

ship, 18,873, of which (make a note of it Canadians, and learn one of the secrets of California's success in temperance work) 11,850 are full degree members. Present number of lodges, 378; gain, 19. Of these lodges 52 own halls valued at \$43,428; 96 own pianos or organs valued at \$11,259. The lodges own other property valued at \$27,391, and have cash in their treasuries amounting to \$11,633. Only 10 lodges are two quarters behind in paying their tax. The Grand Lodge revenues for the year amounted to \$41,780, and the expenditure was \$43,614. Of the expenditures, \$9,400 was for lecture work, which brought an immediate return of \$5,250 from charter fees and collections. The expenses of the Orphans' Home amounted to \$17,238, and this with \$3,000 paid for additional land purchased, and the cost of repairs, improvements, etc., brought the outlay on this monument of practical Templary up to \$23,684. The receipts for per capita tax during the year amounted to \$17,500. The G. S. J. T. reported 211 juvenile organizations at work, a gain of 19 in the year; membership, 12,785. J. L. Coles, G. W. C. T.; Geo. B. Katzenstein, G. W. S.

COLORADO.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado met in Denver on the 12th of October. Representatives were present from nearly all the lodges in the jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge degree was conferred on twenty new members. No particulars are contained in the notice received as to the character of the statistical reports presented, but the impression is conveyed that the Order though weak is in a hopeful condition. Col. J. J. Hickman, P. R. W. G. T., was present at the session and is now at work in the jurisdiction. Steps were taken to immediately inaugurate and carry on vigorous aggressive work.

INDIANA.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana held its twenty-ninth annual session in Indianapolis on the 16th and 17th inst. There was a large and satisfactory attendance of representatives and others. The G. W. S. reported seventeen new lodges organized and four dormant once reorganized. Four lodges surrendered charters, one suspended, and thirteen failed to report during the year. This leaves a net gain of three in the number of lodges, and the net gain in membership is reported at 340. The report of the G. W. Treasurer was the best that has been presented for several years. The Grand Lodge was out of debt, and there was a balance of about \$50 in the treasury. Eli Miller was re-elected G. W. C. T.; Sister Amanda Way, well known to many Canadian Templars, was elected G. W. C.; Sister Mannie Wheeler, G. W. V. T.; G. G. Long, G. W. S.; Isaac Underwood, G. W. T.; Mrs. A. A. Brookbank, G. S. J. T. The members of this Grand Lodge feel happy now the body has got out of debt, and it is confidently expected that they will make things pretty lively for the liquor men in the prohibition fight that is opening up in Indiana.

NEBRASKA.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was held at Crete on the 10th, 11th and 12th of October. Glowing reports were presented by the Grand Officers. A sturdy fight has been going on in this jurisdiction against whisky, in which our Order has taken the lead and gained strength from the effect. The reports show a gain of 24 lodges and 1,100 members in the past eight months. The old administration was fully endorsed and re-elected by the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding a determined effort to upset it. Plans for an active aggressive campaign were perfected, and the fight for prohibition will be hot during this next year. The Order in Nebraska was never more thoroughly united or better organized than at present, and is in fine condition to make a grand record during the year. The Good Templars of Canada extend their warm congratulations to those of Nebraska. F. J. Sibley, Lincoln, G. W. C. T.; M. Weaverling, Beatrice, G. W. S.; Representatives to R. W. G. L., F. J. Sibley and Rev. George Scott.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire took place at Keene on the 3rd and 4th of October. There was a good representation present from all parts of the jurisdiction, and the reports from lodges showed the Order to be in a flourishing condition and accomplishing much in the line of aggressive work. Twelve new lodges have been organized during the year and one re-organized. The Hon. Geo. A. Bailey, of Manchester, was re-elected G. W. C. T., and Miss Emma P. Whittier, Lake Village, was re-elected G. W. S. The annual sessions are to be held hereafter alternately in Manchester and Concord.

T. D. Kanouse, Esq., one of the strongest and most devoted workers in Wisconsin, after twelve years of hard labor at the head

of the Good Templars, has resigned and gone to Dakota for his health under the direction of his physician. He carries with him the good wishes of the entire Templar Order and a host of outside friends.

GENERAL.

The Nova Scotia Branch of the Dominion Alliance is in session this week at Halifax. We hope to give our readers a report of its proceedings at an early date. The following is an extract from the circular calling the meeting:—"All organizations in the Province are requested to send delegates; and all temperance men friendly to the objects of the Alliance are invited to attend. It is of importance that there should be a large gathering of friends at the meeting, in view of two important measures needing careful consideration, viz.: "The Canada Temperance Act, 1878," (known as the Scott Act), and the "Dominion License Law, 1883." Friends from the country by attending the meeting will doubtless gain desirable information respecting the working of the two laws, and by cordial united action with the Alliance, may be enabled to save considerable of the financial outlay to which they are now subject, owing to each county paying its own legal expenses. In order to have the Scott Act, and new License Law worked vigorously, and *honestly*, it is advisable that the best method of attaining that end should be known. It is necessary, therefore, that the premises of both laws be thoroughly understood. Much and useful information will no doubt be imparted if care is taken to have each county in the Province well represented. Corresponding secretaries and other officers of the Nova Scotia Branch, who may receive blank circulars from the secretary of the Dominion Alliance, will please be careful in filling up the same, and give us as full information as possible. When filled in, the said circulars are to be sent to the undersigned without delay. Friends are also requested to furnish me with reports, as to the progress of the work in the several counties, and full information in relation to the enforcement of the Provincial License Law, and the Scott Act."

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At one of the large Republican meetings held in Iowa last month, where thousands of people congregated, a school-house on wheels was marched through the streets drawn by four horses, and preceded by a brass band, and in the house a school-teacher was teaching the children. This was followed by a saloon fitted upon wheels with a representation of a bar, drunken men, and a bar-keeper tempting boys to drink. These were accompanied by a banner, on which was inscribed, "Look on this picture, and then on that." The people decided for the home and against the saloon by twenty-five thousand majority.—*N. T. Advocate.*

The Wisconsin Protective Association of brewers, saloon-keepers, liquor-dealers, etc., at their annual meeting last month, adopted the following among other resolutions:—"We, the brewers, saloon-keepers, and cigar-dealers of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, declare that as free citizens, who pay heavy taxes, and obey the laws, we have the same rights in our business that men in other branches of business have in theirs. We declare that drunkenness is due more to a lack of the proper training of youth than of the influence of saloons." The *New York Sun*, in commenting on the last part of the above resolution, says:—"It would be instructive if those saloon-keepers would clearly set forth the exact degree of education that a man must attain before he would cease getting drunk. It has been the impression that there isn't any limit."

It is not generally known, but it is said to be a fact, that Georgia and Mississippi are the strictest temperance states in the union. There are eighty-seven counties in Georgia where a man can't buy, beg or steal a drink of whisky, and none can be bought in the whole state except in the larger cities or towns. In Mississippi they tax billiard tables \$1,000 apiece, under belief that they are a device for the encouragement of drinking.

The report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue (for Great Britain) just issued calls attention to the fact that England and Scotland, with an increased population, show a marked decrease in the quantity of liquor consumed; while Ireland, with a decreasing population, shows an increased consumption for the fiscal year of 245,667 gallons.