

MASONIC.

The state of New York has a population of about 5,500,000 inhabitants. Its jurisdiction of R. Masonry is the largest in the world. It consists of 188 chapters, representing a collective membership of 15,342 R. A. Masons.

The Masonic museum of London, England, claims to have come into possession of part of the tibia of one of the legs of Hiram, king of Tyre. The account of the finding and preservation of this relic seems to be well authenticated according to the "Free mason."

James of Scotland was Grand Master of a lodge established at Kilwinning in the year 1286, a very little while after the death of Alexander III., King of Scotland. One year before Baliol mounted the throne, this Scotchman received, as Free Masons in his lodge, the Earls of Gloucester and Ulster.

The election of officers for Keewatin Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 417, took place on Friday evening last. The accompanying list shows the officers for the ensuing year:

W. M., E. Newall.
J. W., R. A. Mather.
Sec., A. Neil.
Treas., — Lent.
Tyler, A. Christie.

ODDFELLOWS.

Minnehaha Lodge met on Thursday Nov. 29 and elected the following officers for the next term of six months: Noble Grand, J. Douglas; vice grand, John Adams; recording secretary, A. McCormack; permanent secretary, J. D. Conklin; treasurer, Martin Love; lodge physician, W. J. Neilson; lodge trustees, H. Wilson, S. B. Ritchie, C. W. Bradshaw; captain of degree class, Harper Wilson. Winnipeg Sittings.

The Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows convened at Springfield, Ill., on Nov. 20. In the annual report the membership was shown to be 32,708; total revenue \$322,657.16, nearly four hundred brothers and three hundred widows and families were relieved, \$33,921.86 were received and \$7,091.55 disbursed during the year leaving a balance on hand of \$26,860.31.

Golden Encampment No. 70 will be instituted Dec. 12th by H. Wilson, of Winnipeg, instituting officer, accompanied by G. C. Mortimore and several of the Winnipeg Oddfellows.

The following will be the officers: T. A. Wilson, chief patriarch; Dave Menzies, high priest; — Nadon, senior warden; Nelson Schnarr, junior warden; John J. Sheridan, scribe and treasurer.

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A council of this branch of temperance workers has recently been instituted here and we would strongly advise all the young men to associate themselves with the order.

A good social time, a safeguard against the evils of intoxicants and a helping hand to fellow humanity are some of the inducements to join.

Sick benefits, funeral benefits and a system of life insurance far below the old line companies is offered. It might be worth your while to apply to Mr. Brownlee, recording secretary, for a leaflet giving information.

A musical and literary entertainment was given in the school house on Monday evening, December 3rd, under the auspices of the Royal Templars of Temperance, when the following programme was rendered:

"Work for the night is coming".....The audience.
Prayer.....W. A. Vrooman.
Opening remarks.....The chairman.
"The Temperance Ship".....Quartette.
Reading.....Mr. Davis.
Trio.....Misses Shearer, Gals & McLeod.
Recitation.....Lorne Meikle.
Address.....W. A. Vrooman.
Song.....Mr. Small.
Cartoon sketches.....Geo. G. Meikle.

INTERMISSION.

Address.....Mr. Small.
Political and local sketches.....Geo. G. Meikle.
"The Royal Temperance Army".....Quartette.
God Save the Queen.

The Royal Templars have a number of Revival Trios in field and some lecturers employed, and are pushing the temperance work all over Canada. The "Emerald Trio" is expected at Rat Portage in January. We hope they will give a course of entertainments in Keewatin.

The Royal Templars paid \$15,536 to the widows of deceased members during four months ending November 1st, 1888, and placed a surplus of \$21,562 in the Bank.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing half year by Maple Leaf council, Rat Portage:

S. C., E. Seager, L. D. S.
V. C., Mrs. Julia Holmes.
Chap., H. S. Barnes.
R. S., John Barnes.
F. S. Mrs. Wellington.
Treas., Geo. Barnes.
Sec., Thos. Cahill.
Her. Mrs. Seager.
Guard, Miss Bessie Fonieria.

Y. M. C. A.

Keewatin although not so large as some older places certainly shows more vim in Christian work. It already boasts of a Young Men's Christian Association in full working order. Mr. J. C. King, manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, is president, and W. A. Torrance, secretary-treasurer.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit their rooms on Friday evenings, when a Bible reading and general gospel meeting is held. All young men in the neighborhood are invited to become enrolled as members.

Roll the Old Chariot Along.

Nine young Norwegian missionaries, who have had a medical, as well as a theological training, are about to start for South Africa and Madagascar.

