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OURSELVES.

With this issue we complete the first volume of our Official Organ under its new name and the fourth volume since the Grand Lodge commenced the publication of its own paper. The present managers have during the year endeavored to keep within their appropriation, and to give the members the best possible paper for the money. In the first instance we have succeeded, and as far as the second is concerned we leave our readers to judge. Our expenses during the year have been under \$350.00, and our income when all in should amount to about the same. Some of those who have subscribed have not as yet paid up, and an early settlement would be very acceptable to the committee.

We now bid adieu to our readers, one and all, thanking them for their kindness and assistance, and trusting that they will give the committee for 1894-5 a better and more hearty support than they did the committee of 1893-4.

How sweet to have a faithful friend,
In whom we can confide:
To bless us if we act aright,
And if we err to chide.

ADVANTAGES OF THE ORDER.

An advantage of the Order to those who join it is the protection it affords the young at the most critical time of life. From ten to eighteen years of age, there is a tendency in youth to tread forbidden paths. The restaurant and saloon have particular attractions. Counter influences are needed. The young seek amusement: they ought to have it; but, as far as

them a disrelish for places where such influences abound.

For many years the Church, in conducting its Sunday Schools, has worked upon the principle that it is easier to form than to reform,—to save from falling than to rescue the fallen. The Church hopes, in this way, to train up any army of recruits, who will fill the places vacated by the veterans as they pass on to their reward. Hence the care bestowed upon that branch of Church effort. There is in this a lesson for us, and all engaged in temperance work. If we hope ever to create a thorough, living temperance sentiment of sufficient power to crush the liquor traffic, we must devote our educational efforts especially to the young, for they are truly the hope of the country. Our Order recognizes the importance of this early training by providing Juvenile Temples, where temperance truth may be learned even before the child has been taught the alphabet, the lodges opening their doors to receive the scholars as they advance in years and knowledge, just as the Church receives the graduating Sunday School Scholar. The meeting, both of temple and lodge are held regularly, the subjects of temperance and prohibition are discussed and magnified—or rather dignified—into merited importance, and business is transacted systematically and according to strict parliamentary rules. While by these means the young are instructed in the manner of transacting business in deliberative bodies—a very useful sort of knowledge—lasting impressions regarding temperance are made on their minds. At first they become interested in the subject; then, gradually, as in all education, convinced, and afterwards strengthened and confirmed in their convictions, until at length to love and practice temperance becomes one of the strongest elements of their character.

The influences which the Good Templar lodge room gathers around the young at the most critical period of social life, leave impressions on their minds as certainly and permanently as the fossil leaves its imprint upon the plastic material that ultimately becomes solid rock. They become the mould in which the mind is cast; they give form, tone and expression to the character which can

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possible, it should be enjoyed under the eyes of parents, and, whenever practicable, mingled with instruction. The Good Templars meet this demand. They open the doors of their temples and lodges to the young, as well as to the old, of both sexes; they spread out to all who enter the organization, services at once entertaining, safe and profitable from a mental and moral point of view. They not only call the young away from vicious influences, but create in