

Author of "Roberts' Digest," puts it, "The absurdity of an "explanation" to the "password" which did not explain was done away with, and now we are to have an "outer" and "inner" password. These changes are all to take effect in due course.

Your representative had an unconditional promise from R. W. G. T. on behalf of executive, that this jurisdiction should be "missioned" by Right Worthy Grand Lodge Lecturers, and one of these (D. V.) was to have been Bro. Finch himself—the latter, now alas, can never be. The R. W. G. L. can however lay its hands on grand men, and such a selection will be made when one is sent to the Pacific coast.

There was a disposition on the part of all to aid in every way weak jurisdictions, and many kind and encouraging remarks were made as to the positions taken by the Grand Lodge of B. C. You will see by the R. W. G. L. report that the R. W. G. Templar in his report speaks in the highest terms of our Grand Lodge. In fact in the management of its affairs it excites "his highest admiration."

Brethren as I look back and see the army of consecrated men and women with whom we are privileged in some small way of "battling for the right" and remembering that Jehovah is with us and for us I cannot grow discouraged even amid discouragements. We will win; yea verily we must win.

And now I hand back the trust you reposed in me. I have done my best for Good Templary as a whole, and for Good Templary in British Columbia particularly. And I am confident this jurisdiction will henceforth be liberally dealt with by R. W. G. Lodge Executive who are not ignorant of the burdens we bear.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me and wishing our noble order unbounded success,

I am yours for Good Templary,

In Faith, Hope and Charity,

New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 18th, 1887.

R. B. HEMLAW.

On motion the report of the R. W. G. L. delegation was received and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered him for the important services rendered.

The committee on Political action submitted the following report:—
To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. G. T.:

Your committee on Political Action beg to submit the following report:—

Whereas, we are pleased to learn of the progress made by other Provinces of the Dominion of Canada on the national question of Prohibition of the sale and manufacture of alcoholic liquors, as was expressed by the new parliament at its first session this year which is very encouraging indeed, but we regret that the representatives from British Columbia were unanimous (with one exception) with the anti's. Therefore be it

Resolved—1st. That in view of the neglect of proper organized effort of all the temperance organizations in the past, we recommend the formation of temperance electoral unions upon such basis as may be deemed expedient and further recommend that we call upon temperance electors everywhere to withhold all pledges of political support to party candidates until an official declaration has been made upon the temperance question by the respective party caucuses or conventions, and we further strongly advise temperance electors to take steps to secure the nomination and election of known and avowed prohibitionists as representatives to the Commons, Provincial Legislature or Municipal Councils.

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