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COW BAY TEMPLARISM, "HELENA" LODGE.

A report having reached the County Secretary and Grand Counsellor, Br. R. Martin, of Lavinia Lodge, that "Helena" Lodge, of British Templars, at Cow Bay, had gone down, or was tottering, a few staunch members, who were determined to uphold the order, met at their Lodge room, under the directions of the Worthy Chief, Br. W. W. Brown, who it appears recommended that as such supine appeared among the members, it was useless to continue their meetings in future, and on motion that the Lodge should be discontinued and their Charter resigned, it was put to ballot, when there appeared equal votes; the Worthy Chief gave his casting vote for a dissolution of the Lodge. In this dilemma, as above stated, Br. R. Martin, on information, accompanied by the Worthy County Lecturer, proceeded to Cow Bay, a distance of 25 miles, and having communicated with Brs. Joseph Dillon and McKay, steps were taken to recover the Charter, stock, and furniture, which appeared to have been in the possession of the Provincial Deputy; who instead of acting according to constitutional instructions, in returning the papers to the proper officer, retained them as private property. After a demand made by Br. R. Martin, for delivery, possession was obtained; and on the evening of Saturday, a public meeting—agreeable to notice—was held, which was respectfully attended; Mr. Cammeron, Principle of the Academy, in the chair. The Co. Lecturer briefly addressed the meeting on the dignity and beauty of the Order of Templarism; regretted that "Helena" Lodge did not shew more determination in the great cause, &c. The Worthy Lecturer was followed by Br. R. Martin, who forcibly impressed on the audience the good intentions of the British Templars, and stated that from information he had received, the unfortunate dispersion of the lodge, was owing to a jealous misunderstanding of the part of that branch of the Sons of Temperance—existing at Cow Bay, of which the Worthy Chief, the night of dissolution, is a leading member.

The conduct of the Worthy Chief, that night, was not baring a worthy Templar. As head of that Lodge should have advised energy and perseverance instead of throwing cold water on the order, by giving his casting vote as he did. He certainly did not act the faithful shepherd, and consequently the scattered flock was about devoured. Fortunately, Br. Joseph Dillon took the proper step, and success attended his cautious proceedings.

After the public meeting, Br. R. Martin notified the members of the Co. Lecturer and himself to re-organize "Helena" Lodge; which notification was received with approbation and cheerfulness.

At the final ceremonies, twenty-one members joined among them were members of the right stamp. The ceremony of initiating, installing and electing officers was completed at 11.30 on that memorable

night, which restored "Helena" Lodge to the bosom of her rejoicing brethren, and has, we presume, convinced Br. W. W. Brown that he need no longer consider himself a worthy British Templar.

A full description of the proceedings in next issue—also names of officers.

MODERATE DRINKERS.

You may ask, "Who are the moderate drinkers?" Our answer is, every man when first he begins to partake of the intoxicating cup. It is then they should beware, for then they begin to tread the downward course to destruction. It is the moderate drinker who is most in need of the benefitting influence of the Temperance cause, for he is in a position where a word may perhaps decide his career for life. Then, how necessary that we search such out, and in a kind and friendly manner try to persuade them to stop the use of the accursed stuff. He may tell you to mind your own affairs, he is able to leave off its use whenever he pleases. But will he leave it off? that is the question. Poor deluded man that he is, he sees not the hidden serpent coiled in the tempting glass, ready to spring and twine itself around him at any moment. Stay man, why will you sacrifice home, family, friends and all that are dear to you, for the intoxicating, yea, poisonous stuff. You are day by day poisoning soul and body, and treading a slippery and narrow way. Look! and behold destruction is staring at you from every side. You may see your fallen brother only a little way in advance of you. He once thought as you, has said the same as you; he was deceived, you may be.

As we look around us we can see the wrecks of many. Gone to pieces on the rocks of appetite for strong drink; their walls tossed to and fro on the buoy sea of life. Oh, friends! turn away from the poisonous draught ere it is too late; before you are drawn into the whirlpool where swift destruction awaits you. Enroll your name with the British Templar army and join your efforts with theirs, to drive man's worst enemy away, and may the day soon dawn when temperance shall triumph, as triumph it must and will. Then may you rejoice with those that rejoice. When banner of total abstinence shall fly from every tower and steeple, and its triumph be echoed from shore to shore, and from mountain to mountain.

It is with great pleasure we learn the progress now making towards the completion of the International line of Rail Road, from Bridgeport to Sydney Harbor. The weather hitherto has been unfavorable for horse labor, owing to the moist and mirey portions of some part of the line; but manual labor has been carried on daily, except when heavy rains occur. The workmen and their employer seem to understand each other perfectly. Inebriety is punished by instant dismissal, and as the laborers wages have been increased, cheerfulness and satisfaction follow. For some weeks past almost every other day was wet, but the weather now appears more settled, and the work will soon appear to advantage.

