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SALUTATORY.

In assuming the control of the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR, the present managers fully realize the importance of the responsibility they are assuming, but with a firm conviction that it is their duty to do all in their power to promote the good of this Order and to advance the cause of Temperance.

By the decision of the Grand Lodge this paper is, as far as finances are concerned, placed within certain limitation; therefore, with this introduction, we ask our readers to assist in placing a copy of the GOOD TEMPLAR in every home in British Columbia, and the best way to do this is by sending in subscriptions.

According to the reports at the Grand Lodge, there are over 1300 Good Templars in this province, and we think it is only fair to expect at least 1000 subscribers. Dear reader, can we count on your assistance and co-operation? We hope so.

RECREATION.

The summer holidays which for a long time have been considered a luxury, are now recognized as necessary to the proper development of the physical, mental and moral nature of mankind.

On the Atlantic coast the now

almost universal practice of summer recreation has led to the opening up of new resorts, and instead of going to the fashionable hotels of Long Branch and Old Orchard Beach and flitting away the time, the more thoughtful persons go to Chautauqua, and similar centres of learning. Good Templars, likewise recognizing the benefit of such summer outings, have Lakeside, Ohio, and Phantom Lake, Wisconsin, at either of which they can spend not only a pleasant and profitable vacation, but can at the same time learn something of practical value about their own order.

Phantom Lake is, to all intents and purposes, a school of instruction, the day being varied by lectures, papers, aquatic sports, and rambles through the beautiful surrounding country. Has the time not come when British Columbia should come to the front and do something in this direction? We think so.

With the unsurpassed opportunities afforded by Nature in this province, there should not be much difficulty in starting a resort or camping ground. Grand sites could be secured on the Gulf of Georgia, on Pitt Lake, on Harrison Lake, and numerous other places. If a site or two were selected now, they could in all probability be secured from the Government free of cost, and if a joint-stock company were started to run the resort, and composed only of Good Templars, it ought to be made to pay a fair dividend. Let some of our leaders look into the matter. There is nothing to prevent a camping ground being prepared in time for the hot weather next summer. Good Templars, let us hear what you think of it.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

The executive have, in accordance with instructions from the Grand Lodge, prepared rules for the Good Templars' Insurance Society of B.C., and are having the same printed and circulated. The society is run on the same principles as ordinary assessment companies. Every member on joining the society pays \$1.50, which includes

all fees to the end of the year, viz., August 1st, except assessments. On the death of a member an assessment of one dollar a member is made on every member of the Insurance Society. Every certificate calls for one dollar from every member of the society, that is to say, if there are 500 members the certificate calls for \$500, and if there are 1000, the certificate calls for \$1000. Some societies advertise that they give \$1,000 or \$2,000 at death, on the assessment plan, but they do not guarantee \$1,000 or \$2,000 in their certificates; they only guarantee one dollar for every member, and our society is exactly the same, and we strongly advise all members of the order to join at once. The society begins actual operation the 1st of November, 1893, and members should join before then. Join now.

THIS issue of the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR will be sent to every subscriber whose name appears on the books of *The Echo*, and future issues will be sent only to those whose subscriptions are paid in advance. Those who have paid their subscription to the *Echo* will please be kind enough to send in the date to which their subscriptions are paid, otherwise their names will not appear on the subscribers' list of this paper. This course is necessary, owing to the manner in which the books have in the past been kept. The club rates apply only to papers sent in packages to one address. Those who desire to receive every issue of the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR should subscribe at once.

GRAND LECTURER.

The following is the official list of appointments of Mrs. Anna Harris:

Vancouver	October 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.
Dewdney	" 21
Mission City	" 22 and 23.
Port Hammond	" 24
Port Haney	" 25
Port Kells	" 26
Fort Langley	" 27
Langley Prairie	" 28
South Aldergrove	" 29
Mount Lehman	" 30 and 31.
Sumas	" 1
Sardis	" 2
Cheam	" 3
Agassiz	" 4 and 5.
Fort Yale	" 6
Ashcroft	" 7 and 8.
Kamloops	" 9 and 10.