

VIRTUE VICTORIOUS.

I watch the circle of the eternal years,
And read forever in the storied page
One lengthened roll of blood, and wrong, and tears,
One onward step of truth from age to age.

The poor are crushed; the tyrants link their chain,
The poet sighs through narrow dungeon grates;
Man's hope lies quenched—but, lo! with steadfast gain,
Freedom doth forge her mail of adverse fates.

Men slay the prophets; fagot, rack and cross
Make up the groaning record of the past;
But evil's triumphs are her endless loss,
And sovereign beauty wins the soul at last.
—James Russell Lowell.

Intemperance News.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

A lodge was organized on Thursday last, the 9th inst., at Churchville, by Bro. W. H. Rodden, special organizer for the Grand Lodge of Canada. The lodge will be known as Polar Star Lodge No. 620. After the organization and initiatory ceremonies the election and installation of officers took place. The W. C. T. is Bro. H. Baskerville, Bro. Butler Wilson, L. D.

In Brampton, on the 11th inst., a lodge was organized by the same brother. It is to be known as "Hope of Brampton." It meets on Thursday evenings in the Hall over Messrs. Rice & Chappel's Book & Fancy Store. The prospects of this institution are very good. It commenced with about twenty-five charter-members. The principal officers are as follows: J. P. Rice, W. C. T.; Levila Snell, W. V. T.; Thos. H. Dickin, W. Sec'y; Mary J. Lundy, W. Treas.; W. H. Campbell, P. W. C. T.; John Reynolds, L. D.

An interesting event occurred in Toronto last week, in the marriage of Sister Jackman and Bro. A. R. Scobie, both of Albion Lodge. Sister Jackman has long been a busy Good Templar, and her father, Bro. H. Jackman is one of the best known and active workers in the Order. Bro. Scobie is the energetic secretary of the Toronto District. We wish the young couple great happiness and prosperity.

The Grand Lodge of Maine opened its 26th Semi-annual session at Oakland yesterday.

D. W. Hooker, G. W. Sec. of New York Grand Lodge, reports a net gain during the last G. L. year of 1,633 members. The present membership of New York G. L. is 27,163.

The Oregon Grand Lodge report shows an increase in the last Grand Lodge year of 36 lodges and 1362 members. Its total membership is 4480 in 104 lodges.

Minnesota Grand Lodge report shows an increase of 47 lodges and 2091 members during the last Grand Lodge year. Present number of lodges 140, with 5,875 members.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee met at Nashville in the early part of the present week. Reports of proceedings have not yet reached us.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has closed a most interesting and profitable session. A gain was reported for the Grand Lodge year of 76 lodges and 3,078 members.

We clip the following items from the R. W. G. L. OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, which has just been received and is full of encouragement and interest.

A letter from Dr. Lees informs us that between eight hundred and one thousand of the military and naval members of the seceding order came over last month to the loyal Grand Lodge of England *en masse*.

Consul General, C. O. Berg, of Stockholm, has been chosen Worthy Grand Templar of the Worthy Grand Lodge of Scandinavia. He is a man of ability and standing in Sweden, and our brethren there are to be congratulated upon securing his services for this important position.

A Good Templar Lodge has recently been instituted upon the gold coast of Africa, and a Deputy has been commissioned to institute Lodges there on behalf of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The outposts of our Order have been still further extended since the publication of the last official circular, by the institution of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, at Hadersleben, Germany, by Herr Ferdinand De Rew, with fourteen charter members.

The R. W. G. Secretary is glad to announce that up to this date twenty-one Grand Lodges have paid the quarterly mission fund tax, and that the smallest Grand Lodge in the World—the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia—was the first Grand Lodge to lead off in paying its assessment.

A charter has been issued for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and the said Grand Lodge will be instituted during the present week at Winnipeg, by the Hon. J. W. Sifton, of Brandon. The order in Manitoba and the North-West Territory now numbers thirteen subordinate Lodges, with about fifteen hundred members, and with the present large immigration to its jurisdiction, will doubtless soon rank among the strongest Grand Lodges in the Dominion.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

THE ORDER IN ONTARIO is now rapidly spreading and strengthening. The present year will have a record of marked prosperity and increase.

THE *South Simcoe News* reports that Bradford Division has a membership of 120, and in this respect stands nearly at the head of the list in the country. It is endeavoring to gain the first place.

THE *Whig* of Kingston gives an extensive report of an able lecture recently delivered in that city by Bro. T. McMurray, D. G. W. P.

THE GRAND DIVISION OF NEW BRUNSWICK commenced its annual session in the Division Room, Market Building, St. John, on Tuesday evening, 2nd inst. Quite a large number of representatives were present from different parts of the Province. Bro. Jewell, Most Worthy Patriarch, was also present. The report of the G. W. P. and G. S. showed an increase of over 25 per cent. The membership is about 3,000, and the prospects for a large increase during the present year are good. The following are the officers elect for the current year.

G. W. P.—Robt. Wills Gurney, No. 5
G. W. A.—W. W. Graham, Wilberforce, No. 3.
G. Scribe—S. B. Patterson, Gurney, No. 5.
G. T.—H. H. Pitts, Landsdowne, No. 257.
G. Chap.—Rev. Job Shenton, Gurney, No. 5.
G. Con.—Wm. Anslow, Newcastle, No. 45.
G. S.—Z. O. Wilson, Johnson, No. 62.

A public meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the Congregational Church, at which Most Worthy Patriarch Jewell, Sir Leonard Tilley and other prominent temperance workers delivered addresses.

We congratulate our Brethren in New Brunswick on their success during the past year, and we trust their expectations for the present year will be more than realized.—*Watchman*.

THE Grand Division of Western New York will meet in Annual Session at Fulton, Oswego County, on Tuesday, October 23, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GENERAL.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Dominion Alliance will be opened at Halifax on the 30th inst.

TEMPERANCE HOTELS.—The Ormstown (Quebec) *Courier* of last week contains advertisements of two new temperance hotels opened on the new line of railway now being opened up in that locality. "The Dominion Alliance Hotel" is announced as a first-class temperance hotel at Ormstown station. We hope it is the intention to have such a house at every station along the line.—*Watchman*.

The Women's Christian Temperance Unions of Quebec Province are meeting at Montreal this week for the purpose of organizing a Provincial Union.

A Blue Ribbon Society is about to be organized in Rat Portage, N. W. T. That of Winnipeg is accomplishing good work.

A convention for the purpose of organizing a State W. C. T. U. is being held in Richmond, Virginia, during the present week.

At a recent W. C. T. U. meeting at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., figures were read showing the use of unfermented wine in some of the counties of that State, as follows: Allegany County, 60 churches; Chautauqua, all the churches; Cayuga, 6 churches; Livingston, all the Protestant churches; Onondaga, 61 churches. The Union will devote increased attention to this important matter during the year of work upon which it has just entered.

The town of Stonington, Connecticut, at its annual meeting for election, Oct. 1st, voted no license by a majority of 142.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, speaking of the "Home Protection Law," of Arkansas, says: "It has given to the travelling public, among other things, a line of railroad, one hundred and sixty-five miles long, along which not a drop of intoxicating liquor can be procured."

A gentleman writing from Wellington, in Kansas, says: "We caught a man last week selling whisky on the sly, and fined him \$600, besides costs, which were nearly \$100 more, and sent the gent to jail for six months besides." Probably he sits up nights in his cell to sum up Prohibition as a failure.