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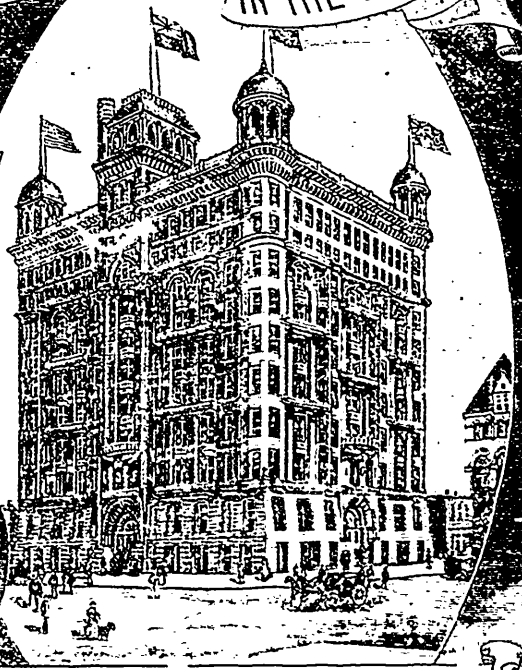


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NUMBER OF MEMBERS 1st OCT. 1899

**149,569**

SURPLUS FUND 1st NOV., 1899

**\$3,659,156.74**

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(ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.)

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 L.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	\$0 38	\$0 76	\$1 52	\$2 28	\$3 04	\$3 80
19	39	78	1 56	2 34	3 12	3 90
20	40	80	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	44	88	1 80	3 00	3 60	4 50
25	45	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 10	2 20	3 30	4 40	5 50
30	57	1 14	2 28	3 42	4 56	5 70
31	59	1 18	2 36	3 54	4 72	5 90
32	61	1 22	2 44	3 66	4 88	6 10
33	63	1 26	2 52	3 78	5 04	6 30
34	65	1 32	2 64	3 90	5 20	6 50
35	69	1 38	2 76	4 14	5 52	6 90
36	72	1 44	2 88	4 32	5 76	7 20
37	75	1 50	3 00	4 50	6 00	7 50
38	78	1 56	3 12	4 68	6 24	7 80
39	81	1 62	3 24	4 86	6 48	8 10
40	84	1 68	3 36	5 04	6 72	8 40
41	88	1 76	3 52	5 28	7 04	8 70
42	92	1 84	3 68	5 52	7 36	9 00
43	96	1 92	3 84	5 76	7 68	9 30
44	1 10	2 00	4 00	6 00	8 00	10 00
45	1 04	2 08	4 16	6 24	8 32	10 20
46	1 09	2 16	4 32	6 48	8 64	10 40
47	1 16	2 32	4 64	6 96	9 12	11 00
48	1 25	2 50	5 00	7 50	10 00	12 30
49	1 35	2 70	5 40	8 10	10 80	13 50
50	1 45	2 90	5 80	8 70	11 60	14 50
51	1 55	3 10	6 20	9 30	12 40	15 50
52	1 65	3 30	6 60	9 90	13 20	16 50
53	1 90	3 60	7 20	10 80	14 40	18 00
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To secure these benefits it is necessary to pay an Enrollment Fee of \$1.00 and a Registration Fee of \$1.00.

The rates for monthly assessments are as follows:

At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment	At Age of	Monthly Assessment
18	\$0 49	26	\$0 44	34	\$0 48	41	\$0 55
19	41	27	45	35	49	42	56
20	41	38	45	36	50	43	56
21	42	39	45	37	51	44	60
22	43	30	46	38	52	45	62
23	43	31	47	39	53	46	64
24	44	32	47	40	54	47	68
25	44	33	48				65
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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:

Deposit Inv. Dept. Canada	\$100,000 00
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	"    "    "    "    "    "
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	"    "    "    "    "    "
United States Government Bonds	118,758 50
New Brunswick Government	20,000 00
Real Estate and First Mortgages on Real Estate	2,285,076 58
Debentures	131,047 07
Deposit Receipts	540 78
National Bank of La Crosse	2,500 00

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

\$3,432,432.92.

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

- S. C. R., Oranhyatekha, M.D., Editor IZVEZHA-NATIONAL GOOD TEMPLAR, Toronto.
- F. S. C. R., The Hon. Judge W. Wedderburn, Q.C., Hampton, N.B.
- S. V. C. R., Victor Morin, Montreal, Que.
- S. Secretary, John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Toronto.
- S. Treasurer, H. A. Collins, Toronto.
- S. Phys., T. Milliken, M.D., Toronto.
- S. Coun., Hon. Ellis Stevenson, Detroit, Mich.

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

\$3,533,152.74.

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, \$2.00 a week for the next ten weeks; and at the discretion of the Executive Council a further sum of \$3.00 a week for the next twelve weeks; (2) a payment of \$10 towards funeral expenses on the member's death, to his beneficiary.

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

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1. Send all matter relating to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER and questions on points of Forestry law to Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.I.L., Toronto, Canada.
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5. All applications for membership (on Form No. 1, duly filled up) in the United Kingdom must be sent through the London office, so that certificates of membership may be promptly issued.
6. Courts working under the jurisdiction of a High Court must order all supplies from the High Secretary of their own High Court; those not under a High Court must order from the Supreme Secretary.
7. The FORESTER will be mailed to each member of a court as soon as the Recording Secretary sends a list of members, arranged Alphabetically, with their Post Office addresses, to Dan. A. Rose, Manager, "The Independent Forester," Toronto. Until such list is received the FORESTER will be mailed to the Court Deputy in bundles for distribution among the members.
8. Recording Secretaries will immediately notify the Manager, at Toronto, giving in each case the name and address in full
  - When a member is initiated.
  - When a member is suspended.
  - When a member withdraws from the court.
  - When a member changes his address.
  - When a member joins a court by card.
  - When a member is reinstated.

## The High Courts.

### HIGH COURT OF CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., October 27th, 1899.

The tenth annual session of the High Court of California, Independent Order of Foresters, was called to order in Spinney Hall, at the City of Fresno, Cal., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 17, 18 and 19, and was one of the best attended, and most interesting sessions in the history of that most excellent of High Courts, more especially so as to its social features, which are always of a most interesting nature.

The following official programme of events will show how well the brethren of Court Fresno, No. 763, provided for the entertainment of their guests, their labors being fully appreciated by the officers and delegates assembled.

On the evening of the 17th, a grand ball was given, at Armory Hall, in honor of the officers and representatives, the hall being beautifully decorated for the occasion. The music was excellent, and the High Chief Ranger, Bro. G. A. McElfresh, did himself proud, as the leader of the grand march, which was participated in by over 100 couples.

At the close of the ball, which occurred at 12 o'clock (Honolulu time) the guests were attended to at the Grand Central Hotel, by the committee on entertainment, where a sumptuous banquet was served under the auspices of Court Fresno, No. 763.

On the morning of the 18th, a grand parade was held, which was participated in by all the officers and members of the High Court, and which was led by the officers and members of Court Fresno, No. 763, in full regalia. The parade halted in front of the beautiful Court house of Fresno County where a photograph of the entire body was taken, after which the line of march was again taken up and ended at Spinney Hall, the place of meeting of the High Court.

Bro. John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, arrived at Fresno on the evening train of the 18th, and was met at the station by the members of the High Court, in a body, and was given a right royal welcome, such as only Californians can give to one whom they were delighted to see, as they were to see our "Genial John."

At 8 o'clock on the same evening a grand reception was given in the Barton Opera House, to the members of the High Court, by the citizens of Fresno. The Hon. the Mayor of Fresno welcomed the members of the High Court, and extended to them the freedom of the City. High Chief Ranger McElfresh, in a most eloquent address, acknow-

ledged the honor extended by His Honor the Mayor, and then proceeded to explain the objects and principles of the Order.

Following the address of the High Chief Ranger there was provided a most interesting programme consisting of music, both vocal and instrumental, recitations, declamations etc., by some of the most noted talent of the City of Fresno, after which the assemblage was honored by a most interesting and eloquent address by Supreme Secretary Bro. John A. McGillivray, which gained the highest appreciation of all present.

On the afternoon of the 19th, the entire membership were treated to a free excursion, tendered by the good citizens of Fresno, over the local lines of the Southern Pacific Co., which said lines run through the largest raisin and wine vineyards in the world. Several stops were made at the large packing houses, and a pound package of table raisins was presented to each member of the Order. A stop of 15 minutes was made at the famous Kearny Wineries, where each member of the party was presented with a bottle of sparkling California Wine. It was noticed that Bro. McGillivray carried away three quart bottles of "Kearney's extra dry Sherry," but what he intended to do with them is, as yet, an unsolved mystery, inasmuch as he had addressed the High Court, during the morning, on the value of a temperance life.

A resolution, emanating from one of the Courts of the jurisdiction, praying that this High Court adopt resolutions recommending the Supreme Court to reconsider its recent legislation with reference to the rates of assessment, was tabled without debate.

A petition to admit Companions to representation in the High Court met with a similar fate.

On the recommendation of the High Chief Ranger, the High Court Dues, for the current year, were reduced from \$1.00 to 80 cents.

The election and installation of the officers for the current year took place at the night session of Thursday the 19th. The following is the list of High Court officers :

H.C.R., Gen. G. McElfresh, Los Angeles; 9th term; P.H.C.R., F. M. Parker, Los Angeles; H.V.-C.R., S. L. Hogue, Fresno; High Sec'y, W. H. Perry, Los Angeles; 9th term; High Treas., Wm. E. Reavis, Los Angeles; High Phy'n, J. C. Stinson, M.D., San Francisco; High Coun., F. D. McClure, Visalia; High Auditors, G. W. Hood, Los Angeles; and W. M. Johnson, M.D., Los Angeles; High Orator, Rev. J. M. Pratt, Butte City; High J. Sec., S. R. Kellam, Los Angeles; High S. W., P. L. Archibald, San Francisco; High J. W., G. D. Goldman, San Diego; High S. B., J. S. Hurry, San Francisco; High J. B., F. M. Packard, El Rio; High Marsh., L. Kroner, Brentwood; High Condr., D. A. Kollog, M.D., Placerville; High Mess'r, A. A. St Clair, Gilroy; High Organist, E. E. Miller, Sebastopol.

The installation of the officers elect was performed by the Supreme Secretary, Bro. John A. McGillivray, and after the High Court had decided upon the place of meeting for the year 1900, (Santa Cruz,) the brethren, led by the Supreme Sec'y, joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," followed by "America."

The High Chaplain was called upon for the closing benediction, and the session of the High Court, for the year 1899, was declared closed.

## HIGH COURT OF MAINE.

### Official Circular No. 15.

#### To be Read in Open Court.

OLD TOWN, MAINE, Oct. 2, 1899.

BRETHREN,—The High Standing Committee are desirous of interesting every member of our Order throughout the state in the work of securing new members, new Courts and upbuilding the Order generally.

In our last circular letter, as an inducement to our deputies and members to engage in organizing work, we offered for a limited time the full charter fee of \$100 for a commission. As a further incentive to the securing of new members in Subordinate Courts, we are pleased to refer you to Official Circular No. 7 of the Executive Council, giving Dispensation to remit the Certificate and Registration Fees on all new members secured during the months of October and November, and a further Dispensation to all Courts to initiate at Charter Rates during said months.

You were informed in our last circular letter that it was the intention of your committee to give the services of a Deputy to every weak Court in the state for such time as might be deemed necessary. 'Tis now the time for all Courts, and especially weak ones, to make special effort to increase their membership, as under the Dispensation new members may be admitted by payment of Medical Examination Fee only.

Your committee have been very fortunate in securing the services of Forester A. A. Campbell, D.S.C.R., an experienced Deputy of the Supreme Court, to assist in the work of extending the Order throughout the state. Forester Campbell is now engaged in work in Bangor and vicinity. After completing his work in this field, he will devote a few weeks to other sections in the eastern part of the state, and will then work westward. You should arrange to secure the benefit of services while he is in your vicinity.

We also wish to call attention to a special Dispensation for the organization of Companion Courts which has been granted to Sister A. A. Campbell, the wife of Deputy Campbell, and which may now be taken advantage of. Under this Dispensation, Courts may be instituted by Sister Campbell upon payment, by the Charter Applicants, of the Medical Examination Fee only.

If Foresters or ladies who are interested in seeing a Companion Court instituted in their section, will secure a sufficient number of applicants for a Charter, Sister Campbell will meet with them, complete the work and institute the Court. We hope to see many new Courts instituted during the next two months.

You may be interested to know that during the year 1898 we secured, without the aid of a paid officer, more new members in the State of Maine than any other society, and only two Insurance Companies, with their army of paid agents, succeeded in securing as many members in this State as did the I.O.F.

You are reminded that you are a member of the wealthiest and best managed Fraternal Beneficiary Society in existence. We have passed the \$3,500,000 mark with our surplus funds. You are an equal sharer with every other brother in this accumulation of golden treasure, and as a common-sense business proposition for yourself, should you

not attend the meetings of your Court regularly and have a voice in its deliberations?

Court Penobscot No. 1186 yields the Banner to Court Rumford Falls No. 1861, which numbered 192 members July 1st, last, and is the largest Court in the State. Penobscot brace up! We wonder which Court will lead next?

Some of the Courts are still in arrears for supplies and High Court Dues. These should be forwarded at once.

The Dispensations above referred to apply to new Courts instituted during the two months, as well as to old Courts, so that all Deputies may take advantage of same in their work. A further Dispensation is hereby granted to all Deputies of the High Court to remit all or any part of the Charter Fee, in excess of one dollar, during the time stated. Now is the time for work, and let us work with a will.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
 WILLIAM McDAVID, CLARENCE SCOTT,  
 High Sec. H.C.R.

**HIGH COURT OF MICHIGAN.**

**Official Circular.**

DETROIT, MICH., Oct. 17, 1899.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I am instructed by the High Standing Committee to announce to the brethren in this district that at a meeting of the committee held at Saginaw on the 10th inst., a resolution was adopted offering a bonus of \$2.00 to each member in this High Court jurisdiction securing an application before January 1, 1900.

Three cash prizes, one of \$100 and two of \$50 each, will be given by Bro. Elliott G. Stevenson, Supreme Counsellor, to Courts showing the largest increase in membership. Further information governing this contest will be found in a circular to be issued to the Courts by the High Chief Ranger.

It is hoped and expected that every member in this district will take advantage of the above offer and secure at least ONE new member before January 1.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
 WM. H. SPARLING,  
 High Treasurer.  
 Attend the next meeting of your Court.

**HIGH COURT OF NEW JERSEY.**

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 5, 1899.

To all Courts with 50 members or less:

BRETHREN:—In view of the fact that the Supreme Court have remitted the Registration and Certificate fee for the months of October and November, the High Standing Committee offer the following prizes to be paid any brother bringing in new members from October 1st to December 31, 1899.

For one or two new members, \$1.00 each, for three new members \$1.25 each, for five new members or more \$1.50 each.

The names of new members initiated with date of initiation must be certified to by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary, having the Court Seal attached and sent to the High Secretary, Brother John H. Dravis, 213 Broad Street, Eliza-

beth, N. J., not later than February 1st, 1900. Expecting that your Court will seize this favorable opportunity to increase its membership, with fraternal greeting,

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
 JOHN H. DRAVIS, A. W. SHARRET,  
 High Secretary. High Chief Ranger.

**HIGH COURT OF WASHINGTON.**

TACOMA, WASH., Oct. 18th, 1899.

Manager INDEPENDENT FORESTER,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our High Court meeting now being over, being held on the 10th and 11th of October, I beg to hand you a photo of the officers, delegates and visitors in attendance. The photo is really for Bro. John A. McGillivray, but since he is absent from home at the present time, I will permit you to view same, trusting that you will be kind enough to present it to Bro. McGillivray upon his return. Our meeting was exceedingly pleasant, showing our High Court in good condition, the details of which will be set forth in our report, a copy of which will be furnished you when printed. We changed from annual to bi-annual sessions.

The presence of Bro. McGillivray added much to the pleasure and success of the meeting. On the night of the 10th he delivered an address on Forestry explaining the increase in rates and the extension of the Order Tax, and nearly all went home well pleased with the steps taken at the last session of our Supreme Court and all agreeing that we had spent a pleasant evening. And now for new members.

Fraternally yours in L., B. & C.,  
 L. N. HANSEN, H.S.

*From the Local Press.*

The Washington High Court, Independent Order of Foresters, finished its work Oct. 11, in the afternoon and decided to meet in New Whatcom two years hence.

The biennial session recommendation of High Chief Ranger Forsyth went through, but it was only after a hard fight. Many of the delegates thought yearly sessions should be continued, but on the other hand it was argued that the annual gathering is a useless expense. In support of Bro. Forsyth's position the fact was pointed out that at the session just closed there was not an appeal or a petition to be acted upon. Apart from the recommendations of the High Chief Ranger, and the visit of Supreme Secretary McGillivray with his incidental defence of the Supreme Council's action raising rates, there has been practically nothing to do.

The date of the next meeting will be fixed later by the High Standing Committee, which is composed of the highest seven officers. It will have to be set in time for the next meeting of the Supreme Court, which is to be at Los Angeles two years hence. The Supreme Court meets triennially, the last session having been held in Toronto a year ago. It will be necessary for the Standing Committee at New Whatcom to set the date for the meeting in time for the High Court to select its Supreme Representative. Until then Bro. Forsyth will continue to fill this position.

**REDUCTION OF REPRESENTATION.**

Bro. Forsyth's recommendation of a reduction of representation on a basis of one delegate for every

fifty members or fraction thereof, Courts of ten members or less to be not entitled to representation, was also favorably acted upon. The proposed reduction of the High Court Tax, from \$1 to 50 cents, was rejected for the reason that the membership in Washington is not yet large enough to justify it.

Another important matter decided by the Court was the determination to refuse women as delegates. In some Forestry circles the advisability of admitting the Companions has been agitated and more or less discussed. The High Court takes the position that the Companions are merely auxiliary to the Order and are not entitled to representation.

#### GETS GRAND CROSS OF MERIT.

The Grand Cross of Merit was conferred upon the retiring High Chief Ranger, Bro. Forsyth. This is the first time this distinction has been conferred in the state of Washington. Bro. Forsyth has been High Chief Ranger for three years.

The new officers elected were: P.H.C.R., John A. Forsyth, of Tacoma; C.R., James Gregg, of Seattle; H.V.C.R., James F. Hewitt, of Tacoma; H.S., L. N. Hansen, of Tacoma; H.T., A.M. Hawkins, of Seattle; H.P., Dr. George T. Penn, of Spokane; H.C., A. R. Heilig, of Tacoma.

#### SUBORDINATE OFFICERS APPOINTED.

H.O. (or Chap.), W. Hunt, of Seattle; H.J.S., Harry Compton, of Tacoma; H. Org., J. N. Neil, of Tacoma; H.S.W., J. N. Upper, of Spokane; H.J.W., William Cruse, of Seattle; H.M., Charles Frashch, of Seattle; H.C., James Brownie, of Seattle; H.S.B., N. S. Snyder, of Port Townsend; H.J.B., A. R. Pratt, of New Whatcom, and H. Mess., S. N. Poyner, of Tacoma.

