

presented it was shown that two lodges had been reorganized in the county, and that a number of other reorganizations would be reported at next meeting, which takes place at Newmarket in May next. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a picnic at some central place during the summer.

The annual reunion of the various city lodges of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held in Shaftesbury hall last evening. There was a good attendance, a number of representatives from the lodges in the county being among those present. After an excellent tea had been served, Mr. F. S. Spence, city deputy, took the chair, and delivered a short address setting forth the work which had been accomplished by the order in the city and county. Mr. W. C. Wilkinson, Rev. Mr. McCallum, and other members of the order made short addresses. A musical and literary programme was then successfully carried out, an interesting feature of which was the playing of musical selections on bells by four members of the order.—*Mail*.

A very successful meeting was held in Parkdale Town Hall, on last Monday evening on the occasion of a visit and lecture from Bro. F. S. Spence, the district deputy. Bro. King occupied the chair, and an interesting programme was gone through. The Deputy's instructive address was warmly appreciated.

A Juvenile Temple was organized on the 25th ult. at the Riverside Baptist Church, Kingston Road. It will be known as the Hope of the East.

SWITZERLAND.—Good Templary was introduced in Switzerland under the auspices of the English Grand Lodge. A report to that body says: "We have made it a rule to accompany and conduct to their homes all the drunkards who lie helpless in the streets. Then we never leave them without giving them some tracts and subsequently we visit them. We have acquired some good members in that way. As the townsfolk often see drunkards between blue ribbon men, they begin to call us 'ambulancier' (field hospital men.) We are proud of the title.—*Western Wave*.

The following items are from the R.W.G.L. official Circular:—

IOWA.—Our Order is making some progress, and at our next Grand Lodge we will show an increase in lodge membership. During the campaign preceding the submission of the prohibitory amendment to our constitution, our Order practically ceased all work looking to the growth of the Order, and expended all its force in securing its adoption by the people. When the amendment was declared adopted a feeling seemed to pervade the Order that our work was done. The result was that our last Grand Lodge showed some loss. We are now making special efforts in two directions—one to revive dead lodges, and the other to secure statutory prohibition through our next legislature. The Republicans have a majority, elected upon a platform pledging them to give us laws absolutely prohibiting the sale of anything as a beverage which can intoxicate. As that party in the past has redeemed every pledge given, we have every confidence it will redeem this. Before the winter ends we hope to make glad the hearts of the temperance people of all the world by sending them word that Iowa has written on her statute books, *Absolute Prohibition*.—*W. F. Conrad, G. W. C. T.*

KANSAS.—Our last session of Grand Lodge provided for mutual benefit life insurance in connection, with a view to supply a long-felt want in that direction. The Order is not as strong numerically as formerly, but for the most part the lodges are in good working order, and are laboring to make prohibition a complete success in this state. The strongholds of rum are giving way, and violators of prohibitory law are being vigorously prosecuted, and at present rates will soon be driven from the state.—*James Grimes, G. W. C. T.*

KENTUCKY.—We are going to make a strong fight all along the line in Kentucky this year. We will attack King Alcohol in his strongholds. We intend to send out the best lecturers we can procure over the entire state, and drum up all the recruits we can get to fight in this war against the enemy of our homes. On the 4th of next July we propose to have temperance picnics in all the large towns, and invite distinguished speakers from other states to address the people. We intend this winter to petition our legislature to have taught in our common schools the effects of alcohol. We also wish to get an act passed allowing the people to vote by counties upon "Local Option," as a stepping stone to prohibition. I, as physician to the Kentucky Penitentiary, do not use alcohol as a medicine, with the best results, as the records of the prison will show.—*Daniel Gober, G. W. C. T.*

## SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

We regret that in recently reporting the election of Grand Division officers we omitted the name of Bro. Thos. Webster, of Paris, who was unanimously re-elected Grand Worthy Scribe of the Ontario Grand Division. Bro. Webster is a widely known and respected worker in our cause, and one of the most useful members of our Order. The Grand Division is meeting with great success under his judicious and energetic supervision.

The following items are taken from our esteemed cotemporary, the *American Reformer*:—

At last advices nine Divisions had been organized in Maine since last October, and the work was progressing.

Two new Divisions have recently been organized in the District of Columbia, and two or three more are expected soon.

Between January 1st and February 16th, twenty-two Divisions were added to the roll of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.

Up to February 11th eighteen new Divisions had been organized in New Hampshire since the last annual session of the Grand Division of that State.

Prof. W. F. McCarron has recently organized four Divisions in Georgia, and hopes to reorganize the Grand Division of that State about the middle of March.

Most Worthy Patriarch Jewell is now on a Southern tour looking after the interests of the Order. He is to have an informal reception in Washington, March first.

Forty-one deaths is the aggregate of members of the National Division have been reported at the last five annual sessions of that body. The youngest was thirty-five years of age, the oldest 92, and the average at death was over 66.

A member of the Grand Division of Quebec writes: "We are now on the move in the right direction. We have recently organized one new Division, and reorganized two." The officers expect, before the session of the National Division, to report several more Divisions with a largely increased membership.

At the organization of Triumph Division at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, last month, Most Worthy Patriarch Benj. R. Jewell, as reported in *The Monitor*, "made some very appropriate remarks, advising them to grow slowly, get in workers, not idlers. We want men and women who will make the Order strong. Find out what their object is in sending in their names. If for idle curiosity, or to sit in the Division room and laugh and giggle, you don't want them."

In Ohio, where the Order lost ground during the absorbing political temperance campaign last fall, it is coming up again under the personal supervision of the energetic P. M. W. P., E. J. Morris, who is also Grand Scribe. He has the State divided into ten districts, and has received organizers for five of them. Good results are anticipated.

In Indiana the floods have again done much damage to the Order, the Divisions being located near the Ohio River. The State is again in charge of Past Most Worthy Patriarch Morris, and systematic work has been commenced farther inland. Mrs. A. T. Andrews, of Minnesota, is there and other workers are about commencing.

The late Rev. J. Edson Rockwell, D.D., of Staten Island, formerly of Brooklyn, in a public address said: "The more I learn of the workings of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, the more I am convinced of its soundness and assured of its ultimate success. Its sole tendency is to elevate man, and while it does not offer itself as a substitute for religion, it points toward it, and inclines its members to respect and venerate its institutions, and to seek after the mysteries there revealed. There is not an object aimed at, not a ceremony performed, on which we cannot ask the blessing of God."

Daniel Gober, M.D., Physician to the Kentucky Penitentiary, is the G. W. C. T. for that State. He reports that arrangements are making for "a strong fight all along the line" this year. The Legislature is to be petitioned to direct that text-books on alcohol be placed in the common schools, also to pass a county "Local Option" bill as a "stepping-stone to Prohibition." Next 4th of July, Temperance pic-nics will be held all over the State, to be addressed by the most distinguished speakers of the country. The Doctor adds: "I, as physician to the penitentiary, do not use alcohol as a medicine, with the best results, as the records of the prison will show."