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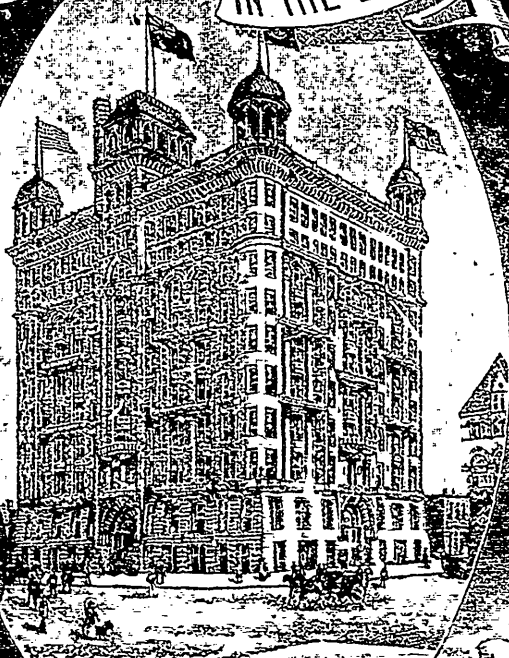
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THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

I.O.F. THE BEST

FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY  
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17<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1874  
INCORPORATED IN ONTARIO  
SEPTEMBER, 1878.  
DOMINION INCORPORATION  
MAY, 1889.  
LICENSE BY INSURANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF CANADA  
MAY, 1896.



NUMBER OF MEMBERS 1st JUNE, 1899

**148,485**

SURPLUS FUND 1st JUNE, 1899

**\$3,355,454.87**

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## 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.

Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	34	78	1 52	2 28	3 04	3 80
19	36	78	1 60	2 34	3 12	3 89
20	40	82	1 60	2 40	3 20	4 00
21	41	82	1 64	2 46	3 28	4 10
22	42	84	1 68	2 52	3 36	4 20
23	43	86	1 72	2 58	3 44	4 30
24	45	90	1 80	2 70	3 60	4 50
25	47	94	1 88	2 82	3 76	4 70
26	49	98	1 96	2 94	3 92	4 90
27	51	1 02	2 04	3 06	4 08	5 10
28	53	1 08	2 12	3 18	4 24	5 30
29	55	1 20	2 30	3 36	4 50	5 50
30	57	1 34	2 48	3 62	4 86	5 70
31	59	1 50	2 66	3 84	5 12	5 90
32	61	1 66	2 84	4 08	5 38	6 10
33	63	1 82	3 02	4 32	5 64	6 30
34	66	1 98	3 24	4 56	5 90	6 50
35	68	2 14	3 42	4 80	6 16	6 70
36	72	2 30	3 60	5 04	6 42	6 90
37	75	2 46	3 78	5 28	6 68	7 10
38	78	2 62	3 96	5 52	6 94	7 30
39	81	2 78	4 14	5 76	7 20	7 50
40	84	2 94	4 32	6 00	7 46	7 70
41	88	3 10	4 50	6 24	7 72	7 90
42	92	3 26	4 68	6 48	7 98	8 10
43	96	3 42	4 86	6 72	8 24	8 30
44	1 00	4 00	5 04	6 96	8 50	8 50
45	1 04	4 16	5 22	7 20	8 76	8 70
46	1 08	4 32	5 40	7 44	9 02	8 90
47	1 12	4 48	5 58	7 68	9 28	9 10
48	1 16	4 64	5 76	7 92	9 54	9 30
49	1 20	4 80	5 94	8 16	9 80	9 50
50	1 24	4 96	6 12	8 40	10 06	9 70
51	1 28	5 12	6 30	8 64	10 32	9 90
52	1 32	5 28	6 48	8 88	10 58	10 10
53	1 36	5 44	6 66	9 12	10 84	10 30
54	1 40	5 60	6 84	9 36	11 10	10 50
55	1 44	5 76	7 02	9 60	11 36	10 70

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 \$3.00 a week for the first two weeks, \$5.00 a week for the next ten weeks; and at the discretion of the Executive Council, further sum of \$3.00 a week for the next twelve weeks; (2) A payment of \$50 towards funeral expenses, on a member's death, to his beneficiary.

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:

At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment
18	40	26	44	34	48	41	55
19	41	27	45	35	49	42	56
20	42	28	46	36	50	43	57
21	43	29	47	37	51	44	58
22	44	30	48	38	52	45	59
23	45	31	49	39	53	46	60
24	46	32	50	40	54	47	61
25	47	33	51	41	55	48	62

### Our Investments.

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

### Invested Funds.

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

Deport. Ins. Dept. Canada	\$100,000 00
Do. Brit. and Ireland	85,610 17
United States Government Bonds	148,758 30
New Brunswick Government	20,000 00
Real Estate and First Mortgages on Real Estate	2,720,240 76
Debitants	133,375 73
Deposit Receipts	540 79
National Bank of La Crosse	2,500 00

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

**\$3,271,025.79**

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

S. C. R. Greshyatska, M.D., Editor *THE CANADIAN GOOD LEADER*, Toronto.

T. S. R., The Hon. Judge of Warden's Bench, C.C., Hampton, N. H.

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S. Secretary, John A. McIlvray, Q.C., Toronto.

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

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

S. Oper., Hon. Elliot Stevenson, Detroit, Mich.

With what we have in the current account, our total surplus on hand at 12th report was, June 1st, 1914, the mag. Total sum of

**\$3,265,454.87.**

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

## Editorial.

**The Surplus on the 31st of May, 1899,  
stood at \$3,355,454.87.**

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It is customary when people have passed twenty-  
five years of connubial bliss to send them presents  
of silver. On this, the silver wedding of Forestry  
with Independence, let each Independent Forester  
send us the silver tongue of a new member. These  
tongues of the newly initiated we prize as the Ro-  
man epicure prized the tongues of nightingales.

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Bro. Lawless, A.S.C.R., writes from the Old  
Country that he has been taking camera snap-shots  
of scenes in Old England that will be interesting to  
Foresters and other lovers of the beautiful. On his  
return to Toronto a deputation from THE INDEPEN-  
DENT FORESTER will meet him at the train with  
reference to these pictures.

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The influx of United Friends makes New York's  
position as leader in the race temporarily unassail-  
able. But Illinois and Quebec are making an in-  
teresting contest with 146 and 131 respectively.  
We think that the three divisions of Ontario should  
be lifting a little harder than they are doing; we  
haven't yet secured all the good lives north of the  
Great Lakes.

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The inhabitants of Barrie are making prepara-  
tions to do honor to Temple Encampment on the  
occasion of its visit, on Dominion Day, to the beau-  
tiful little city on Kempenfeldt Bay. It is expect-  
ed that the Illustrious Supreme Commander will  
be present. The Encampment will on this occa-  
sion be a military camp with tents; and Col. Stone  
says the most rigid discipline will be maintained.  
The correspondent of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER  
will be the only man allowed to have a pass.

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We would not be understood as objecting to the  
receipt of resolutions of condolence. These are  
perfectly proper evidences of the regard which bro-  
ther bears to brother in the I.O.F. But there are  
some jurisdictions that seldom forward anything  
outside of such resolutions. Respect for the dead

is proof of an enlightened community. But are there no living Foresters? "Are there no poor in all this land" whom Foresters have helped? Are there no brothers for whom Foresters have made life pleasanter and brighter? We want tidings of the living live Foresters.

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The S.C.R. is at present in British Columbia instituting a High Court. The boys of Sherwood Forest and Temple Encampment have been hoping that regular attendance every meeting at these assemblies, and occasional jaunts on the street cars to suburbs like Vancouver or St. John, N.B., may keep him busy in his native country for a few months. But they are willing to lend him to Newfoundland if it wants a High Court.

### Much Ado About Nothing.

The readers of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER may have noticed now and again during the past few months in its editorial columns certain comments respecting the vagaries of Bro. Boynton in *The Michigan Maccabee* relative to the use of the ordinary insurance terms in connection with the work of the Fraternal Benefit Societies.

We have learned from various sources that Bro. Boynton has issued a three-column circular letter in which he lays down the Median and Persian laws which should govern the members of the Fraternal Congress on such matters. As Bro. Boynton has not seen fit to honor us with a copy of his circular letter or "Bull," we are not fully seized of its contents. But we have been assured that Bro. Boynton does two things which somewhat interest us. We understand that he has practically excommunicated the Supreme Court I.O.F. out of the National Fraternal Congress; and secondly, that he calls upon the Supreme Chief Ranger to resign the office of Vice-President of the Congress, and all because the editor of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER published in the April issue of the journal an article headed, "We do Insurance." We understand Bro. Boynton declares that if this article had been before the members of the Fraternal Congress at the time of the election of a Vice-President, at Baltimore, the S.C.R. "would have been buried out of sight." This declaration may be true, but we do not believe a word of it. For the S.C.R. wrote a paper which was published in the minutes of the proceedings of the tenth annual session of the Congress, and which, therefore, had been in the hands of its members for two years prior to his election as Vice-President, in which he indicated very clearly his estimate of the value of Bro. Boynton's *hair-splitting* regarding the use of the convertible terms, "fraternal insurance" and "fraternal protection." For the opening sentences of that paper are as follows:

"I think the time has come when, as the representatives of the fraternal beneficiary society system of insurance, we should be able to present pretty clearly the merits thereof, and set forth the reasons for the faith that is within us."

"My confidence in the fraternal society system of insurance is strong enough to lead me to the belief that the time is coming when the assurance (*sic*) for the masses will be given by the fraternal beneficiary societies, and the old line companies restricted in their operations to providing assurance for the wealthy classes only."

These extracts certainly prove the Major's implied charge that the S.C.R. and the representatives of the I.O.F. were sailing under false colors, at Baltimore, in respect of the terms "protection" or "insurance," to be absolutely without any foundation in fact.

So far as the S. C. R. is concerned, he has always been and still is of the opinion that the Independent Order of Foresters while furnishing its members with *all the benefits* that might be said to belong in a special sense to the fraternal benefit societies' system has, ever since 1881, been giving to its membership insurance which, has been, is now and shall continue to be, as safe, as sure, as permanent and as good, in every way, as the insurance of any other fraternal benefit society or any old line insurance company.

To our mind nothing can be more irredeemably absurd than to claim that because the editor of the official organ of a fraternal benefit society chooses to call its insurance benefit "*an insurance*" instead of "*a protection*" that thereby such a society ceases to be a fraternal institution, and becomes *ipso facto* an old line insurance company.

As we understand it the cardinal difference between the two is that an old line insurance company furnishes insurance benefits to its policyholders for the purpose of making some profit for its stock or share holders out of the business, while a fraternal benefit society seeks to profit its membership, and them only, by furnishing to them insurance at the lowest possible cost; and one of the most potent factors for cheapening insurance benefits is the "lodge system," rightfully required by the Constitution and Laws of the National Fraternal Congress as one of the essentials for membership therein, and which the Independent Order of Foresters possesses in an eminently perfect form.

It is not necessary for us to say more. We feel, as to any other points that Bro. Boynton may have presented in his circular letter, that the editor of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER is quite able to do them ample justice.

ORONHYATEKHA,

Toronto, Ont., 1st June, 1899.

S. C. R.

## "Insurance Certificate" or "Protection Certificate," Which?

Major Boynton is apparently not quite satisfied with the way in which the *Maccabee Journal* has dealt with THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER regarding the proper use of the word "insurance," so to settle the whole matter once and for all, the Major himself writes a letter. We now understand the mental status of the man who exclaimed: "Oh that mine enemy would write"—a circular letter. Read this, to wit:

"I can assure the *Forester*, however, that I have no objection to the I.O.F. going over body, soul and breeches to the old line life insurance camp, or to sport in the life assessment insurance field. But I do protest against its playing on the porch, in the back yard, and even sliding down the cellar door of the fraternal beneficiary system. If it is furnishing insurance pure and simple, issuing insurance contracts and doing a life insurance business, then it should retire from the National Fraternal Congress and cease to operate under the laws of the various States governing and regulating fraternal beneficiary societies."

As we understand it the organic law of the National Fraternal Congress does not prohibit the societies in affiliation with the Congress from giving "insurance," *alias* "death benefits," *alias* "mortuary benefits," *alias* "protection," to their members.

The Constitution and Laws of the National Fraternal Congress declare (*Report of Proceedings 1898 at p. 332*):—

"*Tenth*.—The distinctive features of a Fraternal Benefit Society are hereby declared to be:

- 1st. The Lodge System.
- 2nd. Representative government.
- 3rd. Ritualistic work.
- 4th. Fraternal assistance to living members in sickness or destitution.
- 5th. The payments of benefits to living members for total and physical disability.
- 6th. The payments of benefits at the death of the members, to the families, heirs, blood relatives or dependents of such deceased member.

And it is hereby declared as the sense of this Fraternal Congress, that no society whose distinctive features do not conform hereto is eligible to membership in the Congress or entitled to be classified as Fraternal Beneficiary Societies. We repudiate the speculative societies, whose chief aim is to pay sums of money to members during life, without regard to distress or physical disability; and declare that the aims of such societies are entirely opposed to the principles upon which the Fraternal Benefit Societies are founded, and by virtue of which they exist."

The I.O.F. says unto Major Boynton: "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?"

Major Boynton says unto the I.O.F.: "If thou

wilt be perfect use the word 'protection' instead of 'insurance,' and come and follow me."

At least this is the gist of the circular letter signed by N. S. Boynton, and comprising three very long columns of printed matter, of which some is very excellent matter indeed, being extracts from the Constitution and Laws of the National Fraternal Congress and THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER (*considerably garbled*).

### OUR UNPARDONABLE OFFENCE.

With Major Boynton it counts nothing that we number our fraternal Courts by the thousands; that we have nearly 150,000 lodge-going members; that we pay honest money on the sickness, death and disability of these members; that our brethren, often through the long watches of the night, sit by the sick-bed of a fellow Forester; that our Lady Companions are everywhere organizing their works of charity and relief—all this is of no avail, unless we say "protection" always and eschew "insurance." The Independent Forester who edits this paper did not consider it necessary to consult the Supreme Chief Ranger or the other Executive Officers of the I.O.F., nor even so eminent a Forester as Bro. Major Boynton, before using a term so convenient, long established, so well and so generally understood as the word 'insurance.' For this offence the I.O.F. is to be cast out of the Fraternal Congress into outer darkness and branded with the scarlet letter of an old liner without even the benefit of clergy.

### THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE LANGUAGE.

Now, it is an unavoidable feature in any science that a certain atmosphere of words and phrases should attach itself to the facts of the science. The words and phrases grow with the science itself, and men cannot talk connectedly and sanely about the subjects with which the science deals without using the recognized and established phrases that so many others have used. Thus in the science of medicine, the term "typhoid fever" is in some respects a very faulty term, but it is necessary to continue to use it, as the profession and the public are accustomed to it. So in insurance. Insurance is a science no matter what we call it; and though we may substitute the word "protection," we do not thereby clear away the atmosphere of insurance phraseology. Let us illustrate:

### THE BOYNTONIAN FAD.

Major N. S. Boynton, not content with being one of the early fathers of the Maccabees, desires also to father a new science—the science of "protection." His labors were definitely announced to the world at the session of the National Fraternal Congress, held at Baltimore in the eleventh month of last year; and already we are threatened with outlawry from the Congress if we do not give in our

adherence to this modern Solon. In the very remarkable paper which he read to the Congress at Baltimore—a production which seems like some bright rainbow arching the mountains of song, for it begins and ends with snatches of dear old Methodist hymns—Bro. Major Boynton tells us :

“All systems of life protection, if honestly managed, are in the interest of the public, but each should have its own distinguishing flag, and the line of demarkation should be so plain that the common people would be able to tell the one from the other. If the fraternal beneficiary system is honestly, economically and energetically managed, and who can say it has not been in so far as the Orders represented in this Congress are concerned, it is unassailable.” (p. 262 of the Report of Proceedings.)

From the above quotation simple-minded men like ourselves might infer 1st, that the general science is “Life Protection”; 2nd, that the systems thereof are (a) The Fraternal beneficiary system of Life Protection. (b) Other systems of life protection (including old line life protection.)

But while it is evidently permissible to include old line insurance among the systems of life protection, Bro. Major Boynton tells us :

“We might as consistently talk about our President as a king, of our flag as a Russian ensign, of our citizens as subjects, as to call protection, ‘insurance.’” (p. 263.)

All of which goes to prove that the good Major does not understand the significance of some words in his own mother tongue. For by no possible authority could any one call the American flag “a Russian ensign.” When, however, anyone speaks of “Old Glory,” every citizen of the United States at least, understands the expression to mean the American flag. In other words, these expressions are convertible terms, just as insurance, or more properly, “assurance” and “protection” are convertible terms; while the words American flag and Russian ensign are not yet in any sense convertible terms. When American imperialism expands a little more, it is just possible that “Old Glory” may become an ensign for the Russians as well. One cannot talk of the President of the United States as a king, simply because he is not a king; nor can an American citizen be called a subject because he is not a subject, but one can call “protection” “insurance” because insurance is protection, and “protection” in the sense in which Major Boynton uses the word is insurance. That Bro. Boynton’s able and learned address had due effect on some of the members of the Fraternal Congress, is shown by the observation of an irreverent brother who heard Major Boynton, who, on his return home, reported: “The thing was made clear. We must no longer call a beet ‘a beet,’ we must call it a ‘carrot.’”

Note, however, that even in the very paper in which the Major gave to the world his new science

of “Protection,” he, himself, could not continuously discuss “insurance” or “protection” without availing himself of the words and phrases that have grown with the science of insurance. He speaks of “death losses” (p. 253); “average rate of mortality and hence cost,” (p. 255). “Acknowledged or recognized mortality tables,” (p. 253). “Loading the rates,” (p. 265), and uses the expression, “I fail to see the necessity of a reserve fund founded on average expectation of life and the mortality tables,” (p. 255)—all words and phrases that infant mankind learns to babble in the very nursery of the good old science of life insurance

#### HOW THE CONGRESS REGARDS THE FAD.

It is interesting to observe in the proceedings of the National Fraternal Congress how little effect the thunder of the Major has had on the phraseology of the representatives in attendance.

We find one of the principal committees, composed of those well-known standard-bearers of Fraternity, Bros. John Haskell Butler, John J. Acker and M. W. Sackett using the phrases “fraternal insurance” (p. 40) and “other systems of life insurance” (p. 41) with as much audacious freedom as the INDEPENDENT FORESTER itself.

We find the President of the Congress himself (Bro. Jas. E. Shepard) in his able and carefully considered report using phrases like these—

“All at an expense of management so small as to be insignificant when compared with the expense of management of any other kind of insurance on human lives, etc.,” (p. 55).

“Is it any wonder considering our volume of business revivalling any other insurance business, etc.” (p. 55).

We find the Committee of Jurisprudence availing itself of such well known and convenient expressions in the law of insurance as “Warranty” (p. 123) “false statement vitiated the policy” (p. 124), “materiality” (p. 125) “the contract with the society” (p. 126), “contract” (pp. 132, 134).

We find the Medical Section of the Congress repeatedly availing themselves of insurance phrases. Indeed Dr. Craig in his paper says “Fraternal orders, such as they were, furnished the first insurance,” etc., (p. 181). In fact on nearly every page of the proceedings of the Medical Section, we find, as we should expect to find in the proceedings of scientific men, the free use of the recognized terms of the science of insurance with which they dealt.

#### THE OTHER MACCABEES AT THE CONGRESS.

It is with profound regret that we observe the lack of discipline that was manifested by the other Maccabees who attended this same fraternal Congress where our would-be Joseph Smith propounded his revelations on “protection.”

We find Dr. Moss availing himself of the standard insurance word “risk” (pp. 147, 162),—a lapse

from virtue that even the "Michigan Maccabee" permits himself (April 20th, 1899, at p. 9).

We find that distinguished Maccabee, Hon. W. S. Linton, speaking of "*policies issued by the government or fraternities*" (p. 237); "*the cheapness of governmental or co-operative society insurance*" (p. 238); "*the vital principle of life insurance or protection is co-operation*" (p. 238).

We find Miss Bina M. West, the gifted and admirable Supreme Record-keeper of the Ladies of the Maccabees, slipping into the phrase "*They know now what constitutes a test for insurance*" (p. 280).

