



JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

PLEDGE.

I promise that I will not drink cider, beer, wine, or any alcoholic or intoxicating drinks. I promise that I will not use tobacco in any form. I promise I will not use either profane or wicked words. I promise I will not gamble.

GRAND SECRETARY

JOHN E. WILSON.

Bellevue, Toronto.

Some idea of the important work being done by the Juvenile Department of Good Templars may be gathered from the following paragraphs contributed by the R.W.G.S.J.T., Sister Jessie Forsyth, to recent members of the International Juvenile Templar.

IRELAND.

A good letter from Bro. Wm. Thompson, G.S.J.T., tells us that the Juvenile Branch of our Order flourishes, and that there is an increase in membership. A donation to the Brookbank monument fund is promised.

NEW JERSEY.

Sister Holmes, G.S.J.T., is pushing forward the work in this state. Mizpah Temple was instituted at Orange, June 7th, with forty members, and a good temple at Bloomfield on a later date.

ICELAND.

An increase of membership is reported from this jurisdiction, the present number being 618, as compared with 562 last year. In addition there are 148 adult members in the fourteen temples.

ILLINOIS.

A gain of three temples and 700 members is a good showing in the annual returns from this jurisdiction. Sister Minnie E. Caraway, G.S.J.T., writes cheerily of the prospects for the future. The condition of her health will make it necessary for her to spend the winter in Florida, but Sister Hazlett will take charge during her absence, and the work will be well cared for.

OREGON.

1617 members in twenty-one temples, as against 153 members in ten temples last year, is an excellent report forwarded by Sister J. E. Barnett, G.S.J.T., who has entered upon her work with much courage and zeal.

SWEDEN.

The returns from this Grand Lodge are very favorable indeed, showing a Juvenile membership of 4,880, an increase over last year of 1,080. There are 84 temples in the jurisdiction, as compared with 68 last year. Brother John Hylander, G.S.J.T., is to be congratulated upon the success which is attending his labors.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Sister S. Ella Stern, G.S.J.T., said in a recent letter: "My report, enclosed, shows a slight gain over last year—2,570 is our total membership, including the adult members. I think the outlook for the year's work is fair."

CALIFORNIA.

Sister M. E. Richardson, G.S.J.T., writes that she will be able to report fourteen temples this year, with a membership of about 60. This is a gain of ten temples during the year, and a prospect of more, as there are indications that the temple work will succeed now better than Bands of Hope in some parts of the State.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

The new G.S.J.T., Bro. J. Plymen, sends the annual returns, which show 276 juvenile and twenty-one adult members, as against 140 members last year, quite a substantial gain for a small jurisdiction. Bro. Plymen is an old worker, formerly of the G. L. of England, and is in thorough earnest. The juvenile work will, no doubt, prosper in his hands.

NEW YORK.

Sister E. G. Dietrick sent her report immediately after her Grand Lodge adjourned. It is a very encouraging one, showing a membership of 5718 children in 115 temples, an increase of 155 members over last year's report. The Grand Lodge testified appreciation of the work done by Sister Dietrick, by electing her again to her office by unanimous vote. She was also elected a representative to the Boston session of the Supreme Lodge.

CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA.

Bro. A. C. Lyall, G.S.J.T., sends with the annual returns, a most interesting letter. He was only elected to the office this year, and is anxious to increase the branch of the work committed to him, in extent and usefulness. He says, "our position in this part of the world can hardly be called encouraging. The liquor traffic is carried on to an almost unlimited extent, and boys and girls are growing up witnesses to the abominable drinking habits of our time. I am quite inexperienced in the work, but feeling convinced, as I do, that God has called me to it, I will do what I can and leave the results in His hands."

ENGLAND.

The twenty-second anniversary of the Juvenile Branch of the Order in England was celebrated in Liverpool during September. The celebration consisted of public meetings which began on Saturday with a procession, and ended on Monday night. A Sunday service in the Central Hall was attended by about 2,500 members in regalia, and the sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. J. A. Lee. An overflow meeting of about 2,000 people was addressed by Bro. Malms, G.C.T. In the evening four large open meetings were held, and the united meeting of Temperance Workers in the Central Hall.