Major John A. McGillivray, of Toronto, the Supreme Secretary, left on an evening steamer for Seattle, intending to stop over there on his way to Victoria. From Victoria he will go to California to attend the session of the High Court of that State at Fresno. Thence he will go direct to the City of Mexico. On his return home he will stop at Jamaica and Island of Porto Rico to work up the Order there.

According to the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors, the Washington High Court is now absolutely free from debt.

#### HIGH COURT OF MID-ENGLAND.

This High Court, which has been a kind of nursing mother to the High Courts of Central England and Southern England, showed up well in Birmingham on the 11th October. Bro. Wilkinson, H.C.R., called to order about 10.30 a.m., and was supported by the bulk of his officers.

After opening ceremonies the Credential Committee was appointed, and reported forthwith. Agreeably thereto the delegates present for the first time were obligated and instructed, the former being administered by the H.C.R., and the latter on request by Bro. Marshall, H.C.R., London, and General Manager in Europe.

The H.C.R. reported in that capacity, and, in a second report, as representative of this jurisdiction at last Supreme Court meeting. The H.S. report was restricted to those matters coming within his province. The H.T. was absent through severe illness, so that matters of finance were dealt with on mention of High Secretary and Auditors only.

An upward tendency was noticeable in all matters reported on. The H.C.R. was supported in his recommendations on certain points, and the whole sayings and doings of the H.S. were commended, and a substantial honorarium ordered to be paid to him. The members were unanimous in asking for an increase of the organizing staff in the jurisdiction. When election time came, a fine healthy spirit of rivalry was evinced, and great good feeling followed the contested elections. Bro. Powell steps up from the Vice-chair to that of H.C.R., a worthily earned honor; Bros. Ashcroft (Derby), Home (Newcastle-under-Lyne), and Rowley Moody (Hanley), each being put on H.S.C. as H.V.C.R., H.T., and H. Physician respectively. It has been characteristic of these brethren to act well their part in other positions in the past, and there was evident pleasure in securing them as members of H.S.C. The installation of officers was carried through by Bros. Marshall and Stott.

Derby has been chosen for the next place of meeting. The H.S.C. were given powers to fix the date.

Thanks to the clear view of his powers as Chairman, Bro. Wilkinson carried a long agenda to a conclusion by 7 o'clock, thus permitting a brief interval before commencement of the reception arranged for by Birmingham Courts. Bro. Marshall delivered an address. The variety programme was exceptionally good. Bro. Stott, London, stepped in as a visitor and cordially contributed to the programme.

#### HIGH COURT OF SCOTLAND.

Resolution of High Court of Scotland.—Annual Sessions 1899.

"That the High Court of Scotland desires to express sincerest satisfaction with the results of the Quinquennial Valuation as received by the Board-of-Trade, and would herewith tender congratulations to the Supreme Chief Ranger at the greatly improved status secured to the Order thereby."

JOHN S. DUNCAN, H.S.

#### ANNUAL SESSION OF THE HIGH COURT OF WALES.

Aberystwyth is the University town of Wales, and a deservedly popular tourist and holiday-maker's resort. The "season" is supposed to be "over" with September, and whilst the early October sun was bright, and its mid-day rays imparted warmth to the clean, clear, air, still there was a palpable falling off in the number who were on promenade or on pleasure bent. This was the state of matters on October 3rd when the advance guard of the High Court of Wales assembled in Aberystwyth for the annual session to be held on the morrow. The delegates, in their little groups, were seen to be strangers, and being of goodly presence an immediate interest was taken in them. As the day wore on this feeling was deepened. Bro. Hollier's motor car "Pioneer" was monopolized by them, and comfortably seated therein they were taken to some of the beauty spots of the neighborhood. In the evening there was a reception of High Court officers and delegates, Bro. Hollier, C.T. Court Aberystwyth, speaking formal words of welcome. On October 4th additional delegates arrived, and with them the distinguished visitors to High

Court, consisting of Bros. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., General Manager in Europe, and Chiswell, P.H.C.R., Central England.

The session of the High Court was presided over by Bro. W. T. Hyett, H.C.R. The muster of officers was good, and included Mayor Wood, Aberavon and ex-Mayor Goldsworthy, Newport, Mon. The reports submitted to the body spoke of an increase in membership and income. The H.C.R. and H.S. seemed to voice the feelings of the members when they expressed a desire to have more organizers at work in Welsh territory.

The election of officers brought new men to the H.S.C.—Alderman Goldsworthy as H.V.C.R., and Hollier as H.T., both being tried workers well worthy of this advancement. Bro. Griffiths takes the position of H.C.R., and will still have alongside as a hearty co-worker Bro. Hyett, P.H.C.R. Bro. Hyett was awarded a jewel for his zealous services to the Order. Bros. Wilkinson, Prichard and Sykes are seated as last year. It was put on record that the visit of Bros. Marshall and Chiswell was appreciated, and at the proper time these brethren installed the new staff of officers. The items of business showed a good growth, but all were exhaustively dealt with, without any wearisome handling, under the presidency of Bro. Hyett. In the evening a public meeting was held. The speakers were Bros. Chiswell and Marshall, and quite an interest was created by the remarks on Forestry and the advantages secured by membership.

The next session will be held in Tenby in 1900.

The recess for dinner at mid-day was lengthened so as to permit of Bro. Davis making a photo of the members of this High Court. The future will no doubt show that ample justice was done to all concerned by this famous photo artist.

The special saloon rail car, which brought hither the South Wales contingent on the 3rd, was reserved for their return on the afternoon of Thursday, 5th. Again the hospitable Hollier had a treat arranged for those who lingered till that hour. Off betimes the "Pioneer" started for the "Devil's Bridge," and as up hill and down dale were got over, the party returned full of merriment. Wonderment nowhere visible now. The people of the Principality knew us when we returned, and they said to one another, "These are the Eye-o-Effers."

Welsh is a difficult language to spell, read, and pronounce!

Employer—"Thompson, you are discharged."  
Employee—"But what have I done, sir?"  
Employer—"Nothing. Absolutely nothing. That is what I complain about."

"My boy," said a father to his young son, "treat everybody with politeness; even those who are rude to you. For remember that you show courtesy to others, not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."

Teacher—"Thomas, I saw you laugh just now. What are you laughing about?" Tommy—"I was just thinking about something." Teacher—"You have no business thinking during school hours. Don't let it occur again."

To cure the worst memory: first read a subject when strongly interested; second, think. After reading a paragraph or page stop, close the book, and try to remember definitely the ideas on the page, so that you can tell them to some one else.

## Among the Courts.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

#### Presentation to the Court Mt. Begbie Representative to the High Court.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 3rd, a number of members of Court Mt. Begbie, Kootenay, made an unexpected call on B. R. Atkins and presented to him a gold watch chain and charm, together with an address which was read by Past Chief Ranger J. B. Scott. The charm bore on one side the emblem of the Order, and on the other was inscribed "To B. R. Atkins from Court Mt. Begbie, October, 1899." We print the address in full because it is of the right length:

REVELSTOKE, Oct. 3rd, 1899.

To B. R. Atkins, Esq., Revelstoke, B.C.:

DEAR SIR and BROTHER,—Having heard that you are about to leave us, we, the undersigned members of Court Mount Begbie, I.O.F., No. 3461, beg that you will accept the accompanying gift as a token of the regard in which you are held by the members of Court Mt. Begbie, and we also extend to you our hearty good wishes for your future welfare in your new home.

Signed:

B. R. Campbell, C.R., L. F. Plummer,  
H. C. Dier, V.C.R., J. A. Ringer,  
J. B. Scott, P.C.R., S. Needham,  
J. L. Smith, F.S., B. F. Gayman,  
K. D. J. C. Johnson, R.S., E. Moscrop.

In reply Bro. Atkins thanked his brethren for the mark of esteem just shown, and assured them that it was highly appreciated. He said the chain and charm would be cherished and looked on with kindest recollection of those who had presented it. Furthermore he said that, though leaving Revelstoke he would remain a member of Court Mt. Begbie, and hoped to again meet the brethren at the next High Court meeting which will probably be held next summer in Revelstoke.

Bro. Atkins has held the office of Court Deputy High Chief Ranger of Court Mt. Begbie since its organization two and a half years ago and is a hard worker both in the interests of the Order and the local court.

### ILLINOIS.

#### Progressive Euchre Party—Court Cahokia, No. 3165, E. St. Louis, Ill., and Companion Court in Lovington's Hall.

The large lodge-room of the Foresters in Lovington's hall was crowded the night of Sept. 28. The first of a series of three games of progressive euchre was the cause of such a gathering at 8.45. Grand Master of Ceremonies, Edgar C. Price, introduced Mr. W. A. Dill, the best posted person on progressive euchre in the city, who explained the modus operandi of the game. At 9 o'clock the bell was tapped for playing to commence. Fifty-four couples at twenty-seven tables started in handling the pasteboards as if for dear life. After fifteen games had been played, Chief Ranger J. T. W. Rudisill stated that prizes would be awarded to the winners of the games at each of the series, and at the conclusion of the series the person winning the most games will be awarded a handsome

gold prize that is now on exhibition in the Mermol-Jaccard building, St. Louis. He also stated that the Independent Order of Foresters would, from now until the first of December, take new members into the Order for the sum of one dollar. This is done for the purpose of increasing the membership. After the first of December the price will be \$6.50.

After the sixteen games were finished and the scores counted, it was found that Mrs. Jessie W. Reed had won first prize.

### INDIANAPOLIS.

Court Oak, No. 1149, of Indianapolis, has a boom in Forestry to report to you. Bro. R. Tinck, D.S.C.R., has done a great work for us, with the assistance of the members, who worked hard to get to the front, and we have added 30 members to our Court and all young men of the best families of our city. On the 13th we had a rousing meeting, Bro. Wilson, High Secretary, being with us, and on behalf of Court Oak, a fine, gold-headed cane was presented to Bro. Tinck, Chief Ranger J. E. Broom making the presentation speech. Bro. Tinck tried to make a respond, but melted down in tears and took his seat. We, as a band of brothers, excused him from making a speech.

Court Oak is now in a fair way to add a Companion Court through the efforts of Mrs. Broom and daughter, wife and daughter of C.R. They have 14 names on Charter list and hope soon to complete the number of names needed to secure a charter.

We visited Alexandria on the 26th, attending a union meeting of Courts from Elward, Marior Anderson and Franklin. 5 candidates being initiated and a banquet followed which would have done justice to a king. Ninety brothers seated at the tables, all trying to see who could put the most of the good things out of sight. We understand the union meetings are to be continued, but the sister Courts will have to hustle if they outdo the Alexandria brothers. We will keep up the good work

### MAINE.

#### Two Good Communications from Penobscot.

##### I.

Court Penobscot, No. 1186, sends greetings to all Foresters, and hereby gives notice that on or about November 1st, next, the celebration of the seventh anniversary of said Court will be held in Old Town, at which time will also take place the dedication of the new Foresters' Hall, in the Hamilton Block, on Main Street.

The Supreme and High Court Officers are expected to be present, and all Foresters are cordially invited to attend and assist in the ceremonies.

Fraternally yours in L., B. & C.,  
M. L. ROSEN, C.R.  
O. M. HEATH, R.S.

##### II.

OLD TOWN, ME., 10-18, 1899.

Court Penobscot, No. 1186—Three meetings this month, 60 applicants. More coming.

Yours in L., B. & C.,  
CLARENCE SCOTT, H.C.R.

#### Another Bugle Band Heard From.

Saturday evening, September 23rd, a delegation from Court Tugwassah, No. 3255, of Franklin (including the Foresters' Cornet Band, 15 pieces), of that place, visited Court Snyctic, No. 3969, of Waltham. A good time was the order of the evening, and all the visiting brothers seemed to secure their share of the same. One candidate was initiated, the Degree being worked by the team of the visiting Court. The brothers of Court Snyctic are fine entertainers, and during the evening of September 23rd they spared no effort to sustain their reputation in that respect, and surely met with success.

### MICHIGAN.

#### Traverse's Plan is a Good Plan.

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH., Oct. 2, '99.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I see by September number of FORESTER that all of the High Court head officers think there should be a systematic plan by which we may secure new members. I wish to state that Court Traverse, No. 853, has a good plan for that purpose, that is to secure a No. 1 Supreme or High Court Deputy, and then assist him by waiving the initiation fee and taking him by the arm and introducing him to your friends whom you wish to become Foresters. This is just what this Court has done. We think that we have had one of the most able deputies that the Supreme Court has in Bro. W. A. Crouch. He has secured some 100 applications, of which tonight we initiated 66 new members in Class No. 1, after which we barqueted all members present, including High Chief Ranger Macdonald, High Secretary Callaghan, State Deputy Fleshaner, all of whom gave us short speeches on the benefits of the Order. Then Bro. Mayne, Circuit Court Judge of this District, gave us a very able speech on the social interests of the Order, Rev. Bro. A. A. Wall, on Fraternal Benefits. Bro. F. C. Gilbert, Attorney-at-Law, gave us a short talk on the solidity of Court Traverse, and brotherly feeling.

R. Sec. read an invitation from Companion Court Traverse, No. 6, that they would banquet the High Court officers and Court Traverse, No. 853, and their wives, also husbands of all Companion Foresters.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
CHAS. H. EBY, C.D.

#### How they Hustle in Bagley.

*Circular issued by members.*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—At the last meeting of Court Bagley, No. 517, it was unanimously decided that the Court be divided into two divisions during the months of October and November. Division No. 1 will be known as Court Bagley Rough Riders of Bicycles, under the command of Capt. S. B. Fell, and division No. 2 to be known as Court Bagley's Dewey Sailors of Detroit River, under command of Captain August Bender.

I have placed you on my list and earnestly request you to give me your assistance in securing new members on my division, for now is the time to hustle for new members, and you can make some money by doing so. You will get three dollars for every member you secure and who is initiated into the Court.



The Supreme Court has granted us a dispensation to initiate members free of charge, except the examiner fee, which is one dollar, and give through its Supreme Deputy one dollar and an I.O.F. pin, and the High Court of Michigan gives the other two dollars.

This is the first time that such a dispensation has been granted to our Court, and I hope that you will make use of this opportunity in securing your friends and acquaintances for the I.O.F. during October and November, for they will never have such a chance again. The agreement is between the two divisions to give an Oyster Supper on the last meeting night in December, the division securing the least number of members to treat the winning side.

In order for my division to be a winning one, I urgently request you to try your utmost to secure as many new members for me as possible. I am quite sure you don't want our division to be the losing one. If you have some friend that wants to become a member and you have not the time to go after him, you will please mail me his name and address, and I will go and see him, and will give you the benefit of the member.

As soon as you get an application filled out, take applicant and have him examined, by either of the following physicians: Dr. W. A. Repp, 593 Chene St. and 1265 Gratiot Ave., New Phone 5325; Dr. H. Harrison, 240 Moran St., New Phone 5786.

Mail all applications to my address, A. Bender, 1332 Gratiot Ave., and I will keep a record of the same for my division and you will get the money from us.

In order to make members of my division a hustle still more than upon the above terms, I will give to the member that secures the largest number of members, five dollars in gold; to the member that secures the second largest number of members, three dollars in cash; and to the member that secures the third largest number of members, a gold I.O.F. badge.

Hoping that you start to canvass your friends right off in order to have them initiated during November. If you want applications ring me up by telephone and I will mail them to you.

I remain yours in L., B. & C.  
AUGUST BENDER, Financial Secy., Captain.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., September 19, '99.  
COURT KALAMAZOO, No. 1531,  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

GENTLEMEN,—We wish to take this method of expressing our thanks for the prompt adjustment of the claim of Burt G. Clapp for \$1,000, and at the same time express our admiration of your noble Order and its plan of assurance.

ASHLEY CLAPP AND FAMILY.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. J. W. Elves, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for the prompt payment of the disability claim of her husband, J. W. Elves (Court Sault Ste. Marie, No. 1262, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.)

NEBRASKA.

Forestry has taken a new start in Nebraska, and applications are coming in thick and fast. Thanks to the labors of D.S.C.R. Bro. Williams, the dispensation, and increasing confidence in the Order, Nebraska expects to increase her membership from

400 to 1,000 members by Jan. 1st. As the saying is, things are coming our way.

Court Ak Sar Ben, No. 3358, held a social Friday evening, Oct. 6th, at which a large number of visitors from neighboring courts were entertained. Eleven candidates were initiated and made acquainted with the new infernal machine, after which cigars and refreshments were served and speeches were made by prominent Foresters. The attendance was in the neighborhood of 100.

Omaha Encampment, No. 74, Royal Foresters, has commenced drilling, and expects to capture all prizes at Los Angeles. They expect to procure complete uniforms in the very near future, and intend to give a grand banquet Oct. 25th, to which all Foresters are invited.

The Chief Ranger of Court Ak Sar Ben has just received draft for \$500, payable to the beneficiary of Maynard E. Sayles, who died of wounds received at Manila in a battle with the Filipinos.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
T. R. HORTON, F.S.,  
Court Ak Sar Ben, No. 3358.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Blackville, No. 1965, Blackville, N.B., on the occasion of the death of the child of Bro. Jas P. Wetmore.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Rambling Remarks from Bro. Gilmour.

The Courts of St. John's are trying for a set of badges, which is promised to those getting the most members by end of year.

Bro. John Crosbie is the proprietor of the Crosbie House, and has just married a girl from Exploits.

Bro. Dr. Anderson has just married a Miss Woods. He met her for the first time the day I went to Heart's Content, and before two days was engaged. They were married a couple of weeks ago. Quick time, but —

Then there was another society in Heart's Content called the Sons of Fishermen. Since I instituted the I.O.F. they have had to close, and now the head man wants to come in, but he will not be able to pass the Doctor's medical examination, and he is kicking because he did not try while I was there.

Things are still going ahead here. Avalon initiated five at its last meeting and others will be ready for the coming meeting.

Terra Nova, look out, only a few weeks more if you expect to get there.

The News, of Sept. 30th, in reporting Avalon's meeting says: "The meeting of Avalon last evening was well attended, some very interesting work was gone through, the Court is becoming very popular, and increasing their membership."

Brother Dr. Tait, the pioneer of Forestry in St. John's, was a visitor in Avalon, and delivered an excellent address (he could not do anything else) on Forestry and urged the members to keep at it.

Congratulations, Bro. Crosbie. May you both live long to happily preside as the host and hostess of the good Hotel Crosbie.

Word comes that Cableville is the "only pebble on the beach" in Heart's Content.

The boys of Cableville are going to have a ball shortly, and it is expected to outshine anything that has been.

Why not—with such a C.R. to lead off?

I tell you, boys, our Doctor has proved himself quite a Forester. He knows good Woods when he sees them.

We all extend to the Doctor and his charming bride our best wishes.

Did you hear that "our Richard" had some thoughts? Well, it won't do to say any more—"he'd never forgive."

### NEW JERSEY.

#### The Outstretched Arm of Fraternity

NEWARK, N.J., Oct. 4, 1899.

It was a surprise to many members of this Court to learn that Bro. Frank Van Ness was lying sick with malaria in St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

Immediately upon the news reaching us, the Recording Secretary of Court Aurania, No. 1709, of Denver was communicated with, who promptly interested himself in our absent brother, and kept us advised as to his condition. On the 18th Sept. encouraging reports arrived of his improvement and possible recovery, and the telegram announcing his death on Sunday the 24th at noon was received with deep sorrow.

