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GOOD TEMPLARS.

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in connection with the original Independent Order of Good Templars, met in Halifax on the eighth of June, Mr. Shippy Spurr, G.W.C.T., in the chair. According to the report of the G. W. C. T., the order was not in as flourishing a condition as usual within the jurisdiction. It was decided to request the R. W. Grand Templar to assist in providing a lecturer to labor in the Province during the coming year. Following is the list of officers elected:—G.W.C.T., George Knight, Halifax; G. W. C., E. A. Wilson, Halifax; G.W.V.T., A. Stewart, Grand Pre; G.W.S., G. J. Graydon, Halifax; G. W. Treas., B. D. Rogers, Stellarton; G. W. Chaplain, M. Theakston, Halifax; G.W.M., A. H. Blake-ney, Halifax; G.W.G., Charles McMillan; G.W.S., G. M. Hill; G.W.A.S., J. Avery, Halifax; G. W. D. M., E. R. McPherson, Stellarton; Gen. Supt. Juvenile Templars, Ellen McElvie, Stellarton, P. G. W. C. T., S. Spurr, Annapolis; Representatives to R.W.G.L. of the World, Rev. W. G. Lane and J. Genders, with G. Knight and S. Spurr as alternates. The R.W.G.T., Joseph Malins, of Birmingham, England, installed the officers, he with other leading members of the R.W.G. Lodge being in attendance at the sittings of the Grand Lodge. He also officiated in presenting Mr. R. R. Duncan, of Grand Pre, the honorary Grand Secretary, with a handsome regalia in recognition of his valuable services to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Several of the distinguished visitors from abroad delivered addresses at the installation. In an address to the Grand Lodge Mr. Insull, of Middlesex, England, said the District Lodge there was the largest under the Grand Lodge of England, there being in the district more than one hundred and thirty subordinate lodges with an

adult membership of nine thousand. They held their District Lodge session every month in the heart of the city of London, and it was largely attended. There were three thousand children in their Juvenile Temples, and the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union, which was doing a grand work, was arranging for a grand Temperance Fete next month in the Crystal Palace, where three choirs, comprising fifteen thousand voices, would sing temperance hymns. He also referred to the Blue Ribbon Gospel Temperance Mission, saying he had himself been the means of securing twenty thousand pledges in a poor district of London, and one of his converts, a poor woman, had obtained over seven hundred pledges. Mr. Insull is an abstainer of over thirty years' standing, and is connected with a number of temperance and religious organizations. The Grand Lodge closed its session on Monday afternoon, and that evening held a reception in the Province Building, when the representatives of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World, the Rev. W. G. Lane, read an address of welcome and presented Mr. Malins, R.W.G.T., with a handsome breast pin of pure Nova Scotia gold in the quartz as taken from Montague Mines. Mr. Malins having suitably replied, addresses of welcome were made on the part of the Provincial Templars by Mr. George Graydon, G.W.S., of the Army; Mr. G. M. Hill, of Colchester county; Mr. B. D. Rogers, G.W.T., of Fictou county; Mr. Broadfield, of the Navy; Mr. S. Spurr, P.G.W.C.T., of Annapolis county; Mr. T. D. G. Scotland, P.G.W.Con., representing the colored members of the Order; Mr. C. J. Wolf, of King's county, and Isaiah Wilson, of Digby county. Replies on behalf of the R.W.G. Lodge were given by Mr. Turnbull, of Scotland; Mrs. Green, of Liverpool; R. W. Supt. of Juvenile Templars; Rev. Burford Hooke, of Wales; Prof. Hastings, of Tennessee; Mr. Oscar Eklund, of Sweden; Mr. T. N. G. Clare, of the Bahamas; Mr. C. A. Stevens, of Boston, and Mr. W. M. Artrell, colored, of Florida. A public meeting was held in the Academy of Music on Sunday, the building being packed and the addresses of delegates to the R. W. G. Lodge of a most interesting character. A number of the city pulpits were occupied by delegates.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE WORLD.

The biennial, twenty-eighth session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World, Independent Order of Good Templars, met in the Masonic Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday morning, June 13th. The following officers were in their places:—R.W.G.T., Joseph Malins, England; R.W.G.C., the Rev. George Gladstone, Scotland; R. W. S., J. T., Mrs. Green, England; R. W. G. S., William W. Turnbull, Scotland; R. W. G. Chaplain, the Rev. D. Burford Hooke, Wales. Vacant offices were temporarily filled. Representatives were present as follows:—

SCOTLAND.—Rev. George Gladstone, Glasgow; Gilbert Archer, Leith; Wm. W. Turnbull, Glasgow.

ENGLAND.—Joseph Malins, Birmingham; Rev. Enoch Franks, Wigan; Rev. H. J.

Boyd, Huddersfield; Samuel Insull, London; Henry J. Osborn and Mrs. Osborn, Bristol; Mrs. Green, Liverpool, and W. James Rae, Reading.

IRELAND.—Charles Green, Liverpool. WALES, (English).—Rev. D. Burford Hooke and Mrs. Hooke, Rhyl.

ISLE OF MAN.—T. Goldsmith, Douglas. SWEDEN.—Oscar Eklund, Stockholm.