One of the interesting incidents of the gathering was that of the statement made by Bro. James B. Daves, that after eighteen years' work with the first Juvenile Temple in Wiltshire, it was found that all, with one exception, of the charter members had kept their pledge.

WORK IN SCANDINAVIA.

An interesting letter from the Grand Chief Templar of England appears in a recent number of the *Watchman*. It relates to his experiences in Norway and Sweden, where he was making special investigation into the liquor system and the temperance cause. The letter is as follows:

CHRISTIANA, NORWAY, Nov. 30, 1891.

Dear Bro. Collings,

Since I wrote you I have, for a second time, seen Herr Adolf Redin, the Liberal leader, who came to my hotel and to the railway station and saw us off. I had previously visited and obtained information from the chief official of the spirit-selling "Bolog," or company, which works Stockholm on the Gothenburg system; and visited certain cafes and workmen's public houses; had interviewed the Stockholm chief of police; had again visited and obtained invaluable material from the Government Statistical Bureau; and, finally, honored by an audience with Oscar H., King of Sweden and Norway.

When here to preside over the R.W.G. Lodge of the World in the Swedish House of Commons in 1885, I, during a spare day, way with Bro. Sir William Fox, P.G.C.T., and ex-Prime Minister of New Zealand—sent for by messenger from the Queen of Sweden, but as I was out driving with Brother Lieutenant Wavriniski, I could not respond, and Sir William alone had the pleasure of being received by her Majesty. The King, not being near Stockholm during that R.W.G. week, sent a telegraphic greeting to the R.W.G. Lodge. On the occasion of my present visit to Stockholm, Bros. Eklund and Wavriniski (who have given me incessant assistance throughout my stay here) desired my presentation to his Majesty. Bro. Eklund saw the "First Marshal," Count Von Rosin, who speaks English like an Englishman, and who said he had read of my work, and intimated that if the British minister was prepared to introduce me he did not doubt that the King would give me an audience. The British minister, however, said that without express instructions from the Foreign Office he could not introduce me unless I had previously been presented to the English Court. However, Herr Wieselgren, "General Director of his Majesty's Prisons," was quite prepared to introduce me, and I

nam, on Tuesday last (November 27), was fixed for the audience. At that time I attended at the Royal Palace and was presented to his Majesty, who is a king of high stature—about 6 feet 8 inches high—and speaks not only Swedish and Norwegian, but English, French, German, Russian—and I think Italian and Spanish. He has translated Homer, and has written Latin verse. Of my interview—which took place in the State reception rooms—I can give details at a later date, when I have time to report what passed. I may say our conversation wholly related to temperance legislation, and the King's words were of a very satisfactory character.

We left Stockholm after a stay necessarily prolonged to eleven days, and at 8 p.m. took train for Christiania, Norway, which we expected to reach at 6.15 a.m. next day, and were preparing to alight when we found it was just another twelve hours' journey, and we accordingly kept going till 6.15 p.m., and only reached

CHRISTIANA, NORWAY.

Here, aided by Bro. S. Urdall, sen., a temperance veteran, and Bro. Lars O. Jensen, P.R.W.G.M., we have visited the Spirit-Selling Company's offices, the chief of police, the English Consul-General, the Government Statistical Department, and the liquor shops, and have acquired a fund of information of deep interest—but it will take time to digest it before it can be published. When it is published—a few weeks hence, I hope it will, I think, open the eyes of our friends, but we shall see. We shall soon return into Sweden and visit Gothenburg, and then make for home by the end of the coming week. Yours very sincerely and fraternally, JOSEPH MALMS.

DEMAREST MEDAL CONTEST BUREAU.

FROM CONTEST TO CONQUEST.

Education of Youth in the Principles of Temperance and Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

By Means of a Series of Electionary Contests in which Silver Gold and Diamond Medals of Honor will be Awarded the Successful Competitors.

Mr. W. Jennings Demarest of New York has devised a plan for promoting the development of public sentiment on prohibition lines that has probably never been equalled for either ingenuity or liberality.