Bro. Van Ness was 26 years of age, and married. He was our first C.D., and our second C.R., and filled both offices with credit. He was an indefatigable worker for the Order, and has done much to build up this Court. He was sick twenty-one days, and, during his short stay at the hospital, had gained the friendship and respect of those in charge. We wish especially to call attention to Bro. W. F. Robinson, Recording Secretary of Court Aurania, No. 1709, of Denver, Colo., who, upon being advised of there being a sick brother from the east in his city at once interested himself in his case, and provided for his comfort, visiting him almost every day, and secured for our brother the best of care.

Upon his death he personally supervised the arrangements for the shipment of the remains home to his friends, and looked after all the details connected with the sad affair. The remains arrived in good condition, and funeral services were held at his late residence, 141 Summit St., Newark. The interment took place on Sunday, Oct. 1, at Caldwell, N.J., and Court Freylinghuysen attended the funeral. At the last regular meeting on the 2nd inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty to call to Himself our well-beloved friend and brother, Frank Van Ness; and, whereas our late brother was instrumental in organizing this Court and was therefore a charter member, and whereas he has held the offices of C.D. and C.R., therefore be it resolved that the members of this Court pay our departed brother all honors, recognizing and appreciating the good work he has done for this Court; and be it also resolved that we extend to his bereaved widow our sincere sympathy in the loss of her husband; and be it also resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to Court Aurania, No. 1709, of Denver, Colo., for their interest and attention to our late brother during his illness; and be it also resolved that these resolutions be

placed upon our minutes, and a copy thereof be presented to the widow of our late brother, and to Court Aurania, No. 1709, of Denver, Colo., and also to THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER.

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

H. C. ROLLER, R.S.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Julia A. McKenzie, of Warrenville, N.J., for the prompt payment of \$500, the balance of Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, Lewis H. McKenzie, Court Plainfield, No. 1144, Plainfield, N.J.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Bro. P. Maciejewski, Jersey City, N.J., for the prompt payment of \$30.00 Sick Benefits and thanking the brethren of Court Onward, No. 553, Jersey City, for fraternal attentions during his illness.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Annie Kavanagh, of Hoboken, N.J., for the prompt payment of \$1000 Mortuary Benefit of her late husband, Joseph Kavanagh, Court Kings County, No. 3611, Brooklyn, N.Y.

### NEW YORK.

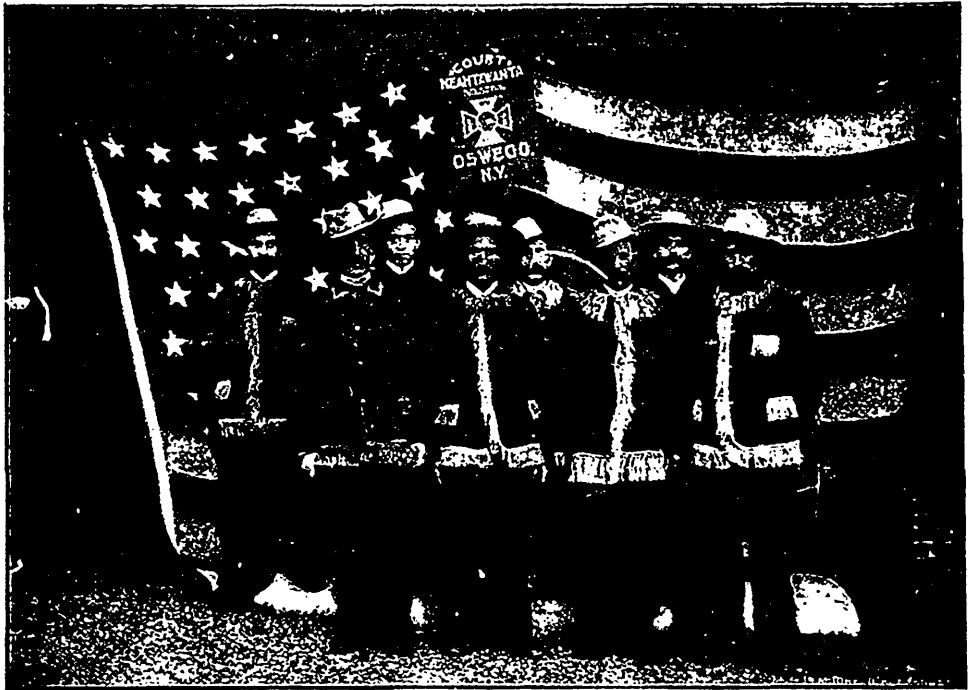
#### Syracuse Notes.

Past Supreme Chief Col. Caldwell was last heard from at Binghamton working up a Court of Foresters, which will be the first one in that city, and the second one in Broome County. The Colonel dropped off at Cortland on his way down, put in some more Companion members and started in D.D.H.C.R. Wadhams for a Court at Marathon. Bro. Wadhams will try and work up new Courts at Homer and Cincinnati in Cortland County, with the aid of Bro. C.

Our delegates to the late High Court at Alexandria Bay are still talking of their pleasurable trip, and the amusing incidents occurring there, to which our witty Supreme Chief, Dr. Oronhyatekha, contributed no small part when in the High Chief's chair. In response to the eloquent address of welcome by H.V.C.R. Hume, the Chief in substance said: "I am pleased to notice that New York State is highly eulogized. I am very partial to New Yorkers myself. Wherever I travel on the continent I find New Yorkers. Recently, when in Palestine, I found an array of persons with their animals awaiting for employment. I inquired their nativity, and the Arab, the Assyrian, and others responded, and finally one said he was a New Yorker. He did not look it, but I had no doubts of his nativity when I came to pay my bill."

One of our Syracuse aldermen, being a delegate, arose and said: "H.C.R., I hold in my hand a resolution, but I know I am out of order." "If that is a fact, why don't you sit down?" replied the Chief. "Yes," repeated the alderman, "I know I am out of order," when down came the gavel, with response from the Chief: "Take your seat, sir," and the house roared. A friendly delegate snatched the resolution, asked unanimous consent for adoption, and it was accorded cheerfully.

The Chief was on the pier taking kodak pictures, when Caldwell and two others came along: "Hold, Colonel, I want a snap shot at you fellows," said the Chief. "Now come and see the picture." Caldwell looked in the machine and said: "Why, Chief, you caught me with my mouth open."



COURT NEAHTAWANTA'S DEGREE TEAM.

"That is natural, Colonel, I never saw your mouth shut."

This community was thrown in mourning on the death of Bro. Burnett R. Chaffee, the popular superintendent of the Oak Wood Cemetery. He was beloved by all. The Supreme Court paid his heirs promptly the \$3,000 death claim.

#### A Kind Word for His Chief.

We find in a Binghamton, N. Y., paper a kind word for our Supreme Chief. P. S. C. R. Caldwell being an invited guest at a Red Men's "Pow Wow," responded to a toast in his usual humorous vein, and thus concluded: "To show you that I adhered to the tribal traditions, when I founded a noble order of 'pale faces,' myself and associates in order to give it impetus, life and permanency, 'adopted' at the head of it as Supreme Chief, the great Mohawk Indian, Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Toronto, the pride of the Iroquois, and the greatest and most learned Independent Forester in both hemispheres. I wish there were a Tam-many more like him, not only among the 'Six Nations,' but among our American 'pale faces.' He is now the President of the 'National Fraternal Congress,' and is conceded to be the greatest of living insurance actuaries."

I enclose you list of names of new members of Court Chemung Valley, No. 1853, Elmira, N. Y., to whom you will please mail the FORESTER. We hope to have a larger list to send you before the winter season is over. You know we get the High Court next year and we want to show them what Elmira can do in the way of strengthening the Order.

Fraternally yours in L. B. and C.,  
T. F. FOLEY, Rec. Sec.

CHAMBERS COURT, NEAHTAWANTA, No. 3263.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Oct. 23rd, 1899.

I enclose you a picture of our Degree Team made by Bro. Eric Dahlgren, which we would very much like space for in the FORESTER. We have quite a local reputation in regard to the way we handle the initiation ceremony, and the members turn out in great numbers when we have a candidate to initiate. Court Euclid, of Phoenix, has heard of it and are to bring some candidates here Friday evening, Oct. 27th, for us to initiate. We think the Degree Team is what makes the members work for candidates, and when the dispensation is ended the 30th of November you will find Court Neahtawanta, No. 3263, will have their share of new members. We also use our rooms as a club-room. We have the best papers and magazines there for the members to step in and see, and for the younger element we have a horizontal bar, rings, dumb bells of all sizes, Indian clubs, etc. Last, but not least, we have also the boxing gloves with which all members can settle the question as to which is the handiest with his hands.

Yours in L. B. and C.,

GEORGE B. CLEMENT, R.S.

We have received the following letter from Bro. Halley of Watertown:

Will you please make a correction in the report of the High Court report published in the last issue of the FORESTER? In the report you give New York city the honor of having the High Physician. Bro. A. J. Dick, M.D., is a charter member of Court Stella, 1985, Watertown, and has been our Court Physician since the Court was instituted. He is now serving his second term as coroner of Jefferson county, which indicates his popularity in

this county where he was born and always resided. At our last meeting, held Sept. 22nd, there was a good attendance, arrangements having been made to give Bro Dick a reception. After a musical programme had been rendered by Bros. Powers, Ruby Brothers and McCutchin, (the latter brother presiding at the piano,) Bro Dick very eloquently and cordially thanked the brethren for what they had done for him in working to secure his election to the office of High Physician. He had not forgotten to bring a box of good cigars with him which were duly passed and all had a smoke on the doctor.

Bro. A. E. Hume, High Vice Chief Ranger of the High Court of New York, made Court Baldwin, No. 1811, Norwood, N. Y., an official visit on Wednesday evening, Oct. 11th. Bro. Hume was escorted into the court room by District Deputy Bro. Geo. E. Bailey, and was received by Chief Ranger Bro. Chas. R. Haggett and Court with all honors due his rank, and introduced to the members present. Bro. Hume in reply made some very influential and instructive remarks. At the close of the meeting, Bro. B. E. Jones being present with his concert phonograph, gave a very interesting concert, cigars being passed around and a general good time indulged in by all present.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
 GEO. E. PATCH, Rec. Sec.

Court Mt. Morris, No. 3758, and Court Volunteer, No. 3156, of Broux Borough, Greater New York, arranged to visit Court Mt. Vernon and Court New Rochelle on Tuesday evening, September 26th, per special illuminated car. The car was beautifully decorated, and created quite a sensation wherever it passed, and surely will set a good many people thinking and asking questions who those "Foresters" are, as we had big signs on the sides of the car, on which were printed in large letters, "The Independent Order of Foresters." We were royally received by Court Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle; they entertained us splendidly and all enjoyed the evening. The following speech-makers were heartily applauded: Bro. Otto Ochs, W. L. Bourne, Wm. Kiesling, Herman Henoch and Edward Oppenheimer, of Court Mt. Morris.

Bro. Beck, Phil Schmid, and Hillsdorf, of Court Volunteer; Bro. Cornell, of Court New Rochelle; Bros. Van Tine and Hardy, of Court Mt. Vernon; and last, but not least, Brother Horsefall, of Court Polar Star; Bro. Edward Oppenheimer, the poet-laureate of Court Mount Morris, kept the members of all Courts in good humor by his witty sayings and comical sketches, and also distributed copies of one of his poems, which was read with interest and heartily applauded by all members. At a late hour the members of the different Courts separated after a hearty handshake and a cheerful *au revoir*. This is the way Court Mount Morris preaches Forestry, and is certain of success.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Cora B. Carpenter, of Syracuse, for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, Wilfred A. Carpenter, Court Umbria, No. 3811, Syracuse, N. Y.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Umbria, No. 3811, of Syracuse, N. Y., on the occasion of the death of Bro. Wilfred A. Carpenter.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Richard Brown and Harriet Thorn, of Bald-

winsville, N. Y., for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of their late brother, William H. Brown, Court Seneca, No. 111, Baldwinsville, N. Y.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Mary J. Wright, of Philadelphia, N. Y., for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, A. C. Wright, (Court Philadelphia, No. 502, Philadelphia, N. Y.)

## NORTH DAKOTA.

### Court Metigoshe, No. 3083.

The present week was a busy one for the Foresters of Bottineau. High Chief Ranger Clark spent three days with the boys hustling new members. At the regular meeting Tuesday evening nine members were initiated, but this number did not satisfy the Court, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday evening to lead some more over the Rough and Rugged way. At that time thirteen presented themselves prepared to ride the goat or die in the attempt. They all succeeded as rough riders, and are now ready for anything along that line. The High Chief Ranger is a hustler, is enthusiastic in his work for the Foresters, and is very convincing in his arguments. However, it is easy to talk when a man has a good subject and is full of it, and this is what anyone advocating Forestry has. After the regular work on Thursday evening, a banquet, consisting of oysters, fruit, etc., was given by the old members to their visitor and the new members, at which there were huge chunks of enjoyment. The boys intend to keep right along with the good work as they believe it is the duty of everyone who has anyone depending upon him, or likely to have one, to carry some insurance if he can get it. Next month they give their annual social, which has always been the biggest thing of the season.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
 JOHN T. NEVILLE.

### Back from the Philippines.

The Oddfellows and the Foresters of Court Walhalla, No. 3109, Walhalla, N. D., turned out in a body to greet their members who had enlisted for service in the Philippines, who arrived home last Wednesday, Oct. 4th. In the evening the combined Orders gave a banquet, when covers were laid for 125. The boys were presented by their respective lodges with gold medals appropriately inscribed, and in response said that no matter how far you may travel in any part of the globe you would always find an Oddfellow or a Forester. Our Court is steadily but surely coming to the front rank of Courts in North Dakota. At our last meeting seven applications were received, four being initiated that evening. We hope that before many months Walhalla Court No. 3109 will be one of the banner Courts of the state.

EDW. L. HOWARD.

## NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

### Leduc, N. W. T.

As the result of one day's work—a Friday at that—October 20th, Bro. Stovel, D. S. C. R., secured 12 applications for membership for our Court Lakebank, No. 3853, 11 of whom were recommended

by the Physician as first-class, and duly initiated by the visitor. Our Court now bids fair to rival some of the other ambitious ones throughout the Territories.

A new Court with 21 charter members was instituted at the rising town of Ponoker, Alberta, on October 17th, by C. R. Stovel, D.S.C.R.

Prince Albert is a stronghold of Forestry. In addition to a Subordinate Court—Saskatchewan—a flourishing Companion Court with a large membership is now in first class running order, the total membership in the town being about 160.

## NORWAY.

### How the Norsemen Take Our Valuation Report.

(From "Grenmar," of Sept. 30th.)

"The Independent Order of Foresters is in England classed with the ordinary life assurance societies and stands under the same strict control as these. It has therefore recently, as prescribed in the English Life Assurance Company's Act, had to submit to the Board of Trade a valuation report or statement for the five years 1893-97, showing its income and expenses, assets and liabilities, rate of interest, investments, etc.

The result is that the I.O.F., on the 31st day of December, 1897, had funds which were £37,465 more than was necessary to provide for the risks and the provisions for premiums ceasing at age 70.

This report has been approved by the Board of Trade as satisfying the requirements of the act and is a document the reliability of which is beyond question. We should therefore be free from the many attempts which are made to weaken our confidence in the insurance system of the Order, and the public should, before refusing the offer made by the I.O.F. of safe insurance at lower premiums than in any other society, in its own interest study the exhaustive report which has been accepted by the Board of Trade. We are fully convinced that many who now under the influence of ignorant, but often not quite disinterested persons, are standing aloof would, if better informed, join the Order and try to become entitled to the many advantages it is giving.

As to ourselves we feel quite sure that the Independent Order of Foresters is worth joining and we welcome any respectable man who wants to join us and thereby procure to himself and those dependent upon him a security which he otherwise cannot procure without considerably higher outlay.

The I.O.F. is subject to supervision quite as strict as that which it is intended to introduce into this country, and intelligent people should at once reject all attempts to cast suspicion on the I.O.F. which in spite of all attacks exists as an Order of the people, by the people and for the people."

CHR. KNUDSEN,  
J. A. PETERSEN,  
K. EVENSEN.

Porsgrund, 29th Sept., 1899.  
Court Nordlys, No. 2219.

## OHIO.

Court Ft. Laramie, No. 3475, Sidney, whose work has been at a standstill for some time, was rendered some valuable assistance by D.S.C.R. Brother Philip, during his stay at that point for

about two weeks. He secured 18 applicants for them, fourteen of whom were initiated at a meeting held October 24th. Brethren from near by Courts at Troy and Piqua paid them a visit and assisted in the work on the occasion. A banquet followed the meeting, after which encouraging remarks were made both by the Deputy, visiting brethren, as well as members of Court Ft. Laramie. Let the good work go on.

On Monday, Oct. 23rd, after the conclusion of their business, Court Banner, in a body, paid Court Dr. Adler, No. 3705, a visit, and initiated two candidates for them. This Court received six applications on that evening, with more in prospect. Their members seemed to have awakened from a long slumber, and are just beginning to realize the solidity of the Order, and the benefits derived from membership.

Court Kinsman, No. 1038, Cleveland, on Tuesday, Oct. 24th, held a most spirited meeting. The Committee on By-Laws made their report as to the amendments they proposed, which met with considerable good-natured opposition in some respects, but were finally amended to suit the majority, and everybody was pleased at the outcome and the changes made. Their Entertainment Committee, headed by Brother Devey, made a very lengthy report of their work and success during the past year, and announced that their next entertainment would be held on Nov. 28th. Their dramatic company expect to give a series of performances during the winter.

Court Leven, No. 1095, Cleveland, celebrated their third anniversary on October 25th and their hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Chief Ranger Bro. Greenway, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed those assembled, and in a brief manner outlined the good they had accomplished during the three years of their existence. This was followed by a musical and literary entertainment, interspersed by an address by Brother A. Cornwall and the High Secretary. Refreshments were served, after which dancing and merriment was indulged in until a late hour.

Court Standard, No. 847, Cleveland, a short time ago, were compelled to move their quarters owing to some intended repairs to be made on the building. This was, however, abandoned, and they have again got back into their old hall (Wilson and St. Clair) and meet second and fourth Wednesdays as of old. They will be glad to receive any and all visitors.

They are making extensive preparations for an entertainment and hop at Trostler's Hall, November 21st, and from the way their Committee and members are taking hold it cannot help but be a grand success.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Court Mohican, No. 1751, Cincinnati, O., on the occasion of the death of their Chief Ranger James M. Ulrey.