MEDITERRANEAN.—Geo. Graydon, Halifax.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Jessie Forsyth, Boston, Mass.

QUEENSTOWN.—Shippy Spurr, Annapolis. CAPE COLONY.—George Hudson, Mass.

INDIA.—Reuben Forknall, Mass., and Major Theakstone, Halifax.

FLORIDA.—W. M. Artrell, Key West (colored).

Bahamas.—T. N. G. Clare, Nassau, N.P. VIRGINIA.—W. S. Wilson, Norfolk (colored).

TENNESSEE.—Prof. W. P. Hastings, Maryville.

NEW JERSEY.—George Phillips, Pennsylvania.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—George Knight, Halifax.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Rev. W. G. Lane and J. Genders, Halifax.

MASSACHUSETTS.—C. A. Stevens, Boston.

After the admission of representatives, the R. W. G. L. degree was conferred on thirty-six candidates. The R. W. G. Templar's report begins thus, "For the first time in the history of our beloved Order our Supreme Court meets in 'New Scotland,' at the invitation of its Grand Lodge—the oldest within the jurisdiction of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge." It then expresses the sentiment that those present will not forget the interests of distant Grand Lodges that could not send representatives. Since last session difficulties had to be met and overcome, and others would be laid before this session. The Order and cause were making gradual and good progress. There are a hundred and thirty thousand adult Templars and seventy thousand juvenile in the United Kingdom, the stronghold of the Order. The Grand Lodge of the Channel Islands had influenced the Jersey Legislature in cutting off thirty drink licenses and enacting Sunday closing in all licensed places except hotels. Even "the little Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man" was doing a good work, and the local Legislature—the "House of Keys"—only failed by one vote in conferring the privilege of local option. Gratifying prosperity marks the Order in Scandinavia, the Grand Lodge of Norway making steady progress and being well represented by an adult and a juvenile Templar's organ, and the Grand Lodge of Sweden making the greatest progress of any in the world during the past year. Its institution was only reported at last session, and already it stands third among the Grand Lodges in point of membership, twenty thousand, and has its official organ. Denmark, with two subordinate Lodges at last report, has had a Grand Lodge since August, 1882, when there were twelve Lodges, which have since doubled. In appreciation of the work done by the Lodge in Kolding, Denmark, the mayor recently, in behalf of the town, presented it with a splendid banner costing three hundred crowns. The Grand Lodge has a little weekly organ called the *Ilfing*, the name of

a river in Finland, which, an ancient fable says, divided the good from the evil. The Grand Lodge of the Mediterranean had been resuscitated. English Lodges existed at several leading German ports. A Lodge had been started in Geneva, thus introducing the Order into Switzerland, a country in which total abstinence is a new and strange doctrine. In Asia fair progress was being made. Medals had been given by the Grand Lodge of India to its soldier adherents who stood by their principles in Afghanistan. A Grand Lodge had been started in Ceylon which has a few naval and military lodges. The Grand Lodges of Natal and Cape Town, Africa, had shown advances, Egypt had been attached to the Mediterranean Grand Lodge, and the Order had been planted in Mauritius. Progress had been made in the West Indies and South America, and the Grand Lodge of the Bahamas rejoiced in local option having been obtained in the colony. Lodges in and near Barbadoes and Trinidad are hoped to be able soon to combine in a Grand Lodge. Sunday closing had been obtained from nine o'clock in the morning in the latter island. British sailors have been chiefly instrumental in promoting the Order in these Southern American regions, and had taken advantage of temporary peace to plant it in Chili and Peru. Good accounts are on the whole able to be given of the Order throughout Australasia and New Zealand. In the latter country a former Premier and a Past Grand Worthy Chief Templar, has been stimulating temperance teaching in the public schools by offering prizes for competition among the pupils.

The following summary of membership is from the R.W.G. Secretary's report.

	Lodges.	Members.
Europe, British Isles	2,617	128,625
"Continent	453	25,405
Africa	34	1,751
Asia	117	3,402
Australia and New Zealand	328	16,853
West Indies	45	1,045
North America	180	7,453
	3,782	196,600

There are thirty-four Grand Lodges at present working under the jurisdiction of the R.W.G. Lodge. To the adult membership has to be added the membership in the juvenile section, which amounts to fully 81,000, making a gross membership of 277,000.

The R.W.G. Treasurer's report showed an income of about four thousand dollars and a balance of assets over liabilities of over two thousand dollars.

Following is the list of officers, elected and appointed, for the ensuing year, who were installed by the Rev. George Gladstone, P.R.W.G.T.:

R.W.G.T.—Joseph Malins, Birmingham (re-elected).

R.W.G.C.—Rev. W. G. Lane, Halifax.

R.W.S.J.T.—Rev. Enoch Franks, Wigan, England.

R.W.G.V.T.—Jessie Forsyth, Boston, Mass.

R.W.G.S.—Wm. W. Turnbull, Glasgow, Scotland (re-elected).

R.W.G. Tr.—Gilbert Archer, Leith, Scotland.

R.W.G. Chap.—Rev. H. J. Boyd, Huddersfield, England.

R.W.G.M.—Oskar Eklund, Stockholm, Sweden.

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