



GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 1894-95.

(Members please note changes.)

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(The above constitute the Executive Committee.)
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A LETTER FROM THE G. C. T.

Editor of the Camp Fire:

DEAR SIR, At the last session of Grand Lodge some members strongly recommended the sending, by our workers, to the daily and weekly papers, of items of news of every kind regarding our cause and Order.

It has been a source of great disappointment to me that this course has not been more generally followed. Good Templars in Ontario are far too modest, far too much given to hiding their light under a bushel. In the travelling I have done since entering office I have made it a point to ascertain how our Order stood with the local press, and in every case have found that the press was not only willing but anxious to publish lodge news, but very little was offered. I wish to impress upon the Order in general and my deputies in particular the vast importance of keeping the Order continually before the general public. Every lodge meeting or meeting of any kind in connection with the Order should be reported, not only in the local papers, but in any paper of wide circulation to which access can be obtained. Very few people form a proper estimate of the giant results obtainable from a persistent following up of this plan. Other orders very wisely take advantage of the newspapers. What is the reason the Good Templars so persistently ignore it?

Brothers and sisters, *wake up*. I ask each of my deputies to send or cause to be sent a report of his next lodge meeting to his local paper and the CAMP FIRE, and that a copy of each paper be sent to me. If we are to keep in the front rank as a temperance organization we must let no opportunity slip of getting and keeping ourselves before the people. Yours fraternally,

J. D. ANDREWS.

THE EVILS OF BEER.

We believe that the hereditary evils of beer drinking exceed those proceeding from ardent spirits: First, because the habit is constant and without paroxysmal interruptions, which admit of some recuperation; second, because beer drinking is practised by both sexes more generally than spirit drinking; and, third, because the animalizing tendency of the habit is more uniformly developed, thus authorizing the presumption that the vicious results are more generally transmitted." --Pacific Medical Journal.

NOTES OF NEWS ABOUT THE ORDER.

AT HOME.

Fingal Lodge reports 53 members, a gain of 10.

The new lodge at Sarnia reports 24 members.

Sepey Lodge, of Lucknow, has risen from 55 to 81.

The lodge at Everton has 12 members, an increase of 9.

Dorset Lodge, in Haliburton, has grown from 30 to 61.

Union Star Lodge, Eglinton, has climbed up from 25 to 31.

The first batch of returns for the August quarter has come in.

Parry Sound has added 32 to its membership and now returns 103.

Fully one-third of those heard from report an increased membership.

Prospect Lodge, of Bracondale, sends its first report with 22 members.

Bethel Lodge of Dryton, which was rather weak, has made a gain of 22 in number.

Antrim, a new lodge in the County of Carlton, makes its first return with 20 members.

Mayflower Lodge, of Wilmar, in Frontenac, also makes a first return of 22 members.

It is very refreshing to find that even in the dull days of the hot weather our workers are taking hold with renewed energy.

Special mention should also be made of the good work of lodges at Port Ryerse, Ripley, Washago, Desboro, Perth Road, Kilbride, Teeswater, Williscroft and Utterson.

It must be borne in mind that only a small proportion of returns have yet been received. There are a number which hold their own, and a few which report a falling off, but the indications are all of a solid proportion for a big advance.

District lodge meetings are being held, and it is found that the district lodge is a very effective agency for strengthening and spreading our work. Let us have more district lodges.

F. S. Morrison, P.G.C., has just been elected financial secretary of International Lodge No. 1, Hamilton, for the seventeenth term. When he was first elected International Lodge had 87 members. It is now the banner lodge of Canada, with 327 members.

Dundas Lodge held a public entertainment in the form of an ice cream social and concert some weeks ago. Brother Andrews, G.C.T., occupied the chair. The entertainment was a great success.

District Lodge No. 10 met in Grimsby on Friday, August 17. The reports of the various delegates were most encouraging. A vigorous campaign for extending the Order throughout the district was decided upon, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting. J. D. Andrews, G.C.T., Mrs. F. S. Morrison, P.G.V.T., Mrs. Dr. Millward, P.D.V.T., and Miss Elvina Hall, G.G., were present during the session.

A NEW DISTRICT.

