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SOUVENIR NUMBER.

Owing to the prevailing stringency in money matters, the management of this journal deem it advisable not to expend as much money as was intended in making the *Souvenir Number* an extra-large and attractive issue. The issue will be made as attractive as possible without entailing extra and what might be considered unnecessary expense. Some extra-good articles are being prepared (if our brethren do not forget about them). All arrangements have been made for the regalia, and Bro. Tuttle, whose advertisement appears on the last page of this issue, promises to give us something extra good. Unless, however, a larger vote is made, we cannot be expected to give a second prize.

The great struggle over the Provincial Elections have come and gone. The promises given by the various candidates assumed vast proportions and related to all manner of subjects. In our own particular work a number of important questions were assured favorable to our cause. If the pledges given are carried out we may expect

at the coming session to have very important temperance legislation introduced and carried out. As an order we must not lose the advantage we have gained. The government from present information has been sustained but by a much smaller majority than last term. Owing to the number of new members in the new house we may expect that hereafter temperance legislation will receive more favorable and careful consideration than politicians in B. C. are accustomed to give it.

COMPETITION.

Members are warned that the competition closes on JULY 31. Letters bearing post-mark of that date will be in time. This is certainly the greatest chance ever given lodges to secure a cheap regalia and badges. The regalia alone will cost over \$10.00 and should lodges spend say \$5 00 they would still be getting regalia at half price. We trust that lodges will take advantage of this grand opportunity.

IMPORTANT.

We should like to have all persons who are indebted to the GOOD TEMPLAR in any way, to square up, especially subscribers.

We want a lot of short term subscriptions, TEN for a dollar. Send them at once. We want 500; will you be one?

SPECIAL.

We should like to know of any photo-engravings or cuts that any of our members can let us have and which are suitable for use in this journal. We can make use of a large number at any time. Owing to our financial environments, we cannot pay for them ourselves.

You can secure a Beaver-Columbian medal and this paper to September, 1894, for the small sum of 75 cents.

The next two issues of this paper for 10 cents.

There are a good many persons who join our lodges, attend the meetings for two or three weeks and then allow themselves to be dropped from the roll. Why is this? In our opinion the main reason is because they find out nothing about the Order or its work. To keep members we must get them interested, not alone in the work of our lodge, but in the Order. How can we do this? The only way is to impress on their minds the work we are doing and the need of their help, how large our Order is, and that it is an honor to be a Good Templar. Get them to subscribe for some Good Templar paper, one that is alive to the work and advancement of the Order (we would recommend the *International Good Templar* which should be in every lodge and family) so that they may be informed that we are a living, moving body of men and women who are agitating and working for the destruction of a curse that has ruined so many lives and families.

To have any influence with new members we must be well informed ourselves, and to accomplish this we must read Good Templar literature, the reports that are sent us and by studying the laws of the Order.

If you receive any Good Templar literature, read it, and after you have finished hand to some one else to read, and by doing this you advertise your lodge and the Order and may interest some one in our work, or be the means of saving some one from destruction by strong drink.

Temperance young people in South Haven, Michigan, have invented a novel means of helping to create public sentiment. A "post-office social" is advertised, and each one attending, on payment of 10 cents, is given a circular letter in a common stamped envelope and two "golden flakes." These flakes, in shape and size, resemble a postage stamp, each gold surface having printed upon it in blue letters, "Let us pay our money to men who don't drink." The plan is that everyone at the social shall send the circular letter to some friend in another town, affixing a "flake" to the foot of the letter and also somewhere on the envelope. The letter describes the social and its object, and makes an eloquent appeal to temperance channels.