENA will have a public installation of its officers on Monday evening, Jan. 11th. The High Chief Ranger has promised to be present.

Dr. O. N. Moom, High Physician, was the winner of the prize badge offered in Official Circular No. 2, he having secured thirteen applications during months of April, May and June.

Bro. F. R. Otto, member of Court Saginaw, has been appointed State Deputy by the High Chief Ranger as a compliment for bringing into the court 27 applications during the present year.

State Organizer Weeks, beginning Dec. 14th, is spending a week in Detroit, and as we go to press a report is received that fifteen applications have already been received on a new charter list.

The High Chief Ranger will install the officers of COURT GRAND MARIAS on the evening of Jan. 6th, and the officers from the court at Bay Mills will probably be present and be installed at the same time.

The editor is advised by the High Chief Ranger that reports have been received from about one-third of the courts in Michigan on the question of biennial sessions, a little more than eight out of ten having voted in favor of biennial sessions up to date.

COURT SAGINAW, of Saginaw, W. S., reports an increase of from six members to 107 since last meeting of the High Court, while COURT TRAVERSE, of Traverse City, now has a membership of 175, an increase from 75 since last meeting of the High Court.

The place of meeting of the next High Court has not yet been decided, and no selection will be made until after Jan. 1st, when a meeting of the High Standing Committee will be called at Port Huron or Lansing to select the place of meeting. Indications point to the selection of either Lansing or Saginaw.

An inspection of the vote on the question of biennial sessions, as far as reported, is interesting. Nearly every court that has been visited by the State Organizer and had the benefit of his work, or which has held public meetings, has voted in favor of biennial sessions. Upon the result of the vote will probably depend in a very large measure whether or not the High Chief Ranger will again make a recommendation in favor of biennial sessions.

The court at Vassar is one of the most successful and prosperous courts in the State, and they have recently added nearly every member of the local band, and the name of the band will now be changed to 'The Foresters' Cornet Band. In celebration of this event, a public meeting will be held on the evening of Jan. 28th, at which the High Chief Ranger, High Secretary and High Treasurer will each be present. The Millington Foresters will attend in a body.

A net gain of 1,512 in the membership in Michigan, from Jan. 1st to Oct. 1st, is a record of which the Order in Michigan, as well as its chief executive officers, may well feel proud; this is within 20 of the banner year of Forestry, from 1890 to 1891, when the increase during the year was 1,541. The increase during October, November and December ought to be at least 100 per month, which will make the net increase for the year 1892, the greatest increase of any year since the High Court was organized, and the largest percentage of increase in any one year, excepting the year 1891.

High Court of New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y., December 7, 1896.

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

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

the first day of July, and shall be transmitted by each Financial Secretary to the High Court with the semi-annual return to the High Court."

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

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." Section 2. "No Subordinate Court shall order supplies from the High Secretary in any amount less than the sum of one dollar, and in each case the cash must invariably accompany the order for supplies." (For price-list of supplies see monthly issue of FORESTER.)

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

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, 1897, the said failure will work their immediate suspension.

Eleven courts have been instituted in this jurisdiction since July 1st, 1897, and strenuous efforts are now being made to push the work more thoroughly throughout the State. Organizers are solicited in every part of the State, and good commissions offered.

While the High Standing Committee is endeavoring to spread the Order in the State, we hope that each court and each individual member thereof will use his best efforts toward increasing the membership of his own court.

With your cordial support we are in hopes to make this eclipse all previous years. We are confident that our Order is second to none, and it bids fair to become the greatest institution of its kind in the world.

Seek good, healthy men, free from the habit of dissipation, and do all you can to increase the membership of your court.

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

Your attention is directed to Section 139, Article 2, for the time designated when delegates to High Court shall be elected.

Kindly send to Bro. C. R. FitzGerald, High Secretary, all matters of interest pertaining to the Order, for publication, that may happen from time to time in your court or regarding any of your members.

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

Yours in L., B. and C.,

CHARLES R. FITZGERALD,
High Secretary.

CHARLES A. KENDALL,
High Chief Ranger.

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

Court Lackawana gave an entertainment recently, and the result is that several new applications are being brought in at each subsequent meeting.

Court Tentonia, the new German court at Oswego, had eight applications at its last meeting. This speaks well for the third court established at Oswego and will make the others look after their laurels.