Deputy S.C.R., Brother H. Evison, who has been at work in Toledo for the past six weeks, secured seventy-five applications for membership for the various Courts during the time. In honor of the success he has thus far met with, a joint and very enthusiastic meeting of the Subordinate and Companion Courts was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 12, to initiate the candidates that had not, up to that time, been made acquainted with the mysteries of the Order, and the remaining

candidates numbered twenty-one. While the initiation degree was being administered to these candidates, a large number of brethren, their wives and friends, congregated in the Auditorium of Pythian Castle, and after the initiation ceremony the brethren joined the assembly to listen to speeches. Brother Evison acted as toast-master, and he ably filled that position, making a rousing and patriotic speech, after which the entire audience sang "America." A selection on the graphophone was next on the programme. He then introduced Brother L. Robeck, High Secretary, Cleveland, who responded to the toast "Our High Court," explaining in detail the working and condition of the High Court. Brother George W. Barr, D.D.H.C.R., also responded to a similar toast, assisting the High Secretary. Deputy S.C.R., Brother W. G. Phillip, in a masterly manner, handled the toast assigned him, "Our Supreme Court." Brother A. D. Hobart, High Senior Beadle, and a member of Court East Toledo, No. 3182, responded to the toast, "Our Sister Fraternity, the I.O.O.F." Brothers Cameron, Marsin and others spoke as called upon for the various Subordinate Courts. The Companions were called upon also, but they preferred to have Brother W. G. Phillip, Supreme Deputy, represent them, as he has long been championing their cause: it is needless to say that he always has a long speech in their behalf at his tongue's end. Speech-making was followed by several recitations and a "Cake-Walk," and then the entire gathering, numbering about 400, retired to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast, prepared by the Companions, was indulged in.

All the Courts in Toledo intend taking advantage of Official Circular No. 7, which the Supreme Court recently issued, and will put forth an extra effort to increase their membership. I.O.F. matters had been dormant for some time past, but since Brother Evison has been with them, the members seem to have awakened, and will now put forth every energy to largely increase their membership, and it is anticipated that all Courts there will be in good shape, both numerically and financially, when the High Court meets in September, 1900.

In a letter from Brother Holaday, R. S. Court Butler, No. 1380, Hamilton, he states they received twelve applications at their last meeting, and many more in sight.

Supreme Deputy Brother Phillip is at present at work in Sydney, and reports he expects at least twenty-five applicants in readiness for admission into Court Fort Loramie at a meeting to be held on the 24th instant. From there he goes to visit Courts at Troy and Piqua.

A new Companion Court was instituted by Supreme Deputy, Brother Evison, at Circleville, on the 18th instant. Brother P. H. Nothstine assisted Brother Evison, in fact to him is due the credit of its organization. They have the best wishes of our sister Courts.

Court Lima, No. 560, has, within the past few weeks, received twenty-six applications. The institution of Court Allen, No. 3452, with thirty-two charter members, and their increase to forty-four, have aroused a spirit of rivalry between the old and the new Court, which will place Forestry prominently before the public, and tend to largely increase our membership at that point. Brother Fraunfelter, Recording Secretary of the

new Court, who has been ill for some little time, we are pleased to state is convalescing, and will very shortly be able to resume his duties.

The brethren throughout the state will be pained to learn of the sad affliction that befell Brother W. G. Hildebran, High Junior Secretary, in the loss of his wife a few weeks ago. We extend our sincerest sympathy to him in his bereavement.

Court Ft. Meigs, No. 759, Toledo, Ohio, held a very enthusiastic meeting on Sept. 28th, in Pythian Castle. There were present representatives from all the Courts in the city, also from the Companion Courts. The object was to make arrangements to entertain the High Officers of the State of Ohio on October 12th.

Bro. H. Evison, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, was present, and made an eloquent address on behalf of Forestry. He was ably assisted by Bro. Geo. W. Barr, District Deputy High Chief Ranger of Ohio.

Bro. Evison is making strenuous efforts to largely increase the membership of the Toledo Courts. Reports show he secured 55 applications during the month of September, and a good start for October.

Court Sandusky, No. 739, Sandusky, Ohio, with the assistance of Bro. Evison, who attended their meeting on Sept. 26th, initiated 14 candidates, and received about the same number of applications. Secretary Ehrhardt writes that the ball will be kept rolling, and it is soon expected to report a membership of 200.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Edith B. Klewer, of Toledo, for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, Louis A. Klewer, (Court East Toledo, No. 3182, Toledo, Ohio).

## ONTARIO.

### Maple Leaves and Asters.

Court of the Knights, No. 3901, Toronto. At our regular meeting, Oct. 5th, we were entertained by Bro. A. F. McConnell who read a very interesting paper entitled "Canada First," as seen through Canadian eye-glasses. The lecturer was brimful of patriotism for Canada and loyalty to our great Empire, dwelling strongly, however, on the advisability of all nationalities who seek a home in this fair country of ours joining together as one people to advance the interest of not only the agriculturist but also the merchant and the mechanic, so that this northern part of the great North American Continent will continue to attract the worthy sons and daughters of the over-crowded countries of Europe.

Several of the brethren present made short, pithy speeches on the subject so ably introduced by Bro. McConnell. Our esteemed C.R., Bro. W. J. Hendry, in his closing remarks read a beautiful poem entitled "This Fair Canada of Ours," which brought to a close a most instructive and enjoyable evening. Our Court is endeavoring to make our meetings attractive by having lectures on various subjects at our June meeting.

Bro. R. M. Wallace, a member of our Court who has given much time to the study of astronomy, gave a most interesting lecture on this science, illustrating his subject by charts drawn by himself. Many of the brethren expressed their thanks

to the lecturer for the large amount of knowledge he had imparted to them in so clear and concise a manner. Bro. Wallace then invited those present to ascend the winding stair which led to the top of our beautiful Temple and directed their attention through a large telescope to several of the heavenly bodies which are not visible to the naked eye, after which all went home feeling that they had spent a most profitable evening. The next lecture will be given by our worthy C. R., Bro. W. J. Hendry, at our Nov. meeting; in this way we are trying to keep up the interest in our own Court and to advance the interest of our noble Order.

Yours in L, B & C,  
L. BELL, R.S.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Jessie Mennie, of Fergus, Ont., for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit of her late husband, D. Mennie (Court Fergus, No. 22, Fergus, Ont.)

**32 New McGregors.**

Old Court McGregor, No. 6, Chatham, Ont., has, with the assistance of High Court Organizer Bro. Wilkinson, initiated 32 candidates within two weeks. Accordingly, Court McGregor wishes to say that Bro. Wilkinson is a hustler and an earnest worker in the interest of the Order. We hope the H.C. will send Bro. Wilkinson to us again. More candidates in sight. P. McAULEY, R.S.

P.S.—Bro. Bruce Holmes died Oct. 10th; cheque received Oct. 18th for \$1,000. Quick work.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Ella Falls, of Warton, for the prompt payment of \$1,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, J. W. Falls, Court Clarence, No. 982, Warton, Ont.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Eliza Breckenridge, of Cornwall, for the prompt payment of \$2,000 mortuary benefit of her late husband, David Breckenridge, Court Mississippi, No. 78, Carleton Place, Ont.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.**

At the Liberal convention held at Eldon on Sept. 30th, Bro. D. P. Irving, Court Deputy of Court Balnagowan, was nominated as the Government candidate for the Belfast district, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Attorney-General McDonald to a judgeship. Without expressing a political opinion, we have no hesitation in saying that if the electors see fit to honor Bro. Irving with a seat in the Legislature, they will have a worthy representative.

Bro. S. Hall Clark, of Court Chautauqua, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the Sunnyside Town Council by the death of the late James McLeod. Bro. Clark was elected by a good majority, although he had a strong opponent.

Brother L. J. Palmer, of Court Onaway, has opened a new store at Lot Eleven. All his friends, and they are many, wish him success.

We regret to learn that Bro. Doctor Covey, of Court Chautauqua, who has been ill for nearly a year, is still unable to leave his bed. His brethren in the Court voted him fifty dollars from the funds, which was thankfully received.

Bro. C. T. Reeves, of Court Freetown, has the sympathy of all in the loss of his wife.

Rev. W. A. Thompson, late of New Brunswick, but now on the Margate Circuit, has deposited his card in Court Prince Edward.

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Bro. William Sturdy, of Tyron, for the prompt payment of \$36.00 sick benefit, and thanking the brethren of Court Petrel, No. 3364, of Tyron, P.E.I., for fraternal attentions during his illness.

SUMMERSIDE, Oct. 9th, 1899.  
After the regular monthly meeting of Court Chautauqua, No. 202, Summerside, held on the 6th Oct., although a stormy night, quite a number of the ladies and friends of the Foresters assembled in the Court-room, and spent a very enjoyable evening listening to the following programme:

An address of welcome, by Chief Ranger R. H. Campbell, which was responded to by Rev. Neil McLauchlin. A violin solo by Bro. John E. McDonald. A recitation, entitled "The Annuity," by J. H. Bell, M.P. An address on "Fraternity in Forestry," by Bro. Rev. J. M. Withycombe. A vocal solo by Miss Pridham. A violin solo by Bro. McDonald. Vocal solo, Miss Pridham.

This is the first of like meetings to be held during the winter months. E. E. McDOWELL, R.S.

**Wedding Bells.**

The First Methodist Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., was on the morning of Sept. 26th the scene of a brilliant gathering and most impressive ceremony. The occasion was the marriage of Miss Daisy Caroline Lewis, daughter of our respected townsman, John Lewis, Esq., and Richard McKay, youngest son of Doctor Richard Johnston.—*Morning Guardian*, Sept. 26.

Everyone who is acquainted with Bro. Johnston, the popular druggist of Charlottetown, is congratulating him on this happy event. Court Mt. Stephen, of which he is Past Chief Ranger, presented him with an address, signed by E. H. Deuchmin, Rec. Sec., and other members.

An address was presented by Prince George Encampment, of which Bro. Johnston is illustrious Commander.

**QUEBEC.**

A letter of acknowledgment has been received from Mrs. Sarah M. Watt, Georgeville, P.Q., for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit of her late husband, William Watt (Court Memphremagog, No. 902, Georgeville, Que.).

**WASHINGTON.**

TACOMA, WASH., October 19th, 1899.  
To the Officers and Members of all Courts of the I.O.F. in the State:

BRETHREN,—The fifth annual session of our High Court having been concluded, the new officers elected, installed and entered upon their duties, it now behoves me, on behalf of the High Standing Committee, to address you and ask your hearty co-operation for this term. We are prepared to do all in our power for the upbuilding of our noble Order in our State; but we realize that without the aid of the individual members we cannot accomplish any great results, therefore, brethren, let us have your support, one and all. We have a noble Order to work for, an Order

whose financial stability is assured; and every member can be fully confident that the Order will be able to meet its obligations as promptly fifty years from now as it is to-day. The records of our meeting will be printed shortly, when all Courts will be supplied with copies of the same, so that you may learn of the splendid condition of our jurisdiction at this time. The Supreme Court, in its circular, No. 7, issued September 20th, 1899, offers a grand inducement for new members for the immediate future and I now ask every brother to improve the opportunity. The High Standing Committee will be pleased to receive suggestions from the Courts as to the best way to create an interest in the different localities. I would also like to receive short items of news from the Courts every month, so that we may be kept closer in touch with each other, both in a social and business way. Now, brethren, the election of officers for the next year will soon be at hand. Try and elect officers that will have the interest of the Order at heart, and who will fill their offices with promptness and impartiality. Then get in and rustle for new members, and you will always find your High Standing Committee ready to assist where the Courts try to do something themselves. Hoping that your reports on Jan. 1st, 1900, will show a handsome increase in membership, I remain

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,  
L. N. HANSEN, H.S.

### WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 27, 1899.

ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., S.C.R.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I received your letter with draft No. 16,557 for \$500 for Bro. Jacob Mansinger for total and permanent disability benefit yesterday and delivered last evening to the Brother. I had him sign it, as you stated in your letter, in the presence of two witnesses who also signed. And I want to thank you for the Brother and his family, and also on behalf of Court Milwaukee, 1481, for the prompt manner in which it was paid by the Executive Council. I also want to inform you that Court Milwaukee, 1481, bought the sick brother an invalid's chair, which we christened Foresters' Invalid Chair, which pleases him very much, but am sorry to say that the Brother is not able to use it very much. But I do think that the draft will be the means of allowing him some little luxuries in his trouble that otherwise he would not have been able to have. And furthermore we think that our Order is the greatest and best organization on earth, barring none.

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,  
CHAS. REICHERT, Court Deputy.

### GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND ENGLAND.

His Worship our Bro. the Mayor of Eastbourne.

The Mayor of Eastbourne (Alderman H. W. Keay) was on Monday evening, Oct. 16th, initiated as an honorary member of the Independent Order of Foresters at the Royal Restaurant in Terminus-

road. The Chief Ranger of the Eastbourne Court (Bro. T. E. Varley Kirtlan) presided, and he was supported, in addition to the Mayor, by Bro. James Marshall, Special Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, High Chief Ranger of the High Court of London, and General Manager for Europe. Other brethren present included Bro. J. H. Caesar, H. S. Griggs, Dr. D. Matthews Browne, the Rev. E. G. Hawkins (Chaplain), P. B. Evershed, Nurse, A. J. Wood, J. T. Parsons, E. G. Bayley, W. Doherty, W. Oxley, E. Catt, jun., G. A. Harmer and E. A. Slocombe.

The court having been formally opened, the usual initiation ceremony was performed by Bro. Kirtlan, C.R., and the unwritten work was delivered to the Mayor and other new members by Bro. Marshall.

At the conclusion of the business of the meeting, a very enjoyable "social" was carried out, to which a number of friends had been invited. The harmony was ably sustained by Mr. J. T. Parsons, Mr. J. H. Caesar, Mr. H. S. Guy, Mr. W. Doherty, Mr. Baverstock and Mr. A. Phillips, Mr. V. A. Wormald presiding at the piano with his accustomed ability.

In the course of the evening Bro. James Marshall gave a lucid explanation of the advantages appertaining to membership in the Independent Order of Foresters. He claimed that if a man were to pay in their Order the same amount he expended in an ordinary Insurance Company, his return would be considerably larger.

Asked to "say a few words," the Mayor said he wanted to instil some life into the winter season at Eastbourne. He might tell them as a secret that the Railway Company were inclined to help them. In other words, he had had an opportunity of speaking with Mr. Forbes, the Company's new manager, who promised to do what he could to advertise Eastbourne. The Mayor went on to say that he had set his mind upon getting a "season" during the months of November, December, and even January. There was Brighton on their right, and Hastings on their left. Both these towns enjoyed a good winter season, and why should not Eastbourne, in the middle, have the same advantage?

Bro. J. H. Caesar said he wished it to be known that the Mayor was their first and only honorary member. They were not likely to run after more. Other Societies elected honorary members for the sake of getting their money; but this Order did not ask or expect a subscription. The Mayor had done them a service, and they had shown their appreciation by conferring this honor upon him.

Several votes of thanks were passed, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of "Rule Britannia" and the National Anthem.—*Eastbourne Gazette*, Oct. 10, 1899.

2 EXCHANGE STREET,

CHEETHAM, MANCHESTER, 21st Sept., 1899.

To the Executive Council of the Independent Order of Foresters.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I beg to acknowledge, with most grateful thanks, the having received your cheque for £100, being one-half of the amount of my life assurance policy in the I.O.F., now paid to me because of my having become a totally and permanently disabled member.

The fact of this amount being so promptly paid to me makes me praise God that I was induced to join our noble Order, although at the time of my



doing so it was never anticipated that I would during my lifetime become a charge on the funds of the Order. I realize to-day how grand a provision I made in becoming a member, for the knowledge that I am not only relieved from all further payments to the Order, but that at my demise the remaining half of my assurance money will be paid to the loved ones of my household is very comforting. That this second £100 will be conveyed in person by Bro. Marshall, our General Manager in London, or some other Brother of the Order, with similar kindness to that now shown to me, I am satisfied. I desire also to thank Bros. Sunderland, Berlyn, and other members of Court Cheetnam for their constant kindness to me since I have been laid aside by this illness, thus proving the peculiar advantages coming to me because a member of this fraternal insurance Order. My hope and prayer is that our noble Order will long flourish, and thus continue a blessing and benefit to many of mankind.

I am, yours fraternally,  
GOODMAN MANDLEBERG.

Court West Norwood, No. 2162, West Norwood, England.

This court, situated at the Myton Institute, Martell Road, West Dulich, have made up their minds to let their friends know all about themselves and the Order to which they belong.

Accordingly, last evening, Oct. 18th, they held quite a "Free and Easy Social," to which members brought their wives and friends.

Promptly at 8.30 p.m., Bro. Cornish, C.R., took the chair, assisted by Bro. Eagle, C.R., D.D.H.C.R., Ct. Walworth, and Bro. Cockrane, P.C.R.

Bro. Cornish having briefly said a few words on the Order, and mentioning that a few minutes would be given later on for speech-making, called on Bro. Neville for a pianoforte selection, followed by—Bro. Cockrane, songs, "Flight of Ages," "Ora Pro Nobis;" Miss Bayley, songs, "Queen of the Earth," "Whisper and I shall hear," "Come Back to Erin;" Mrs. Palmer and Miss Smith, mandolin duets, "Spanish Serenade," "National Airs (Scotch); Bro. Eagle, recitation, "Etiquette;" Mrs. Budd, song, "The Children's Home," "The Gift;" Bro. Wightman, comic songs, "Our Stores," "The North Pole;" Mr. Joseph Waill, recitations, "The Transvaal," "Justice;" Bro. Riches, sketch, "Two-character."

The thanks of the meeting were heartily given to the artists and friends for their kindly help and assistance, also to Bro. Eagle for his speech on the Order, and great praise is due to Bro. Neville for the way in which he presided at the piano. Meeting concluded with Auld Lang Syne at 11.15.

## IRELAND.

### Royal Downshire's F.S. will join the Colors.

The usual monthly meeting of Court Royal Downshire No. 2207 was held in Downpatrick on Wednesday evening. In the absence of the Chief Ranger, Bro. Rev. A. Gilchrist, Bro. W. G. Flood, P.C.R., presided, and there was a good attendance. A letter was received from Mrs. McFadden, widow of the late Bro. William McFadden, expressing thanks to the Supreme Executive Council for the prompt manner in which they had paid her claim;

also, to Court Royal Downshire and the High Court of Ireland for the letters of condolence which she had received from them, and sincerely hoping that the Order would continue to prosper in its good work. A letter was next read from Bro. Dr. Ranson, resigning his position as Court physician, on his having left Downpatrick. Bro. Sergeant R. C. Gardiner having received orders to hold himself in readiness to join one of the line battalions of his corps, tendered his resignation as financial secretary. These intimations were received with considerable regret. Both brethren, however, have decided to remain members of the local Court. The ordinary business of the Court having been disposed of, Bro. Flood exhorted the brethren present to use their individual endeavours to bring in new members. He thought if it were more widely known that the premiums paid for benefits in the Order were considerably less than one-half those paid to ordinary insurance companies, a good many new members would come in, not only from the town of Downpatrick, but from the surrounding towns. Court Royal Downshire was ready to stretch forth a welcome hand to any desirous of joining.

### North of Ireland Notes.

The High Court of the North of Ireland has now taken possession of the new Forestric Chambers, 18 Wellington Place, Belfast, and all who have visited the place express great satisfaction with the arrangement. We are safe in saying that for comfort, convenience and completeness, these new rooms equal anything possessed by any High Court in Great Britain.

Members of the Order are welcomed in the rooms at all times, and country brethren visiting Belfast will find the new I.O.F. Chambers a very convenient place for resting or writing letters.

The dedication ceremony was performed by Bro. Jas. Marshall, S.D.S.C.R., manager for Europe, on the 3rd inst., in the presence of a distinguished company. The invitations included the High Standing Committee, the Chief Rangers of all the Courts in the jurisdiction of the High Court of the North of Ireland and numerous other friends.