And we even find Major Boynton's superior officer, Bro. D. P. Markey, instead of keeping sacred the word "protection" as peculiar to fraternities, profaning it by speaking of the "*charges made by Life Insurance Companies for protection*" (p. 115).

#### THE BEAM IN THINE OWN EYE.

We have open before us on our editorial desk, "The Ontario Edition of Revised Laws of the Knights of the Maccabees." To this sacred document we turn (not from any desire to injure a sister society, for we are a Maccabee just as Bro. Boynton is a Forester), but merely that our eyes may be refreshed with the perusal of a "protection" document wherein no "insurance" language is used. This Ontario edition is the paper by which the rights of all the members of the K. O. T. M. in Ontario are determined. It should be a model not only of just and upright fraternal law, but also of correct fraternal speech, so that the editor of the INDEPENDENT FORESTER, who is a Maccabee, might draw his waters from a well-spring undefiled.

Alas! Did we not find in Major Boynton's circular a fine-drawn distinction about a "mutual agreement (not a contract)," and yet in sec. 107 (p. 41) we find the repellent phrase, "*enforce and protect the contracts,*" and on pages vi, vii., the odious expression "*any certificate, contract or agreement,*" thrice repeated.

Do we not find used "*hazard us*" and "*extra hazardous*" (sec. 171 a.), "*beneficiary*" (secs. 174, 175), "*designation*" (sec. 175), "*lapse*" (sec. 176), "*Material to the Contract*" (sec. 173)? And these words are all hoary-headed sinners that have passed more than the allotted three-score years and ten in the service of insurance corporations.

#### CONSISTENCY THOU ART A JEWEL.

Major Boynton is good enough to assure us in his circular that he cannot find anywhere in the Constitution and Laws of the National Fraternal Congress or of the I. O. F. the word "insurance." neither can he find anywhere in these model Constitutions and Laws any provision by which the members are enjoined and required to use the word "protection" instead of "insurance." In-

deed we doubt if the Major can find the word "protection" in either of the Constitutions and Laws to which he refers. But the Major need not despair. If he will study the "Ontario Edition of Revised Laws of the Knights of the Maccabees," he will find the following provision:

S. 188. *Any member holding a benefit or insurance certificate who shall become totally and permanently disabled from old age, or any cause, not the result of his own illegal act to perform or direct any kind of labor or business, and who has paid all legal dues and assessments since the date of his initiation to the date of such disability, shall be entitled to receive from the insurance fund, elsewhere described in the constitution as the "Endowment Fund," annually one-tenth part of the sum for which his benefit or insurance certificate is issued. Provided, however, that the aggregate of such instalments received by him shall in no case exceed the sum specified in such certificate; and provided further, that any holder of a benefit or insurance certificate, claiming the benefit of this section on the ground of disability shall submit to the Supreme Medical Examiner such claim, accompanied by the affidavit of at least two reputable physicians, shewing such disability to be total and permanent as aforesaid, and such claim shall be filed with the Supreme Record Keeper.*

Doubtless when Major Boynton reads this he will substitute "K. O. T. M." for "I. O. F." in the last smug paragraph of his circular and make it read:

"As a member of the K. O. T. M. I sincerely regret to learn from the Revised Laws that I am now a policy holder in that association instead of a certificate holder, and that I hold a **contract of insurance** instead of a **benefit certificate**. As one of the many thousand members of that organization I protest against the Order being turned into an old line insurance corporation."

It is no part of our duties as editor of the organ of the I. O. F. to criticize the constitution of the K. O. T. M. or to advise upon its management. Moreover, as a Maccabee and a lover of Fraternity we wish nothing but good to an Order in which so many thousands of hard-working citizens have paid their earnings. Some day the Maccabees outside of Ontario may (if Major Boynton talks enough), awaken to the fact that their "contracts" so adamant in their provisions towards the member, so exacting in requiring of him the utmost good faith, good behavior, and promptness in paying good money, and so unflinching in visiting upon him suspension if he fail on his part, are nevertheless open and loose at the other end,—that these contracts, or as Bro. Boynton ironically terms them, "mutual agreements," bind the member, but have no legal hold on the CORPORATION. For it is a corporation, Major Boynton to the contrary notwithstanding, known as "The Supreme Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees of the World."



## OUR SENTIMENTS.

We do not, however, wish to be understood as complaining. Our rights as Accabees are protected in Ontario. For before the K.O.T.M. could do business in this Province Major Boynton had to eat up that little clause in his Revised Laws which says "no suit at law or in equity shall be commenced or maintained by any member or beneficiary against the Supreme Tent"—a provision which, in our humble opinion, is unworthy of a follower of the Maccabean Judas. We have more faith in the K.O.T.M. than to think that it needs all this elaborate provision for *lying down*.

But, speaking for this Order, the I.O.F. means to stand up under its obligations to the last dollar and cent of liability, and we have no fear that what is deemed justice by the tribunals of the Order will be deemed injustice by the judicial tribunals of free and self-governing peoples. Nor shall we be dragged by the would-be Captain-general from Port Huron, who thinks to starve us by digging a "Trocha" of silly and meaningless twaddle between the I.O.F. and the Fraternal Congress.

In conclusion, let us commend to Major Boynton the words of the grammarian to the arrogant Caesar, saying: "Thou Caesar, canst grant the Roman Citizenship to men, *but not to words*." It is not given to even a man from Michigan to remodel and remodel the speech of the Anglo-Saxon race. Let Major Boynton cease his puny efforts to popularize a fraternal "Volupuk" and stick to his legitimate work of organizing—a work which he does splendidly and with a success that we are never sorry to witness.

In the meantime the I.O.F. will continue in its sphere of useful activity among men and women—the living, the sick, the dying, the widows and children of our deceased members, and in burying our honored dead. Independent as the day, in 1874, when our Order marched with flying colors into the great field of Fraternal insurance and benevolence to do battle for the widows and orphans and for brethren in distress, we refuse to be misled by a ding-dong of nonsense or be bullied by any threats out of our right to free speech and the proper and intelligent use of our mother tongue.

## OUR ORDER.

The Fraternal Monitor says of us:—

—"The *Forester*, official publication of the Independent Order of Foresters, is one the most pretentious fraternal publications in the field. And well it may be. A journal with a circulation of practically 160,000, representing an order with nearly as many members, and with surplus assets in excess of three million dollars, may well take pride in the cause of which it is an exponent. It is issued in magazine form and has thirty-two pages each month."

Taking this as a gracious permission to exult, and in view of our Order having safely passed through the turmoil of a quarter of a century, we propose for a brief space to lay aside our humility and speak of what the I.O.F. was and glory in what it is.

## OUR INDEPENDENCE.

The 17th June, 1874, is the date when the "Most Worthy High Court" was erected out of a convention held at Liberty Hall in Newark, N.J., to represent some five hundred Independent Foresters. It is useless to turn over the ashes of the now extinct controversy which led these men to sever their connection with the English institution still known and flourishing as the A.O.F. It is enough to say that in 1874 the trouble was caused by the same insular instinct which both before and since has persuaded men that they can, from the four corners of an office in England, manage all the details of affairs on this continent—a practice that whether tried in Fraternity, or Finance, or in Railroad management, or in the Government of peoples has produced always failure and mortification, and sometimes revolt.

Now Declarations of Independence are a sort of American habit. It is a peculiarity of the breed that when an American finds that what he is working at, or the method by which he is working, or the people with whom he is working, do not fit his expectations, he "cuts loose," or as the men of last century would say, makes a Declaration of Independence. What is true of the individual is also true of large bodies of Americans. Thus it was Grant and Sherman who first taught the world that a great army could cut loose from its original base and carve out another base when convenience required. Accordingly the fraternal historian will read with admiration perhaps but without surprise how the Foresters of four States, with Col. Caldwell as Worthy High Chief Ranger, deliberately cut communications with the parent Order, and became Independent Foresters in name as in spirit.

## THE FOUNDER.

It is usual, a quarter of a century after the birth of any successful movement, to think of the first-founders in a dim reminiscent sort of way as men who have long since passed from the arena and whose names properly belong to tradition rather than the present. We cannot do this with Col. Caldwell, the Nestor of Independent Forestry. He is still very much alive and at last accounts was passing his evenings, not in dozing at the fireside, but in instituting Courts; opening the ball at the social events of the Order; and (as one brother terms it) "shooting Foresters at sight." He has lived to see the movement he started attain success, and has the satisfaction of knowing that, whenever the



wheel moved, his own shoulder was helping it up the hill.

#### THE INEXTINGUISHABLE SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY.

When one reasons how easily a mere financial institution is wrecked by even a slight failure of public confidence, and then turns to the history of a fraternity like the I.O.F. and studies its early blunders and vicissitudes, he cannot but marvel at the inextinguishable spirit of Fraternity. When we look back over the stormy and turbulent proceedings of the seven years from the foundation of the Order until 1881, when it was reconstructed, we are reminded of nothing so much as of the complicated history of the Twelve Tribes, or of the equally difficult relations of the Saxon Kingdoms in England. The history of that seven years is worth studying if you would know what to avoid in fraternal management. That the crude and clumsy financing, the defalcations of a Supreme Treasurer, the repeated exercise of the dangerous right of secession, and the violence of attacks from within and without did not reduce the I.O.F. to dust and ashes, is as great a monument to the power of fraternity as is the subsequent success of the Order when moving on correct lines and under good discipline.

#### OUR GROWTH.

We are accustomed every little while to satisfy our readers with figures showing our growth and prosperity since 1st July, 1881, when the Order had 369 members, no surplus and a new Supreme Chief Ranger. The 369 have swelled to fifteen myriads, the surplus is sufficient to insure the stability of our rates, and the Supreme Chief Ranger is unchanged, wear and tear excepted. We have received considerable criticism from within and without. From within, the Order is always tolerant of well-meant criticism, for that is part of our Independence; and next to our Fraternity we most prize our Independence. From without, the criticism most persistently proceeded from one old-line manager who, with all manner of wise mathematics, calculated our speedy downfall and lamented our inevitable destruction. This old-line manager now has his own office building in Toronto, and in these days Oronhyatekha can look from his room in the tall Forestric Temple across and above the old-liner's roof and out over the broad waters of the great lake beyond.

#### A Great Order and its Leader.

(*California Insurance Review and Business Record.*)

"Great institutions such as the Independent Order of Foresters have not attained their greatness except through magnificent administration and splendid enthusiasm on the part of the members. Ever among the foremost in efforts towards safe

and permanent conditions, the Order has now achieved a position among fraternities which is in many particulars unique. This is, of course, due to the farseeing wisdom of Dr. Oronhyatekha, its Supreme Chief Ranger, and his able assistants.

In these days of successes and prosperity, there are doubtless many leaders among the fraternities who wish that they had worked for the adoption of plans which would insure similar results, when the time was still such that it could be easily done. We are pleased to be able to think, however, that the wise stand of the Foresters on some points, has not only been the means of building it up, but that it has also been the means of creating a shining example which many have followed. Thus the good which it has done has not been confined to its own organization.

Now that the latest plans of the Order are in full operation and everything has settled down for a long campaign of steady growth the Supreme Chief Ranger has been able to take a brief vacation abroad. Not many times since 1881 when he assumed his office—at a time when the Order had but a few hundred members—has Oronhyatekha found it possible to remove his hand from the helm. The Doctor has been a tireless worker from the time of his graduation from the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., at the head of his class, and recreation has had but little part in his busy life. Few lives have in fact been more eventful and those who do not know something of it, will be interested to learn that he is a full-blooded Mohawk Indian—a fact of which he is justly proud

and was born on their reservation in Ontario. After leaving the Academy of which we have spoken, he taught among his own people for a time and then—not being satisfied with his attainments—he proceeded to Kenyon College, in Ohio, and to Toronto University, for six years in all. When the Prince of Wales visited America in 1860 the young Indian was already so prominent for his brilliant attainments, that he was selected by the Chiefs of the Six Nations to deliver an address on their behalf to the Prince. The latter was deeply impressed with the brilliancy of the young man—who was then in his twentieth year—and paid him the honor of extending an invitation to return with him to England, and continue his education under the Royal auspices. Of course Oronhyatekha could not fail to accept such a remarkable invitation, and he therefore returned with the Prince and studied medicine at Oxford under the guidance of Sir Henry Acland, the great English physician, who is also the Prince of Wales' physician.

On his return to America the young graduate took up the practice of his chosen profession in Ontario, but his connection with the Foresters was ere long followed by his whole attention being

given to the work of that Order, and a large and lucrative practice was of necessity abandoned. In closing these few remarks on the private life of one of the leading figures of the fraternal world, it is fitting to say that the Doctor is no less remarkable in appearance and mental attainments than his history would indicate. He has a most beautiful home, and is well known as a prominent member of many fraternities.

The Order is making in many respects its most remarkable record during the current year. The good work that it is doing goes steadily on, and the total benefits paid since organization now amount to the magnificent sum of over six and three-quarter millions, while this is being increased at the rate of about \$125,000 per month. In the far west the work is being pushed most energetically from the headquarters in the Phelan Building, San Francisco—which is under the same able management that will be found at all the offices of the Order.

## The Statue of the Chief is Finished.

### A Final Statement from the Committee.

*Editor* INDEPENDENT FORESTER :

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Through the medium of your widely circulated journal permit me to acquaint our 150,000 Independent Foresters, that the life-size bronze statue of our Chief, Dr. Oronztekhla, is now complete, and will be unveiled, in the Temple Building, Toronto, with appropriate ceremonies, on Friday, June 16th, the 25th anniversary of the founding of the I.O.F.

The sculptor, Bro. Walter Allward, and the foundry firm Bureau Bros., Philadelphia, have done their work well. And the Order is in possession in "imperishable bronze" of a very striking and realistic representation of the distinguished head of INDEPENDENT FORESTRY.

To those Courts who have been deferring their contributions till the work was completed, I am happy to intimate that it is now accomplished, and I will be pleased to receive at their earliest convenience their free-will offering to the tribute of the membership to their great leader.

From the very inception of the movement to place a statue of the Supreme Chief Ranger in the Temple, it was distinctly understood that the trifling per capita expected from the membership should be voluntary. The testimonial will be all the more prized because it has been spontaneous. This additional mark of the esteem and admiration of the brethren for one who has made the building up of the Order his life-work, while gratifying to him, is also, as it shows the appreciative spirit, honoring to ourselves.

The picture of the Chief promised Courts can be had on application to the Supreme Secretary

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

A. MACGILLIVRAY, Sec. of Com.,

281 Lansdowne Ave.

TORONTO, June 1st, 1899.

## Before the Gavel Falls.

### A First Class Gavel.

"Now, Mary," said a mistress to newly imported maid, "in the kitchen there is a pet tortoise, and I hope you will be kind to it. Do you know a tortoise when you see one?"

"No mum; shure and what loike is it?"

After having explained it to her, the girl went and brought it forth.

"Is that it, mum?"

"Yes."

"Shure, and that is what Oi was using to break the coal wid."

### Puzzle: Find the Cat.

A well known colonel had a cat of which he took great care, and ordered that a pound of mincemeat should be given it every morning; but even with this it seemed to thrive very badly.

One morning the colonel noticed that it had wasted away to a mere skeleton. So he called his boy to him, and asked if he had given the cat a pound of meat that day, as he had been ordered.

The boy replied that he had; but the colonel would not believe him, and said that he had either pocketed the money or eaten the meat himself.

He ordered the scales and the cat to be brought, and it was found that the cat just weighed a pound.

"There," said the boy, "I told you I gave him a pound this morning."

"Then," said the colonel, "if this is the pound of meat, where is the cat?"

### Not Up to Date.

A young Whitechapel Hooligan enlisted in a cavalry regiment a few weeks ago. At his first church parade the chaplain made use of the words:

"Slay them as Joshua smote the Egyptians."

"Garn!" whispered Whitechapel "Arry to his right-hand neighbor, "e don't know nuffink wot e's talking about. It was Kitchener 'oo swiped the Heggiesians."

A PEACEFUL SECTION.—Missouri Traveller—This is a famous section for feuds, I understand.

Native—No more peaceful parts anywhere than right here. No feuds here; everything's as pleasant as pie.

"But how about the Billington-Wellington feud?"

"Over long ago. I'm Billington."

"Indeed! I haven't met any of the Wellingtons."

"No, nor you won't. The feud is over."

Actor (playing the part of Hamlet in solemn tones)—Where can I find rest and peace?

Voice from the Gallery—Nowhere, until you have paid me for those new boots.

"I wish we had a horseless carriage," said the farmer's son.

"We have," replied the farmer; "and now that you speak of it you might as well get it and bring a load of potatoes up to the house."

Out in the West a dusky knight of the lather and brush was performing the operation of shaving a customer with a very dull razor.

"Stop," said the customer, "that won't do."

"What's de matter, boss?"

"The razor pulls."

"Well, no matter for dat, sah. If de handle ob de razor don't break, the beard's bound to come off."

"What small watches people go in for now!"

"Yes, nobody wants time to hang heavily on their hands."

City Man—It seems to me that ploughman's strong language is quite unnecessary.

Farmer Squanch—Sartin it is! That there mule he's drivin' is as deaf as a post.

## The High Courts.

### HIGH COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VANCOUVER, B.C., June 1st, 1899.

The Convention called to organize a High Court for British Columbia, met in the Sullivan Hall, Vancouver, at 3 p.m. On entering the Court room Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger, was loudly applauded by the delegates. Proceeding at once to business the S.C.R. appointed a Credential Committee, consisting of Bros. G. T. Travis, B. R. Atkins, F. W. Swannell, W. R. Owens and M. J. Crehan, who had been previously appointed acting Supreme Journal Secretary. After considering all the credentials presented, the committee reported that the following delegates were entitled to seats in the Convention: M. J. Crehan, W. R. Owens, W. D. Brydone-Jack, Court Vancouver, 1323, Vancouver, B.C.; R. B. Atkins, O. D. Hoare, Court Mount Bigbie, 3461, Revelstoke, B.C.; S. W. Swannell, Court Kootenay, 3138, Nelson, B.C.; L. B. Le Feuvre, Court Benson, Nanaimo, B.C.; T. J. Smith, G. H. Tom, G. F. Johnstone, T. F. Langois, G. T. Howe, R. S. Pyke, G. T. Trevis, A. M. Tyson, G. Kyle, N. Allen, W. Michin, Court Burrard, 347, Vancouver, B.C.; J. Ladner, Court Gold Hills, 3464, Kamloops, B.C.; J. B. Hunter, M. F. Tupper, Court Mission City, 833, Mission, B.C.; Wm. Townsend, H. B. Barton, Court Lulu, 3700, Eboune, B.C.; L. Hall, Court Fernwood, 1292, Vancouver, B.C.; W. W. Willard, Court Domino, 3548, Cumberland, B.C.; C. R. King, A. E. McEhren, Court Cariboo, 743, Vancouver, B.C.; F. C. Wolfendon, Court Armstrong, 3429, Armstrong, B.C.

The Supreme Chief then appointed Bro. Kyle, Acting Supreme Secretary, Bro. Swannell, Supreme Marshal, and Bro. Owens as Supreme Conductor, after which he conferred the High Court degree upon the delegates and a large number of visitors who were in attendance. A recess was then declared to enable the Chief to make a selection of the first staff of officers. When this task was finished the High Court was again called to order and the following staff of officers were duly appointed and immediately installed.

#### HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

H.C.R., G.D. Travis, Vancouver, B.C.; P.H.C.R., S. W. Swannell, Nelson, B.C.; H.V.C.R., B. R. Atkins, Revelstoke, B.C.; H.S., M. J. Crehan, Vancouver, B.C.; H.T., C. R. King, Victoria,

B.C.; H. Phy., W. D. Brydone Jack, Vancouver, B.C.; H.C., F. C. Wolfendon, Armstrong, B. C.; H. Aud., G. Allan, Vancouver, B.C.

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

H. Orator, H. B. Barton, Eboune, B.C.; H.J.S., G. H. Tom, Vancouver, B.C.; H. Organist, J. B. Abernethy, Mount Pleasant, B.C.; H.S.W., M. F. Tupper, Mission City, B.C.; H. J. W., Dr. Lewis Hall, Victoria, B.C.; H. Marshal, J. Ladner, Kamloops, B.C.; H. Mess., O. D. Hoare, Revelstoke, B.C.; H. Cond., W. W. Willard, Cumberland, B.C.; H. S.B. W. R. Owens, Vancouver, B.C.; H.G.B., F. B. LeFeuvre, Nanaimo, B.C.

