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Hon. Elliott G. Stevenson Makes an Important Announcement at Toronto Banquet—Plans for Consumption Sanitarium.

Toronto, May 3.—The banquet tendered in honor of the members of the supreme court meeting of the Independent Order of Foresters in the assembly hall of the Foresters' temple, on Tuesday night will go down in the archives of the society as one of the most successful in the history of the order.

The proceedings were international in character, and the speeches bore pleasant reference to the kindly relations existing between Canada and the United States, the keynote being struck by the lieutenant-governor of Ontario, Hon. Col. J. M. Gibson, in the course of a very happy address, when he intimated that "woolung was all right in its place, but that cousins should not be too intimate."

Supreme Chief Ranger Stevenson referred to the noble work the order had undertaken in providing for the orphan children of deceased members, and he intimated that a further advance might shortly be undertaken in the establishment of a sanitarium with full equipment of nurses, and outdoor hospitals, to look after the victims of the white plague who are members of the order, and he declared that the chief institution would be erected in Ontario.

The gathering was a brilliant one, there being fully five hundred in attendance, the occasion being graced by a large number of ladies, many of them holding prominent offices in the society.

A Great Pleasure.

In proposing the toast of "Our American Visitors," Dr. C. Day Clark said it was one of the greatest pleasures he could have to propose a toast to the Americans who were present from "that great country, the United States of America." (Applause.) He said he had no knowledge whatever of American politics, and if he spoke of the president in terms of eulogy it was from no partisan standpoint. President Taft was a man who was a worthy successor of the able men who had preceded him.

Companions and Brothers.

A. E. Stevenson, of Port Huron, Michigan, said he was glad so many of the companions were American companions and brothers. John E. H. Myers, of New York city, thanked the chairman for giving Americans a chance to say a few words about their country.

Great Possibilities.

He spoke of the great area of Canada, the marvelous fertility of the soil, and the wonderful fisheries—the greatest in the world. It was a matter of history that on all the miles of coast line between Canada and the United States not one fortification had been erected, and not one suspicion had been raised. The two countries might some time form an alliance, which would be a love match and would dominate the Anglo-Saxon world. He deprecated and despised the jingoism and talk of disloyalty which greeted the treaty now pending, but he did believe that the two countries, if working together, would be the greatest in the world. He proposed a toast to "the greatest country in God's world—Miss Canada."

Lieut.-Governor's Speech.

Col. Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, was given a most enthusiastic reception when rising to respond to the toast of Canada. His honor declared that he would follow the injunction of the toastmaster and would choose to be one of those who would not short his remarks in order that they might hear a plenteous of the eloquent outburst of the proposer of the toast. Nothing more enthusiastic could be said about this great country than had come from the proposer's lips.

Continuing, Col. Gibson said: "I want to express my appreciation of the honor and the compliment paid to me in asking me to be present with you to-night on this very entertaining and interesting occasion."

"I am not present as a stranger," said Col. Gibson, "but as one of the brethren. I am a particularly old Forester myself. I am not perhaps very well posted with the inner workings of the order, but at my advanced age I am delighted to know that I am soon to be entitled to an annuity. You have no idea how much comfort and peace of mind there comes with the knowledge that your future is well provided for."

"It would be out of the question," said the lieutenant-governor, "to attempt to respond to the toast of Canada after the exhaustive manner in which it has been handled by the pro-

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poser. To all he has said of this great dominion I heartily say amen. To him, speaking as an American, I say, "Come on with the woolung, so long as the motive is honorable. We will receive you as most welcome visitors and comrades in arms, always remembering that we are cousins, however, and you must not be too intimate."

"Seriously speaking, there is every reason why we should be closely connected, as, indeed, we are from the business and the social point of view. There is no reason why we should not be the best of neighbors, as we have similar aspirations and every disposition to co-operate for all that is best for humanity, and with mutual aspirations for prolonged peace."

Clarence Bell, of Toronto, high chief ranger for Central Ontario, spoke very briefly, merely expressing his thanks.

Concurred in Sentiments.

A. W. Fraser, of Ottawa, past high chief ranger, concurred with the sentiments expressed by the proposer of the toast, and expressed the opinion that before many years Canada would surpass the country to the south.

Dr. R. J. Nidrie, of Creemore, who proposed the toast to the supreme chief ranger read an address and asked Mr. Stevenson to accept a cabinet of silver. He said: "Looking back, as upon this important occasion, we are naturally led to do upon 'our thirty-seven years during which our glorious order has had its gigantic growth from inconsiderable beginnings, we are inspired with reverence for the great names inscribed on its honor roll—names that stand for foresight, energy, resource, faith, indomitable courage, and withal benevolent intention. But from out this brilliant list two names shine pre-eminently, and like those of Abou Ben Adhem, whose desire was to be recorded as one who loved his fellowmen, lead all the rest—Oronhyatekha and Elliott G. Stevenson."

