

### ROYAL TEMPLARS.

The Royal Templars' Hall, of Collingwood, was packed on Sabbath to hear an address from Rev. J. M. McIntyre. Mr. Spencer, the S. C., made an earnest appeal for the people to unite for prohibition, after which Mr. McIntyre gave a powerful address on reform for time and eternity. These meetings are held every two weeks by the R. S. society, and have done a large amount of good in spreading the prohibition sentiment.

"A new lodge of the Royal Templars of Temperance, under the name of 'Parry Sound Select Council,' No. 113, was organized last Tuesday evening, with a membership of thirty-six, by Provincial Organizer Patterson. The following are the officers appointed:—S. C., V. Switzer; V. C., C. L. White; P. C., S. Armstrong; Chaplain, Rev. R. Clark; R. S., H. P. Switzer; F. S., J. Galna; Treas., A. L. Holmes; H., W. McKinley; D. H., Mrs. Switzer; G., F. Watts; S., R. Spring."—*Parry Sound North Star*.

The news from the organizing field in Ontario is very encouraging. Bro. P. M. Pattison has been doing wonders, as usual, north of Toronto, and Rev. Bro. B. B. Keefer in the west, from Goderich, Sarnia, to Clinton, Seaforth, and Wingham, is making good work. The Subordinate Council work is making rapid progress, but the above-named brethren do very little, if any of it. Their labors are chiefly confined to the formation of Select Councils, and right well they do it.—*R. T. Advocate*.

The Select Councils at Millbrook, Galt, Niagara Falls, Rockwood, Port Perry and Fonthill have organized the Primary Degree or Subordinate Council in connection with the Select in each of these places.

### GOOD TEMPLARS.

A lodge was organized by Bro. Rodden, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Nobleton, County of York, on the 21st inst. There were twenty-four charter members enrolled, and a number moved to come in next meeting. A large party of brethren from Woodbridge (10 miles distant) attended and assisted in the ceremonies, amongst them were Bro. G. J. Fanner, Dist. Deputy, and Bro. Hollingshead, Lodge Deputy. The Lodge is to be called Excelsior, and it will meet on Tuesday evenings. The following are the officers elect: John Beasley, Lodge Deputy and W.C.; John Williams, P.W.C.T.; Robt. White, W. C. T.; Flora Snider, W.V.T., George W. Hambly, W.S.; Mary Crossley, W.A.S.; H. McMullen, W.F.S.; Lillie Crossley, W. T.; Jacob Gould, W. M.; Carrie White, W. D. M.; J. H. Micks, W. O. G.; Ella Hambley, W. I. G.; Mrs. Nancy Gould, W. R. S.; Maggie J. Gould, W. S. S. Thamesford Lodge, County of Oxford, recently changed its night of meeting from Monday to Thursday to enable members of Ingersoll Lodge to visit it without interfering with their night, which is Monday.

ANOTHER NEW LODGE.—About two weeks ago "Peninsula" Lodge was instituted in the city of St. Catharines with twenty-four charter members, by Bro. T. W. Casey, G. W. S. The new lodge is composed of excellent material, being all active and intelligent young people. There are good prospects that the number of members will be doubled in a few weeks. The officers elected and installed are:—W. C. T., Wm. C. Steele; W. V., Miss Bessie Weaver; W. S., Wm. Kerr; W. T., Miss Senkler; W. F. S., Bro. Black; W. M., Bro. Kay; W. I. G., Miss D. Hennegan; O. G., Thomas Johnson; W. C., Bro. Silverpiper; Lodge Deputy, Charles Robinson. Night of meeting, Monday. The new lodge is largely the result of the active efforts of Bro. Steele and some others, formerly members of the Order in other localities.—*Truth*.