At the conclusion of this ceremony High Chief Ranger took the chair and opened the business of the Court.

The first item being the nomination for place to hold the next High Court meeting, Revelstoke was nominated by Bro. Swannell, and was unanimously chosen as the place for the next High Court Session.

On the recommendation of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Bro. Atkins moved, seconded by Bro. Johnstone, that the time of the next High Court meeting be left in the hands of the High Standing Committee. Carried.

The motion by Bros. Owens and Johnstone, that the High Court adjourn until 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, was lost.

The next item being the High Court dues, the motion of Bros. Kyle and Howe, that the High Court dues be \$1.00 per year per member, was unanimously carried. At this stage of the proceedings, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote: Resolved, "that a vote of confidence and congratulation be tendered our honored Supreme Chief Ranger, on this the occasion of the celebration of the first quarter of a century of the Order, and upon the flourishing and stable condition of the brotherhood, under the able executive management of our Chief and his respected colleagues."

In thanking the High Court for their appreciation of the good work done for the Order, the Supreme Chief gave some very instructive illustrations of the progress and financial stability of the I.O.F. He also promised the High Court that if the High Standing Committee would do their duty as Foresters in promulgating and organizing the Order in B.C., the Supreme Court would meet them half-way.

Nothing more being before the High Court, it was closed with the usual ceremonies, to meet at Revelstoke at the call of the High Standing Committee.

M. J. CREHAN,  
High Secretary.

#### THE BANQUET.

In the evening a grand banquet, in honor of the visit of Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., was given in the Hotel Metropole. Covers were laid for about 200 guests, and the handsome dining hall, with its waving palms and well-filled tables, presented an effective and animated scene till long after midnight. The usual loyal toasts were followed by the "Guest of the evening," the Supreme Chief Ranger, which was drunk with musical honors.

In responding, Dr. Oronhyatekha reviewed the grand standing of the Order as it is to-day, having the approval of the Board of Trade of Great Britain and the commendation of the Dominion Par-

liament. The prospects had never been brighter, and the Order never more flourishing. The distinctive benefits of the Order were pointed out—nine distinctive benefits for one payment. These benefits were gone into in detail, the ones chiefly dwelt upon being the aged pension benefit enabling a man of over 70 years of age to draw upon his policy so as to reap some of the benefits while he was alive, and yet be free from any and all financial burdens to the society; the old-age disability benefit, where the member is allowed to draw one-tenth of his policy annually, and yet be free from all dues; also the total disability benefit. It was pointed out that the system had solved the old-age pension question that had so troubled statesmen in the Old Country. The Supreme Chief claimed that it was essentially a workman's Order, with peculiar advantages for the honest toiler. The good of the Order, from a social, educational, financial, medical, and home standpoint was gone into, and its value and usefulness to all classes of men explained. The Doctor also spoke in flattering language of the fair ones, and stated that the lady membership was growing, also letting out the fact that the Headquarters Staff is composed of 15 men and 97 ladies. Before sitting down, the Supreme Chief Ranger proposed the "High Chief and Executive Staff of the High Court."

High Chief Ranger, Bro. Travis, responding, went into details of the work which is ahead of the High Standing Committee, and suggested a commencement at once in missionary work in the City of New Westminster, where organisation is badly needed.

High Vice Chief Ranger, Bro. Atkins, of Revelstoke, was proud of the honor conferred upon him, and the district he represents, in making him the second head of the Order in this Province. He respected the appreciation shown to the City of Vancouver in appointing Bros. Travis and Crehan to the most important positions attainable in the Order in the Province, as the working heads, and referred to the Supreme Chief as "The Grand Old Man" of the Order. He hoped to have the Chief lead the Order for a long time to come.

High Secretary Crehan thanked the delegation of surrounding Courts for the honor conferred on him in selecting him, through the Supreme Chief, for the honorable position of High Secretary, and stated that he would use his utmost endeavors to push the good work of Forestry as far as lay in his power. He hoped, before the Supreme Chief vacated his chair, to see the membership half-a-million, which would reach the desire of his heart.

High Treasurer King, of Victoria, was glad to be present on this occasion, and was proud of the position which he held, and as Treasurer would keep tight hold of the monies in his care, and prevent a wasteful expenditure. Bro. King spoke of an attempt to affiliate this Province with the State of Washington some years ago, when he, as a Forester, protested, as he was confident a High Court in the near future would hold its own in this Province.

Dr. Brydone-Jack and others followed, all dealing with the importance of the Order, and the principles which it represents. With the usual toasts to the press and ladies, the banquet adjourned with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

To-night a concert will be given by the Order, in the City Hall, during which Dr. Oronhyatekha will address those present.

It is understood that the next High Court of British Columbia will assemble at Revelstoke.—From the *News Advertiser*, 2nd June.

### HIGH COURT OF COLORADO.

The High Court of Colorado held its annual session in Boulder, Colo., May 23.

After a protracted discussion, biennial sessions were substituted for annual sessions.

The regular sessions will hereafter be held in July or August instead of May.

Colorado Springs, Colo., was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Representation was conferred upon Companion Courts as fully and completely as is now enjoyed by Courts.

Courts having less than ten members will not hereafter be entitled to representation in the High Court. Courts with from ten to forty members will be entitled to one representative, and one additional representative for each additional forty or majority fraction.

Court Amaranth treated the officers and representatives to a most delightful drive over the beautiful city of Boulder.

After a spirited contest the following officers were elected for the ensuing two years: H.C.R., Gilbert C. Wells; Jr. P.H.C.R., R. K. Harrison; H.V.C.R., J. E. Bemus; H.S., J. H. H. Low; H.T., R. A. Dinley; H.P., W. E. Shotwell; H.C., W. F. Robinson; H. Auditors, E. G. Hawkins, L. C. Phillips. Appointive officers: H. Chap., J. H. Spier; H. Sr. W., L. MacLean; H. Jr. W., F. M. Pearson; H. Cond., A. H. Linburger; H. Sr. B., S. J. Burreis; H. Jr. B., J. E. Rockey; H. Mar., P. T. Tibbs; H. Mess., O. S. Knauss.

The High Secretary is just in receipt of a letter from Bro. M. W. Moseley, who is now located in Phoenix, Arizona, stating that in a few days he will have a Court of 60 members in that city.

### HIGH COURT OF ONTARIO.

#### Official Circular No. 4.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER,  
Bothwell, Ont., June 10th, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Courts:

BRETHREN,—The 22nd annual session of the High Court of Ontario, Independent Order of Foresters, will be held (D. V.) at the Town of Niagara Falls on Tuesday, the 8th day of August, 1899, commencing at ten o'clock a.m.

The representation from Subordinate Courts to High Court is: Each Subordinate Court having fifty members or less is entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each additional fifty members or major fraction of fifty.

The delegate to the High Court must be a member in good standing of the Subordinate Court which he represents.

Credentials of delegates, according to accompanying forms, must be forwarded to Frank E. McCormick, High Secretary, St. Thomas, Ontario, not later than the 10th day of July, 1899, duly certified by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of each Court, and have the seal of the Court attached.

The semi-annual password is enclosed herewith. The High Standing Committee would impress

upon the officers of Courts the necessity of promptly sending in the High Court dues, so that the franchise of their delegate may not be impaired, as the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order in this respect will be strictly observed and enforced.

Court Deputies will please see that the amount required for High Court dues for the term commencing July 1st, 1899, namely 25 cents per member, is remitted to Brother Frank E. McCormick, High Secretary, St. Thomas, Ontario, together with a full report on Form No. 48, on the first weekday of July. This is particularly requested to enable High Court Officers to prepare and print their reports soon after the close of the Forestric year.

Delegates will please sign the register as soon as convenient after their arrival, which register will be found at the Grand Central Hotel, headquarters of the High Standing Committee, from Monday afternoon until the opening of the session on Tuesday morning.

For the convenience of delegates the following list of hotels is given :

- Grand Central Hotel, \$2.00 per day.
- Hotel LaFayette, \$2.00 per day ; near steel arch bridge.
- Roslie Hotel, \$2.00 per day ; near G.T.R. depot.
- Windsor Hotel, \$2.00 per day ; near G.T.R. depot.
- Arlington Hotel, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day.
- American Hotel, \$1.50 per day ; across street from G.T.R. depot.
- Market Hotel, \$1.50 per day ; near Town Hall.
- Park Side Inn, \$1.50 per day ; near the Falls and M.C.R. depot.
- Queen's Park Hotel, \$1.00 per day.
- Niagara House, \$1.00 per day ; across the road from M.C.R. depot.
- Columbia Hotel, \$1.00 per day.
- Imperial Hotel, \$1.00 per day ; across the road from G.T.R. depot.

Should more credential forms be required, apply at once to the High Secretary, Frank E. McCormick, St. Thomas, Ontario.

Railroads will give the usual reduction in passenger rates to members of the High Court and their wives, namely, for fifty and under three hundred, one and a third fare ; over three hundred, single fare. In order to secure the reduction, members on starting must inform the ticket agent that they are travelling to the High Court and pay full fare to Niagara Falls, and get a receipt for the payment of the same. This is called a standard certificate, and permits the brother to return to the starting point at reduced rate. If the delegate travels over two lines of railroad he will require to secure a standard certificate from each. No reduction in fare for the return trip can be secured for any one who fails to obtain the standard certificate, and it is particularly requested that members living near Niagara Falls, instead of buying ordinary return tickets should be careful to obtain these certificates in order to make up the number required to secure single-fare rate.

ATTEST :

FRANK E. McCORMICK,      W. R. HICKEY,  
High Secretary.      High Chief Ranger

## HIGH COURT OF NEW YORK.

We were in first place for the month of April and again lead the procession for May. Notwithstanding that a sense of depression prevailed among the "weak-kneed," while contemplating the effects of the proposed changes enacted at the last session of Supreme Court, a renewal of the old-time confidence has returned, and what appeared as an experiment then is developing into a practical realization of the wisdom of those on whose judgment we have heretofore relied. New York State is manifesting, in the most practical manner, its belief not only in the stability of the fundamental principles upon which this great Order has been founded, but in the recognized ability, sagacity and courage of Oronhyatekha, M. D., our Supreme Chief Ranger, the eminent leader in the field of Fraternal Insurance Organizations, who is recognized the world over as the ablest Life Insurance underwriter of the present age. Let us, therefore, buckle on our armour and with renewed fidelity and energy demonstrate that while we have, and can, that we will make New York State the leader among the 35 High Court jurisdictions. An ambition for success, and the prosperity of the craft in which we have embarked for life, should permeate and stimulate us all to redouble our assiduity and exhibit to the world the confidence we enjoy.

A new Court of Companions has recently been organized at Utica with about fifty members, half of whom are said to be beneficiary members. It is the intention, hereafter, to organize no more Companion Courts unless fifty per cent of the charter applicants become beneficiary members. This conclusion will cause the ladies to more fully appreciate the efforts made in their behalf, in permitting them to join an Order which provides so many opportunities for the better protection of their children and those nearest and dearest to them.

Col. A. B. Caldwell, with an abiding faith in everything conducive to the best interests and welfare of the Order, has recently organized and instituted an Encampment of Royal Foresters in the City of Salt, with a charter membership of over fifty, and proposes to make it one hundred before he finishes. The colonel can now display his soldier experience, as he was at one time Adjutant-General of Militia of the State of New York.

Bro. F. H. Cramer, the popular District Deputy of Franklin county, is making preparations for an extensive excursion to Montreal by the brethren and their families from his jurisdiction. Arrangements are being made with the brethren of Montreal who purpose giving their American brethren a hearty reception. Bro. Cramer and his esteemed wife have had considerable experience in conventional matters and we predict perfect success.

The Silver Anniversary of the I.O.F., occurring June 17, bids fair to eclipse all other demonstrations which have been held on the annual recurrence of the origin of the Order. Aside from the general celebration to be held at the Foresters' Temple, at Toronto, upon which occasion the bronze statue of the Supreme Chief is to be unveiled, many celebrations are contemplated in the State of New York, notably the one at Rochester, in which all the Courts of that city intend participating. Syracuse is also making preparations for a similar event, and many other places too numerous to mention.

At a recent meeting of Court Monroe, the Grand Cross of Merit was presented to Past High Chief Ranger Charles W. Lerch, on behalf of the High Court, by P.H.C.R. William F. Morthorst, Past Chief Ranger of Court Genesee. The jewel referred to was awarded by the High Court, at its last session held at Niagara Falls. Speeches were made by District Deputy J. H. Walburn, Jr., and High Senior Woodward George E. Cripps.

Court Josephine, of Rochester, is noted for its beautiful ladies and its social entertainments. On May 19th they gave a cake walk at Odd Fellows' Temple, and the visiting Companions and friends were hospitably entertained and claimed having enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content.

Court Louisa, of Rochester, also noted for its handsome members, recently gave a May party which proved a grand success. Their next entertainment will be styled a "Pickwick." We do not know what the "Dickens" that means, but are assured it will be very entertaining.

Personal cheques will not hereafter be accepted unless accompanied by ten cents in postage stamps to pay bank charges for the collection of out-of-town cheques.

We are gratified to learn of the convalescence of Bro. Peter Fox, of Court Genesee, whose recent illness caused considerable anxiety among his numerous friends. Bro. Fox has for several years held the position of Financial Secretary of Court Genesee, and is esteemed a reliable and efficient officer.

The brethren of Buffalo are making arrangements for an excursion to Dunkirk, on Sunday, June 25, upon one of the commodious steamers of the Cleveland and Buffalo Line of steamboats. A sail on Lake Erie and return, and several hours' picnicking at a new pleasure resort at Dunkirk will afford the brethren and their families a day's outing, not often enjoyed under such splendid management. Tickets and information can be obtained upon application to Bro. C. L. Pollard, District Deputy, No. 929 Washington St. Prices will be popular. No liquors sold or allowed on the boat or grounds.

The Courts participating in the grand ball at Syracuse are said to have derived a profit of over twenty-five dollars each.

"Shooting Foresters at Sight" is the term used by the popular and active Financial Secretary of Court Fire Brigade, Bro. "Billy" Reiley, through whose efforts this Court is continually increasing its membership. The composition of the Court is mainly from the ranks of the Syracuse Fire Department, the chief of which, Bro. Quigley, is the Court Deputy.

A new Companion Court of Foresters has been instituted at Buffalo by the popular Past District Deputy, Byron Colgrove, which starts off under very favorable auspices.

## HIGH COURT OF WISCONSIN. "

### Official Circular No. 1.

MADISON, Wis., June 1, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate and Companion Courts, of the I.O.F., in Wisconsin, Greeting:

The attention of all officers and members of Subordinate and Companion Courts is called to the fact

that, according to our Constitution, each Court is required to make a semi-annual report to the High Court on the first week day in the month of July, and to remit with same the sum of forty cents for each beneficiary member in good standing on July 1st. This report is made on Form No. 48, new, or No. 25, old, and should be made out as full and complete as possible. Courts not having these forms should send for same at once. No Court is entitled to the semi-annual pass word until their report and dues are received by the High Secretary. Courts organized since January 1st, 1899, will not be required to pay the High Court dues, but should send in their report. At the last High Court meeting held at Hudson, Feb. 1st and 2nd, a resolution was passed extending to Companion Courts the right of representation in the High Court of this State, the representation of said Courts to be computed on the basis of the number of beneficiary members of each Court. This will, therefore, require all Companion Courts, to send to the High Secretary, a semi-annual report and a remittance of forty cents for each beneficiary member in good standing on July 1, 1899. On receipt of their report and remittance each Court will be furnished with the semi-annual pass word.

We are pleased to announce that, regardless of the many changes made by The Supreme Court at its last meeting, many members have been added to our Order in this State since our High Court meeting in February last. Several Companion and Subordinate Courts have been organized and the work is being pushed along as energetically and earnestly as our workers and means will permit.

The High Court officers hope and trust that each and every member will do his part in pushing the merits of the I.O.F. to the front and increasing our membership in this State. Any information desired in regard to the field work or other matters pertaining to our Order will be promptly given by the High Secretary or High Chief Ranger.

Respectfully submitted in L., B. and C.,  
 J. C. PROCTOR, B. F. PARKER,  
 High Secretary. High Chief Ranger.

## GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

### HIGH COURT OF LONDON, ENG.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH SECRETARY,

25 Ely Place

LONDON, 8th May, 1899.

### Official Notice.

To be read in all Courts in the jurisdiction of this High Court.

The seventh annual session of the High Court of London will be opened in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Eastbourne, on Monday, 10th July, at 10 a.m.

Every Court in the jurisdiction in "good standing" is entitled to be represented thereat. To ensure this the Recording Secretary is required to prepare the "Semi-Annual Report to the High Court," Form No. 48, and hand the same to the Financial Secretary, who shall transmit the said report to the High Secretary on 1st July, together with the amount of High Court dues - 1/ for each beneficiary member. Each Court must be clear of all charges before the delegate can be seated.

Please note—It will greatly help the H.S. in making up the "Statement of Accounts" and "Membership" required for presentation at the opening of the High Court Session, if each Subordinate Court will send the necessary report and remittance immediately after the June meeting.

The election of delegates to the High Court should be made at the regular meeting in June; and Credentials, Form No. 49, duly filled up, bearing the seal of the Court, should be sent immediately thereafter to the H.S. A Court with 25 members or less is entitled to 1 delegate; if with 28, but not more than 50 members, to 2 delegates; and if with not less than 76 members, to 3 delegates. Delegates must be beneficiary members in "good standing," duly elected by, and members of, the Court they seek to represent. Mileage is paid for 1 delegate only from each Court, namely, to the one first named in the credential.

The honorary degree will be conferred on other than delegates on payment of the required fee—provided the applicants bear credentials showing that they are beneficiary members in "good standing."

Delegates, and members applying for the Honorary Degree, will expedite business by reporting themselves to the H.S. at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on the morning of the Session, at 9.30, if possible.

By Order,

JAMES MARSHALL, H.C.R.  
WALTER G. STOTT, H.S.

#### SYNOPSIS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION, RAILWAY, BOARD AND LODGING.

Saturday, 5th July—2.05 p.m., train from London Bridge to Eastbourne; 6 p.m., Convocation Encampment Royal Foresters (for exaltation) at Campbell's Royal Restaurant; 8 p.m., High Tea. The Ill. Commander, Sir Knights, members of the I.O.F. and friends. Adjournment to sea front (if weather permits).

Sunday, 9th July—11 a.m., Morning Service in St. Peter's Church. (Seats reserved for Foresters and their friends.)

Monday, 10th July—10 a.m., Opening ceremonies of High Court Session. Address of welcome by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Eastbourne. Interval for dinner, at will. 6.30 p.m., High Tea (at Campbell's Royal Restaurant). 8 p.m., Conversazione thereafter, graced by the presence of the Mayor.

NOTE.—The members of Court Eastbourne, No. 2205, have arranged this conversazione and hereby formally give cordial invitation to all members and friends to be present.

RAILWAY TICKETS will be issued Saturday, available for return till Tuesday, 3rd class return fare 7/6d. Tickets will be issued Monday (London Bridge 8.05 a.m., Victoria 8.10 a.m., returning same evening 8.33 p.m.) fare 4/, or available to return on Tuesday any train, fare 6/. Seats will be reserved for brethren who remit for such number of tickets as they will require, provided remittance reaches the H.S. by the morning of Friday, 7th July.

If requested, board and sleeping accommodation can be arranged for delegates and their friends during their stay in Eastbourne. Early application necessary.

W. G. STOTT,  
High Secretary.

## HIGH COURT OF THE SOUTH OF IRELAND.

### Official Notice.

CHAMBERS OF HIGH COURT,  
10 Marlboro St.,

CORK, May 2nd, 1899.

To Officers and Members of the Subordinate Courts throughout the jurisdiction:

BRETHREN,—You will kindly take notice that the first annual High Court Meeting has been fixed for Wednesday, the 6th day of September, at 12 o'clock noon.

We would urge upon all the High Court members the importance of being prompt to time in order to facilitate the opening proceedings.