High Chief Ranger Dr. C. A. Kendall has just instituted a court at Buffalo, called Court Ellicott, and it is composed of some of the best business men of the city. The enthusiasm already indicated demonstrates the interest taken, which bids fair to make it one of the brightest, best and largest of the Buffalo courts.

Court Pinnacle, Rochester, believes in cultivating the fraternal and social side of the Order. At the close of a recent meeting the members were entertained by their lady friends, and Mrs. Klislogberg, the wife of the efficient F. S., has invited the members and their wives and sweethearts to an "at home" at her residence.

Court East Buffalo is one of the most enterprising as well as the most hospitable of all the courts in Buffalo. Bro. John Balsler, the popular Court Deputy and Representative to High Court, is also President of the "Court East Buffalo Social Club," which gives a debate on Temperance Dec. 7, after court meeting. We simply wonder if the "Winners" will go it alone.

Court Industrial has among its members the Deputy Grand Commander of the American Legion of Honor of New Jersey, the Hon. Wallace Bruce, Ex-United States Consul to Edinburgh, Scotland, H. H. Morse, the great financier, and several others of equal prominence. Three members of this court were representatives to the last session of the Fraternal Congress recently held in Louisville, Ky.

Court Nehtawanta has sent in 19 applications for membership the first meeting in December, and we feel quite confident they will be rewarded with one of the most important prizes. This speaks well for a court instituted only five months ago, and should put some of the older courts to shame. The more Independent Forestry becomes known in Oswego County the more it will be appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Courts Evershed and Henipen will publicly install their officers on January fifteenth. The ceremony will be performed by High Chief Ranger Dr. C. A. Kendall, D.D.S., after which there will be given a ball and grand supper. Committeeman Bro. H. M. Woodbury, and Financial Secretary Bro. T. C. Morgan, of Court Evershed, assure us there will be a large attendance, as the Order is very popular at Niagara Falls.

Court Brooklyn City is to have a public installation of its officers at their new court rooms, corner of Myrtle and Washington Avenues, on the second Thursday in January, to which have been invited several distinguished personages.

Bro. Otto Ochs, D.D.H.C.R., of New York City, has been invited to conduct the installation ceremonies, and, no doubt, will bring with him the talent of New York City and make this a memorable occasion for the brethren of Court Brooklyn City.

Court Genesee gave its tenth annual ball Dec. 9, at its parlors, which were filled with members and their ladies and guests. A very enjoyable time was had and everyone appeared delighted with the "hop" and the "menu." Dr. C. A. Kendall, High Chief Ranger, of Buffalo, attended, and expressed himself as very much pleased with the entertainment.

The High Chief Ranger has appointed as the District Deputy of Jefferson County the Rev. B. G. Blaisdall, of Depauville. His many excellent qualities have endeared him to the hearts of his friends in no uncertain way, and he enjoys the confidence and respect of his brethren and has the esteem of the congregation of the Baptist Church at Depauville, of which he is the pastor. He made a very favorable impression at High Court Session, where he had the pleasure of renewing many old acquaintances. He was one of the first solicited by P.C.R. Wm. E. A. Faichney when organizing the court at Depauville.

Court Mecca, of which Bro. L. W. Dinkelspiel is the Court Deputy, gave an entertainment and reception, at which the famous Marshall P. Wilder was the crowning attraction, and ended with a very pleasant party ball.

The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Bro. P. M. Martin, Chairman, Bro. G. S. Youngling, M.D., L. W. Dinkelspiel, John Fulton, Jr., and Andrew Martin. Court Mecca never does anything unless it is deserving the highest compliments, and this, like previous occasions, left nothing but pleasant things to say. No one could hear Marshall P. Wilder without being convulsed with laughter, and Court Mecca is to be congratulated upon having been able to secure such an eminent entertainer. The entire evening was one of a continued round of pleasures and the able committee received the commendation of all.

