

I. O. Good Templars.

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NEWS FROM LODGES.

A. BURN, HURON Co.—Maitland Lodge has a membership of 90 which speaks for itself. J. W. Smith, W.C.T.; Sister P. D. Smith, W.V.; J. Stalker, W.S.

LAKELET, HURON Co.—Lakelet Lodge reports progress, with 7 new members added last quarter. W. F. Pentland, W.C.T.; Sister E. J. Clark, W.V.; A. P. Shepperd, W.S.; S. Howard, L.D.

SEAFORTH, ONT.—Huron Lodge is still flourishing with a membership of 134 and 15 new ones taken in this quarter. J. E. Kent, W.C.T.; Sister A. G. Dorance, W.V.; J. H. Pyper, W.S.; R. N. Brett, L.D.

RELIANCE LODGE, of Hamilton, has also a good record. They number 84 in all, and had 28 initiations last quarter. T. Le Messurier, W.C.T.; Sister B. Yeager, W.V.; Bro. Marriott, W.S.; George T. Turner, L.D.

TIVERTON, BRUCE Co.—Bruce Lodge seems to be flourishing, with a membership of 60 and 14 new ones taken in last quarter. P. McPherson, W.C., Sister Christie, McLarin, W.V., J. Kippen, W.S.; A. G. Montgomery, L.D.

RUTHVIN, ESSEX Co.—Bro. Geo. E. Wightman writes that Erie Lodge is doing pretty well, but might do better. Has 83 members and only added 4 during the quarter. Judson Troux, W.C.T.; Sister Celia Neville, W.V.; T. Isaacs, W.S.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Ambitious City Lodge still reports an increase in membership. They number 51 in all, and have elected Bro. Richard Skill, as their L.D. for the ensuing year; Bro. McBride, W.C.T.; Sister Foster, W.V.; Bro. Campbell, W.S.

RUTHERFORD, LANDBOS Co.—Evergreen Lodge is steadily increasing in numbers and influence. They have now within a fraction of 60 members, and report an increase of six during last quarter. Wm. Bell, W. C. T.; Jonah Webster, W.S.; H. N. Roberts, L.D.

DUART, KENT Co.—Bro. John McArthur writes that lodge work is not booming there just now. Fern Lodge has had no initiations this quarter, but expect a number within the next few weeks. D. Crawford, W. C. T.; Sister Jennie Tait, W.V.; W. C. McCarther, W.S.

THE KENT COUNTY SCOTT ACT ASSOCIATION are holding meetings throughout the county with a view to submitting the Scott Act to the electors some time in June or July. I heard a retired hotel keeper say that he would vote for it, and that Chatham and Ridgeway would give it a big majority.

CARLISLE, WENTWORTH Co.—Union Lodge reports a membership of 72 with 7 initiations this quarter. Geo. Church, W.C.T.; Sister Annie Allison, W.V.; Arthur Newell, W. S. This lodge was instituted in 1873 and has been steadily holding on its way and carrying with it an influence which is felt in the community.

ANCASTER, WENTWORTH Co.—Mountain Village Lodge was instituted in December last by Bro. R. W. Dingle, of Dundas, and has now a membership of 56, with 13 initiations during last quarter, as well as otherwise doing a good work. J. W. Crooks, W. C. T.; E. Jackson, W. V.; J. E. Clark, W. S.; Rev. R. Duff, L.D.

SMITHFIELD, NORTHUMBERLAND Co.—Royal Oak Lodge has only been in existence three months, and has a membership of 63 which speaks well for the community. Where there is a heart for, and a will to do temperance work, there is usually a way opens up. B. L. Dreyer,

W.C.T.; Sister H. A. Ferguson, W.V.; W. Clark, W.S.; W. L. Joenson, L.D.

HAMPDEN, GREY Co.—Of Hampden Lodge Bro. T. C. Smith, L.D., sends the following encouraging report:—"We are getting along nicely with our Lodge, as you will notice by the returns. We have initiated twenty new members during the past quarter, and we expect more to join us soon. We have now sixty five members, which I think is not bad for a country school section." Henry Byers, W.C.T.; Maggie Kerr, W.V.; Wm. Mitchell, W.F.S.; James Whyte, W.O.

MOUNT PLEASANT, DURHAM Co.—This Lodge was instituted 27 years ago by the Rev. O. G. Curtis, and ranks among our most influential lodges. Bro. John Best, then L.D., writes that they were never in better working order than at present, although they have lost some members who have gone to Dakota. They have a new set of regalia, the material costing \$50. The Sisters are making them. They are of silk velvet, trimmed with gold gimp and fringed tassels, etc.

