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INTRODUCTORY.

THE CAMP FIRE comes before the public with neither intention nor desire to rival the other larger and more comprehensive journals devoted to the advocacy of the temperance reform, but simply to fill a little niche that has been hitherto unoccupied.

It has two objects in view, firstly, to specially aid and strengthen the work of the Good Templar Order, and secondly, to supply in a convenient, cheap and attractive form a periodical, campaign sheet suitable for wide distribution.

It will set out monthly all the latest information about the progress and work of the great Good Templar Order, and will also furnish a choice selection of the best and most important news, facts and arguments; supplying all for a subscription fee so small that it must have at once a great circulation, and therefore, a wide field of usefulness.

In this work all are cordially invited to aid. Firstly, by sending us in subscriptions for themselves and friends, ...and secondly by sending us all the news they can gather of the progress of the temperance cause in their respective localities. We will use the money to scatter the news far and wide to inspire our workers and help along the work.

ALONG THE LINES.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY FIELDS OF WORK,

The County of Chicoutimi, Que., votes on the 20th inst. on a proposition to repeal the Scott Act.

In the new Ontario Legislature the prohibitionists are by far the largest and strongest party. If they work together they can compel any legislation in the jurisdiction of the province.

The result of the elections have made it clear that Sir Oliver Mowat's pledge to promote prohibitory legislation was not only right morally, but wise poli-tically. Prohibitionists are just learn-ing the extent of the power they possess.

Prohibition went into operation in the city of Norfolk, Va., on Saturday,

The Democratic party in Kansas has declared in favor of High License and against prohibition, and has chosen as candidate for governor David Overmyer, who left the Republican party because of its favor for prohibition.

The terrible outrages perpetrated in Chicago during the railway strike are largely accounted for by the announcement that the saloons at that time did about the largest business of which they ever had experience.

The National Division Sons of Temperance fiftieth annual session was opened at Waterville, Maine, on July 11th. The reports presented showed a membership of 62,528, being a falling off of 4,041. A good year's work had, however, been done, the finances were in good shape, and prospects were bright for progress.

Bishop Galloway, of Mississippi state, says that under the Local Option Law of that state liquor is now sold in only ten places in that commonwealth.

Wellman's Arctic expedition, which will shortly sail from Spitzbergen, will allow the use of alcohol for cooking purposes only.

The Committee on Public Health of the Massachusetts Legislature is investigating several of the advertised cures for inebriety, with a view to adopting one of them for use in institutions supported by the state.

The Postmaster-General of the United States recently announced his intention not to appoint as postmaster any person engaged in the liquor traffic. He says he does this not as a matter of sentiment, nor because he believes in prohibition, but because the public service will be better secured by having post-offices conducted by men who are not because of delay, when we have not keepers of drink-shops.

Rev. F. B. Boyce has made public a statement of the liquor bill of New South Wales for 1893. He estimates as being £4,168,753, or about £3.88, 11d. per head of the population. This is a coasiderable reduction of the amount so expended some years ago,

The New Jersey State Legislature its last session passed a bill providing for scientific temperance instruction in all of the public schools of the state. There was only one vote against its passage. Schools neglecting such intru-tion will not be allowed a share in the public school grants.

Pleasant Town, Kansas, elected a woman for mayor this year. She found that the police force had not been active in regard to liquor law enforcement, and therefore dismissed all the men. She appointed in their stead men who could be relied on, and now there is no liquor selling.

In Potter county, Pennsylvania, no licenses have been issued for the past licenses nave occurs.

30 years. Recently law enforcement; that it is one became slack, but now it seems others exert all the power enjoyed by min or wise. At the last term of the court, the limitation and suppression to any fifteen person were convicted of liquor and every possible extent, of the liquor and each of them was fined traffic under existing legislation or any minimal and each of them was fined traffic under existing legislation or any fined traf selling, and each of them was fined \$500, will nearly \$200 costs. These fines aggregated something like \$10,500 it all. It looks as though prohibition does prohibit there.

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At the recent election of Licensing Committees in New Zealand 90,290 women voted. The number of men voting was 129,762. The women voters went strongly for prohibition, with the result that about three-fourths of the liquor selling places in the leading towns of the colony will be closed. Temperance reformers are much elated over their success, and are promising to speedily clear the liquor traffic entirely out of the colony.

