

Lodge then adjourned till June 2nd. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Bro. Kirkendall acting as chairman. A programme consisting of songs, speeches, recitations, etc., was well rendered, and, to judge from the applause, thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

#### ONWARD LODGE NO. 2.

Gilbert Inkster, Reporter:—

I very much regret not having sent a report before, concerning Onward Lodge. I am very glad to say that our Lodge is in a fair condition at present, and the prospects for the future are somewhat brighter. Two weeks ago we had five initiations and a number of propositions since. Last term our Lodge was divided into two sides, and captains chosen to get up a programme for the term. The losing side had to give the winning side a social, so you can see we are going ahead all right. The following officers have been installed for the present term: C.T., Sis. M. Hardy; V.T., Sis. M. Meredith; Sec., Bro. W. J. Brown; Asst.-Sec., Sis. F. McAllister; Fin. Sec., Bro. Vipond; Treas., Bro. Gough; Chap., Sis. Woodburn; Mar., Bro. Dolan; Dep. Mar., Sis. Harold; Guard, Sis. R. McAllister; Sentinel, Bro. Jas. Hardy; P.C.T., Bro. R. H. Scott.

#### VICTORIA WEST LODGE NO. 29.

D. McDonald, Reporter:—

Our Lodge is in a thriving condition. On the 14th of February we had a very successful entertainment realizing a good sum for the treasury. Our Juvenile Temple, under the superintendence of Sisters Semple and Anderson, is doing good work. Is it not about time for our G. C. T. to visit this Lodge officially?

Our officers for the present term are: C.T., Bro. Anderson; V.T., Sis. J. Semple; Sec. D. McDonald; A.S., Sis. J. McDonald; F.S., Bro. W. Ease; Treas., Sis. E. Anderson; Chap., Sis. Dyker; Mar., Bro. Dummett; Guide, Sis. McDonald; Sent., A. Virtue; P.C.T., Sis. G. Anderson; S.J., Sis. J. Semple; Asst. S.J., Sis. Eva Anderson; Reporter, D. McDonald.

#### PERSEVERANCE LODGE NO. 1.

Miss Merton, Reporter:—

We held an open Lodge on the 27th of February. The Right Rev. Bishop Perrin occupied the chair and delivered a very able and instructive address. The Rev. W. H. P. Ardin gave a very practical address, suggesting that a "black list" be kept of habitual frequenters of saloons. He also recommended that the temperance people unite and nominate a

temperance candidate for M. P. and M. P. P.

Our Lodge is in a most prosperous condition.

#### MODEL LODGE NO. 51

H. White, Reporter:—

Upon the principle of "better late than never," I send in this report, hoping it will reach you before going to press.

Saturday, 27th ultimo, being our election night, we had a crowded attendance and there being evidently some little pre-arrangement, members were nominated and ballotted for the several offices with record-beating swiftness, that to sustain order it must have proved rather a trying ordeal to our present chief. I have not the list of officers to hand, but our Chief Templar elect is our popular Brother R. Boynton, than whom few have been more regular and punctual in their attendance.

I shall take occasion again to say, that I should like to see a little more earnest interest taken in the Good of the Order. Our object of meeting every fortnight is not merely to go correctly through the ritual, with a long interval for games, and I wish that for the sake of the Order we could have a better defined programme for each session throughout the quarter, as was recently outlined by Williamson, so that when one entered the lodge-room and wished to know what the programme was for the next night, he could see by means of a notice, which it was proposed should be posted up. For example: if the Lodge night happened on the 1st of the month, and Bro. Skill was down for, say, "An Evening with Shakespeare," on looking for the next night, which would be on the 15th, we might see that a debate, "Is Marriage a failure," Bro. Holty in the affirmative, and say Bro. A. Greyell in the negative, and so on, so that every night of meeting we should have the chance of looking up the subject under consideration. Were this systematically carried out, I think more solid enjoyment would be the result, as well as adding to the information. Of course I should suggest that there be papers read at times on Total Abstinence, and matters relating thereto, not omitting to notice the significance of the plebiscite in Manitoba, Ontario and elsewhere.

#### DOMINION LODGE NO. 4.

M. Bryson, A. E. Mann and E. B. Stinchcombe, Reporters:—

The readers of the GOOD TEMPLAR may think that our Lodge is asleep, but such is not the case; it is only the reporters who are asleep to their duties as reporters. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition. We

have missed our Lodge Deputy, Bro. Forrester, very much since he has been sick and we are glad to hear that he is very much better. Our Chief Templar, Bro. N. R. Brown, took a tumble to himself about a fortnight ago when working at the Royal City Mill, by falling a distance of some forty feet on his head, but fortunately escaping without breaking any bones and, although badly bruised, is getting along well and we hope soon to see him about again. Our Boston Baked Beans and Brown Bread Social came off in fine style. Your reporters are very fond of beans. The Brothers of the Lodge gave the Sisters a grand treat on the 28th in the form of a good program and buckwheat pancakes, bran cake, turnip, potato and orange peel pies, good coffee and ginger snaps. The Sisters are now looking for the cook. More anon when we awake again.

#### WESTERN STAR LODGE NO. 33.

W. Chalmers, Reporter:—

Our Lodge is progressing very favorably. We have had ten new members this term. Several of our old members have come back and altogether our prospects for the future are good.

#### MODEL LODGE NO. 51.

H. White, Reporter:—

The report for this Lodge did not appear in the February number, as I failed to comply with the request to the effect that Lodge communications should be sent in before the 5th inst. My report was mailed, I think, six clear days before the 15th, giving, one would suppose, ample time to have it inserted.

Our programme for the quarter is as follows: 10th Feb., Installation and Programme; 24th Feb., Questions: 10th March, Debate; subject: "Which is preferable—a long or a short courtship;" 24th March, a Novelty Entertainment; 7th April, Open Lodge; 21st April, Election of Officers and Programme.

A few of our Brothers think that our Lodge has not done all it could towards inducing those who are habitual drinkers to join our Order. Doubtless we have not done all that is possible for the Cause, but we still are, and always have been, willing to extend the right hand of fellowship to all who desire to become one of us, and sincerely determine to remain in the Order. At some future time I may have a few words to say about the "Degree" system, which has been agitating the minds of some.

[As the committee do not receive remuneration for their services on this paper, they are compelled to correct the hieroglyphical effusions of corres-