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TO GOOD TEMPLARS

Many officials connected with the Good Templar Order will receive a number of specimen copies of this paper. They are earnestly requested to take these papers to their respective lodges and give them to the members for the purpose of extending the influence and usefulness of THE CAMP FIRE.

Our paper has met with a very warm reception. The Grand Lodge Executive has made an arrangement by which it will be furnished to Good Templars, whose membership is certified to by their lodge secretary, at the very low price of ten cents per year. On this plan it ought to be in every Good Templar home in Ontario. If you are not a subscriber already, lose no time in sending for THE CAMP FIRE.

The first of January is near. On that day will close our special premium offer set out below. We earnestly urge our workers to use the remaining days of 1894 to the very best advantage in this important competition. These premium offers are as follows:—

To anyone sending us the names of twenty new yearly subscribers, with the price, fifteen cents each, or three

dollars in all, we will send free, postage prepaid, any one of the following premiums which the person receiving it may select:

1. A beautiful regulation Good Templar Badge, in blue or white, as the receiver may choose, handsomely finished with gilt top and fringe, very choice.

2. THE TEMPERANCE SPEAKER'S OUTFIT, comprising the following very useful books:—*The People versus The Liquor Traffic*, 210 pages; *Prohibition does Prohibit*, 120 pages; *Temperance Shot and Shuh*, 128 pages. These are all good books, in neat paper covers.

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NOTES OF NEWS.

FROM OUR LODGES.

We have got to the best time of the year for work, and we are glad and thankful to receive evidence that many of our friends are recognizing the fact and making good use of it.

The returns for the November quarter are not all yet in. Tardiness in reporting is not a good sign.

Many lodges, however, have been very prompt, and it is noticeable that the lodges that are doing most are among the readiest to do their duty on this line.

So far no lodge has shown a better percentage of increase than has Antrim Lodge, No. 428, whose membership has grown from 29 to 60, being an increase of over 50 per cent.

Cameron Lodge of Ottawa has 108 members. No Surrender of the same city reports an increase.

Riverside, No. 241, the only lodge in the County of Russell, has added seven to this membership, and now reports 108.

Union Star, Eglinton, has five members more than reported for the August quarter.

Dominion Lodge, 488, of Toronto, has a slight increase.

Albion Lodge of the same place has added 50 per cent to its membership.

Valley Lodge, 426, Wentworth County, is steadily rising at the rate of five per quarter.

Anchor of Hope in Huron County reports a slight increase, as does also Clinton Star from the same district.

Culross Star in the County of Bruce reports 62, an increase of 10, and Parkhead Lodge goes up from 39 to 50.

Maple Avenue is the only Dufferin County Lodge that has an increase. It reports an added strength of eleven members.

Substantial increases are also reported by Mayflower Lodge 429, Frontenac County; No. Surrender 110, and Berkeley 356, Grey County; Wilberforce 377, Middlesex County; Dorset 108, and Steadfast 122, Muskoka; Powassan 233, and Emsdale 6, Parry Sound District; City Lodge 304, Peterboro'; Charity 383, and Wolfstown 387, Renfrew County; Butler 362, Simcoe County; Cresswell 265, Victoria

County; Golden Rule No. 3, Waterloo County; Everton 417, Wellington County.

Some of them have added even more to their membership than some of the lodges specially named in preceding paragraphs.

A remarkable feature of the returns is the number of lodges that just hold their own. There are, however, some reductions reported, so that there has practically been very little, if any, increase in the aggregate strength of the Order in the province during the quarter extending from August to November.

The cheering news that come in of activity all along the lines gives us strong confidence that next returns will tell a better story. Earnestly we appeal to every member of the Order to help in the attaining of this desired result.

A large number of deputies hold commissions authorizing them to establish new lodges. Some of these have already been using them to good effect. Why should not every provincial deputy report at least one organization during this Grand Lodge year. The grand officers are taking council in reference to special organizing work, and hope to have effective campaigners in the field immediately after New Year.

The beneficiary department of our work has increased probably more than 100 per cent, since the Grand Lodge session, but this does not mean a numerically great augmentation of members, as this branch of our work was before far from strong.

The new conditions under which it has been placed give it special claims upon Good Templars and make it a specially safe and desirable insurance system.

