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The Grand Lodge. What is it? The centralized power of the Subordinate Lodges. By them it exists, and without them it loses all force of vitality. It is their activities organized to conserve their own safety and to make their influence felt for aggressive action. There is and can be no divided interest between the Grand and the Subordinate Lodge, the glory of one is the life of the other, and a thrust at either is a blow at Templary. The Good Templar idea is the most democratic that ever blessed the world. It knows no distinction of sex or race, and in their privileges every member and every Lodge stand alike equal. Ability and worth are the *open sesame* to preferment, and all offices are held, and all money expended, as the Lodges by their representatives, elected by a free ballot, shall dictate. The republican principle, the will of the majority crystalized into constitutional and statutory law, is the one binding obligation felt in Africa's wilds, on English soil, or in America's States. Therefore, as we are all a part of this great institution, cannot we do something to make our own Grand Lodge a power that will be felt. If there flies on the wheel of progress, let us remove them at once. All must help.

We have been much pleased with the very complimentary remarks made concerning the first issue of this journal, both by those in the order and those outside, and have been very much encouraged by the numerous promises of support. But while compliments and promises are very nice, they do not pay the printer's bill. To make our meaning more plain, we would say that the quality and quantity of this paper depends on the cash which the editors receive. Therefore, pay up.

Referring to the unexpired subscriptions to the Echo, we want it distinctly understood that the "Good Templar" is not responsible for them. A number who did not pay their subscription to the Echo until late in the year, received their paper for the full year: therefore under the circumstances we will not fill any of the Echo subscriptions unless arranged for by Mr. Trythall or the Grand Executive.

Hereafter no papers will be supplied to any person unless paid for in advance. Those who have subscribed for the paper and have not paid will not receive any papers after this date until the subscription is paid, money is necessary to run a paper and we are no exception to the rule.

TEMPLAR SOLDIERS.

BY BRO. JOHN D. FINCH, R. W. G. T.

The real strength of the liquor interest is the ignorance of the people concerning it, and the fundamental principles of our Order. Total abstinence for the people and prohibition for the State are the only remedies for the cure of intemperance. In holding to these principles we must seek to have the people hold them. Let me urge this. The only hope for the success of our cause is that the men and women who differ with us in regard to total abstinence and prohibition are just as honest in their views as we are in ours, unless we believe there is no hope for our homes; because if the men and women who oppose us believe as we believe and see as we see, and yet antagonize the

work we are doing, they are dishonest. And let me say there is little hope of converting a dishonest person; if he is converted there is little hope of his being of very much use. But he who is converted who is convinced that he was in the wrong—will be as strong in the advocacy of the cause as we now are. I believe that the great mass of the people are honest in their views, but they are mistaken. Then, it is the duty of this Order, and it is what it is organized for, to do away with darkness and carry light to darkened minds.

Every Good Templar must be a soldier, and he must be armed and equipped. Enlisting is one thing, getting ready for the fight is another. But we have so many Good Templar soldiers who simply enlist! The enemy is unscrupulous and his defence is sophistry, false statement and misrepresentation. If you are valiant soldiers you must be armed and equipped to meet the sophistry, false statement and misrepresentation. A soldier who would enlist and go to the field of battle without knowing anything of the enemy, would be a poor defender, he who would fight a battle without arms would be a poor soldier.

So the hope of Good Templary is that it shall comprehend the great work it has to do, that every man and woman shall qualify himself and herself to be a good soldier. In every community arguments are used by the liquor men; every Good Templar should be ready to meet them. We must put on the armor for the contest. Every one should be a soldier and true. We have a great fight before us. The enemy we are opposing is trampling law under foot, degrading hope, degrading man, ruining woman, and beggaring children. It does not hesitate to take the life of our soldiers, and is making martyrs as it already has of Colonel Walter Smith, of Omaha; George Haddock, of Sioux City; and Roderick Dhu Gamble, of Jackson, Miss. I want you to prepare for this battle and be strong to fight for God and humanity—to fight for home, country, and the world.

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him who heals the drunkard's woe;
Praise Him who leads the Temperance host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.