

# The Weekly Visitor.

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Remember the Soiree of the Crusade Lodge to-morrow evening, in the Coldstream Hall, Brock-Street.

## TO OUR READERS.

With this number we close our tenth volume, and we desire that all those of our subscribers whose subscriptions expire will at once renew. Our Agents will please send in their lists before our next issue, and by so doing they will greatly oblige. Our next volume will contain more reading matter than previous volumes, and by inserting more temperance reading, we hope our list will be more than doubled, in order that we may in some measure be compensated for our labour.

Those of our Agents whose lists will not have reached us before our next issue, will receive the number of papers usually sent, to their own address.

The next meeting of the series under the auspices of the Reformation Society will be held on Friday Evening, in the Temperance Street Hall. Rev'ds Messrs. Bradshaw and Kelly are to be the principal speakers.

The Sabbath afternoon meeting in the Temperance Hall, from 3 to 4 p. m., is still in full operation. We would like to hear of a larger attendance.

To the Editor of the Weekly Visitor.

## RE-UNION.

OFFICE OF W. P. G. SECRETARY,  
BRITISH TEMPLARS,  
Newmarket, C. W., March 21, 1866.

MR. EDITOR,—In your issue of March 7th, I observe an article over the signature of R. C. J., in reference to a Re-union of the two Orders of Good Templars in Canada West, where the following occurs: "Both Reports mention the fact that a standing committee of our Order, with the G. W. S. as Secretary, was appointed. May I as a member of the Order enquire what steps, or if any at all have been taken to carry out this proposed union in Canada West." Perhaps the writer of the

above meant the Secretary of said Committee to enlighten him; but he ought to know that the Secretary is accountable not to individuals, but to said Committee, and the Grand Lodge by whom we as a Committee were appointed. However, we have no objection to answer R. C. J., more particularly as it is a question that has been so often asked of the Secretary both by members of the Order, and members of the Committee itself. The matter of Re-union just stands in this position: The Grand Lodge of British Order desiring no rent in the ranks of Templarism, made overtures to the B. A. Order, to, if possible, effect a Re-union. The matter was entered into on the part of both Orders. We received from them their written proposal, to which we objected, and our basis was forwarded in due course to the B. A. G. Lodge, with the intimation that all communications on the subject would be received by me as Secretary of Committee. I have only to say, that up till now I have had no communication whatever on the subject, therefore as a Committee no active steps can be taken as we wait an answer from the British American brethren. From a perusal of the B. A. G. L. Report (kindly sent me in exchange for one of ours forwarded to G. W. S. Flag), I learn that no answer to our basis was passed in their Grand Lodge, neither that any action was taken to reunite the two Orders in Canada West, but I do find in the Report the following, which I quote, as few may have seen a copy of the B. A. G. L. Minutes:

"That, whereas, the unhappy dispute between the two Orders of Templars, in reference to the existence of a Supreme Grand Lodge, is deeply to be deplored by all true friends of temperance, inasmuch as the common cause for which we labor is seriously injured by the very anomalous position which the two Orders present to the public; and, whereas, it has been made known to this Grand Lodge that the Order of British Templars is willing and anxious to form a union between the two Orders, and form an Executive head over the whole Order:

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Grand Lodge appoint two or more representatives to attend a meeting composed of the same number of representatives from each of the Provincial Grand Lodges of the British American and British Order of Good Templars, for the purpose of forming an Executive head over these Grand Lodges, and that these representatives meet in the city of St. John, N. B., on the first Tuesday in August, 1866, said representatives to pledge themselves to form said Executive head and abide by the decision of the majority of said representatives.—Carried."

"Resolved,—That the P. G. W. S. of this Grand Lodge, be required to send a circular to

the subordinate Lodges, informing them of the action of this Grand Lodge in reference to the union of this Order with the British Order of Good Templars, and the formation of an Executive head of these Orders, and that the various P. G. W. Secretaries be most respectfully requested to make the same known by circular to the various sub-lodges under their respective jurisdiction.—Carried."

It will thus be seen just how the matter stands. It appears to me in a three-fold aspect: First, that the Grand Lodge of the B. A. Order has for the present thrown overboard a re-union of the Order in Canada West. Our proposition was in reference to our own province, as we had no authority to make overtures for the lower provinces. Second, that the B. A. O. seeking by their Resolution, a union of the whole of the two Orders—a result which I believe would immediately follow a re-union in Canada West. As to the means by which this union is sought to be brought about, it is not for me to speak; suffice it to say that it is not in accordance with our instructions from the Grand Lodge, neither did we as a Committee express a willingness to form an Executive head. Third, that the B. A. G. L. passed the following:—"That the various P. G. W. Secretaries be most respectfully requested to make the same (viz., the action of the B. A. G. L.) known by circular to the various sub-lodges under their respective jurisdiction (see last resolution quoted as above) a matter which I cannot in the mean time do, having had no official communication.

I am, Mr. Editor,

Sincerely yours in F. H. & C.,  
JAS. C. ROBERTSON, P. G. W. S.,  
British Order Good Templars, C. W.

## LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. SUSAN WRIGHT, WIFE OF THE LATE DAVID J. WRIGHT.

RESPECTED AND DEAR SISTER:

Watertown Lodge No. 372 British Order of Good Templars of this Village, desire most respectfully and affectionately to condole with you and your family in the recent sad bereavement sustained by you in the death of your husband,—a most worthy and honored member of this Institution and a Charter-member of this Lodge; and at the same time to express to you our sympathy in this great affliction which has not only brought gloom and sorrow upon you and your family and relatives, but on us as members of one fraternal brotherhood along with your late husband.

We sincerely trust that God, who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father