

that the charge of neglect is too true, but I had corresponded with the brethren of Newfoundland through a former Secretary, (not knowing the change), who did not acknowledge or act upon my recommendations. Bro. Stirling feared that the I. O. G. T., which had planted itself in this Island during the year, was likely to take advantage of their neglected position. I have written to his successor, Bro. Gushue, and sent another package of Tracts, and am just in receipt of a reply which fully corroborates those fears; but I am sure if the men we have in Newfoundland receive proper attention and encouragement we need have no fears as to the fate of our Order in that Colony. The state of affairs in connection with this Grand Lodge demands special legislation upon your part, as there are grievances which must be remedied, or "Ichabod" will be written over the door of our every temple in that far off land.

*Quebec.* In this Province our Order is confined to the peninsular of Gaspe, consisting of three Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of New Brunswick. Being anxious to know our position in Quebec, I entered into correspondence with Bro. E. L. Strange, of Causapescal, who gave me a full account of these Lodges. Feeling that this M. W. G. Lodge should have a representative in that section, and finding Bro. Strange willing to accept the duties of Deputy M. W. O. T., I forwarded him a Commission, with the necessary instructions, and a quantity of the Tracts. The success of British Templarism in this Province mainly depends upon a union with the B. A. Order; and which has been retarded in the past by the inaction of our Delegates. But at the last session of this Grand Lodge a Committee was appointed, with full power to negotiate terms of union with that body, and from personal correspondence and interview with that Committee, I am sure of the consummation of union, if liberal concessions are made on our part.

*Manitoba and British Columbia.* We have been unable to raise our standard in the prairie Province or on the Pacific coast; though I have turned my attention to both of these during the past year, by the circulation of the Tract on the Order, and corresponding with Temperance workers in each. Rev. A. E. Russ, of New Westminster—a former member of our Order in Ontario—feels that the time has not come for its introduction into British Columbia, and Rev. Mr Robinson reports the same of Manitoba, yet we should keep our eyes on these Provinces, and enter when the door opens.

*West Indies.* As soon as I was supplied with official correspondence paper I communicated with all the Deputy M. W. C. T.'s of my predecessors. In communicating with R. S. A. Tucker, Deputy for Bermuda, I found that he had removed to Hartford, Conn., and that the Lodge had only met a few times after his removal; he not being able to return again to Bermuda, resigned his office and returned his Commission to me, but, at the same time, recommended the appointment of Rev. R. R. Morris, B. M. E. Minister, for his successor. I immediately communicated with Bro. Morris, and found him willing to accept the position; without delay I forwarded the necessary instructions, and a commission for the West Indies—Bermuda included—with authority for him to appoint Lodge and County Deputies in any of the Islands. The Lodge in Bermuda was re-organized on the 14th inst., with favorable prospects for a flourishing Lodge. A quantity of the Tracts on the Order was sent to Bro. Morris, and also to leading ministers of the Gospel on all of the British West India Islands, the colonies of British Guiana, and British Honduras. Bro. Morris says of the people in these tropical climes: "Caste and prejudice prevail to a very great extent, and we move slower than the people in the States or Canada; therefore be not