

Good Templars.

Wellington County Lodge was reorganized at Arthur on Wednesday last. Rev. Bro. Noble, of Arthur, was elected County Chief Templar. The next meeting will be held at Drayton on July 9th.

Riverside is to have a lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars. A meeting will be held in the Baptist church there on Friday, the 13th inst., to organize and institute the lodge. Several officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge will attend to address the meeting and conduct the ceremonies.

R. W. G. LODGE MEETING.

The thirtieth annual session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, was held at Washington, last week, commencing on Tuesday, 27th ult. There were forty-three Grand Lodges represented, and one hundred and thirty-seven representatives and past representatives enrolled their names. Nearly every state in the American Union was represented, and five of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada. The Representatives of the Canadian Grand Lodges were as follows:—*Ontario*:—J. H. Flagg, G. W. C. T.; W. S. Williams, E. S. Canmer, Daniel Rose, Dr. Oronhyatekha; *Quebec*:—W. H. Lambly, J. P. Plummer; *Manitoba*:—Thomas Nixon; *Nova Scotia*:—P. J. Chisholm, G. W. C. T.; *Prince Edward Island*:—J. C. Underhay.

The officers reports showed a very satisfactory state of the work during the past year. The report of the R. W. G. Templar, Geo. B. Katzenstein, of California, was a lengthy document of nearly forty pages, and contained a great deal of matter extraneous to a report of that kind, but of value in itself. After a lengthy review of the position of the Prohibitory movement in the United States, the report dealt largely with matters of appeal and constitution, and the like, of no very general interest to those immediately outside of the ranks of the Order. Some extracts from these will be given in future issues of this paper.

The Report of F. G. Keens, R. W. G. Secretary, contained much valuable information in regard to the extent and progress of the work. During the past year a new Grand Lodge was instituted in Manitoba, of Lodges formerly under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. A new Grand Lodge was also instituted in Florida and the United Service Grand Lodge, was instituted in London, England, composed of members of the British Army and Navy, and having jurisdiction over all military and naval subordinate lodges in every British possession except India, South Africa and British America, where chartered Grand Lodges already exist.

In the United States, it is reported, that a grand Lodge is now working in every one of the States, in British Columbia, and each of the Territories except Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, but in all these there are flourishing subordinate lodges.

In Canada, it is reported, a Grand Lodge is now working in each province of the Dominion, excepting Newfoundland "(which is not in the Dominion at all)." They are all in a healthy, vigorous condition, more so than for some years past.

There are eight Grand Lodges in Australia, three in South Africa, one in India, two on the continent of Europe, in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, one in Ireland and four in England.

There are also subordinate lodges in Cairo, Egypt, China, Japan, at Singapore, and the Island of Ceylon.

The figures furnished by the last Grand Lodge reports show that the total membership in good standing is 298,595 and the present number of Lodges 6,514. The number initiated during the year was 148,166; number of deaths 1,243; number of lodges initiated 1,851.

The largest membership in connection with any one Grand Lodge is, strange to say in Sweden, which reports 39,722 members, and 659 lodges, with no less than 27,295 initiations last year. New York Grand Lodge reports 27,162 members, 559 lodges, with 160 new lodges last year and 14,324 initiations. Maine comes next with 20,000 members, 323 lodges, 77 new lodges and 17,420 initiations. California has 18,872 members, 378 lodges, 91 new lodges, and 10,805 initiations.

The total cash receipts by the R. W. G. Secretary from all sources during the year amounted to \$15,411. In regard to financial matters the report says: "The finances of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge are in a highly satisfactory condition. In addition to defraying all expenses we have been able to liquidate every dollar of the old indebtedness, carry on its mission work, and to-day re-

port to you every debt paid and over five thousand dollars cash in the treasury.

FINANCES.

The R. W. G. Treasurer, Uriah Copp, reported that the total of all receipts during the year in luding \$3,572, balance in the treasury from last year, to have been \$13,884, and the total balance in hand, of all funds, \$4,400. He concludes by saying: "I think at this session, we can congratulate ourselves that we are free from debt; that that burden will no longer hamper and paralyse the efforts and energies of the Order. This has been brought about by the liberality of the membership. At the Charlestown session, two years ago, a small tax was levied, and it was cheerfully met, but after a years experience it was found inadequate to meet the emergency; and hence, at the last session, held at Chicago, a larger tax was levied, and this, too, has very generally been willingly paid. The Order seems disposed to meet manfully every requirement necessary to put it in shape to fulfill its great mission. It is now in a position to do aggressive work, and there is no time or place where it can halt or even be less vigilant and be safe. We are in for the fight, whether it be long or short. Less legislation and more hard work would do the Order and the cause of temperance far more good. Past experience should have taught us a good practical lesson in economy, so that we may never fall into that pit-fall again. The great field is open before us, and we are here to plan how the work is to be done, and be done with the means at our command. It is not rhetoric or high sounding words, or nicely rounded sentences, or great promises, that are needed, but good practical thoughts and suggestions, such as will build up the Order and make it strong and powerful."

A RECEPTION.

President Arthur expressed a willingness to give an official reception to the members at the White House, and all proceeded there in a body and were individually introduced.

THE ELECTIONS.

The following are the elected Officers for the ensuing year:—

R. W. G. T., Hon. John B. Finch, Nebraska.
R. W. G. C., Dr. Oronhyatekha, London, Ont.
R. W. G. V., Mrs. Sarah A. Leonard, Massachusetts.
R. W. G. S., Hon. D. Sagendorph, Michigan.
R. W. G. T., Hon. Uriah Copp, Illinois.
R. W. G. C., Rev. H. F. Churtzberg, S. Carolina.
R. W. G. M., P. J. Chisholm, Nova Scotia.
R. W. G. G., W. E. Greenwood, Maryland.

Supt. of Juvenile Templars, Miss Gertrude L. Cushman, Euclid, Ohio.

The next annual session will be held in Toronto, commencing the fourth Tuesday in May. Among the places nominated for the next meeting were Chicago, Louisville, New Orleans, Denver and Toronto. Several ballots were taken but Toronto led off each time, finally obtaining a majority over all others with New Orleans next.—*Truth*.

W. C. T. U.

CIRCULAR.

To the W. C. T. U. and all Temperance Workers.

DEAR FRIENDS.—Since the late Convention at Ottawa, the Press Committee of the Provincial W. C. T. U. has sought to engage the attention and interest of the religious and secular press of our province, to the present issues of the temperance reform: and to this end have sent a double postal card to every editor in the Province, asking him in the name of the W. C. T. U. to give attention and space in his paper to the various phases of the temperance work. From most of them we have had courteous replies granting the space desired. So, dear Fellow-laborer, we appeal to you, because we find more newspapers willing to grant space, than workers to fill it.

Printing-presses are the heavy guns in this warfare. Shall they remain silent when willing to speak for you as no other voice can speak? Will you not read and select from the brain-work of others the best matter, and through columns so generously offered, speak to thousands who otherwise will hear nothing on the subjects. The Press is a grand power for good or ill; through you, may its leaves be for the healing of the nations.

The Press Committee of the Provincial W. C. T. U. have endeavored to obtain the best thoughts, as to methods and lines of work in this department; so they venture to append to the foregoing Circular the following