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# B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR.

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Sister M. Ackerman and Brothers E. B. Stinchcombe and M. Bryson have been appointed to look after the interests of this paper in New Westminster, and are authorized to receive subscriptions and arrange advertisements.

### SALUTATORY.

In assuming the control of the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR, the present managers fully realize the importance of the responsibility they are assuming, but with a firm conviction that it is their duty to do all in their power to promote the good of this Order and to advance the cause of Temperance.

By the decision of the Grand Lodge this paper is, as far as finances are concerned, placed within certain limitation; therefore, with this introduction, we ask our readers to assist in placing a copy of the GOOD TEMPLAR in every home in British Columbia, and the best way to do this is by sending in subscriptions.

According to the reports at the Grand Lodge, there are over 1300 Good Templars in this province, and we think it is only fair to expect at least 1000 subscribers. Dear reader, can we count on your assistance and co-operation? We hope so.

### RECREATION.

The summer holidays which for a long time have been considered a luxury, are now recognized as necessary to the proper development of the physical, mental and moral nature of mankind.

On the Atlantic coast the now

almost universal practice of summer recreation has led to the opening up of new resorts, and instead of going to the fashionable hotels of Long Branch and Old Orchard Beach and flitting away the time, the more thoughtful persons go to Chautauqua, and similar centres of learning. Good Templars, likewise recognizing the benefit of such summer outings, have Lakeside, Ohio, and Phantom Lake, Wisconsin, at either of which they can spend not only a pleasant and profitable vacation, but can at the same time learn something of practical value about their own order.

Phantom Lake is, to all intents and purposes, a school of instruction, the day being varied by lectures, papers, aquatic sports, and rambles through the beautiful surrounding country. Has the time not come when British Columbia should come to the front and do something in this direction? We think so.

With the unsurpassed opportunities afforded by Nature in this province, there should not be much difficulty in starting a resort or camping ground. Grand sites could be secured on the Gulf of Georgia, on Pitt Lake, on Harrison Lake, and numerous other places. If a site or two were selected now, they could in all probability be secured from the Government free of cost, and if a joint-stock company were started to run the resort, and composed only of Good Templars, it ought to be made to pay a fair dividend. Let some of our leaders look into the matter. There is nothing to prevent a camping ground being prepared in time for the hot weather next summer. Good Templars, let us hear what you think of it.

### INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

The executive have, in accordance with instructions from the Grand Lodge, prepared rules for the Good Templars' Insurance Society of B.C., and are having the same printed and circulated. The society is run on the same principles as ordinary assessment companies. Every member on joining the society pays \$1.50, which includes

all fees to the end of the year, viz., August 1st, except assessments. On the death of a member an assessment of one dollar a member is made on every member of the Insurance Society. Every certificate calls for one dollar from every member of the society, that is to say, if there are 500 members the certificate calls for \$500, and if there are 1000, the certificate calls for \$1000. Some societies advertise that they give \$1,000 or \$2,000 at death, on the assessment plan, but they do not guarantee \$1,000 or \$2,000 in their certificates; they only guarantee one dollar for every member, and our society is exactly the same, and we strongly advise all members of the order to join at once. The society begins actual operation the 1st of November, 1893, and members should join before then. Join now.

THIS issue of the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR will be sent to every subscriber whose name appears on the books of *The Echo*, and future issues will be sent only to those whose subscriptions are paid in advance. Those who have paid their subscription to the *Echo* will please be kind enough to send in the date to which their subscriptions are paid, otherwise their names will not appear on the subscribers' list of this paper. This course is necessary, owing to the manner in which the books have in the past been kept. The club rates apply only to papers sent in packages to one address. Those who desire to receive every issue of the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR should subscribe at once.

### GRAND LECTURER.

The following is the official list of appointments of Mrs. Anna Harris:

Vancouver .....	October 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.
Dewdney .....	" 21 .....
Mission City .....	" 22 and 23.
Port Hammond .....	" 24 .....
Port Haney .....	" 25 .....
Port Kells .....	" 26 .....
Fort Langley .....	" 27 .....
Langley Prairie .....	" 28 .....
South Aldergrove .....	" 29 .....
Mount Lehman .....	" 30 and 31.
Sumas .....	" 1 .....
Sardis .....	" 2 .....
Cheam .....	" 3 .....
Agassiz .....	" 4 and 5.
Fort Yale .....	" 6 .....
Ashcroft .....	" 7 and 8.
Kamloops .....	" 9 and 10.

## RAW RECRUITS

(SELECTED).