### Intemperance News.

TERRIBLE DEATH.—We are informed that an old man named McMaster, living near Clarksburg village, came to a terrible end a few days ago. It appears he had been drinking pretty freely at the Parsley Hotel, Clarksburg, when he left to make his way home as best he could. The night was intensely cold, and the unfortunate man was poorly clad. He succeeded in making his way to within about ten rods of his own door, having crawled a good part of the way on his hands and knees. When within this distance (about ten rods) of his home, his strength evidently gave way, and death claimed him as its victim. Next morning he was found dead—a victim to that curse of all curses, strong drink.—*Advance*.

Another instance of the degradation to which drunkenness brings human beings is strongly presented in the case of the man Edgar, who was sentenced at the recent Wentworth assizes to five years in the Kingston penitentiary, for causing the death of his wife. The aged couple led a miserable existence of quarreling and debauching. It was the custom of the man to put the woman out of the house with cruel blows when both were under the fell influence of liquor. On the last occasion he had shoved her from the door, she had taken refuge in the back yard, where she was found in a bad condition, and soon after died from the exposure. Of course neither knew what they were doing while brutalized by intoxication. But they are responsible for the many acts by which they fastened the demon love of drink upon themselves, the habit that clung to them until their three score years were passed. Young men and women who would avoid a disgraceful old age should ensure a peaceful and happy one, by making sobriety their motto and joining now the great army of total abstainers whose presence gladdens and brightens all our land.

The three following items appeared in one issue of the *Toronto Evening News*:—

An elderly thief named Joseph Smith pleaded guilty before the Magistrate to-day of having stolen a copper boiler from Wm. Williams, which he was trying to dispose of at a second-hand store when arrested. He pleaded that whisky caused his downfall, but a previous conviction showed that he had stolen a feather bed, and he was sent to jail for two months. At one time Smith was a respected member of society and owned about \$15,000 worth of property, but he squandered it all for whisky.

Yesterday afternoon two young men, evidently under the influence of whisky, were driving along Queen street in a cutter, and when opposite Denison avenue were both thrown out. One of them, named Arthur Hartmann, alighted on his head, and when picked up by a policeman was unconscious. He was taken into a hotel close by, where Dr. Ogden succeeded in bringing him to his senses. The doctor put four stitches in an ugly scalp wound. The horse dashed westward on the north sidewalk, and after colliding with a verandah near Bathurst street and smashing the vehicle to atoms, knocked down a lady and child on Bathurst street, neither of whom were seriously hurt.

On Saturday a serious fight took place in a disreputable house on Albert street, in which a dry goods' clerk, named Albert Henry, received a stab in the arm and another in the side, and another young man, named Wheeler, had a portion of one of his ears chewed off. It appears that about half-past ten o'clock Henry and Wheeler, with three other men, all of whom were intoxicated, visited the house and commenced to play cards for the beer. The landlady served them with four bottles, and upon demanding payment a dispute occurred, which resulted in a free fight, in which some one in the crowd grabbed a corkscrew and stabbed Henry as above stated, the wounds happily not proving serious. Wheeler was knocked down with a spittoon, and while prostrate had a portion of his left ear bitten off, the piece being left dangling by the skin. It is about time the police were renewing their raids on these disreputable dens.

James Terry formerly a brewer of Uxbridge, but latterly of dissipated habits, was recently found dead in his bed. It is supposed that the joint effects of heavy dissipation and the neglect of a wound he received in his head by falling on an axe were the causes of death.

ASHAMED OF HIM.—A lady has just given \$6,000 to the temperance cause, who a few years ago was told by her husband that as temperance was being agitated in their State, Virginia, he thought he would sign the pledge to help the cause. With great pride she said, "I would be ashamed of a husband who would thus surrender his personal liberty." One year from that time he died of delirium tremens, and her sons learning to drink at their mother's table have both died drunkards.—*Congregational*.

A London temperance lecturer gave recently some curious statistics in regard to the amount expended in intoxicating liquor. He estimated the annual average thus spent in the last ten years at £144,000,000. This gives an expenditure of £12,000,000 every month, of £3,000,000 every week, and £5 every second, night and day. There are 3,508,480 letters in the Bible, and if 41 sovereigns were placed on every letter, this would represent the annual expenditure.