Tenthologoup trace to take in those that a plebiscite be taken in those and do much to educate public opinion. We strongly urge our friends, wherever practicable, to take hold of the power of the ballot in all questions of moral reform, and desiring to place on record its appreciation of the work of the temperance women of Canada for the annihilation of the liquor traffic is of the opinion that properly-qualified women should no longer be denied the right of Parliamentary Franchise.

THE GREAT CONVENTION.

RALLY WISE PLANS FOR 1316 UNITED WORK.

The great gathering held at Montnational prohibition convention ever held in the Dominion.

Representatives were present from Intario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Manitoba. Among them were men who occupy prominent public positions of various kinds, fully entitled to be considered leaders of the people. Hon, A. Vidal, president of the Dominion Alliance, opened the meeting, most of the sessions of which were presided over by R. J. Fleming. ex-Mayor of Toronto,

The convention was made specially interesting by the presence of Neal Dow, the veteran father of prohibitory law, who delivered a rousing addr ss showing that ninety years of tectotal life have left him still with strength and power. The convention also had Ottler, comprising the following very the great benefit and pleasure of an address from Miss Frances E. Willard. the leader of the White Ribbor hosts of America.

We have not space for more than a mention of the principal resolutions adopted by the convention. They were as follows:

That inasmuch as the enactment and enforcement of law must always depend to a great measure upon the strength of public opinion in tayor of such law, and every citizen owes to the State the duty of doing his utmost to promote right legislation and strengthen public sentimer! in favor of such legislation, we call upon all who favor the cause of prohibition to exert themselves more diligently than ever to educate the people in the soundness of the prohibition principle, and the eviland ruinous effects of the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

That it is the duty of the Dominion Parliament to enact and provide for the enforcement of total national prohibition, that it is the duty of Provincial Legislatures to do the same to the full limit of their authority, and acted.

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Note, --- Anyone sending 10 subscriptions may select two premiums, any one sending 60 may have all three.

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In addition to these premiums there will be also sent FREE, corriage prepaid, to the person sending in before November 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.

A SUGGESTION.

The hot weather of July and August interferes with indoor meetings, but it makes possible the success of picnics. camp-meetings and other outdoor

Here is an opportunity for doing much good work for the temperance cause. Lodges and other societies may get up outdoor rallies that will help them financially, advertise their work

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plar organization.

ity, and the joy it has carried into ercised, great results must be achieved. thousands of homes.

its interests, and making the most we. Let us make up our minds to get tocan of its splendid possibilities.

Stop! It is the temperance cause we are working for. Why get so enthusis shall inaugurate an era of progress and astic over what is really only a means usefulness. By way of suggestion we towards an end?

True! But you can't have the end without the means. We glory in Good Templary because it is a machine so well-adapted to that mighty work, that all suggested plans, and plans to and so effective in accomplishing it.

We disparage no agency. We critieise no honest effort. "All and more than all are wanted." Other orders are doing nobly. We wish them all God speed. May they all grow better and stronger and more successful. Every fighter against the drink demon is a brother. We rejoice in every victory for our common cause.

Still we must confess to a special attachment to the loyal craft that has weathered so many storms, has come victorious out of so many fights, and has carried rich cargoes of blessing and gladness to so many lands, Fling out the old flag once more! As sound as the day she was launched, manned by as true-hearted a crew as ever was mustered, ready and fit for her rightful place in the van of the battle:--Hurrah for the grand old LO.G.T.

But as the veteran colored colorsergeant told us, know is a better word if you spell it backwords. We do well to be proud of the order to which we belong. We will do better if we show ourselves worthy of our place in its ranks. All we can boast of position ception. At every Grand Lodge and power is only of value in as far as session we have reported an immense Home and Country.

that wait our sickles. Nearly forty the time our Order has been working million dollars was paid out for strong in Ontario fully 200,000 members have drink in Canada last year. The grass left us. Where would we stand to-day is springing green to-day on three were it not for this tremendous drain? thousand graves that the drink traffic swept---whither?

Are we doing all we can? Ontario women who have had some schooling would be scattered and weak. Prehas a population of over two millions, in our lodge rooms. They are the cisely the same result on a smaller and has about eight thousand enrolled better for it. Many of them are scale is obtained by the District Lodge. Good Templars. The State of Maine leaders in the temperance cause and In it members get broader views of the has a population about one-third that other philanthropies, who would not work to be done. They make better of Ontario, but she reports fifteen have taken such positions but for the plans, and are stimulated to carry them thousand members of our order. Eigh- start our Order gave them. teen years ago we had over thirty-five thousand men and women in our better method of retaining our mem- only those who have had experience lodges, though our population was less bership. Were the 200,000 disappointed of it can fully appreciate. than it is now. Are we not falling far in the Order? Did it fail to come up to short of our full duty to our cause and the expectations they had in joining in that it provides a local executive Order?

