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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

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Offices: 51 Confederation Life Buildings, Toronto.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 1894-95.

(Members please note changes.)

- G.C.T.—J. D. Andrews, Hamilton.
G.C.—W. F. Brockenshire, Wingham.
G.S.J.T.—John E. Wilson, Toronto.
G.V.T.—Julia Roberts, Paris.
G.S.—F. S. Spence, Toronto.
G.T.—W. R. Keyes, Paisley.
P.G.C.T.—Rev. J. C. Madill, Sarnia.
(The above constitute the Executive Committee.)
G.C.—Rev. W. H. Madill, Alton.
G.M.—G. J. Early, Peterboro'.
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G. Sen.—J. G. Murdoch, Lucknow.
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Alternates—W. H. Madill, W. J. Turnbull, D. Rose.

NOTES OF NEWS.

The Juvenile Templars of Great Britain now number over 50,000. Connected with the organization are about 5,000 grown persons who have also taken the fourfold pledge.

A special meeting of the Good Templar Mutual Benefit Association was held last month at the Lucas house, Toronto, and ratified the proposed changes in the Benefit Association which are set out in another column of this paper.

The International Good Templar has received a letter from Brother Alfred Taylor of Gloucester, England, referring to Gleam of Sunshine Lodge in West Chester District, which reported 491 members for the May quarter. It is probably the banner lodge of the world.

On September 28th, Brother John E. Wilson, G.S.J.T., assisted by Miss M. Bennett, D.S.J.T., instituted a promising Juvenile Temple in Broadway Hall, Toronto. It will be carried on in connection with Albion Lodge and is expected to be a power for good in that part of the city.

The twenty-second anniversary of the establishment of Juvenile Templary in Great Britain was celebrated last month with interesting ceremonies in many parts of England.

The adult section of the Order is now twenty-five years of age, and there have also been lately held many important gatherings in commemoration of the beginning of the work that is now so extensive and prosperous.

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

Some friends have been asking about the competition plan of lodge work. It is explained in the following letter from one of our northern workers. Doe Lake Lodge

No. 127 has hit upon a very successful plan of retaining members and keeping up interest in lodge meetings. At the first of each quarter two captains are appointed who choose sides, taking in all the members. Both sides take part in the programme every meeting. Marks are awarded for every selection rendered, and at the end of the quarter the side that has scored the smaller number of marks has to provide a treat for the whole lodge. The two members who have scored the highest for its quarter are captains for the next quarter. This plan has met with much success, and since its adoption a few months ago, the attendance has been larger, and many applications for membership have come in. Marks have also been awarded to those who propose new members. Only one hour is allowed for business, and the remainder of the evening is devoted to the programme.

A LETTER FROM RIVERSIDE LODGE, OF OTTAWA 241.

EDITOR CAMP FIRE.—Dear sir, before giving you the history of the past month's events from this lodge, let me thank you on behalf of the Riverside subscribers to your valuable paper, for the prompt delivery of the CAMP FIRE to these, and to inform you that everyone is delighted with it, and as the most of our members had the pleasure of meeting the G.C. when he visited Ottawa, they are loud in their praise of the excellent photo which appeared in the August number. The lodge is booming. It being the best lodge in the district (in our opinion), it cannot help but do so, for each and every member is doing his or her utmost to increase its membership. By the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, Riverside will have doubled its number of members.

The Juvenile Lodge, under the able superintendence of Miss Nellie Asher, is making even more rapid strides, and should it keep on increasing as it is doing it will soon equal the Subordinate Lodge in point of numbers. On Monday evening, Oct. 1st, they held a very enjoyable "at home," which was given with the object of bringing the parents of the children together, so that they might see what progress they were making. To say that everybody was delighted does not half express the feelings of those who were present. Amongst the prominent speakers of the evening were Mrs. Scott, Past G.S.G.T., and Rev. Mr. Scott, late of Davenport Lodge, Toronto, but now of Cameron Lodge, Ottawa; Rev. Mr. Clarke, Riverside, and Miss M. Wilson, D.S.G.T., of No Surrender Lodge. An excellent programme was rendered, which included a recitation from Sr. M. Wilson, a song from Sr. Ruby Brady, and several other items, after which a magnificent repast was served, much to the enjoyment of everybody, and especially the writer.

Owing to the tax which has just been placed on bachelors by the worthy Mayor of Ottawa, several of our members are bestirring themselves and are on the lookout for partners. This accounts for the large number of Riverside Brothers who visit the other lodges in the district. Two of our members have already arrived at the same opinion, and are making investments in household requisites.

McKEEGAN.

Ottawa, Oct. 4th, 1894.

The Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance is making a vigorous protest against the action of the Canada Pacific Railway authorities in dismissing Mr. W. W. Smith, station agent at Sutton Junction. It will be remembered that Mr. Smith was recently assaulted by a scoundrel engaged by the liquor sellers to do that work. He was president of the Brome County Alliance, and it is believed by the Quebec Branch of the Alliance that his dismissal was owing to his activity in prohibition work.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ENGLISH GRAND LODGE OF WALES.