Court Motor had a very enjoyable evening with their friends Nov. 30, and indulged in a "set-to" at progressive euchre. Chief Ranger Vailmot and V.C.R. John Purdy were a committee of two on entertainment, prizes, refreshments, and making their guests generally very comfortable and happy. Everything passed off pleasantly and all appreciated the hospitality. Bro. C. Horan won first prize, S. H. Edmunds the second, and F. A. Tyler third. Our venerable "Founder" enjoyed the entertainment as well as the youngest Brother present, but could not keep up with the boys when it came to euchre. Through his persistency in trying to catch a bower with a seven spot he was presented with the "Booby" prize of the evening, being a frog, looking as green as if he had just come from Ireland after banishment of St. Patrick.

After refreshments had been served Dr. J. A. Belch, District Deputy for Onondaga County, acted as toast-master, and the following brethren responded: P.S.C.R. Col. A. B. Caldwell, Jacob Pilger, C.D.H.C.R., Court United States, 1050; Frederick A. Belch, C.D.H.C.R. Court Caldwell; P.C.R. Jacob Stalz; F. W. Wiley, M.D., Court Physician of Court Florence; George A. Ford, High Junior Beadle; L. Banford, Chaplain, and Cyrus Phillips, Secretary. The singing of Bro. Howard Moore, C.R., of Court Caldwell, was es-

pecially pleasant, and his rendition of the "Chimes of Trinity" was something to be remembered.

Of course we are not conceited, but then, to be in first place as a High Court on two occasions makes us ready to say something even of the "Founder," who made possible all those things which we now enjoy as members of the Order. In his sixty-ninth year he has just launched Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, at Syracuse, composed of members of the Syracuse Fire Department, and, indeed, a choice lot of fire laddies constitute its membership. Bro. John P. Quigley, Assistant-Chief of the Fire Department, has been chosen as Court Deputy, and everything is in good working order. The four chiefs, all the captains, as well as some city officials, are included in the membership, among whom is Mayor McGuire, the young and popular orator of Syracuse, who is a personal friend of Col. Caldwell. When the Colonel was city editor of the *Syracuse Courier*, it was owing largely to his influence and efforts that the first fire-engines were introduced in Syracuse. The "Founder" used to be "one of the boys," and "ran with the machine" in the old days of the Volunteer Fire Department. It was for this reason he interested himself in the formation of this court. One hundred and twenty-two have signed the Charter list, thirty having been examined and passed.

The Colonel has started another court, which will soon be heard from in another direction.

His indefatigable efforts in the interests of the Order appear to be paramount to everything in his declining years. Let the good work go on, "old man"; your friends are legion and will stand by you through "thick and thin."

FIREMEN BECOME FORESTERS.

The *Syracuse Standard* of December 11th says; Past Supreme Chief Ranger Col. A. B. Caldwell and D. D. High Chief Ranger Dr. John A. Belch last night instituted a new court of Foresters in the lodge rooms, No. 120 North Salina street, composed entirely of the firemen of this city, and known as Court Fire Brigade, No. 1799, I.O.F. The fatal accident of the past week had much to do with this action of the firemen. After the secret work of the initiation had been completed, Col. Caldwell addressed the new court, saying in part:

"I have had the honor on many occasions of instituting a court of Foresters, but I cannot remember of any time that I have felt so deeply conscious of that honor as to-night, when instituting Court Fire Brigade of the city of Syracuse. The public has no need to be told of the work accomplished by the fire department, and I might say that while I have visited and inspected the fire departments of all the leading cities of the State, to Syracuse, in my opinion, is due the credit that she has the best and most thoroughly equipped service in the State. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you, the brave protectors of our homes, into the ranks of the Foresters, and may you always retain the untarnished record you have won.

"There was one who would have been with us to-night, and who now lies in the cold grave, but his memory will be cherished and honored, as the memory of all true men must be who die in the performance of their duty. James H. Murphy was to-night to have taken his obligation, but he has gone to a Court on high, into whose presence we must all sooner or later appear. Brothers, I welcome you in the name of liberty, benevolence and concord."

Addresses were also made by Dr. J. A. Belch, and members of the different courts. Deep regret was expressed by all at the death of the late James H. Murphy, and suitable resolutions were passed to that effect. Assistant Chief Quigley was last night appointed C. D. H. C. R. of the new court, an appointment which seemed to meet with universal satisfaction.

COURT SPARTAN, No. 595, Albion.—The members of this court, with their wives, daughters and sweethearts, enjoyed a very pleasant reception and banquet recently. The menu was appetizing, the speeches, stories and songs, brilliant, witty and entertaining. Court Spartan is up to date.