It is easy to point out failures. Any fool can find fault. Honest, earnest desire to do better will rather prompt brothers, those who have the longest enquiry as to the reason for the remissness and the best way to overcome it. The former success of Good Templar work here, the success of the Order elsewhere, and the success of other orders here, all make it certain that we can do much better than we have lately been doing. What are the hindrances to our work? How are we to get rid of them?

Everybody knows of something that Thank God for the great Good Tem- can be done. Every member has brain power and energy which may prove mighty forces in our work. If these Think of what it has done for human-agencies are simply united and ex-This union and action are exactly what our Orderaims at. Organization Then ask ourselves: Are we true to and effort are the secrets of success, gether, give a little sympathy, a little thought, a little effort to the cause. If our members co-operate in this we add a few short articles in reference to important matters and methods in which we may thus work together.

> It must be remembered, however, be suggested, are but modes of operation of the great spirit of philanthrop,: which is our Order's reason for existence, and means for the accomplishment of the overthrow of the liquor curse. Plans without this spirit behind them would be as useless as machinery with no motive power to operate it. The measure of the utility of both power and machine is in the result they accomplish. If, in the Master's spirit, looking to the Master for guidance, we approach the Master's work, difficulties will shrink, wisdom will pervade our deliberations, our plans will be crowned with magnificent success, and out of all will come "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men."

RETAINING MEMBERS.

Nearly every temperance organization has a record of many members ioining it and leaving it. Every year reports large additions to the various orders, and at the same time a great falling off of those who have previously belonged.

The Good Templar Order is no exwe make it tell to-day in the conflict number of members retired from our against evil, in the fight "for God and ranks in one way or another, besides taken from us The death.

Of course it was a good thing to have

it? If so, how are we to make it more permanently attractive and useful?

In the first place our best sisters and have in hand is worthy our most earnest efforts. Those of us who have talent of any kind must be ready to give as well as take. Parasites and reformers. One of the first conditions of success is that all should be anxious and plans of which we are in search.

Many of these transient members were young people who joined when still practicable for Good Templars to their time was less valuable, or because of associations which were subsequently discontinued, or under the cause generally and the position and influence of some zeal for the cause that passed away, or perhaps in many cases for mere entertainment. Well, we ought to endeavor to make our lodge meetings such that no one would feel that he had lost the time spent 🖣 them. We ought so to unite our memthe in sympathy and work that the lodge room would draw them closer together and make their friendships even more enduring. We ought so to carry on our work that the enthusiasm and earnestness of our members would growstronger at every meeting. We ought to conduct our meetings so that they would be to some extent, at any rate, entertainments of the highest and best kind, full of interest as well as of instruction and usefulness,

One of the special lines of work which this journal proposes is the consideration of plans and methods for the achieving of this desirable result.

There are other attractive features of our Order that may be developed. We have in connection with it an insurance system that, if pushed, quainted with your sisters and brothers. would hold our members longer, draw them closer together and give us more working power. This has been the experience of sister organizations: why may it not be the experience of important matter.

giving your ideas. Thus we may have neglect an equally imperative duty. a co-operation of thought as well as Public meetings should be held as good. Out of it all we may be made should be told clearly what the Order

DISTRICT LODGES.

the greater part of 100,000 men and Without this united consultation we phase of our work.

out. A well organized, well worked There ought, however, to be some District Lodge is a power for good that

The District Lodge is also invaluable made up of members who know their district and understand its requirements. This executive committee is, under our system, equipped with funds to help on the work. Such a comexperience, soundest judgment and mittee will find out, as no Grand Lodge most ability, must give their thought executive could find out, where a lodge to solving the problem. The work we can be planted, where a lodge can be strengthened, where help of different kinds can be given.

The results of experiments tried consecrate it to the cause. We must show the value of the District Lodge system. A mighty gain would be sponges are very poor types of moral made in our province if every district was thoroughly organized during the present year. Our workers are earnto succeed and willing to do whatever estly urged to give this matter special they can to attain this desirable result. consideration. The Grand Secretary Unselfish earnestness for the welfare will promptly give any desired inof humanity and the putting down of formation or aid. Already several inthe liquor traffic, is the first essential quiries and requests for help have been towards the securing of the methods received. District Lodges in every part of the Province would mean a vast addition to our working force.