After the dedication ceremony, Companion Court Erin's Pioneer held an "At Home," at which Mrs. James Wilson, the Chief Ranger of the Court, after welcoming all the visitors, announced that Erin's Pioneer had been successful in raising the necessary funds to purchase a piano, and through the generosity of the Courts and the various friends she was enabled that night to present the Order with a magnificent instrument.

Mrs. Wilson expressed the conviction that the new and commodious rooms that the Order now occupied, and the placing of a first-class piano at the service of the Courts could not fail to foster and develop the social side of the Order.

Brother Marshall congratulated the Belfast brethren on the new and beautiful rooms they had secured and prophesied for the Order in Belfast an era of even greater prosperity than in the past.

Bro. Rev. Jas. Cregan, H.C.R., and other members of the High Standing Committee having spoken, a select musical program was gone through and an exceedingly enjoyable evening spent.

That the new chambers of the Order are being appreciated is evidenced by the fact that already arrangements are made for holding there two smoking concerts, and three social meetings during the month of November.



HELFAST I. O. F. CYCLING CLUB.

## Editorial.

### The Surplus on the 31st of October, 1899, stood at \$3,659,156.74.

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During the month of October there were 3,655 applications, of which 3,265 were accepted. The promise for November (based on those already in) is over 4000 accepted. This is the answer to those few malcontents who have hoped that the changes of last Supreme Court session would kill the growth of the membership.

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The Supreme Secretary has returned after a very arduous campaign in California and Washington. He also visited Mexico with a view to reporting on the desirability of introducing Independent Forestry into the healthy regions of that flourishing Republic.

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Financial Secretaries having members whom they wish reinstated, will please read Clause 204 of the Constitution and Laws, and thereby save the S.S. annoyance, the suspended member dangerous delay and themselves humiliation. It is necessary not only that a remittance of dues be made but also that a formal application for reinstatement be made.

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Some otherwise irreproachable persons who correspond with the Head Office are blessed with highly civilized but illegible signatures. Recently Dr. Millman received a Medical Examination with a signature so elaborate that it took several days to ascertain to whom it belonged. He wrote recommending the local physician to buy a rubber name stamp and stamp his papers in the margin, "so that we shall have not only your signature but also your name."

### The Mission of the Chief.

The entertainment for the I.O.F. staff, held some days ago in the blue lodge room of the Temple, and consisting mainly of camera views collected and taken by Bro. Lawless, A.S.C.R., was marked by an affecting incident. For, on this occasion, Dr. Oronhyatekha took leave of his comrades, many of them the friends of a life time, on the eve of his departure for new fields of conquest and colonization.

His mission is to introduce Independent Forestry into the antipodes, and those other portions of the civilized world where there have not yet been erected the altars of L., B. and C. We may anticipate a somewhat lengthy absence; but while he is bringing in new High Courts let us bring in new members.

Besides the many personal advantages which the S.C.R. brings to his arduous task, he will be further strengthened by his recent election to the chief office of the National Fraternal Congress. For the presidency of that body is an office which represents the advanced fraternal thought of this hemisphere; and the incumbent of so high a chair is the most fitting missionary to carry to other continents the doctrines of New World fraternity.

Fraternity, under ambitious but wise guidance, is spreading throughout the world like the Imperialism of the Anglo-Saxon races. But giving all honor to the valor of armed Imperialism and to the justice of its cause, fraternal Imperialism is better. *We bring more comfort to the widows, and our death rate is lower.*

Columbus on his arrival at this continent brought the natives only death and disease. Our voyager, himself the greatest living representative of the native races, will do better for his hosts. No man who walks to the altar of L., B. and C. will be dangerously near either disease or death,—not if our Supreme Physician knows it.

### Clean Cut.

It is an unfortunate turn of mind which leads some people to think that the spirit of fraternity is something wholly alien to the spirit of business and that the affairs of a brotherhood are to be conducted without precision and without calculation. Such people regard a fraternity as a body organized for charitable and social purposes and nothing else.

The truth is, that charity is one of the objects of every fraternity, and no body is a true fraternity unless the spirit of charity pervades and guides its every act. The truth is, that the social labors of the Orders are of the highest importance, both because of their effect on the community outside, and because of their immense influence in cementing the membership. But it is also true that nearly all the fraternities, in addition to their social and charitable objects, offer benefits that have a distinctly commercial character.

It has been brought home to the fraternities that the payments of money on the death or sickness of members must be made on a calculated basis, and that no amount of fraternal sentiment will make good financing out of random and capricious guess-work. Whatever the phraseology employed, every reputable fraternity is now fully alive to this, that when it promises a certain sum on the death of a member, the fraternity is selling and the member is buying a benefit; that the arrangement must be definite and mutual—the benefit sold must be genuine, solid and sure, and the member must punctually pay the fair price.

We have said this much not for the benefit of the ruling minds of the fraternities, for they are fully alive to the necessities of the situation. But it is sometimes, nay, always, necessary to remind, and forever din it into the ears of the rank and file, that they must pay their assessments to get their benefits.

It is necessary to keep reminding the brethren that fraternal charity does not cheerfully exercise itself with members who are negligent in their duties and unpunctual in fulfilling their obligations. The fraternal spirit will not expend itself in finding excuses for men who die suspended, or who fall sick and give no notice thereof. Societies are formed for the benefit of the tens of thousands of steady payers, and not for the exercise of a fatal leniency towards lapers and stragglers. The clean-cut men are the back-bone of the fraternities as they are the back-bone of the business world and of every human enterprise.

### Lapers.

Lapers in a fraternity are of two kinds. First, there is the deliberate laper who cuts adrift because he thinks his money will be better employed elsewhere. This laper is entitled to some pity because he has exercised his judgment and his judgment is bad.

The other class of lapers, and this class contains ninety per cent. of those who fall by the wayside, is the patron class. The gentlemen who patronize a lodge by allowing themselves to be made members just to help it along, and who patronize the Financial Secretary by allowing him to carry them, generally quit about the time the Financial Secretary gets tired of his knapsack.

For the benefit of Financial Secretaries who have often paid their own good money in and thought they were helping the Order by continuing a membership, we beg to express our deliberate opinion, founded on experience, that no Order is benefited by a continued connection with a dead-beat. Such a connection has but two endings; if the dead-beat dies, the Order pays for it; if he lives, the Financial Secretary pays for it.

No deserving member need be suspended because misfortune has prevented him paying his dues. Where the happiness of a man's dependent relatives is at stake, only a false delicacy would prevent him from acquainting his brethren with his inability to meet the necessary payments. And this is where the spirit of fraternity comes in. For we have never known a deserving member to appeal to his brethren to prevent his suspension without their responding cordially and promptly.

### The Uncommercial Benefits of Fraternity.

The division of labor is one of the advantages which a great fraternity, above all other human institutions, enjoys. Thus, while the executive officers of the Order have their time fully occupied with the organizing, the finances and the administration of affairs relating to the death, sick and other stipulated benefits, the members generally have the responsibility of doing those acts which distinguish a fraternity from a purely business corporation. The unstipulated or uncommercial benefits of an order cannot be defined with precision, cannot be promised in a written contract, have no legal significance, are intangible and non-negotiable; but are as real as the four seasons and as good as the light of the sun.

Every month we note with delight, in our own Order, the workings of the obligations upon those who solemnly and sincerely have charged their consciences with the duties of fraternity. We note that the brethren over in Milwaukee have purchased an invalid chair for a brother upon whom has been laid the heavy hand of disability. We note that the brethren in Newark have reached the outstretched arm of fraternity to a brother in far-away Denver, comforting him in the hospital during his last illness, and securing for his remains honorable interment when death had ended his sufferings.

Benefits such as these are very real. They cannot be weighed by actuaries or added up by book-keepers. They are non-valuable benefits and invaluable.

### Free Admission to the I.O.F. Offered to Members of the Canadian Contingent.

October 14th, 1899.

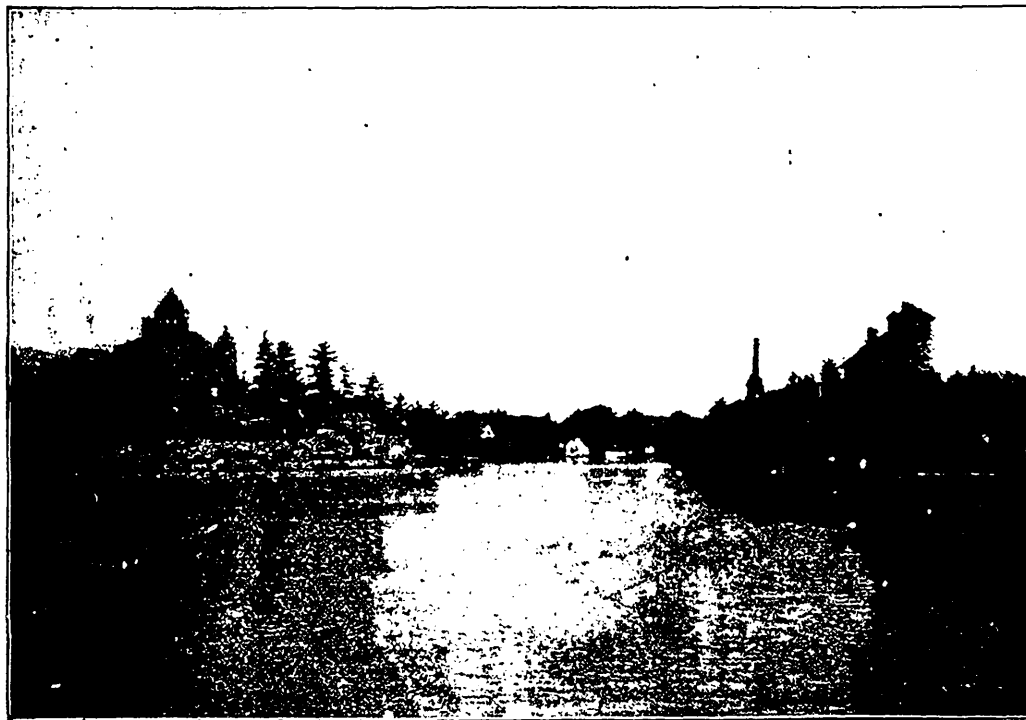
Re members of the Order and the British-Boer war in South Africa.

#### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 8.

To all Members of the Order who are British Subjects, Greeting:

That the policy of the I.O.F. with respect to members of the Order entering the military or naval service of their own country may be clearly defined and fully understood, we desire to announce:

1.—All members of this Order who are British subjects have the right to enter the Army, Navy, or Militia of Great Britain, or of any of her Colonies, and serve in South Africa or wherever else they may be called; and from the date of such service they shall be rated in the Ordinary or Preferred Class and shall pay the rates provided for such class as set out in Section 237 of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.



AMONG THE THOUSAND ISLANDS.

The Pullman and Browning Mansions, opposite Alexandria Bay, N.Y.

Photo by DR. OROHYATEKHA.

2.—All restriction as to residence or employment on vessels are hereby suspended in so far as they affect or may affect such brethren ; such suspension to continue during the time that the said brethren are so engaged in the service of their country.

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

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

The Executive Council have every confidence that the Courts will give every attention and care, and, if need be, fraternal aid to the families of those of its members who may have responded to the call of duty.

In L., B. and C.,  
OROHYATEKHA, M.D.,  
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,  
Supreme Secretary.

The rates for the Ordinary or Preferred Class are the lowest rates of the Order, and on \$1,000 are as follows :

	Per	Per		Per	Per
Age.	Month.	Year.	Age.	Month.	Year.
18	\$ 76	\$ 9 12	37	\$1 50	\$18 00
19	78	9 36	38	1 56	18 72
20	80	9 60	39	1 62	19 44
21	82	9 84	40	1 68	20 16
22	84	10 08	41	1 76	21 12
23	86	10 32	42	1 84	22 08
24	90	10 80	43	1 92	23 04
25	94	11 28	44	2 00	24 00
26	98	11 76	45	2 08	24 96
27	1 02	12 24	46	2 18	26 16
28	1 06	12 72	47	2 32	27 84
29	1 10	13 20	48	2 50	30 00
30	1 14	13 68	49	2 70	32 40
31	1 18	14 16	50	2 90	34 80
32	1 22	14 64	51	3 10	37 20
33	1 26	15 12	52	3 30	39 60
34	1 32	15 84	53	3 60	43 20
35	1 38	16 56	54	3 90	46 80
36	1 44	17 28			

These are the rates to be paid by the members of the I.O.F. who go to the Transvaal in the service of their country. All members of the Canadian Contingent who are about leaving for the Transvaal may join the Order without the payment of any fees whatsoever. The Supreme Chief Ranger, Dr. Oronhyatekha, has arranged with a physician to examine all such applicants free of charge. and the Chief himself, or one of his assistants, will be at the Head Office in the Temple building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day until the departure of the contingent to make all such applicants Foresters.

at-sight. The policies of the I.O.F range from \$500 to \$5,000, and those will be available for the members of the Canadian Contingent. The I.O.F. has now a surplus of \$3,613,219 to back up its policies.—*Montreal Gazette*, Oct. 25th, 1899.

### Official Circular, No. 9.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,  
TORONTO, 15th November, 1899.

To all Subordinate and Companion Courts:

That ample opportunity may be afforded for supplementing and completing the special effort so well commenced during the month of October, to increase the membership of the Order, the dispensation announced by Official Circular, No. 7, dated 20th September, 1899, exempting applicants for membership from the payment of any of the fees usually payable for admission to the insurance or mortuary benefits except the medical examiner's fee, is hereby extended and continued in force until the 31st day of December, 1899, up to which date all Subordinate and Companion Courts are authorized to initiate and receive into membership without the payment of such fees (except the medical examiner's fee) all applicants who have been duly accepted by the Medical Board after examination by their respective Court Physicians. The result of the work done under the dispensation up to date has been most gratifying, and the thanks of the Executive Council are hereby tendered to the Courts which have actively taken advantage of the opportunity to increase their membership.

To correct an unwarranted and incorrect interpretation placed by a few Courts upon Official Circular, No. 7, above referred to, it is hereby ex-

pressly declared that the fees authorized to be remitted were and are those required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order to be paid to secure admission to the Order and the mortuary benefits thereof, and that

(a) Applicants for Social Membership in Companion Courts,

(b) Applicants for Enrolment for the Sick and Funeral Benefits, or

(c) Applicants for increase of Mortuary Benefits were and are required to pay all the certificate, enrolment, registration and other fees demanded by the Constitution and Laws of the Order for admission to such membership or benefits.

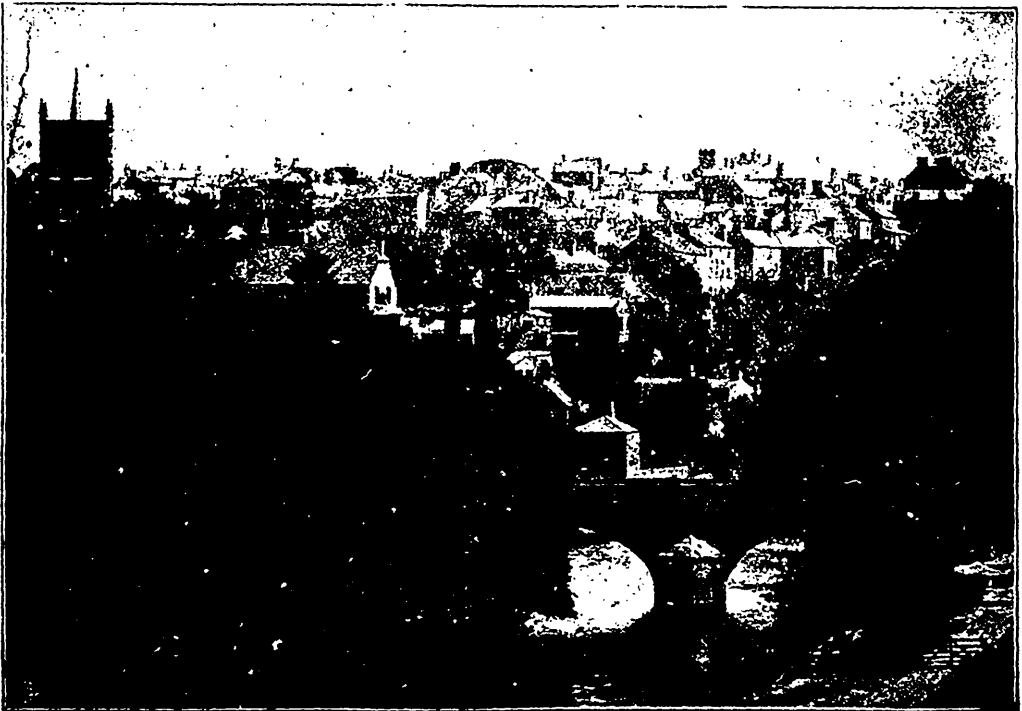
Subordinate or Companion Courts which desire to do so are hereby authorized to remit the initiation fee to all duly accepted and approved applicants for membership who may be initiated at either regular or special meetings up to and including the 31st day of December, 1899.

ORONHYATEKHA,  
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,  
Supreme Secretary.

### Knarborough.

The illustration given below represents the quiet old Yorkshire town of Knarborough, in which, in the year 1715, was founded the Royal Order of Foresters. Knarborough is picturesquely situated on the banks of the River Nidd, and serves as market-town for the circumjacent country; its principal industries consist of manufacture of cotton and linen goods. Knarborough Castle overlooks the town, and St. Robert's Chapel and cave



KNARESBOROUGH, ENGLAND.

are among objects of interest to visitors. It was in the latter, so the tale goes, that Eugene Aram hid the corpse of the man he murdered, by the way in 1745.

"The Royal Order of Foresters" was founded at Knaresborough, England, in 1745, and in 1834 changed its name to "The Ancient Order of Foresters," which name it still bears. In 1849 a Court of the A.O.F. was instituted in New York City, but soon died out. In 1864, Samuel Lambert organized Court Brooklyn, No. 4421, of the A.O.F. From that beginning the society spread over several States establishing Courts to the number of sixty-four. In 1872, Col. A. B. Caldwell, then Managing Editor of the New York *News*, united with Court Empire City, A.O.F., at 26 Delancey Street, New York. Soon after he was invited to deliver an address before Court Brooklyn, then meeting at corner of Court and Schermerhorn streets. At that meeting the Colonel advocated "Independent" Forestry, and his was therefore the first voice raised for the I.O.F. The sentiment was so well received that he continued to advocate independence whenever opportunity offered. This was kept up for some two years, and he succeeded in securing a large following. In 1873, his Court, "Empire City," seceded from the A.O.F., his motion of secession being seconded by Samuel Gompers, now President of the Federation of Labor. On the 16th of June, 1874, a convention called by the Colonel met at Liberty Hall, 149 Market Street, Newark, N.J., to discuss the proposal for an "independent" organization, about five hundred members being present, and on the following day the assembly resolved itself into "The Independent Order of Foresters," with Col. Caldwell as first presiding officer, the governing body assuming the title of "Most Worthy High Court." What followed is known to every Independent Forester who has taken the trouble to read the history of the Order; he who has not read it should purchase a copy from the Supreme Secretary and store his mind with a knowledge of the history and principles, the trials and triumphs of "the best fraternal benefit society in existence."

