

## THE FAIR REBEKAHS.

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### THE REBEKAHS CELEBRATE.

Olive Branch Lodge celebrated their sixth anniversary last Wednesday evening, by holding an "At Home" in our hall; and like all entertainments undertaken by this lodge it proved a very enjoyable affair. The Committee of Management consisted of Sisters Mesdames Seels, Ryan, Smith, Dack, Pearce, Leader, Porter, Gilby, Morrison and Miss Lennox, who put forth every effort to make the occasion a successful one. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags, banners and bunting. Curtains draped the doors, producing a very pretty effect; and reflecting great credit on the labors of the committee.

The first part of the evening's entertainment consisted of a concert. Our N. G., M. Lennox, in a few well chosen words welcomed our visitors, then called upon Sister Seels, D. D. of R., to take the chair, which she very gracefully did. The programme consisted of solos and songs by the Misses Mitchell and Melia, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Barrie, and Mrs. Davis; recitations by Miss Irene Ritchie and Mr. Will Ziller; song by Mr. Douglas; and violin solo by Master Anderson, who, one and all, acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of everyone. Prof. S. Wellwood's superb orchestra furnished the music, which was all that could be desired; and those who tripped the "light fantastic" enjoyed the sweet strains to their hearts content.

In the Encampment room tables were set, where those who did not dance could enjoy a quiet game of whist, pedro, euchre, checkers and other games. During the intermission, Miss Melia, by special request, favored us with a couple of humorous songs, followed by Mrs. Davis, with a solo. In the board-room Bro. Cutter, assisted by Bro. Bailly, held full sway and dispensed refreshments without intermission from ten to two. Bro. Cutter deserves a word of praise for the tempting display provided; and knowing pretty well what critics the ladies are he endeavoured to excel himself, and he did it.

Although the entertainment was one of the best, I am sorry to say it was not

patronized as it deserved to be; and had the Committee depended entirely upon their membership for support they would have been sadly left. It is a hard matter to provide an entertainment to suit everyone. Some say, make it high-toned and charge accordingly; others say you must put it at a figure to suit the masses; and between the two it is like the old proverb of the man with too stools.

The big guns, of whom I spoke in a previous letter, were conspicuous by their absence, which bears out my contention that they are not to be relied upon, although we certainly did expect that some of them would have acknowledged our efforts by putting in an appearance. However, we still live! The only drawback to the evening was the failure of the elevator to work, causing our guests to climb four flights of stairs. This is not the first time; and I am inclined to think that, like some other things, it is not much good.

The following night (Thursday) was our regular meeting, and although there was a rather sleepy look about most of our members, there was a fair attendance. We initiated two candidates, besides transacting other business. On Thursday, 12th December, we will nominate our officers for next year; and as is usual on occasions of this kind, we anticipate an unusually large attendance. BECKY.

### GLEANED FROM EXCHANGES.

Oddfellowship is progressing in Colorado.

Oddfellowship owned, at the close of 1894, \$16,521,724.11 worth of real estate.

In Colorado the past year there has been nine deaths out of every one hundred Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellows of the Independent Order in Australasia number 18,563, holding membership in 250 lodges.

There are 315 members in the five Subordinate Odd Fellow lodges in Switzerland.

Do not be afraid to let the public know that you have a lodge of Odd Fellows in the place.

Why is it that the Encampment does not keep pace with the Subordinate and Rebekah branch of the Order?

There is no age-limit in Oddfellowship, except that an applicant must be over 21. The average mortality of the Order is the same to-day as it was forty years ago, about 1 per cent.

Seldom has a company carried as many star performers as are in the cast of "Thrilly," several of whom have headed their own companies, and have made big successes. The cast, as it appears in this city, is the same that made the burlesque such a success in New York. There is a fine chorus and a ballet of 50. Those who have not already seen this performance should visit the Princess Theater before the week is out.

### LOVE OF THE ORDER.

"I think as much of Odd Fellowship as any man in the Order!"

Do you, my brother? That is good. We need men who think and do a great deal of it. We presume, then, that you are ready at all times to serve upon the visiting committee; to see that the sick brother lacks neither comforts nor care; that you are willing to put your shoulder to the wheel and help forward all enterprises looking to advancement of your Lodge; that at the meetings of your Lodge you are ready to put on your harness and assist in the conferring of the degrees, and to aid by your presence and help make the Lodge session an interesting one; that you are ready at all times to point out to your worthy friend and companion the beauties of the Order, and strive to bring him within its folds; that you are ready at all times to serve a brother, to assist his family, to defend his character, and to stand by him should adversity overtake him. That when you find him to be a man of sterling character you will rebuke any slur upon his life and principles. That—what! Going too far! Expect too much! Ah, no, my brother, the half has not been told as to what you might do; these duties do not come upon us all at one time. There is nothing in this short index of your duty but what you can very easily perform, and what you must certainly perform if you are, or want to be, as good an Odd Fellow as some other men in the Order.

The principles and teachings of fraternity mean more than word. They mean action, and not a perfunctory performance of them, either. He who with his whole heart goes into this work of fraternity has a rich reward for his work, the consciousness of duty well done, the approval of his fellow-man, the grateful thanks of the sick and the afflicted, and the blessing of God. "Forasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Keep on, my brother of the true, the noble heart, keep on your work of love; turn neither to the right nor left, but let the call of humanity be to you that post of duty where you may show to the world that fraternity is a pure, a true, a holy word, because in its fullest sense you exemplify it by your actions—*Brooklyn News*.

WINNIPEG: The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year by the members of Eureka Encampment, No. 3: C. P., R. H. Shanks; H. P., H. B. Rose; S. W., N. H. Hughes; J. W., G. W. Van Veit; R. S., J. V. Robert; F. S., R. G. Barnwell; treasurer, John Erzinger. At the last meeting of Harmony Encampment the following officers were chosen: J. W. Baker, C. P.; A. S. Locke, H. P.; W. T. Devlin, S. W.; W. A. Carson, R. S.; B. D. Deering, F. S.; D. McKinnon, treasurer; W. Mowat, J. W. A joint installation will take place in January.