Where districts are not formed it is hold county conventions for considering the situation of the temperance needs of our Order in particular. The heads of different lodges might unite in the call for such convention. Correspondence in regard to this matter is also invited. In union there is strength. and wisdom in the multitude of counsel. Let us take hold of all the benefit we can derive from united action.

One more suggestion. Let the District Lodge or the county convention be made more social. Let it not be too exclusively intellectual. Put into it an hour for the exchange of fraternal courtesies. Let our members learn to know and esteem and love each other better. The kindly feeling born of genial intercourse will make us better able to fight in unity, shoulder to shoulder in the field of conflict. Cordial sympathy is a mighty aid to many a weak brother, and a stimulus often sorely needed by the diffident, whose souls may be warmed into potential activity by the cheery sunshine of pleasant greetings. time to shake hands and get ac-

MORE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

It should be the effort of the differour own? THE CAMP FIRE also pro- ent temperance orders to keep themposes to give special attention to this selves at all times prominently before the public. We are carrying on a Other suggestions crowd in. Doubt- campaign, and the class to be reached less many will come to our readers, does not attend our lodge meetings. Let us all have the benefit of them. Important and necessary as is the Send a post card or a short letter lodge work, it should not lead us to work that must tell powerfully for frequently as possible. The audiences Oh! how white are the harvest fields than 6,000. This means that during that wait our sickles. Nearly forty the time our Order has been working by the subordinate lodges. should set apart a certain number of nights for this necessary work. The meetings should be well advertised, and the names of any prominent perhas dug since July, 1803. And no these members with us for a while, tongue can tell, for no man has ken, of all that lies behind the awful record, Templar training. Allow liberally for giving the whole jurisdiction the accomplishment, but the simple hamthe broken hearts, the blighted lives, death rate and emigration, and still benefit of their exchange of thought, the ruined homes, the immortal souls there must probably be in Ontario of sympathy and of inspiration.

The public conscience will arouse action somewhere. The public exchange of thought, arouse action somewhere.

SELECTIONS.

ONLY.

A smile for the merry, for the grieving a tear

Only a glass of foaming beer.

Shining in circles of mirth and song. A love of the right, and a hatred of

wrong:
A friend to be sought for whose friendship is gain
Only a toast in the bright champagne.

In the manly face a line of care, Some silver threads in the dark-brown hair:

A cloud on the brow, in the eye, alas! Only an occasional social glass.

A figure bent in the noon of life, A weeping mother, a pleading wife; A weakened brain, and a mind grown numb -

Only a drink of the flery rum.

A squalid room in an attic high, A pain-wrought moan, a pitiful cry; A bundle of rags 'neath the rafter's

gloom-Only a dying drunkard's home.

A coffin of pine, unfinished and rude, A widowed mother with starving brood;

f A lonely ride o'er the rattling pave-Only a pauper's nameless grave, Charles Engene Banks, in The Banner of Gold.

THE TEMPERANCE STAR.

The streets were rife with joyous life, For the Christmas time was near; But into our rum-ruined home There crept no sign of cheer.

As I sat alone in the darkness, And looked through the coming years, My heart was full of sorrow, And my eyes were full of tears,

Then I thought of the shepherds that kept their flocks

On the plains of Galilee. How their hearts sent up that longing

For the Christ that was to be.

And I thought how the glory of God

came down. Till the night shone like the day: Of the wise men's journey by night and the star

That guided them all the way.

And my heart sent up its longing cry To the God who answered them:
"Lord, into the dark night of my life
Send a star of Bethlehem."

I heard a step far down the walk, A firm and ringing tread: It reminded me of John's glad step, The day that we were wed.

The moon slipped in and spread her: robe

Upon the poor bare floor. Till I thought of the streets in the City of Light,

And-John stood at the door.

There was a new light in his eyes, So tender and so proud; And a ribbon shone on his ragged coat. Like a star against a cloud.

A little, silken, Templar badge That lighted all the gloom. nd changed to a palace, grand and fair,

The dingy little room.

We did not speak a single word, But we knelt by the children's bed:
"God help me to keep it always bright"
Was all the prayer he said.

The moon crept throught the narrow

pane,
And fell like a blessing down:
It touched wee Mary's flaxen hair,
Till it shone like a silver crown.

It kissed the baby where he lay, In his lowly cradle bed.
"Thank God for the Star that rose tonight"

Was all that my full heart said. -Mrs. J. N. T.

MARRIED TO A DRUNKARD.

