

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1887.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by Grand Chief Templar, Rev. James A. Wood and opened with prayer by the G. Chaplain.

On the roll being called the following officers and representatives were found present, viz: Sisters Hemlaw, Bell, Bertram, Cummings and Brothers Hemlaw, Rowling, Kilgour, Sweet, Chadsey, Hall, McGillvary, Mashiter, Bell, McAllister, Walter, Dowler, Halliday, Moffat, Bickle, Holt, Wilson, Mable, Losee, Keith, Baumann, Wood and Gough.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on amendment were adopted.

G. C. Templar, Rev. J. A. Wood, presented his annual report as follows:—

NEW WESTMINSTER, 18TH OCTOBER, 1887.

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Good Templars:—

Dear Brothers and Sisters.—As we again meet to work, and pray and plan for the advancement of our noble order, my heart is filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings we have received, and for the success which has attended our labors during the past year. Men have been rescued, children have been protected and instructed, sorrowing hearts have been cheered, dark homes made bright and our cruel foe has so felt the effects of our work that he is becoming alarmed and convinced of the power of the temperance army which is steadily marching on to victory, and the total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

We rejoice as we view the great advancement of our Order throughout the world during the year, and especially because our separated armies have been united. Although rejoicing in the light of prosperity, our joy has not been without pangs of sorrow as tidings have reached us of cruel murders and diabolical outrages committed upon our brave fellow laborers by the cruel and heartless foe of our cause and of humanity. Still we rejoice that the temperance army is largely composed of men and women who are willing to lose their property, their homes and their lives, rather that retreat before our unrelenting foe, or be silent when they ought to speak out in denunciation of the infamous liquor traffic.

Some work has been done in the free distribution of temperance literature and I would advise that work on this line be systematically prosecuted on a larger scale, as we can in this way send facts regarding the evils of the liquor traffic into many corners otherwise inaccessible.

We are exceedingly grateful to the R. W. G. C. T., the Hon. John B. Finch for the gift of one hundred copies for one year of "The Good Templar," which has been sent to the Lodge Deputies for distribution, and suggest that each Lodge endeavor to become a large and permanent subscriber to this valuable monthly. We are also grateful to Bro. F. S. Spence, of the *Canada Citizen* for copies of the *TEMPERANCE HERALD*. The *Canada Citizen* ought to have a large circulation in this Province. During the year we did all that could be done to get a first class lecturer to visit this province, and it is only within the past few weeks that we have received notice that the Hon. John Sobieski is on the way. It is of the first importance that every available