Recognizing the intense interest always taken by the public in everything of the nature of a contest or competition, he has developed a scheme for utilizing this tendency to secure the presentation and consideration of sound argument on the prohibition question. He has published a series of capital books of selections entitled "From Contest to Conquest." He has had prepared a number of magnificent Silver, Gold and Diamond Medals. These Medals he generously donates to young people who make the best electionary presentation of selections from his books on the following plan:

A public meeting to be arranged, for which the recitations will form the programme, which may be interspersed with music.

Three disinterested persons of intelligence are to be chosen to act as judges, for whom suitable blanks will be furnished. Judges are advised to avoid a tie, as but one Medal can be presented at a contest.

A competition class shall consist of not less than six nor more than ten persons. When not more than six young persons of either sex, between the ages of twelve and twenty-five, shall recite before an audience selections taken from either of the volumes "From Contest to Conquest," the one adjudged to have made the best recitation will be awarded a Silver Medal in unlined case.

When not less than six of the Silver Medals are secured by as many contestants, the winners will be entitled to compete for a Gold Medal.

When eight or more have won Gold Medals they can compete for a Grand Gold Medal.

When eight or more have won Grand Gold Medals, the holders may compete for a handsome Gold Medal studded with diamonds.

On these terms the Medals will be presented by W. Jennings Demarest, free of expense.

The headquarters of the Demarest movement are at No. 10 East 14th St., New York City. F. S. Spence of Toronto is, however, the Canadian Superintendent, and will cheerfully

and promptly supply information to all who desire to take hold of this work, and will forward the medals when the conditions have been complied with. He should be written to for full details.

A very small fee will be charged for each medal to cover necessary cost of postage, etc.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

LOOK AT THIS \$250 BENEFIT FOR 15 CENTS A MONTH.

The attention of all Good Templars is called to the following important statements showing how members of this organization may obtain the very safest form of assessment insurance on terms more favorable than can be obtained in any other organization.

WHAT A SAVING OF A HALF-CENT A DAY WILL GET YOU.

With a view to provide an insurance benefit for young people and others who feel that they cannot afford to pay the premiums necessary to secure the larger insurance benefits offered, the Benefit Association has decided to give an insurance benefit of \$250. This addition to the list of magnificent benefits provided by the Association places within the reach of nearly every person the possibility of providing against the uncertainties of life by means of an insurance payable during old age or at deaths occurring earlier. The cost of this new benefit is almost nominal, ranging from 15 cents per month for the youth of eighteen (of either sex) to 31 cents at the maximum of admission age 48. Think of it: a saving of one-half cent per day commenced at the eighteenth birthday and kept up regularly, will secure an insurance benefit of \$250 whenever death may occur. It is anticipated that this benefit will become speedily popular, owing to its exceedingly small cost, and within a comparatively short time at least a thousand applications for it should be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer.

WHAT YOU CAN SAVE BY INSURING YOUR LIFE NOW.

Under existing regulations it costs to join the Good Templar Benefit Association:

The admission fee \$5.00
The registration fee for \$1,000 1.00
The examination fee not less than 1.00

Total minimum costs \$7.00

To encourage Good Templars to immediately enter the Association the Directors have decided to make this grand offer, namely, to refund:

The admission fee \$5.00
The registration fee 1.00

making a total refund of \$6.00

to every accepted applicant for the \$250. or the \$500 insurance benefit who at the time of making application pays three monthly premiums in advance.

The object of making this offer, which will remain open for a limited time only and which may be withdrawn any day, is to speedily increase the membership to a full benefit paying basis with a desirable class of members.

One thousand members added to the Association within the next three months will place it in a position to pay in full every anticipated benefit claim immediately on presentation, as well as to lay the foundation for a substantial reserve fund. In the meantime a guarantee fund has been subscribed, insuring the full payment of claim arising out of first death in \$250 or \$500 class. While the Association could, without drawing upon this guarantee, pay a better first benefit than was paid by fraternal associations than are prominent to-day for the benefits they pay, it is felt that if at all possible full benefits should be paid from the start; by doing which the Association would establish for itself a record as creditable as it is rare. Remember, those who come in at once save six dollars, and get the benefit of practically free admission, while they are fully protected by the guarantee fund. This is an offer not likely to be kept open long. Wise Good Templars will, therefore, take advantage of it while they may, with a full consciousness that while they are promoting their own personal interests they are also increasing the strength and permanence of the Order to which they belong.