

NATIONAL LODGE SESSION

The Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars met in the Forest City Lodge Rooms, London, on Tuesday, August 1st.

The address of the Most Worthy Chief Prof. Foster, was replete with suggestions to temperance workers.

The report of the M. W. G. S. was a most comprehensive one; showed that progress had been made during the year, and the Lodge was in a healthy financial condition.

Mr. M. Knowlton, Past Grand Worthy Chief of the I. O. G. T. of Ontario was introduced, and addressed the Lodge, congratulating the members upon the successful accomplishment of the Union of British and British American Templars, and hoped the time would come when all temperance workers in Canada would present a united front to a common foe.

A public meeting was held in the City Hall in the evening, when eloquent addresses were delivered by Prof. Foster and D. C. Fraser, B. A.

On Wednesday morning the business of the Most Worthy was concluded, and adjourned, to form the National Lodge of the United Temperance Order of Canada.

The National Lodge of Canada was then organized, with J. R. Miller as Chairman, and Rev. A. M. Phillips as Secretary.

The General Rules and Constitution of National Lodge, presented by the Joint Committee appointed by British and British American Templars, which had been in Session from Friday, were considered and adopted, after which the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Prof. G. E. Foster, (New Brunswick University) Fredericton, N. B.; Past President, J. R. Miller, Goderich, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. A. M. Phillips, Cobourg, Ont.; Vice President, D. C. Fraser, B. A., New Glasgow, N. S.; Treasurer, P. H. Stewart, Cocktown, Ont.; Senior Counsellor, E. C. Feeze, Fredericton, N. B.; Junior Counsellor, A. Leighton, South Durham, P. Q.; Chaplain, Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., Wingham, Ont.; Financial, Rev. T. W. Campbell, Cobourg, Ont.; Recorder, J. A. Freeze, Bathurst, N. B.; Marshal, James Wanless, Varna, Ont.; Deputy, Marshal, Miss Mary B. McKay, New Glasgow, N. S.; Guard, D. Shoff, McGillivray, Ont.; Sentinel, J. G. Crawford, St. John, N. B.

An interesting discussion took place on Juvenile Work, in which Mrs. Youmans, of Pictou took part. A committee was appointed to confer with that lady, who was appointed Special Superintendent of Juvenile work, to draft a plan of working.

On Thursday, J. R. Miller was appointed a delegate to convey the fraternal greetings of the National Lodge of Canada to the National Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland at its next meeting in Edinburgh, in September next.

A Committee was appointed to consider the Establishment of a Mutual Benefit Society and Life Insurance Company in connection with the Order, and report at next session.

Prof. Foster, Rev. A. M. Phillips and J. R. Miller were appointed delegates to the International Council.

The constitution of Provincial, Primary, and District Lodges was adopted and the publication of a newspaper or organ for the National Lodge undertaken.

A REMARKABLE DWARF.

Several medical men, including Alexander Mott, J. L. Little, J. M. Hill, E. Hudson, and S. Roof, lately by invitation, the Mexican dwarf Zarate, at Tony Pastor's in New York. These visitors said she seemed perfectly healthy, and intelligent, and understood and talks Spanish words of English. She is getting on tooth; and although could not tell whether or no years old, as claimed, they teeth which she could not years of age. She ran about with, and talked a little. She is now smaller than a at the time of their birth measurements were taken: shoes on, 2 1/4 inches; hip, 10 1/2 inches; around circumference of the circumference of calf 1 inch more than a of shoe, 3 inches inches. The parents, and are of the usual size; the mother

is about the medium height, the feet six inches in height, and quite fleshy.

THE PROBABILITIES OF SICKNESS.

The business of life insurance is largely based on purely mathematical calculation, involving the laws of probabilities, the object of which is to determine, by careful comparison of extended statistical returns, and like information, the probable duration of a person's life at every year of his existence. On the tabulated results is founded the scale of premium charges, proportionate to the risk assumed. While everyone is, of course, interested in knowing how long he is likely to live, he has a more immediate and vital interest in learning how often he is likely to be sick, and for how many days per year he will probably, by ill health, be incapacitated for work.

Dr. Reginald Southey has recently been delivering a course of valuable lectures on "Individual Hygiene" in London, and in one he introduced a table of "Expectation of Sickness," which he had prepared, and which is as follows:

- At 20 years of age, calculate on 4 sick days yearly.
At 20 to 30, 5 or 6 days.
At 30, 7 days.
At 40, 9 or 10 days.
At 50, 12 or 13 days.
At 60, 16 days.
At 65, 21 days.
At 70, 24 days.

Of course this refers to people of average good health, and not to those who may be afflicted with any ineradicable or chronic ailment.

A SIMILE.

There are two rivers in the West, Springs, from the neighboring lakes. One to the southward takes its course, One to the north its journey makes. Southward goes the great Mississippi, Winding snake-like as it goes, Leaving leagues on leagues behind it. Till in the Gulf it flows. Northward runs the Sioux Red river, Roaring loudly on its way, Turned aside by many lakelets, Ever it reaches Hudson bay. One glides on through dawning regions, Through the warm and sunny South The other meets but frost and coldness: As it rushes to its mouth. Then into the great Atlantic These two waters lastly come, Journeying from a kindred climate Find they thus a common home.

Of two lives these streams remind Lives begun thus near together One to pass through sunny days The other only rougher weather. One to find but kindred spirits, Helps to win the eternal prize. The other struggling over ice and snow, Spite of all things, to the award. Yet within the heavenly mansions, Who shall say both all are not rest? One that spurred thither, heavy crosses; Each pursuing the path wide world's best. Be there case or sorrow, hallowed, row passed. Can, by heading the Father's teaching, Reach his bosom at the last.

GO TO SLEEP.

The light is fading out, My arms are round thee close. Within my pretty room, Love waxes creep, shadows creep, Go to sleep. When a darkness covers us, Love makes light, love makes light, As arrows round us close, In the night, As light will often fade, And shadows creep, shadows creep, Love always watches thee; Go to sleep.

THE TRAVELER IN THE SNOW.

A traveler was crossing a mountain light alone over almost untrodden snows. A warning had been given him that if slumber pressed down upon his weary eyelids, they would inevitably be sealed in death. For a time he went bravely along his path. But with the deepening shade and freezing blast of night, there fell a weight upon his brain and eyes which seemed to be irresistible. In vain he strained his utmost energies to shake off that fatal heaviness. At this crisis of his faith, his foot struck against a heap that lay across his path. No stone was that, although no stone could be colder or more lifeless. He stooped to touch it, and found a human body half buried beneath a fresh drift of snow. The next moment the traveler had taken a brother in his arms and was chafing his hands, and chest and brow, breathing upon the stiff, cold lips the warm breath of a living soul; pressing the silent heart to the beating pulses of his own generous bosom.

The effort to save another had brought back to himself life and warmth and energy. He was a man again, instead of a weak creature succumbing to a despairing helplessness, dropping down in dreamless sleep to die. "He saved a brother, and was saved himself."—English Hearts and English Homes.

A clergyman observing a poor man by the roadside, breaking stones, and kneeling to get at his work better, made the remark: "Ah, John, I wish I could break the stony hearts of my hearers as easily as you are breaking these stones." "Perhaps, master, you do not work on your knees," was the reply.

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