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Arrival of Delegates.

The advance guard of the Officers and members for these interesting annual gatherings, began to turn up from distant localities on Saturday, March 15th. On Monday they entered the town by train and were met by the Grand Chapter of Newfoundland, and at 8 o'clock the routine business was opened for the transaction of business. R. W. Bro. R. J. Hocken, of Cupids, opened the Chapter with the usual ceremonies. A splendid address of welcome was read by the Preceptor Rowe, of Heart's Content, and suitably responded to by Bro. R. A. Squires, of St. John's. The routine business was got through with despatch and thoroughness and the officers elected and installed and everything arranged in connection with the Grand Chapter for the voyage of 1919 and 1920 until the next meeting. The names of the principal officers have already appeared in print.

Opening of Grand Lodge.

The gravel of Grand Master Puddister brought the Grand Lodge to order at 8 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 18th inst., for the transaction of business. After the usual preliminaries the Grand Lodge listened with intense interest while the officers proceeded to give an account of their stewardship. The Grand Master's Address.

Grand Master Puddister's address embodied the true spirit of optimism. It was a great privilege to meet in the "Cable City" for the 45th session of the Grand Lodge at the invitation of the Brethren of Anglim Lodge, No. 6. The last session held at Heart's Content was twenty-two years ago. At that time the hope was expressed that the next Grand Lodge would come by train, and it did. But the personnel had changed. The veteran John Ball, P. Grand Chaplain, was there, converted now by sickness. Bro. Edward Thomas, the P. Grand Treasurer, was too old to take the journey. Bro. Ernest G. Mercer, D.G.M., had moved on to the Grand Lodge above. The late Dr. Goddard, of Old Perils, was the Grand Lecturer. Many of the leading Orangemen of 1897 had passed on to another state.

The war had terminated since our last gathering. It raged too long, but came to an end abruptly. The story is too well known to require repetition. A tribute was paid to the boys in khaki and also to the boys in blue, who helped to make the silent victory of the British Navy. The number of volunteers accepted for the Royal 104 Regiment is as follows: 6,242; rejected, 6,147; total number of volunteers, 12,389; killed and died of wounds, 1,176; Volunteers for the Forestry, 500; rejected, 278; Naval volunteers accepted, 2,053; Naval volunteers rejected, approximately 759; Naval volunteers deceased, 172; grand total for Nfld, 16,000.

The war has left a great legacy to the Colony. The work of reconstruction must be faced cheerfully. Our obligations must be undertaken and liquidated honestly. There were advantages on our side which would make our task easier than many of our Allies. The returned soldier must not be neglected after the hardships and sacrifices he had made for us.

The address contained a reference to the Governor's appeal to the L.O.A. through the Grand Master, and the reply signifying the fact that His Excellency could be assured of the support of the Loyal Orange Association. The Governor's appeal was sent to every Lodge throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland.

Some observations were made upon the question of prohibition, and an exhortation to the members of the Association to act the part of vigilant watchmen, for the serpent may be in our path when least expected.

On New Year's Day the Lodges of St. John's had paraded to Government House, and had sent an address of loyalty to His Majesty the King through His Excellency the Governor. The address had been forwarded and a suitable reply has been received.

A sympathetic message had been sent to the Sovereign Grand Master, H. C. Hocken, on the death of his son in the nation's struggle. The late Lieut. Hocken was a member of the L. O. A. Our death roll for the year had been 283. Many had fallen on the field of blood.

Reference was also made to the Jubilee Celebration of Leeming Lodge; to the War Memorial; to numerous other matters, making the address one of the best to which the Grand Lodge has been privileged to listen.

The Grand Secretary's Report.

The Grand Secretary's address is the best that has ever been presented. When the Grand Lodge met at Heart's Content in 1897 there were 52 Lodges in Nfld.; now there are 135. The year just passed showed a net gain of 623 members.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report showed the Society to be in a most healthy condition financially. A number of laudable objects were remembered, e.g., the St. John's Orphanages, Rescue Home, Maternity Home, the Bible Society. (Continued on 7th page.)

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