

1. O. O. F.

Open Lodge No. 102 meets every Monday evening. Visitors cordially welcomed. T. J. Wurzel, Secy. W. A. Miller, N. G.

HOME CIRCLE.

Open every Friday Night. Books, & Dishes served. Refreshments. Every month's "Baby Information" received by the Society will be furnished by the following:

D. McKechnie, M. M. Martens, H. D. Warner.

FORESTERS.



Open every Saturday Night at the Oldfield Hall, the fourth Tuesday of each month. Refreshments served. Members may be admitted according to the following:

V. C. L. A. Adams, P. R. M. S. Stegemann, H. C. L. A. Adams.

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BOODLERS AND BOODLERS.

The influence of life upon character is beyond computation. The good man yields an influence over his fellows which eternity alone will reveal. But the bad man also yields an influence and draws within his meshes dozens of others who before the connection with him were comparatively free from evil. We have been deeply impressed while reading the developments in connection with the Headley murder trial in Hamilton, by the similarity between this case and the Quebec and Ottawa robbers.

Whether Bagtram and Lostridge are convicted of the "murder or not, it has been clearly proven that there existed a desperate gang of thieves about the little village of Middleport who lived by systematic thieving. No one suspected how far-reaching the evil influences of this gang had become until one of them turned upon his past and then what revelations! Uncle, cousins, aunts, brothers and sisters are all enlisted and all concerned in some way with the plundering like Ottawa! How like Quebec! The most impudent of men could scarcely have convinced himself of the extent to which their treasury robberies had been carried on until one of them turned upon his *quondam* friends—Lothe and Lothe.

Son of the Ottawa boodlers have been punished, but men will still lift their hats to McGroarty and Connolly! On the instant the boodlers right face but respectable men and honest men will still shake hands with the Hon. (?) Mr. Mercer. But the Bartram gang, whether proven guilty of murder or not, are marked men and will be looked upon as unworthy of recognition by any respectable man. Why this difference? Let us get into the habit of calling a spade a spade and whether it is an "Honorable" or a ditcher let us show our disapproval of looting and plunder in every way within our power.

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.

The Bill concerning the use of tobacco which is just now before the Ontario Legislature is one in which all layers of humanity will admit to be a move in the right direction though all may not agree as to its practicability. It aims at prohibiting the sale of tobacco, to boys under the age of eighteen years. There is no reason why this bill should not pass and why it should not be enforced by the moral sentiment of the community. There is no one who questions the propriety and benefits of the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to minors and yet there may be some who may doubt the wisdom of this bill and argue that you can't make more drunk by statute. But this is all wrong. Two thirds of our laws are made for this very purpose. The difficulty lies in the fact that people very commonly confuse morality and virtue. The laws of our land have to do only with the outward act of morality, while virtue is deeper and is that power in a man which impels him to morality, without the power of external law. Our liquor laws are a success just in so far as they are supported by the moral sentiment of the community and to this new law will be a success or failure just in proportion as the right thinking part of the community lays hold of it with a determination to make it workable. The vice against which this law is directed are more general and widespread than the evils against which corresponding liquor laws have been enacted. Whatever may be the effect of tobacco upon adult life there is no reasonable doubt that the tobacco habit when it has fully seized upon the youth, reflects physical development, benders or stop, altogether his advancement in his studies and blunts his moral sensibility. It is a remarkable fact that very few, if any, who begin the use of tobacco at the age of twelve and fifteen ever succeed in passing over the entrance examination and it is a still more remarkable fact that the majority of our juvenile criminalistic boys who have commenced the use of tobacco while very young, those are appalling facts and they could be multiplied indefinitely. We sincerely hope that all will weigh this matter carefully and while we thank the Women's Christian Temperance Union for forcing this matter upon the attention of the Ontario Parliament, let us join heartily with them in endeavoring to prevent the law from becoming a dead letter if it should be passed upon our statute books.

THE ANGASER MURDER.

The trial has commenced in a week.

The history of a dozen of bodies.

An exciting case.

The Angasen murder trial has been in progress for nearly two weeks, but the defence has made rapid headway, proceeding one step at a time, being silent in the details of the case, while the plaintiff, in his efforts to bring home to the jury the guilt of the accused, has been compelled to laughingly withdraw from the prosecution and occasionally a laughable position assumed by the prosecutor has been exposed.

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