



# The Weekly Visitor.

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TORONTO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, '65.

## CONCERT.

The members of Crusade Lodge, B. O. G. Templars, have made arrangements to hold a Concert in their lodge room, Missionary Church, Elizabeth street, on the 20th instant, Wednesday next. Henry Lloyd, Esq., will take the chair at 7.45 p. m. An efficient choir, under the leadership of Bro. Geo. Brent, will be in attendance. Mr. Jas. Baxter, Organist of Queen-st. W. M. Church, will preside at the Melodeon. Tickets are placed at 10c. We hope our friends will patronize the Crusaders.

## DeROSE LODGE, B. O. G. T.

The following are the officers of DeRose Lodge, (late Welsby,) B. O. G. T., installed for the present quarter by Prov. Dep. Bro. Wm. Towler :

Bro. T. Gavin,.....Chief  
Sister A. E. Towler,.....Vice  
Bro. J. Houston,.....Chaplain  
" W. Towler,.....Secretary  
" N. Reynolds,.....Treasurer  
" J. B. Winters,.....Financier  
" H. Winters,.....Marshal  
" D. Houston,.....Inner Guard  
" J. Gregory,.....Outer Guard  
Sister E. Empry,.....Dep. Marshal  
" M. J. Baily, R. H. Supporter  
" J. Crow,....L. H. Supporter

This Lodge was re-organized by the W. S. G. Chief, Bro. Savage, on the 15th August last, and is now in a most healthy state, having every prospect of adding numbers to the Order of British Templars, and we hope saving many from the thralldom of intemperance.

Chester Temple, I. O. G. T., intend opening a new Hall, on Wednesday next, at 7 p.m., in the Village of Todmorden. Dedication services by Dr. Ferguson, G. W. S., assisted by members of the Order. Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Pomeroy, Potts, &c. The public are respectfully invited. Admission free.

## YORK UNION LODGE, B. A. O. G. T.

The following is a list of the officers of this Lodge for the current quarter. They were duly installed by their Provincial Deputy, J. Clarke, Esq., J. P. :

Jas. Bridgeland,.....Chief  
Mary A. Charlton,.....Vice  
Jacob Parsons,.....Chaplain  
Richard Magee,.....Secretary  
Jas. Jackson,.....Treasurer  
Millbro' Cruthers,.....Financier  
Thomas Armstrong,.....Marshal  
Henry Jackson,.....Inner Guard  
Ignatius Magee,.....Outer Guard  
M. A. Jackson, Right H. Supporter  
Eliz. Boake,....Left H. Supporter  
Jas. Boake,.....Asst. Secretary  
Annie Bridgeland,....Dep. Marshal  
B. H. Bull,.....Past Chief

The Sabbath Afternoon Temperance Meeting is held from 3 to 4 o'clock, in the Temperance Street Hall. Please attend.

Go to the Concert on Wednesday evening next, in the Missionary Church, Elizabeth Street, under the auspices of Crusade Lodge.

## CO. OF YORK TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the County of York Temperance Association will take place in the Temperance Hall at Richmondhill, on Thursday, 25th December, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of deciding what steps shall be taken to promote the cause of temperance throughout the county, and to devise ways and means for carrying out the provisions of the Temperance Act of 1834 in said county. Societies are respectfully requested to send two or three delegates, and as matters of a most import-

ant character will be brought before the meeting, it is earnestly requested that each society will be represented as largely as possible.

## NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

To the Editor of the Weekly Visitor.

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of Nov. 29, there appears a partial remedy for the large numbers suspended for non-payment of dues from the several temperance organizations. Not seeing eye to eye with the writer of that article as to the efficiency or practicability of his remedy, I propose to offer a few remarks on the same subject, which I trust will have the effect of inducing others to interest themselves in this question of almost vital importance. First, then, as to my objection to the remedy proposed by 'Treasurer.' There is a very wide difference between a defaulting member of a temperance lodge and a bankrupt whose affairs are wound up by legal process, in which all the expenses, including advertising, are made a first charge upon the estate. I much doubt whether any respectable newspaper would publish such a list, unless as an advertisement, if even at that, and as the lodge would have to pay the printer, it would only be throwing good money after bad ; besides if law is wanted, is it not in the power already of both the Sons of Temperance and the I. O. of Good Templars, being both incorporated by Act of Parliament, to sue and be sued. But does not the very word law run contrary to all our preconceived notions of the meaning of our great watchword Love, Charity. Then, would the cure be effectual? Some, we doubt not, would rather relish the notoriety thus thrust on them, and others again might enter a suit for libel, with a very fair prospect of success, while the Order which applied the remedy would, ere long, find the cure worse than the disease. However, it is possible that I may be mistaken. Put the matter to the test of experience. Let 'Treasurer,' and others like minded, put their plan in operation for three or six months, and let results speak for themselves. And now, Mr. Editor, would it not be well before prescribing a remedy to try if we cannot discover the cause. I am of opinion that we ourselves are greatly to blame in this matter, and first and most prominent in this catalogue of unfaithful members I would place the proposers of new members and the investigating committee. A great responsibility lies upon both these parties—the proposer to inform the candidate