

LITERATURE.—We regret that we have no official organ published within our own jurisdiction, but would earnestly urge on the representatives from the different Lodges to use all their influence with the members of the Lodges to subscribe to "Good Templar," the official organ of Ontario, and other Temperance papers to enable all our members to be read up on the different phases of the great moral question in all parts of the world. And I am firmly of the opinion that the free distribution of sound temperance literature among the people would be money well spent by this Grand Lodge.

G. C. T. OFFICE.—I regret that I have not been able to visit our Lodges during the year, although I was requested to do so by the Executive. My principal reason for not doing so was that I have been all the time expecting a Lecturer to take the field, and being deeply conscious of my own inability to entertain or to create enthusiasm such as a regular Lecturer would likely do, has carried me to rest on the hope of our engaging a good lecturer, although if I had known that our experience with reference to a lecturer would have been what it has turned out to be, I would certainly have made the attempt, although it is very inconvenient for me to get about, and have not much strength to expend.

THE FUTURE.—Brothers and Sisters, that should be the all-absorbing question for our deliberations. What shall we do? Let every thought and act be made subordinate to the one ideal to make Good Templary in this fair Province more than it has ever been before in moulding and creating public sentiment in favor of National Prohibition as the only effectual remedy for this great evil, the Liquor Traffic. Let us talk it and carry the question up to the ballot box unitedly in a solid phalanx. I cannot do better than quote you the words of the poet on example:

"What man could watch a drowning friend,
Beat the wild waves without a hope,
And his strong aid refuse to lend,
Or hinder those who throw the rope.
Or who upon a summit high,
Could see a blind man shrinking stand,
And utter not the warning cry,
Nor forward stretch the guiding hand.
Our brethren near the waters sink,
The rich, the poor, the old, the young,
Blind men are slipping from the brink,
Shall we stand by with silent tongue.
Let none turn from the sight or gaze with pitying smile.
But weave example's rope with strands of self-denial."

POLITICAL ACTION.—Before another session of the Grand Lodge is held there will be a general election to elect a new Legislature for the Province, and as Good Templars, I believe we should exert all the influence we can towards electing a House that would be more favorable to the cause of temperance than the present

JUVENILE TEMPLARS.—Some progress has been made during the year in the nursery of Good Templary. The G. S. J. T. is one of our most earnest and devoted officers, and his report will be laid before you.

FINANCES.—Our Treasury will show a surplus over and above the expenditure which will be required to pay the expenses of a lecturer.

CONCLUSION.—And now my brothers and sisters in returning into your