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Next annual meeting is at Nanaimo, in September, 1894.

DISTRICT LODGE NO. 3.

J. A. Shearer, D. C. T. Langley
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 Next meeting at Mission City, February, 1894.

DISTRICT LODGE NO. 2.

H. Harold, D. C. T. Nanaimo
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 Next session in March, 1894.

OFFICIAL LETTERS.

The years 1893 and 1894 promise to be the most memorable in the history of the Temperance Reformation.

The great question of Prohibition is agitating the world, especially the Anglo-Saxon part of it, causing politicians to take the burning question into serious consideration.

The temperance and labor leaders of Great Britain are urging upon their government the immediate passage of the "Direct Veto Bill." Recently the Good Templars of England celebrated their 25th Anniversary, continuing it for one month, their energetic G.C.T., Bro. Malins, taking part in the programme each day. For enthusiasm this celebration has not been excelled in the history of the Good Templar Order, or the Temperance Reform in Great Britain. A petition has been sent to parliament, signed by seven M. P.'s (all labor leaders) and 132 presidents and chairmen of different mining associations, praying for the immediate passage of the bill.

In Germany a very exhaustive article was recently read by an eminent physician before a scientific association, pointing out the evils that the liquor traffic is working in Germany, which is a move in the right direction. Prince Edward Island will take a vote on Prohibition on the 15th inst.; Ontario on June 1st. Manitoba has already declared in favor of it by a large majority, and now Nova Scotia is asking for a plebiscite.

New Zealand and Australia are forcing the question into the elections. These are all hopeful signs and leaves one to surmise what the result

will be in the next three or four years; it gives all earnest temperance people courage.

The elections in this province will be in next summer; let us organize systematically and question the several candidates how they stand on the Prohibition issue.

There is vast room for advancement on the Temperance question in B. C., but we are moving slowly and surely. The past year has made impressions, and the signs are that the next will have its blessings.

May the time soon come when each one will feel their responsibility.

Yours for the cause,

A. R. CARRINGTON,
Grand Marshal.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

Just a few words in regard to the Grand Lodge Insurance Association. The Rules and Regulations have been forwarded to all Lodges, and by the time this paper reaches our members they will have received the application forms. Each Lodge is requested to appoint a committee of three to receive names for insurance, and if satisfactory, will then forward to the Grand Secretary, accompanied by admission fee. Several applications have already been received, and it rests entirely with the members of our Order whether this association proves a success or otherwise. We hope our members will take an active interest in this insurance, as it cannot fail to be of great benefit to our Order if it only receives the support it deserves.

I would also call the attention of the Lodges to the fact that November is the month for taking up collections for the Mission fund. Some Lodges have already done so: those that have not will please attend to it at once and forward to the Grand Secretary.

I am glad to be able to state that our Ass't-Sec. has returned from her visit to the World's Fair, and doubtless the Secretaries and Lodge Deputies will also be pleased, as in future it will take less of their valuable time in deciphering the communications from G. S. office.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours for the work,
LEWIS HALL,
Grand Sec.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—

In my last letter I asked you to be prompt in making your quarterly returns for quarter ending Oct. 31st. I regret to say that I have not received a single report, and am still in ignorance of the numerical strength of the Temples in B. C. I have sent out a large lot of blank reports, which I

hope will fall into the hands of every Supt. eventually. I am about to order a new stock of supplies of all kinds, and would advise Temples everywhere to replenish their stocks as soon as possible. Do not cripple the work for want of material. It is false economy so to do. If any of the Temples are out of blank quarterly reports I shall be glad to hear from them and to furnish as soon as possible.

I am happy to say Sister Harris has been successful in reviving several old and organizing new Temples. Before this reaches you I hope to visit some of the Temples on Vancouver Island and thus become more in touch with the subjects of my care.

I have mailed to every Temple Supt. sample copies of the *International Juvenile Templar*, a most valuable factor in Juvenile work, and hope every Temple will see its way clear to subscribe for the paper.

Subscribe also for our local organ the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR, the means of official communication and a ready helper in our work.

Ever yours in T. L. & P.,
J. CALVERT,
G. Sec. J. T.

BRO. EDITOR:—

Will you allow me, through your columns, to ask that all Lodges in "District No. 3," will at once forward to me a copy of their last *quarterly returns* as provided by the Lodge Constitution, so that I shall be enabled to prepare my report for our next session at Mission City.

Yours for our District,
T. COYLE WHITE,
Dist. Sec.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

We are highly favored at the present time in having two earnest workers in the lecture field. Sister Harris, in the upper country, has been visiting the Lodges and holding public meetings, which have been much appreciated by the people. At Armstrong she instituted a Lodge with 26 members, and also at Salmon Arm. Many of the places visited want her again. Daily I receive letters asking that she be sent for another visit. She will accordingly visit all points near the railroad as she returns.

Bro. S. H. Davis, on the coast, has done faithful work. It is a great pleasure to hear him speak, and I have no doubt but what his visit will do much good. The weather and the roads have made traveling on the coast rather unpleasant since his arrival in our jurisdiction.

It is now for our Lodges to take up the work and push the battle to the gates. Do not lose the ground gained