She arose suddenly in the meeting, and spoke as follows; "Married to a drunkard? Yes; I was married to a drunkard. Look at me! I am talking to the girl." to the girls.

We all turned and looked at her. She

We all turned and looked at her. She was a wan woman, with dark, sad eyes, and white hair placed smoothly over a brow that denoted intellect.

"When I married a drunkard I reached the acme of misery," she continued, "I was young, and oh, so happy! I married the man I loved, and who professed to love me. He was a drunkard, and I knew it knew it, but did not understand it. There is not a young girl in this building that not a young girl in this building that does understand it unless she has a drunkard in her family; then, perhaps, she knows how deeply the iron enters the soul of a woman when she loves and is allied to a drunkard whether father, husband, brother or son. Girls, believe me, when I tell you that to marry a drunkard, to love a drunkard, is the crown of all misery. I have gone through the deep waters, and know. I have gained that fearful knowledge at the expense of happiness, sanity, almost life itself. Do you wonder my hair is white? It turned white in a night; bleached by sorrow,' as Marie Antoinette said of her hair. I am not forty years old, yet the snovs of anyther said and my hard had anythered. seventy rest upon my head, and upon my heart. Ah! I cannot begin to count the winters resting there," she said,

with unutterable pathos in her voice.

My husband was a professional
man. His calling took him from man. His calling took him from home frequently at night, and when he returned, he returned drunk. Gradually he gave way to temptation in the day, until he was rarely sober. I had two lovely little girls and a boy. Here her voice faltered, and we sat in how siloned listening to her story "My deep silence listening to her story "My husband had been drinking deeply. I had not seen him for two days; he had kept away from his home. One night
I was seated beside my sick boy; the
two little girls were sleeping in the
next room, while beyond was another
room into which I heard my husband
go as he entered the house. The room
communicated with the one in which
my little girls were sleeping. I do not
know why, but a feeling of terror took
possession of me, and I felt that my
little girls were in danger. I arose and
went to the room. The door was locked.
I knocked on it frantically, but no
answer came. I seemed to be endowed

answer came. I seemed to be endowed with superhuman strength, and, throwing myself with all my force against the door, the lock gave way and the door flew open. Oh, the sight! the terrible sight! " she wailed out in a voice that hunts me now; and she covered her face with her hands, and when she removed them it was whiter and suddon than over

and sadder than ever.
"Delirium tremens! You have never seen it girls; God grant that you never may. My husband stood beside the bed, his eyes gleaming with insanity, and in his hand a large knife. 'Take them away!' he screamed. The horrithem away!' he screamed. The horrible things; they are crawling all over me! Take them away, I say!' and he flourished the knife in the air. Regardless of danger, I rushed to the bed, and my heart seemed suddenly to cease beating. There lay my children, covered with their life-blood, slain by their own father! For a moment I could not utter a sound. I was literally dumb in the presence of this terrible sorrow in the presence of this terrible sorrow I scarcely heeded the maniac at my side—the man who had brought me all the woe. Then I uttered a loud scream, and my wailings filled the air. The servants heard me and hastened to the room, and when my husband saw them, he suddenly drew the knife across his own throat. I knew nothing more. I was borne senseless from the room that contained the bodies of my slaughtered children and the body of When eight or more have won "The speech was irresistible in its my husband. The next day my hair Gold Medals, they may compete for a cloquence and pathos."—Toronto Globe, was white, and my mind was so shat-Grand Gold Medal.

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and six months ago my boy of eighteen was placed in a drunkard's grave; and sa I, his loving mother, stood and saw the sod heaped over him, I said, 'Thank God! I'd rather see him there than have him live a drunkard,' and I turn-

ed unto my desolate home a childless

woman one upon whom the hand of God had rested heavily.

Girls, it is you I wish to rescue from the fate that overtook me. Do not bloom the fate that overtook me. not blast your life as I blasted mine; do not be drawn into the madness of marrying a drunkard. You love him! So much the worse for you; for, married to him, the greater will be your misery because of your love. You will then marry and then reform him, you say, fits. Ah! a woman sadly over-rates her with strength when she undertakes to do cost. strength when she undertakes to do this. You are no match for the giant demon 'drink,' when he possesses a man's body and soul. You are no match for him, I say. What is your puny strength beside his gigantic force? He will crush you, too, It is to save you, girls, from the sorrows that wrecked my happiness that I have unfolded my history to you. I am a stranger in this great city. I am stranger in this great city. I am a stranger in this great city. I am merely passing through it; and I have a message to bear to every girl in America never marry a drunkard!" I can see her now, as she stood there amid the hushed audience, her dark was glowing and but forces.

eyes glowing, and her frame quivering with emotion, as she uttered her impass oned appeal. Then she hurried out, and we never saw her again. Her words, fitly spoken, were not without effect, however, and because of them there is one girl single now. From Touching Incidents.

