

and by reason of other work have ceased active membership. Brethren, we want you to renew that membership, so that you may once again unite with us in this glorious work.

13. We demand that our local authorities enforce the Sunday Closing Law in all parts of the Province, and that Gambling, which flourishes with the saloon, be stamped out. In many places, especially mining camps, there is not an effort made to uphold the majesty of the law.

14. We ask the other Grand Lodges of Canada to join with us in demanding the abolition of the pernicious "permit system," by which thousands of gallons of liquor are taken into the Yukon to debauch the miner. This Province having declared at the polls for Prohibition, not a single new license should be granted anywhere! Many questions have been sent in and answered, but as most of them have been answered again and again, I need not report them.

15. The Temperance Convention, called by the Dominion Alliance, will meet in Vancouver on November 1st. We advise all to send delegates, and join in a united effort for victory.

16. I am grateful to the officers of the Grand Lodge and to all Deputies and Officers of subordinate Lodges for their kind co-operation. In placing in your hands the honor given me on so many occasions as your leader, I beg you to elect someone who can give to this high office the time and attention it demands. With my pastoral duties I am unable to travel as much as is required. The people must be visited and aroused to action.

In God we trust, and victory must be ours.

I am yours in F. H. & C.,

A. E. GREEN, G. C. T.

On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Secretary then read the following report:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Victoria, B.C., Sept. 20, 1899.

To the Grand Chief Templar, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., of British Columbia:

I beg to submit my report for the year ending the 31st August, 1899:

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Members last Report.....	607
" Initiated.....	270
" Received by Card.....	12
" Reinstated.....	9
Total Accessions.....	291
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FIRST TOTAL.	898
Number of Members Suspended.....	204
" Withdrawn by Card.....	41
" Withdrawn from the Order.....	33
" Died.....	3
" Expelled.....	13
" Dropped through no report.....	41
Total Loss.....	335
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Present Membership.....	563
Number of Brothers.....	340
" Sisters.....	223