The Recording Secretaries will kindly note the great importance of making due and proper semi-annual returns to the High Court, together with the High Court dues, not later than July 1st, as per our Constitution and Laws. Courts failing to make these returns, not only lose their representation in the High Court, but are liable to suspension.

We would particularly ask all officers and members to use their utmost endeavors in securing new members between now and the High Court meeting in order to make our reports worth something and demonstrate to The Supreme Court how Irishmen can work. Our principles, our great benefits, our object and our rates have only to be put intelligently before our cute and far-seeing countrymen to make increase and growth sure. An individual blackthorn counts for a lot, but numbers of these bound together form an united strength that is irresistible, so if all our Irish members combine in one united body, press forward the attack, a glorious victory will be the result and many brave men will be added to our magnificent Brotherhood.

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

JOHN PICKERING,

High Chief Ranger.

S. MARTIN,  
High Secretary.

## Among the Courts.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Gold Hills, No. 3464, Kamloops, B.C., on the occasion of the death of the late Bro. J. J. Guest.

### CALIFORNIA.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Harrison, of Sebastopol, Cal., for the prompt payment of \$2,000 Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, F. M. Harrison (Court Sebastopol, No. 1148, Sebastopol, Cal.)

### CONNECTICUT.

WATERBURY, CONN.,

May 16th, 1899.

To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR,—I have been reading the columns of your excellent journal for over a year, and it has surprised me very much not to have seen any com-



munications from the brethren of our Order in the State of Connecticut, and I have come to the conclusion it is about time we had a little advertisement, in order to spread the good work of establishing new Courts and increasing the membership in old ones. The I.O.F. has been making rapid strides in this State during the last six months, and I predict before the end of the present year the officers of our Order will be very much gratified at the growth of the same. We attribute this mainly to the foresight of Chief Oronhyatekha sending as an organizer Bro. C. C. Whale, of Toronto, a gentleman and brother, whom to know is to like, a man of agreeable personality, and makes friends and holds them. He is energetic, tireless, always looking out for new members and places to establish them in the Courts. Our Court, No. 3578, when he came to the city, was making slow progress. He immediately took hold of it, started us on the right track and helped us to increase our membership; the same with the few older Courts in the State, and to-day, mainly by his efforts, people are talking about the I.O.F. that did not know of its existence before. That is why I speak of a brilliant future for this Order in this section. Bro. Whale has organized four new Courts, and doubled the membership in the State, which, considering the difficulties he had to contend with—first, the bad impression left by the parties who started the Order in the State, and, second, by the competition of many of the home institutions, I but voice the sentiment of the members at large when I state that we are more than pleased with the good results of his work, and when we form our High Court, which Bro. Whale has in process of formation, we hope to present a body of men second to none in the Order, and although not as *strong in membership as some, still, one of the best.* Trusting you will give this letter a place in your columns for the benefit of the Order in our State,

I remain,  
Yours in L., B. & C.,  
JAS. A. HYNES.

### ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, May 25th, 1899.

J. A. MCGILLIVRAY, S.S.,

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—At a special meeting, held by our Court last evening, to take action on the death of our beloved brother, Henry Hansen, C.R., of our Court, I was instructed to forward a notice to the official organ, which I trust you will have inserted in your next issue.

Bro Hansen was born in Norway, and at the time of his death was thirty-three years of age. He became a Forester in 1893 by joining Court Iroquois, but was afterwards admitted to Court Republic by card. He has always been a good Forester, taking great interest in the Order, and at our last annual election was elected C.R. He will be greatly missed, not only by brother Foresters, but also by his many friends outside the Order. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

Yours in L., B. & C.,  
A. E. STEARNS, R.S.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Morty for the prompt payment of \$1,000 Mortuary Benefit of their late son, (Court Iroquois, No. 854, Chicago, Ill.)

The S.C.R. returns thanks for the following invitation from E. St. Louis, Ill.:

#### ENTERTAINMENT AND RECEPTION

To Mrs. Anna T. Schreuder, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, and the Charter Members Companion Court, auxiliary to Cahokia Court, Independent Order of Foresters, No. 3165, Thursday evening, May 11, 1899. Ice Cream and refreshments. Admit Oronhyatekha, S.C.R. Executive Committee—Mrs. J. T. W. Rudesill, Mrs. H. C. Ostrander, Mrs. E. C. Price, Mrs. M. E. Meyers, Job Smith, V.C.R. Organizer.

### INDIANA.

The members of Court White River, No. 1094, of Anderson, were treated to a surprise at our last regular meeting on the evening of April 29. The members of the Court were gathering in slowly; the first few were amusing themselves in various ways until time to commence business. Just as the Chief Ranger was going to call the Court to order, in walked five members of the High Standing Committee of the High Court of Indiana. You never saw as surprised a set of fellows as the members of Court White River were just then, especially one new member who had come to be initiated, and who slipped out of the hall, and was not heard of by the other members of the Court for several days. The members of the High Standing Committee were Charles W. Ennis, H.C.R., Union City; W. W. Wilson, H.S., Logansport; James W. Bailey, H.V.C.R., and J. C. Teegarden, H.C., Anderson, and Lute Douge, H. Treas., Elwood. Bro. W. L. Austill, of Court Elwood, was elected High Treasurer at our last High Court meeting, which was held in Anderson, Ind., on Feb. 23rd and 24th. A few weeks after being elected High Treasurer, Bro. W. L. Austill resigned. The High Standing Committee selected Bro. Lute Douge, of the same Court, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Bro. W. L. Austill. They selected Anderson as the place to give Bro. Lute Douge the obligation necessary for him to fill the office of High Treasurer—the most convenient to all members of the Committee; and, as it was the regular meeting night of the members of Court White River, they selected their hall. Please come again, members of the High Standing Committee, if you do surprise us again, as you did the last time.

#### First in Peace and First in War.

Court White River still has one representative in the Klondike country. Bro. Richard N. Cottrell went to Alaska and Klondike in Feb., 1898. Not finding gold lying around on the ground, as was reported in the papers, he, with some other parties, saw there was a fortune in manufacturing candy in Dawson City, Canada. They will make a fortune in the business in a very short time.

Court White River had two representatives in the Spanish-American war. Bro. James G. Courtney joined the regular army, was at the battle of Santiago de Cuba, was sent to Long Island, near New York city. He was discharged in the early part of the winter, is now gauging wire in a large wire mill in Anderson, Ind.

Bro. George W. Bond joined Company L, of the 160th Indiana volunteers, was stationed at various points in the south part of the United States until early winter when his regiment was sent to a

point on the north coast of Cuba, where they were stationed all winter. In April last they were ordered to Savannah, Georgia, where he was mustered out of the U.S. service with the rest of his regiment. He returned with his company to their home in Anderson, where they were given a grand reception by the citizens of that place.

Oronhyatekha, M.D., Sup. Chief Ranger, I.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Just a few words to let you know that at a special meeting of Court Muncie, No. 1072, Muncie, Ind., for the purpose of initiation of candidates, was held recently. It was moved by Bro. C. Taylor, and seconded by Bro. G. W. Shepp, that this Court do extend to you a right royal vote of thanks for sending to us Bro. R. Tinck, which was carried unanimously, followed by "Hail to our Chief" being heartily sung by the whole Court, and then *three times three*; and we desire, under seal of our Court, to say that Bro. Tinck has proven by his work in this city his ability as a mission worker. By his perseverance he has done for this Court what we never thought could be done when he first came here, and by his integrity and gentlemanly bearing he has made many warm friends for Forestry. He has thoroughly reorganized the Court by the election of new officers, and having them installed in a proper manner. The Court individually and in a body will always feel indebted to him, and will at all times give him a hearty welcome for the thrill of enthusiasm which he has instilled in us.

P.C.R., L. Knecht; C.R., J. Shaw; V.C.R., E. Kinsley; R.S., W. D. Day; F.S., J. L. Davis; Treas., D. O'Meara; Chap., H. H. Compton; S.W., C. Taylor; J.W., M. D. Kelley; S.B., J. E. Casey; J.B., S. P. Strange; Phys., J. M. Quick.

JAMES SHAW, C.R. W. D. DAY, R.S.

### MAINE.

Court Mechanic Falls, No. 1728, Mechanic Falls, Me., entertained the families of the members and invited guests at their hall on Friday evening, April 21st. This is the first public entertainment or reception they have ever given, and they are well pleased with the result, for it was quite largely attended, and those present seemed interested in the Order.

Shortly after 7.30 o'clock guests began to arrive, and were pleasantly received by Bro. F. J. Spiller of the reception committee, and ushered into the hall. At 8 o'clock a literary and musical programme began. Among the interesting features were the following: A "String Team" made up of Messrs. G. D. Bridgham, banjo; W. N. Allen, banjo; and W. G. Berry, mandolin, rendered several very pleasing selections; also a male quartette composed of Messrs. C. A. Cousins, 1st tenor; A. A. Woodsum, 2nd tenor; D. S. Cousins, baritone; and E. A. Hammond, basso, pleased the audience as much in a vocal way as the "string team" did in the instrumental. Solos were given, which brought applause, by Bro. S. Jefferies, accompanied by Miss Effie Saunders, and Bro. M. N. Royal, accompanied by Miss Kate Denison. A reading was given by Bro. Harry Fielding, Chief Ranger of the Court, in the Lancashire dialect, which sounded very strange to ears in the State of Maine, and put the members to thinking how widely separated were the brothers of our Order. An address, giving the history of the Order and its aims, was made

by Bro. Chas. E. Waterman, the Court Deputy. During intermission, while cake, coffee and ice cream were being served, a number of pleasing violin-piano duets were given by Bro. Harry Fielding and Mrs. C. A. Cousins.

The members of the Court are much pleased with the success of this their first venture and will probably give another entertainment later in the season.

Court Mars Hill, No. 843, Mars Hill, Me., will have a picnic on the same ground that they had one in '98. There will be no pains spared to make it the best of the season. All are cordially invited to attend and get a good meal and grow wise and fat and see what Old Mars can do. There will be good music all day on the grounds, and a chance to shake the foot in the evening. Good speakers may be expected. The proceeds go to the Court. Come one, come all.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

A meeting of Court Penobscot, Old Town, Me., was held Tuesday evening for the purpose of taking action in the death of their late brother, Jos. D. Beattie, and the following resolutions of respect were passed:

Chamber of Court Penobscot, No. 1186,  
Independent Order of Foresters,  
Old Town, Me., April 18, 1899.

Whereas, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our circle here to His Court above, our beloved brother, Joseph D. Beattie; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Beattie our Court has lost a worthy brother; the community a respected citizen, and the bereaved family a kind husband, father and brother.

Resolved, That we extend to the family and friends of the deceased brother in this their bereavement, our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records, that they be published in the FORESTER and local newspapers, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and that our charter and altar be draped in mourning for thirty days.

CHAS. H. JELLISON,  
D. A. FLING,  
EBEN LEAVITT,  
Committee on Resolutions.

### MICHIGAN.

Court Mountaineer, No. 577, Saginaw, E.S., Mich., is pushing forward at a lively rate. We took in over 60 members last year, forty of them during December, and from two to four every meeting this year, Bro. Elliott, our hustling deputy, being responsible for most of the increase. A recent masquerade netted us \$42.00, and with our large, well-fitted new Court-room we are showing other Courts how to do it.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
WM. P. LIGHT, C.R.

COURT STARLIGHT, No. 1024,  
SAGINAW, MICH.

Wednesday evening, April 26th, the Masonic Temple at Saginaw was crowded, hundreds being turned away.

The attraction for the evening was an illustrated lecture on "Forestry" by Dr. Charles G. Frowert, of Philadelphia, Supreme Senior Woodward and grand lecturer of the Order. The entertainment was opened by H. V. C. R. Himmerlein, introducing Bro. W. C. Brown, of Lapeer, H. C. R. of Michigan, who gave a short address and concluded by introducing Dr. Frowert.

The lecture was illustrated by over 160 stereopticon views from a very fine instrument in charge of Brother H. S. Fortiner, who accompanies the Doctor.

Several illustrated songs were given throughout the lecture by Thos. F. Gomley, who also travels with Dr. Frowert.

The lecturer gave the history of the Order and its wonderful growth up to the present time. The enthusiastic reception of points showing the superiority of the I. O. F. to other organizations showed the popularity of the Order in this vicinity.

One of the features of the evening was the reproduction of brief statements by some of the Supreme Officers by the phonograph.

The entertainment closed with a couple of songs by the Court Mountaineer Quartette and the audience went away feeling that the I. O. F. not only gives first-class insurance but also first-class entertainment.

#### Honors for Adrian.

LENAWEE COURT, No. 1764, ADRIAN, MICH., SCORES A HIT.

The Only One in Michigan That Triples its Membership.

Lenawee Court, No. 1764, was having a good time recently over the fact that it was the only Court in Michigan and 15,000 Foresters that has tripled its membership in one year.

Lee E. Joslyn, of West Bay City, Past High Chief Ranger of the Order, was here by order of the High Court, and he presented to the boys of Lenawee tent a full set of officers' jewels, beautifully finished, and following this he gave an address to the 75 or 80 who were present on the extension of the Order.

Adrian Foresters feel very proud of the record made by Lenawee tent. This city has 175 members of the Order and Lenawee is the only Court in the state that has tripled its membership. Seven other Courts, all in Detroit, have doubled their membership, but Lenawee takes the medal for tripling.

An effort is now being made to have the next meeting of the High Standing Committee of the High Court meet here, which will mean very much to Adrian.—Adrian Daily Telegram.

May 24th, 1899.

To Court Traverse, No. 853, Traverse City, Mich.

I take pleasure in stating that on two occasions sick benefits have been paid to me recently—at one time the sum of \$47.15, and at another \$48.15. I was a member of Company M, 34th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Spanish-American war before Santiago.

The help given to me upon my return by the Foresters was very acceptable and the prompt payment of my claims by the Supreme Court has given me increased confidence in the soundness and reliability of the Order.

Yours in L., B. and C.

JULIUS C. JOHNSON.

BAY CITY, MICH., 5th Jan., '99.

TO THE FORESTER:

DEAR EDITOR,—I desire through your columns to express my heartfelt thanks for what the noble Order of Foresters has done for me.

I have just received my cheque of \$500 for permanent disability, and that without any discount or vexatious delay, and I assure you that it cheers my old heart more than words can tell; and in the great beyond I hope to grasp the hand of our Supreme Chief as the father of an Order which is in its true sense "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

I desire especially to thank our C. R. Bro. Jno. Schrader, and P. C. R. Bro. Henry Selleck and all of our brothers of Court Portsmouth, No. 622, for their uniform kindness and assistance.

Fraternally in L., B. and C.,

WM. C. BALLANCE.

DETROIT, MICH., May 23rd, 1899.

He is a jolly good fellow!

Supreme Deputy Peter F. Roberts entertained the members of Court Bagley and the I. O. F. Band by giving a smoker, in honor of his birthday, on the 10th day of May, in the Cowie Building. Bro. W. H. Sparling, High Treasurer of the Eastern High Court, of Michigan, was present, and was unanimously selected to preside over the meeting. Chief Ranger J. A. Parkinson, of Court Cadillac, and W. A. Crauch, D. S. C. R., were also present. Bro. Roberts, who is the newly appointed Supreme Deputy of the Detroit district, and who is quite a hustler, was unanimously voted to be a "jolly good fellow," and everybody wished him success. Short speeches were made by Bros. Sparling, Crauch, Roberts, Bender and Parkinson. The chairman of the I. O. F. band, Bro. M. G. Moore, announced at the close of the meeting that the band will give an excursion to Tashmoo Park on the 16th day of June in honor of the 25th anniversaries of the I. O. F.

A. BENDER, Sec.

#### MINNESOTA.

RED WING, MINN., May 9, 1899.

The chambers of Court Red Wing, No. 980, was the scene of much merriment May 8, on account of a reception being held in honor of Bro. B. F. Tubesing, who recently returned from Manila.

About sixty members were present. Bro. Tubesing made a short address, in which he spoke of the life in the Philippines and the battles in which our boys had taken part.

One of the most pleasant incidents of the evening was a presentation of a gavel from the Bros. of Co. G 13th Minn. Vol's.

It is trimmed with solid silver bands with the Bros' names and the emblems of the Order, and on either end is a Spanish half dollar. The following letter accompanied the gavel:

MANILA, P. I., March 9th, 1889.

To Court Red Wing, No. 980, Red Wing, Minn:

DEAR BROS.,—We take the opportunity to send with Bro. Tubesing a token of our loyalty and love to the I. O. F., but especially to Court Red Wing. This little token, made of wood, was taken from the Spanish flagship Reina Christina, sunk by Dewey May 1st, 1898.

The inscription Aug. 13th, 1899, is in commemoration of the fall of Manila, in which we all participated.

The work may in some places be rough, but we hope you will make allowance for Filipino workmanship.

All of us are in the best of health with the exception of Bro. Tubesing, who is going home on the next transport.

We also thank you for the Christmas present sent us.

Hoping that our noble Order may prosper, we remain in L., B. and C.:

Sergt. F. H. Erickson; Cook, C. C. Bracher; Sergt. C. K. Beckner; Corp. F. W. Reichert; Priv. B. F. Tubesing; Priv. W. A. Jones; Priv. Chas. Fischer; Priv. F. Paddleford.

After the meeting was over the Bros. partook of a fine spread, which was followed by games, etc.

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

M. P. LOVGREN, R.S.

The movement started for a union picnic of the Courts of Independent Foresters in St. Paul is being taken up enthusiastically, and will undoubtedly result in a great success. High Chief Ranger O'Neill is chairman of the general committee, composed of the Chief Rangers and Recording Secretaries of the several Courts, and it has been decided to hold the picnic at Russell Beach, a picturesque and easily accessible spot on the St. Paul & Duluth road, already familiar to and popular with St. Paul people. The date selected is Saturday, June 24th, and tickets at 75 cents for the round trip will be placed in the hands of the Chief Rangers in a few days. Various sub-committees have been appointed, and are going actively to work on all necessary arrangements. The intention is to have it a basket picnic, but there will be a booth on the ground under the management of a member of the Foresters, where coffee, lemonade, ice cream, sandwiches, etc., can be procured. A band will be taken along to furnish music, and the splendid pavilion at Russell Beach affords an excellent opportunity for dancing, while the fleet of boats on the lake is not excelled at any picnic grounds in the Northwest.—*St. Paul Dispatch.*

### MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 28, 1899.

Court Eastside, No. 874, Kansas City, Mo., is in a very prosperous condition, and is keeping up with the times in all respects. The Foresters of this city and K.C.K., gave a grand entertainment and ball on Wednesday evening, May the 10th, and Court Eastside turned out in full force. All Eastside meetings are well attended both by members and visitors, and all go home nappy in mind and light in heart. Visitors from far or near are always welcome.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

Address: 922 E. 14th St. L. E. CRAWFORD, Rec. Sec.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHAMBERS OF COURT BLACKVILLE, No. 1965.

BLACKVILLE, N.B., 12th May, '99.

TO BRO. JOHN CORNEY, P.C.R.:

We desire to express to you and your family our heartfelt sympathy in the recent sad loss which you have been called upon to bear.

We trust that the Great High Chief above, Who doeth all things well, will make your path and lot in this life brighter than it has been in the past, and that you will realize that all is for the best.

Signed on behalf of Court Blackville,

ALEX. J. KELLER, C.P.,

J. H. DALE, V.C.R.,

J. P. WETMORE, F.S.

### NEW JERSEY.

Court Jersey City, No. 1836, Jersey City, N. J., held their 4th anniversary on Monday evening, May 3th, in their Court-room 94 Danforth Ave.

A new departure was instituted this year by the members having their wives and children present. The entertainment started at 8 p.m., by C. R. James Glasco calling upon H.C.R. Bro. Titsworth for a few remarks. Brother Titsworth spoke on Forestry, and explained the working and objects of our Order in a very eloquent manner. After some first-class singing, music and recitations by members and their friends, Bro. Dick, of the High Standing Committee, presented Bro. Chas. Nelson with a handsomely framed P.C.R. certificate on behalf of the members of the Court, in a very able manner. After a few selections on the piano, and a song and dance as a Negro by Bro. Scheflineyer, the company adjourned to supper, which was of the usual Court Jersey City style, first-class, and heartily enjoyed by all. The members and guests returned to the Court-room and dancing was started and continued until the wee sma' hours, when all left for home wishing that Court Jersey City's anniversary would occur oftener.