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When eight or more have won

was white, and my mind was so shattered that I knew no one."

She ceased! Our eyes were rivetted upon her wan face. Some of the women present sobbed aloud, while there was scarcely a dry eye in that temperance meeting. We saw that she had not done speaking, and was only waiting to subdue her emotion to resume her story.

"For two years," she continued, "I was a mental wreck. Then I recovered for the father was visited upon the child, and six months ago my boy of eighteen.

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(ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.)

GOOD TEMPLAR BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

The Good Templar Benefit Association of the Grand Lodge of Canada has been established for the purpose of en-abling Good. Templars to provide for themselves and their families the benefits and protection of Lafe Insurance within the Order, and at a reasonable

The Insurance Benefits provided by

the Association are :
(1) Insurance Benefit, limited to \$500. (1) Theorem (1) Theorem (1) Theorem (2) Annuity payable upon each of ten (2) Annuity payable upon each of ten

successive birthdays, beginning with the seventieth.

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ceasing at seventieth birthday.
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has the advantage of enabling members
to know at the outset just how much
they are likely to be called upon to pay
in each year, as well as when it has to
be paid so that they grown. be paid, so that they can make provision for the payments.

The table of rates has been carefully prepared from the experience of standard life insurance companies, covering dard life insurance companies, covering half a century or more, and is designed to provide members of the Association with insurance as nearly at cost as possible. Provision is made for estab-lishing a Reserve Fund of \$100,000, all surplus beyond that amount to be applied to the reduction of the assessments of members.

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Full particulars about this important department of Good Templar work may be obtained by applying to one of the officers of the Benefit Association. Bro. John E. Wilson, of Toronto, is President, and Bro. Thos. Lawless, of Toronto, is Secretary-Treasurer.

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REV. J. H. HECTOR,

d temperance speaker of the New York Herald,

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"Masterly, eloquent and convincing, The audience were at one time thrilled, and at another convulsed with laughter by his epigrams, sallies and witti-cisms." Toronto Mail.

"An interesting story, told in eloquent language, in which the pathetic and the humorous were blended in a masterly manner. San Jose Mercury.

"Held his audience spell-bound, while he painted in vivid colors the battle-fields that he had witnessed."—Williamsport Gazette.

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(Members please note changes_t)

G.C.T. J. D. Andrews, Hamilton, G.C.-W. F. Brockenshire, Wingham.

G.S.J.T. John E. Wilson, Toronto,

G.V.T. Julia Roberts, Paris.

G.S.-F. S. Spence, Toronto.

G.T. W. R. Keyes, Paisley.

P.G.C.T. Rev. J. C. Madill, Sarnia. (The above constitute the Executive Committee.)

G.C. Rev. W. H. Madill, Alton.

G.M. G. J. Early, Peterboro'.

D.D.M. Carrie Wilde, Niagara

G.G. Elvina Hall, Dundas.

G. Sen. J. G. Murdoch, Lucknow. G. Mess. J. H. Johnson, Huntsville.

Grand Auditors W. J. Turnbull and Ly J. A. Beaton.

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Alternates W. H. Madill, W. J. Turnbull, D. Rese.

NOTES OF NEWS ABOUT THE ORDER.

CANADIAN.

The Grand Lodge attendance was good. The mileage fund has proved a great success.

It was the first time, in the memory of most of those present, that all the grand officers were changed.

The Grand Lodge was very strong in its determination that politics should not be allowed to divide the members. onservatives and Liberals were united in this.

There was present a good array of the veteran stalwarts, but all were surprised at the number of new mem-bers. They looked to be good stuff too.

The new grand officers are taking hold of their work with zeal. Although the holiday season is hot, some of them have been doing a good deal of visiting already.

The new deputies' commissions were delayed, as the forms had to be print-al but they are all out now. The ed, but they are all out now, ranks are ready for an advance. the campaign begin at once,

Bro. J. A. Beaton is already taking steps towards the organization of a District Lodge for the county of Bruce.

No. I District sends in a good report for the year just closed. They spent a good deal for work done, and closed up with a balance of \$63.74 in the treasury, although they started the year in debt.

