

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1893-4.

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Next annual meeting is at Nanaimo, in September, 1894.

DISTRICT LODGE NO. 3

J. A. Shearer, D. C. T. Langley
 T. Coyle White, D. Sec. New Westminster
 Next meeting at Mission City, February, 1894.

DISTRICT LODGE NO. 2.

H. Harold, D. C. T. Nanaimo
 D. S.
 Next session in March, 1894.

OFFICIAL LETTERS.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

At the beginning of this new year I would like to say a few words about our insurance. The great cry amongst the members has been, "we have no insurance in our Order," and now that one has been adopted by the Grand Lodge, the bottom seems to have suddenly dropped out of their interest in the matter, as only about one dozen applicants have been received up to present date. Now, Brothers and Sisters, it is simply impossible for a few to make this a success. It is one of the cheapest and most reliable methods of insurance of the present day, and is within the reach of each and every Good Templar in the Province. Unless the individual members of each subordinate Lodge will take an active interest in the matter—talk it up in Lodge and out of Lodge—take out policies themselves and urge others to do so, and work with a whole-hearted determination to make it succeed, the aim for which the insurance was adopted will be a failure and a dead letter.

New Year's Day in Victoria was a busy one for the W. C. T. U. and Perseverance Lodge No. 1, I. O. G. T. They held a joint Reception in Temperance Hall, entertaining over a thousand visitors. In the evening a mass meeting was held in Institute Hall. Several temperance addresses were given, also an excellent programme, and the meeting was in every way a success.

Up to date I have not received the pass-word from the R. W. G. Sec.,

B. F. Parker, so should the Lodge Deputies not receive the pass-word on usual time, they will know the reason.

Yours in F. H. & C.,

LEWIS HALL,

G. Sec.

HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

I am sure I most heartily wish the Templars throughout the jurisdiction a very happy and prosperous New Year. The old year, with its unalterable record is in the archives of the past. We cannot touch it. We cannot erase that which we regret. We cannot undo that of which we are ashamed. May this be a grand incentive to more faithful action in the future.

Grand possibilities are before us; let us seize upon them and make the New Year to abound in obligations faithfully remembered—resolutions faithfully carried out.

Let the watchword for the year be, "I'll help;" then let us all help to make the year a glorious success.

The new parcel of supplies will be to hand shortly; I shall be glad to hear from the Templars as to their "wants."

The new pass-word will be sent out in a few days. I hope, during the coming quarter, to use it at the door of several of the adjacent Temples, and possibly at the door of some "beyond."

I trust superintendents will not forget to send in their quarterly reports. I shall, if the new stock is to hand, enclose blanks with pass-word. Use them *legitimately*.

Concluding, let us say for your advancement:

Though your progress may be hindered
 By false friends or bitter foes;
 And the goal for which you're striving
 Seems so far away,—who knows?
 You may yet have strength to reach it
 Ere the sun sinks in the West;
 Ever striving—still undaunted;—
 Do your best, and leave the rest.

If you fail, as thousands must do,
 You will still have cause for pride:
 You will have advanced much further,
 Than if you had never tried.
 Never falter, but remember,
 Life is not a foolish jest;
 You are in the fight to win it;
 Do your best and leave the rest.

Yours in Truth, Love and Purity,
 J. CALVERT, G.S.J.T.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

Accept our greetings and sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous year. The opening day gives us our

inspiration. The people of Ontario were invited to show by their votes if they were in favor of Prohibition, and by a very large majority decided in favor of Prohibition.

In three provinces the Plebiscites have been held, namely: Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, and Ontario, and all three provinces, by overwhelming majorities, supported the principle. There can be no doubt now but what a large majority of the people of the whole Dominion would vote in the same way.

In a short time the question of where the prohibition power rests—in Provincial or Dominion Governments—will be settled by the courts; then legislation must take place. I know the liquor question is one that politicians do not care to handle at close quarters, and no doubt they will hesitate to give effect to the vote of the people. But the people are alive to this and will not permit unreasonable delay.

January 1st, 1894, will stand as a red letter day with temperance people in Ontario and the whole Dominion. Well done!

On the page where the angel keepeth
 The record of deeds well done,
 That night was the story written
 Of a glorious battle won.

Bro. S. H. Davis, after six weeks of faithful work, was called to Nevada. Our best wishes follow him in his noble work.

Sister Harris has done well up country. She has visited the Lodges on the return trip. The Lodges have much enjoyed her visits and addresses. She will be with us only a short time longer, and if she is needed at any weak point let us hear from you at once; or any place where a Lodge can be organized please report.

Brothers and Sisters, let us make the year just opened an aggressive one. The work of the year will be hard. The widespread financial crisis which prevailed through the past year has not yet disappeared. When men cannot obtain money to meet the common obligations of every-day life, we cannot expect them to devote the same time and money to benevolent or fraternal organizations. We must work the harder to retain our membership and uphold the banner of Good Templary and multiply our numbers.

During the month I attended two of Bro. Davis meetings in Vancouver. The attendance was not large, but the meetings were very good, and the addresses of Mr. Davis were excellent. I also visited Triumph Lodge No. 16, Esquimalt, on December 28th. The Lodge entertained the Juvenile Temple, which, under Sister Jenkins superintending, is in excellent condi-