Great credit is due the Entertainment Committee for the able manner in which they carried out the programme. Members of Entertainment Committee: E. Struble, R.S.; Jas. Glasco, C.R.; W. W. Bruce; C. Nelson, F.S.; Bros. Jones and Scheafer, and Bro. Thorpe, C.D.

### Bro. Gus, Two Mules and Some of the Boys.

We have received the following contribution from a brother of Court Frelinghuysen. It leads us to think there might be an opening in Newark for Balaam's ass. We assume no responsibility and warn Bro. Roller that even if Bro. Gus and the other brethren take no proceedings, there are still the mules to placate.

Court Frelinghuysen, No. 1698, Newark, N. J., had an outing one day recently and visited Bro. Gus Schumitz at his farm two miles from Caldwell, N.J. Bro. Gus met the boys at the trolley line with a hay wagon and a team of mules, who tried to induce Bro. Gus to take his visitors anywhere else but home. They meant well enough, but Bro. Gus did not appreciate their good intentions at the time.

The boys got there, however, after a fashion, and were heartily welcomed by the good wife.

Some of the boys started to help undress the mules, but the team objected, and by a unanimous vote it was decided to postpone that ceremony until they were asleep.

After refreshing themselves from the rain water bottles which had been provided, the boys were invited to make themselves at home, and—well, they did.

The farm was inspected, the live stock was introduced, and all showed a keen interest in every-

thing. The boys then started in to amuse themselves, each in his own quiet way.

Bro. Frank Van Ness was discovered with a tin pail trying to scrape an acquaintance with the goat. He got away after a while and took refuge on the wagon shed. After the rescue he declared he only wanted to get a drink of buttermilk fresh from the butter.

Bro. Kane expressed a desire to go gunning for red-headed woodpeckers, but after being convinced that they did not peck wood that day of the week, he contented himself by shooting craps with the hired man.

Bro. Blanchard asked for the loan of a spade with which to dig some burdock for medicinal purposes. Bro. Gus gave him every encouragement, and after an hour's hard work he brought in the fruits of his labor and a broken spade. Bro. Gus declared that a chump who did not know burdock from horseradish was a mighty poor Forester.

Bro. George Van Ness was detected coming from the henry with a basket. "Been hunting eggs, eh?" "No, but—say, this is on the dead quiet. My wife is partial to strictly fresh eggs, and I brought along four dozen from town and coaxed a hen to warm them up for me. Nice, fresh warm eggs right from the nest, see?"

Bro. Curry was seen in a field wrestling with a scythe and laying low a wide swarth of the beautiful to feed the cow on the other side of the fence, who encouraged him with tears in her eyes and a plaintive "moo." He declared it a shame that the poor creature who furnished nourishment for the babes and butter for the family, should be compelled to find her living in a bare pasture lot with such an abundance of fresh fodder right next door. Bro. Gus finally convinced the erring brother that unless he curbed his sympathy for the cow, his oat crop would be a failure.

Bro. Black came in with some fine specimens of mullen. He is going to transplant them and put them into jardinières. His object is to raise enough tobacco for a smoker this fall. He was so happy, no one had the heart to discourage him.

Bro. Byers seemed to be the only one who looked disappointed. He had hoped to see two or three bees make some honey for him while he waited, but being assured that bees were not ripe yet, he was satisfied with a few grasshoppers.

At about this time dinner was ready, and how our boys did enjoy themselves. There was an abundance of good things, and the boys were unanimous in declaring that Bro. Gus and his wife were "all right." After dinner there was a ball game—old style. Bro. George was at the bat while Bro. Frank played all the bases at once. Bro. Kane was struck in the back of the neck and the bawl came out of his mouth. After this everybody made a home run, and the boys started for the wagon. But the mules utterly disgusted with such a lot of clumps emphatically refused to lend their assistance back to the trolley line, so the boys rode afoot. How they got home is another story.

H. C. ROLLER, R.S.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

A draft for \$2,000 mortuary benefit, held by the late Gustav Grotmann in Court Plainfield, No. 1144, Plainfield, N. J., was paid over to Mrs. Grotmann last Saturday by the lodge officers. From the day proof of claim was filed till settlement was made, only five days elapsed.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 17th, 1899.

MR. E. S. SCHUREMAN, Secretary Court Ridgedale, No. 1564:

DEAR SIR,—I desire to express through you to Court Ridgedale, No. 1564, Morristown, N. J., my thanks for kindness and courtesy shown my son during his illness, also for prompt payment (12 days after his death) of benefit certificate due him.

Very truly yours,  
MARY A. DALY.

#### NEW YORK.

Three cheers for the "Empire State!" She has given 39 High Court jurisdictions "Fitz" again. New York carried off the "blue ribbon" for April by getting in the largest number of members. Quebec was a good second and Illinois third. Had not Michigan been divided into three High Courts she would have had it. Look out for Ontario West, and Michigan East, as both are coming to the front soon. High Secretary Fitzgerald writes us a good business letter, comparing the total new membership so far this year by months, in all jurisdictions:

"April looks a little better as a whole when compared with February and March. February had in accepted risks about 1,100, March about 1,200, and now comes April, a 30-day month, with 1,379. January had an excess of either of these months, and was about twice as much as either, but was owing to a goodly number that lapped over from December. If the gradual increase during February, March and April is any indication of a healthy growth under the new rulings we cannot feel discouraged. New York keeps up its steady, conservative, healthy growth, and has been in first or second place for two years, indicating no fluctuations like all the other High Courts that get up in first place one month and the next in fifth or sixth place. From a little statistical computation I find that New York also holds its own in the matter of death rate. For instance, during 1898 it was 6.19-100, while during an average of six years it is only 5.25, while in the whole Order the death rate for 1898 was only 5.67. Yet as an average for the past six years it is only 5.57. This is a remarkable showing for any life insurance institution."

Bro. George H. Beck, Grand Councillor of the defunct "United Friends," has been doing good work. He recently instituted a good Court at Albany from that organization, and instituted two others in New York, one with 34 and the other with 37 members. He has more on the tapis in New York city and throughout the State. Bro. Beck is bound to fetch the "blue ribbon" for May.

#### Court Mount Morris

No. 3758, New York, N. Y., meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Loeffler's Hall, Willis Ave. and 148th St., Borough of the Bronx.

NEW YORK, April 3rd, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Two months ago Court Mount Morris decided to locate permanently in the Borough of the Bronx. The nineteen faithful followers of Forestry who took this step could not have acted more wisely, for to-day we have fifty members in good standing, with ten propositions for membership and more in sight.

The Court-room originally secured has already proved too small, and at the last meeting a larger, more comfortable and well-equipped room in the same building was obtained. The next meeting, on April 6th, will be held therein, and the meetings thereafter as usual, first and third Thursdays in each month.

To keep up the good work it will be necessary that all members take a keen and active interest in the Court. Let us all unite our efforts and build up a Court second to none in this great city.

It cannot be accomplished by one or a few alone; every one must do a share, and now, since the prosperity has a fair start, let us increase it. Like a business or enterprise of any kind, we must progress; to stand still means to go backwards. Procuring new members makes our insurance more secure, and builds up the Order, which we have promised to do.

The first duty of a Forester is attendance at meetings whenever other duties do not interfere. With *your co-operation* the meetings can be made instructive and interesting. Make it a point to attend regularly, and thus keep in touch with your fellow-members and happenings within the Court and the Order.

All brothers possessing abilities, be they musical, oratorical, or in other directions, are respectfully requested to favor the Court occasionally for the benefit of the brethren less endowed.

Trusting sincerely this appeal to your co-operation will not be in vain, and that we may see you often at the meetings, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

ISAAC W. CAULFIELD, C.R.,  
HERMAN HENOCK, V.C.R.,  
ED. OFFENHEIMER, R. Sec.,  
WM. S. BOURNE, Fin. Sec.,  
H. N. HALL, Treas.,  
OTTO OCHS, C.D.H.C.R.

#### Anniversary Celebration at Elmira.

The fourth anniversary of Court Chemung Valley; No. 1853, was held at Odd Fellows' Temple, Elmira, May 26th. The Elmira *Evening Star* says of it:—

"On either side of the stage were two large American flags, and on the walls the American and British colors were intertwined in honor of the visit of the chief speaker of the evening, H. A. Collins, Supreme Treasurer of the Order, of Toronto. The speeches exceeded the length of time originally intended and necessitated the cutting of the program to some extent, but such was the interest inspired by the eloquence of the speakers and the merit of the musicians and vocalists, that when Chairman F. P. Foley announced at 11 o'clock that the entertainment was over, practically all the large audience were still in their seats."

After the address of welcome by Bro. Oscar Thompson, C.R., Sup. Treas. H. A. Collins was then introduced, and was received with applause by the members of the Order. After thanking the Foresters and the assembled visitors for their reception, Mr. Collins referred jokingly to his first meeting with Mr. Thompson at the Reformatory, but not behind the bars. Incidentally he mentioned the Elmira Reformatory in complimentary terms, and referred to the fame and good reputation borne by the institution in other places. "I speak your language, but I owe no allegiance to your flag. But that makes no difference, as the bonds of fraternal feeling are inseparable. I suppose, here in

Elmira, you are all lawyers, doctors or some sort of professional men, but I am only a horny-handed son of toil, who draws a salary every month with unflinching regularity. It reminds me of a certain dominie who was overtaken in a rain storm and thoroughly soaked. While he proceeded on his way in this drenched condition he met a good woman of his parish. 'Oh, your reverence!' she exclaimed, 'how wet you are! But, never mind, you'll be dry enough in the pulpit.' You'll think me dry, too, I suppose, before I finish." Everybody laughed at the story, and Mr. Collins continued in a humorous strain for some time.

Suddenly changing to the serious, however, the speaker gradually became eloquent and convincing as he referred feelingly to the triumphs of Forestry. Possessed of a fine and commanding presence, Mr. Collins held the closest attention of the audience. "Independent Forestry," he exclaimed, "holds out the fraternal hand to the true man, no matter how humble his station in life, no matter how lowly the roof that shelters him. The women should love the fraternal Order even more than the men, for it is for them and their loved ones that the head of the family is making provision after earthly toils are ended. Do not think it a poor investment to deposit what you can spare in the Order for life insurance purposes, for we know not the hour of our calling."

The Supreme Treasurer spoke reassuringly of the firm financial standing of the Foresters, stating that there was a cash surplus of \$3,500,000. Then, with a splendid dramatic effect, he related two incidents of personal connection with men with families who were induced to join an order of fraternity in Toronto and were suddenly taken away through fatal accidents while engaged in their duties. "If I looked for a grand fraternal friendship," he declared, "give me the workingman of your country and mine, in preference to the millionaire, who cares but little for our organizations."

Finding that the hour was growing late, Mr. Collins prepared to close his address in a manner that stirred his hearers with enthusiasm. "I am not a Canadian," he said, "nor am I an American. I am neither an Englishman nor a Scotchman, but I am an Irishman, and I am proud of it. But, owing my allegiance to the British flag and the magnificent woman whose eightieth birthday we celebrated on the 24th instant, I want to say that the time has come when the Anglo-Saxons must stand together as eternal friends. When a year ago war broke out between your country and Spain, the people of Canada knew that the United States would be triumphant and your brilliant victories aroused as much enthusiasm among us as it did among you who lived across the imaginary line that separates us.

"When the United States prepared for hostilities the powers of the European continent were on the point of interference, when the greatest power of them all, under the grand old flag that has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze, ordered a halt, and if necessary, the mighty British Navy would have been back of America."

Then followed a grand, patriotic peroration that swayed the audience like the chords of a great organ. The speaker was transformed into the personification of eloquence, and a whirlwind of applause greeted his closing word picture, representing John Bull and Uncle Sam in eternal and fraternal harmony, for progress and civilization.

The Masonic male quartet followed with a splen-

did selection that merited an encore, and they retired during a demonstration of appreciation. Miss Jessie Collins recited a touching poem with unusual dramatic talent, which was well received. A solo by J. F. Brighton, with piano and violin accompaniment, was exceptionally well rendered and received the warmest approval.

Hon. Judson A. Gibson then delivered a short speech to the audience. "I don't belong to a single lodge," he said, "and so I don't know what I'm here for. You know John B. Gough, the temperance lecturer, used to carry a poor wretch along as a horrible example, and I suspect Mr. Collins, after telling you all about fraternal societies, has got me here as a horrible example.

"But, speaking seriously, friends," continued Mr. Gibson, "any society that has for its aim the betterment of mankind I wish God-speed. Protection for widows and orphans is demanded. But, above all things, don't join a 'bum' concern that will 'bust' up in a few weeks, but join a sound, square, business organization, like the Foresters."

Court Hennepin, No. 1152, Niagara Falls, N.Y., held their annual entertainment and hop on Wednesday night, 10th May last, and the affair proved to be one of the best entertainments ever given at Niagara Falls. In reference to the matter the *Daily Cataract*, of Niagara Falls, says: "Court Hennepin, No. 1152, I.O.F., sustained its reputation on Wednesday night as an entertainer, when the final social entertainment and hop of the season, given under the auspices of this prosperous Court, took place in Rieger's conservatory. This spacious hall, the anterooms and corridors were filled to excess by attendants; those who were fortunate enough to gain admission were treated to six hours of solid enjoyment. The musical and literary programme was an unusually good one and was exceedingly well rendered; every number was loudly encored and responded to. Mayor Halloran, of the Fourth Ward; Billy Braidwood, Welch and Henderson and Dick McLaren being highly appreciated.

"At the close of the programme, refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in till 2 a.m.

"McLaughlin's orchestra furnished the music for the hop, while Mrs. H. Batts and J. E. Leach presided at the piano for the concert. The programme was as follows: Overture—piano solo, Miss Maud de Lone; stump speech, J. Halloran; song, J. A. Hawkins; castanets, M. Burdick; The Musical Tramp, Billy Braidwood; recitation, C. O. Reeves, D.D.; song, Miss Minnie Brown; Irish comedians, Welch and Henderson; piano solo, Miss Cora Robbins; song, Master Walter Pearl; The Drum Major, Billy Braidwood; violin solo, C. McKenzie; recitation, C. O. Reeves, D.D.; song, Geo. Mahoney; knockabouts, Dick McLaren; violin solo, C. McKenzie; piano solo, Miss Maud de Lone."

The success of the affair is greatly due to the untiring efforts of Chairman J. A. Grenier, C.E., and Messrs. C. O. Reeves, Fred Oldfield and Chief Ranger W. Berry.

Mrs. Chief Ranger Berry, of the Companion Court, and Mrs. Bayne greatly contributed to the success of this entertainment. The result obtained by Court Hennepin on this occasion is unsurpassed, and it was a surprise to the members of the Court themselves. We congratulate our brothers on their overwhelming success.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Hopkins, of Buffalo, N.Y., for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late son. (Court Belvedere, No. 1616, Buffalo, N.Y.)

Court Rochester, No. 1687, Rochester, N.Y., is again in the lead by announcing that a grand banquet is to be given on their regular meeting night at their rooms after the necessary business has been concluded on June 8th. Several invitations are being sent to Officers and others to be present and share in this grand spread. As this is the first banquet given by any Court in Rochester the committee in charge are sparing no pains to make it a banner light for Court Rochester, therefore all those who are fortunate enough to be present will receive a rare treat indeed.

S. W. ROOCH, C.R.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Bro. Thomas McCassa, of Court Cape Vincent, No. 480, Cape Vincent, N.Y., for the prompt payment of \$43.86 sick benefit.

#### Resolutions on the Death of Fred D. Poor.

At the regular meeting of Court Depeyster, No. 1222, Depeyster, N.Y., held April 25th, 1899, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas it has pleased God in His infinite mercy to remove from our midst our worthy Bro. Fred D. Poor, and

Whereas said Bro. was in every way worthy of our respect and esteem; therefore be it

Resolved, that in the death of Bro. Fred D. Poor this Court has lost a good, kind-hearted and worthy member.

Resolved, that we tender the afflicted widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, that these resolutions be placed on the minutes, and that a copy be sent to the family of deceased.

G. A. NEWCOMBE,

C. H. FIELDSON,

HUGH MCINTOSH, Committee.

#### Akron's New Court.

A Court was organized Friday night last by Col. Parkinson, an organizer sent to Akron for that purpose. The charter members turned out in large numbers, and were obligated into the Order in the parlors of the American Hotel. The following officers were elected: Chief Ranger, John P. Sherrard; Vice-Chief Ranger, O. F. Harrington; Recording Secretary, Fred C. Holtz; Financial Secretary, Geo. E. Jones; Treasurer, Earl Blackmore; Orator, W. E. Patch; Senior Woodward, Glenn Stearns; Junior Woodward, Andrew Class; Senior Beadle, Wm. Passmore; Junior Beadle, R. E. Bartholf; Court Deputy, Wm. McMillan; Past Chief Ranger, Wm. Utley.

Doctor J. D. Macpherson was chosen Physician to the Court, and he suggested the names of Ivanhoe and Robin Hood for the Court. These names are under considerations and one of them will be selected.

After the election of officers the members of the Court marched in a body to the lodge-rooms, where they were courteously and pleasantly received by the Lady Foresters. Lady Chief Ranger Mrs. J. W. Stearns was in the chair, and welcomed the visitors in a neat and clever speech.

The initiation of eight newly elected members to



the Ladies' Court was witnessed, after which the officers of the Subordinate Court were installed with imposing exercises.

Then followed a social time, the ladies proving themselves hospitable entertainers. The vocal, instrumental and literary programme was participated in by Miss Anna Hoag, Miss Carrie Cady, Mrs. George Cady, Mrs. Elmer Flynn, George E. Jones and Mrs. J. C. Hoag. Refreshments were served, and the members of the Order and invited guests had a most delightful evening.—*Akron Breeze.*

### NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Ewan of Durham, Ont., for the prompt payment of mortuary benefit of her late son, R. J. Ewan, Court Lumsden, No. 3781, of Lumsden, N.W.T.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

#### A Pleasant Affair.

##### QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY BY COURT UNIACKE.

The quadrille assembly held at Foresters' Hall recently by Court Uniacke, No. 3357, Halifax, N.S., proved a very pleasant and successful affair. The large hall was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and never looked brighter. The decorations were the work of Bros. Martin and Murphy and reflected credit on them. On the western wall, facing the entrance, was the motto "Court Uniacke's Greeting," and below it pictures of two Uniackes, the father and grandfather of Bro. Robie Uniacke, they being kindly loaned by the latter to the committee.

About 100 couples were present. There were 24 dances on the programme and dancing was kept up until an early hour in the morning. The supper tables were laid in a room off the main hall and the repast was an excellent one. The tables were nicely arranged and in the centre of the table at the head of the room, was a handsome lamp won by Bro. Cahill for securing the greatest number of members in the province. The committee who had the affair in hand consisted of Aldermen Butler and Martin, Bros. Cahill, Cotter, Messervey, Lewis, Boudrot, O'Connell, Miller, Egan, Marshall, Walsh, McCormack, Murphy and McIntosh.

The following officers from sister Courts were invited and were present.

Bros. Rankin, Chebucto Court; Bennett, Royal Jubilee; Scott, Halifax; Hubley, Seymour; Ervin, Mulgrave; Austin, Scotia; Esther, Belle-Aire; Murphy, Atlanta; Cook, Aberdeen; Heister, High Chief Ranger; McKinlay, High Secretary.

Court Scotia, No. 1818, Halifax N.S., held its regular monthly meeting, May 16th, in Foresters' Hall, Hollis St. After all the business had been transacted, the Court adjourned, the members being afterwards entertained for over an hour by Bro. Geo. A. Gauvin, giving a magic lantern exhibition, showing interesting points in France, Italy, and other countries. A number of visiting brothers from other Courts were present as guests. Court Chebucto, Dartmouth, showed up strong, and Court Seymour was well represented. All who enjoyed "the weed" were well looked after by Scotia's committee. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Gauvin by High Secretary Geo. H. McKinlay.—*The Arcadian Recorder.*

### OHIO.

"A new Court was instituted May 18th, at Glendale, Ohio, by Supreme Deputy Bro. W. G. Philip, with a charter list of thirty, nineteen of whom were present for initiation. Past Chief Ranger, Bro. L. H. May, of Court Banner, No. 360, instructed the newly made brethren in the secret work, and High Secretary Robeck installed the officers selected. Instructive remarks followed by the Supreme Deputy, High Secretary, brethren May, Law and others, after which some of the Court's officers, as well as members, expressed their intention to work in harmony for the best interests of the Order, and do all they can to increase their number. As quite a number of the brethren had friends whom they had approached on the subject of membership, and who would in all probability come into the fold within thirty days, it was the unanimous opinion of all that their charter be kept open for that length of time. This Court will meet first and third Thursdays of each month in Crowell's Hall. The next meeting, June 1st, promises to be a very interesting one, as the members of one of the Companion Courts are arranging to pay them a visit, and that usually means that refreshments will be a part of the programme. The new members also intend bringing their wives and best girls, and the prospects are very bright for the formation of a Companion Court in the very near future."