On Friday, August 24th, a district lodge was organized at Chesley for the eastern part of the County of Bruce. Representatives were present from a number of subordinate lodges. The grand secretary conducted the instituting ceremony. The following are the officers for the new district:—D.T., J. A. Beaton; D.V.T., Jennie Anderson; D.C., D. Marshall; D.S.J.T., Laura Hamill; D.S., A. E. Dobie; D.T., W. Rae; D.Ch., J. Birrs; D.M., W. R. Keyes; D.D.M., Lottie Hetherington; D.G., Mary Ducker; D. Sen., W. Ritchie; A.D.S., Jennie Beaton. A rousing mass meeting was held in the town hall in the evening, presided over by Bro. Beaton and addressed by Bro. F. S. Spence. There was a fine attendance. A well-filled choir added to the interests. A missionary spirit is abroad in Bruce, and good will result from it.

OTTAWA LETTER.

The initial number of THE CAMP FIRE was received as a welcome visitor in a number of Good Templar homes in Ottawa, and the promptness with which subscription lists are being filled up promises a wide sphere of usefulness for the paper.

Even a monthly publication, simply as a medium of intercommunication, may be eminently useful to our Order. The name chosen is a happy one, and we hope the bright, cheerful flame of THE CAMP FIRE may be reflected all over the I.O.G.T. camp, so that we

may see each other, as it were, face to face, sitting around one common hearthstone; and as we interchange ideas, talk of past achievements, or discuss plans for future work, we will bring hope and courage and inspiration to one another.

We will try, Mr. Editor, to put a few fogots on the fire once a month in order to keep the reflection bright in Ottawa and District No. 1, and, in return, we (at the capital) will hope to hear regularly from the more remote places in our jurisdiction, especially from Hamilton and Toronto, where our chief executive officers rusticate.

The chief topic of interest in I.O.G.T. circles here just now is the annual union excursion and picnic, which takes place to Clarke's Island on the civic holiday, 10th inst., and which promises to be the most successful one yet held.

All the lodges have done remarkably well during the hot weather, and are in a good position to push the Order during the present quarter. There is just one danger ahead. Our Mayor has imposed a tax on bachelors, which may drive a large number of them to seek their fortune in a more congenial clime, and from this cause we fear the membership in our lodges may be greatly depleted, unless the good sisters hasten to the rescue. "Shtay right here, boys, I am wid ye; shtay right where ye's are, and let us fine together and tatch Mr. Mayor that we are neither Chinese nor hontentots, and that we must repeal this unjust tax or forfeit forever the friendship and support of every member of the union. Yes, let us fine together and remove this proud autocrat from power and elect one of ourselves to the high and imminent position, then we will have our revenge."

I hope you will pardon me, Mr. Editor, for getting my Irish up on this question, because me name is

DINNIS O'BRIEN.

Ottawa, August 15th.

IN MUSKOKA AND PARRY SOUND.

Brothers J. D. Andrews, G.C.T., and F. S. Spence, G.S., recently made a flying visit to the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts for the purpose of stirring up interest in the cause and

Order. They were accompanied by Mr. I. T. Mills. One Sunday afternoon all these gentlemen addressed a great gathering on the Huntsville campground. It was estimated that nearly five hundred persons were present. Mr. and Mrs. Doan, of Newmarket, aided a choir of local workers in some choice musical selections. The Huntsville brass band also turned out in force and added much to the effectiveness of the meeting. The enthusiasm of the audience ran high in response to the stirring appeals made on behalf of the prohibition reform. Sunday evening Mr. Spence preached to a densely packed congregation in the Methodist church.

On Monday a special session of the Huntsville Lodge was held on the campground during part of the forenoon and afternoon. Six candidates were initiated. This work was followed by a special drill in the ritual of the Order and a conference on missionary effort. Besides the Huntsville I.O.G.T. members there were present representatives from Katrine, Dorset, Uffington and Utterson lodges. The same evening a well-attended meeting was held at Huntsville, addressed by Messrs. Andrews and Mills, while Mr. Spence went north and spoke to a crowded house in Powassan Methodist church.

