

Lodge visited No. 33 on the 6th ult., to test the pastry-cooking of the Sisters, especially the pies, and they had a "hiyu" time. (I am very fond of pie myself; are you?) Sister Harris was with us last month. She is a good speaker and not afraid to show her colors. We liked her very much. The reading circle is getting along well, but I am afraid that if some of the members do not wake up they'll not pass the examination. The Sisters gave a very pleasant Hallowe'n social and deserve the thanks of the Brothers. Bro. D. McCullough has gone east for a trip, taking a traveling card with him. We wish him a safe journey and quick return. We believe we have the most popular L.D. in this Province, and intend to prove it by voting. The Sisters say that he is the best looking one, too.

[We hope E. B. N. will make his report shorter next time.—Ed.]

KAMLOOPS LODGE NO. 15.

T. L. Bloomer, } Reporters:—
C. L. Wain, }

We have much pleasure in reporting the doings of our Lodge during the last month. We have had a very good attendance; all working hard for the public entertainment which was given October 26th, when the following programme was rendered:

OPENING ODE.—By Members.

- CHORUS Good Templar Choir
- READING Bro. Bloomer
- SONG Bro. Nelson
- READING Bro. Wain
- PIANO DUET Srs. Savage & Ross
- READING Bro. Welsh
- CHORUS Good Templar Choir
- TABLEAU
- VOCAL DUET Bro. Savage and Strivens
- DIALOGUE
- SONG Bro. Nelson
- TABLEAU
- PIANO DUET Srs. Savage and Ross
- CHORUS Good Templar Choir
- TABLEAU

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

All of the pieces were well received. Before singing God Save the Queen, Bro. Savage, by request, addressed the meeting with a few well pointed remarks on the works of the Order. The local press in its report said it was the best local entertainment that has been given in Kamloops.

NEW ERA LODGE NO. 14.

R. J. T., Reporter:—

The first issue of the "Good Templar" seems to have more than pleased those who received the sample copy.

The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having secured the services of such an excellent lecturer as Mrs. Harris. Her remarks seemed to be in accord with the public opinion in this district.

The Officers for the ensuing quarter are,—C.T., Sister Irving; V.T., Sister Hicks; Sec., Bro. Gough; Chap.,

Bro. P. McTavish; Mar., Bro. Browne; Fin. Sec'y., Bro. Hicks; Treas., Bro. Bond; Guard, Bro. Hampton; Sentinal, Bro. Harris, P. C. T., Bro. Parrot.

Sister Hicks was authorized by Mrs. Anna Harris, during her stay here, to organize a juvenile Temple, and the result of her effort is the Maple Leaf Temple with a charter membership of eighteen. The officers for the present quarter are,—C. T., Peter McTavish; V.T., Lizzie Armstrong; Chap., Annie Murgatroyd; P.C.T., Mina Apraut; Rec. Sec'y., Agnes Trembath; Treas., Frank Armstrong; Fin. Sec'y., Maggie McTavish; Mar., Albert Hampton; Guard, Jessie Donaldson; Sent., Edith Hampton.

ORIGIN OF THE I. O. G. T.

Fayetteville the Birthplace of the Order.

(FURNISHED BY G. L. WILCOXEN.)

In looking over some old records of the Independent Order of Good Templars the other day, we discovered an interesting fact with regard to the Order, which may not be known to the readers of the *Recorder*, and that is, that Fayetteville is the birthplace of the Order.

It seems that in 1851 eleven Lodges of "Good Templars" (so-called) existed in Oneida County, N. Y., and another, known as "Excelsior Lodge, No. 14," was started in Syracuse meeting in a hall on the fourth floor of the Empire House. At a convention of this Order held in Utica, N. Y., in July, 1852, Levrett E. Coon and T. S. Truair, delegates from "Excelsior Lodge," considered themselves aggrieved by the action of the convention, and withdrew therefrom, and their course was approved by the Syracuse Lodge. At this time Mr. J. Stoddard, of Excelsior Lodge, had corresponded with some young men of this village, and on July 17th, in Academy Hall, he met and obligated James H. Eaton, Edward P. Clark, Jewett J. Dunbar, Augustus Tremaine and W. H. Goodrich. On July 20th, Tuesday evening, Levrett Coon came to this village and gave the obligation to six other young men, and organized them into a Lodge of the "Independent Order of Good Templars," he having withdrawn from the Oneida county organization.

The new Lodge, while using to some extent the ritual of the Oneida county organization, made several important changes therein and in the secret work, to separate and distinguish it from the "Good Templars." The following persons were elected officers of the new organiza-

tion: W. V. T., James H. Eaton, W. V. T., Ansell Prescott, Rec. Sec., Jewett J. Dunbar. Treas., Augustus Tremaine, Fin. Sec., Wm. H. Goodrich, M., Edward P. Clark, D. M., Calvin P. Clark, Chap., Daniel Rider, O. G., C. J. McLyman, I. G., William Johnson, P. W. C. T., Orrin D. Torrey.

These officers were at once installed, therefore James H. Eaton was the first Chief Templar of the I. O. G. T. The charter of this Lodge, which was called "Eureka Lodge, No. 2," is now in the office of D. W. Hooker, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York State, in the White Memorial Building, in Syracuse. On his return to Syracuse, Mr. Coon succeeding in getting the Excelsior Lodge to withdraw from the "Good Templars," and become "Excelsior Lodge, No. 1. I. O. G. T.," although the number really belonged to the Fayetteville Lodge.

The new Order spread rapidly, but owing to constitutional defects the Oneida county organization had life for only about two years. "Eureka Lodge" was represented in the Grand Lodge for three or four years, and appears to have died a natural death, although the Order of which it was the parent organization still continues to flourish.

The Order which in 1852 was founded here by eleven young men now contains about 625,000 members. Its lodge-rooms are found in every land, and it may be said of this great temperance army, working in Faith, Hope and Charity, that somewhere, every moment in the day, a Chief Templars' gavel is calling a Lodge to Order, and that some chaplain's voice is always raised in prayer for those who have fallen and are falling victims of liquor.—*Fayetteville Recorder*, March 28, 1889.

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The *Arena* for November contains a very able article from the pen of Helen M. Gougar A. M. entitled "Is Liquor Selling a Sin" written in reply to an article in the July *Arena* entitled "Christ and the Liquor Problem" by George G. Brown, a wholesale liquor dealer. We would strongly advise all our readers to read it.