The members of the various Courts in Columbus held a union meeting on Friday evening, May 12th, in the I.O.O.F. Hall on South High St., to receive Bro. W. G. Philip, of Cleveland, and Bro. H. Evison, of Toronto, both Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers. After a little routine business had been transacted, the Canadian Deputy took the chair, and gave a brief introductory speech, in which he referred to the object he had in view in coming to Columbus, extolled the I.O.F. as the most perfect system of fraternal life insurance on the continent, and called upon all concerned to assist him in placing the Society in a better and more prominent position. He then introduced Bro. W. G. Philip, who had held a high position among the Foresters of the State, and was well fitted to represent High Chief Ranger Bro. Sorg on the occasion. In an address of nearly an hour he held the attention of the large company, gave much information concerning the beautiful fraternity, particularly the high standing of the Order. He also referred to the ladies' branch of the Order, with which he had had a great deal to do. After several of the brethren had expressed their elms, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the visiting officers, and then refreshments were served by the Companions, which closed a very pleasant and instructive evening.

The entertainment and ball given by Court Ohio, No. 537, Cleveland, O., was a success in every way. Among the noteworthy features of the evening were the opening address by our worthy Court Physician, Wm. A. Hosick, and an address on "Forestry" by the incomparable orator on that subject, W. G. Philip, Supreme Deputy, which was the means of securing another application for the Court. Court Ohio made a great find in their newly initiated brother, Albert Rehark, as a committeeman. The committee deserves special credit for their zealous work.

I am fraternally yours in L. B. and C.,  
H. JAUCH.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Terbrack, of Cleveland, O., for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, A. L. Terbrack, Court Fremont, No. 355, Cleveland, O.

### ONTARIO.

TORONTO, May 17th, 1899.

Dominion Hall, cor. Queen and Sumach Sts.

Court Trinity, No. 18<sup>th</sup> G, Toronto, after close attention to business all winter of looking after the affairs of the Court and Order, took an evening off to entertain their friends, wives and sweethearts by holding a very successful "At Home" on Thursday, May 11th, in their hall at the corner of Queen and Sumach Streets.

The Court was honored by having Bro. W. B. Saunders, H.C.R. of Central Ontario, present and acting as chairman. During the evening the Temple Encampment of the Royal Foresters, accompanied by their splendid band, paid the Court a visit and very kindly gave a short exhibition of their drill and sword exercises, which was well received.

The committee who had charge are to be congratulated upon the success of the evening by securing such fine talent, which was duly appreciated by all. Thanks are due to the ladies who so ably and materially assisted by sending samples of the culinary art. No wonder that some of our members are so fat and sleek, when their wives, etc., are such excellent cooks.

Court Trinity does not intend taking any holidays during the hot summer months, but keeping right on looking after increased membership.

ARTHUR W. BANNISTER, R.S.

#### Editor of THE FORESTER:

DEAR SIR,—Believing that the progress and work of the Order is always interesting to your readers, I beg to give you an account of work done by Bro. T. G. Davey in and around Kerwood. He spent several days in this neighborhood, and gave evidence that he is not afraid of real hard work or bad roads if only he can secure a good member. To say nothing of the new men he has secured, the Order is greatly benefited by his going about and explaining matters to the brethren. In this respect he has done most excellent work in Strathroy, as well as Kerwood and surrounding country.

Bro. Davey arranged for a public meeting, which was held in the Methodist church, Kerwood, April 19th. The Rev. Mr. Brown, the pastor, presided, and the choir of the church rendered several fine selections. The church was well filled with an appreciative audience of ladies as well as gentlemen. Bus loads came from Watford and Strathroy.

The chairman, after the opening by a hymn and prayer, gave a short and practical address on the good work of the Independent Order of Foresters.

He then introduced Archdeacon Davis, who spoke for over an hour, and the audience was so interested that they wanted him to continue his address longer. The speaker first pointed out the duty of making provision for those depending upon us from a religious standpoint, then from a moral standpoint. This duty was strongly laid down. He gave many touching illustrations of instances where it had not been done, such as evidently touched the hearts of mothers present.

He then dwelt upon the opportunities presented in our day by the many benevolent societies in existence in every part of the country. Next he gave a history of the I.O.F. and the great Supreme Chief Ranger, who took hold of the Order in its infancy, and, with the aid of a few faithful members, guided the Order through its early struggles, until now it stands in the very front of all benevolent organizations. The Chief is proud of the Order, as well he might be, and the Order is proud of its Leader. Mr. Davis admitted that the I.O.F. was not the cheapest of its kind, but when he showed the advantages the Order gave in the local Court, and then the several benefits by the Supreme Court, it was evident that it was not only the cheapest in the end, but the best. He stated the Order had so far paid out over six and one-half millions of dollars, and had the grand reserve fund of over three and one-quarter millions. This gave confidence in the ability of the Order to pay all claims when properly made. The death-rate, he said, is a most important factor with all such societies, and while it runs from 8 to 18 in the thousand in many sister organizations, it has been about 5.50 in the I.O.F. for years. This is owing to the great care taken by the Supreme Medical Examiner (who rejected over 10,000 in three years) and also to the fact that the Order is getting new blood in all the while. The extension of the Order is a most important thing, and every member should work for this object. He then, before closing, made a strong appeal to wives and mothers for their own sakes, as well as for the sake of their families, that they should see that their husbands and sons joined without delay.

The address was full of instructive information and was highly appreciated.

The following letter was afterwards sent to Bro. Davis, and the Court asks that it be inserted in THE FORESTER:

COURT HOPEFUL, No. 310, I.O.F.

KERWOOD, ONT., April 29, 1899.

Archdeacon Davis, London, Ont.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to inform you that the members of Court Hopeful, No. 310, Kerwood, Ont., desire to express their thanks, through their officers, to you, and to acknowledge the deep debt of gratitude we owe you for your great kindness in giving your excellent address here to a crowded house on the 19th inst. Touching upon the progress and growth of our Order we desire also to inform you that the enthusiasm among members and others is such as to leave no room for doubt that our Court will soon be in a prosperous and flourishing condition, and again thanking you for your great kindness and extending you a fervent and cordial greeting and best wishes of our Court,

Yours in L., B. and C.,

GILBERT J. DOWDING, R.S.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Cottam, No. 3435, Cottam, Ont., on the occasion of the death of the daughter of Bro. Pratt.

Wm. J. Turnbull, D.S.C.R. of Brantford, has been in the vicinity for a day or two in the interests of the I.O.F. The Deputy talks to convince and win, for he seldom fails. During his sojourn over sixteen applications were examined successfully before Dr. King.—*Evening Record*, Windsor, May 17.

BERLIN, ONT., May 8th, 1899.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA,

Sup. Chief Ranger I. O. F.,

TORONTO, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Would you please insert in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER an item, that Court Berlin, No. 154 I. O. F., intends to invite the High Court of Western Ontario to meet in the town of Berlin in 1900. You will do the Court a favor by doing so.

We had a well attended meeting on April 27th, when it was decided to try and secure the High Court meeting. Hoping you have improved in health on your recent voyage, I remain

Yours in L., B. and C.,

JOHN R. SCHLING,

Fin. Sec. Court Berlin, No. 154 I. O. F.

Court Paisley, No. 1183, Paisley, Ont., has presented Bro. W. T. Patterson, C. D., with a badge of office and an address, on the occasion of his leaving for Holland, Man.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Teresah McCammon, of Kingston, Ont., for the prompt payment of \$2,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, John McCammon (Court Frontenac, No. 59, Kingston, Ont.)

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Ellen Vickery, of Kerwood, Ont., for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, John Vickery (Court Hopeful, No. 310, Kerwood, Ont.)

W. L. Wilkinson, Organizer for the Independent Order of Foresters, has been busily engaged in the interests of the Order in this vicinity of late. As a result of his efforts there have been nearly a score of applications sent in to Court Clifton, No. 220, Niagara Falls, Ont. More are to follow, we hear.—*Niagara Falls Reco. d.*

The smoker given by Court McGregor, No. 6, in the I. O. F. hall, Chatham, Ont., recently was a decided success, and the Foresters were rewarded for their efforts by a large attendance. The musical part of the evening was furnished by Tucker Bros., whose musical selections, comic dances and comic songs were greatly appreciated by those present. H. Horsted and R. Skinner also added much to the success of the evening with their comic songs. Refreshments were served after the concert.

Court Severn, 1608, Severn Bridge, Ont., held their regular meeting on Wednesday night, when a very profitable and interesting evening was spent. After the business was over the Rev. Wm. Hewitt, who was absent on installation night, was duly installed as Chaplain. Quite a treat was given the brethren by Bro. Ormsby, R. S., who brought his phonograph and gave over a dozen pieces, much to the satisfaction of all present.

Court Pelee, 3572, Pelee Island, Ont., gave a concert in the Maccabees' Hall, on the island, Wednesday evening, 19th ult., which was largely attended and much enjoyed by all present. The Island Foresters have a way of doing well what they undertake, and this concert was no exception to the rule, as the successful rendition of the programme of twenty-six numbers will testify. Reeve Watt acted as chairman, and filled that position very acceptably. Following was the programme: Chorus, "Merry Springtime," by choir; chairman's address, Reeve Watt; solo,

Mrs. Thos. Quick; instrumental, Miss Gertrude McCormick; dialogue, "The Railway Matinee," by South End people; song, "When the Cloud Goes Over the Moon," Sam. Lucas; recitation, Fred. Ferguson; chorus, "The Moonlight Sail," choir; solo, Mrs. Thos. Quick; instrumental, Miss Gertrude Quick; dialogue, "An Awful Mystery," West Side young people; whistling, Miss Annie and Master Staer; solo, Mrs. T. Quick; dialogue, "Advertising for a Husband," North End people; whistling, Miss Annie and Master Staer; solo, Mrs. T. Quick; dialogue, "Wanted—a Policy," South End people; recitation, Mrs. Quick; chorus, "Way Ober on the Klondike Ribber," tableau, scene 1—Bliss; scene 2, Bliss Disturbed; tableau, "The New Woman"; tableau, "War in the Camp." The Foresters' string band played at intervals during the rendition of the programme, and added much to the pleasure of the occasion. Thirty-six dollars was realized.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16, 1899.

Dr Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I enclose herewith newspaper clippings from which you will observe that we are getting quite a little free advertisement for our Order in the Sunday papers.

In this connection I would state that the fact of our having made the recent deal with the Order of United Friends has made us more widely known and talked about in this vicinity than anything that has happened heretofore. In my opinion this advertisement is sufficient return for all the expense so far sustained. It is not, however, the only return, for we are getting a very large part of the Friends' membership in Philadelphia. I understand they had about 350 members in this city, and we will more than likely get at least 150 of the best of these. Three Courts are well under way, and it is expected that two more will get started this week.

Dr. Frowert has been a tireless worker in this connection, and a large proportion of these we have secured are doubtless influenced by his connection with the Order. Many are his personal friends, and this means men of social and financial importance. I have visited a number of the meetings, and am glad to say that the members as a class impress me as being up to, if not above the average of those we have heretofore had in the Philadelphia membership.

Fraternally in L., B. and C.,

CHAS. W. MINGLE,

High Secretary.

The United Friends Coming In.

(*Philadelphia Press*, May 14th, 1899).

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Court Brotherly Love was instituted May 2, by Deputy A. A. Campbell, assisted by Deputy Barton, with a large charter list of well-known fraternal insurance men, from Philadelphia Council, O. U. F. The following officers were elected and installed: Court Deputy, George W. Wells; Chief Ranger, Harry Kelly; Vice-Chief Ranger, Henry Marsh; Past Chief Ranger, Henry N. Way; Recording Secretary, John F. Kelly; Financial Secretary, Charles F. Edme; Treasurer, Edwin Walton; Orator, D. H. Folwell; Superintendent Juvenile Court, F. E. A. Robinson. The Court will meet at 35 North Ninth Street, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The Independent Order of Foresters agreed to accept the members of the Order of United Friends, which recently decided to disband, owing to lack of support and work by the members, provided they passed medical examination of the I.O.F. As a result large numbers are embracing the offer and the medical examinations are brisk.

Preliminary meetings of former councils of the O.U.F. have been held, and many have resolved to merge into the Foresters. The same is true in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut and other States where the O.U.F. was located.

The liberal offer made by the Foresters is undoubtedly the best, and the members are fully alive to its merits, and are joining rapidly.

Efforts will be made to give a new title to the O.U.F. building in this city, and call it Foresters' Hall.

Thursday evening Court George G. Meade was instituted by Deputy A. A. Campbell, assisted by Henry N. Way, with a large charter list. The charter members were formerly members of National Bank Clerks' Council, Meade, Keystone, Ledger and Pennsylvania Councils, O.U.F., and the new Court starts out under favorable auspices. The following officers were elected and installed: Court Deputy, Harry H. Paul; Chief Ranger, John H. Laird; Vice-Ranger, James A. Staatz; Past Chief Ranger, J. August C. Goebel; Recording Secretary, Levi S. Storks; Financial Secretary, Robert C. Stafford; Treasurer, Harry E. Crawford; Orator, Charles Wittrock; Superintendent Juvenile Court, John C. Springman; Senior Woodward, H. Beister; Junior Woodward, John P. Hertz; Senior Beadle, Max Lorenz; Junior Beadle, Thomas G. Mellwaine; Trustees, Bernard Ramke and W. C. Griffiths. A committee consisting of Bros. Paul Storks and Stafford were appointed to draft by-laws. The Court will meet at 36 North Ninth Street on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Friday evening, May 5, Deputy A. A. Campbell, assisted by Bro. Henry N. Way, instituted Court Mercantile at 36 North Ninth Street. The following officers were elected and installed: Court Deputy, J. S. Weatherley; Chief Ranger, S. J. Moffatt; Vice-Chief Ranger, G. W. Schooley; Past Chief Ranger, Thomas C. Gill; Recording Secretary, G. Wuest; Financial Secretary, W. B. Thomas; Treasurer, G. T. Babell; Orator, G. H. Rigly; Superintendent, J. Court, J. W. Brook; Senior Woodward, T. W. Buckingham; Junior Woodward, O. G. Wittkorn; Senior Beadle, W. H. Jollie; Junior Beadle, H. Wolff; Trustees, George Hooley and F. H. Jones. The Court will meet on the first Friday evening of each month.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The readers of this journal will remember that in March and April numbers reference was made to the good luck of Court Mt. Stephen, No. 3741, Charlottetown, P.E.I., in receiving a cheque from Lord Mount Stephen for fifty dollars. Now it is the turn of another Court. The *Guardian* of May 18th had the following:

"Bro Gordon McKay, Financial Secretary of Court Strathcona, of Breadalbane, received Tuesday night a letter from Lord Strathcona. Enclosed in it was a cheque for the handsome sum of \$100 as a donation to the Court. On December 8, 1897, the

above named Court was organized with a charter membership of about 30 members, and ever since its organization the members have been doing all they could to advance the interests and promote the welfare of the Order, and up to the present time it is one of the leading Courts in the province. Lord Strathcona has distinguished himself throughout Canada as a donator of money for benevolent purposes, and the members of Court Strathcona, as a body, greatly appreciate the handsome sum received as a recognition of the naming of the Court after His Lordship. At the next regular meeting of the Court which will take place on Wednesday, May 24th, the cheque will be presented."

The meeting on May 24th was largely attended by members and visitors. Most of the time was taken up in endeavoring to find out who was to get the credit for naming the Court, and discussing the Forester's ward in the P.E.I. Hospital, so that the deciding how the gift from Lord Strathcona was to be invested was left for another meeting.

Bro. Charles McGregor, of Court Mt. Stephen, is to be congratulated upon his election as Water Commissioner for the City of Charlottetown, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. D. Laird. Although there were three other candidates in the field, Bro. McGregor was elected by a large majority.

Bro. George E. Saville, of Court Dundas, No. 3547, Bridgetown, P.E.I., is receiving much praise from the press for his heroic efforts in saving the life of a man who nearly met a watery grave in the Annadale Harbor.

A number of the Courts have discussed the Hospital Scheme as recommended by the High Chief Ranger, and in every Court where a vote has been taken it has been unanimously in favor of securing the ward.

Every one who knows Bro. Captain J. G. Sheriff, of Court Northumberland, wishes for his speedy recovery from his serious injury caused by falling from a railway car. He remained unconscious for so long a time that his chances for recovery at first was thought by the hospital physician to be very slight.

Court Wiltshire, No. 1189, Brookfield, P.E.I., mourns the loss of their first member by death. Bro. Aeneas W. Campbell died at his father's residence, Darlington, on 24th May. The late brother was 33 years of age, and had been placed on the probationary list on 6th Feb. last. He was buried with Forestry honors in the Methodist cemetery, North Wiltshire, a large number of the members of Court Wiltshire and Bros. Rev. M. Campbell, Dr. A. E. Douglas and High Secretary Fowler being present.

The High Court will meet about the 15th Aug. Supreme Treasurer Collins is expected to be present. Court Prince Edward have already appointed a committee to make arrangements and give to the High Court representatives the best welcome that Kensington can give.

#### QUEBEC.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received for prompt payment of \$1,000 total and permanent disability of Bro. E. D. Adams, Court Danville 340, Danville, Que.

KINGSCROFT, QUE.,

May 19, 1899.

John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary of the Independent Order of Foresters.

DEAR SIR,—I wish to express to your noble Order, and especially to the members of Court Good Cheer, No. 746, for their great kindness shown us' in our sad bereavement in the tragic death of our beloved son, Wm. H. Selby, who was a member of said Court, our heartfelt thanks, and be assured we shall ever cherish the recollection of the same. Also our thanks for the prompt manner in which the mortuary and funeral benefits were paid to my wife, Mrs. Jane Selby, it being less than one month after the funeral. And I wish to add for the benefit of those who do not believe in insurance, that as our son died in Wisconsin, over one thousand miles from home, had he not have taken the precaution to insure, we would have been placed in very strait circumstances, for we would have had him brought home if it had taken our little home to have settled the bill, but instead we have paid all bills and his mother has a comfortable sum to lay by for a time of need. Please publish this in your organ, and use it anywhere or anyhow for the good of humanity. I remain, dear sir, your humble servant in Christ,

REV. HARRY D. SELBY,

subscribing for myself, wife and remaining children.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Andrew Main, of Richmond, Que., for the payment of \$1,050 mortuary and funeral benefits of her late husband, Andrew Main, Court Myrtle, No. 5, of Richmond, Que.

CAPELTON, QUE.,

May 15th, 1899.

To the Supreme Chief Ranger,  
Independent Order of Foresters,  
Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR.—I beg to return you my sincere thanks for cheques amounting to \$1,050, handed to me this date by Mr. N. B. Pritchard, C.R., Court Eustis, No 1477, in full settlement of mortuary and funeral benefit claims of my late husband.

I assure you this prompt return will be a great benefit to me and my family, and I wish the Foresters' prosperity complete.

Yours very truly,

IDA A. HEIDEL.

VERMONT.

COURT WEST PAWLET, No. 1172,  
WEST PAWLET, VT., May 3, 1899.

To the Editor INDEPENDENT FORESTER.  
The members of Court West Pawlet, No. 1172, extend their heartfelt sympathy to Brother Evan E. Rowlands on the death of his beloved wife.

