

## OUR LODGES.

## VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 10.

E. B. V., Reporter;—

The reports of the last quarter show an increase of nine members, thus bringing our membership to exactly the same figure as last year, so in spite of the hard times we have managed to hold our own.

The lodge competition resulted in favor of the side led by Bro. J. W. Menzies, and the losing side entertained the members at Sister Forbes' residence, which was kindly lent for the occasion, and where everybody enjoyed themselves immensely. One noticeable result of the competition has been to bring out the abilities of our members, and we have discovered talent where it was quite unexpected.

Bro. Menzies has been elected as representative to the Grand Lodge. Several of our members have expressed their intention of attending the session if possible, so as to gain a better insight into the work of the Order throughout the Province. The temperance sentiment is being more fully aroused, and the lodge becoming more like what a Good Templar lodge should be.

## MODEL LODGE NO. 51.

H. White, Reporter:—

Our quarterly programme subjoined is: 11th August, installation; 25th, geographical spelling match (minus the spelling); 8th September, poverty stricken social; 22nd, open Lodge. 6th October, debate; 20th, election and charades.

Bro. E. E. Greyell is again recommended as our Lodge Deputy, and Bro. H. L. Calvert as Deputy to Grand Electoral Superintendent. Delegate to Grand Lodge, Bro. Ralph Williamson, alternate H. White.

We wish that some of our Brothers would abstain in future from leaving the lodge-room just before the installation takes place, simply because the office they were elected to fill is not of their choosing, it is a bad precedent to set, and it is unreasonable to suppose that an assistant can be provided for every office, e.g. that of Sentinel requires none.

This being the last number of this paper under the present management, it will probably be decided at Grand Lodge meeting whether we shall continue to have an official organ, or not, if in the affirmative, it is to be hoped that hearty support will be awarded, and that every member will try to do something for the paper, it so easy to criticise a paper unfavorably and at the same time do nothing for it; and this is often done by many who don't

take the paper themselves, nor try in any way to increase the circulation. When we have a committee upon whom devolves the work of preparing a journal for publication, absorbing a considerable amount of their time, and moreover do this gratuitously for the "good of the order." The least we can do is to make some slight effort individually, to further their efforts. Let us not conceal the fact that the GOOD TEMPLAR has not been supported as it could very easily have been, and should it be continued, either under its present or another title, for the honor of Good Templary we appeal to every Lodge and every member in the Province to determine to show a marked improvement upon our previous record.

## GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS.

The following amendments to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge are suggested:

That 17 per cent. of the per capita tax collected be set aside as a special fund for the payment of the mileage of representatives and officers attending the Grand Lodge.

That all regular representatives and executive Grand Officers attending the session be paid their travelling expenses to and from the place of meeting, not to exceed 10 cents per mile one way.

That 50 cents per member be the maximum fee to be charged by District lodges for the District Degree.

That the following be added to Article 3: Provided always that any lodge having less than 50 members shall be entitled to one representative.

That the Grand Secretary's salary be 10 per cent of all monies collected and paid to the Grand Treasurer.

That Article XI. be struck out.

That in case there is not sufficient money to the credit of the Mileage Fund to pay the mileage expenses of any session, then and in such case those entitled to mileage shall be paid pro rata out of the monies on hand.

That no Lodges shall be entitled to representation which is not clear on the books of the Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Secretary and Treasurer each furnish the Grand Chief Templar with a written report of the receipts and expenditures and balances to the credit of all accounts and all liabilities on the 1st of December, 1st of March, 1st of June and 1st of September in each year.

That the Grand Secretary be made personally responsible for the price of all supplies supplied to Lodges on

credit and all accounts not paid be deducted from his salary.

That a sick benefit department be formed.

## DISTRICT LODGE No. 3.

The Second Annual session of this lodge convened at Langley on Friday the 17th day of August, 1894 (42nd anniversary of the founding of the Order). Four lodges were represented and thirteen lodges reported. Owing to the late floods, and the consequent difficulty in attending lodges there was reported a slight decrease in membership. The Treasurer's balance was reported at \$31.35, with no liabilities. Lodges were strongly recommended to see that teachers teach temperance in the schools, also to consider the advisability of having a paid superintendent for juvenile temples.

A very interesting and profitable discussion was held as the results of a paper read by Bro. Shearer on "What constitutes a Good Templar." Among the numerous strong points brought out were: that a person taking the Good Templar's obligation can never be released from the duties therein enjoined except by death, and withdrawing from the Order and violation does not give relief. That every Good Templar must treat every other Good Templar as a brother or sister, and failing to do so is a violation in the opinion of those present.

Alterations were recommended in the by-laws providing for the annual session in May instead of August, and the semi-annual session in November instead of February. The grand lodge representative was instructed to use every effort to prevent any change in the district system or the abolition thereof.

The new officers are: C. S. Keith, D.C.T.; A. R. Tylor, D.C.; Mrs. J. A. Shearer, D.V.T.; G. G. Emerson, D. Sec. (Sapperton); Miss M. Hodgson, D.S.J.T. (Vancouver); Miss S. Emerson, D. T.; D. Symmington, D.M.; Mrs. McCallum, D.D.M.; Mrs. Sweeney, D.A.S.; Rev. McCallough, D. Chaplain; Miss M. E. Latham, D.G.; C. W. McCain, D. Sentinel; J. A. Shearer, P.D.C.T. The next meeting is at New Westminster in May, 1895. Lodges throughout the district are requested to try and raise funds to enable the district executive to visit lodges and new fields within the district. A. R. Foxley, P.D.C.T.; was elected grand representative.