New Jersey.

Forestry is flourishing in the place of its birth. After twenty-two years' experience of it, the people of New Jersey are better pleased than ever with it.

COURT JERSEY CITY is doing good work, and Recording Sec'y. John Ulmer, jr., has promised that he will keep us posted on the doings of his court. Bro. Ulmer is a good one, sure.

COURT ONWARD has secured a "gem" in the admission of Bro. M. J. Kennedy into that court. The brother's good advice has put the court in a good condition, and again on the "road to prosperity."

COURT HOBOKEN, No. 1487, is composed of earnest workers, prominent among them being Court Deputy Henry Meickie and Chaplain John Meyer. Seldom a meeting passes that either one or the other does not present an application.

COURT PALISADE is on the hunt for "scalps," and a peep into the meeting-room during initiation conclusively proves that they are fast gaining. The officers are earnest and hard Forestric workers and the work of Rec. Sec'y. Geo. J. Douglas is a "model."

COURT ELYSIAN is foremost among the courts of Hoboken, and has earnest workers in Recording Secretary Bull and Financial Sec'y. Bunke. These brothers, at almost every meeting, have something new to offer in the way of attracting the "stay-at-homes" and they are meeting with much success, as the full benches will testify.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 17th, COURT FAIRMOUNT, No. 1851, had a most successful entertainment. There was a large attendance. Speeches, songs and recitations made up a most enjoyable programme. Bro. W. H. Tolson, H.V.C.R., is a member of this court. Two years ago the court was organized with 20 members, now it has 90, with 35 applications under way. It is aiming at being the banner court of the State, and is in a fair way of gaining the coveted position.

Illinois.

COURT TWILIGHT, No. 794, gave their first grand reception and ball at Cloud Court Hall, Chicago, Dec. 19th, which was well attended by the members and their friends, and all had a very pleasant time. Bros. Briden and Dibbs, of this court, have the court in good working order.

COURT WHITE CITY, No. 1620, gave an entertainment at their hall, Dec. 16th, of music, recitations, etc. Remarks by H.C.R. Stevenson and stories by P.H.C.R. Stevenson, followed with refreshments, made everybody present feel in good

humor, and pronounce Court White City No. 1 sociable, and we are sure this entertainment will be the cause of a good, healthy growth in this court.

Dec. 8th, COURT ILLINOIS, No. 1623, of Chicago, gave an entertainment in their new hall which proved to be a hummer. Standing room was at a premium, and the programme, consisting of music and recitations, was most excellent. Bro. Schaefer, H. Coun., who is also P. S. of this thrifty court of nearly 200 members, outdid himself in his address on Forestry. H. C. R. Stevenson was out of the city, so was unable to attend, very much to the regret of the members of Court Illinois.

COURT HAMLIN, No. 3308, Chicago.—Garfield Hall was filled to overflowing Tuesday evening, Dec. 1st, at an entertainment and dance given by Court Hamlin, No. 3308, which was organized Aug. 5th, last, to their friends and neighbors. P. H. C. R. Pierson and High Councillor Schaefer, of the High Court of Illinois, were present and gave short talks on Forestry. Three new members were initiated at the next meeting.

COURT INDEPENDENCE, No. 1792, Chicago, is at this time probably the most aggressive court in the Order. The members gave their first social function recently, which was attended by upwards of 800 people. On the 5th December the court initiated 23 and received 24 applications. By the 1st of January, the membership, we are assured, will be 400. The anniversary of the institution of the court will be celebrated on March 6th, by which date our ambitious brethren expect to be the banner court of the world. Courts Los Angeles and Ottawa are to be heard from on that point, however. The "Chief" is expected. A hall capable of seating 3,000 is already secured, and the biggest of big times is expected. To all of which we say go ahead. The honors for those who work for them.

Indiana.

Now that politics have been relegated to the rear, the courts in Indiana are displaying more activity, and are securing many new members. The reports of the secretaries show sixty-two applications pending, and prospects good for the winter months.

COURT MIAMI, of Peru, still holds the banner with a membership of 142, and as it has twelve applicants seeking admission, it will doubtless retain the honor to the close of the year.

COURT FOUNTAIN, of Attica, lost by death, on Oct. 31, Brother Albert Mohler. The sympathy of all Foresters is extended to this court, and to the friends of its deceased member.

