

SOMENOS LODGE NO. 9.

Rev. J. Calvert, Reporter.

This Lodge is still pushing the battle to the front. During last quarter we had four initiations and one member received by card. Two thought they had sufficient cause to resign, and consequently left us. One we suspended, so that we have, on the whole, an increase of two in membership. The following were installed as officers for current quarter:—C.T., A. Aitken; V.T., B. Blyth; Sec., H. Norcross; Assis't-Sec., J. N. Evans; Chap. P. Auchinachie; M., W. Douglas; D.M., Mrs. Flett; G., Alex. Blyth; Sent., H. Pyman; P.C. T., P. Flett. Our members are doing well, no objection being raised to their moral character or fidelity as Good Templars. We are prepared to receive our official organ with gladness, and congratulate the managers on their excellent portrait of Bro. Green, G. C. T.

KAMLOOPS LODGE NO. 15.

T. L. Bloomer,)
C. L. Wain,) Reporters:—

Officers installed for present quarter are: Bro. Savage, C. T.; Sis. G. North, V. T.; Bro. Rushton, C.; Bro. McLaren, Sec.; Sis. Harmon, A. S.; Sis. Savage, R. S.; Sis. Bloomer, T.; Bro. Welch, M.; Sis. McAleese, D. M.; Sis. Wood, G.; Bro. Wain, Sen.; Bro. Ross, P. C. T.; Bro. McLeod, L. D.

Three new members last month, and several more on the road. Mrs. Harris was well received and did a lot of good in arousing public interest in temperance work; no doubt our lodge will feel the benefit during the present quarter. Bro. Atkins having changed his business for one that keeps him out of town, we elected Bro. McLeod as Lodge Deputy in his place.

[Owing to the want of space the Lodge reports are curtailed.—ED.]

The following notice of arrears has been handed to us as a suggested improvement on the one now in use.

.....Lodge No..... I.O.G.T.
..... B.C.

Dear
According to our books you appear to be indebted to the Lodge in the sum of \$, but as errors very often arise, you are earnestly requested to attend at our next meeting and make whatever corrections may be necessary. We refer you to the Subordinate Lodge constitution.
Yours in F. H. & C.

FINANCIAL SEC'Y.

We direct special attention to our premiums on page 6, and the competition on page 7.

Science Department.

ERNEST HALL, I.R.C.P. EDINBURGH, ETC., EDITOR.

THE INEXORABLE FACTS OF HEREDITY.

"I have drunk whiskey every day for thirty-five years," remarked a gentleman of sixty, rather proudly, "and I don't see but I have as good a constitution as the average man of my age; I never was drunk in my life." He was telling the truth, but to learn the whole truth you would have to study his children. The oldest, a young lady, had perfect health; the second, a young man, was of a remarkably nervous and excitable temperament, as different from his phlegmatic father as possible; the third, a young lady of seventeen, was epileptic and always had very poor health. Did the father's whisky-drinking have anything to do with these facts? The instance may be duplicated in almost every community. Think over the families of your acquaintance in which the father has long been a moderate drinker, and observe the facts as to the health of the children. The superintendent of a hospital for children at Berne, Switzerland, has found by careful observation, that only 45 per cent. of those whose parents used intoxicating liquors habitually had good constitutions, while 82 per cent. of the children of temperate parents had sound bodies. Of the children of inebriates, only 6 per cent. were healthy.—*The Quarterly Journal of Inebriety.*

The only rightful claim to popular esteem, and the only guarantee of social permanency, is found in the combination of intellectual attainment and moral worth.

Another and most potent factor in producing functional brain degeneracy is indulgence in brain drugs and chief among these in its effects upon cerebral faculties, and in prevalence of use, is *alcohol*.

No single factor perhaps exerts so deleterious an influence upon individual and national mental and moral integrity as alcohol. It is an ever present, powerful and insidious foe to human progress. Its tendencies are all evil and deteriorating; and its indulgence starts the individual upon the path downward, toward the eliminating end of the social scale. Nicotine, Opium, Absinthe, Cocaine and Cannabis Indica belong in the same category and affect mentality in much the same manner. Their employment beyond the limits of strictest scientific and therapeutic indications, is reprehensible.

Whenever an idle, incompetent

brain is rendered still more incompetent by the chemical effect of a drug, degeneracy and the consequent elimination of the person, and through him of his line is rapid indeed. And this elimination is first by direct effect upon the physical integrity; and second, indirectly, by placing the person by reason of his competitive and ethical capacity, in unfavorable, poor and vicious environments, which tend powerfully toward his suppression, and toward lowering the mental and moral, as well as the physical status of his offspring.

The medical profession cannot escape the inference of a great and urgent responsibility in this connection.—*Pacific Medical Record.*

The influence of alcohol and alcoholic drinks upon the organism of infants and children has been forcibly brought to the notice of the medical world in an address of Prof. Demme of Berne, and the same facts have been brought before the medical profession of America by the statements of a leading New York physician. From these utterances the following deductions are made:

The infant and child are peculiarly susceptible to alcohol, and many infants suffering from acute intestinal diseases are the victims of an unrestrained administration of solutions of whiskey or brandy. The punch, for such it really is, stupifies the babe. It quiets the little sufferer and lulls the mother into a false notion of improvement of the severe illness. The avoidance of all alcoholics in the treatment of such cases has convinced the author, through the very satisfactory results obtained, that there can be no excuse for the use of alcohol in these cases.

QUERY:—Might not the large infant mortality which was noticeable in some of our B. C. cities during last summer be explained upon the basis of a disregard of these principles?

In his medical report, Dr. Ball, physician of the State Penitentiary of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, says that alcoholic liquor has not during the past year been used in the institution:—"Its advantages as a medicine are few; its disadvantages are many."

"You must admit," said a red-nosed vagabond to a temperance lecturer, "you must admit that alcohol is good for one thing at least, and that is to clean silver?" "Yes," returned the lecturer, "and it is evident alcohol has 'cleaned' all the silver out of your pockets."

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