

Independent Order of Good Templars.

TITUS TRUMBUL'S LETTER.

I am a temperance worker, and I live at Turner's Hill :
My name is Titus Trumbul, Trumbul of the yellow mill.
Long years ago I laid my hands upon the Templar's plow,
And somehow I have managed for to keep them there till now.

I do not often write to you, because it does not pay
To write for writings sake, when you have nothing much to say ;
But lately I've been thinking, and I says, says I to Kate,
I'll try and write a letter, some important facts to state.

I've seen four different lodges start—I've watched their course along
And only one of them to-day is what I reckon strong ;
The other three are sickly, and are scarcely worth a cent,
I shouldn't wonder if they died for lack of nourishment.

Four lodges cannot prosper or accomplish very much,
Who never take a wholesome meal, and there are many such.
Short, solid temperance speeches, interspersed with sweetest songs,
And timely recitations, help our membership along.

The object of our Order, we should ever keep in view,
And dip a spoonful out each week, our courage to ren w ;
Light, trashy, senseless readings, will in no wise build us up,
Or aid us in our warfare, with the tempter's poisoned cup.

I hear the thunders mutter, as I said last night to Kate :
The battle day dawns on apace, we won't have long to wait.
And while the days are speeding, we our members should prepare
To face the foe by feeding them on prohibition fare.

Our lodges won't be sickly, or our members out of mood,
If they will take their regular share of solid temperance food.
I reckon these are all the facts, I now have time to write,
Accept my kind remembrances and count me in the fight.

—J. R. Thompson in the *Official Organ*.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

The success of the Good Temp'ar Lodge depends upon the
effort put forth to make its weekly sessions interesting and instruc-
tive.

Each member should go to the lodge-room with the intention
of devoting his time for that evening to the lodge. Not with the
intention of running through the ceremonies as fast as possible in
order to get home early.

We are not called to the lodge-room once a week simply to ad-
journ.

All should come to stay, to enjoy the evening and help to enter-
tain other members.

The work laid down in the ritual should be performed carefully
and understandingly, with no part hurried or omitted.

Each repetition of the grand old charges, if properly and feel-
ingly given, will instil into the minds of members new courage and
more determined purpose to work for the cause. If hurriedly read
and frequent omissions made, members will think the cere-
monies of no consequence and consider them monotonous and tire-
some.

There is something grand in the thought that these same
noble words are being repeated in hundreds of places at the same
time.

The recess should never be omitted.

This is the only time members have to become personally ac-
quainted. The exchange of friendly greetings and courtesies are of
great importance to the success of the session.

Lodge meetings must be a mutual home for the members and
fraternity, and brotherhood must be cultivated.

All orders of business must be carefully considered and each
member should feel a personal interest in all business of the lodge.

The "Good of the Order" should never be allowed to pass with-
out some prepared programme.

By conducting our subordinate lodge session in the most inter-
esting and instructive manner, grand work can be accomplished for
the cause.

The very existence of a lodge of Good Templars is a source of
annoyance to the enemy.—*Nebraska Good Templar*.

SOLID FOR PROHIBITION.

The first temperance organization in the world to declare for
Prohibition as a fundamental principle, the Good Templars, have
gone steadily forward in advocacy of that principle, and have never
faltered. Their new Executive, Hon. John B. Finch, is a man of
broad views and the most intense radicalism, whose elevation to
first place in itself guarantees an advance movement of the Order
throughout the world. Time was when no organization of a non-
political character would have dared elect such a man as its chief.
But sentiment has changed wonderfully, and everywhere, now, the
radicals are coming to the front. Conservative indifference, what-
ever is left of it, should take note and act accordingly.—*The Ameri-
can Reformer*.

OUR ORDER.

This is one of the noblest Orders in the land. Its object is to
do good to fallen man, to restore those who are under the influence
of strong drink and to prevent in the young the formation of bad
habits. It is a benevolent as well as a temperance organization. Its
membership extends wherever the banner of civilization has been
raised. It is also a strong and powerful organization, embracing
hundreds of thousands of members, all of whom are animated by
one common purpose. They are bound to aid and assist each other
in sickness and in health, to furnish employment to those who need
it, and bind up the broken hearts of the afflicted. Wherever a
Good Templar may be, who is in good standing in his lodge, he will
find friends to aid him in sickness and in health, whether he be rich
or poor. Never were there so many benefits at such a small cost.
The small sums they pay as dues are far more than counterbalanced
by the benefits they receive. It is an important and valuable insti-
tution if there were no intoxicating drinks sold, because it is a great
and all-embracing order. It is, perhaps, the largest benevolent
society in the world, and it will grow with years and become still
stronger. Are you a Good Templar? If so, be proud of it.—*Tem-
perance Banner*.

Literary Record.

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Revolution*, though, possibly, not making so large a "noise" in the
world as three or four years ago when its remarkable work was
new to the public, is really making more substantial progress than
ever before. A noticeable item is the improved quality of the books
issued. Guizot's famous "History of France," not sold, till recently,
for much less than \$50.00, is put forth in eight small octavo volumes,
ranking with the handsomest ever issued from American printing
presses, including the 426 full page original illustrations and is sold
for \$7.00. Rawlinson's celebrated "Seven Great Monarchies of the
Ancient Eastern World," is produced in elegant form, with all the
maps and illustrations, reduced in price from \$15.00 to \$2.75. These
are but representative of an immense list of standard works, rang-
ing in price from two cents to nearly \$20.00, which are set forth in
a descriptive catalogue of 100 pages, and which is sent free to every
applicant. It certainly is worthy the cost of a postal card to the
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school writer, and contains, beside the text, questions, notes, home
searchings, illustrations, and music. The leaf is No. 25 of the series,
and is entitled "A True Mother and her reward." It should be
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