



**GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.**

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Offices, 49 Richmond St. W., Toronto.

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 1894-95.**

(Members please note changes.)

- G.C.T.—J. D. Andrews, Hamilton.
- G.C.—W. F. Brockenshire, Wingham.
- G.S.J.T.—John E. Wilson, Toronto.
- G.V.T.—Julia Roberts, Paris.
- G.S.—F. S. Spence, Toronto.
- G.T.—W. R. Keyes, Paisley.
- P.G.C.T.—Rev. J. C. Madill, Sarnia.
- (The above constitute the Executive Committee.)
- G.C.—Rev. W. H. Madill, Alton.
- G.M.—G. J. Early, Peterboro'.
- D.D.M. Currie Wilde, Niagara Falls.
- G.G.—Elvina Hall, Dundas.
- G. Sen.—J. G. Murdoch, Lucknow.
- G. Mess.—J. H. Johnson, Huntsville.
- Grand Auditors.—W. J. Turnbull and J. A. Beaton.
- Reps. to R.W.G.L.—E. Dawson, G. Spence, J. D. Andrews.
- Alternates—W. H. Madill, W. J. Turnbull, D. Rose.

**NEWS OF THE ORDER EVERYWHERE.**

**ONTARIO.**

Now is the time for work that will tell. A lodge started in October has got a splendid chance for a good winter's work.

A number of returns have been received during the month, some of them very encouraging.

There are at present only five District Lodges in Ontario in active operation. There ought to be about 25.

Brother Rev. W. H. Gribble has been doing excellent missionary work in Huron and Bruce.

Only ten of the Toronto Lodges have yet sent in their returns for August quarter. What is the matter with the other five?

The best record in tax paying for this quarter so far has been made by Surprise Lodge of Grimsby.

Now that we have a new Benefit Association Board we shall look for a good deal of effective work on that particular line.

A correspondent from Culros Star tells of a remarkably successful open meeting recently held attended by the Grand Counsellor with a waggon load of supporters from Wingham. This kind of visiting tells of good.

The time for public meetings is rapidly approaching. Every lodge should go in for this kind of campaigning. It may be made to tell very effectively in strengthening both our Order and our cause.

On September 17th, Brother Rev. W. H. Madill organized a new lodge at Watford with thirty-two charter members. This last addition to our Order promises remarkably well. The following are the most important officers: C. T. Rev. W. H. Madill; V.T., Miss Ella McFarland; Sec. George McKenzie; Lodge Deputy, George Apted. The lodge will be called Willing Workers.

At a recent meeting of Chesley Lodge the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That whereas Bro. Robert H. McNally is about to take his departure from our midst, we the officers and members of Chesley Lodge No. 39 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, hereby tender him this resolution of our regret at his removal, and appreciation of his

companionship while among us. And further, we hereby take pleasure in recommending him to any society or community in which his lot may be cast, as a young man of honest, upright, and sterling principles, and one who will render faithful service in any situation."

**THE G. L. EXECUTIVE.**

An important meeting of the Grand Lodge Executive was held at the Grand Secretary's Office on September 7th and 8th. All the members were present.

The G. S. presented a report showing the position of the Order respecting membership and payment of dues. He also reported the work done in the Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts, resulting in important accessions of membership.

A number of matters of special interest to special lodges and individuals, were taken up and dealt with. Terms were fixed for the payment of Grand Lodge Organizers, and the G.C.T. and G.S. were appointed a special committee to deal with the question of employing general agents.

On the 8th of September there was also held the annual meeting of the Benefit Association in connection with the Grand Lodge.

Three new members were elected to the Board of Directors, which is now constituted as follows: President J. D. Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer, Thos. Lawless; Directors, W. F. Brockenshire, F. S. Spence, W. R. Keyes, J. E. Wilson, and George Spence. Plans were laid for a special effort to extend this department of Good Templar work.

**OUR OTTAWA LETTER.**

As anticipated in my last letter the union picnic of the Ottawa Good Templars was a complete success. Some four hundred members and friends of the Order joined the excursion. A beautiful day, pleasant company, and an attractive programme of sports contributed to the enjoyment of all. The city lodges will profit financially.

An effort is being made by the District Executive to organize a lodge at Manotick village with good prospects.

The social season is here again, and the city lodges have not forgotten the fact. Canadian Lodge held a neck-tie social on the 15th inst. and the other city lodges are preparing to follow—well perhaps some of them may take the lead in other respects if not in date. A number of fraternal visits have been made by the several lodges during the last quarter. No Surrender Lodge will visit Excelsior Lodge at Bowesville on the 29th inst.

I cannot close this letter without a reference to the vigorous campaign that is now being carried on against illicit selling in the city. Chief McViey has taken the matter up with a determination that augurs success, and a large number of convictions have already been obtained.

More power to your elbow Mac. Ottawa Sept. 20th. DENNIS.

**OTHER JURISDICTIONS.**

The report of the forty-first annual session of Iowa has come to hand, and is specially worthy of commendation for the completeness of the returns it furnishes. Iowa has a lodge membership of 10,004, and a Temple membership of 3,105.

