

point in the Province should be visited and our Order and the cause of temperance presented to the people by an able advocate.

There was but one appeal submitted to me during the year and that was withdrawn before any action could be taken. It was from a decision from the Lodge Deputy of Mount Benson Lodge.

A great number of questions came to me during the year but there is only one which I will submit for your review. This question came from both Dominion and Vancouver Lodges.

Question.—Can a hotel waiter, who serves guests with liquor be admitted to our Order?

Answer.—No. Our pledge excludes them as no one who furnishes liquor or causes it to be furnished can be a Good Templar.

I would desire to impress upon all Good Templars the importance of recommending suitable persons as Lodge Deputies. The most efficient and most punctual person should be the deputy. If a deputy fails to do his duty the Lodge should recommend another, and more suitable person with reasons for the change.

From only a few of our Lodge Deputies have I received quarterly reports, and from some I have not heard during the year. I would urge lodges throughout the Province, but especially in the cities, to hold more open meetings. Our object is not only to benefit members of our Order, but all within reach, open meetings properly conducted have a wonderful power of awakening and interesting those who have never taken any active part in temperance work or realized the benefits to be derived from membership among us.

### OBITUARY.

While assembling here we cannot but be painfully conscious of the loss we have sustained in the death of our highly esteemed Grand Counsellor, who with other brethren, was so suddenly called away from among us by the dire calamity which befel Nanaimo in the coal mine explosion.

On the 28th of last October I organized "Golden Rule" Lodge, No. 13, on the North Arm of the Fraser, which has done good work during the year.

Juvenile Temples have been organized in New Westminster and Wellington, but you have heard of these in Bro. Holt's report.

On the 22nd September Bro. Hemlaw, who is one of our District Deputies, organized "New Era" Lodge, No. 14, at Maple Ridge. We wish our youngest member long life and much prosperity.

In conclusion I would say let us work as we have never worked, as Good Templars we must be all at it and always at it.

I return my sincere thanks for the honor bestowed upon me, and shall ever gratefully remember your kindness. I have not done all that I should have liked to have done, but I have done all that I could.

With the earnest hope and desire that you may select a more energetic and more judicious officer than I have been, and praying that the blessing of our Heavenly Father may rest upon you, I now surrender the trust committed to me a year ago.

Fraternally Submitted in F. H. and C.,

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Grand Chief Templar.

On motion the report was received and referred to the committee on Distribution.