

OUR LODGES.

MOUNT PLEASANT LODGE NO. 7

H. B. Connacher, L. D.—

This Lodge, after several quarters of inactivity has again settled down to work, and we may expect to soon see it in its proper place as one of the foremost among our Lodges. During last quarter several meetings were held, a few initiated, and more proposed. The night of meeting has been changed to Thursday and the dues have been lowered. We wish them God's speed in their work.

CHEMAINUS LODGE NO. 40.

Jessie Wilson, Reporter:—

We wish the "Good Templar" every success. Our Lodge is running a paper of its own, known as "The Chemainus Temperance Advocate." It is published semi-monthly. Three candidates have been initiated lately. Sister Harris delivered a very interesting lecture here on the 28th of September, which was greatly appreciated by those present. Mrs. Harris is the right woman in the right place, and we wish her every success. She will, we are convinced, open the eyes of some of our Good Templars who are not doing all in their power in the cause of temperance and templary.

MODEL LODGE NO. 51

H. White, Reporter:—

I failed to get in my report for your first number having sent it to editor of the now defunct Echo. As it did not appear, I may perhaps with advantage go over part of the same ground again.

Our meetings have been well attended, and hope we shall not rest satisfied with merely having to go thro' the Ritual with accuracy and calling members to order on matters of trivial importance. We appear to lose sight of the reason we are banded together, and I should like to hear from some of our members, an essay or address upon total abstinence, followed by a discussion on the speaker's views, so that the whole Lodge should interest themselves more thoroughly in the great question now attracting so much attention.

I was very sorry to see that the late Echo was so very poorly supported, many Lodges not taking a single copy and I am afraid none take all that could be expected. Were such a paper well supported it could not fail to be more interesting and profitable to all concerned.

On Saturday evening, 21st instant, our election of officers took place, it being evidently predetermined that the fair sex should this time have a generous share in running the Lodge. C.T., Sis. F. M. McDonald; V.T.,

Sis. R. Holtby; S.J.T., Bro. A. Greyell; Sec., Bro. R. Williamson; F.S., Bro. W. Walker; Treas., Bro., R.J. Brough; Chap., Sis. C. Greyell; Mar., Bro. R. Boynton; Guard., Bro. W. Skill; Sent., H. Beebe.

Having exceeded your limits, please, Mr. Editor, do not be too rigid this time, and I will endeavour to keep in line for the future.

FORT LANGLEY LODGE NO. 46.

J. A. Shearer, Reporter:—

In this, our first report to the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR, we wish to congratulate the Order on the improved title, appearance and matter of the official organ, and we confidently expect that the new management will meet the expectation raised by the decided success of their first edition and make the paper worthy of the cause.

But the responsibility for its success does not by any means rest entirely with the editor. Every Lodge and every member shares the responsibility, and, in order to obtain the best possible results, each member must *assume* their share and do their duty; first, by subscribing, and second, by doing any and everything in their power to promote the interests and usefulness of our paper.

Our Lodge is increasing in membership, and we hope, in influence also. But handicapped as we are by the influence of two old-established saloons, it is only the determined and persistent efforts of all friends of total abstinence that we can hope to make decided progress towards the aim and object of our Order, the suppression of this traffic in intoxicating liquors.

NICOLA LAKE LODGE NO. 20.

A. R. Carrington, Reporter:—

The first issue of the GOOD TEMPLAR was appreciated in our little Lodge at Nicola Lake. It was full of good spicy temperance articles, and hope it will keep right along in that line.

There are enough temperance people in B. C. to make such a paper both pleasant and profitable to the members of the Order, and with the temperance sentiment increasing so rapidly in this Dominion, there is no reason why it should not have a prosperous career.

We are looking forward to Mrs. Harris' visit here, with pleasure (which will be this week) and believe it will be a great help to the Lodge. The following are our officers for the ensuing quarter: C.T., Bro. Gillie; V.T., Sis. L. Carrington; Sec., Bro. A. R. Carrington; F.S., Bro. Moore; Treas., Bro. Cunningham; Mar., Bro. Stuart; D.M., Sis. M. Woodward; Guard, Bro. Clapperton; Sent., Bro. E. Woodward; Chap., Bro. Ashton; P.C.T., Bro. C. Woodward; Editor

of *Tell Tale*, Bro. Gillie; Reporter to B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR, Bro. Ashton.

WELLINGTON LODGE NO. 43.

J. A. McDonald, Reporter.—

I am pleased to report our Lodge doing well. Sister Harris lectured here to full houses and was tendered a reception by our Lodge. After hearing such grand words of encouragement we should be up and doing and not ashamed of our Order. We should work harder to destroy the demon over which the Royal Commission drew the screen so effectually, notwithstanding that a lot of beggars, tramps, madmen and slums is the burden placed on the shoulders of the sober Canadians by the accursed saloon. Our officers are: C. T., Bro. Wholley; V. T., Bro. Doran; C., Bro. Holland; S., Bro. Trites; F. S., Bro. McKenzie; T., Bro. Orme; M., Bro. Richard; D. M., Sis. Gillespie; A. S., Sis. Lowery; Sen., Sis. Mounce; G., Sis. O'Connell; P. C. T., Sis. Hill. We are busy preparing for the District Lodge meeting on the 4th, and expect to attend the Presbyterian Church in a body on the 5th.

VICTORIA WEST LODGE NO. 29.

G. Anderson, Reporter:—

Our officers were installed on the 1st as follows: C.T., Sis. G. Anderson; V.T., D. McDonald; Sec., W. Earl; A.S., Sis. E. Anderson; F., S. H. Wilson; T., J. Park; M., M. Henderson; D.M., Sis. McDonald; G., A. Talbot; S., W. Furman; C., Sis. Semple; P. C. T., J. T. Williams. After the installation the officers one and all promised to do their part to promote the cause of templary and temperance. The Juvenile Temple has been re-organized and is in a flourishing condition under our able and efficient Superintendent.

DOMINION LODGE NO. 4.

E. B. N., Reporter:—

The officers of this Lodge were installed on the 1st inst. by the L. D., as follows: C.T., M. Bryson; V. T., Agnes Dickey; S.J.T., Annie Latham; Sec., E. B. Nobles; A. S., Grace Emerson; F.S., Newton Brown; T., Annie Gilley; C., Nellie Gilley; M., W. Emerson; G., Florence Gregory; S.T., C. White; T.C.T., E. B. McKeen. The quarter just closed has been very successful. I do not think there is a Lodge that can make a better showing. Nine were made Good Templars for life. Three joined by card; our present membership being 81 (49 Brothers and 32 Sisters) with an average attendance of 36. The visitors have been 45 in number. Our finances are in good condition, and with the interest taken by the members we fully expect to reach the 100 mark before next report. Our