District No. 24 put Bro. Rev. W. Gribble into the field some time ago as

on the Woman Franchise question between representatives of the two lodges. Waterdown, the champions of the ladies, won. International is still the banner lodge of Ontario.

GENERAL

The membership of the L.O.G.T., reported at the 1893 session of the International Supreme Lodge, was:-Adult members..... 423,639 . . . 169,804 Juvenile members . . .

Total 593,443 The returns showed a substantial gain, the number of members reported in 1802 having been:

The number of Subordinate Lodges reported in 1803 was 10,125, the number of Juvenile Temples 2,876. Twenty-two of these Subordinate Lodges were under the direct control of the International Supreme Lodge. The others were distributed among 85 Grand

England has the banner Grand Lodge, with a membership of 53,122. Sweden comes next, reporting 48,453. Scotland stands third with 37,775 members, closely followed by New York State with 37,437 members.

The largest lodge in England is in mission house every Monday evening and open air meetings Friday evenings.

Middlesex County England, has a They take long rides into the country to visit and help lodges. Last quarterly report showed journeys aggregating 760 miles travelled in this work. It is an organization worthy of emulation.

P. E. I. GRAND LODGÈ.

Prince Edward Island Grand Lodge very interesting, a feature of it being a great mass noeting at night, ad-dressed by Dr. Mann and others.

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The officers chosen for the ensuing year are:—G. C. Templar, Rev. W. H. Spargo, Prince Albert Lodge (re-elected): G. Coun., T. L. Robertson, Great Eastern: G. Vice., Mary B. Musick. Morning Star; G.S.J.T., Adelia E. Horton, Dawn of Day (re-elected): G. Secretary, A. D. Fraser, Gough (re-elected): G. Treasurer, Louis U. Fowler, Wilmot Valley: G. Chap., Wm. McLeod, Bridgetown: G. Marshalk J. D. Stewart-Keefer: G. D. Mar., Jessie D. Stewart-Keefer; G. D. Mar., Jessie Creed, Rosebud; G. Asst. Sec'y:, Janie Forbes, Dawn of Day; G. Sent., H. H. Hiltz. Upton; G. Guard, James L. Matheson, Albion; G. Mess., J. M. Dalziel, Lord Stanley.

Tor the Order.

Cordial fraternal greetings were received from the Grand Division Sons of Temperance and Grand Council of Temperance and Grand Council of The members of the Grand Lodge highly appreciated the earnest efforts

and Nova Scotia also held their annual sessions in the early part of July, and had the pleasure and benefit of the presence of Dr. Mann. Reports of their proceedings had not, however, come to hand at the time of our going come to hand at the time of our going

The Fairy Lake Camp Ground Company are planning for a big rally of Muskoka Good Templars in the latter part of August. Write to J. H. Johnston, Huntsville, for particulars.

The Grand Chief Templar visited Cameron Lodge, Ottawa, on the 5th inst., and met a number of visitors from the other lodges of that city. The G. C. T. made a forty-five minute speech, which raised the enthusiasm of the Ottawa members to a high pitch.

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Solutions adonted was the Cottand.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland held its twenty-fifth annual session in the Ottawa members to J. H. Wednesday, July 4 and 5. Interesting an entertainment positively unequalled, including an entertainmen resolutions adopted was the following: and interspersed with many beautiful "That, whereas the church is lending plantation melodies and jubilee songs, her influence in a very direct manner touchingly rendered by a company of to the liquor traffic in providing fermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's supper; and whereas alcoholic present the providing a present the providing a present the providing a present the providing a present the providing and whereas alcoholic present the providing and present the present poison at the communion is a source of real danger to many reclaimed brothron, and prevents many of those Gribble into the field some time ago as a special missionary. He has been busy reviving the work and the workers. No. 24 is also in a good financial position, with \$54.06 on hand.

International Lodge of Hamilton entertained a delegation recently from Prosperity Lodge of Waterdown. The G. C. T. was present. An interesting feature of the meeting was a debate feature of the meeting was a debate feature.

ONTARIO GRAND LODGE.

The forty-first Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Canada, L.O.G.T., was held in Paris on June 20th and 21st. Full reports of the proceedings have been published, but a brief summary of them is here given for the information of those who have not the more extended report. There was a good attendance of representatives, a great majority of whom were at Grand Lodge for the first time.

The carefully prepared reports of the officers gave a great deal of valuable information, but were not as encouraging as could be desired. They set 100,047 which was a decided falling off from the membership reported a year previous. No doubt, as is explained, the vigorous campaign work connected with the plebiscite, prevented the attention to lodge work that would otherwise have been given. This may account for some of the loss.

