

that no advantage is to be secured to St. Thomas at the expense of the county, otherwise the cause is lost, and all this fuss will amount to nothing, except the disturbance of the present condition of things without doing any good.—*Aylmer Express*:

### Good Templar Department.

#### "OUR LODGE HAS GONE DOWN."

There is no necessity for any Lodge to "go down" or surrender its Charter, provided the members do their duty.

We often wonder what must be the feelings of those who do raise their voice or hand to vote in favor of a Lodge giving up its Charter, and thus show a willingness to cease their labors in the cause of Good Templary. Such never had the Order at heart, except by fits and starts, or they would never give their consent to such discouraging proceedings.

What if we do have some who never attend after initiation, refuse to pay their dues, and some possessed of so little honor as to disregard their pledge? What if we do occasionally find one of these croakers in our Lodge room, who are croaking continually the discouraging words, "our Lodge is going down?" Then let those, who are earnest and zealous in the cause, work the harder. Do we not, on the altar, before all the members present, most solemnly pledge ourselves to do all in our power "by all lawful means to drive intemperance from the land," and yet, when a small cloud of difficulty arises, instead of earnestly trying to overcome it, we give way to despondency, and because some one has said, "the Lodge is busted," we follow in their wake, and the Lodge is dead indeed.

And what a victory this is for the rum seller! How he rejoices when he hears your Lodge has ceased working. How he struts and swells, chuckles and laughs. "I knew it," he says, and with what gusto he relates the circumstance, while handing out the bottle to his customers, and his nimble fingers are stuffing down their hard earnings into his capacious pockets, "Ha, ha! I told you so."

God forbid that any member of our Order who reads this article should be so humiliated. Let every member make up his mind to bring in one candidate during the coming quarter. This can easily be done, and, although small to each, yet in the aggregate it is large, being nothing more nor less than the doubling of your numbers. Put your hearts in the work, your shoulders to the wheel, and your Lodge WILL prosper. Never think of letting your Lodge go down. The mere mention of such a thing is dangerous. Do not thus give way to the enemy. Meet him on his own ground, face to face; flaunt your banner high and defiantly before his eyes, and fight him inch by inch, and as an inch is gained, fortify it, and advance again, and soon you will gain complete victory over these enemies of the human soul.

May God give you strength to drive the demon to the wall, and then to throw him over.—*Hassam's Lodge Manual*.

### NEWS.

We clip the following item of interest from our correspondence and exchanges, most of them being taken from the *Canada Casket*: On Tuesday, the 8th instant, the Rev. John Shaw, P. G. W. C. T., organized a lodge at Allandale, county of Peterborough, under favorable circumstances with twenty-eight charter members. Bro. K. Mark, W. C. T.; Rev. J. Tozeland, L.D. Meets on Saturday.

The annual session of the Right Worth Grand Lodge opened in Washington on Wednesday last. Representatives present from all parts of the world. Ontario is represented by Messrs. D. Rose, Toronto; E. S. Cummer, Hamilton; Dr. Oronhyatekha, London; J. H. Flagg, Mitchell; W. S. Williams and Henry Napanee. A telegram has been received announcing that Hon. J. B. Finch has been elected Right Worthy Grand Templar.

Up to the 1st of this month thirty new lodges had been organized and twenty-one re-organized in Ontario. This is an improvement on the work of the past two or three years, and an effectual answer to the "Oh, the Order is dead" of a few soreheads and croakers.

**YORK AND TORONTO.**—The regular session of the District Lodge of York County and City of Toronto was held at Newmarket on Tuesday 13th inst. There were twenty lodges represented by about sixty delegates. The meeting was one of the most pleasant and harmonious of the kind yet held. The forenoon ses-

sion was spent in routine business, the appointment of committees and the like.

At the afternoon session the Committee on the Extension of the Order reported that two Lodges had been organized in the County since the last meeting and the work was proceeding satisfactorily. The Newmarket Templars were complimented on the tasty manner in which the Hall had been decorated for the occasion and the hearty reception they had given to the delegates. The members were urged to endeavor to impress their respective lodges with the necessity of giving the Scott Act their hearty support during the coming campaign. It was also suggested to recommend four County Deputies for the District. The report was carefully considered and adopted.

The following Brothers were recommended as County Deputies for York:—G. Munns, Glenville P. O., for North Riding; J. H. Saunderson, Richmond Hill, for East Riding; G. J. Fanner, Woodbridge, for West Riding. The election of a Deputy for Toronto was deferred for an adjourned meeting, to be held in the City in June.

The advisability of holding a grand demonstration at Newmarket on Dominion Day under the auspices of Blooming Rose Lodge was discussed. The delegates promised to support the same in their respective lodges.

During the afternoon there was an earnest discussion in regard to the Scott Act. Many of the members, whose experiences of the Dunkin Act were very disappointing, entertained doubts at first. The explanations given by Bro. F. S. Spence were very satisfactory and the general feeling of the meeting was to do all in their power to assist in its adoption, by a large majority in York County. The Lodge adjourned to meeting in Toronto in June, subject to the call of the Executive.

In the evening a large public temperance meeting was held. A procession was formed at the Temperance Hall, consisting of the Good Templars, headed by the Newmarket Brass Band, the members of the Salvation Army following. The procession marched to the Town Hall, where the meeting was held. In the absence of E. J. Davis, Esq., Warden of the County, the chair was occupied by Mr. Cane, Mayor of Newmarket. The Toronto Bell Ringers, Bros. Jackman, Morrison, Johnson and Shumshon, much enlivened the proceedings with their excellent music. Miss Carson, of Newmarket, gave a song which was much applauded, and Bro. Johnson gave a popular recitation, after which Bro. F. S. Spence gave an excellent and convincing address in behalf of the Scott Act, which received careful attention and produced very convincing results.—*Truth*.

The grand Lodge of Louisiana met at New Orleans on the 8th of April. Some progress is reported, to which it is hoped material additions will be made by P. R. W. G. T. Col. Hickman, who is now at work in that jurisdiction.

Col. T. B. Crews, of South Carolina, writes: "Good Templary is on rising ground in this state. The next report to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge will be the best one made for years. It is the same in other states in the south."

The Grand Worthy Secretary of Minnesota says: "April 1st, there were 97 lodges and 4,387 members in good standing in this jurisdiction, and if all the lodges that reported for the quarter ending Oct. 31st, would report for the last quarter we could report 108 lodges and 4,713 members, a better actual condition of affairs numerically than we have enjoyed since 1880."

The Ohio *Good Templar* of April 20th, requests contemporaries to notice that up to date the accessions to the strength of the Order had been 51 new lodges and 2,500 members. It says further, "Our losses are very trifling; we carefully nurse our old lodges as well as organize new ones. We expect to go into Grand Lodge next September 10,000 strong, clear of debt and full of fight." We are glad to be able to congratulate Ohio on its prosperity, all of which has been well earned and is richly deserved.

The Maine *Temperance Record* says: "Notwithstanding Maine is one of the three or four largest Grand Lodges in the world, and the position she holds in the ranks of the temperance workers today, and has held for two score years, yet she has never been honored by having a member of the Ex. Board of the R.W.G.L." Maine has several members, anyone of whom would very worthily represent it on the Executive of the Order, and it is only fair that they should have a chance as well as others.

We have received an interesting communication, giving the subjoined report of a new lodge that has been organized in Toronto in affiliation with the Order of which Joseph Mahns, of England, is