The twenty-first annual session was held at Merthyr Tydvil. The officers' report showed a substantial increase in all departments; the attendance, too, was larger than it had been for many years. An immense public demonstration was held, the large temperance hall being all too small for the audience. Mr. D. A. Thomas, M.P., took the chair, and the announced speakers were the Rev. Archdeacon Howell, B.D., of Wrexham; Sis. Miss Florence Baggamie, of London; and Bro. J. E. Poulter, of Southampton. Alderman Thomas Williams, J.P., expressed the gratitude of the enthusiastic audience for the eloquent speeches given, and the audience broke out at the close in singing a national hymn in the Welsh language. The meeting was generally described as one of the finest ever held in the town. The new officers were installed, Bro. J. E. Poulter, of Southampton, and Bro. W. Bingham, of London, assisting at the ceremony. Bro. Jones-Bury was heartily thanked for his past services as G.C.T., and Bro. J. Stanford, of Wrexham, succeeds to the post. The G.L. of England was represented by Bro. J. E. Poulter; the G.L. of Ireland by Bros. Frank Johnstone and R. Semple, of Belfast; and the Welsh Grand Lodge by Bro. J. O. Evans.—*The Watchman.*

THE GENERAL WORK.

HOW OUR CAUSE IS MARCHING ON.

The 18th Annual Convention of the Ontario Provincial W. C. T. U. is an important one, held at Cornwall, opening October 30th.

The French Government has voted a sum of about \$200,000 for the establishment in Paris of an inebriate asylum. It is to contain accommodation for five hundred patients.

The Scott Act must be doing some good in Charlottetown. We learn from newspaper reports that the number of convictions for drunkenness made in the city during September was sixteen. The number made during September, 1893, was forty-three.

General Neal Dow, the father of prohibition, now ninety years of age, and still a hale witness to the value of total abstinence practice, is announced to speak at the Pavillon Gospel Temperance meeting in Toronto on Sunday, November 4th.

An election campaign is on in the Northwest Territories, where a new Legislature is to be chosen in a few days. In about ten constituencies there are candidates who have clearly declared themselves in favor of prohibition.

During the inquiry into the Montreal police system now going on, Judge Dugas was examined a few days ago, and in his evidence made this remarkable statement: "Ninety per cent. of all the crime committed by adult persons not born professional thieves, is caused by drink."

The National Convention of the W.C.T.U. of America will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning on November 5th. Lady Henry Somerset is expected to be present, and among the other distinguished guests announced to take part are, John G. Woolley, Geo. W. Bain, Professor Dickey, Anthony Comstock, and General Neal Dow.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association was held in Glasgow on Tuesday, September 25th. An extensive report was presented, setting out the progress that had been made during the past year and declaring that total prohibition was the only hopeful method of dealing with the liquor traffic.

On Friday, the 28th of September, Miss Frances E. Willard celebrated her fifty-fifth birthday. A great audience gathered in the First Congregational

Church in Chicago, in honor of the occasion, and addresses were delivered by a number of representative workers from many organizations. A meeting was also held in Willard Hall in the Woman's building. Miss Willard delivered a very touching address.

A deputation from the Ontario Medical Association waited recently on the Ontario Government, asking for the institution of an inebriate asylum for this province. The Attorney-General did not give the deputation much encouragement to hope for the Government's bearing the expense of the proposal. It is stated, however, that he intimated that if such an asylum were established by private enterprise, the Government might assist in its maintenance.

The Ontario Christian Endeavor Union held its sixth annual meeting at Kingston on the 10th inst. Some very strong deliverances were made on the temperance question, and the following resolution was adopted: "The problem of the submission of a plebiscite to the electorate of Quebec province has received the careful and thoughtful consideration of the members of this convention, and as an educational movement we think great good might result to our people, and we hereby pledge ourselves that in case a plebiscite is granted for the province our best energies will be devoted to labor zealously for the success of the effort."

Temperance workers in the City of Chicago have united in the institution of an annual temperance day. Its first celebration was on the 10th inst. There was a great procession of societies of various kinds, numbering in all about 1,000 persons. At night a great meeting was held, addressed by a number of prominent Catholic and Protestant clergymen, among whom were Bishop Watterson, of Ohio, Rev. Dr. J. H. Barrows, Bishop Fallows, Father James Cleary and others. Among the letters received was one from the Papal Ablegate, Mgr. Satolli, in which he said:

"I am pleased to hear that my recent decision has produced so happy an effect. It is a matter of deep regret that so many Catholics are engaged in the saloon traffic, which by its abuses is the cause of so much harm to their fellow men and scandal to our non-Catholic brethren.

"Fondly trusting that this abuse may be mitigated, if not obliterated, and this cause of reproach may be removed from the Catholics of America, I remain yours very sincerely in Christ."

OUR ORDER.

NOTABLE OPINIONS.

I look upon the order of Good Templars as representing the good Samaritan in the parable; for whereas the Church of England passed by England when it was groaning under the evils of intemperance, the Good Templars helped the wounded man. Afterwards the Church of England Temperance society came in and helped to reap the harvest that the Good Templars had sown.—*Canon Wilberforce.*

It is impossible to estimate the good accomplished by Good Templars, not alone in temperance reform, and in teaching by example the great lesson of the equality of woman and man, but also in foreshadowing by the universality of its organization, its work, and its sympathies, the new order of things when

Man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that.
—*Ex-Senator Henry W. Blair.*

The question "How can we build up the lodge?" is often asked. An exchange answers it by saying:

First—by personal work to secure new members:

Second—Retain your membership by educational programs for "good of the order"

Third—Begin your meetings promptly and close ordinarily not later than ten o'clock. Follow the course and your lodge will be always "built up."
—*The Severn.*