Chas. G. Rehrig, H. V. C. R., was the instituting officer for Court Vanderburgh, of Evansville, and attends all the meetings of this court. This is an example which would be good for all organizers to follow.

The members of COURT ELLWOOD, No. 1097, have recently shown what a live court can do. At a regular meeting in November they resolved to increase their number, and appointed Bro. Lute Douge "Chief Hustler." At the next meeting of the court Bro. Douge presented 12 applications. A special meeting was held on Dec. 2nd to confer the degree.

COURT KEKIONGA, of Ft. Wayne, is the recipient of two very beautiful gifts. The members of this court, who are connected with the "Institution for

Feeble-minded Youths," presented it with a beautiful altar, and the Chief Ranger gave it an elegant cover. The boys are so proud of their presents that they have had two signs painted to slide into a reflector over the street, so that should a Forester pass through that part of the forest he will know that Court Kekionga is in session, and that the gifts are on exhibition.

COURT UNION CITY reports the outlook for the winter campaign very promising. The H. J. S. is a member of this court, and a more enthusiastic Forester is not to be found in "Hoosierdom."

The High Secretary recently had the pleasure of a day's visit with Uncle John Fitzwilliam, the F. S. of Court Gen. Milroy. This court was named in honor of Bro. Fitzwilliam's commander in the "War of the Rebellion." Notwithstanding he is a veteran well advanced in years, Uncle John can still give the younger members many pointers as how to "get there."

COURTS LAMASCO, MANHATTAN and VANDERBURGH, of Evansville, held an open meeting in Brick's Hall, on the night of Dec. 2. The meeting was largely attended by the members and their friends. Bro. John Hartman was master of ceremonies, and this insured a pleasant time. A splendid programme of music and recitations was rendered for the enjoyment of all present. Refreshments, consisting of cake, lemonade, ice cream, coffee, and sandwiches, were served after the programme. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Entertainments of this nature always advance the welfare of the Order, and this one will doubtless add many new members to the courts in Evansville.

Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania has not been heard from lately in these columns but we are not dying of "dry rot." The work in the State steadily progresses, and our January returns are expected to reveal to all a grand surprise in the way of increased membership.

Our growth since the August meeting of the High Court has been uniform and encouraging.

H. C. R. Geo. W. Strickland has been busily engaged in the western part of the State putting in new courts, seven having been instituted by him since August 1st. Three more courts, it is expected, will be placed to his credit before the 1st January, 1897.

Deputy S. C. R. Robt. Kidney, who has been engaged in the work of organizing in Philadelphia, expresses himself as much pleased with the progress made. Four new courts in the city owe their existence to his untiring efforts.

There is still a large uncovered field for organizing in the State, and with the opening of the new year the High Standing Committee have decided to offer liberal pecuniary inducements to any brother who thinks he would be successful in that line, the particulars of which may be had on application to the High Secretary.

Court Quaker City had the pleasure of initiating two candidates last month.

Court Wm. Penn had a very enjoyable entertainment at their last meeting, quite a lively and interesting programme for the good of the Order having been arranged by the entertainment committee. Several musical numbers were rendered, and the recitations of Bro. Harry Nichols, who is unsur-

passed as an imitative and dialect reciter, were very amusing.

Court Union Traction is to be presented with a set of badges for having attained a membership of 75, and they will now be the envy of the other courts in the city.

Among the younger jurisdictions, not one is doing better than the "Keystone" State. Courts are being instituted almost weekly.

Bro. Geo. W. Strickland, H. C. R., has just instituted a strong one in Bradford, and he has two more under way. He expects that Bradford will have 500 members inside of twelve months.

Pennsylvania may be counted on to do its share to bring the membership up to 150,000, and the surplus to \$3,000,000, by August, 1898.

The court recently instituted at Meadville is settling down to excellent work.

There is not a better field anywhere, for Forestry, than this fine old State.

Ohio.

Read the sketch of the Chief Ranger of the Buckeye State, to be found in another column.

Ohio was up in three figures with applications for November. It is not going back to two any more.

After this issue we hope to give regularly a half-column or more of Ohio news.

Court Epworth, No. 1253, of Cleveland, gave a most successful concert on the evening of Dec. 7th. The programme was enjoyed by everyone.