W. BRIDGE JONES, R. Sec.  
W. O. WILLIAMS, C.R.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.,  
May 27th, 1899.

DR. OROHYATEKHA, S.C.R., Toronto, Ont.  
DEAR BROTHER,—The enclosed speaks for itself. I thought you might want to know how we appreciated the work of Bro Kidney. Everywhere we send him, he leaves good results and kindly feel-

ings toward the Order and towards himself. I am keeping watch of the Order as well as possible, and doing everything I can under the circumstances to make it win.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours fraternally,

B. F. PARKER.

RHINELANDER, WIS.,  
May 25th, 1899.

B. F. PARKER, H.C.R., Milwaukee.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Bro. Kidney has just left us. Initiated twelve good men. Principal of schools, editor, assistant cashier in bank, and railway agent among them. Others are to be reported on.

He has done a good work here; we are all very much pleased.

The other Societies are straining every muscle. One of them has had a \$2 rate for six weeks, but the I.O.F.—I am also a member of the other Society, a Maccabee—secured a better class of men.

I wish to express my appreciation to you for permitting us to have Bro. Kidney here.

Yours very truly,

S. R. STERN.

Court Antigo, No. 3265, Antigo, Wis., held the most enthusiastic meeting Thursday evening, May 25th, that it ever held since the Court was instituted, made so by the presence of Bro. Robt. Kidney, of Toronto, Canada. Bro. Kidney dwelt about an hour and a half on the principles of the Order. As Bro. Kidney came on the Court unexpectedly, we were not prepared to serve any refreshments, but the brethren were all overjoyed to meet Bro. Robert Kidney, and are in hopes he may be able to come and stay in the city of Antigo one month later on.

I remain,

Yours in L., B & C.,

WM. W. CARRIER, C.D.

GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

ENGLAND.

Bro. Cotterell's Historic Map of Bath.

(From the Bath Chronicle.)

“The publication to-day from the offices of the *Bath Chronicle* and *Bath Pictorial* of the Historic Map of Bath, a work upon which Mr. Councillor T. Sturge Cotterell has been engaged for many months, adds another to the Guides to the Queen of the West, and one which will, without doubt, prove as interesting to residents of, as to visitors to the city. The map is an elaboration of an earlier work of the same nature by Mr. Cotterell, and it is peculiarly fitting that the many months of earnest research and patient enquiry by the author into the histories of the many houses marked on the map should thus find its corollary in so useful and interesting a guide to historic Bath. The map, which is contained within strong covers, is handy in size, and is so admirably arranged that any particular house can be traced without difficulty. Printed in five colors, the historic houses are indicated by red dots, which are numbered, to correspond with marginal references, and an important feature of the map is that whilst it contains a reference to every house which has been occupied by a celebrity,

it is also topographically correct, so that it serves the double purpose of an Historic Map and a street map of the city. In Mr. Cotterell's earlier map, there were reference to 93 historic houses; his subsequent research has resulted in the addition of 50 more such references, bringing the total to 143.

"Among the famous literary men whose names figure in the map are Pope, Fielding, Smollett, Scott, Wordsworth, Southey, Goldsmith, Tom Moore, Beckford, Lytton and Austin; of 'makers of the Empire' are Burke, Pitt, Walpole, Chesterfield, and others; the world of Art is represented by such great artists as Gainsborough, Leighton, Long and Burke; Herschell typifies scientific research; among British heroes are Clive and Wolfe; Quin, the great actor, not only lived in Bath, but was buried in the Abbey, and of other celebrities who have passed at least some of their time in Bath, we need hardly mention Ralph Allen and the 'Autocratic King of Bath,' Beau Nash. We have selected a few names at random from among the many appearing on the map, with the idea of showing how widely Mr. Cotterell has sought his information, and what a fine field for exploration he had at command. He has had no lack of material, for no provincial city in the Kingdom is so rich in historic interest as Bath; but the difficulty has been to accurately locate the residences (temporary or otherwise) of all the great men and women whom Bath has known in the past, and it says much for the diligence with which the author has approached, and carried out his task, that his map abounds with so many valuable references and so much interesting detail."

#### Court Prince Blaclud of Bath, No. 2066.

Bro. Ernest J. White, P.C.R., has resigned his position as Secretary and Registration Agent of the Bath Liberal Association to accept the more important but similar appointment for the County of West Wilts. Bro. White is a thorough Forester, and is sure to carry Independent Forestry into the new field of his labors.

### WALES.

#### Court Afan, No. 2059, Port Talbot, Wales.

On Monday, May 8th, 1899, an interesting gathering took place in connection with this Court, the occasion being a visit from the H. Sec. for Wales, Bro. S. M. Wilkinson, who had journeyed from Cardiff for the purpose of handing to Mrs. Evans, widow of the late Bro. D. R. Evans, £400, the amount of her claim against the Order upon the death of her husband.

The H. Sec. was met by the C.R., Bro. Major W. S. J. Bray; the S. W., Bro. Councillor H. Wood, Mayor of Aberavon; Bro. Ald. J. M. Smith, C.C. (Chaplain), Bros. G. D. Loveluck (Treas.), J. T. Edwards (F.S.), W. Thomas (R.S.) The C.R., in a few appropriate and well chosen remarks, expressed the sorrow of all the brethren of Court Afan at the sad circumstances which had called them together and offered to Mrs. Evans the sincerest sympathy of all the brethren of the Court. The H. Sec., in handing the draft for £400 to Mrs. Evans, re-echoed on behalf of the Supreme and High Courts the expressions of sympathy made by the C.R. Special thanks, he said, were due to the F.S. Bro. Edwards for having taken so much trouble in the matter.

Subsequently the H. Sec., Bro. Wilkinson, received the following letter from Mrs. Evans:

PORT TALBOT, May 8th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to thank you and also the members of the Supreme Executive and members of the High Court of Wales and also all members of Court Afan, No. 2059, for the very kind manner in which the claim of my late husband, David Rosser Evans, has been met. I cannot speak too highly of the kindly sympathy expressed on my behalf and also for the very prompt manner of settlement, as I find that within five days of the claim being lodged the draft for £400 was duly signed and forwarded, the total premiums paid only amounting to £22. Again expressing my sincere thanks,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MARY ANN EVANS.

Bro. Henry Wood was born in 1858, at Fernacre Farm, at Milverton, Somersetshire, and is, therefore, in his 41st year, and comes of a good yeoman stock. When a young man of 19 he came to Aberavon, Glamorgan, and entered the service of Alderman White as a confectioner. Some few years later, the worthy alderman having died, our good brother took over the business which he has since kept on, though greatly extending it. He has always taken a lively interest in affairs of the town, though it was not till five years ago he was induced to step into the municipal arena, where, by his straightforward and thoroughly independent demeanor, he has won a host of friends, and in November last was unanimously elected to fill the civic chair of the borough. Bro. Wood is one of the charter members of Court Afan, No. 2059, which was instituted by Bro. Thompson on July 12th, 1893, and has always taken a hearty interest in the Order.

Court Euryon, No. 2216, Colwyn Bay, North Wales, can by no means be accused of lethargy, and yet they are continually talking about shaking it off. At their May meeting there was a strong accusation of shortsightedness brought against the ordinary citizen for not being able to see the advantages of joining the Order. Diplomatic measures were planned, and arrangements entered into, to have them put into force immediately to capture all the available strong, healthy men that could be found. To this intent the D.S.C.R. was requisitioned to supplement the efforts of the Court in the attack. But all this did not satisfy the zeal of these warlike officers; from the Chief to the subaltern on guard, there was an outcry for more energy, and it was resolved that for the good and welfare of the Court they must be allowed an hour's practice to fire off a volley of mental fireworks for the edification of those present, and the attraction of those who ought to be present. The Chief Ranger, Bro. W. Jones, C.E., ruled that practice be commenced forthwith, and called on the officer at the other end of the lists, viz., Bro. A. Williams, S.B., to propound some line of action. The challenge was promptly responded to with the suggestion that each member should put a question into the hat. Then, beginning with the C.R., each one should draw a question and answer it to the best of his ability, and give his opinion on the subject. The first question, which very appropriately came to the hand of the C.R., Bro. Jones, C.F., was, "Shall the I.O.F. decide the fate of old age pensions?" Bro. Jones gave an outline of what the

House of Commons had been doing a great deal of the question and said the I.O.F. had a mighty problem in hand. The next question, which came to the hand of Bro. P. P. Nicholl, V.C.R., "Does our obligation to the Order permit us to raise political or religious questions in the Court-room?" Bro. Nicholl pointed out reasons why it would be against the interests of the Order to permit such questions. Then followed questions on many subjects both interesting and humorous, such as the "increase of armaments," "electricity," "our colonies," "the metric system of measurements," "coinage," the "new woman," etc. Each and all were taken up by the members and dealt with in a manner which displayed a remarkable amount of wisdom and wit. The allotted hour seemed all too short for the programme, and every one agreed that Court Eurynd had struck the keynote of fraternity. Bro. Wm. Jones promised to give a paper on the influence of Chas. M. Sheldon's works on society, to be read at next meeting and discussed by the members.

### SCOTLAND.

The good wife of the popular H.S. of Scotland, sailed for New York to visit her brother, Thomas McQueen, and will be absent for three months. Mrs. Duncan expects to visit the Temple in Toronto before her return. Bro. Duncan, in the meantime, is trying to look happy, but he is decidedly forlorn.

[NOTE ED.—Mrs. Duncan has visited the Temple. She was taken in hand by the S.C.R. who showed Mrs. Duncan and her friend some of the sights of Toronto.]

Court Scottish Pioneer, No. 2005, Glasgow, Scot., is still as progressive and entertaining as ever. A grand moonlight excursion on the water, arranged for 22nd June, is their third treat in 1899.

Another Court, the Sirdar, will be instituted in Glasgow during May, which will make the 15 Courts, including one Companion Court in Glasgow.

Court Fraternity, No. 2014, Glasgow, has decided to meet in the High Court-room, George Sq., in future. This will not only be more convenient for most of the members, but will assist the High Court in carrying out their grand idea of having a first class Court-room in a prominent part of the city.

Bro. Robt. Anderson, of Scottish Pioneer, No. 2005, and Bro. Mozart Allen, of Fraternity, No. 2014, have both visited several Courts in the North of Scotland, where they report the Order progressing.

### IRELAND.

#### Dublin Notes.

Courts Donore, No. 2093, and Dublin, No. 2206, held the first Court meetings in the new I. O. F. Chambers, 7 St. Stephen's Green, on May 16th and 17th respectively, and after the usual routine of business a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Martin, D.S.C.R., for securing such comfortable and well-equipped chambers and offering them as a home and central meeting place for the use of the Dublin Courts. Bro. Martin in reply thanked Courts Donore and Dublin sincerely for their kind expression of satisfaction and for so promptly coming forward as the pioneers of progress in helping him to reduce his responsibility in providing a suitable Forestric home, a want long felt by the brethren in Dublin. When called upon

to give more particular attention to the advance of our Order in Dublin, he called the attention of Bro. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., to the advisability of securing suitable and central quarters where all the Courts in Dublin could meet and call their home, as at the present they had to meet in rooms quite unsuited for I.O.F. purposes and situated in buildings which, more or less, gave a flavor of sectarianism to the several Courts and the Order in general. To a great non sectarian organization like ours, such a flavor should be avoided for obvious reasons, and particularly in districts where a vast number of our compatriots are Roman Catholic and might have very conscientious scruples in becoming connected with a Court whose meetings are held in a distinctly sectarian building, foreign to their creed and faith. Bro. Marshall, through his great desire to promote the progress of Forestry in every possible way, most kindly encouraged Bro. Martin in the project and in his great generosity promised to see him safely through. Thus, as in Cork, through the kindness of our highly esteemed High Treasurer, Bro. Love, I.O.F. chambers in Dublin have been established and the brethren will, he wassure, support any movement that has the welfare of our noble Order for its object.

Court Abbey is progressing and initiated a new member on the 18th inst. Bro. Martin being present urged upon them the importance of securing as many new members as possible before the High Court meets.

Court Donore is nobly holding its own, notwithstanding the severe blow it suffered by the withdrawal of seven of its members lately for the purpose of affiliating with another Court. They have several applications before them.

Court Anna Liffey still holds premier place in point of numbers in the south of Ireland, and its thoroughly efficient staff of officers will do much to sustain their supremacy, although Court St. Fin Baru in Cork is pushing them close.

Bro. Walter Phillips, D.S.C.R., is looking very closely after the vital interests of Court Dublin, which is also making good progress.

Two new Courts may shortly be expected in Dublin.

#### Cork Notes.

The High Standing Committee met on Tuesday, May 2nd, and fixed the High Court meeting for September 6th.

The Cork Courts will in their own quiet and able manner probably make arrangements for an evening gathering of Foresters and their friends on that day.

Bro. Pickering makes an ideal High Chief Ranger and under his presidency the High Court will become prosperous. He has already appointed a D.D.H.C.R. in the person of Bro. Stuart Todd, one of the first members of the Order in the south of Ireland, and F. S. of Court Shandon, No. 2175, the first Court organized in Cork. Bro. Todd's energetic nature is well known, and doubtless during his commission the members will very materially increase in Cork.

#### Belfast.

Court Duncairn, No. 2105, Belfast, held their first annual social meeting on Tuesday evening, 28th ult. Bro. Samuel Erskine, C.R., presided. High Court officers present, Bro. Dr. Gibson, J.P., High



Secretary, and Bro. Bell, P.H.C.R. After tea a very select musical programme was rendered by the following: Miss Jennie Glasgow, A.L.C.M., pianoforte solo; Miss Crawford, violin solo; vocalists, Miss Archer, Miss Smith, Mr. R. B. Brown, Mr. T. W. Gibson and Mr. J. Waugh, at the close of which dancing was introduced, and was kept up until 2 o'clock, when a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close. Messrs. Inglis & Co. provided tea, etc., in their usual efficient manner.

## Companion Courts.

### CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 5th, '99.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT FORESTER:—From far-away California we want to raise a new voice in the name of Forestry. We are only two months old to-day; but we are thriving and we have made up our minds to continue to do so. There are just fifty of us at the present writing and we want to double that number as soon as possible. We gave a social and dance last Wednesday evening at the I.O.F. Hall and had a fine attendance. The talent contributed for our social was exceptionally good and an orchestra was in waiting ready to strike up the grand march as soon as our program was over. It was led by High Chief Ranger McElfresh and his charming daughter, Miss Mabel, who is our Court Deputy. We consider we have a special claim on California's High Chief Ranger, as he put us through the paces of initiation, ably assisted by High Secretary, W. H. Perry. Our debut in the entertainment line was such a success, both socially and financially, that we intend to try again in the near future.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

MRS. A. H. SEEBOLD,

Rec. Sec'y.

Comp. Court Morris Vineyard, No. 152.

Companion Court Los Angeles, No. 18, Los Angeles, Cal., is doing admirably. We initiate at every meeting from one to five candidates.

On the evening of the 20th of April, Companion Court Los Angeles, No. 18, and Court Los Angeles, No. 422, held a joint social. Cards and dancing was the programme.

Refreshments were served in the banquet room. The tables were beautifully decorated with smilax and roses.

It was quite late when the merry crowd adjourned, all going home feeling that the evening had been well spent.

MRS. WM. E. REAVIS,  
Los Angeles City.

### MICHIGAN.

LUBINGTON, MICH., May 26th.

D.S.C.R. Alta M. Stewart, of Grand Rapids, has been with us the past ten days working in the interests of a Companion Court.

Monday evening, May 22nd, our H.C.R., R. J. Macdonald, and H. Sec., M. M. Callaghan, were with us and spoke to a large audience of Foresters and others.

Mrs. Stewart spoke for the Companions in an eloquent manner, after which she asked for Charter applicants.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Stewart organized a Companion Court of thirty-one members, all of which were for mortuary benefits, except six.

Thursday evening she gave us a thorough exemplification of the ritualistic work in an able manner, after which we surprised her with a feast of ice-cream and cake.

Mrs. Stewart has proved great ability as an organizer and is very thorough in her work, making every point clear in the plan of Independent Forestry.

Yours in L., B. & C.,

MARY ANN SHEPPERD, C.R.

Companion Court Columbus, No. 166, held an open meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, for the purpose of drawing the prizes advertised, and incidentally to welcome Supreme Deputy Brother Evison. A good time was had by everybody, the ladies serving ice cream and cake while the company was entertained by some fine musical selections by the East High School Mandolin and Guitar Club. Some were also interested in pedro. The lucky numbers for the drawing were as follows, viz: Quilt, donated by Companion Victoria Pickel, No. O. O. 2, held by Miss Laura Tyson, 284 East Long Street; umbrella, donated by F. & R. Lazarus, No. B. B. 8, held by Mrs. Delphena Dubiel, 213 East Main Street; box of cigars, donated by Klott & Son, No. R.R. 3, held by R. S. Bryant, Columbus Bicycle Works. All went home at a late hour with a talk of repeating the entertainment again.

### OHIO.

Companion Court Standard 137, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Companions of Court Standard, 137, held their first anniversary concert and ball March 7th.

We are getting along splendidly. The meetings are well attended and new members initiated every meeting. After the expenses of our concert and ball we realized over \$35. We have had quite a few sick members this winter, but happy to say we are able to pay all sick benefits; also we donated \$5 to a sick Companion (not of our Court.)

We had a masquerade ball April 18th, and I expect we will have quite a little sum from that also.

Companions of Court Standard, 137, surprised Mrs. Agnes Hickman, 1835 East Madison Ave., April 14th.

Companion Hickman is Chief Ranger of Court Enterprise. Our Companions presented her with a beautiful Foresters' pin and a fine rocking chair. Companion Hickman was Organizer of Court Standard; we call her the mother of our Court, and we are always pleased to have her with us. We spent a very pleasant evening; all had a good time and a bountiful supper.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

AGNES W. DICK, R.S.

Court Robin Hood, No. 12, Companions of Foresters.

CLEVELAND, O.

Editor FORESTER.

While reading of the different Courts, I see no mention is made of Court Robin Hood. We may have been sleeping, but we are wide awake now. We have two candidates to initiate at our next meeting, and expect to do better in the future.

After an illness of thirteen months, Hannah Davis, one of our charter members, died April 5, 1899.

A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions. The following were adopted :

WHEREAS the Supreme Ruler, in His great mercy, has removed from our midst our worthy and beloved Companion, Hannah Davis, and

WHEREAS this Court deeply feels and deplors the loss of our worthy Companion, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that while we in humble submission bow to an all wise decree of the Almighty, we unite with the bereaved family, relatives and friends in the hope of a lasting reunion in a world where sorrow, pain and tears are unknown. Be it further

*Resolved*, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Court and a copy be sent to the family of our departed Companion.

Mrs. C. E. BOWMAN, }  
" M. E. GLUCK, } Committee.  
" M. E. WEAVER, }

SCOTLAND.

Companion Court Kilvin, the first Companion Court in Scotland, was instituted on 20th April, in Glasgow, by Bro. McNair. The new Court begins with a membership of 22 and is quite enthusiastic. The Court will meet at 56 George Square, Glasgow, on the 1st Wednesday of each month, at 8 p.m. Any Companions visiting Glasgow will be made heartily welcome, and an intimation of intended visit to any of the following officers will secure a good reception: Mrs. McNair, C.R., 6 Blythswood Squar., Glasgow; Miss. E. M. Allan, F.S., 43 Overdale Street, Langside, Glasgow; Mrs. C. C. Anderson, C.D.H.C.R., Glasgow; Dr. M. A. McFarlane, Phy., 11 Park Grove Terrace, Glasgow.

A Companion Court is also nearly completed in Edinburgh, and when organized there will be keen rivalry between this and Companion Court Kilvin for first place.

Acknowledgments.

MAPLE RAPIDS, MICH.,  
May 19th, 1899

DR. ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours of the 18th at hand, enclosing draft for \$1,050 in payment of Brother Chas. Tyler's claim (Court Maple Rapids, No. 1007,) also Mrs. Vanderhoof thanks you very kindly for the promptness with which the matter was adjusted.

Enclosed find Benefit Certificate of the late Bro. Tyler.

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,  
AMBROSE T. HEWITT, R.S.

SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL.,  
May 25th, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of Court Ainsworth, No. 783, of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.:

DEAR SIRS,—I desire to return my most sincere thanks to you, and through you to the Supreme Court for the prompt manner in which you paid the endowment on the life of my late husband, Joseph Mounsey, amounting to \$1,000.

I also wish to thank the officers and members of

Court Ainsworth for their kind attention and sympathy during my sad bereavement.

