

Good Templars' Department.

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SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

To all Good Templar Workers.

In order to give encouragement to all Good Templars to assist in extending the circulation of temperance literature, and to make known more extensively the advantages of our Cause and Order, Brother James Johnston, P. D., of Toronto, generously makes offer of the following beautiful prizes. They may be relied upon as, in every respect, equal to what is here represented.

FIRST LADY'S PRIZE.—To the Sister procuring the largest number of subscribers for TRUTH before February next, a set of beautiful fine gold bracelets worth at least \$8.00.

SECOND LADY'S PRIZE.—To the Sister procuring the second largest number of subscribers for TRUTH, a solid gold Good Templar's brooch, or locket, manufactured expressly for the purpose, worth at least \$4.00.

GENTLEMEN'S FIRST PRIZE.—To the Brother sending the largest number of subscribers for TRUTH, Brother T. W. Casey, Grand Secretary, will give, a solid gold Good Templar's pin, or \$4 worth of choice temperance literature, as may be preferred.

GENTLEMAN'S SECOND PRIZE.—To the Brother sending the second largest number of subscribers for TRUTH, Brother J. B. Nixon, G. W. Treasurer, will present a fine gold Good Templar's pin, or \$2.00 worth of choice temperance literature, as may be preferred.

These offers will hold good from now until February 1st. The names may be sent in from time to time, as fast as procured, and they will be duly credited.

The competition is open to all members of the I. O. Good Templars in good standing any where in the Dominion of Canada. Parties intending to compete will please send their names at once to the Publisher of TRUTH, Toronto, for lists, envelopes and samples of the paper, with six cents accompanying for postage and samples.

Begin at once, so as to get a good start, and report from week to week, if possible. Lists will be open for all desiring to compete.

As a trial trip, subscriptions may be taken for three months, at one-fourth the regular yearly subscription rates, and every four such names will count for one full subscription, in the competition. The names may be procured from any where, and the papers will be forwarded to any address as fast as the subscriptions are received.

THE PASSWORD.—The quarterly password for the November quarter has been sent out this week by the Grand Secretary to all lodge deputies from whose lodges the returns for the current quarter have been received. Any deputy failing to receive this circular and blanks, will please notify the Secretary at once, by post card.

MANITOBA.—We understand that the new Grand Lodge of Manitoba has been

organized by Bro. Thomas Nixon, of Winnipeg, formerly of this city. We have not the particulars yet. The membership of the Order in the "Prairie Province" is largely made up of old time Good Templars from the various subordinate lodges of Ontario.

NEW LODGES.—We are happy to announce that Bro. W. H. Rodder, Grand Lodge organizer, has been successful in organizing the following new lodges within the past few days:—

"Polar Star," Churchillville, Peel Co., Hardy Baskerville, W. C. T.; Andrew Douglass, P. W. C. T.; Marion Douglass, W. V. T.; Simeon Joyce, W. S.; Butler Wilson, L. D. Night of meeting, Tuesday. "Hope" Lodge, Brampton, Peel Co.; night of meeting, Thursday. J. P. Rice, W. C. T.; Levila Snell, W. V.; Thomas A. Dickin, W. S.; John Reynolds, L. D.

MORE PROGRESS.—A new lodge,—"Prairie Flower," has been instituted at Plympton, Selkirk County, Manitoba, by Bro. Thomas Nixon, a worker so well known to many in and about this city. In connection with the organization there was a well attended public meeting, "and a good time generally." There were 18 charter members. Hector O'Neil, W. C. T.; Minnie Johnston, W. V.; Wm. Malcolm, W. S.; Rev. W. R. Morrison, L. D. Night of meeting, Thursday.

MADE HAPPY.—Bro. A. R. Scobie, P. D., of this city, for many years a well known worker in our Order, and Sister Jackman, P. W. V. T., also an active working Templar of this city, united in taking another long life obligation on the 10th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Scobie have the hearty congratulations of their many friends, in and out of the Order. We unite in extending our best wishes for long life and domestic happiness.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.—How often does your lodge have one? It seems to me some of our lodges might exert a mighty influence in this way. What if you don't draw in a large number, keep them going, you will find some who would be benefitted thereby. There is plenty to do for every lodge in our Order, plan out your own line of action, keep on moving. Some of our lodges would have a better record at the end of the year if they would but learn to go alone, they are like wheelbarrows, they never move in any direction unless they are pushed, whereas they ought to keep moving themselves and the community around them at the same time. Lodges will thrive and prosper in proportion as they engage actively in temperance work outside of the lodge room; of course it is optional what line of action they will pursue. If they wish to engage in aggressive work the field is wide and the rumeller will bear watching. One lodge that we know of induced the various ministers to unite in preaching a temperance sermon every Sunday night through one year, in one or another of the churches, the lodge attending in a body. We are convinced that if the members of our lodges would settle down to active earnest effort the cause of temperance would thrive and prosper, the traffic of rum would begin to totter, and the object for which Good Templarism was instituted would surely and speedily be accomplished.

"GOOD OF THE ORDER."

FOR READINGS AND RECITATIONS.

Join Hands.

