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NOTE.—It is proposed to make "THE CAMP FIRE" the cheapest temperance paper in the world, taking into consideration its size, the matter it contains and the price at which it is published.

Every friend of temperance is earnestly requested to assist in this effort by subscribing and by sending in facts or arguments that might be of interest or use to our workers.

The editor will be thankful for correspondence upon any topic connected with the temperance reform. Our limited space will compel condensation. No letter for publication should contain more than two hundred words—if shorter, still better.

TORONTO, OCTOBER, 1894.

The office of the Grand Secretary has been changed from 49 Richmond Street West, to Rooms 51 and 52 Confederation Life Building. Members will please bear this in mind.

Now is the time for work, the time for organization, the time for up-building lodges. Let us be at it and into it.

A few deputies working in other places, as Brother A. Madill is working in Lambton County, would soon put our Order in a much stronger and better position.

Brother Edward Dawson has re-organized Zenith Lodge, from which the first returns have been sent in. We congratulate our good brother and those whom he has encouraged to take up their work again.

Good Templar Deputies receiving copies of this paper are respectfully requested to take them to their Lodges and there urge upon the members the duty and advantage of sending in their subscriptions.

Bear in mind the fact that members of the Order, whose membership is certified to by the Secretary of their Lodge, will only have to pay Ten cents per year as subscription. Fifteen cents is the price to all other persons.

In the first number of the CAMP FIRE there was made a series of premium offers for list of new subscribers. It was proposed that the competition should end at November 1st, but it was subsequently thought best to extend the time to the end of the year. In another column will be found full particulars of these premium offers.

We earnestly thank our friends for the interest and energy with which they have taken hold of the CAMP FIRE. The Lodges from which we have not received lists of subscribers are now comparatively few. Copies of this paper are sent to a number of persons who have not yet subscribed. We sincerely hope that they will let us hear from them without delay.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Still there is no report from the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic. Over and over again have promises been made that this report would speedily be presented to the Government. Years have elapsed since the appointment of this Commission, and many people have almost forgotten about its existence. If the intention had been to get the whole question of prohibition away from public attention altogether, no better plan could have been suggested than that which has been followed.

The long delay in the appointment of the Commission, the course taken by the Commission after its appointment, and now the utterly inexcusable and unexplained delay in the making of the report, have done very much to convince the public that the whole affair was simply a deliberate scheme to side-track the prohibition question and check for the time being an agitation that was giving the Parliament and Government a great deal of trouble and anxiety.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

A good example to Provincial Deputies has been set by Brother Rev. W. H. Madill, who has already, though early in the season, accomplished creditable results for the extension and up-building of our Order. Brother Madill is pastor of a Congregational Church at Watford, to which town he lately moved, and finding that Good Templary was a minus quantity in that district, he at once set himself to change the condition of affairs. He has already succeeded in organizing three strong lodges with an aggregate membership of over one hundred, and expects to do a good deal more of the same kind of work during the coming winter.

THE BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found details of some changes recently made in the Beneficiary Department of the I. O. G. T. that ought to commend themselves strongly to members of the Order.

A guarantee fund has been subscribed making sure the immediate payment of certificates that may be issued in case there should be any necessity for such payment. This places our insurance system upon a foundation such as none of the Orders were able to start with, so far as we know.

Provision has been made for the issuing of certificates for two hundred and fifty dollars, thus providing a small insurance benefit for those who prefer such a protection. The price charged for it is, of course, exceedingly low and it ought to encourage all our younger members to take the wise step of life insurance, which they now may do at very small expense, under specially favorable circumstances.

For the time being new members may be taken into the Benefit Department without the initiation fee before required, the medical examination fee being all the preliminary charge that is necessary.

We are very much pleased to learn that the change has already produced gratifying results. A good number of applications have been received and it is expected that during the coming winter this department of our work will be materially extended and strengthened.

We have very great pleasure in earnestly commending this matter to the consideration of all lodge deputies, officers and members. They will find the working out of the plan of incalculable benefit in extending their work and making their membership more permanent.

PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION.

The expected decision has not yet been given by the Supreme Court setting out the powers of Provincial Legislatures in relation to the prohibition question. When the decision has been given an appeal to the Privy Council will delay final settlement of the question, so that it will be some time yet before the way is clear for the

securing of provincial prohibitory legislation.

Meantime our friends should lose no time in using the means already at hand. The Ontario Local Option Law has been very effective in many localities in curtailing the liquor traffic and so promoting the cause of temperance. Earnestly we urge upon our workers attention to this important matter.

An unusually favorable opportunity now presents itself. Municipal Councils may pass the necessary by-laws at once, and have them submitted to the electors at the municipal elections to be held on the first Monday in January. If this plan is taken, then the voting may take place with very little expense to the municipalities, and the retail liquor traffic may be absolutely wiped out in a great part of our province by May 1st, 1895. The urgency of this important matter is great. The advantages to be gained are immense. The opportunity should not be allowed to slip. Full information will be promptly and cheerfully furnished by the editor of the CAMP FIRE. Let us have an immediate, vigorous, local option campaign all over the Province of Ontario.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

LOOK AT THIS—\$250 BENEFIT FOR 15 CENTS A MONTH.