**Honor to Whom Honor is Due.**

It is at all times interesting to note the names of the Courts, and especially the names of the members, who work to extend the Order by increasing its membership. The following are the names of some of the Courts and the members who have earned the thanks of the Executive Council for excellent work done during the month of October, so far as returns had been received at the time of writing:

THE COURT RECORD.

COURT.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS SECURED.
St. Luce, 3592.....	St. Luce, Que .....	5
Grafton, 752 .....	Grafton, N. Dak.....	5
Tugwassah, 3255 .....	Franklin, Me.....	5
Bic, 1529 .....	Bic, Que .....	5
Oxford Centre, 1272.....	Oxford Centre, Ont ..	5
Clifton, 220 .....	Niagara Falls, Ont..	5
Fullum, 921 .....	Montreal, Que .....	5
Iosco, 278 .....	East Tawas, Mich...	6
Albert Lea, 1950 .....	Albert Lea, Minn....	6
Charlemagne, 1187 .....	St. Roch, Que .....	6
Speedwell, 846 .....	Windsor, Ont .....	6
Iron, 899 .....	Muskegon, Mich .....	6
Allen, 3452 .....	Lima, Ohio .....	7

COURT.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS SECURED.
Côte St. Paul, 1281.....	Côte St. Paul, Que ..	7
McKinley, 3875 .....	Ashtabula, Ohio .....	7
Traverse, 853 .....	Traverse City, Mich..	7
St. Eugene, 3992 .....	St. Henry, Que.....	8
McClellan, 3473 .....	Chicago, Ill .....	8
Orwell, 1287 .....	Orwell, Ont .....	8
Pilot, 1956 .....	Groveton, N.H.....	9
Brimley, 3562 .....	Brimley, Mich .....	9
Woodside, 3957 .....	Newark, N.J. ....	9
St. Evariste, 3889.....	St. Evariste, Que....	9
Cremazie, 1992 .....	Limoulou, Que .....	9
Fresno, 763 .....	Fresno, Cal.....	11
Fort Laramie, 3475 .....	Sidney, Ohio.....	13
Hennepin, 1152 .....	Niagara Falls, N.Y..	22
Cahokia, 3165.....	East St. Louis, Ill...	24

THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE WORKED.

NAME.	COURT.	MEMBERS SECURED.
Albert Daujon .....	St. Luce, 3592 .....	2
Thos. Derry .....	Brimley, 3562 .....	2
W. H. Payne.....	Woodside, 3957 .....	2
F. Dickinson.....	Orwell, 1287.....	2
Levi Bernhard .....	Hennepin, 1152.....	2
John Sparling .....	" .....	2
T. H. Thornton .....	" .....	2
A. A. Bailey .....	" .....	2
Reuben T. Clark .....	Tugwassah, 3255 .....	2
A. Renaud .....	Côte St. Paul, 1281..	2
J. Pocklington .....	" .....	2
J. B. Stevenson .....	Arthurette, 747 .....	3
Louis C. Moller.....	Niagara, 227 .....	3
John Elliott .....	Mountaineer, 577....	3
Jos. Von Enn.....	West End, 54 .....	3
T. L. Smith .....	Iosco, 278 .....	3
J. T. W. Rudesell.....	Cahokia, 2165 .....	3
J. A. Dallaire.....	St. Evariste, 3889 ..	3
Nap. Bellaire.....	St. Eugene, 3992 .....	3
Frank Allen .....	Côte St. Paul, 1281 ..	3
John Leighton .....	East Machias, 3010 ..	3
Cyrus Maddock .....	Palos Verdes, 3715 ..	3
Jacob S. Rice.....	Orwell, 1287.....	3
Frank Rigby .....	De Mont, 4050 .....	3
J. Draper .....	Brimley, 3562 .....	3
W. D. Jeff .....	Woodside, 3957 .....	3
C. O. Reeves .....	Hennepin, 1152.....	4
Isaac McKenzie.....	Fruitland, 3075 .....	4
J. W. Day .....	Ann Arbor, 1554 .....	4
Josephine Pries.....	Illinois, 71 (Comp)..	4
Edgar C. Price .....	Cahokia, 2165 .....	4
Aug. Bolduc .....	St. Evariste, 3889 ..	4
P. I. Trudel .....	Cremazie, 1992 .....	4
J. E. Trudel .....	" .....	4
Henry Conger .....	Miranda, 326.....	4
E. A. Haist .....	Brimley, 3562 .....	4
G. W. Brickler .....	Cahokia, 2165 .....	5
John E. Allen .....	Oxford Centre, 1272..	5
Jos. Belanger.....	Charlemagne, 1187 ..	5
C. F. Clark .....	Grafton, 752.....	5
F. L. Hutchens.....	Pilot, 1956.....	5
Harry Maloney .....	Listowel, 519 .....	5
C. H. Ely .....	Traverse, 853 .....	6

A large number of members have secured one candidate each during the month.

**What Comes of Reserves?**

A discussion has been going on for months in a number of insurance journals on the much-discussed and mysterious question of "What comes of the

Reserves belonging to policies which are terminated otherwise than by Death or Maturity?"

Whatever becomes of these reserves, one thing is certain, that it materially adds to the cost of insurance, especially to those who decide to discontinue their policies.

In the Official Reports for the years 1896, 1897 and 1898, of Wisconsin and Connecticut, the total reserve released by surrendered and lapsed policies, and the total surrender and lapse values allowed, are given, consequently it is an easy matter to see just how much the companies made by retaining a portion of the reserve.

Those who are interested in this subject are referred to the following table, from which it will be seen that of the \$29,734,091 of reserves forfeited by policyholders, and for which they got no value, whatever, the enormous sum of \$23,518,366 was taken from policyholders by six companies alone.

Is it any wonder that legal reserve life insurance companies are increasing their assets and surplus by millions every year?

**RESERVE RETAINED ON LAPSED AND SURRENDERED POLICIES.**

The following table, compiled from Official Reports, shows the reserve released on lapsed and surrendered policies and the amount returned to policyholders in surrender values, and the balance as given in the last column being the amount retained by the companies out of the reserve to the credit of the insured when the policies lapsed or were surrendered. The figures given are for the three years ending Dec. 31, 1898:

Name of Company.	Reserve released by surrendered and lapsed policies, 1896-98	Surrender and lapse value allowed, 1896-98.	Reserve belonging to lapsed and surrendered policies retained by the Companies.
Berkshire	\$ 1,354,525	\$1,208,514	\$ 146,011
Conn. General	333,517	261,174	69,343
Conn. Mutual	2,624,055	2,327,516	296,539
Equitable, N. Y.	23,570,457	17,309,423	6,261,034
Germania	2,209,459	1,804,353	415,106
Home	988,063	532,986	455,077
John Hancock	1,063,941	610,744	453,197
Manhattan	1,603,194	1,277,867	325,327
Mass. Mutual	2,165,051	1,670,233	434,150
Metropolitan	4,209,010	1,401,551	2,804,456
Mutual Benefit	5,329,919	4,862,358	467,560
Mutual Life	26,592,973	20,570,298	6,022,675
National	2,029,252	1,794,496	234,756
New England	2,613,190	2,431,779	173,411
New York Life	17,629,364	13,969,217	3,669,147
Northwestern	6,307,671	4,929,472	1,378,199
Penn. Mutual	2,535,981	2,173,588	362,396
Phoenix	1,104,857	799,024	305,833
Provident L. & T.	1,864,187	1,551,700	312,487
Provident Savings	210,600	119,474	91,126
Prudential	4,613,303	1,230,448	3,382,855
State Mutual	1,207,252	1,085,827	121,425
Travelers	1,844,803	1,539,794	305,009
Union Central	1,509,380	1,273,806	273,484
Union Mutual	983,128	769,512	213,616
United States	1,002,939	566,365	436,574
Washington	1,244,041	923,573	314,468
Totals	\$118,691,145	\$88,960,051	\$29,734,091

—Insurance Counsellor.

Clergyman (making a call)—“And do you always do as your mamma tells you, Flossie?” Flossie (emphatically)—“I do, and so does papa.”

**Companion Courts.**

**ILLINOIS.**

Taking advantage of the official organ of the I.O.F. to let the Brothers and Companions hear from Court Lakota, I will endeavor to thank the Companion Initiation Team for the favor they bestowed upon our Court Oct. 23rd. The team are not only perfect in their work, but are a credit to the Order. During our three years' existence we have never had such a pleasant meeting as was enjoyed with the ladies present. The members behave better and are more careful in their Court work. Bro. Wm. C. Schaefer, H. Com., was present and gave us some good advice also. Companion A. T. Schreuder, D.S.C.R., Mrs. D. Evans, C.R. Court Monitor, also members from Courts Comfort, Illinois, Chicago and Virginia, all responding very nicely under the head of good and welfare. Mrs. Dr. C. Eskridge made a good speech in which she said she hoped the ladies did not deprive the Brothers of any of their pleasures by their being present at Court meetings. I will say in behalf of Court Lakota, that we will gladly deprive ourselves of smoking and such pleasures to have them present.

Court Lakota is more than pleased to know that they will have the same High Court officers for the next three years who have done so much for us in the past.

Extending a cordial invitation to all members of the Order to visit our Court,

I thank you in L., B. and C.,  
LEE L. WHITE, C.R.  
Court Lakota.

**MICHIGAN.**

**A Surprise on the High Treasurer of Western Michigan.**

When Mr. Henry Sharp returned to his new home on Poplar Street, one Saturday evening recently, he found his house well filled with the Companions of the Independent Order of Foresters and their husbands. The event proved to be a birthday surprise on Mr. Sharp, who was very much surprised but soon recovered, and with the aid of his good wife succeeded in making all welcome, and enjoy a pleasant social evening. A very handsome gentleman's chair was left as a token of the goodwill of Mr. Sharp's friends.

E. D. HAIGHT, F.S.,  
Waupakisco, 807.  
Battle Creek, Mich.

**Mrs. Stewart's Crumbs of Comfort.**

From Sept. 19th to Sept. 22 were very busy days for Companion Court Ludoma, No. 37, Alta M. Stewart, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, being with us.

During her stay among the Companions, a vigorous campaign was waged for new members with the result of ten new Companions added to our list and eight promised for our next review, beneficiary ones. It is to be regretted that Mrs. Stewart had so little time to give to us. Could she have



had another week to work for us, we feel sure we could have doubled the number.

Friday evening, Sept. 22nd, the date of our meeting, was very stormy and disagreeable outside, but in the hall was bright and cheerful, and all were pleased with the results of four days' work.

A number were initiated, and for the good and welfare of the Order Companion Agnes Riedell read a selection. Vice-Chief Ranger, Sadie Hammond, in behalf of the Court, presented Mrs. Stewart with a beautiful silver crumb tray.

We have been favored with a copy of the resolutions of condolence passed by Companion Court Progressive, No. 147, Detroit, Mich., on the occasion of the death of Companion Maggie C. Harron, Sen. Woodward Companion Court Progressive.

### MINNESOTA.

Companion Court Pride of Duluth, No. 288, Duluth, Minn., will celebrate its first anniversary on Nov. 6th, and are making great preparations for this occasion. Some of the best talent at the head of the lakes will take part, and a general invitation has been extended to all the Subordinate Courts in our city. The High Chief Ranger, Bro. S. A. Kemp, H. Treas.; J. D. McPhail, H. Auditor; Isaiah Ridge and Wm. B. Henderson are regular attendants, and are working diligently to make this the largest gathering of any fraternal society in our city. *So mote it be.*

### NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Court Minnotah, No. 248, the first Companion Court in this jurisdiction has begun the task of working out its destiny in splendid shape. The Court was instituted on Aug. 4 last by Bro. C. R. Stovel, D.S.C.R., with a membership of about 20; since that date new members have been steadily allying themselves with the Order and the membership on September 19th was 38. The ladies are taking hold of the work with a vim, and are preparing in conjunction with the Subordinate Court Saskatchewan to celebrate their entry into a fine new hall now in course of erection, and which will after the 19th October be the new home of the two Courts. At the last meeting of Court Minnotah the Companions expressed their appreciation by votes of thanks to H. Counsellor Bro. G. W. Greene, Red Deer, for his able advocacy of their cause at the High Court meeting at Calgary, when they were admitted to representation in the High Court and to Bro. Stovel for his efforts in organization.

### OHIO.

A new Court of Companions was instituted at Circleville, Thursday evening, 19th by H. Evison, D.S.C.R., of Toronto, assisted by Percy H. Nothstine. The charter list showed a membership of thirty-three, most of whom were present.

After organizing, the Supreme Deputy and Dr. Morden gave instructive and interesting addresses which were well received. The composition of the Court was much commended by the Instituting Deputy, who spoke of the ladies' auxiliary as a growing and important factor in the good and useful work of Independent Forestry which stands without a peer in the fraternal world. He also

praised the careful and discriminating work of Percy H. Nothstine and others who assisted in getting together a sufficient number to constitute the Court, which was named Court Circle City.

### WISCONSIN.

The Companions of Court Martha, No. 196, Racine, held their first anniversary dance and entertainment Sept. 29th, at their hall.

We are getting along very nicely. The members attend the meetings quite regularly and new members are initiated nearly every meeting. We realized \$66.46 from our dance and entertainment. We had a very nice crowd and everything went off very nicely. The Chief Ranger and Vice-Chief Ranger of Court Kinnikunnie, No. 3958, Milwaukee, Wis., were present.

The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, asparagus, emblems, etc. At the front of the room and above the stage were the letters in pink, "First Anniversary." At the rear was an emblem bearing the words in colored letters, "Court Martha, No. 196, I.O.F." And on the side, was the emblem bearing the word "Welcome" in white letters. The entertainment began at 8 o'clock and the dance at 9 p.m. One of the features of the program was a recitation by our Chief Ranger's little boy. It was a piece of poetry taken from the columns of the INDEPENDENT FORESTER and was sent by the Supreme Secretary upon special request of the Recording Secretary. It was spoken in a first class manner and was heartily enjoyed by all Foresters present, as it pertained to Forestry.

Our Court Physician gave the closing remarks in a very eloquent manner. He told how, when, where and why we were organized. He spoke highly of the work we had already accomplished and of the work we were sure to do with such good officers in charge. He also announced in a very appropriate manner about our supper. The tables were handsomely decorated with garden flowers, etc.

On Oct. 2nd, the Companions of our Court planned a very clever surprise on our Past Chief Ranger, Mrs. Martha Fennel, it being her birthday. The Companions presented her with a beautiful Foresters' pin. She is just like a mother to us all. Our Court was named for her and we feel highly honored that it was named for such a good, Christian woman.

### Wondrous Works.

The manufacture of the American Pianos and Organs by Messrs. Cornish at their immense factories at Washington, New Jersey, is one of the most interesting exhibitions possible. The vast works are really wonderful, and the making of the Cornish American Pianos and Organs can be followed in all stages from the rough lumber brought in from the extensive drying kilns, and cut up by the big circular saws in the lower end of the first machine-floor to the examination of the exquisitely finished product in the warerooms. The magnitude of their business has made it necessary for them to still further increase their factory space and they have just finished an addition to their main building, which will give 20,000 cubic feet more room; they have also enlarged their office facilities so that they are now in better shape than ever to handle orders and can now build and ship at the rate of 60 Pianos and Organs per day, or 18,000 per annum.

## Thome Circle.

### Wasted Opportunities.

BY CLAIRE K. ALDEN.

So much we might accomplish ! Yet we stand  
Day after day, and meekly hold a hand  
For manna falling from the skies,  
While all life's field untilled around us lies.

Oh, wasted opportunities, ye rise  
Like ghosts to haunt us, when the body lies  
At rest at night, and conscience lifts her face,  
Pale with the knowledge of a soul's disgrace.

### Have a Cheerful Heart.

My friend, do you know why the work you accomplish fails either to give pleasure to yourself or others? It is because it is not cheerfully done, and therefore appears discolored.

A joyous heart, amid our work, imparts to duty a brilliancy that charms the eye of others, while it prevents those feeling wounded who cannot perform it equally well. Joy, with us, is like a lever, with which we lift the weights that without its help would crush us.

A workman once said: "If I were to leave off singing, I should be quite unequal to my business."

Then sing always; let your heart sing as in its earliest years. The refrain of the heart, which perhaps never passes the lips, but which echoes in heaven, is this sentence:

"I love, and I am beloved!"

GOLD DRST.

### One Cigarette Smoker's Cure.

"I don't believe all I hear about the unwholesomeness of cigarettes," said the young man who was addicted to the cigarette habit. "I acknowledge they are nasty things to smoke, and very offensive to some people, without doubt, but I'll not be abused into reforming, and I'll not 'swear off.'"

"It always seems to me," he went on—we clip the incident from *The Youth's Companion*—"that a fellow can't trust himself if he has to quit anything by swearing off. If anybody will show me some good, sound reason why I should be ashamed to smoke cigarettes, I'll quit for good and all without taking a vow."

"Do you mean that?" asked the friend to whom he was speaking.

"I do."

"Then come with me."

The two young men went out on the street, stationed themselves at a prominent corner, and waited. Presently a little Italian boy came along. He had a basket on his arm. It was half-full of the stumps of cigars and cigarettes which he had picked up from the gutters, and he was adding to his stock momentarily from the same source.

"What do you do with those, my boy?" inquired one of the young men.

"Sell 'em. Cigaretta factory. Ten centa quart," replied the lad.

"Do you believe in doing anything to encourage that sort of industry?" asked the friend.

"On my honor, no!" answered the cigarette smoker.

He took a box of the "coffin nails" from his pocket, deliberately tore them to fragments, threw them away, and never smoked another.

A man had returned to his old home, and was asking about former acquaintances. "There's Harry Perry—what has become of him?" "You will not care to have anything to do with Harry; he has gone to the dogs. He drinks and abuses his wife. His home is gone—remember what a pretty home he had?—and the family is often in want. All his old friends have had to drop him." "I guess I'd better look him up, then. He probably needs to know that I am mindful of him more than if he were prospering. 'A brother is born for adversity,' you know." Thus one man showed that the true spirit of friendship was in his heart.

### A Significant Speech.

Travelling in a railroad car the other day, we heard two women talking together, evidently about some girl with whom they were both acquainted.

"I don't care much for Clara," said one. "She seems to me to be selfish and domineering; and then she is so untidy—I do dislike an untidy girl; there's no excuse for it."

"Why, whenever I've seen her, she has been very nicely dressed," said the other; "and she has such a good voice—she sang at the club musicale for us, and was very obliging about it. She works in the Girls' League, too, and they think a great deal of her. I've always admired her, myself."

"Oh, well, perhaps I oughtn't to have said what I did," replied the first speaker. "I may be mistaken. You see, I've seen her only at home."

Their talk went on to other things, but the last sentence stuck in the hearer's mind: "I've seen her only at home." What a story that told, and how common a story it is! How many Claras there are, obliging and pleasant in public, whom it is far better not to know within the four walls of home! They come out of the door neatly dressed, smiling, polite, and leave untidy rooms and cross words behind them. They are the domestic prototypes of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Yet the one place where a lovely, womanly character is most lovely and most womanly is home. If there is any perfume of girlish sweetness, it ought to make the home atmosphere fragrant first, before it floats out to the world beyond. If there is not enough unselfishness and obligingness for both home and society at large, then it ought to be concentrated at home. Clara had not "enough to go round," in homely phrase; and she chose the wrong alternative. How many other girls make the same foolish, mistaken choice, who shall say? It is in every girl's power to make the sweeter and higher choice of being a blessing in the home, whether she be admired abroad or no.

