

WHO?

Who shirks his duty year by year,
And thinks he's paying rather dear,
And at Fraternity will sneer?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who first is sure his teeth to gnash,
And swear the lodge has gone to smash,
When called upon to pay his cash?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who, when he catches cold some day,
Gets on the sick-list right away,
And frets until he gets his pay?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who wriggles like an angle worm,
If asked to serve a single term,
And pleads his health is now infirm?
The Stay-at-Home.

Who chews the rag with great delight,
Gets some folks ain't doing right,
And stays away each meeting-night?
The Stay-at-Home.

—Anchor and Shield.

CORNWALL.

ORIENTAL LODGE, I.O.O.F., ENTERTAINS
ITS FRIENDS IN THE NEW HALL.

The new lodge room of Oriental Lodge, which was formally opened on Monday evening of last week, is one of the finest rooms dedicated to the purpose of Oddfellowship east of Toronto; indeed we question if it is surpassed anywhere for comfort and convenience. The suite of rooms, which has been leased by Oriental Lodge for a term of years, is in the third story of the Saetsinger block, facing the three points of the compass, and affording from the windows on the east side, an extensive view of the river, which is exceedingly beautiful in the summer season. The main lodge room is 27 x 47 feet and very lofty, while at either end are the ante-rooms, those at the south being devoted to the storing of regalia and other properties in dust proof closets specially built for the purpose, and those to the north for introduction and clothing rooms. On the floor of the lodge room is a handsome carpet, with a pattern showing the emblems of the order, while its walls are hung with pictures, emblematical and otherwise. The hangings are rich and graceful and the lighting by means of gasaliers renders the room very brilliant. The ante-rooms are all carpeted likewise and well lighted.

With the object of showing their friends how well they were housed, invitations were issued by the members of the lodge to their friends of both sexes, which were so generally responded to that the hall proper was completely filled, and many had to remain in the ante-rooms unable to get seats or even standing room inside. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. S. Friend, N.G., who after a few words of welcome to the guests introduced the following programme, all the numbers of which were well rendered and heartily applauded.

At the close of the first part of the programme a short address was given by

Bro. Dr. Bergin, M.P., principally of a congratulatory and reminiscent character, the speaker having been a member of the original Oddfellows' Lodge, the charter of which was allowed to lapse and on the ruins of which Oriental was founded.

Bro. F. Bissett also had a few words to say, mostly in connection with the Rebecca degree, of which it is proposed to establish a lodge here in the near future.

Brief congratulatory speeches were also made by the Rev. Messrs. Hastie, Graham (of Newfoundland), Rural Dean Houston and Tennant. A vote of thanks, to those who had assisted in the entertainment, was moved by Bro. F. Bissett and seconded by Bro. Gibbens.

BRANTFORD.

Prudence Lodge meets for regular business to-morrow evening. Being the initiation night a large number is expected. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year will take place. The programme committee have decided on holding a debate at the next programme evening, four ladies and four gentlemen taking sides. Subject, matrimony from both man's and woman's standpoint. The lodge is progressing fairly and we hope to do some good work next year in our new hall in which we are very anxious to meet. One of our sisters has joined the noble army of housekeepers since we last met. We wish her good luck, and we know that if her other half does not belong to our good brotherhood now he very soon will.

There was a good attendance at Gore Lodge meeting on Monday night last. Bro. J. Ferris, of Grand River Lodge, Paris, was reported as having resumed work after a prolonged illness, and Bro. Day improving. The regalia committee submitted their report, showing samples from the Dominion Regalia Company, of Toronto, which, with some slight changes, was adopted and the committee empowered to procure same. The committee, who have had the disposing of the lodge furnishings, reported having received an offer from the Knights of Pythias for the whole of the effects, which caused considerable discussion, but was finally accepted, so that everything is now in readiness to move as soon as the new hall is finished, which is expected to be some time early in January next, when the opening will take the form of a dedication and banquet.

The regular meeting of Harmony Lodge was well attended last Tuesday evening, N. G. Bro. Buck presiding. Business was attended to with promptness and dispatch, and reports from the various committees of an interesting character were presented, that of the new hall committee being especially important.

The largest Rebekah lodge in Indiana is Olive Branch, at Indianapolis, which has a membership of 492.

ODDFELLOWSHIP.

Oddfellowship, in its school of moral ethics, elevates the true Odd Fellow above discord and strife; selfishness and greed, treachery and deceit. It teaches the sacredness of the bonds of friendship, in its pristine purity, in the sacred story of Jonathan and David.

The progressive character of our Order leads us to consider the central link of the fraternal chain of brotherhood which we denominate love. The assurance is here given that, although others may profane the name of Justice and consign her to the cold, silent grave of oblivion, the true Odd Fellow knows that, although his journey through life may be harassed, and that at every turn in the rough road from Jerusalem to Jerico, at every defile and on every crag, an enemy awaits his coming to despoil him, he also knows there is always a good Samaritan linked to his destiny who will bind up his wounds and anoint them, and revive his depleted vitality with the wine of love.

Truth, that cardinal virtue that is indispensable in the make-up of all human goodness and grandeur, completes the triple link chain, and places us on a rock of adamant with base as broad as ocean and as high above human laws as heaven is above earth. In turmoil and strife, in discord and contention, the man of truth stands like a rock—unawed and unmoved. His wisdom puts to blush the sophistries of error, although robed with silk and fine linen, and crowned with a diadem.

Oddfellowship, thou livest forever! Infinite time and destiny art thine. At thy shrine the good must ever do homage. Amid the dark, threatening frowns of error, the crash of matter and the wreck of worlds, thou art unmoved, ever enduring.

To the outside world it should be known that our Order holds no fellowship with religious, sectarian, or political organizations. Our mission is to visit the sick, comfort the widow in her bereavement, educate the orphan, and bury the dead. In performing that work, we are co-operative. Our duty is to reform humanity by cultivating charity and gentleness of character, and consideration for the rights of others, schooling ourselves up to that ethical plane where we are enabled to love our neighbor instead of hating him, and deploring the cold-hearted selfishness of a commercial world, schooled in nothing but an insane and inordinate greed for wealth. By so doing, we push back the curtain that veils the joys beyond.—Selected.

The password into the eternal lodge is Death.

In Ohio during last year there were 640 more females than males admitted to the Rebekah lodges. The largest Rebekah lodge is Colfax, at Akron, which has 399 members.