

While we do not sympathize with those indifferent members who are ever watchful for a pretext to relapse into indolence in temperance matters, still your Committee fears that hearty friends not unfrequently become provoked, if not disgusted, by a contentious spirit and disconcerted action, which we deplore as occasionally manifested in the Order, and which are neither lovely, profitable, or of good report.

Other and important points might be referred to as the necessity of maintaining good order wherever permanent success is to be achieved. A lamentable absence of punctuality—some places existing, both as regards hours of meeting and the transaction of necessary business—the value of appropriate entertainments, of public meetings, of securing lecturers, &c., all of which demand careful consideration and prompt action; but we would prefer to press home on all British Templars this one thought—the paramount necessity existing for hearty, united, laborious and continued effort. The show of novelty in the Order once took the fluctuating breeze of popularity. That sail is now worn out and furl'd forever, and we must trust to the vital power within the membership to row out the course. Let us trust rather to the moving spirit pervading our society than even to the rules which regulate it. British Templars in Nova Scotia requires that we all give a long pull, a strong pull and a pull ALTOGETHER. The right spirit may safely be trusted to find the proper course.

Brothers and Sisters, act worthy of high professions, strive for the maintenance of our God-honoring principles, and when the cement of friendship and the bond of oneness of purpose in a noble cause, weld firmly the whole of our membership, then your Committee are confident that Lodges will be Attractive, Profitable, and Stable.

For valuable suggestions relating to details of Lodge entertainment we would recommend to all interested the former reports of this Committee.

Submitted in Faith, Hope, and Charity,

W. S. WHITTEN,
W. H. GUILD.

On motion, this report was adopted.

Bro. Joseph McDonald moved:

"That we recommend to M. W. G. Lodge to so amend Art. 6, Sec. 7 of Primary Lodge Constitutions that it may read, line 5, "At least the first and second degree" instead of "All the degrees," as it now is."

Passed.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Lecture Scheme reported as follows:

HOWARD LODGE ROOM, July 11th, 1872.

W. G. CHIEF.—Your Committee to consider the propriety of employing Temperance Lecturers, beg leave to state that we consider Temperance Lectures indispensably necessary for the promotion and welfare of our Cause. We consider that if an adequate sum be appropriated by the Grand Lodge to secure the services of energetic, competent men who would devote a portion of their time in visiting the different Lodges in the province, respectively, at least once a year, would produce glorious results. When we look over the length and breadth of the land, the heart sickens at so much apathy in the Cause of Temperance: in many counties in the province—everything seems to be dull and cold—no more animation than in the scene pictured in a fairy tale in which everything turned into stone. There stood the war-horse, pale and cold, with his nostrils frozen, and the warrior cold and lifeless standing by, leaning with his hand on the horse—all was still, dead. But at last, at the blast of the trumpet sound, the warrior leaped into the saddle, and, grasping the reins in one hand and the sword in the other, with one shout he rode on to victory. Now, we feel that an enthusiastic Lecturer would animate and revive those many lifeless societies that have died for want of energy in the past of members, or given up in apathy and despair.

Submitted in Faith, Hope, and Charity,

M. C. McLEOD,

S. N. PORTER,

JNO. B. BENNETT.