## Flowers of the Forest.

### Hotel Rules.

A pun, somebody has said, is the lowest form of wit, yet a collection of puns can be very amusing. Some facetious person has achieved the following hotel rules:

Board, fifty cents per square foot. Meals, extra. Guests are requested not to speak to the dumb-

waiter. Guests wishing to get up without being called can have self-raising flour for supper. Guests wishing to do a little driving will find hammer and nails in the closet. If the room gets too warm, open the window and see the fire escape. If you're fond of athletics and like good jumping, lift the mattress and see the bed spring. Baseballists desiring a little practice will find a pitcher on the stand. If the lamp goes out take a feather out of the pillow; that's light enough for any room. Any one troubled with nightmare will find a halter on the bedpost. Don't worry about paying your bill; the house is supported by its foundations.

Lord Palmerston, while Secretary for Foreign Affairs, had a good-natured way of giving reproofs when he did not mean to be severe.

"Put a little more starch into your neckcloth, my dear Dash," he said to a diplomatist who he thought did not hold his head high enough at the Court where the Minister represented Great Britain.

Many of the most striking sayings belong to those half-witted. "Daft Will Speir" was once discovered by the Earl of Eglinton making a short cut through his grounds. "Come back," said the earl to him; "that's not the road." "Da ye ken whar I'm gaun?" asked Will. "No," replied the earl. "Weel, hoo the de'il do you ken whether this be the road or not?"

"That was a very reasonable request the Rev. Mr. Whitetie made last Sunday." "What was it?" "He requested that no buttons be contributed for the heathen without garments attached to them."

Neighbor: "How do you like your new neighbors?" Little girl: "Ma says they is awful nice people, real polite an' Christian." "Has she called?" "No; but we've sent in to borrow a dozen different things and they didn't once say they was just out."

Lawyer—"I'm not feeling very well, doctor. Does it make any difference on which side I sleep?" Doctor (with a wink)—"Well, a good lawyer will never lie on the left side."

"Just see how fondly that man kisses his wife good-bye," said the optimist. "There is no sham demonstration there." "Oh that is because she is going away," said the pessimist.

Jones (reading aloud)—"A good, true, noble woman is ever ready to make herself a door mat for the man she loves!" Ah, Dolly, those are the women who make the best wives!" Mrs. J. (who is not of this type)—"Yes, dear, and the worst husbands."

## Children's Corner.

Life is a sheet of paper white  
Whereon each one of us may write  
His word or two, and then comes night.  
Though thou have time  
But for a line, be that sublime:  
Not failure, but low aim is crime.

—J. R. LOVELL.

## A Sum in Division.

He was a bright-eyed, barefooted, shabby little fellow, and the manner in which he wormed his way through the crowd and offered his papers in

every direction proved that he was used to his business and not easily daunted. The train started while he was making change for a paper, and the conductor, passing him, laughed:

"Caught this time, Joe! You'll have to run to Fourteenth Street."

"Don't care," laughed Joe in return; "I can sell all the way back again."

A white-haired old gentleman seemed interested in the boy, and questioned him concerning his way of living and his earnings. There was a younger brother to be supported, it appeared, and "Jimmy" was lame, and "couldn't earn much hisself."

"Ah, I see. That makes it hard; you could do better alone."

The shabby little figure was erect in a moment, and the denial was prompt and somewhat indignant.

"No, I couldn't! Jim's somebody to go home to; he's lots of help. What would be the good of havin' luck if nobody was glad? or gettin' things if there was nobody to divide with?"

"Fourteenth Street!" called the conductor, and as the newsboy plunged out into the gathering dusk, the old gentleman remarked to nobody in particular, "I've heard many a poorer sermon than that."

## The Boy Who Didn't Care.

"James, my son, you are wasting your time playing with that kitten when you ought to be studying your lesson. You will get a bad mark if you don't study," said Mrs. Mason to her son.

"I don't care," replied the boy, as he continued to amuse himself with the gambols of Sport, his pretty little kitten.

"But you ought to care, my son" replied his mother with a sigh. "You will grow up an ignorant, good-for-nothing man, if you don't make use of your opportunities."

"I don't care," said James, as he raced into the yard after his amusing playmate.

"Don't care? will be the ruin of that child," said Mrs. Mason to herself. "I must teach him a lesson."

When noon arrived James rushed into the house as usual, shouting

"Mother, I want my dinner."

"I don't care," replied Mrs. Mason very calmly, working on with her needle without looking up.

"I'm very hungry, mother," James insisted.

"I don't care," his mother repeated.

James was puzzled. His mother had never so treated him before. Her words were strange words for her to use, and her manner was so cold that he could not understand what it all meant. He was silent awhile, then he spoke again.

"Mother, I want something to eat."

"I don't care," was again the cool reply.

"But recess will soon be over, mother, and I shall starve if I don't get some dinner," urged James.

"I don't care."

This was too much for James. He burst into tears.

His mother, seeing that he was subdued, called him to her side and gently pointed out the evil effects of his bad habit. James had never looked upon it in this light before, and he promised to try to do better. After receiving a sandwich, he went off to school a wiser, if not a better, boy.—*Sunday School Advocate.*

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

Delinquent Courts who have not paid their September Assessments.

Name of Court.	No.	Name of Court.	No.
Madison .....	1899		

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

Receipts, October, 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.
973	British Columbia.	\$ 1106 68	\$ 76 40	\$ 123 60	4519	New Jersey .....	\$ 4629 32	\$ 52 11	\$ 473 70
8781	California .....	11848 82	139 60	1073 55	11169	New York .....	15121 74	891 58	1601 36
10739	Central Ontario.....	11305 59	1312 49	1183 30	2144	North Dakota.....	2431 60	60 65	216 60
374	Colorado with Utah annexed.....	698 69	12 01	60 05	585	Northern Michigan	484 24	52 23	52 75
10099	Eastern Ontario.....	10287 34	876 12	1091 78	1352	North'n Minnesota	1588 32	117 13	131 35
6339	Illinois .....	8971 55	55 70	776 70	1126	N. W. Territory....	1282 61	77 46	179 70
2042	Indiana .....	2350 79	13 04	255 45	3206	Nova Scotia.....	2956 30	239 47	288 20
635	Iowa .....	789 65	1 48	79 15	7580	Ohio .....	7353 40	124 49	832 45
3221	Maine .....	2691 56	848 68	340 80	13662	Ontario .....	13652 12	2461 92	1490 40
2391	Manitoba .....	2426 24	234 76	241 35	1812	Pennsylvania .....	2760 42	41 82	234 30
9828	Michigan .....	9184 59	610 91	1014 15	1421	Pr. Edward Island.	1155 71	35 58	123 70
3229	Minnesota .....	3693 03	10 30	377 25	14575	Quebec.....	16153 95	4617 91	1762 50
1037	Missouri with Kansas annexed .....	1289 00	9 25	132 50	861	Washington.....	1295 59	15 97	108 85
465	Montana .....	763 55	15 55	71 20	4294	Western Michigan	4529 22	180 49	482 60
388	Nebraska .....	469 99	4 16	66 55	3150	Wisconsin.....	3838 12	22 63	375 80
5766	New Brunswick...	5417 02	953 78	632 55	254	S. C. Jurisdiction..	488 41	5 11	38 65
2231	New England.....	2249 37	701 43	248 53	5648	G. Britain, Ireland and Norway.....	7172 94	33 43	618 27
					149549				
	Received on account of Fire Insurance.....						261 78		
	" " " Sundry Refunds re Loans.....						186 25		
	" " " Organizing and other accounts.....						166 69	7 92	760 74
	Grand Totals.....	\$163,360 29	\$14,913 58	\$17,512 10					

Recapitulation.

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

Supply Account.

Received on account of Supplies .....	\$3,375 93	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer.....	\$3,375 93
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Investment Account.

Received on account of Principal on Loans...\$ 4,928 30	Remitted same to Supreme Treasurer .....	\$ 4,928 30
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Submitted in L. B. and C.

JOHN A. McGILLIVRAY, Sup. Secretary.

Supreme Treasurer's Statement for October, 1899.

Mortuary Statement.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last Statement.....	\$3,481 360 43
" Supreme Secretary.....	162,742 77
Sundry refunds re loans .....	186 25
" " re Insurance.....	261 58
Re deposit of Drafts for Claims.....	166 69
	<u>\$3,644,720 72</u>

Paid to Beneficiaries of late Brothers—

Edmund Sparrow .. Court Millington, 596 ..	\$1,000 00
Michael J. Costello .. " Independence, 1792 ..	1,000 00
Patrick Donegan .. " ..	1,000 00
James McMahon .. " Attean, 1368 ..	1,000 00
William J. Perry .. " Ruff'd Falls, 1861 ..	1,000 00
George B. Tanner .. " Pembroke, 265 ..	1,000 00
Freeman C. Fleming .. " Benefit, 3371 ..	1,000 00
William Matheson .. " Agnes, 1662 ..	1,000 00
Rev. William Davis .. " Seattle, 536 ..	2,000 00
Michael W. Downing .. " Gordon Falls, 101 ..	1,000 00

Wilfrid Robillard .. Court National, 1775 ..	\$1,900 00
Charles A. Petrie .. " Clayton, 171 ..	1,000 00
William Kelsey .. " Mansfield, 1445 ..	1,000 00
Christ. Jacobson .. " Racine, 1529 ..	1,000 00
Mayward E. Sayles .. " Ar-sa-Ben, 3358 ..	500 00
William Linton .. " Roseneath, 1696 ..	1,000 00
John J. Eager .. " Prince Arthur, 1867 ..	2,000 00
Ed. H. Husband .. " Minneapolis, 865 ..	1,000 00
James Reynolds .. " Island City, 375 ..	5,000 00
James B. Robb .. " Akron, 933 ..	1,000 00
Maggie C. Harron .. " Progressive, 147 ..	500 00
John W. McDuffy .. " International, 323 ..	3,000 00
Charles Lawrence .. " Rochester, 1687 ..	1,000 00
George Guthrie .. " California, 451 ..	1,000 00
Wilfrid A. Carpenter .. " Umbria, 3811 ..	1,000 00
William J. Howley .. " Verona, 1713 ..	500 00
Almer Weidman .. " Flint, 239 ..	1,000 00
Samuel Carroll .. " Leisure Hour, 348 ..	1,000 00
William R. Hamilton .. " Scotia, 1818 ..	2,000 00
Will H. Johnson .. " Saranac Lake, 3864 ..	1,000 00
Henry P. Gaines .. " Miranda, 326 ..	2,000 00
C. A. J. Blong .. " Lumber Hgt., 1963 ..	1,000 00
Charles Harms .. " George Wash., 1408 ..	2,000 00
Francisco J. Manha .. " Hollister, 651 ..	2,000 00
F. W. Essig, M.D. .. " Lenawee, 1761 ..	1,000 00
Maurice Fry .. " Champlain, 663 ..	3,000 00
William Falls .. " Clarence, 982 ..	1,000 00
A. M. Bell .. " Pierce, 1891 ..	1,000 00
John Saker .. " Home Office, 1590 ..	2,000 00

A. B. Waterman	Court Ina, 1778	\$ 500 00
Columbus M. Holmes	Silverado, 3565	100 00
Robert Archibald	Oxnard, 4061	1,000 00
David S. Binns	Northern Light, 127	2,000 00
Thomas J. Farmer	Raritan, 3465	1,000 00
Henry Heal	Brandon, 1660	1,000 00
Thomas Flynn	Fort Schuyler, 1510	250 00
Louis Schell	Winter Bourne, 204	1,000 00
Bartlett M. Gregory	Los Gatos, 1370	500 00
William J. Winters	Leitchfield, 1929	1,000 00
Hy. Y. Markle	Farewell, 419	1,000 00
James Baker	Cape Cove, 3174	1,000 00
Robert Hobson	Peirolca, 42	1,000 00
Henry S. Oram	Liking, 1318	1,000 00
Alexander Peoples	Voss, 1726	1,000 00
Sidney T. Barnes	Davenport, 82	2,000 00
Samuel D. Fay	Mountain City, 1879	2,000 00
Shain Fund	Brunswick, 52	1,000 00
Bruce Holmes	McGreggor, 6	1,000 00
Burritt Chaffee	Dana, 3377	3,000 00
George E. Jones	Mountaineer, 377	1,000 00
Lambert F. Acker	Duluth, 721	1,000 00
Robert Cameron	Grizzly, 372	2,000 00
James Cherry	Bolton, 308	1,000 00
Theodore W. Parker	Crawford, 1585	2,000 00
Anselm Bolz	Bergen Point, 1038	500 00
Herbert Craig	Great West, 1018	1,000 00
David Breckenridge	Mississippi, 78	2,000 00
Gustave A. Winter	Gibbons, 3852	1,000 00
Calixte St. Denis	Chenier, 1551	250 00
J. B. Campbell, M.D.	Victoria, 10	1,000 00
N. W. Waterhouse	Abercorn, 3514	1,000 00
William S. Kimport	Century, 1257	1,000 00
Joseph Dumphy	Lake City, 520	1,000 00
Joseph Brazan	Renand, 3053	1,000 00
Leslie H. Folley	Kinnoho, 3008	16 67
J. V. St. J. Scholefield	Wisdom, 3799	1,000 00
Frank Van Ness	Frelingheysen, 1098	1,000 00
William P. Wood	Maple, 155	1,000 00
Henry McCormick	Rensselaer, 1454	1,000 00
Lawrence Nelson	Presq Isle, 325	3,000 00
Madison C. Hodgins	Kahikoa, 3165	1,000 00
Otto Mutter	Lake Forest, 3248	33 34
Clarence R. Stoddard	Gateway, 963	1,000 00
William Nicholl	N. Victoria, 1874	500 00
Frederick Anderson	Princess Alex., 26	1,000 00
William C. Koehler	Auburn, 758	1,000 00
Paul W. Jacob	Select Maple, 734	2,000 00
Chas. Geo. Prout	Cave Hill, 2248	486 66
George Kyle	First Bolton, 2132	973 32
Benj. Cunningham	Ashley, 2136	973 32

CONTRA CR.	
By Sick Claims	\$8,240 11
" Funeral Claims	676 67
" Refunds	130 66
" Five per cent. to General Fund	745 28
Balance	9,792 72
	<u>99,992 04</u>
	<u>\$108,884 76</u>

General Account.	
RECEIPTS.	
To Supreme Secretary	\$17,542 40
" on account of supplies	3,375 93
" Five per cent. Mortuary Benefit Fund	8,137 15
" " Sick and Fun. Ben. Fund	745 28
Balance	13,891 97
	<u>\$43,692 73</u>

CONTRA CR.	
By Salaries of Officers	\$ 3,374 99
" Organizing Salaries and Expenses	12,049 10
" Wages of Employees	5,312 35
" Furniture	942 27
" General Management Expenses	11,047 69
" Fees returned	154 93
" " Forester" and Supplies	10,811 40
	<u>\$ 43,692 73</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.	2,933,076 53
Debentures	131,947 07
Deposit Receipts	540 79
National Bank of La Crosse	2,500 00
	<u>\$3,432,432 92</u>
Current Account	127,631 78
Sick and Funeral Surplus	99,092 04
Grand Total Surplus	<u>\$3,659,156 74</u>

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

Old Age Disability -	\$107,583 31
Stephen Kappelle, C. Rosedale, 88...	\$ 50 00
Jesse Baughart, C. Harmony, 57...	100 00
Robert Miller, C. Sydenham, 43...	100 00
Archibald Sherriffs, C. Excelsior, 79...	300 00
Wm. F. Lighthall, C. Montreal, 741...	300 00

Total and Permanent Disability—	850 00
Clarence W. Brown, C. Favor, 1054...	\$ 250 00
Frederick Nelson, C. Ramsay, 1154...	1,000 00
J. Mansinger, C. Milwaukee, 1481...	500 00
Ira Tidd, C. Lloyd, 1604...	500 00
Geo. W. Paugh, C. Education, 1763...	1,000 00
Hendon Frees, C. Traverse, 833...	1,500 00

Refunds	\$ 307 33	4750 00
Taxes	86 35	
Commission	389 00	
Insurance	369 78	
Legal Fees	53 15	
Doctor's Fees	87 00	
Work on Mortgage Property	13 00	
	<u>1,296 61</u>	
English Refunds	8 00	

Five per cent. to General Fund	\$ 114,487 95
Balance	8,137 15
	<u>3,522,095 62</u>
	<u>\$3,614,720 72</u>

Sick and Funeral Fund.	
RECEIPTS.	
To Balance, as per last Statement	\$ 68,163 24
" Supreme Secretary	14,505 66
" Cheque No. 44,913 cancelled	8) 86
" Refund	7 92
" Refund from Mortuary	25,727 08
	<u>\$108,884 76</u>

### Report of the Medical Board for the Month of October, 1899.

During the month of October, the Medical Board reviewed 3,655 medical examination papers, of which 3,265 were accepted and 390 rejected. The subjoined table will show the jurisdictions whence the papers emanated:

Jurisdiction.	Accepted		Jurisdiction.	Rejected	
	Accepted	Rejected		Accepted	Rejected
Arizona	26	4	New York	336	43
British Columbia	4	8	North Dakota	22	2
California	114	23	Nova Scotia	25	1
Colorado	1	1	N. W. Territories	26	4
Connecticut	4	1	Ohio	186	21
Dist. of Columbia	1	1	Ontario (Centre)	101	10
Illinois	353	32	Ontario (East)	52	5
Indiana	60	12	Ontario (West)	286	22
Iowa	45	11	Oregon	1	1
Kansas	12	1	Pennsylvania	61	4
Maine	123	27	P. E. Island	14	2
Manitoba	15	4	Quebec	366	54
Michigan (East)	259	13	Rhode Island	33	4
Michigan (North)	31	3	Vermont	90	7
Michigan (West)	209	13	Washington	1	1
Minnesota (North)	39	1	Wisconsin	90	12
Minnesota (South)	58	2	England	18	8
Missouri	7	1	Ireland	24	3
Montana	3	1	Scotland	4	1
Nebraska	21	3	Wales	4	1
Newfoundland	2	1	Norway	1	1
New Brunswick	25	1			
New Hampshire	53	7	Total	3265	390
New Jersey	110	19			

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

## Supplementary.

## Accounts of Meetings Received Late.

## CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 30, 1899.

Noticing a communication of our worthy Bro. Domenigoni, of Court Pleasant Valley, and seeing that all Courts like to see their good deeds in print, and feeling that although Court La Gazelle, No. 3631, is located in the suburbs of Los Angeles city, and that we are surrounded by, at least, 45 members of other Courts who have larger membership, but not any larger ambitions than this little suburb Court, I feel as if I should let our brothers know that we are also doing our mite for the noble cause for which we have enlisted. On the 12th of Sept. we gave a free social, consisting of a fine programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc., to a very large attendance of the most select and eligible people in our neighborhood. We concluded the evening's entertainment with dancing, which lasted till midnight. Our decorations on that night were suggestive of our Order, being a true forest of pines, and very unique. On the 24th of the present month we repeated our success and again succeeded in getting some of the ablest talent to assist, and a large gathering of friends again attended, although an admission of 25 cents was charged to defray expenses. Still again we are preparing another social for the 21st of November and one for December. Since we took up the social part of our work our membership has been infused with new blood and the little "Rhubarb" Court, as it is called, figures among the "400" in "swallow-tailed coat." We have five new applications and two cards on the table for the next meeting, which will make up our membership to 50 active members, if they are accepted, all through the social committee's efforts, of which our physician, Dr. W. M. Johnson, is chairman. This committee was appointed for the year, and a very able selection was made by selecting our doctor as one of the committee. Now, Bro. Rose, if this is too long, or worse still, not interesting enough, chop it off or throw it out, but I thought we would like to say "How de-do" to some of our sister Courts through your journal and let them know that we are holding up our end of the string.

