



HON. S. B. CHASE.

We take great pleasure in presenting herewith a very good likeness of our esteemed Brother, the Honorable Simon B. Chase, P.R.W.G.T., and Chancellor of the Course of Study.

TO ALL GOOD TEMPLARS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, GREETING :

The Order to which we have pledged our allegiance at the altar which we so much love, has claims upon us for more than our bare loyalty, but for the best preparation we can make to give it a brilliant and effective service.

Another has said our Order needs a "sanctified intelligence," and certain it is every Good Templar needs a thorough knowledge of the organized force he proposes to use, as well as the strength and character of the evil he has enlisted to fight. Each one needs this not only that his blows may be more telling on the enemy, his persuasions more convincing on the victim, but also that his own heart may become more and more interested in our great work for humanity.

We must love this work before we can become effective; we must love it, or we will not care to stay in it after the novelty dies away. We will not love it unless we study its purposes, its history, its triumphs and its defeats, and keep continually in touch with the Order's current pulsations.

Yesterday (June 4) was the fortieth anniversary of my connection with the Order, having used 160 different passwords, twenty of which were made by me during my term as R.W.G. Templar. The retrospect of my Good Templar history shows me how far short of my opportunities have I come in this service, and how much more I might have done, both in rescuing the victim and in forming public sentiment in favor of total abstinence and prohibition, had I been privileged to take the Course of Reading when I crossed the threshold of temperance work.

That the moving spirits in our Order early recognized the necessity

of educating our membership on all the questions pertaining to the reform and intended to prescribe some plan for such instruction is apparent from the language used in the ritual for our subordinate lodges. This was prepared and adopted at the 10th session of the R.W.G. Lodge in 1864 at Cleveland, Ohio, and has been in use ever since. The writer was chairman of the Committee and hence knows whereof he speaks when he says, that the authors intended when they wrote the three charges of Vice Templar, Chaplain and P.C. Templar, drawing lessons of temperance from nature, the Scriptures and history, that specific plan of extended temperance teaching should be formulated and put into execution in our Order. Indeed, we promise this in the final charge of the C. Templar to the initiate in these words: "I charge you to consider well the lessons of this lodge. Of necessity they have been brief; ponder them on your mind, and as you advance in our noble order they will be more fully exemplified and set forth." But no steps were taken to "more fully exemplify and set forth" these brief lessons until in 1888 the R. W. G. Lodge promulgated the Course of Study.

We now offer to Good Templars a rare opportunity to become thoroughly posted in all that pertains to the great temperance reform, and thus fitted to do efficient service. Read what two of our students say, who have just sent in their examination papers on this year's readings.

Sister Mrs. Ada A. Barnes, of Oberlin, Ohio, says: "How I wish every thinking man and woman would read the books, 'Alcohol in Science' and 'Temperance Physiology,' and that they might be taught to every child. How much good I might have done could I have read them years ago."

Rev. E. Edwards' of Minersville, Pa., also says: "'Alcohol in Science' has pleased me greatly. Would that I could have studied it twenty years earlier."

Bro. Jas. Mather, G. Sec., of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, under date of March 8th, writes the following, showing how he values this branch of Templar work: "In this part of the Templar jurisdiction we are looking forward with intense interest to the full development of this educational department, and expect in a few years to see the whole system of Templar work revolutionized. During the nineteen years that I have been connected with the Order, there has been nothing attempted so calculated to benefit, so likely to elevate

and prosper, so certain to give permanency to our advance and solidity to our membership, as the general adoption of the Course of Study. Feeling this and knowing the great want of our beloved Order, it will be no fault of mine if you do not soon have many graduating students in this western portion of our island continent."

British Columbia has done well in supporting the Course, having had classes at New Westminster and Victoria, besides single students in other places, but we want her to do better. For this year's reading we want her to give us 100 students, and then we can surely have commencement exercises for the graduating class at her Grand Lodge session in 1896, and perhaps in 1895.

The conclusion of the great Temperance Congress just held at Prohibition Park in honor of the 90th birthday of Gen. Neal Dow, is summarized by another in these words: "The temperance reform needs a revival of total abstinence education. As one means to such an end what can be more efficient than the Good Templars' Educational Course?"

Will not our Brothers and Sisters of British Columbia come to the front by giving us 100 applicants for the Course within the next three months?

All information can be obtained from me or Vice Chancellor Keith.

S. B. CHASE,

Chancellor.

Hallstead, Pa., U.S.A., June 7th.

LOVE'S SILENCE.

A flash of azure; a folded wing;
A waft of song on the winds of spring;
Listen! I hear the bluebird sing.

A feathered arrow; a bolt far thrown;
The silent flight of a form swift flown;
A pause—and I hear the wood-dove's moan.

Bluebird, hued like the plains above;
Summer's messenger, fleet-winged dove;
Hath autumn never a song of love?

And the one replies from a bough breeze-
swung,
And the other the still green glooms among:
"Sweet, oh, sweet, are the songs unsung!"
—Henry Charles Luders.

All items for our next issue must be in before September 1st. With our next issue the duties of the present management cease, and it is therefore now in order for representatives to consider who should be appointed for the coming year.

District Lodge No. 3 will meet at Langley on Friday afternoon, the 17th day of August, 1894. All lodges are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

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