

brethren from Cobourg, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Toronto, &c. The following are the elected officers: Geo. G. Lambert, N. G.; Thomas Harrison, V. G.; John McMullen, R. Sec.; H. A. McCormack, P. Sec.; W. H. Kells, Treas. After the installation the brethren adjourned to the Queen's hotel, and after a good supper, enjoyed themselves till a late hour with speeches, songs, &c. The gathering was a most agreeable one, all present apparently enjoying themselves heartily— notwithstanding that the beverage used in the drinking of the toasts was the only one recognized by the Order—cold water!

SPRINGFIELD.

On Jan. 27th, assisted by a large number of brothers from Aylmer and St. Thomas lodges, I instituted Ark Lodge, No. 181, at Springfield. The charter members and elective officers being: John Prout, N. G.; John Dynes, V. G.; A. B. Remy, R. S.; H. McKay, P. S.; O. Allen, Treas. Besides the five charter members, one was admitted by card, and four initiated, and all five degrees conferred on three of the Brothers. After the institution, the visiting brothers were invited to the hotel of Bro. Dynes, where a sumptuous repast (without intoxicating liquors) had been provided by the members of the new Lodge, to which ample justice was done, when all separated for home.

L. FERGUSON, D. D. G. M.

GODERICH.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—A few months ago, in one of the I. O. O. F. JOURNALS, you asked members of Lodges and Encampments to send you any items of news that would be beneficial to the Order and interesting to the fraternity, and acting upon your suggestion I have sent you to-day one of our local papers with an account of a ball and supper under the auspices of our encampment. The encampment was very low in funds and after talking over the various ways of raising means, we decided on holding a ball, and I am very happy to inform you that it was a decided success, both financially and socially. After paying all expenses in connection with the getting up of the affair, we still have a surplus of \$70, which we intend handing over to the Treasurer of the encampment, at our next meeting. Hoping that you will give publicity to as much of this as you deem fit,

through the valuable medium of your influential journal, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. T. WELSH.

Huron Encampment I. O. O. F., gave a ball and supper in their rooms on Friday, February 4th. About eighty couples were present, being a sufficient number to fill the dancing hall comfortably. The Odd-Fellows threw open their lodge room for a sitting room, danced in the public hall, and had supper served in a suite of vacant rooms down stairs. The band occupied seats on the stage, which with the hall was tastefully dressed with drapery and flags set off with appropriate emblems. As the visitors entered the hall they were met by the word WELCOME; in this case it was no misnomer, for the managing committee succeeded admirably in entertaining the many visitors, and made them one and all feel perfectly at home among a lot of *odd fellows*. The programme was divided into two parts; during the intermission, Mr. Dixie Watson sang sweetly one of his charming songs, accompanied by Miss Bertha Trainer.

The supper was admirably got up, conveniently served, and lasted from 9 p. m. till 4 a. m. It was enjoyed just as the guests felt their need of it, as we heard a brother newspaper man say, who was observed coming out of the supper room the thirteenth time. The dancing commenced at half-past eight, and, with the exception of the intermission, continued till four o'clock; all kinds of dances were indulged in, seemingly to give everybody an opportunity of enjoying themselves. Everybody present seemed happy and comfortable, and looked as though they had attended the ball to enjoy themselves, and enjoyed themselves accordingly.

We congratulate Huron Encampment on the success attending its ball and supper, and also for the presence among its members of such courteous gentlemen as those composing the committee for carrying out the arrangements in connection therewith.

MONTREAL.

The Montreal *Herald*, Feb. 11th, says: "One of the most successful concerts ever given by amateurs in this city, was the one in Mechanics' Hall last evening, gotten up