"General" Booth, chief of the Salvation Army, is now 59 years old. He has been in active evangelic work since he was a mere boy. He began his ministry in the English Methodist New Connexion, but withdrew in 1865, because there were objections on the part of the members of the conference to his evangelic work. The army has now 2,413 corps, 6,402 officers, and they preach the gospel in 35 languages.

The decision of Dr. Henry M. Scudder and his wife, to go as missionaries at their own charges to Japan, promises to be a great god-send to that field. Dr. Scudder's addresses before sailing have excited so much interest, that five others, it is said, have decided to follow him. One of these is said to be the Rev. G. E. Allrecht, the German professor in Chicago Theological seminary.

Pleasure of Duty Doing.

Most well-disposed persons think that their time ought to be fairly divided between duties and pleasures, and their chief trouble of conscience is, as to the proper proportion of time to be assigned in the one direction or the other. When a plain duty presses them, they are ready to attend to it; but when they have the privilege of enjoying themselves, they want to leave all thought of duty out of their minds. Yet, as a matter of simple truth, one's greatest pleasure ought to be found in duty doing; and one's pleasure ought never to be sought, or one's enjoyment to be found outside of the plain path of duty. There is, in fact, no truer enjoyment to a true man, than in the performance of an unmistakable duty; and there is no privilege so high as that of attending to the moment, to that which ought to be attended to just then. Recreation, relaxation, and diversion, may be the supreme duty of the hour, and when this is the case, they ought to be attended to accordingly. And again, the straining of every nerve in the doing, or for the One who is to be loved above all, ought to be a pleasure, because it is a duty. He who does not enjoy duty doing, does not know how to enjoy himself in any way, or how to do duty under any circumstances. — S. S. Times.

Faith.

Faith is that nail which fastens the soul to Christ; and love is that grace that drives the nail to the head. Faith takes hold of Him, and love helps to keep the grip. Christ dwells in the heart by faith, and He burns in the heart by love, like a fire melting the breast. Faith casts the knot, and love draws it fast. — Erskine.

Faith is that conviction upon the mind of the truth of the promises, and threatenings of God made known in the Gospel; of the reality of the rewards and punishments of the life to come, which enables a man, in opposition to all the temptations of a corrupt world, to obey God, in expectation of an invisible reward hereafter. — Dr. S. Clark.

The initial number of the School Times, a monthly journal, devoted to the interests of education in Manitoba and the Northwest, published at Winnipeg, reached us some time ago. As it is the only paper in the field chosen, it cannot fail to be of interest and profit to parents and teachers. The matter is spicy, interesting and instructive. No live teacher should try to get along without it.

The KEEWATIN HUSTLER will be mailed to any address in the world for \$1.50 from now till January 1890. Excuse us, but now is the time to subscribe.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Getting drunk, feeling funny, tipsy, a little bit off, about all they can carry just now there are dozen of ways of expressing it, but calling it "lumbago" is decidedly the latest.

THE DRUNKARD MAKING INDUSTRY.

Do saloons increase the prosperity of a town? Are they necessary for the proper development of a town or city? Many people seem to think they are. If they are such powerful agents for prosperity why not foster them and increase their number? If a town develops in the ratio of saloon development, why should we limit their number? The truth is that you might as well attempt to develop a man by putting lice on his head as try to develop a town by the saloon interests. The saloon is a parasite upon society and lives upon the life blood of its victims and their families. It absorbs into its loathsome structure the pure vital energies of men and converts them into corruption and hideous social diseases. It strikes its root deep into the throbbing arteries of commerce and withdraws thence millions of money annually and in return for this enormous wealth it gives no value, but throws off misery, crime and pauperism as the result of its operations. This parasite lives upon the life blood of the nation and exists blessed by none, hated and cursed by all. Yet men tolerate it because they say it is a necessary evil, or veiling their eyes to its real consequence, they call it an evil which is profitable to the public purse.

Some will contend that the saloon benefits the nation by increasing the circulation of money. "It keeps the money moving." This is as wise a consideration as that which occurred to the man who cut an artery in his arm, watching the spurting, pouring blood, he cried, "That's good, see how I have increased the circulation in my arm." From the wound made in many a home the precious life current comes leaping forth and while it pours into the saloon keepers' till, men say, "See how the circulation of money is increased." The man finally faints from loss of blood, and thousands of families are fainting and starving because the circulation of money has been diverted from the common arteries of commerce and is pouring through many a gaping wound into the saloon keeper's till.

Men also call the saloon a profitable gold mine from which to obtain money for the public purse. These men see as far as the man who said "he was blind in one eye and deaf in the other." Here is an example of their arguments in an humbler and simpler sphere of life. I take a leach which is lean an