The banishment of the rum-traffic along the line has a good effect. We hear of no disorderly conduct among those employed; in fact, we could not expect any disturbance, as the hands employed are chiefly quiet, sober young men, sons of respectable farmers in and around our County. We wish prosperity to the enterprise, and look forward to good times and a brisk trade around this beautiful and safe harbor.

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE:

About a month since a Circular addressed to all the Lodges of British Templars, and Divisions of Sons of Temperance was received from "Morieh" Division, located at Cow Bay, requesting that Delegates be appointed to meet in Temperance Hall, Sydney, on the 19th inst., for the purpose of taking steps towards organizing a County Temperance League. As we are not posted up thoroughly on the subject in question, we must refrain from making any remarks until after the meeting, when we hope our delegates will give a good account of themselves.

Amateur Theatricals, Sydney, under the patronage of the Masonic Body of St. Andrew's Lodge.

The Amateurs shewed great talent in the various characters brought forward, and exhibited great refinement of taste in their selections. All present were highly gratified with the performance, and look forward to many pleasing evenings of innocent recreation from the Amateurs of that highly respectable body composing the above Lodge.

The season for farming is now at hand. Farmers should take advantage of every fine day, and when the land is dry, get in their crops. Although the weather has been moist and considerable rain has fallen, the season is mild, vegetation is going on, and early planting of potatoes will greatly help to bring that valuable root to perfection before the early frosts set in, or what is called the blast attacks the stalks.

If farmers expect a good crop of wheat, the grain should be ploughed in, 6 inches deep, and lightly harrowed. A heavy head requires a deep root.

Gleanings.

SENATOR REVELS, the first colored Senator of the United States Senate, lately delivered an elaborate and able lecture in Boston, before an audience numbering over a thousand people. Wendell Phillips being called upon at the close of the Senator's address, said:—

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.—You recollect when we were children and read the Arabian Nights, that after some gorgeous description of crescents of light and cimeters of gold and crowns of gems, the Caliph clapped his hands and the dream all burst. We were rolling on the cold ground. I felt as I sat behind Senator Revels like clapping my hands to see whether the scene would change, whether it was all a fairy mistake, whether he would vanish and only as the scene did at the Caliph's. I could not realize that a thousand men had come into Tremont Temple to see a Senator of the United States from that race that had been so long victimized. It seems to me I should like to feel the Senator, and see if he is real flesh and blood. (Laughter and applause.) It is hard to realize. The Attorney-General of Massachusetts said that the idea of taking off the chains of this black race, these negroes, was like setting loose hyenas. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of Boston (said Mr. Phillips, half facing and pointing to the Senator, who sat in the rear of him), I introduce to you a hyena. (Laughter and applause, in which the Senator joined.) To-day I present to you a true bit of Southern recognition, I show you the Fifteenth Amendment in flesh and blood, [laughter and applause.] the incarnation of this last proud step in the nation's progress. The only question is for this generation and the next to apply it. With infinite toil, at vast expense, with such a sacrifice of blood sealing the charter of freedom with five hundred thousand graves, we have made it true of the negro. With what cost, with toil, with how much blood, with what self-sacrifice and devotion you shall make it true of the Indian and the Chinese, it remains for the next twenty years to tell. (Applause.) We summon you to that conflict. We welcome you to that great crusade, that stamping out of another line of prejudice.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. A correspondent of the "Citizen" writing from Harbarville, says: On the 3rd inst., Farmers were engaged in burning off the refuse stuff from their lands. In the morning a heavy westerly wind commenced blowing, and the fire began to run. So great was the fire raging, that by noon the sun was nearly obscured. The fire was carried through fields and forests destroying much grain which had been sowed, and much valuable timber; and worst of all, within a few miles of this place, we already hear of fourteen houses and barns being destroyed, besides outhouses, etc. In some cases the families have lost all their moveables, having barely time to escape with their lives. Some have lost heavily—a Mr. Bezantson (having a very nice house, well finished and furnished, a barn also in like order, and wagon-house, with waggon, harness, &c.) lost all with the exception of a few pieces of furniture, besides about eighty bushels of wheat, and other grain. There is no doubt, when all is known, it will be found that there is a great amount of property destroyed."

A Cincinnati railroad man has been discharged because he left work without leave, to get a surgeon to dress his hand, smashed in coupling cars.

Such a volley of beer-glasses came through the window of a Cincinnati beer-garden during a Sunday row, that outsiders thought "an explosion had taken place in a glass foundry."

A Chicago man was so insane when he saw his wife wearing a pair of sleeve-buttons which a gambler had given her, that he shot her and recovered his reason.

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