Every member of the Order ought to take advantage of it, and thus obtain personal benefit to himself and help to give our membership cohesion and permanence.

A number of reports from lodge workers are condensed in the above paragraphs. We have not, however, received from our friends as many items of information for this month's CAMP FIRE as we would like to have had. We are therefore able to give space to a couple of communications which we should have otherwise been compelled to considerably curtail on account of their length. We earnestly appeal to all our friends to keep us posted on everything that is being done in their respective localities for our cause and Order.

Brother C. L. Capron writes from Paris to say that the lodge there is getting on well, better than for some time. A great deal of interest is taken by the young people of the town in the work. Every Saturday evening the lodge room is open to the public, and music and other entertainment furnished as a counter-attraction to dangerous places. This is an example worthy of being followed. We wish our Paris friends continued success.

RIVERSIDE LODGE No. 241.

The open meeting which was to have been held in our hall in November, as stated in my last letter, was postponed until December 3rd, owing to the large number of concerts which were being held about that time.

Bro. Waddell, the district organizer, was unable to be present, but his place was ably filled by Mrs. Scott, Past G.S.J.T., who gave a practical address on the temperance question. Rev. Mr. Scott occupied the chair, and in a neat speech opened the meeting, after which an excellent programme of songs, solos and recitations was carried out.

Mr. Latimer, district counsellor, who is to leave for Chicago, paid us a visit several weeks ago, and in reply to

a resolution regretting the leaving of Mr. Latimer, gave an excellent address full of excellent advice to all Good Templars.

No Surrender Lodge will pay us a fraternal visit on December 17, when an enjoyable time is anticipated.

UNITY LODGE, 251.

Our lodge is somewhat reduced in number, principally owing to removals, but still lively. However, something was needed to give it a push. It was suggested that a paper be started and be read monthly at our meetings. Well, it was tried, and proved a success. So much so, that it was decided to hold a public meeting and read the next one as part of the programme. The date was fixed for the 11th inst. The weather to all appearances was unpropitious, yet the church was filled to overflowing. We never remember seeing a more orderly and appreciative audience. All appeared to be in good humor, in for a good time. No time was lost in starting. A good programme was given by a very varied description, without a hitch or boggle, as some one remarked. All performed their parts well. Special mention may be made of a paper entitled *Sleigh Bells* contributed by Jingle Bells, also recitations by Sister Miss E. W. Killen, our G.T., and Miss Lowry, and a song by Mr. James Perry. A large party came from Ufford. The church choir of that place, under the leadership of Miss Longhurst, gave two selections that showed talent and training, and were much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Farewell ably occupied the chair. We are grateful for the assistance kindly given by our friends and well-wishers. It is evident that the temperance sentiment is on the wane. Unity Lodge is to be congratulated on its most successful entertainment.

THOS. MEARS, L.D.

TORONTO LODGES.

DISTRICT LODGE.

Toronto District Lodge, No. 12, R. Armstrong, D.C.T.; D. Smellie, District Secretary. Meets quarterly.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Pride of the West Lodge, No. 130, meets at W.C.T.U. Hall, 171 Bathurst Street, every Monday.

Prospect Lodge, No. 354, meets every Wednesday at Bracondale.

The Toronto Lodge, No. 827, meets at Temperance Hall every Wednesday.

John B. Finch, No. 326, meets at W.C.T.U. Hall, 171 Bathurst Street, every Thursday.

Dominion Lodge, No. 488, meets at Woolsey Hall, Yonge, corner Gerrard, every Thursday.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 650, meets in Jackson's Hall, corner Yonge and Bloor Streets, every Thursday.

Lifeboat Lodge, No. 8, meets in St. George's Hall, Queen, corner Berkley Street, every Thursday.

St. John's Lodge, No. 58, meets at Good Templar's Hall, Alice, corner Yonge Street, every Friday.

Albion Lodge, No. 587, meets in Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina Avenue, every Friday.

QUEENSLAND.

Bro. Thomas M. Moore, G.S.J.T., sends annual returns which show a slight decrease in membership, although an increase in temples. The present figures are 1114 juvenile, and 66 adult members in 21 temples. Bro. Moore was re-elected to his office at the Grand Lodge session, and will continue to work with unflinching zeal and devotion.