Capt. Parkinson, of Toronto, has been working in the State for a couple of months back, and rendered capital service in building up weak courts.

Court Fort Greenville, No. 1689, which was instituted some two years ago, was practically doing nothing, but Monday evening, Dec. 21st, had a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting. Six new members were fully initiated, four more passed the board of medical examiners, and six applications for admission are pending. The officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year.

Through the courteous treatment of our Supreme Chief in sending Capt. W. A. Parkinson here to build up our Order we owe much. Capt. Parkinson is a man of ability and understands Forestry thoroughly, and has made many friends while in our city.

Minnesota.

COURT LAKE PEPIN, No. 1096, has made good progress during the year. The officers have done their work well, and the members have been regular in their attendance. An excellent staff of officers has been installed for 1897, and a year of more than ordinary prosperity is looked for.

COURT DULUTH, 724, COURT COMMERCE, COURT EAST DULUTH.—From these courts we have the following cheering word: "We are all now in our new Forest Home in the Kalamazoo Building, and have had placed at the main entrance the most elaborate marble sign in the State of Minnesota, which is now startling the natives at the head of the lakes. A committee is now making great preparations for a union installation of officers of all the courts in this district, which is to surpass anything of this kind held in the city before. Forestry is now in a flourishing condition, with an outlook of an increase of members. Court Duluth appreciates the

change of having our official organ in the city at the first of each month instead of the last, as before."

California.

California occupies a good place for November. The accepted applications were 155. The State will do as well, if not better, for the new year.

Court Los Angeles, No. 422, re-elected all their old officers, which is the best evidence of service to the court. Court Los Angeles, being the banner court of the world, has won this distinguished honor by the excellent service of the present set of officers. The enthusiasm shown at the re-election of the officers to another term shows the appreciation of their good work. During the evening there were eight candidates instructed in the mysteries of the degree.

Court Mateo, No. 3343, gave a most enjoyable entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, upon the occasion of the dedication of their new hall, 1,916 East Seventh Street, the audience in attendance filling it almost to its utmost capacity. The address of the evening was delivered by the Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger and Organizer of Court Mateo, William R. Uber, his topic being 'The Aims and Objects of Our Order. The subject was presented in a most decidedly practical and, at the same time, interesting manner. An excellent musical and literary programme followed. At the conclusion of the programme, ice cream, cake and lemonade were served to the audience. Court Mateo, although recently organized, is making wonderful progress. Nineteen applications for membership have been accepted, and the court will have initiatory work at every meeting for some time to come.—*Los Angeles Herald*, 1st Dec., '96.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Wales.

Court Aberystwyth, No. 2159, held a public meeting on the 27th Nov. R. Doughton, mayor of the town, presided. The meeting was well attended. Bro. Marshall, General Manager, was present and gave a full and clear exposition of the principles, aims and benefits of the Order.

Court Uskside had a particularly interesting meeting recently, the members turning out in full force to do honor to their Chief, Bro. Goldsworthy, on his election as mayor of Newport. Bro. Chas. Price, H. V. C. R. of Southern England, was present and gave an address. A resolution congratulating Bro. Goldsworthy was carried with much enthusiasm. In a happy reply the mayor expressed his confidence in the I. O. F. and urged the brethren to renewed efforts for the extension of the Order.

England.

Court Castle, No. 2179, Newcastle-on-Tyne, met on the 25th Nov. Bro. Councillor Wm. Shufflebotham, V. C. R., gave an admirable paper on the benefits of Forestry. The court is in fine working order.

Court First Boulton had a "jolly smoker" in the Talbot Restaurant, on 4th Nov., which came off successfully in every particular, as was due to so

excellently organized an effort. Bro. Marshall was present and gave an address.

Court Cheetham, No. 2120, organized and carried out a very successful social meeting recently. Interesting addresses were given by Brrs. Marshall, Jones, Dr. Fraser, and the C.R., S. Harris, Esq. Some excellent music was interspersed.

Court Beeston Hill, No. 2119, Leeds, met on 30th Nov., and had a very interesting meeting. Bro. Marshall was present to pay to his executors the mortuary benefit of £100 carried by the late Bro. Green. The brethren were delighted with the promptness with which the claim was paid.

