

were they so organized to prevent the death of their unholy traffic, determined that it shall live though to do so innocent blood should be shed. The tragedy of the Sioux City; the murder of Haddock, is an evidence of the determination of the blood stained guilty wretches engaged in the Heaven cursed traffic. What are we to do? Shall we not my brethren rise equal to the glorious possibilities and in the name of Jehovah lift up our banners and buckling on the armour of True Knights Templars, never cease our efforts until the arch devise of the arch enemy dare not lift up its hydra head in this, our fair land; this land that our Jehovah has given us to possess. Oh, that the day may come speedily when the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

"Have you not a friend or brother in the valley of the slain?
If you have use every effort for their lifting up again;
Though their falls should be repeated, do not chide, but try to save,
As a barrier throw your manhood twixt them and the drunkard's grave.

"Listen now, it is God's message coming to you from the skies,
Bidding you to aid the downcast and to help the fallen rise;
Urging you to be all faithful till you take the fort by storm,
And hold on high the banner of the Temperance Reform.

It shall wave for truth, shall triumph, though her foes be old and strong,
Freedom shall break down oppression, right shall triumph over wrong;
Burnish up the unused armour, with one purpose all unite,
And our God will fight this battle, putting all our foes to flight.

Fraternally Submitted,

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Nanaimo, 14th October, 1886.

On motion the report of the G. C. Templar was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The G. Secretary submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. G. T.

Dear Brothers and Sisters.—In obedience to the requirement of our Constitution I herewith submit statements of the business of my office, and of the condition of our order, the statements are based on the Quarterly Returns of the various Subordinate Lodges.

There is cause of thankfulness to God that since our organization, death has not been permitted to invade our ranks, and that there is not any disension among our members, but I believe the bond of union between the various Lodges has been strengthened.

During the three months embraced in this report our borders have been extended and our membership materially increased, one new lodge has been organized and you will be pleased to know that some of our old time workers are manning the ropes successfully. Last week we had the pleasure of granting the Charter of Richmond Lodge, No. 12, with a membership of 17, and it is safe to say that the interests of Good Templary in our jurisdiction were never in as prosperous a condition as they are to-day. With the spread of our Order our individual responsibilities are increased, and the duty of the hour demands a truer devotion to our cause, on the part of every member.