Wishing your Order prosperity in its noble work, I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
MRS. FANNIE MOUNSEY.

BELDING, MICH., May 20th, 1899.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.:

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$500, the first instalment on my disability claim, which has just been allowed, and at the same time bear testimony to the promptness and generous treatment received during a long period of illness prior to the granting of total disability. My sick benefits have been a needed and welcome addition to my affairs, and the promptness with which they have come to hand speaks for the solidity and business-like methods of the Order of Foresters.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
S. M. COOK.

Court Watchful, No. 572.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., May 29th, 1899.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.:

I wish to extend to you my sincere thanks for the prompt payment of my late husband's life insurance, amounting to \$1,000, he being a member of Court Astoronga, 1364. I will recommend the Order to all my friends who are in need of insurance.

Yours very truly,  
EUPHRASIE C. JAQUAYS,  
Little Falls, N. Y.

VIROQUA, WISCONSIN, May 29th, 1899.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, S. Sec'y, Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your draft for \$1,000 in favor of Ambrosia Davis, widow of F. E. Davis, who was a member of Court Jerry Rusk, No. 3148, I.O.F., located at Viroqua, Wis., was received this a.m., and the same was turned over to the widow, and for which amount she receipted in full upon the policy, which she surrendered. You will find the same enclosed for cancellation.

Court Jerry Rusk, No. 3148, hereby express their thanks to you for the promptness in this matter. I believe it will help our Court to obtain many new members when they find out how prompt the I.O.F. are in paying death claims. Also find enclosed application for membership of Theodore Spellum, and recommendation from the Court Physician.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
L. C. STEENBERG,  
R. Secretary.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 29, 1899.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, ESQ.,  
Sup. Sec'y, I. O. F., Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your favor of the 23rd inst., enclosing drafts amounting to \$2,000, account death claim of our late brother Walter Nicolson, received this morning. I have delivered same to Mary G. Nicolson, beneficiary and guardian of Walter Nicolson, the other beneficiary, and enclose herewith the policy duly receipted by her and witnessed by myself.

She requests me to convey her most sincere thanks for your promptness in this matter. I am

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
C. O. VALENTINE,  
Recording Secretary.

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their April Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Lambs.....	3252	Pella.....	3727

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

Courts Reinstated since last Report.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Point Lobos.....	3915	Multnomagh .....	3965

Receipts, May, 1899.

No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits	General Fund.	No. of Members.	Jurisdiction.	Mortuary Benefit Assessm'ts	S. & F. Benefits.	General Fund.
980	British Columbia.	\$ 1097 35	\$ 71 91	\$ 114 60	4672	New Jersey.....	\$ 4744 33	\$ 52 87	\$ 552 60
8681	California .....	12732 65	176 51	1219 35	13613	New York .....	11623 06	819 27	1629 81
10815	Central Ontario.....	11984 01	1395 92	1312 53	2261	North Dakota .....	2890 04	61 06	318 50
272	Colorado with Utan annexed.....	557 19	7 53	38 09	557	Northern Michigan	591 33	58 59	89 70
10280	Eastern Ontario....	11131 44	915 85	1195 98	1273	North'n Minnesota	1472 35	114 96	172 95
6726	Illinois .....	7612 44	67 03	789 20	1088	N. W. Territory....	1268 19	76 99	147 20
1990	Indiana .....	2229 37	13 71	273 09	3260	Nova Scotia.....	3786 53	275 63	432 00
619	Iowa.....	823 00	1 48	82 20	7523	Ohio .....	7518 83	124 53	917 60
3183	Maine.....	2678 31	818 78	360 90	13575	Ontario .....	13744 38	2503 96	1695 79
2420	Manitoba.....	3130 80	317 99	312 20	1611	Pennsylvania.....	2185 97	37 25	234 90
10105	Michigan.....	10094 31	691 78	1110 25	1407	Pr. Edward Island.	1489 12	41 28	165 79
3231	Minnesota.....	3671 02	10 33	418 05	4523	Quebec.....	16313 71	4710 43	1892 88
1066	Missouri with Kansas annexed.....	1304 79	9 75	137 35	866	Washington.....	1298 13	15 93	113 45
464	Montana.....	734 24	15 96	72 95	4170	Western Michigan	4400 73	189 22	529 65
351	Nebraska.....	462 17	3 27	52 15	3115	Wisconsin.....	3390 47	25 26	410 74
5744	New Brunswick....	5895 44	1011 61	681 30	210	S. C. Jurisdiction..	404 69	11 34	43 15
2147	New England.....	2146 22	741 47	324 15	5197	G. Britain, Ireland and Norway.....	7002 09	37 25	747 63
					148185				
	Received on account of Fire Insurance.....						437 32		
	" " " Sundry Refunds.....						631 36		
	" " " Organizing and other accounts.....								720 68
	Grand Totals.....	\$167,088 19	\$15,519 46	\$19,399 18					

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.		CONTRA—CR.	
For Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	\$167,088 19	By Cash remitted Supreme Treasurer.....	\$202,006 83
" Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund .....	15,519 46		
" General Fund.....	19,399 18		
Total.....	\$202,006 83		

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies.....	\$904 19	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$904 19
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Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans...\$11,466 36	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$11,466 36
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Submitted in L. B. and C.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for May, 1899.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.		
To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$3,195,014 06	
" Supreme Secretary.....	166,016 51	
Received on account of Fire Insurance.....	437 32	
" " " Sundry Refunds.....	631 36	
	<u>\$3,362,102 25</u>	
Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—		
John McCommon... Court Frontenac, 59.....	\$2,000 00	
George C. Jones.....	North Dawn, 921.....	1,000 00
Vincent A. Crandall .....	Hunter, 1615.....	3,000 00
John Moore.....	Kinnmount, 703.....	500 00
H. LeBlanc.....	St. Michael, 1193.....	1,000 00
D. Thompson.....	Alvinston, 67.....	1,000 00
Alfred Mabee.....	Loyalist, 121.....	1,000 00
John Vickery.....	Hopeful, 310.....	2,000 00
Augustus Grotmann .....	Plainfield, 1144.....	2,000 00
Philip Damm.....	Tuxedo, 3731.....	1,000 00
A. S. J. Martin.....	Occident, 467.....	2,000 00

Douglas Petric.....	Court Edmonton, 1316.....	\$ 500 00
Leo Hugot.....	" Yahara, 3965.....	1,000 00
Gus Panchos.....	" Ellmouth, 528.....	1,000 00
Peter Barr.....	" Mignonette, 1211.....	1,000 00
R. B. Croft.....	" Cobourg, 15.....	1,000 00
Samuel Westaway.....	" Exeter, 123.....	166 67
Charles H. Neidel.....	" Eustes, 1477.....	1,000 00
Peter J. Daly.....	" Ridgedale, 1561.....	1,000 00
John W. Galliger.....	" Independence, 1792.....	1,000 00
Adolphe St. Jacques .....	" Roger William, 3536.....	1,000 00
John I. Olson.....	" Mount Horeb, 3751.....	500 00
James G. Rice.....	" Oasis, 3259.....	2,000 00
Richard Brown.....	" Wanwatoosa, 3176.....	1,000 00
George Collison.....	" Oscoda, 285.....	200 00
A. Girt.....	" Jean D'Arc, 1650.....	1,000 00
John J. Helfers.....	" White Rose, 1013.....	1,000 00
John M. Leo.....	" Alpena, 293.....	1,000 00
Oscar Mochl.....	" Hawaii, 3769.....	2,000 00
Peter Harsted.....	" Campus, 1431.....	1,000 00
Joseph Jackson.....	" Ivy Leaf, 565.....	1,000 00
G. O. Mason.....	" Osseo, 3113.....	2,000 00
F. H. Jackson.....	" Honora, 1618.....	1,000 00
Joseph A. Townsby.....	" Cote St. Paul, 1281.....	1,000 00
T. Kamphofner.....	" Glendora, 531.....	2,000 00
J. M. M. Peter.....	" Morris Vineyard, 532.....	1,000 00
John Madill.....	" Shelburne, 45.....	1,000 00
James A. Humo.....	" Watford, 444.....	1,000 00

Richard Darroch.....	Court Wayne, 864.....	\$1,000 00
Aleck McNabb.....	Eau Claire, 907.....	1,000 00
Bert Miller.....	Mansfield, 1455.....	1,000 00
J. Krift.....	Illinois, 1623.....	1,000 00
Peter C. Bolduc.....	Bloomfield Cen., 3220.....	1,000 00
Benham Sunney.....	Eden Mills, 305.....	1,000 00
B. A. Brownell.....	Des Moines, 1059.....	1,500 00
August Lafrance.....	Levis, 1512.....	2,000 00
William Brander.....	Aloha, 1779.....	1,000 00
John W. Moreshed.....	Mazeppa, 1036.....	1,000 00
Frank H. Laurence.....	Pennsylvania, 768.....	1,000 00
Charles Tyler.....	Maple Rapids, 1007.....	1,000 00
Hyacinthe Primauct.....	Montmorenci, 3274.....	2,000 00
F. W. Rudenauer.....	Banner, 360.....	1,000 00
Joseph Mounsey.....	Ainsworth, 783.....	1,000 00
Walter Nicholson.....	Los Angeles, 422.....	2,000 00
Edwin P. Robins.....	Minnewawa, 215.....	2,000 00
Joseph B. Pinder.....	Bushworth, 3406.....	2,000 00
F. X. Hamlin.....	Notre Dame, 1076.....	1,000 00
J. D. Zink.....	Utopia, 3506.....	1,000 00
Richard E. C. Loew.....	Valley, 232.....	2,000 00
A. S. Young.....	Ottawa, 41.....	1,000 00
P. Mulkern.....	London, 1465.....	2,000 00
Wm. A. Holgate.....	Roslyn, 823.....	1,000 00
C. Seymour.....	Bay City, 306.....	1,000 00
Charles Strounger.....	Rideau, 31.....	1,000 00
G. I. Johnson.....	Aux Sable, 289.....	1,000 00
Charles Lambert.....	Lowelltown, 3114.....	1,000 00
James Kelly.....	Santanoni, 3142.....	308 83
F. F. McKernan.....	Ohio, 537.....	1,000 00
Robert Davis.....	Alveston, 67.....	1,000 00
F. E. Davis.....	Jerry Rusk, 3148.....	1,000 00
John James Collins.....	Mission, 1369.....	2,000 00
Eric Geslason.....	Isafold, 1018.....	1,000 00
Wm. A. Morehouse.....	Oakwood, 364.....	1,000 00
Nathan Jaquays.....	Astoroga, 1364.....	1,000 00
John Colton.....	Battle, 1131.....	2,000 00
Henry Schlagel.....	Rendondo, 525.....	1,000 00
James Harrison.....	Munrovia, 1601.....	1,000 00
Joseph S. Higgins.....	Frontenac, 59.....	250 00
Henry Ricard.....	Fabre, 3195.....	2,000 00
James Williams.....	Wisdom, 3799.....	1,000 00
B. F. Richmond.....	Arcadian, 1947.....	500 00
M. L. Johnson.....	Jefferson, 1430.....	1,000 00
Frank M. Lesink.....	Manistee, 808.....	1,000 00
H. L. Folsom.....	Penobscot, 1185.....	1,000 00
Anthony Cerat.....	St. Francis, 1009.....	500 00
William Thompson.....	Ottawa, 41.....	100 00
George Buckrell.....	Stunton, 1011.....	1,000 00
John H. Pessell.....	Morris Vineyard 532.....	1,000 00
C. G. Worden.....	Temple, 510.....	3,000 00
E. Spuller.....	Pride, 356.....	1,000 00

CONTRA—CR.	
By Sick Claims.....	\$ 18,074 57
“ Funeral Claims.....	800 00
“ Sundry Refunds.....	41 73
“ English Sick Claims.....	20 99
“ 5 per cent. to General Fund.....	775 97
“ Balance.....	55,994 11
	<u>\$ 75,707 42</u>

General Account.	
RECEIPTS	
To Supremo Secretary.....	\$ 19,399 18
“ on account of supplies.....	994 19
“ Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund.....	8,300 82
“ Sick and Fun. Ben. Fund.....	775 97
Balance.....	712 60
	<u>\$ 36,092 76</u>

CONTRA—CR.	
By Salaries of Officers.....	\$ 3,874 99
“ Organizing Salaries and Expenses.....	11,019 17
“ Wages of Employees.....	3,489 50
“ General Management Expenses.....	2,995 21
“ Refund of Fees.....	221 50
“ Furniture Account.....	377 50
“ “Forester” and Supplies.....	8,111 89
	<u>\$ 30,092 76</u>

Surplus.	
Deposited with Ins. Dept. of Dom. of Canada.....	\$ 100,000 00
“ Great Britain and Ireland.....	95,610 17
“ U. S. Government Bonds.....	148,758 36
“ New Brunswick Government.....	20,000 00
Real Estate and 1st Mortgages on Real Est.....	2,720,240 74
Debentures.....	133,375 73
Deposit Receipts.....	540 79
National Bank of La Crosse.....	2,500 00
	<u>\$3,221,025 79</u>
Current Account.....	78,434 97
	<u>\$3,299,460 76</u>
Sick and Funeral Surplus.....	55,994 11
	<u>\$3,355,454 87</u>

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

Jas. Todd, Ct. Edward Colston, 2186.....	\$973 32
Wm. G. Wood, Ct. Anfield, 2 68.....	486 66
A. Clay, Ct. Golden Hill Excelsior, 2165.....	486 66

**Report of the Medical Board for the Month of May, 1899.**

During the month of May, the Medical Board reviewed 1,889 medical examination papers, of which 1,651 were accepted and 238 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:—

Jurisdiction.	Accepted		Rejected		
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	
Arizona.....	18	1	New York.....	391	51
British Columbia.....	5	1	North Dakota.....	8	3
California.....	75	10	Nova Scotia.....	21	2
Colorado.....	12	1	N. W. Territories.....	9	4
Connecticut.....	8	3	Ohio.....	83	6
Illinois.....	146	15	Ontario (Centre).....	49	7
Indiana.....	32	5	Ontario (East).....	39	2
Iowa.....	15	1	Ontario (West).....	75	17
Kansas.....	2	2	Oregon.....	3	1
Maine.....	37	19	Pennsylvania.....	83	2
Manitoba.....	20	6	P. E. Island.....	4	1
Massachusetts.....	3	1	Quebec.....	131	32
Michigan (East).....	79	7	Rhode Island.....	4	1
Michigan (North).....	8	1	Vermont.....	7	1
Michigan (West).....	49	4	Washington.....	7	2
Minnesota (North).....	22	1	Wisconsin.....	46	6
Minnesota (South).....	25	2	England.....	38	6
Missouri.....	6	1	Ireland.....	12	3
Montana.....	4	1	Scotland.....	11	4
Nebraska.....	4	1	Wales.....	1	1
Newfoundland.....	3	1	Norway.....	3	1
New Brunswick.....	21	7	Total.....	1651	238
New Hampshire.....	7	1			
New Jersey.....	43	6			

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

\$105,025 50	
Old Ago Disability—	
Richard L. Wilton, Ct. Thames, 38.....	100 00
Total and Permanent Disability—	
Wm. J. Smith, Ct. Ivy Leaf, 565.....	\$ 500 00
L. Rousseau, Ct. Sir G. E. Cartier, 1694.....	500 00
B. S. Allen, Ct. Los Angeles, 422.....	500 00
Romeo Perrault, Ct. St. Denis, 731.....	500 00
Olaf C. Almstrom, Ct. Lehigh, 744.....	1,000 00
John May, Ct. Bridgen, 581.....	500 00
Alexander Milne, Ct. Palisade, 1772.....	1,000 00
Samuel M. Cooke, Ct. Watchful, 572.....	500 00
George I. Sproul, Ct. Eagle, 250.....	1,000 00
Frank Kane, Ct. New Haven, 1904.....	500 00
B. F. Butler, Ct. Colton, 440.....	500 00
Henry Kirk, Ct. Winnipeg, 13.....	1,500 00
Wm. Duggan, Ct. Palms, 650.....	500 00
Doctors' Fees.....	15 00
	<u>\$ 9,015 00</u>
Refunds.....	385 62
Life Assurance.....	239 68
Fire Insurance.....	223 47
Commissions.....	938 59
Wages Valuator.....	81 92
English Refunds.....	80 11
Five per cent. to General Fund.....	8,300 82
Balance.....	3,235,764 60
	<u>\$3,362,102 25</u>

**Sick and Funeral Fund.**  
RECEIPTS.

To Balance, as per last Statement.....	\$ 60,187 96
“ Supremo Secretary.....	15,519 46
	<u>\$ 75,707 42</u>

### Acknowledgements.

FELT MILLS, N. Y., June 4th, 1899.

THOS. MILLMAN, M. D. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER. -- Enclosed find benefit certificate of Bro. M. L. Johnson. Many thanks for the promptness in which the Supreme officers acted on this claim, as it will be a great benefit to Forestry in this locality.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
JOSEPH WOOD, JR.,  
Rec. Secretary.

COURT BRUNSWICK, No. 3406.  
BROOKLYN, May 29, 1899.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,  
Supreme Secretary I. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, I wish to express to the Supreme authorities our most hearty thanks for the prompt payment of the death claim of our late Bro. Jos. B. Pinder. In fact we regard it as remarkable, the brother dying out of town, and after all the delay which would necessarily arise out of a matter of this kind, the draft was in the hands of the beneficiary twelve days after the benefit certificate was forwarded to headquarters.

Again expressing the thanks of our Court and of the bereaved family, I am

Yours fraternally in L., B. and C.,  
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COURT HUNTER, No. 1645,  
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DEAR SIR AND BRO., -- I am requested by Mrs. V. A. Craudall, wife of our late brother to say to you that she is in receipt of your valued check for \$3,000.00, the amount of her deceased husband's claim, for which she is truly grateful, doubly so on account of the great promptness with which it was paid, having taken but ten days. I will state that the doctor was insured in the A.O.U.W., the M.W.A. and the Fidelity of Philadelphia, none of whom have as yet paid in their losses. This confirms me in the value of my membership in our beloved Order.

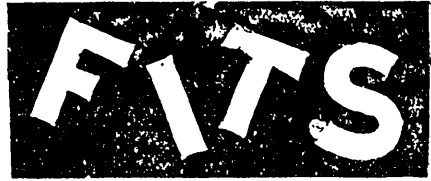
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BRAMPTON, QUE., June 2nd, 1899.

To the Officers of the Supreme Court, I.O.F.

GENTLEMEN, -- It is with heartfelt gratitude that I beg to acknowledge the prompt receipt of the mortuary benefit of my late Bro. Jas. Holmes. The proof of death was sent to the head office on April 5th and on the 13th cheques, to the amount of one thousand and fifty dollars, were in the hands of the secretary to pay to me, thus proving that the I.O.F. are faithful in performing their promises, and the blessing of God and continued prosperity to the I.O.F. will be the constant prayer of his disconsolate sister.

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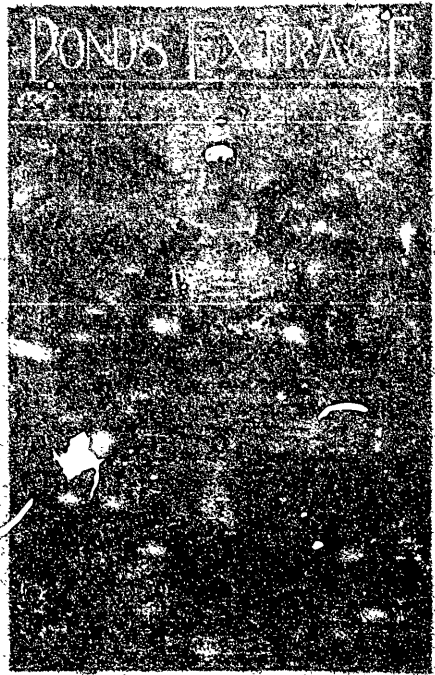
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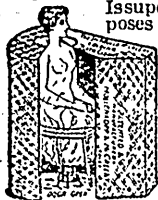
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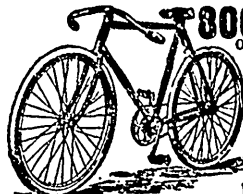
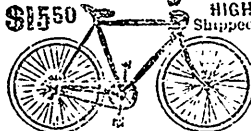
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