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## POST CARD LODGE NOTES.

**GUELPH:** Progress Lodge had a large attendance last night, Bro. McCrae, N.G., in the chair. One candidate received the three degrees, the work being conducted in an interesting manner.

**MADOC:** The I.O.O.F. band serenaded the Odd Fellows a few nights ago and besides being the recipients of a \$10 cheque and an invitation to an oyster supper, they were complimented very highly on the progress during the last six months.

**LINDSAY:** At a special meeting of Guiding Star Encampment, No. 22, held recently, the following officers were elected: J. W. Anderson, C.P.; W. G. Chestnut, S.W.; J. S. Henderson, H.P.; J. W. Walton, J.W.; John McLean, Scribe; Eli Williamson, Treas. This Encampment is on the boom, having initiated fifteen members in the last six months.

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE:** The Odd Fellows of this place have sold their building site opposite the post-office for \$6,000 to a local agent for an unknown party. This is one of the best sites in town, and it is reported that the new owner will next spring erect a fine business block thereon. The Odd Fellows have sold the lot at a good advance, and will likely build shortly on some site not quite so large and valuable.

**TORONTO:** The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, met as usual last Monday night, Bro. Muir was reported as being much better, and Bro. A. E. Borouges, as being laid up. This being the second night of nominations a few more names were added to the list. One proposition for membership was reported and balloted for, accepted, and the candidate initiated. Bros. Terry, of Canada Lodge, and Clapp addressed the og e.

**WINNIPEG:** The latest addition to Winnipeg journals is a neatly printed publication entitled *The Triple Link*, a monthly journal devoted to the interests of the Order in the Canadian Northwest. The first number is just out Mr. R. H. Shank, Grand Secretary, being the Editor, and Mr. B. D. Deering, business agent It is stated in the salutatory to be the intention of the management to donate 25 per cent. of the profits to the Odd Fellows' home fund. (We have not yet seen the initial number of T. L.—Ed D. O.)

**PALMERSTON, Dec. 15:** Card of Condolence. To Bro. W. A. Reynolds—Dear Sir and Bro.,—At the last regular meeting of Gordon Lodge, No. 247, I.O.O.F., it was resolved that the sympathy and condolence of our lodge be extended to you in this sad visitation of Providence which you have been called upon to suffer by the death of your beloved brother. We accord to you our sincere wish that our Heavenly Father will cheer and sustain you by His power, with the tenderest feeling of brotherhood. We, on behalf of our lodge, tender you our sympathy. Yours fraternally, in F. L. and T., Geo. Merrick, N.G.; Wm. Edwards, Thos. Edwards, Committee.

**TORONTO:** There were no additional nominations last Monday evening in Queen City Lodge, so the list remains the same as set forth last week. Candidate Williams was balloted for and declared entitled to membership—he makes the fourth outstanding for initiation. The At-Home Committee met at the close of the lodge when sub-committees were appointed to look after talent, refreshments, decorations and printing. The 27th January is the date for the event. Bro. A. F. Mills, of Port Arthur, favored the members with a few remarks. Election of officers for the ensuing term will take place next Monday evening. L., Q. C.

**CHATHAM:** On Thursday evening of last week the election of officers of Chatham Encampment for the ensuing half-year took place, Chief Patriarch Wm. Smith presiding. The election, together with a desire to see the new paraphernalia and scenery, accounts for the large crowd present. Among the assembled patriarchs were two whose faces are not often seen in the Encampment since they entered the arena of municipal politics. These were Aldermen Rutherford and Stone. After routine business the following officers were elected: Walter Anderson, C.P., (by acclamation); A. Kelly, S.W.; Frank Gonne, J.W.; D. Walker, H.P.; W. W. Mitchell, Scribe; A. M. Lafferty, F.S.; John Turner, Treas.; Wm. Carswell, Trustee; John McCorvie, W. W. Mitchell, W. A. Anderson, F.C. Wm. Tuttle, the retiring Chief Patriarch, has been a most efficient and impartial presiding officer. His successor, Walter Anderson, is the youngest member who has ever been elected Chief Patriarch in Chatham Encampment. He, like his predecessor, is a most enthusiastic Odd Fellow. After the election the degree staff, with Capt. Potter in charge, exemplified the first degree.

**BRANTFORD:** Gore Lodge had a crowded house on Monday night last, the most important business being the nomination of officers and a lively time is expected on election night as several good candidates are already in the field for Noble Grand. Those on the sick list were reported doing well. The special committee reported the deal with the Knights of Pythias having been closed satisfactory and they will take possession on January 1st, but have kindly offered Gore Lodge the use of the room for a few nights until the new hall is finished. The hall committee report the work being pushed forward as speedily as possible and expect to have it ready some time in January next. Grand Master Thomas Woodyatt visited Hamilton District on Tuesday evening and reports having received a very warm reception at the hands of the Hamilton brethren. Harmony Lodge had a very good meeting last night. Bro. E. M. Buck, N.G., presiding, several committees reported progress. This being first night of nomination, the following members were nominated: For N.G., Bro. A. H. Grant; V.G., Bro. Fred Buck and James Frazer; R.S., Bros. James Tutt and J. R. Neilson; Treas., S. M. Thomson. After routine business was transacted the lodge closed. HARMONY.

## OBJECTIONS.

An objection to Odd Fellows and kindred orders is sometimes made on the ground that its charities and beneficences are confined to the immediate membership, that they are too exclusive and that persons do not wish to have the objects of their charity selected for them. There might be something in this objection if well founded but it is a mistake. The lesson of our degrees are comprehensive as the human race, and as in the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are taught to relieve suffering and distressed wherever found. Through all the different degrees and branches of the Order, we learn that although a man may not be of our particular race, or creed, we are all members of one family, and bound by ties of common humanity to minister to his needs in his hour of trial or affliction. True, the immediate members of the Order are the first objects of fraternal care when taken by disease or disasters, but this is not "charity" but theirs of right for which they have paid in advance, but no true Odd Fellow will send away hungry or naked any one deserving Christian charity. The beautiful story of the good Samaritan, at once the greatest lesson of our Order, and whose example all Odd Fellows are taught and enjoined to emulate, shows that not he alone is our brother who is a member of our family, our lodge or our church, but that tenderness and mercy are due to all our fellow men. Whenever there is pain too soothe, want to relieve, or tears to dry, there should be found those who are pledged to acts of mercy and bound by the links of our Order.—I. O. O. F. World.

## DO THESE THINGS.

Do you know of a brother who is sick? If so, endeavor to call on him and see if he requires anything. This is a part of your work as well as that of the relief committee.

Do you know of a brother who is in distress? If you do, and it is in your power, do what you can to allay his suffering.

Do you know of a brother who is out of work? If so, and you can place him in a position, do it; or do what you can to assist him to procure work.

It is by doing these things, brothers, that the Order has gained the standard it has, and as long as they are continued so long will the flag of true Oddfellowship be seen upon our ramparts.