

Temperance Items.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

Edgely, Lodge in the 5 Con. Vaughan, County of York, was successfully re-organized on Saturday the 29th inst., by Bro. G. J. Fanner, C. D., York, assisted by Bros. Blake, Stewart, Longhouse, P. Farmer, Mason and Hodges, Sisters Forbes, Wilson, C. and F. Taur, Stewart, Craig, Rawe, and some 30 members of Woodbridge Temple. This promises to be one of the best and strongest temples in the County, being composed principally of good, sound, and old Temperance workers. The officers elect are:—Bro. H. Brown, W.C.T.; Bro. Ephraim Whitmore, P.W.C.T.; Bro. Thomas Kaiser, W.S.; Bro. Franklin Whitmore, F.S.; Bro. John Burkholder, W.M.; Bro. John Kaiser, W.C.; Bro. Alfred Kaiser, W.O.G.; Bro. Ephraim Whitmore, L. D. Edgeley P.O., York. Night of meeting, Monday.

We learn from our American exchanges that in six weeks in the State of Colorado, Col. J. J. Hickman has organized 14 lodges of Good Templars, with 742 charter members.

The following encouraging items are taken from the *Official Circular* of the R. W. G. L.:—

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 G. L. of England *en masse*.

Consul General, C. O. Berg, of Stockholm, has been chosen W.G.T. 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 mission.

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

Artillery Star of Hope Lodge, No. 5, composed of British soldiers, and located at Newcastle, Jamaica, was unfortunate enough in August, 1880, to have its Lodge room destroyed by a cyclone. The members pitched up a temporary one, however, with sticks and grass, which did service until the present year, when a new Lodge room forty-eight feet long by sixteen feet wide was erected, the members furnishing the labor, and the Lodge Deputy superintending the work. This Lodge also owns a good library, which is open every evening, and serves coffee, tea, and similar light refreshments, and claims to be the best Military Lodge of any in the British colonies.

Bro. Walter S. Crawford, of New Orleans, whom all that were present at the Chicago session will so pleasantly remember, is doing good service for the Order among the colored people of Louisiana. Four colored Lodges are now at work under his watchful care, and others are in prospect, and will be instituted before long. In the institution of Lodge No. 4, in the city of New Orleans, Bro. James A. Machray was mainly instrumental, and divides the honors. A dual Grand Lodge for Louisiana will be the outcome of this good work.

ROYAL TEMPLARS.

We learn from the *West Durham News* that Mr. S. F. Hill has returned home from a very successful trip in the west, organizing Councils of Royal Templars of Temperance. New councils have been organized at Parry Sound, Thornbury, Collingwood, Bradford, Barrie, Stayner, and Beeton, the last named council being No. 115. The order is fast gaining ground, and is bound to go ahead.

An official circular recently issued contains the following interesting items:

Encouraging reports are coming in from all points. Rev. B. B. Keefer has instituted select councils during the past week at Goderich, Blythe and Belmore, and has others under organization. The primary department is growing rapidly, new councils are being instituted throughout the different provinces, and a number of U. T. A. lodges that have been dormant for some time are being re-organized as primary councils of the R. T. of T.

The Supreme Council, at a special session, held in the city of Buffalo, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 11th and 12th December, decided, in response to a request from the Grand Council of Ontario, to ask the select Councils to vote on the subject of Independent Beneficiary Jurisdiction.

At a late meeting of the Ontario Grand Council Executive

Committee, it was decided to allow any male member of the Order to become a member of the Sick Benefit Department, according to the rules governing the same.

The second annual session of the Grand Council of Ontario will be held at the city of Hamilton, commencing Tuesday, February 12th, 1884.

GENERAL.

We clip the following from the *Globe's* report of the recent Trades Congress in Toronto:

THE SUPPRESSION OF INTEMPERANCE.

Mr. GARSON moved—"That in the opinion of this Congress the evils of intemperance are clearly manifest in their effects in all phases of society; be it therefore resolved, that any practical legislation tending to reduce the consumption of intoxicating liquor will meet with the hearty approval of this Congress."

Mr. REID seconded the resolution, and a number of the delegates dwelt strongly upon the evils of drunkenness.

Mr. CAREY believed they all knew that whisky was the cause of ruining all those who had been ruined. They all had mothers and sisters, and a great many of them also had wives and children; and while the resolution might not be of advantage to men themselves, it would be of much good to their children. Whisky was the cause of a great number of arrests. He believed that all men who voted against the resolution were voting against their own interest and the interests of their families.

Mr. THOMAS MOOR thought they should do all they could to reform any of their own class whom they knew to be victims of intemperance.

Mr. CARTER thought there was no use in hiding the fault, as the more they exposed the evils they had to contend against the more assistance they would receive.

The resolution was adopted.

A branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was organized at Christ Church, Deer Park, on Tuesday, the 11th ult. Thirty-five persons enrolled themselves as members of the Society. A very telling address was made on the occasion by Rev. S. McCarroll, of Grace Church, Mr. Merser, the Secretary of the Diocesan Branch, also made some useful and suggestive remarks.

The question of teaching temperance in our common schools is gradually forcing itself into prominence in Canada. In Toronto last week a deputation composed of Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. McMillan, representing the Toronto Women's Christian Temperance Union, waited upon the Public School Board, and presented a petition with 534 signatures, asking that some temperance text-book be introduced for study into the public schools of the city. The text-books recommended were Dr. Richardson's "Text-book on Temperance," "Alcohol and Hygiene," by Miss Coleman, and "Temperance Text-book," by G. D. Platt, of Picton, Ont. Mr. McMurrich, of the Board, said that only one of these books was authorized. The petition was referred to the school management Committee, and the deputation withdrew. It would be well if temperance people all over the country would urge upon school boards the importance of this matter with a view to having the children of the Dominion taught the curse of alcohol and the blessing resulting from abstinence.—*Casket*.

The West End Christian Temperance Society held its half-yearly election on Thursday evening, when the Secretary read his report, showing an increase to their ranks of 251, making a grand total of 8,686 since the organization of the Society. Afterwards the following officers were elected: President, Bro. A. Farley; 1st Vice-President, Pro. F. Ward; 2nd Vice-President, Bro. Munns; 3rd Vice-President, Bro. Thomas McMurray; Secretary, Bro. Geo. Ward, Assistant Secretary, Bro. John Bradford; Financial Secretary, Bro. Constable; Treasurer, Bro. J. Emery; Chaplain, Bro. Wm. Bird. The following brethren and sisters were appointed members of the Executive:—Prof. Jones, J. McDonald, J. Motherson, W. Harris, J. Cummins, W. Huntington, F. Butt, W. Jones, Geo. Lush, Chapman, W. Higgins, J. Ketty, J. Millar, G. Lawrance, J. Hanna, W. Harley, J. Mooring, J. I. Sherwood, J. Richardson, J. Greer, Make, E. H. Mager, J. Menzie Sisters Farley, F. Ward, Chapman, Constable, Kelly, Tompkins, Millar, G. Ward, Higgins, Richardson, Sherwood, Bradford, Miss A. Noble, Miss F. Richard-