Two Great Heads.

"The first represents masterly organization, the second masterly administration. Without the former, this our beloved order, could not have emerged from its early obscurity. Without the latter it could not have maintained the stability it now enjoys."

"It is, therefore, with no ordinary satisfaction that the representatives of the supreme court for 1911 greet you today as the trusted manager of this world-wide institution."

"They are moved to express, on behalf of the whole membership of the order, no less than for themselves, their profound sense of gratitude to the men whose zeal and self-denying work have placed our order in the proud position it now occupies as leader of the world's fraternal societies, of loyalty to yourself as supreme chief ranger, and of confidence in your management of the affairs of the order."

"When we examine the history of great men and great movements we invariably find that the men represented the age in which they lived. All the great religious reformers felt their work to be a Divine mission."

"In the same sense Independent Forestry stands in this age for the brotherhood of man. We no longer waste our forces in sniping at one another, but seek to help him, and in your spirit, we recognize a true apostle of the doctrine of fraternity. Under your guidance fraternal insurance has been extended not only to the widow and orphan, but to the invalid and consumptive, thus greatly extending its sphere of usefulness and the more nearly approaching the Divine ideal."

"To you, sir, and to those who labor with you in the work of benevolence, this representative assembly tender its heartiest thanks and its fullest confidence, and pledges in the name of liberty, benevolence and concord its unanimous and enthusiastic co-operation."

Mrs. Anna T. Schroder, of Chicago, then presented Mr. Stevenson with the silverware.

Supreme Chief Ranger.

The supreme chief ranger, Elliott G. Stevenson, was greeted with prolonged applause when he acknowledged the address and presentation. He was visibly affected, and in bowing his thanks he said: "It is impossible for me to give expression to my feelings on this occasion. I have so frequently been made aware of the kindness of this order and of the members of the supreme court that I feel I am becoming spoiled. Never before have I been so impressed with the warm sympathy and aid that has been tendered me as I am to-night. I have labored for many years with the officers of the various branches of our great order, and I have recognized how helpless and inefficient I would have been without the special co-operation that I have received from them all. It is true that I could plan and map out policies, but without the sympathy of the supreme officers and the counsel of subordinate lodges and the hearty aid of the rank and file, very little progress could be made. I have been blessed with the cordial relations of the supreme executive, blessed with the most loyal organization in the subordinate courts and comforted with the noble and unselfish work of the men and women who make up the rank and file of the order, and who, by their efforts, have made known to the world what can be accomplished through co-operation."

High Ideals of Order

There have been times in the history of the order, continued the speaker, when he had been bitterly accused of trying to place the order on an old-line insurance basis, when the question of the readjustment of rates was up for consideration. "I then felt hurt," he said, "upon listening to many of the words spoken on these occasions. To me so far as the Independent Order of Foresters is concerned, it is not a question of life insurance, but a question of doing some thing bigger and better than mere life insurance. Life insurance alone cannot justify the existence of our society. It has to do something more lasting, something that will be for the betterment of our members. It has been my aim and my ambition to lay the way to a higher ideal in trying to assist the unfortunate

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amongst our members, to bring home to the 240,000 that claim membership in our society that the less fortunate among them require their protection and their assistance. Only to-day we have had an opportunity of witnessing some of the results along the line which we are aiming at. Fifty little ones who have been deprived of the guiding hand of mother and father and taken in charge by this society were seen here, today, and are now recognized our wards. There is no telling where the paths of these children would have led had not our organization stepped in to direct them. I repeat here unhesitatingly, that there is no organization outside the Church of God that is doing a greater work than the Independent Order of Foresters. We expect to go hand in hand with the churches and every other agency that is doing a similar work. We are not seeking members in this society for the mere money that they may bring in. I wish to emphasize that we need their help more than their money, and I can assure them that membership in the Independent Order of Foresters will tend to help fit them for the exercise of their responsibilities as citizens."

Care of Orphans.

Mr. Stevenson said that they had frequently been approached by members of the order, who, having no children of their own, were desirous of adopting some of the little ones in the orphanage. The answer had invariably been "No," the little ones were the wards of the I.O.F. He had been informed that those in charge were determined that no member of the order or anyone else should enter the orphanage for the purpose of pulling out some of the bright children, and leaving the dull ones to their own devices. "The influence of the bright ones of the flock," declared the supreme chief ranger, "is going to help others not so bright, and for that reason the order has determined that no culling process would go on, no matter how influential the member who applies for adoption of some of these children. I have frequently expressed the hope, and I now confidently make the assertion, that in the course of five or ten years from now the universities of your country will have engraved on their honor rolls the names of children, who, to-day, are sheltered in the Foresters' home at Oakville."