The Grand Lodge officers met on Tuesday at Burk's Falls, where they held a special meeting of Good Templar workers in the afternoon for discussion of the Order's work and plans for extension efforts in the neighborhood. In the evening they spoke at a well-attended mass meeting in the Methodist church, presided over by Bro. Geo. Alexander, of Doe Lake, and left same night for Toronto, leaving behind them Bro. Mills, who remained to do some missionary work in the interest of Good Templary and temperance.

MANITOBA.

We have received the journal of the eleventh session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. It was held in the city of Brandon last June. The membership reported was 1,501 in 83 lodges, being a net gain of 103 members. \$400 had been spent in organizing work, and there was a balance of nearly \$100 in the treasury. The juvenile temple department showed a falling off. The present grand lodge officers are: G.C.T., Rev. O. Darwin; G. Coun., J. W. Flatt; G.V.T., Miss M. McArthur; G. Sec., T. J. White; G. Treas., J. A. Blondal; G.S.J.

T., A. S. Coubrough; G.M., L. A. Races; P.G.C.T., Dr. E. A. Blakely; G.A.S., George Lenton; G.D.M., Miss A. Smilla; G.G., W. H. Lowe; G. Sen., Russell Murdoch; G. Mess., Paul Olson.

ABROAD.

The *International Good Templar* keeps up its high reputation. We are indebted to it for a number of the items of news in the present issue of the *CAMP FIRE*.

Florida grand lodge reports an increase of membership, and is going for a vigorous year of missionary work.

The grand lodge of Pennsylvania met in its forty-first annual session in Phillipsburg, July 17. The report told of 144 lodges, with a membership of 4,415. Twenty-four lodges had been organized during the past year.

Tasmanian grand lodge has had an increase in its membership.

The annual session of the grand lodge of Ireland was of unusual interest. A slight decrease in numbers was reported, but the outlook is very encouraging.

The grand lodge of Victoria, Australia, had a trying year, and reports a slight falling off. 50 lodges and 24 juvenile temples are doing first-class work.

New South Wales grand lodge had a very interesting annual meeting. It has now 200 subordinate lodges, with a membership of 10,151.

The grand lodge of Sweden held its annual session last month. A membership of nearly 60,000 was reported. This makes the grand lodge of Sweden the largest in the world.

A grand lodge has just been organized in Switzerland. Sister Charlotte A. Gray was the instituting officer. The first meeting was held in the city of Zurich.

The four grand lodges of South Africa are arranging for a joint conference. Natal has held its own during the past year. Central South Africa has increased in both adult and juvenile branches, adding more than 1,000 to its numbers.

WHO PAYS FOR IT?

Chief of Police Under of Topeka, recently attended the National Convention of chiefs of police at St. Louis. In a newspaper interview after his return he said that the greatest sight he saw was the Anheuser Brewing Company's establishment, the second largest in the world, covering five blocks. Among other things he said: "The stables at the brewery are the finest I ever saw. The halls between the stalls where the horses are kept are covered with fine Brussels carpet and everything else corresponds. The office and parlors where the employes stay, when off duty, are furnished finer than any rooms in Topeka." Whose money furnished these elegant stables?—*National W. C.T.O. Bulletin*.

PROFITABLE MEETINGS.

Promptness in despatching business in the early evening in lodge session leads to interest and success.

Waste no time in dillydallying.

Make the recess useful in arranging a systematic program for the good of the order.

Shake hands with every quiet one particularly, and every stranger.

Avoid coarse rousing, rudeness and loud talk.

Make recess short, not more than ten or fifteen minutes.

Transact business in a business like manner. It is the right of every member to talk, and it is the right of every member to wish some would talk less and say more.

Don't waste time over little non-essential technicalities.

Let the majority rule whether it suits you or not.

Do not think two or three or a half dozen must do all the saying, but let every member think, act and assert his individuality.

This is our lodge and not theirs alone.

The greater the number of honest, active workers, the stronger the lodge.

When you get through, stop. Close at a reasonable early hour.

Don't wait to let others speak when it is high time to close.

Let the "others" wait until next week. It is more important that you close reasonably early than it is that all should be heard from in one evening.

These few rules closely observed will secure a needed interest in your lodge meetings.—*Dr. D. H. Mann in International Good Templar*.