

OUR LODGES.

MODEL LODGE NO. 57.

H. White, Reporter:—

Nine initiations during the last three sessions is our latest record, and while we are glad to receive additions to our membership, we should not count so much upon the mere fact of recent numerical increase, as upon those who have joined and stay with us—the tried and proven ones. Of these we have a goodly proportion.

"I love new friends; but still give me
The dear, dear friends of old."

We are hoping shortly to receive a visit from Sister Harris again. Possibly she may infuse a little more "backbone" into us, and enable us by example rather than precept, to dissuade those of our friends who have not yet got out of the rut, to cease working for the whisky-mongers. When Sister Harris was last here, we had a very crowded schoolroom, and though the entire audience was not in perfect accord with her views, she obtained a most attentive hearing, and we hope may give more serious and sympathetic thought to the subject under consideration.

NICOLA LAKE LODGE NO. 20.

A member:—

The members of the above lodge had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Anna Harris lecture on five different occasions in the Nicola Valley, at three points, while here from Nov. 10th to 13th.

The lecturer is a lady who possesses the "feminine gift of ready speech," and this, together with the earnestness of her advocacy in the praiseworthy cause, made her address interesting.

The first meeting was held on the 10th inst., in the hall of the "infant city of Nicola." The chairman of the assembly was Bro. Gillie, C. T., who introduced the lecturer in a few appropriate remarks. After the devotional exercises two Gospel Hymns were sung, Miss Grace Douglas presiding at the organ in her usual acceptable manner.

Sister Harris began her lecture by graphically depicting the baneful effects of the liquor traffic in this fair Dominion and also in the neighboring Republic. The modern saloon was, she maintained, etymologically, a startling misnomer, for it has degenerated from the French parlor to a place of infamy where men are alike robbed of character and money. The liquor dealer is a non-productive laborer; the results of his work are poverty, misery, sin, death. Sister Harris, in her five speeches on the behalf of the temperance cause in the Nicola Valley, based her reasoning

on the authority of the Scriptures, and her description of the ideal home was touching and sympathetic. Her motto was "total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the state." The lecturer was greeted by large and attentive audiences who cheerfully gave their shekels "to supply the sinews of war." The friends of the temperance cause in this community were favorably impressed by the convincing words of Sister Harris and we trust that the "good seed has fallen on some good soil and that it will bring forth fruit a hundredfold." The appointments were all previously arranged by Bro. Carrington.

The temperance people will be glad to welcome Sister Harris again in the Nicola Valley.

NEW ERA LODGE NO. 14.

R. J. T., Reporter:—

In my last letter to the B. C. Good Templar I mentioned the name of Sis. Irving as Chief Templar for the ensuing quarter, but for reasons which the Lodge deemed sufficient her resignation was accepted, and Bro. A. L. Clements, who, with his wife, a prominent member of our Order, have returned from their visit to the World's Fair, was elected by a unanimous vote of the Lodge to fill the office.

The members of our Lodge who have taken up the Good Templar course of study, are in receipt of the examination papers, and from a slight glance at their contents and the questions touching upon topics which every Good Templar should be thoroughly acquainted, your correspondent is convinced of the necessity of taking it up and considering the exceedingly low price for the necessary books, papers, etc, no member should delay in getting them.

MATSQUI LODGE NO. 22.

J. A. Gillis, Reporter:—

Following are a few notes from Matsqui Lodge, which you will please insert in the Templar.

Our Lodge has been progressing very favorably lately, but we hope to be able to report better work in the near future.

Quite a number have joined us lately, and strengthened the order very much.

It is gratifying to see the young boys and girls unite themselves with us.

The following officers have been elected for the current quarter:—C. T., Bro. J. D. Gillis; V. T., Sis. J. MacLean; Chap., Rev. Bro. J. W. Winslow; Fin.-Sec., Bro. A. DesBrisay; Treas., Bro. J. P. Cade; Sec., Bro. J. Fred Tupper; Asst.-Sec., Sis. Cora Tingley; Marshal, Bro. Geo. Wilband; Dept.-Marshal, Sis. C. J. Munro; S. J. T., Sis. Hall; Guard,

Bro. Geo. Cade; Sent., Bro. John T. Thompson; P. C. T., Wm. M. Murray. Lodge Deputy, Rev. Bro. J. W. Winslow.

CHEMAINUS LODGE NO. 40.

R. G. Wilson, Reporter:—

Noble Templars! in work sublime,
Swell high to Heaven the tuneful zeal;
And grasping this auspicious time,
Hail! Prohibition; Hail!

Our Lodge is progressing favorably of late; two candidates were initiated last meeting; more expected next.

Mr. Davis gave a strong lecture here, on the 14th; a more eloquent speaker on the question of prohibition would be hard to find. It has been arranged that hereafter four members shall fortnightly give a lecture on temperance or some other subject relating to it. Our responding officers are: C. T., Bro. Conway; V. T., Sis. Conway; P. C. T., Bro. Pierson, Chap. Sis. Porter; Sec., A. Porter.

SAANICH LODGE NO. 30.

A. E. Gale, Reporter:—

Our Lodge is still in the march of progress. On the 14th Nov. we paid a visit to Perseverance Lodge No. 1, Victoria, and had a very enjoyable time. Our social on the 23d was a decided success socially. The principal items on the programme were furnished by the Victoria West Dramatic Club and the Victoria Thespian Club, who were enthusiastically applauded. Our C. T. is A. Stewart and Sister Edith Oates is Sec.

JUBILEE TEMPLE NO. 1.

G. H. M., Reporter:—

As I suppose you are always pleased to hear of the onward march of temperance, permit a few lines. Notwithstanding some difficulties, our Temple is still alive. At our last meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: Supt., Miss A. Latham; C. T., Emily Gardiner; V. T., Bertha Scott; P. C. T., Chas. Latham; Chap., Miss Annie Gilley; F. S., Maude Pierce; Treas., Ethel Gardiner; Sec., Gracie Marshall; A. S., Fred. Calbick; M., I. Marshall; D. M., Charles Bryson; G., James Kennedy; Sent., Norman Davis.

We have at present 45 members in good standing and have initiations at every meeting. We are hopeful of success in the future, and our hope is based upon an individual determination for work; and a spirit of harmony, which I am pleased to say, prevails in our meetings. I would also gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the Dominion Lodge, for favors granted, and their choice of our superintendent is proof of their wisdom. We feel confident of success while our Temple is under Miss Annie Latham's direction. Hope to furnish items anon.