BY MISS ADHILIA FURBER.

Join hands!
The mists are lifting,
All the east is red.
What through black clouds, fiercely shifting,
Mist'er overhead,
Storms have come and storms have vanished,
An' the green earth stands
Trusting till her ills are banished,
Friends, join hands!

Close ranks!
Across the valley
See the foeman stand,
Massing for the coming rally,
Ready for command.
Ours to meet and check their scourging,
Our reward, the thanks
Of the souls this war is purging.
Friends, close ranks!

Forward march!
The field's before us,
Homes we love at hand;
With the God of battles o'er us
Tread we now the land.
March, till purity shall level
Safe highway for peace,
March, 'gainst hellish rout and revel,
Forward for release,
March!

Two Words.

BY SUSAN COOLIDGE.

Away they speed—the words;
Oae, like a winged seed,
Lit on a soul that gave it room,
And straight began to bud and bloom
In lovely word and deed.

The other careless word,
Borne on an evil air,
Found a rich soil, and ripened fast
Its rank and poisonous growths, and cast
Fresh seeds to work elsewhere.

The speakers of the words
Passed by, and marked, one day,
The fragrant blossoms, dewy wet,
The baneful flowers thickly set
In clustering array.

And neither knew his word;
One smiled, and one did sigh,
"How strange and sad," one said, "It is
People should do such thing as this!
I'm glad it was not I."

And "What a wondrous word
To reach so far, so high!"
The other said, "What joy 'twould be
To send out words so helpfully!
I wish that it were I."

Be Sure You're Right.

"Be sure you're right, then go ahead!"
That's what a brave man wisely said;
And every man in wisdom's light
Can surely tell the wrong from right,
So that, the evil knowing, he
May work for good and victory.

There may be some who'll jibe and sneer,
At honest effort, but it's clear
That he who dares to do the right
Shall some day conquer in the fight,
If, heeding not the scollar's cry,
He march right on o'er faithfully.

The grandest victories ever won
Are blessings sent for good deeds done;
And richer far than crowns of gold,
Or gems of fabulous wealth untold,
Is that bright crown of gratitude
The world gives to its brave and good.
Oh, toiler standing at the plough!
Oh, work man with the sweating brow!
Yours is the mission to fulfill
The carrying out of Heaven's will;
And yours the triumph of success,
If bravely on you ever press.

Take courage, then, and do your best;
There'll surely come a day of rest.
When sweetest flowers shall strow your way.
And chill December turn to May.
March with a hero's firmest tread—
"Be sure you're right, then go ahead!"

Lend a Helping Hand.

Lend a helping hand, my brother,
To the weary in the way;
You will find life's burden-bearers
Journeying onward day by day.
When you see the faltering foot-steps,
And the faces white with pain,
Lend a helping hand, my brother,
God will help you back again.

Lend a helping hand, my brother,
To the overburdened one;
Make his load a little lighter
Ere the setting of the sun.
Lift the weight of care and sorrow
From the soul bowed down so low,
Spreading sunshine in the pathway
Of the sad ones, where you go.

In the march of life, my brother,
Have you never weary grown?
Had the heavy burden lightened
Which you thought to bear alone?
By the hand outstretched to help you
By each hopeful word and smile,
Lend a helping hand, my brother,
It is grandly worth your while.

PRACTICAL HINTS.—A recent issue of the California Rescue contains a valuable essay from the pen of Bro. Thomas A. Thompson on "How to promote the cause of Temperance through subordinate lodge work," from which we clip the following extracts. Let them be carefully read and thought upon by every earnest working Canadian Templar. Many valuable hints in regard to future success may be obtained here:—

HEALTHY TEMPERANCE SENTIMENT.—How shall we obtain it? by giving full vent to frivolity and nonsense, the reading of two or three selections at one session from the "Bad Boy," a comic song and adjournment? We think not; we believe in a good social time, but let it be combined with appropriate social taste, plenty of singing, wise selections, and chats on vital topics of importance to the lodge. Get the members interested in temperance work. Is your lodge small? increase your membership, don't parade your leanness as an excuse for not doing more, grow larger! you can promote the temperance cause that way, pledge yourselves, as one of our neighboring lodges did, double up in dollars, or members; twenty-four, the full membership, pledged themselves to bring in a new member before the quarter closed or pay the initiation fee, and they did it.

MISSION WORK.—Vote some of your surplus cash for the purchase of Temperance literature papers, tracts, etc. Appoint committees who will judiciously distribute them, keep their eyes open and come to the lodge with an account of their successes and failures, it will introduce a little change from your regular programme and won't hurt you. We do not deserve any credit for suggesting this, it is an old idea, which has been worked to advantage in days gone by, and may be in working order among some of our lodges now for all we know. In looking over the records of a lodge some sixteen years ago we found such a committee appointed whose special duty it was to look after the fallen, the care of the drunkard was theirs, they went to his home and talked with him there, they took care of him at night when reeling along, or lying in the gutter; and by thus carrying out the principles of our Order brought sunshine and gladness to many a home.

When an editor secures "information from a distinguished source" he is giving a sly hint that he has interviewed himself.