The H.C.R. would like it to be understood that each court in the jurisdiction (Mid-England) shall be visited. He would like it to be known also that since September 12th eleven courts out of twenty-four have already been called together for his visits. He takes this opportunity to thank most sincerely all those brother Foresters he has had the pleasure of meeting for their great courtesy and kindness shown to him and his brother officers.

A conference of Courts Birmingham and Birmingham Central with Bro. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., was held in the Temperance Institute on 9th ult. Pleasure was expressed at the convalescence of Bro. Woods, as evidenced by his being able to be at the meeting. Bro. Bibby was also present. The attendance and the part taken by the members in the subject of conference was about equally divided between the two courts. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Marshall for his presence and his counsel.

Court Hunslet, No. 2149, met at St. Lilas School on Tuesday, the 17th Nov., Bro Wynne, C.R., being in the chair. The officers of the High Court of Central England, Bros. Martin, P.H.C.R., and Jackson, H.V.C.R., were present, and gave short addresses to the court. These, it is almost needless to say, were of an inspiring character, and from which the members appeared to take renewed interest. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the visiting brethren, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Court Rowen, No. 2145, Hammersmith, celebrated its anniversary on the 14th November in a spirit becoming the membership and the Order. Amongst those present we recognized Mr. and Mrs. Goddard, Mr. and Miss Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Smythies, Major Davies and Miss Davies, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Thake, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Ward (H.C.R.) and Miss Ward, Mr. Tidman (P.H.C.R.), Mrs. and Master Tidman, Mr. Halford (H.V.C.R.), Mr. Emery (H.S.) and Mrs. Emery, Mr. Marshall (S.D.S.C.R.) and Mrs. Marshall. Speeches, song, recitation, dancing, supper, made up a delightful evening.

Court King John, No. 2079, Newark, Notts, met at the Ossington Coffee Palace on the 12th ult, the occasion being an official visit from the H.C.R. (Bro. Gerring, accompanied by the H.V.C.R. (Bro. Pyatt). After the opening ceremony the H.C.R. gave an address which was much appreciated. Subsequently he invited questions, which resulted in a highly interesting discussion, showing the officers present that though a small court just now the visit was so much appreciated that good results are certain to follow. Feelings and opinions that were expressed conclusively proved to the H.C.R. how important it was that every court should be more frequently visited by the H. C. officers,

thereby showing courts that they were not overlooked.

Court Queen of the South, No. 2194, Southsea, held its first regular meeting at the Alexandria Hotel, Farmion-road, on Thursday evening. The C.R., Mr. D. A. Macaulay, was present, supported by his officers. Mr. A. T. Blamey, D.S.C.R., organizer, further explained the working of the court and the duties of the respective officers, and was assisted by Messrs Childs and E. Buckle, of Court No. 2112, Landport. The latter gave the members of the new court a hearty invitation to an "at home," to be held at their Court Chambers, Landport, on the 30th inst. The business of the meeting included the proposition of several gentlemen for membership, and it was decided to keep the charter open for their reception until next week.

Ireland.

Court Ballymena, No. 2011, still preserves its pre-eminence amongst the Irish courts. The premier court in point of time, it still makes unabated effort to maintain in the premier position both in numbers and influence, and succeeds too. Amongst its members are several of the leading men in Ballymena and surrounding district, and we notice with pleasure that one of the delegates to the recent session of the High Court, viz., Bro. Thomas Burns, expresses not only the confidence of his court, but the confidence of his townsmen. At the recent election of Commissioners for Ballymena, Bro. Burns came out at the head of the poll by a flying majority, although there were six other prominent and influential men opposed to him. We congratulate Bro. Burns on his well-deserved honors, and Court Ballymena in that they have so many estimable members. May it go on and prosper.

Scotland.

Court Blythswood, No. 2173, was visited on 23rd ult. by Bro. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R. Bro. W. S. Hart, H.J.S., of the High Court of Scotland, was also present. A special whip had been issued with the view of securing a good attendance of the members.

On 24th ult., at the close of a day's work alongside an organizer, a further court visit of semi-official character was made by Bro. Marshall—Court St. Mungo, No. 2,024, being the one chosen on this occasion. Bro. George Robertson, F.S., was first to arrive, as usual, for he possesses the rare merit of regularity and promptitude to a degree.

