

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1893-4.

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Next annual meeting is at Nanaimo, in September, 1894.

OFFICIAL LETTER.

Brothers and Sisters.—I hasten to greet you in the initial number of the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR. Having been called for the third time to the highest office in your gift, I bespeak your co-operation and help in pushing forward our cause. I have no other object than to work with you for the complete overthrow of the liquor traffic.

We have passed another mile-stone in our history in this province—the eighth annual session—a pleasant and profitable session. The year had been an uncommonly hard one for our work, from crippled finances on account of former Grand Sec. shortages, bad weather, general depression in trade, etc. But yet the order has been signally blessed—never before were our people so earnest in Temperance work. If our funds had been turned over to the Grand Lodge, much more work could have been done.

I have made arrangements for the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR to be printed at New Westminster. I ask you all to rally and make it a grand success. Every Lodge should set up a Club. The paper will be just what you make it, and if you support it as you should, it will be a blessing to the cause.

We have a splendid lecturer in the field. Sister Anna Harris comes highly recommended from Iowa, and she has given good satisfaction wherever she has spoken. She will so present the claims of the Order before the public that it will be recognized as one of the moral forces of the community, and lift it out of the realm of mere social and pleasurable amusements, so that it shall take hold upon the intelligence of the community. We are not giving so much attention just now to the organization of new Lodges, but are trying to build up the old ones and bring into them an element of stability. Brother and Sister, welcome our sister to your homes, and assist her to do this great

work, and your hands will be greatly strengthened.

A simple, straightforward and cheap plan of insurance has been adopted, and comes into force November 1st. Each Lodge will appoint a committee of three members to pass upon and endorse applicants for the insurance. The Rules are in the printer's hands, and will be sent to all Lodges as soon as possible. Take advantage of this, Brothers and Sisters.

I have appointed and sent out the commissions to those recommended as Lodge Deputies. If any Lodge has been overlooked, please notify me at once.

District Deputies who will try to do something will be appointed. But it is useless to appoint a large number as in the past, who do not do anything. I shall be pleased to hear suggestions from any members who can point out workers for this office.

Let there be no divided interests, but let one and all work to make the current year one long to be remembered.

The juvenile department needs your aid; let us try to improve it. Give our new G. S. J. T. all possible help to get the work in hand.

With best wishes I am,

Yours for Prohibition.

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

Eburne, B. C., Oct 6, 1893.

THE STRONGEST DRINK.

WHAT THE LATE DOCTOR SPURGEON THOUGHT OF WATER AND OF WHISKY.

Water is the strongest drink. It drives mills. It is the drink of lions and horses; and Samson himself never drank anything else. Let young men be teetotalers, if only for economy's sake. The beer will soon build a house. If what goes into the mash-tub went into the kneeding trough, families would be better fed and better taught. If what is spent in waste were saved against a rainy day, poor-houses would never be built.

The man who spends his money with the publican and thinks the landlord's bow and "How do you do, my good fellow?" means true respect, is a perfect simpleton. We don't light fires for the herring's comfort, but to roast him. Men do not keep pothouses for the laborer's good. If they do they certainly miss their aim. Why, then, should people drink "for the good of the house?" If I spend money for the good of the house, let it be my own house and not the landlord's. It is a bad well into which you must put water, and the beer-house is a bad friend because it takes your all and leaves you nothing but a headache.

He who calls those his friends who let him sit and drink by the hour together is ignorant, very ignorant. Why, red lions and tigers and eagles and vultures are all creatures of prey and why do so many put themselves within the power of their jaws and talons? Such as drink and live riotously, and wonder why their faces are so blotched and their pockets so bare, would leave off wondering if they had two grains of wisdom. They might as well ask an elm tree for pears as to look to loose habits for health and wealth. *Those who go to the public house for happiness climb a tree for fish.

Dominion Lodge No. 4—Has been doing very well; have good attendance and very interesting meetings. The Glee Club, with Sister A. Latham as organist and Brother Stinchcombe as leader, has been the source of much strength to the Lodge, especially at open meetings. The Course of Reading is proving of much interest and profit to its members. The Dramatic Club have in course of rehearsal a very interesting Temperance Drama, and which they propose to give to the public shortly. A very interesting winter is expected for this Lodge. Night of meeting, Wednesday.

Western Lodge No. 33—This Lodge has not been doing as well as could be wished, but with longer evenings it is hoped that it will shine out brighter than ever. Night of meeting, Friday. On the 6th inst. Dominion Lodge visited this Lodge officially. The officers of No. 4 filling the offices in No. 33, and providing the programme. Refreshments were served during the evening by the home Lodge. We would suggest more of such visits.

If a person in a court of law promises to do a certain thing and he does not do it, he is sent to jail and given time to consider; and we say it served him right. If a person joins a society and promises to do all in his power to promote the interests of that society, and then goes and tries to get members to secede and discourages candidates from joining, or else sits down and says: "Let them run the Lodge, I've got nothing to do;" what would you do with such a man? Would not such a person be a disgrace to society? Still there are some such persons in British Columbia, and they call themselves Good Templars. We hope the reader is not one of them.

Correspondents and reporters should in order to insure notice, pass in their communications before the 5th of each month.