Illinois Grand Lodge held its forty-first Grand Lodge Session at Decatur, on September 11th and 12th. Dr. Mann, R.W.G.T. was present, and helped the meeting a great deal. The officers for the coming year are: G. C. T., Uriah Copp, jr.; G. Com., Geo. F. Sears; G. V. T., Eva Gunn; G. S. J. T., Minnie F. Caraway; G. Sec'y., R. J. Hazlett; G. Treas., J. H. Rainey; G. Mar., Robt. I. Gregg; G. D. M., Mattie E. Dewey; G. A. Sec'y., Rev. Geo. Bassett; G. Chaplain, Rev. O. Young; G. G., Bertha Beckwith; G. Sent., H. Clinton Ellis; G. Mess., G. R. Hicks.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan, met at Hackley Park on August 21st. The report showed a net gain of fifty-one lodges and 1,153 members. Officers for the coming year are as follows: G. C. T.—E. Newell; G. Com.—N. Norton Clark; G. Treas.—P. J. Connell; G. V. T.—Maud L. Clark; G. S. J. T.—Mrs. T. B. Knapp; G. Sec.—Albert Dodge; G. Chap.—Rev. Chester D. Berry; G. Mar.—W. W. Brower; G. D. M.—Mrs. L. C. Frost; G. Sen.—George W. Johnson; G. G.—May Elliott; G. A. S.—Mrs. Ella Miller; G. Mess.—F. O. Stowell; P. G. C. T.—L. O. Miller.

H.M.S. Sirius was recently at anchor in the harbor of Monte Video. On board this vessel there is a Good Templar Lodge known as Ark of Safety. Brother J. Prim of that lodge instituted a new lodge in the City of Monte Video, to be known as El Sirius. Two members were admitted on O.C., three on A.C. and ten were initiated.

The Watchword informs us that Bro. Malins, G.C.T., of England, has received a petition for a charter from Malaysia for the formation of a Good Templar lodge to work in the Tamil language. The applicants are: Rev. D. D. Moore, M.A., B.D., Samuel Crosssett, Simon Peter (Catechist), D. Njunaiviguerne, V. Daniel Pillay, A. P. William, N. S. Henry, S. Arumugam, S. Nadason, G. Gnanasigamany, P. Mathuranayagan, Savaramooto, J. Isaac. The Lodge is to be named the "Pennang American Mission." This is another step out for the I.O.G.T. which is now at work on every continent, and in many of the islands of the Seas.

The Grand Lodge of New York, held its 30th annual session at the opera house, Kingston, N.Y., on August 28-30th. About eight hundred representatives were in attendance. The meeting was characterized by much earnestness and enthusiasm. The membership reported as in good standing, was 20,338, being a decrease from the previous year's report of 3,042. The G.S.J.T. reported 145 Temples, with an increase in membership of 45. The following are the officers for the year 1894-5: D. W. Hooker, G.C.T.; H. C. Ford, G. Com.; Libbie C. Davenport, G.V.T.; I. C. Andrews, G.S.; H. C. Delong, G.T.; Dr. D. H. Mann, P.G.C. T.; Fred H. Eastman, G.A.S.; Rev. Thomas H. E. Richards, G. Chap.; W. K. Harrison, G. Mar.; Estella Foote, G. D. Mar.; Joseph Mahie, G. Guard; John M. Fell, G. Sen.; E. F. Baldwin, G. Messenger.

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A public meeting to be arranged, for which the recitations will form the programme, which may be interspersed with music.

Three disinterested persons of intelligence are to be chosen to act as judges, for whom suitable blanks will be furnished. Judges are advised to avoid a tie, as but one Medal can be presented at a contest.

A competition class shall consist of not less than six nor more than ten persons.

When not more than six young persons of either sex, between the ages of twelve and twenty-five, shall recite before an audience selections taken from either of the volumes "From Contest to Conquest," the one adjudged to have made the best recitation will be awarded a Silver Medal in satin-lined case.

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When eight or more have won Gold Medals they can compete for a Grand Gold Medal.

When eight or more have won Grand Gold Medals, the holders may compete for a handsome Gold Medal studded with diamonds.

On these terms the Medals will be presented by W. Jennings Demorest, free of expense.

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A very small fee will be charged for each medal to cover necessary cost of postage, etc.

**WORK WANTED.**

What kind of work is your lodge doing? Tell me and I will tell you whether its life is to be long or short. No matter what the locality, it will not stand an organization with high professions and low acts. Ours is to word and to save; neglect either and the community writes us out, and we shortly follow suit with a surrender.

"How shall we save the lodges?" Well! The lodge which needs coddling all the time, is hardly worth the saving. Yet if it die, it is because you spend the time in coddling, which should be occupied in action; aid for humanity. Go to work, canvass the town, pledge the people, make the lodge room the coziest, busiest place to be found, and you will have no time to think of saving the lodge in the efforts the lodge makes to save the people.

The call is for good work; earnest work, unselfish work; the sinking of the personal in the plural number, and the writing up of ourselves; not in honied articles, but in good deeds in the lives of men. Do this and the lodge shall never fail.—*The Official Organ.*