An important change was made in the juvenile work. Hereafter, a tax of one per cent. per capita per quarter will be imposed upon the juvenile membership. This was done with a membership. This was done with a view of providing funds for the carrying on of the general juvenile work. Superintendents of juvenile temples will also hereafter be expected to report quarterly to their subordinate lodges. The Grand Lodge voted fifty The largest lodge in England is in lodges. The Grand Lodge voted fifty West Cheshire distrist, and has 491 dollars further, to be spent in invenile members, Its regular meetings are held Wednesday evenings, and in addition it holds public meetings in a ed some time ago to Alton Juvenile Temple.

The report of the Committee on Prohibition called upon Good Templars to do all in their power to secure the election of candidates that could be called the control of the relied upon to co-operate in carrying out the pledge of prohibitory legisla-tion that had been given by the Pro-vincial Government.

The per capita tax for the ensuing year was fixed at twelve cents per quarter, two cents to be used for a mileage fund to pay the expense of delegates to the Grand Lodge, and three cents to be appropriated for purely missionary work, to be expended by district lodges where such existed. ... Grand Lodge Executive.

A special standing Committee on Literature and Education was appointed to give attention to that important

The election of officers resulted in a complete change, an entirely new staff being elected.

The Grand Lodge adopted very resolutions of strongly expressed resolutions of thanks to the retiring Grand Secre-tary and Superintendent of Juvenile Temples for the work they had done for the Order.

Albion; G. Mess., J. M. The members of the Grand Lodge highly appreciated the earnest efforts made by the local lodge and the citizens of Paris for their comfort and

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JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

PLEDGE.

I promise that I will not drink eider, beer, wine, or any alcoholic or intoxicat. ing drinks. I promise that I will not use tobacco in any form. I promise I will not use either profane or wicked words. I promise I will not gamble.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT,

JOHN E. WILSON, 427! Yonge Street, Toronto.

No other field for the creation and strengthening of right sentiment offers so many opportunities and advantages as does work among the young. The best prohibitionists, the strongest and safest temperance men and women. are those who were caught early. The same amount of work done with girls and boys will produce greater and more permanent results than if done under any other circumstances.

The Good Templar Order, as well as other temperance organizations, has a Juvenile Department, the work in connection with which is of much beauty and interest. To-day there are about 150,000 children enrolled in Juvenile Temples.

The Superintendent of this work for I.O.G.T. met in the Baptist Church at Dundas on July 3rd, presided over by purely missionary work, to be expended by district lodges where such existed, and E. W. G. T., Dr. Mann, of Brooklyn, in other cases to be expended by the give information to all inquirers, and N. I. Was present: The Superintendent of this work for the Province of Ontario is Bro. John Bro. will inform lodge workers how to go about the establishment of an institu-

tion that will be invaluable in itself, and valuable as a feeder to the subordinate lodge with which it is connected.

The Juvenile Temple is the outcome of buch earnest thought and study. If you do not know all about it write to the G. S. J. T. for details. There ought to be organized temperance work among the young in every levelity. locality.

The G. S. J. T. has issued the password for the coming quarter and has sent out commissions to his deputies.

Superintendents are requested to bear in mind that they are now expected to make regular returns to the Grand Secretary. Forms for the purpose will be sent them.

The Grand Superintendent's report to the Grand Lodge showed a membership of 2,006 in 38 temples. This is the largest membership in a Canadian jurisdiction.

The last R. W. G. L. the juvenile membership in the other provinces to be as follows: Nova Scotia, 1,085; Prince Edward Island, 511; New Brunswick, 383; Manitoba, 172; Ouches 29

Ontario has now a fully organized Juvenile Templar Institute. It was formed at Paris on June 19th by Mrs. W. L. Scott A ve y interesting session was held, at which many useful papers were read and discussed. Full particulars will be found in the printed journal of the Grand Lodge session. The next annual meeting will be held in Toronto next June on the day preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The annual session of the International Institute of Juvenile Workers was held at Washington, D.C., June 23 to 26. A number of important papers were read. Some of the distinguished visitors present were Dr. D. H. Mann, R.W.G.T.; Mrs. S. E. Baillie, R.W.G.V.T.; Rev. James Yeames, Thomas R. Thompson, Mrs. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Anna J. Weichman, John N. Stearns and the Grand Superintendents from ten jurisdictions. The meeting was in every sense a success. was in every sense a success.