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TORONTO CITY LODGE, B O G T

On account of Christmas being on Monday, the members of the above Lodge are requested to attend on Thursday next. A full attendance is requested as business of importance is to be brought forward.

COLDSRING DIVISION S. OF T.

The members of this Division are to hold their fourth anniversary in the Congregational Church, St. Andrews, on New Years' Day. If any of our city friends will go out, we know they will receive a hearty welcome. An excellent programme is offered. Tea at 2 P.M.

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The Temperance Society of Scarborough, intend holding a Social entertainment on the 2nd of January, 1866, in the Temperance Hall, Malvern. We hope there will be a large gathering.

CO. OF YORK TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the County of York Temperance Association will take place in the Temperance Hall at Richmond Hill, on Thursday, 25th December, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of deciding what steps shall be taken to promote the cause of temperance throughout the county, and to devise ways and means for carrying out the provisions of the Temperance Act of 1854 in said county. Societies are respectfully requested to send two or three delegates, and as matters of a most import-

ant character will be brought before the meeting, it is earnestly requested that each society will be represented as largely as possible.

To the Editor of the Weekly Visitor.

GREENBANK, Dec. 11th, 1865.

DEAR SIR,—The enclosed dollar and fifty cents is for the *Weekly Visitor* for Everton Lodge of B. A. O. G. T. for one year, P. O. address, Everton, South Wellington County, and for Mr. Thomas Easton, for six months, Rockwood P. O. The money was paid to me some weeks ago, but I deferred writing, expecting to see you personally, and as I will not be able to go to Toronto for two or three weeks more, I now send you the money with the address of the subscribers, hoping they will forgive me for delaying so long. I hope to be able to visit Everton Good Templars before long, as I had two happy meetings with them, and found them in a flourishing state. Long may they be so.

Yours in F. H. and C.

M. E. DEGIER.

We, as British Templars, should stand by each other and do all in our power to encourage and build each other up. It is our duty to patronize members of our Organization, in preference to all others, thereby not only benefit ourselves, but the entire Brotherhood. It is not right for members of our Order to procure their groceries, etc., at liquor stores when they can obtain as good an article, if not better, from the persons who are associated with them endeavoring to drive intemperance from the land. If the services of a medical man are required, it is reasonable enough to suppose that a supporter of our Association should be preferred. The same will apply to the lawyer, the merchant, the laborer, the mechanic, etc. We could enlarge upon this, and will do so in a future number. We merely wish to remind all of their duty, and we feel confident that if the Templars and all Temperance MEN will but stand together more firmly, those who are opposed to the Cause will feel the loss of the money which is now given to them, perhaps, un-

thinkingly. Thus the enemy and its friends, will have no reserve, and the respectable would shun these dens of ruin as they should the very Gate of Hell.—*Monitor.*

MAKE THE LODGE ROOM ATTRACTIVE.

It is perhaps less difficult to persuade persons to abandon their cups and become members of Temperance Societies, than to retain them after they have become members. This is particularly the case in reference to those who have been in the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors. They miss the bustle and excitement of their former haunts of pleasure—the billiard rooms and drinking saloons—where every inducement is held out, not only for the purpose of attracting, but retaining customers. The proprietors of saloons, etc., vie with each other in their efforts to make their establishments attractive; and why should not the members of Lodges and Divisions make their meeting attractive? Surely temperance men can out-rival rum-sellers? Sparkling wine, billiard tables and cards are not necessary to an evening's enjoyment. The Templars have every facility for making their meetings interesting.—*Monitor.*

AN EXAMPLE.

The Lord Mayor of London recently presided at a meeting of the National Temperance League. He was supported by several members of Parliament, and other gentlemen, comprising SEVENTY-ONE physicians and surgeons, SIXTY-TWO aldermen, NINETY-THREE bankers, merchants, etc. This league is based upon Moral Suasion,—the English Reformers proposing to deal with the question in a practical way, and to wean the working-people from indulgence in intoxicating drink, by showing them how much they improve their condition by abstaining from its use. It is proposed to accomplish by legislation what the experience of years has shown is a mere covering of a crime from public view; but it is hoped that the axe will be laid at the root, by convincing the masses that happiness is to be found in temperance, cleanliness, and regular habits.