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

ANDREW J. SNEE, Rec. Sec.

On Monday evening, Oct. 23rd, Court Monterey, No. 643, tendered a reception to Bro. Gonzales, one of the volunteers who has just returned from the Philippine Islands. The exercises consisted of a musical programme, which was well rendered and reflects great credit on the committee of ladies who had charge of it. Stirring addresses were delivered by several of the brethren which lasted till ten o'clock. An excellent banquet was prepared; about one hundred sat down, consisting of Foresters, their families and friends. After full justice had been done to the viands, the hall was cleared and a social hop was indulged in, which lasted a couple of hours.

All thoroughly enjoyed themselves and pronounced the entertainment a great success.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

T. LEE, R.C.

BERKELEY, CAL., Oct. 28th, 1899.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA,  
Supreme Chief Ranger I.O.F.,  
Toronto, Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Enclosed find Benefit Certificate of our late Brother Roderick Cameron, which has been duly signed and witnessed.

In this connection I cannot help congratulating you and the Order on the prompt and expeditious manner with which this claim has been settled. The fact that the brother died so far away from home and under such tragic circumstances makes the prompt payment in this case redound doubly to the Order's credit and aids in sustaining its high reputation in this vicinity. This is the first death in our Court, and we feel considerable pride and satisfaction that the benefit has been so promptly paid.

Yours in L., B. and C.,

ARNOLD V. C. STUBNERANCH,  
Fin. Sec., Court Grizzly, No. 3772.

## INDIANA.

ALL THE COURTS OF MADISON COUNTY GOT TOGETHER FOR A LOVE FEAST—SOME NOTABLE VISITORS.

One of the most enjoyable meetings ever held by secret Orders was that of the Independent Order of Foresters, held at Alexandria last evening. It was primarily a meeting of Madison County Foresters, but there were present four members of the High Standing Committee of the State of Indiana; a representative of the Supreme Court of the Order, and the Chief Rangers of Court Oak, Indianapolis, and of the Court at Marion.

The purpose of the meeting, viz., to advance the interests of Forestry in Madison County, was briefly stated by High Secretary W. W. Wilson, who was followed by J. F. Smith, of Court Alexandria, who in a short speech turned over the city to the visitors, or "so much of it as any good Forester can use." The meeting was then taken in charge by a team from Court Anderson, and five candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Forestry.

## A LOVE FEAST.

Following the degree work were speeches by D.S.C.R. Robert Tinck, of Ontario, who is doing splendid work as an organizer in the State; then a ten-minute speech by High Conductor J. L. Teegarden, of Anderson, followed by Bro. Rev. Chandler, of Elwood; High Treasurer Lute Douge, also of Elwood; High Vice-Chief Ranger J. W. Bailey, of Anderson; Chief Ranger Boague, of Court Oak, Indianapolis, and J. D. Brunner, of Court Indiana, Marion. The Chief Rangers of Madison County Courts were continued as a committee to arrange other county meetings. At 11 o'clock an adjournment was taken to Combs' restaurant, where a splendid banquet in courses was served to an even hundred of hungry Foresters. High Secretary Wilson acted as toastmaster, and the following responses were made:

"The Supreme Court," D.S.C.R. Robert Tinck.

"The High Court of Indiana: What it has done and what it will do this year," High Counsellor Teegarden.

"The Subordinate Courts in General, and of Madison County in Particular; what are we here for?" J. C. Smith.

Interurban cars were held, and the Anderson and Elwood delegates left for their homes at 12.15 o'clock this morning. *Daily Bulletin*, Oct. 27th, 1899.

On Friday evening, Oct. 27th, Court Union City, No. 1188, Union City, Ind., celebrated the seventh anniversary of their existence as a Court, being organized Oct. 28th, 1892. I have mailed you daily papers of next day, each giving an account of the meeting. As neither editor was present they wrote same from programme. This was Court 1188's first attempt at an entertainment, especially the first time that they have ever invited outside parties to spend an evening with them, and to say that they entertained their company would be putting it lightly; they more than entertained them. They fed them royally. Not only was the meeting our anniversary, but our wives and daughters knew nothing of the *fast* in store for them. Although the clouds opened up, the rain fell in torrents all night. Our little crowd numbered 68. Of the visitors present one has since been initiated and two for next meeting. Our Court has unanimously agreed that each and every brother would do his best to bring in an applicant by Jan. 1st, 1900.

Fraternally yours in L., B. and C.,  
C. W. ENNIS, C.R., pro.

### MICHIGAN

Court Owosso, No. 699, Owosso, Mich., is having a good time in the line of initiation. We initiate a member every regular meeting night and expect to right along. We are feeding the goat on all the oysters we can find in the city, and after we are through with the work we have an entertainment committee appointed to carry out the rest of the programme. Sometimes it is speeches and music and luncheon and you cannot imagine what an interest it creates among the brothers. Our worthy Bro. John Wotten has gotten up an initiation altogether different from the one which we used to use and the brothers are taking a good interest in the new work. We are going to make it warm for some of the Courts, for we are not dead Foresters, but live ones, who are up and doing while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.

We have now 232 members in good standing, and we expect to make it 300 by January 1st, 1900. We have offered an inducement to the brother who secures new members at the rate of \$2.00 for each one secured if the member remains in good standing for eight months, and Bro. Stevens, of Detroit, has offered an inducement also.

Yours in L., B. and C.,  
JOHN VAN HOTEN, R.S.

EAST JORDAN, MICH., Oct. 28th, 1899.

Court East Jordan, No. 839, East Jordan, Mich., has just held its annual banquet.

The order of business opened by the Courts going into executive session with a large delegation of Companions and Bros. from Court Central Lake in attendance.

Bro. W. A. Crouch, D.S.C.R., presented thirty applications for temporary beneficiary membership, and the Court, on resolution offered by Bro. W. T. Parter, supported by Bro. F. E. Boosinger, voted to suspend routine work and repair to the City Hall, where Foresters' wives and daughters, assisted by Mr. Muma, had prepared a banquet, consisting of oysters and other inviting dishes, for

one hundred and fifty persons. After the repast, Bros. W. A. Crouch, A. W. Foy, C.P., of Court Central Lake, and F. E. Boosinger offered some very appropriate remarks. Music and dancing followed and Court East Jordan has eighty members enrolled.

I may say, that Bro. W. A. Crouch is a full team in Forestry work and any Court will be fortunate in securing his services.

He has left a charter list for a Companion Court in the hands of Miss Ellen A. Allen and we hope that he will have occasion to visit us again and institute the same.

G. W. ALLEN, R.S.

### MINNESOTA.

STILLWATER, MINN., Oct. 30th, 1899.

Court Stillwater, No. 1035, Stillwater, Minn., held a social session last Wednesday evening in honor of our returned soldiers from the Philippines and other regions. There were seven members of the Order in the 13th Minn. and one from the 12th Minn. at Chattanooga, Tenn., and one from the 1st Wis., besides one from Alaska, and about 75 other guests, each member being allowed to bring a guest and all of Company K 13th Minn. invited. We had a short session of the Order lasting seven minutes to perform the regular business, then closed for a social session, at which there were a number of good speakers including Dr. Fitzgerald, Surgeon in Chief of the 13th Minn. and Dr. Clark, same of the 12th Minn., Major Masterman, Capt. Conrad and Lieut. Walsh, who presented our Court with a fine gavel of ornamented Philippine woods. An enjoyable smoke and lunch was spread and music was furnished by Mr. Sweitzer, Billy Lanners, Ed. Clapperton and others. Orchestra by the "St. Paul Warblers" was the cream of the evening. Altogether it was a fine entertainment and gained us the good will of lots of new men.

No deaths in our Court this year is an occasion of rejoicing that our brothers all returned safely and that the Court has paid all dues and assessments since they have been away, is a bright record for any Court.

J. C. RHODES, Jun., R.S.

RED WING, MINN., Oct. 23, 1899.

The members of the Independent Order of Foresters had a reception and banquet last evening in honor of members of the lodge who returned with Company G from Manila. They are: Carl K. Reckner, Fred Reichert, Chas. Fisher, W. A. Jones, Frank H. Erickson, Ben. F. Tubesing, and C. Bracher. Among those from the twin cities who attended were: High Chief Ranger O. H. O'Neill, Junior Past High Chief Ranger J. C. O'Keefe, High Secretary A. E. Reuillard, High Treasurer C. N. Young, and Mr. Hayes, of the Windsor hotel. The hall was very prettily and tastefully decorated, and the banquet spread for about sixty, by Geo. Cross was elaborate. The evening was spent with card playing and other social diversions. Several members of the lodge, recently returned, gave short, interesting and descriptive talks.

The following members of the High Standing Committee attended a reception: H.C.R., O. H. O'Neill; J.P.H.C.R., J. C. O'Keefe; H. Sec., A. E. Reuillard; H. Treas., E. N. Young.

I also wish to say that the Order in the state has taken very kindly to the circular sent out by

the Supreme Court and you will probably get a good report from this section. Court Minneapolis, No. 865, at its last meeting read 16 applications. I have received a great many orders for application blanks, which is very encouraging in itself. Court Century, on Wednesday eve., Nov. 15th. will give a literary and musical entertainment, the object, to enthruse the old members and secure new ones. They have an excellent programme arranged Court Minneapolis, No. 865, will give a dance on Thursday, Nov. 30th, Thanksgiving eve, and a good time is expected.

Yours in L., B. & C.,  
A. E. REILLARD.

### ONTARIO.

On the evening of Thursday, Oct. 26th, the members of Court Dromore, No. 1180, Dromore, Ont., celebrated the seventh anniversary of the organization of their Court, by holding a concert in Russell Hall.

A stirring address on Forestry was given by Bro. J. C. Morgan, Public School Inspector of Barrie, to whom we feel deeply indebted for his kindness in so materially adding to the success of our concert, both by his address, which, while it gave clear and convincing proofs of the advantages of the Order, was made so interesting as to hold the closest attention of all, and also by his invaluable aid with instrumental music, singing and readings. In fact Bro. Morgan is a whole host in himself, and the fact of his having driven 16 miles to the concert, and then getting off before four the next morning and driving the same 16 miles in the rain in order to catch the early train shows what an enthusiastic Forester he is. His song, "For Queen, Flag and Country" (composed by himself) was very much appreciated and his humorous readings fairly convulsed his hearers with laughter.

The singing of "God Save the Queen" brought to a close this very enjoyable entertainment, and all went home well pleased with our Court's anniversary concert.

Those who assisted us were warm in their appreciation of the kindness shown them by the local brethren, for which Bro. Morgan expressed the most cordial thanks.

### IRELAND.

Great satisfaction is being expressed in Downpatrick at the prompt manner in which the Supreme Court, through Court Royal Downshire, paid the claim of the late Bro. McFadden.

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Court Royal Downshire has sustained a severe loss in the removal of its Financial Secretary, Bro. Sergeant Gardiner to Belfast. He was an ideal Financial Secretary, and the Court showed its appreciation of his services by entertaining him and presenting him with a massive gold ring. Brother the Rev. Jas. Cregan, H.C.R., and Bro. Jas. Wilson, H. Treas., attended on behalf of the High Court and delivered stirring addresses, and it is confidently expected that Court Royal Downshire will have a considerable addition to its membership in the near future.

The annual social meeting of the combined Belfast Courts will be held in the large hall of the

Y.M.C.A., 18 Wellington Place, on Tuesday, the 12th December. It is hoped that all members of the Order in the city and many from the country will attend and so make the meeting worthy of our great Order.

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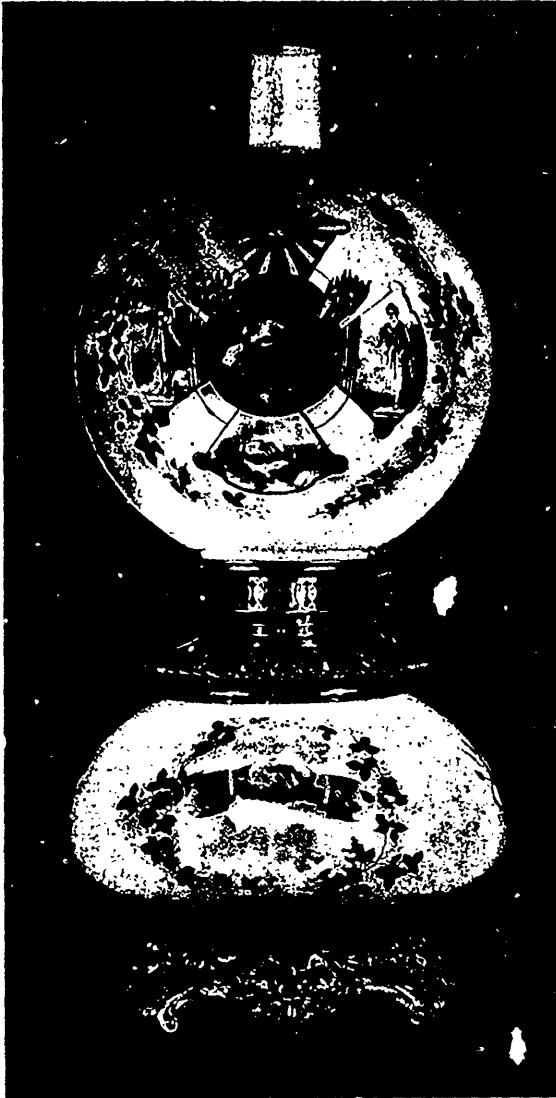
Court "Scottish Pioneer," 2005, sends its contingent.

This Court met in a social capacity at Mr. Boulet's Rooms, Charing Cross, Glasgow, on Thursday evening, 21st September, to bid farewell to Bro. A. McPherson, on his departure for South Africa. Bro. Staning, C.R., occupied the chair, supported by the guest of the evening, Dr. Cowan Lees, C.P., Bro. W. M. Brown, (Court "Fraternity"), Mr. J. M. McPherson, brother of the guest, and a large and representative gathering of the members. Bro. R. Anderson acted as croupier. After full justice had been done to the excellent supper purveyed by Mr. Boulet, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and enthusiastically received. Bro. Brown (Court "Fraternity"), in a few pithy remarks, proposed success to Court "Scottish Pioneer," which was received with acclamation. Bro. Anderson responded, pointing out that it was now the Banner Court of Scotland with a membership of 59. Bro. Staning from the chair, proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," and in a few neat and well-chosen sentences wished him all success in the new land to which he was going, and in concluding his remarks, presented him with a silver-mounted cigar case from the members, as a token of their esteem. Bro. McPherson in feeling terms replied, thanking the members for their beautiful gift and the kindly feelings which prompted it. Harmony was then entered upon, all present contributing, and a most pleasant function was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Adam was the first odd fellow, but when he took Eve into partnership he ceased to be of the independent order.

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The Second Biennial Session of the Illinois branch of the Supreme Court was held at Washington Hall in this city (Chicago), October 19th. The Courts were well represented, and a very enthusiastic meeting was the result. The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m. by O. E. Stevenson, High Chief Ranger. On report of the Committee on Credentials it was found that most of the delegates were present.

The report of the High Chief Ranger was read and unanimously adopted. The success achieved by the Order in this State during the past two years was commented upon everywhere throughout the hall, and the satisfaction of the delegates of the various Courts was shown when the election of officers took place later in the day.

Bro. A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R.; E. T. Richards, High Sec.; Florence Donohue, High Treas.; William C. Schaefer, High Counsellor, and Bro. L. A. McFadden, High Physician, were re-elected to fill their offices for another term. Bro. Geo. Schaubel was elected to fill the office of Past High Chief Ranger, and Bro. J. K. W. Rudesill, of St. Louis, was elected to fill the office of High Vice-Chief Ranger.

The election was a very pleasant affair, as all seemed anxious to elect men who were not only capable, but men who could and would give time and attention to the work.

Dr. Uronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger, was present at the afternoon session, and the rousing cheers that went up from those assembled as he came in, was the best possible indication of the warm place every Forester in this jurisdiction has in his heart for him.

The Doctor gave a short talk, giving a brief yet concise account of the work the Order is doing, and giving unstinted praise to the workers of Illinois.

The words of wisdom which he uttered were received with great interest by the delegates, and all who had not heard the Doctor before felt that it had been a fortunate circumstance that gave them such a privilege. New energy, new zeal and increased effort will be the result of this visit of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

A great feature of the meeting, and one that all took great pleasure in hearing, was the report of the Committee on State of the Order. Bro. W. R. Gillette, Chairman of the Committee, read the report, and as the progress made by the Order at large, and then the marked increase in Illinois was made known or called to mind, every Forester present felt that he had a right to congratulate himself on the work that had been accomplished in the past two years. Illinois had increased from 4,000 to 7,000 during that period, and each month is adding materially to the number. One feature of the High Court at this time was the presence of twenty-five or thirty ladies, delegates from Companion Courts, they having been admitted to the High Court. Bro. W. W. Wilson, High Sec. of Indiana, and MacDonald, High Chief Ranger of West Michigan, were among the visitors of note. Bro. MacDonald gave a rousing speech, which was very favorably commented on by those present. The business of the session was concluded in one day, and on Friday the Companions, as previously arranged, held their meeting. At this meeting the new initiation team did their first real work. The costumes were very fine, and the work done was highly complimented by men who have been connected with fraternal societies all their lives. Taken altogether, the High Court meeting was a pronounced success.

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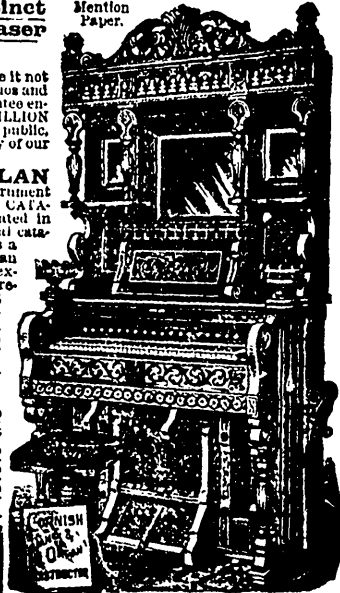
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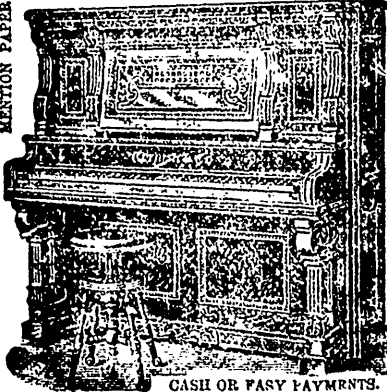
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