

is destined ere long to take the lead in our galaxy of Grand Lodges; she has the territory, and when her lecturing system becomes more fully developed, will "go up and possess the land," for the men who now man the ship "are well able to overcome it."

*New Brunswick* still holds her foremost position for numerical strength, although in the past year there has been a sad falling off in membership; not so much the result of pruning in active working Lodges, as these show a net gain of 1,513, or that there has been no activity in organizing new Lodges, as 23 Primary and 2 Juvenile Lodges have been added to the list, but in consequence of Lodges becoming dormant or failing to make returns. Since the introduction of the Order into New Brunswick an unbroken season of success has followed its labors; and although the present may seem a reverse, it is but the reaction which follows any new movement, and which, if survived, only adds strength and beauty; this was fully realized by the Grand Lodge of this Province; and effective measures are being taken to cause the principles of our Order to take a deeper and stronger hold upon the sympathies and support of the people. With a well organized, efficient, active lecturing agency, New Brunswick will not only regain her lost territory, but extend her borders; but without it her losses will be still greater. I trust the Executive of this Grand Lodge will look to her laurels.

*Nova Scotia*, like Ontario, feels the effects of disruption, and although a union was effected between the rival parties in 1867, yet, all of the bitterness and dissatisfaction was not allayed; and this being largely increased by the mismanagement of Grand and County Lodge Officers, a foreign Order of Templars took advantage of the unsettled state of affairs to establish themselves in the Province, and by means not very commendable induced several Lodges, and many members, to turn over to that Order. But notwithstanding all this opposition and rivalry, British Templarism has nobly withstood the storm, and occupies a position of influence second to none of any organization in the Province. At the union in 1867 Nova Scotia was, numerically, No. 1 on the list of Grand Lodges, and with proper management would have still occupied that proud position; but though present officials may be blameless, yet let me express the hope that such effective measures will be put forth as shall resuscitate every dormant Lodge in the peninsular Province.

*Prince Edward Island.* Among the jurisdictions that felt the effects of the troubles of 1865 none are freer from its results to-day than P. E. Island—in fact not a vestige remains; a proof of which is manifested in the steady increase of the Order—until now it stands the first organization upon the Island. There is scarcely a nook or corner of the whole land but has received the blessings of the Order, and in proportion to territory and population the Grand Lodge of this Province stands first in our jurisdiction; but there is need of official skill and ability to consolidate and perpetuate her present noble position; with so small a jurisdiction, the Executive should have the machinery in the most perfect working order.

*Newfoundland.* I am afraid our Order in this Colony does not occupy the position it should. You will remember that the late Secretary of that Grand Lodge addressed a letter to *The British Templar* complaining of neglect to that body on the part of the Officers of this Most Worthy Lodge. I had previously received a communication from Bro. Stirling, which was immediately acknowledged, and a quantity of my Tracts on the "Origin, Object, Principles, Working and Peculiarities" of the Order forwarded to his address; which he received and circulated with satisfaction. I feel

that the charge against my brethren of New Brunswick (change), who during the year I have written Tracts, and am but I am sure if and encouragement Colony. The special legislation remedied, or "in that far off la

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