

Templars should mean something on election day if the members are true to their colors. Don't be led astray by the Government and Independent-  
Opposition question, or the mainland and island anchor fund. This country is all right, notwithstanding the efforts of the politicians to make us believe it is going to the dogs.

Every Good Templar is expected to do his duty.

Some of our correspondents and reporters are complaining that their letters have been curtailed, and in explanation we wish to say that in no case have we left out items relating to Lodges: but in several cases we have been compelled to leave out private opinions of members which could not be regarded as Lodge news. If members who are anxious to write will send in their contributions separate from other items, we shall try to publish such as we have room for. Please write only on one side of the paper.

#### OUR LODGES.

We should like to have information as to what has become of the following Lodges. Are they still alive? If so, what are they doing?—Perseverance, Onward, Cedar Hill, Dominion, Mount Benson, Bateman, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, Richmond, Harmony, Triumph, Hatzic, No Retreat, Ashcroft, Surrey, Lila, Maple Leaf, Victoria West, Western Star, Pride of the Ridge, Cowichan, Vernon, Wellington, Union, Fort Langley, Star, Robson, and Cobble Hill. We also desire particulars of the new Lodges organized since last Grand Lodge.

MOUNT LEHMAN LODGE NO. 47.

Rev. W. E. Moody, Reporter:—

Things are certainly "booming" in Mount Lehman Lodge No. 47. During the first visit of Mrs. Harris to Mount Lehman, our Lodge, which had wandered from the fold, was brought back and re-organized, and since that time we can report nothing but progress. The members are working unitedly together, initiations are taking place almost weekly, and our prospects for the future are exceedingly bright.

On Friday last we held a Christmas Tree and Entertainment, which was a grand success. The entertainment was ably presided over by Councillor Marsh.

We have just had a second visit

from Sister Harris. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 26 and 27, she delivered earnest and convincing addresses to large audiences. At the close of each address she was deservedly and enthusiastically applauded.

I cannot speak too highly of the work and labors of Sister Harris. She is a powerful and fearless Temperance advocate, and during her visits to Mount Lehman she won her way to the hearts of all.

On Wednesday evening she presided at the Lodge meeting. We had a full attendance, four new accessions, and a first-class programme was gone through.

Sister Harris' closing remarks were eagerly listened to and loudly applauded. Our motto for the New Year is Forward and No Retreat.

KAMLOOPS LODGE NO. 15.

T. L. Bloomer, )  
C. L. Wain, ) Reporters:—

Our Lodge wishes every Good Templar Lodge a Happy New Year, with lots of new members and no backsliders. We had one last week; our C.T., in giving a reprimand to the Brother, gave some very good advice regarding keeping such company as may lead into temptation. We have only two new members for the last month. One step in the right direction is that we expect to have two of our brothers in the City Council for 1894; another is that we are preparing for an open meeting to be held early in the year. Still another, that our landlords have, as a proof of good will and to help us along, given us our Hall rent free for three months. May they never regret it.

CHERMAINUS LODGE NO. 40.

P. J. Pearsons, Reporter:—

I am pleased to report our Lodge doing well. We are hopeful of success in the future, and our hope is based upon an individual determination for work, and a spirit of harmony, I am pleased to say, prevails in our meetings. I visited Cowichan Lodge on Dec. 30th and had a very enjoyable time. R. C. Wilson likes the pastry-cooking of the Sisters of that Lodge.

MODEL LODGE NO. 51

H. White, Reporter:—

On 16th December we had the pleasure of welcoming Sister Harris to our Lodge meeting, and the following morning being Sunday, she conducted service at the schoolroom. It was a beautiful morning and the attendance was very good. Perhaps it is unnecessary to say more than that, throughout, Sister Harris was followed with the closest attention. We hope that this may not be her

last visit to British Columbia, but that at some not very distant date we may have the pleasure of welcoming her back.

A concert and box-social was given on New Year's Day, and from a financial point of view, was very successful. The attendance, though good was not a crowded one, the night possibly being too fine. We usually have the best turn-out with a regular B. C. Italian sky, i. e., with rain falling heavily. Professing to take water as our beverage, we glory in having plenty of it, and we are generally not disappointed.

NEW ERA LODGE.

The members of the Lodge and a few friends assembled at the Lodge room on Wednesday evening last to meet and entertain the lecturer, Mrs. Harris did not arrive in time but the excellent programme, got up by a committee of the members, was gone through, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

Our Juvenile Temple is making rapid progress and doing a grand work among the children.

Our organist, Sis. Irving, is spending her holidays in New Westminster. We shall miss her very much from her accustomed place.

#### HOW THEY VOTED.

They talked of wealth and freedom

These men of many minds,

And of the moral progress

This golden era finds.

They told how true prosperity

On virtue's rock is based,

And how the nation's honor

Within the home is placed.

They said of health and reason,

"There are no higher boons,"

They went to the election

And voted for—saloons!

They raved about high tariff,

Because it was a scheme

That made the poor man's burdens

And sufferings extreme.

They said it was an outrage

That some should wealthy grow

By means of vice extortion

And methods base and low.

Said they, "From such corruption

Our land we'll purify,"

Then filled the code with statutes

To make the "license" high!

Upon the rights of women

They ventured to dilate,

And said reform was needed

Within both church and state;

And told how loving woman

Could strengthen and refine,

And raise each social compact

From sophistry's design,

And be (at home) a jewel

Of worth and lustre rare.

And then they went and voted

To always keep her there!

—J. S. Knauis in Union Signal

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