The attention of all Good Templars is called to the following important statements showing how members of this organization may obtain the very safest form of assessment insurance on terms more favorable than can be obtained in any other organization.

WHAT A SAVING OF A HALF-CENT A DAY WILL GET YOU.

With a view to provide an insurance benefit for young people and others who feel that they cannot afford to pay the premiums necessary to secure the larger insurance benefits offered, the Benefit Association has decided to give an insurance benefit of \$250. This addition to the list of magnificent benefits provided by the Association places within the reach of nearly every person the possibility of providing against the uncertainties of life by means of an insurance payable during old age or at death occurring earlier. The cost of this new benefit is almost nominal, ranging from 15 cents per month for the youth of eighteen (of either sex) to 34 cents at the maximum of admission age (48). Think of it: a saving of one-half cent per day commenced at the eighteenth birthday and kept up regularly, will secure an insurance benefit of \$250 whenever death may occur. It is anticipated that this benefit will become speedily popular, owing to its exceedingly small cost, and within a comparatively short time at least a thousand applications for it should be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer.

WHAT YOU CAN SAVE BY INSURING YOUR LIFE NOW.

Under existing regulations it costs to join the Good Templar Benefit Association:

The admission fee.....	\$5.00
The registration fee for \$1,000.....	1.00
The examination fee not less than.....	1.00

Total minimum costs.....	\$7.00
To encourage Good Templars to immediately enter the Association the Directors have decided to make this grand offer, namely, to refund:	
The admission fee.....	\$5.00
The registration fee.....	1.00

making a total refund of..... \$6.00 to every accepted applicant for the \$250, or the \$500 insurance benefit who at the time of making application pays three monthly premiums in advance. The object of making this offer, which will remain open for a limited time only and which may be withdrawn any day, is to speedily increase the membership to a full benefit paying basis with a desirable class of members. One thousand members added to the Association within the next three months will place it in a position to pay in full every anticipated benefit claim immediately on presentation, as

well as to lay the foundation for a substantial reserve fund. In the meantime a guarantee fund has been subscribed, insuring the full payment of claim arising out of first death in \$250 or \$500 class. While the Association could, without drawing upon this guarantee, pay a better first benefit than was paid by fraternal associations than are prominent to-day for the benefits they pay, it is felt that if at all possible full benefits should be paid from the start; by doing which the Association would establish for itself a record as creditable as it is rare. Remember, those who come in at once save six dollars, and get the benefit of practically free admission, while they are fully protected by the guarantee fund. This is an offer not likely to be kept open long. Wise Good Templars will, therefore, take advantage of it while they may, with a full consciousness that while they are promoting their own personal interests they are also increasing the strength and permanence of the Order to which they belong.

PREMIUM OFFERS.

READ CAREFULLY.

THE CAMP FIRE is not published to make money, but to aid the Temperance cause. It is supplied at a very low price. To aid, however, in securing for it a wide circulation, the following offers are made:—

To anyone sending us the names of twenty new yearly subscribers, with the price, fifteen cents each, or three dollars in all, we will send free, postage prepaid, any one of the following premiums which the person receiving it may select:

PREMIUM LIST.

1. A beautiful regulation GOOD TEMPLAR BADGE, in blue or white, as the receiver may choose, handsomely finished with gilt top and fringe, very choice.

2. THE TEMPERANCE SPEAKER'S OUTFIT, comprising the following very useful books:—*The People versus The Liquor Traffic*, 240 pages; *Prohibition does Prohibit*, 120 pages; *Temperance Shot and Shell*, 128 pages. These are all good books, in neat paper covers.

3. THE VANGUARD for one year, a 64-page monthly Canadian moral reform magazine, containing all the latest and most complete statistics relating to the liquor traffic and the temperance reform. A work of great value.

NOTE.—Anyone sending 40 subscriptions may select two premiums, any one sending 60 may have all three.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

In addition to these premiums there will be also sent FREE, carriage prepaid, to the person sending in before January 1st, the LARGEST number of subscriptions at fifteen cents each, a copy of "TEMPERANCE IN ALL NATIONS," a standard work of recent date, and of great value to all students of the temperance movement. It is issued in cloth binding, in two large volumes, and contains over 1,000 pages. Price \$5.00.

All persons proposing to compete for this grand prize should write at once, stating that they intend doing so, and specimen copies of THE CAMP FIRE, to show friends, will be sent them free.

Horace Greeley once gave this recipe for making good coffee: "Go round to all the hotels and restaurants and boarding houses and ask them how to make it, and then go home and make it just as they don't, and you will have good coffee." So we say, go round to all the distillers and brewers and saloon-keepers and ask them how they vote, and then go to the polls and vote just as they don't, and you will have good officers and good laws.—*Floyd County (Ia.) Advocate.*