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### CHRISTMAS.

We greet our readers one and all with a "Happy Christmas and a Merry and Prosperous New Year." Let this, indeed, be a happy Christmas; happy not only to ourselves and our own, but to the unfortunate. Among a very large number this will not be as happy a Christmas as last year. Work has been scarce. The head of the family has been unable to provide as of old, and in some cases even the necessaries of life are wanting. Others who will need your sympathy are the unfortunate families of the poor drunkard, those whose rightful share of this world's goods have gone into the gin mills of destruction, and into the pockets of the gambling thieves and pickpockets of our fair Province.

Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you.

Before another issue of the GOOD TEMPLAR the Christmas festivities will be numbered with those that were, and old Father Time will have recorded another mile stone passed and will be pointing to a new one called 1894.

The year 1893 has been one of changes to the most of us; some have had reverses, while others have rejoiced in success. Taking all things

into consideration in the mercantile world, it has been a year of apparent depression. The depression has been, we believe, a blessing in disguise in more ways than one, especially on this coast, as we were moving along at an injudicious rate. Fraternal Societies have felt its effects and in some cases members were unable to maintain their membership. Good Templary has suffered with the rest. Our last Grand Lodge reports were not as favorable as we would have desired. Still, with the work now going on we may expect better things for '94. We feel that we can say with the watchman, "the morning breaketh; the day is at hand."

sent. We wish it to be understood that the managers of this paper receive nothing for their services and any money given to them is for the good of the order and will be accounted for to the Grand Lodge. A large number of our lodges seem to be too poor to subscribe for the paper and we make this special appeal to all our members in order that we may be able to furnish weak lodges with copies of the official organ. Will every lodge help? Will your lodge give \$10.00 for the good of the order, as represented by the paper. Please respond.

### I HAVE A PLEDGE.

At this season of the year there seems to be a special inducement to members of temperance societies and others to forget their obligation and indulge in that which is the blight and curse of our so-called Christian civilization.

It seems strange, but it is nevertheless true, that a great number of people seem to be unable to commemorate the birth of the Saviour of the world while in their right senses, but are to all appearances happy when intoxicated. It is the earnest wish of the GOOD TEMPLAR that our people will ever remember that none but the sincere should have such a duty, but a true heart and determined purpose will accomplish much. Remember.

In answer to enquiries we beg to say that we have nothing to do with the Grand Lodge proceedings of last session. The Grand Secretary will no doubt furnish them to all who are entitled to them as soon as printed, and also with a copy of the International Supreme Lodge proceedings.

The Good Templar Order is organized for the purpose of ridding the world of the evils of the drink traffic. It must be an aggressive army if it hopes to overcome this evil; if it simply camps on the field of battle and fails to move forward to meet the enemy, then it will fall short of doing what it was organized to do.



### SOUVENIR NUMBER.

In preparing for the Grand Lodge Souvenir Number, we find that unless something be done to increase our already crowded space we shall be unable to use all of the very valuable matter which we are collecting. It is highly desirable that the souvenir edition should contain at least twenty-four pages and a sufficient number of copies to give one to every member of the order in B. C. Now, if every lodge and member will do something special for the paper we guarantee to furnish every member of the order in B. C. with a copy of the special number free of charge. We would suggest that every lodge get up a social or some other entertainment, the proceeds to go to the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR. If every lodge does this at once and sends \$5.00 and over the managers undertake to at once enlarge the regular issue to sixteen pages and to make the souvenir number worthy of the order it will repre-