ANOTHER ADDITION.—A new Lodge, "Allendale, No. 372," was instituted at Allendale village, Peterboro' County, on the 8th inst., by Rev. John Shaw, P.W.C.T., assisted by Bro. George Early, L.D., of Peterboro'. The new Lodge commences work with 28 charter members and excellent prospects of success. The chief is an old worker in our Order. W.C.T., Kenward Mark; W.S., William Dindle; L.D., Rev. J. Tozeland, Keene P.O. Night of meeting, Saturday.

NAPANEE.—The Napanee Express of last week says:—"The I.O.G.T. held their first meeting in their new Lodge room Thursday evening. The room is in the new Cartwright block over Birrell & Phalen's implement store. It is about fifty-five feet long by twenty-three feet wide and has two ante-rooms. When fully fitted up it will be one of the finest lodge rooms in the town. Much credit is due to the committee who have had the furnishings in hand as they have had many difficulties to work against. A concert will be given in the hall next Thursday evening, the proceeds of which are to go towards the expense of furnishing."

MOUNT HOBBS LODGE, Peel County, had an open meeting on Wednesday evening, 14th inst. The hall was comfortably filled. Bro. Rev. W. Campbell, of Weston; Tyl, of Brampton; Wilson, of Derry West; Ballantine, of Brampton; H. Rodden, of Toronto were amongst the visitors and contributors to the programme. There was a very pleasant evening's enjoyment, and ten names of candidates for admission to membership were obtained. Previous to the open meeting the officers for the quarter were installed by Bro. Rodden, P.D. W.C.T., John Nixon; W.V., Maggie Moore; W.S., Geo. Bailey; W.O., Josephy Lundy.

BUXTON, ONT.—Rising Star Lodge was instituted in March last by Bro. O. H. Mechem, who writes that in one month and a half they took in 11 members and have several more ready for initiation the next meeting night. Several of the members from Mount Hobson meet with this Lodge every meeting night to help them along. They have no convenient meeting place and have to meet in an out of the way place at one side of the settlement. They want to build as soon as they can. Could you or any readers of TRUTH tell us how they could secure some help for this weak lodge? They certainly need a proper meeting place. John King, W.C.T.; Alice Hunt, W.V.; Charles Haakot, W.S.; Geo. N. Smith, L.D.

WOODBRIDGE, ONT.—Never Surrender Juvenile Temple gave a very successful concert in the Orange Hall, on Monday evening 12th inst., under the direction of Bro. G. J. Farmer, C.D. The chair was occupied by N. C. Wallace, Esq., M.P., for West York. A good deal of interest was manifested in the concert in consequence of its being a departure from those usually given in that temperance sentiment pervaded the whole evening's programme,

making it an entire temperance lecture, in the form of dialogues, songs, recitations, and the like. There was a lengthy programme in which a large number took part. The various parts were well rendered, and received much well merited applause from the audience. Mr. Wallace, in a short and appropriate speech, congratulated the Temple on its excellent success since its formation a few months ago, and he expressed strong hope that they would long prosper. This gentleman has kindly given the Templars the use of the hall free of rent for their meetings, and he takes a very lively interest in the progress of the temperance cause in the village. G. J. FANNER, C.D.

COBBOURG.—The World referring to Beaver Lodge, No. 161, says:—"It has now reached a strength altogether beyond any previous period in its history,—quite a temperance 'boom' having evidently struck the good town of Cobourg. The returns to G. L. for quarter ending 30th April, showed a large advance in membership,—the admissions for the term (12 sessions), having numbered 35; and initiations have continued, week after week, with unbroken regularity, for the last six months. The installation of officers for the ensuing quarter by L.D. Rev. R. Brooking took place on Tuesday evening of last week, as follows:—W.C.T., Rev. J. J. Rice; W.R.H.S., Miss Aggie Clark; W.L.H.S., Miss M. Oliver; W.V.T., Miss Maggie Rice; W. Sec'y., Mr. G. Featherston; W.A.S., Miss A. Dowe; W.T., Mrs. W. Bear; W.F.L., Mrs. Phillips, W. Chap., Mr. A. Scoon; W.M., Mr. J. Hopper; W.D.M., Miss J. Gillard; W.I.G., Miss Tweed; W.O.G., Mr. W. Eradine, sen.; I.W.C.T., Mr. Rutledge. Mrs. J. J. Rice was heartily thanked for past service as Organist, and was induced to continue to act as such for the time being."

DISTRICT LODGE MEETING.—The regular session of the District Lodge of York County and City of Toronto was held at Newmarket on Tuesday 13th inst. There were twenty lodges represented by about sixty delegates. The meeting was one of the most pleasant and harmonious of the kind yet held. The forenoon session was spent in routine business, the appointment of committees and the like.