Mr. Stevenson said that in an institution such as the order was conducting there were many children who were peculiarly fitted for different vocations in life, and it would be the duty of the order to see that those who had a taste for art or literature would have the opportunity of following the bent of their inclinations. They would endeavor always to find out what was best adapted to the individual wants to the child; if its bent was towards mechanics, agriculture, or art, each child would have the fullest opportunity of entering whatever walk in life he or she was best fitted for.

Caring for Unfortunate.

The supreme chief ranger said it was not the duty of the order to pursue a selfish policy in looking after themselves alone. They must look after the men and women on the outside who, although members of the order, needed their help. They were not impelled to make this a financial institution. It was his idea that it should go into the homes of the afflicted and the suffering, and by so doing it would not only improve their own natures, but would increase the scope and influence of the society. There were other fraternal societies in the country, all good, but just like the Irish and whisky, the liquor, he declared, was all good, but some was better than others. This was true of fraternal societies. As he had said before, all were good, but some were better than others, and none better than the Independent Order of Foresters.

For some time past, the speaker said, he had made frequent appeals to the supreme court, in which he had outlined the establishment of tubercular sanitariums, hospitals, and a staff of nurses, who would go out among the members of the order who needed their assistance. This had not come to pass. He was still dreaming, but the dreams were very pleasant ones, with no nightmares. He had in mind the wage-earner with a sick wife. The husband left his home without a proper meal. The children were neglected throughout the day, and there was no one present to cool the fevered brain of the poor woman. When the man returned to his home at night there was nothing but desolation to meet him. There were thousands of just such homes among the members of the order. If he was spared he would never think that the order was working right unless it looked after just such members. He would not have had Red Cross nurses, but

the I.O.F. Purple Cross nurses, to comfort the sick, look after the children, tidy up the house, and have a hot meal ready for the man returning from a hard day's work. "Don't be frightened," said the Supreme Court Ranger with a smile, "I am not going to do it all this year. In fact I'm not going to do it before the meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge. There is one thing I can tell you, though. I have never touched, and never will touch, one penny of the mortuary fund of the I. O. F., but if I can put my fingers on any funds outside the mortuary funds I will spend them freely for just this kind of work. No other society has attempted to do the work that we have done, but I hope they will attempt it; and if they do they will have to keep up with a pretty rapid procession. Before we meet again there may be a tubercular sanitarium in Ontario, with hospitals and nurses to visit the sick of our order." That was his programme, and if they didn't like that they could elect someone else as Supreme Chief Ranger, and he would thank them for doing so. So far as he was personally concerned he could do just such work on a limited scale himself, but it would be much more effective if undertaken by the society. They had the power to do good, and responsibility went with the power. In their obligation each member declared that he would do everything for the alleviation of the suffering of his fellow-members. He could tell them without violating confidence that hundreds of appeals came before the supreme court for assistance, and just such cases as he had outlined. He had in mind an appeal from a small court that was looking after a brother who had lost his mind. This lodge had exhausted its funds in this great work, and finally was obliged to ask the supreme court to come to its assistance in order that a man might be hired to take charge of the unfortunate brother. The appeal had met with a ready response. The mails were filled with letters from old men who were endeavoring to live on the annuity they had secured from the order, and the supreme court, while he had had anything to do with it, never said "No" to any appeals for help.

"It may be unconstitutional," said Mr. Stevenson, "but by the Eternal, it's right. They would try in every way to help the unfortunate brothers in the order if the money were at all obtainable."

In closing, the supreme chief ranger returned thanks for the valuable present that had been presented to him. Its intrinsic value was of no importance to him, but he did appreciate the sentiment and spirit of confidence which went with it, and which afforded him a great deal of happiness indeed. If he did not feel that

happiness the present would possess no merit for him.

Strongly Impressed.

Judge Coburn, of Cobourg, proposed the toast to the supreme court officers. He said he had been impressed very strongly and favorably by his visit to Rainbow Lake to inspect the consumptive sanitarium. It revealed to him the magnitude of the work he had never thought would be possible since the foundation of the order.

Dr. Millman, supreme physician, who for thirty years had taken an active interest in the order, paid, in reply, a tribute to Mr. Stevenson, who, he said, was a great leader, than Oronhyatekha and Stevenson there were no greater men in the order. Mr. Stevenson had proved himself a worthy successor of the great founder of the order.

Robert Mathison, supreme secretary, spoke briefly.

The remaining toasts were dispensed with, and after a vote of thanks had been tendered to Mr. Macpherson, the banquet was brought to a close.

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