The meeting of Court Clutha, No. 2117, was on the list, but unfortunately the business had been got over before Bro. Marshall was free from other engagements. Bro. Duncan, H.S., High Court of Scotland, was present, however, and indeed has been a regular visitor for months, so much so that the court has transferred the work of F. S. to Bro. Duncan.

Court Glasgow Eastern, No. 2049, gave a very successful "At Home" on Nov. 18th. There was a large attendance. Bro. Cumming, C.D.H.C.R., acted as master of ceremonies. Bro. Marshall, general manager for Great Britain; Bro. Duncan, H.S. for Scotland; Bro. Councillor Willock and other prominent Foresters were present. Speech, song, dance and supper filled up the evening, and a most enjoyable time was held.

Fraternal Congress.

Important Meeting at Louisville.

The tenth annual session of the Fraternal Congress was held in Louisville, Ky., from the 17th to 19th of November, 1896. The Congress is composed of its officers, committees and representatives from more than forty of the beneficiary Orders of the country. The body, though not large in point of numbers, has for its leading members some of the brightest and most thoroughly tried Order men in existence.

The object of the Congress is, in its organized capacity, to aid the various beneficiary orders by securing national and state legislation for carrying on their work, by obtaining for them valuable information, and by discussing plans and methods which will subserve their highest welfare.

The address by President Spooner presented his official work during the year in effort to obtain statutory legislation in several states, and discussed in an able manner the needs of beneficiary Orders. The report of the Committee on Statutory Legislation showed that important bills favorable to our Orders passed the Legislatures of Ohio and Iowa during the past year.

The special report of the Committee on Statistics and Good of the Orders was one of the most interesting documents presented to the Congress during the session. By statistics accurately compiled and put into succinct form, it showed the dangers which confront all benefit societies which have not made adequate provision for an increasing rate of mortality. The salient points in the report bear the clearness of mathematical demonstration and serve as a guide-board to point out the way of escape from weakness and disasters. The discussion of this report by the Congress occupied one whole sitting and brought out with great earnestness the views of the members upon fraternity, a reserve fund and the step-rate plan. The sentiment prevailed that all plans for assessment-rates should be made as equitable as possible, so that each member of an Order should pay his full share of the mortuary expense.

Several excellent papers were read before the Congress upon subjects pertaining to the welfare of the Orders.

The Medical Section had charge of the Congress at one of the sittings. Papers were read before it on subjects relating to the work of medical examinations.

The work of the Congress deepened the conviction that all beneficiary Orders must look sharply and thoroughly at their plans of organization, must strengthen any weak points that may exist, and must not hesitate to make any radical changes which will add to their prosperity and perpetuity. The idea was fully developed that our Orders cannot live on sentiment alone, that in their management the best business is the best fraternity.

The session was fruitful in harmony, and in the expression of sentiments calculated to build up and sustain a fraternal beneficiary system which has already paid to the widow, the orphan, and the dependent the enormous sum of \$300,000,000, and has developed a scheme of philanthropy which has not been equalled since the world began.

The Congress will hold its next session in 1897, in Port Huron, Michigan.

The officers for the current year are J. G. Johnson, Peabody, Kansas, President; I. E. Shepard,

Lawrence, Mass., Vice-President; M. W. Sackett, Per. Sec.-Treas.

The I.O.F. was represented by Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.; John A. McGillivray, S.S.; Dr. Millman, S.P.; J. D. Clark, H.C.R., Iowa; A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R., Illinois.

There's More of Good Than Ill.

Some days—I've noted well their way—
Things lightly glide along—
Each little task we undertake,
And some days all go wrong;
And we are prone to then proclaim
How evil reigns; but still,
If all the ups and downs are told,
There's more of good than ill.

Sometimes the heart aches come o'er quick,
Grief follows closely grief,
A l disappointments, great and small,
Pursue without relief;
And oft the stoutest heart grows weak,
And worn the strongest will;
Yet, when the tears and smiles are summed,
There's more of good than ill.

Sometimes a friend—a dear heart-friend—
In whom we close confide,
Will turn all suddenly untrue;
Then faith is cast aside.
Sometimes the firmest friend is found
Where least we thought; so still
In friendship, and the heart of man,
There's more of good than ill.

—JOSIE FRAZEE CAPPLEMAN.

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