At the afternoon session the Committee on the Extension of the Order reported that two Lodges had been organized in the County since the last meeting and the work was proceeding satisfactorily. The Newmarket Templars were complimented on the tasty manner in which the Hall had been decorated for the occasion and the hearty reception they had given to the delegates. The members were urged to endeavor to impress their respective lodges with the necessity of giving the Scott Act their hearty support during the coming campaign. It was also suggested to recommend four County Deputies for the District. The report was carefully considered and adopted.

The following Brothers were recommended as County Deputies for York:—G. Munns, Glenville P. O., for North Riding; J. H. Sanderson, Richmond Hill, for East Riding; G. J. Fanner, Woodbridge, for West Riding. The election of a Deputy for Toronto was deferred for an adjourned meeting, to be held in the City in June.

The advisability of holding a grand demonstration at Newmarket on Dominion Day under the auspices of Blooming Rose Lodge was discussed. The delegates promised to support the same in their respective lodges.

During the afternoon there was an earnest discussion in regard to the Scott Act. Many of the members, whose experiences of the Dunkin Act were very disappointing, entertained doubts at first. The explanations given by Bro. F. S. Spence were very satisfactory and the general feeling of all present, before the close of the meeting was to do all in their power to assist in its adoption, by a large majority, in York County. The Lodge

adjourned to meeting in Toronto in June, subject to the call of the Executive.

In the evening a large public temperance meeting was held. A procession was formed at the Temperance Hall, consisting of the Good Templars headed by the Newmarket Brass Band, the members of the Salvation Army following. The procession marched to the Town Hall, where the meeting was held. In the absence of E. J. Davis Esq., Warden of the County the chair was occupied by Mr. Cano, Mayor of Newmarket. The Toronto Bell Ringers, Bros. Jackman, Morrison, Johnson and Shumshon, much enlivened the proceedings with their excellent music. Miss Carson, of Newmarket gave a song which was much applauded, and Bro. Johnson gave a popular recitation, after which Bro. F. S. Spence gave an excellent and convincing address in behalf of the Scott Act, which received careful attention and produced very convincing results.

From Nova Scotia.

Bro J. P. Chisholm, G.W.C.T., of Nova Scotia, in a private letter written from Truro, previous to his departure for the coming session of the R.W.G. Lodge, says:—

"I am going in company with the Delegates from Maine and Massachusetts. We are making up a company of about twenty and go via Boston to Washington at reduced rates. We go from here to the R.W.G. Lodge this time with a splendid report of work done during the past year in Nova Scotia. There has been a good deal of hard work, and it has been attended with magnificent results. I am more than ever proud of the Order of Good Templars, and look for a bright and successful future. Certainly there never were greater efforts put forth by any Grand Lodge, proportionate to its opportunities, than by ours during the past year, and never have we had a greater work accomplished. It has been done without money. It was purely the love of the Cause that actuated our workers, as we had no paid agents in the field. The only Grand Lodge Officer receiving any pay is the G.W. Secretary, and he does not get half enough for the amount of labor he does. Our expectations are to bring home with us from the R.W.G. Lodge Col. J. J. Hickman for a few weeks work here. Talk about cheap men! I believe if Grand Lodges are going to engage men to do work, able, intelligent, prominent men should be secured, whose hearts and sympathies are in the work, and they should be sustained accordingly. With such men we may expect to meet with success and to make our influence felt. We expect much good to come out of Col. Hickman's visit, both to our Cause and our Order."

We also need a travelling Agent besides, who should visit the various parts of the field continually, encouraging and strengthening the weak lodges, organizing new ones in the outlying districts, and by lectures presenting the claims of our Order to the public. So far we have failed to get such a man as we need for this purpose—or one willing to risk his success as an organizer. We are hoping to meet with some such Brother as much of our work is at a stand still for want of such laborers.

Good Templars' Directory.

SOUTH WOODSLEE, ESSEX Co. HOPKINS of Rochester Lodge No. 17, meets Friday evening, W.C.T., J. A. Smith; W.M., Frank Fair; L.D., E. J. Smith. 120-30.

HUMBERTSTONE, WELLSLAND Co. HUMBERTSTONE Lodge No. 376, meets every Saturday evening at Good Templars Hall. Good Templars visitors always welcome. W.C.T., W. L. SCHOFIELD; W. V. SISTER SCHOFIELD; L.D., JAMES KINNEAR, Port Colborne, Ont.

LONGFORD MILLS, SIMCOE Co. KISSES—ANITA Lodge (Indian) meets at Good Templars Hall, Rama, every Saturday evening. W.C.T., Mrs. Ann Sandy; W.V., Fanny Sandy; W.S., Sarah Sandy; W.F.S., Joseph Yellowhead; W.C. Chief Joseph Benson; W.T., Julian Williams; W.M., John Wender; L.D., Mary Yellowhead; O.O., Sam Rucker; L.D., Gilbert Williams. 129-302