

"I would recommend the appointment of a Special Committee to examine and report upon the expediency of appointing a Standing Committee to arrange and perfect a plan for a regular course of Scientific and Literary Reading for a series of years; diplomas to be issued by the R. W. G. Lodge upon the certificate of W. C. T. and W. Secretary of Subordinate Lodges that members have completed the course."

I would also recommend: 1. That no money be voted to Grand Lodges.

2. That the R. W. G. Lodge do its own work through its own lecturers, who shall report directly to the Executive of this body.

3. That in special campaigns against the liquor traffic, when it is deemed advisable to ask the Order to make contributions to assist a jurisdiction, the R. W. G. Lodge Executive should take the matter in charge and provide that all donations be sent through this body so that an exact report of the amount may be given to the membership. The custom of Grand Lodges, unauthorized, asking for aid from other Grand Lodges, should be discontinued.

"With the records of the work of the past year, and the conclusions deduced from the work before you, I trust that the results of your deliberations may be to perfect and strengthen the Order, and prepare it to do better service in the contest with the enemy of the homes of the world."

D. P. Sagendorph, R. W. G. S., then presented his report. We extract the following items of interest:—

The condition of the Order in the United States, much like everything else, has "its ups and its downs," and while it has been put to the severest test during the past year, with hard times and a Presidential campaign, it has come out like gold tried in the fire, all the more brilliant and substantial. In quite a few Grand Lodges there has been a decrease in membership, but in a majority of them, as far as the returns have been received by me, there has been a gain, and to the credit of quite a few, that gain has been a handsome one. The gain, as a whole, is over ten thousand members.

In the Dominion of Canada the Grand Lodges, taken as a whole, have done a noble work during the past year; their tabular showing will be a credit to them.

We have a great deal to encourage us in Africa. The three Grand Lodges are energetic and determined, they have to work under very discouraging circumstances, and meet with determined opposition from the seceders of our Order; and with rituals in English, while they speak a different language. One of the Grand Lodges there has made a gain in membership, while the other two have lost a trifle. Our Worthy D. D. Bro. Henry Plange, Jr., a very faithful and active worker, has organized some Sub. Lodges, and has six more in process of organization on the Gold Coast.

I submit the usual Statistical tables, compiled from the annual return sheets of Grand Lodges, which show the entire membership to be 289,005, an actual loss of 4,363 during the past year. But you must remember that Sweden alone lost 15,380; aside from that, the Order, the world over, as a whole, has made an advance.

A detailed statement of the Mission work done the past year, appears in the report of the Right Worthy Grand Templar. The amount expended for this purpose has \$3,305, including the \$700 sent to Dr. Lees of England, and for literature, the sum of \$280.

The financial condition of our Order has been affected by the extreme hard times and the Presidential campaign. We had hoped to have paid to Bro. Williams his debt, but the best we could do was to pay him \$500. Our stock, although reported worth \$1,550.69, was comparatively worthless. What we had was some that had been in the office for many years, and probably will remain there until charged up to profit and loss, yet our Order is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. They have received unremitting attention throughout the year, the expenses being kept down to the very lowest point consistent with the proper running of the Order.

An itemized account of cash received is hereto annexed, so that the exact source of this revenue can easily be traced. An account of the expenditure and the purpose for which the same was made may be found in the warrant account hereto attached, also inventory of stock on hand, itemized account of assets and balance sheet. Showing balance of assets over all liabilities to be \$4,946.57. Last year it was \$12,506.26, but of this amount in accordance with a resolution adopted at Washington Session, page 106, I wrote off to profit and loss \$8,148.84, showing an increase in assets over last year of \$349.15.

From the report of the R. W. G. Treasurer it is learned that the balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year, and the receipts of the year aggregate \$11,681.35; the expenditures being \$9,853.63. \$280 were spent for literature, and \$250 for mission work:—

There now remains in the treasury of the different funds the following amounts, to wit:—

General Fund.....	\$1,727 72
Literature Fund.....	292 10.
Special Fund for Mission Work.....	406 50

Total of all Funds..... \$2,426 32

After the reading of this report they were referred to the Committee on Distribution.

An interesting report was also presented by the Chief Superintendent of Juvenile Templars.

