

KINGSEY FALLS LODGE NO. 23.

DEAR EDITOR "QUEBEC GOOD TEMPLAR,—Silence has brooded over the domain of Kingsey Falls Lodge for too long a time in so far as letting the fraternity know of our life and doings. The fault does not belong to Sister K. Bradley our official Lodge Correspondent but to the writer, as Sister B. had to be absent about 3 months at the work of teaching school in another township, and during this period yours unfaithfully in many directions was to attend to the Lodge reports, and this is the how of the silence. Well our Lodge continues in healthy condition and has had a number of pleasant events connected with, and independent of the regular Lodge meetings.

A very pleasant Sugar Social formed one of the variations; there was no money in it for the good of the Order but there was a good sweet taste about it somewhere that was much enjoyed in disposing of. Some one thought that Good Templars would likely *drink* if only salt could be conveyed to their stomachs and so this someone, somebody or persons placed a layer of salt over the surface of the snug pans of snow that was prepared and left in the lower hall until required to receive the melted sugar. Well Mr. Editor it would have done you good to have witness the sagacity of the Sister Templars in discovering that little trick. Here is another point to emphasize the advisability and rightness of extending the franchise to the Sisters—when a thing is found to be wrong, they immediately get at the work of putting it right. Don't we men folks know that when we get an order from the women to do something, that that something has to be done, and right off? Perhaps the necessity for their aid at the polls would not be so great if men did not have the privilege of voting in secret.

Closeted away from sight, man be-

comes stubborn and votes as he pleases and the women have no way of finding out how their men vote. Do you know I begin to think that the secret system must have originated with a liquor manufacturer or a rum-seller. I would like to get information upon this subject. But I must return to Lodge affairs. During the winter our Hall has had some needed improvements, floor painted, the ceiling whitened and a width of bright carpeting placed lengthwise of the Hall. These little attentions have very much improved the general appearance of the interior.

Some time ago a very profitable and instructive debate was held upon the subject: Is ambition a virtue or a vice? Plenty of scope in this theme—arguments showing it to be a vice preponderated and thus it was decided.

A public entertainment is to occur to night under the auspices of our Lodge; the weather is fine and we hope for a good attendance. You will no doubt get a report of this next month.

Yours fraternally,  
April 26th, 1892. S. H. H.

TOURMALINE, NO. 128.

To the Editor Q. G. T.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is some time now since "Tourmaline" was heard from through your columns. So it might be no harm to send on a few lines for May issue to let our friends know that we are still at work. We cannot boast of a great increase in members. Yet I think our attendance is as good as most other Lodges can show, by about 60 per cent of our membership. We have had some peculiar difficulties to contend with, as, we suppose, has every other Lodge. But there is an old saying that "patience and perseverance will wear away a stone." So possibly if we have patience and persevere, we will