In the evening a reception to the delegates in the form of a conversation was given in the buildings of the Educational Department by the Toronto Good Templars. Music was furnished by the Band of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, under the direction of Mr. Toulmin. Addresses of welcome were given by Hon. G. W. Ross, (who presided), His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, Rev. Dr. Dewart and J. H. Flagg, of Mitchell.

Addresses were also presented by Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, on behalf of the Toronto Good Templars, and Bro. F. S. Spence, on behalf of the W. C. T. U. Speeches in response were made by Hon. J. B. Finch, George B. Katzenstein, of California; Col. J. J. Hickman, of Kentucky; and J. N. Stearns, of New York. The following is the musical programme rendered:—Song, "It was in the Merry May," Mr. Schuch. Song, "Wood Nymph's Call," Miss Bowron. Song, "Sottly Sighs," Mrs. Bradley. Song, "When the Heart is Young," Mr. Schuch. Song, "Good Night," Miss Bowron. Song, "Home, Sweet Home," Mrs. Bradley. The Rev. C. H. Mead, by request, sang, "Keep in the Middle of the Road."

The conversazione broke up at a late hour after spending a most enjoyable evening, long to be remembered as a red letter day in the history of Good Templary.

## SECOND DAY.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge met on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. After reading of the journal, Miss Gertrude L. Cushman, of Euclid, Ohio, Chief Superintendent of Juvenile Templars, made her annual report, from which we take the following extract:

We have taken our stand before the world as upholders of a grand and noble cause, a cause before whose electric light all other lights pale, a cause that embraces the whole human family, leaving none out in the cold, but drawing under its beneficent wing the most accursed and degraded in the world as well as gathering under its protecting care the innocent child. As will be seen in Journal of last session, the Executive Committee voted an appropriation to be used in personal appeals to Grand Lodges, where for many reasons our system of education had succumbed to circumstances, or been turned over to the W. C. T. U.

I visited the jurisdictions of Ontario, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. While these visits are not perceptible this year by good reports, I am led to believe from the letters received that the heaven is working, and each state will in time send their leaves to the Good Templar banquet.

Many local Superintendents fail to make reports, although their Temples are well sustained.

	NUMBER.	MEMBERSHIP.
California, B. of H.....	200	17,345
Connecticut, Juvenile Templars.....	17	870
District Columbia ".....	2	92
Georgia ".....	15	1,383
Empire, India ".....	2	27
Ireland, B. of H. and Templars.....	—	3,255
Illinois ".....	14	1,050
Indiana ".....	8	200
Maine ".....	79	5,582
Massachusetts ".....	24	1,093
Minnesota ".....	2	—
New York ".....	62	2,666
Nova Scotia ".....	9	700
Ohio ".....	16	604
Prince Edward's Isle ".....	2	51
Pennsylvania ".....	8	252
Vermont ".....	9	322
Virginia ".....	22	873
Wisconsin ".....	58	2,181
South Carolina ".....	6	500
Sweden ".....	20	582
Colorado ".....	8	325
West Virginia ".....	5	161
Louisiana ".....	1	14

The letters from those with whom I have been so closely connected the last two years, are very encouraging, and I think the dark hour has passed, and my successor will take up the work in the early dawn of a new morning.

Brothers and sisters, I have tried conscientiously and prayerfully to prove myself your faithful servant in the discharge of every duty pertaining to my office, to "err is human, and I crave the divinity of your forgiveness for all errors."

In laying down the mantle you have seen fit to place upon my shoulders, I do so, thanking you for all the pleasant associations that have been woven into my life, and in full faith,—

"That soon or late to all who sow,  
The time of harvest shall be given;  
The flowers shall bloom, the fruit shall grow,  
If not on earth, at least in heaven."

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:—

- R. W. G. T.—John B. Finch, Nebraska.
- R. W. G. Coun.—W. H. L. Lambly, Quebec.
- R. W. G. V. T.—Mrs. S. A. Leonard, Massachusetts.
- R. W. G. Sec'y.—B. F. Parker, Wisconsin.
- R. W. G. Treas.—Uriah Copp, jr., Illinois.
- R. W. G. S. T.—Miss Mary F. Peck, Connecticut.