General Taylor marched his soldiers into old-time Mexico,  
 Scarce an army one to every five enrolled among the foe,  
 One to five—and they were veterans: Taylor's only raw recruits,  
 Down came Santa Anna, chuckling, "Five to one exactly suits."  
 Picked his place and joined in battle: hot and hotter grew the fray;  
 Taylor saw their skill and numbers, pressing on to win the day.  
 Came an aide with troubled features, "General we are whipped," he cried,  
 "Santa Anna's veteran soldiers beating us on every side."  
 "Yes, I know it," spoke the General. Then his voice mischievous grew;  
 "But the raw recruits don't know it. Wait and see what they will do."  
 "Never saw such stupid fellows," Santa Ana growled that night,  
 "Seven times I had them conquered, but they would go on and fight.  
*Mil demonios!* What's the use of fighting such a stupid foe?  
 Seven times I fairly whipped them, but they never seemed to know.  
 Kept on fighting, kept on fighting, till at last they conquered me;  
 'Spite of discipline and numbers. I am fairly forced to flee."  
 God be thanked for veteran wisdom. Discipline bears noble fruits,  
 But if we have neither, Templars, we can still be raw recruits.  
 In the fight for prohibition, which confronts us all to-day,  
 There is room for every gift, but ignorance may pay.  
 "Who's afraid of prohibition? Why, they're only raw recruits,"  
 Laugh the veteran politicians, clever in their selfish routes.  
 "Few in numbers, poor in money, weak in everything but zeal;  
 Ignorant as babes of statecraft, or the wants the rabble feel.  
 Don't know how to pack conventions; don't know how to form a ring;  
 Can't control a single office. How can they do anything?"  
 Well, we're greenhorns. What about it? (Never our veterans now).  
 Helpless? We're too dull to see it. Strike our flag? We don't know how;  
 Whipped in battle after battle. Forward! is our sole command.  
 Keep on fighting? That's the only part of war we understand.  
 Like the Scottish drummer boy, "We hae na learned to sound retreat;"  
 Waterloo, as we remember, must be reckoned a defeat.  
 God be thanked we have our veterans, wise as all our institutes,  
 But Britain's hope must centre ever around the raw recruits.

## PROHIBITION CLUBS.

We give herewith the principal clauses of the Constitution of the Prohibition Club recently formed in this province. Further information can be had of Rev. T. Haddon the Secretary, at New Westminster:

## PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

## DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Sec. 1. That it is neither right nor politic for the State to afford legal protec-

tion and sanction to any traffic or system that tends to increase crime, to waste the national resources, to corrupt the social habits, and to destroy the health and lives of the people.

Sec. 2. That the traffic in intoxicating beverages is hostile to the true interests of individuals, and destructive to the order and welfare of society, and ought therefore to be prohibited.

Sec. 3. That the history and result of all past legislation in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors abundantly prove that it is impossible satisfactorily to limit or regulate a traffic so essentially mischievous in its tendencies.

Sec. 4. That no consideration of private gain or public revenue can justify the upholding of a system so utterly wrong in principle, suicidal in policy, and disastrous in results, as the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Sec. 5. That the total prohibition of the liquor traffic is in perfect harmony with the principles of justice and liberty, is not restrictive of legitimate commerce, and is essential to the integrity and stability of government and the welfare of the community.

Sec. 6. That rising above sectarian and party considerations, all citizens should combine to procure an enactment prohibiting the manufacture importation and sale of intoxicating beverages as affording most efficient aid in removing the appalling evils of intemperance.

## NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Prohibition Club of British Columbia.

## ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL CLUBS.

The executive officers of the Provincial Association or any Deputies they may appoint, shall have power to organize local clubs in every possible locality of this province.

## OBJECTS OF CLUBS.

The object of each club shall be to unite and consolidate the *temperance vote* of this province for independent, political action in the suppression of the liquor traffic, and to make this question an issue in all Provincial and Dominion elections.

## MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL CLUBS.

*Eligibility.*—Persons of good moral character who reside or vote in the municipality shall be eligible for membership in local clubs.

*Election.*—Persons desiring to join the local clubs may be proposed at any regular meeting, and a majority vote shall be necessary at the next meeting to elect them.

## THE PLEDGE.

I solemnly promise that I will not give my vote or influence to any candidate for parliamentary honors who has not pledged himself to the complete suppression of the liquor traffic, unless he signs the candidate's pledge of Advanced Prohibitionists, and I further promise to support the party making prohibition the supreme issue.

## REPRESENTATION.

One representative and one person of every 50 members shall be elected to the annual meeting by each local club, and the presidents of local clubs shall be ex-officio members of the Provincial Club and allowed to vote at the annual meeting.

## MEETINGS.

The first annual meeting of the Club shall be fixed by the Executive, and the first annual meeting shall decide the date of future meetings.

Other meetings will be held at the call

of the Executive Committee or by the President on a requisition from five members.

Five members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

If, at the annual meeting of the club, there are not present sufficient members to form a quorum, then the next meeting at which there are present enough members to form a quorum, shall be considered the annual meeting.

## DOMINION CANDIDATE'S PLEDGE.

I ..... of the ..... of ..... in the electoral district of ..... am in favor of the immediate total prohibition of the liquor traffic, and if elected to the House of Commons I pledge myself to introduce, or see that there be introduced at the earliest opportunity, a resolution committing the Parliament to a prohibitory law.

## PROVINCIAL CANDIDATE'S PLEDGE.

I am in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and if elected to the Provincial Legislature, shall do all in my power towards the restriction and final suppression of that traffic.

## LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas George Rowling, son of Mr. W. H. Rowling, of South Vancouver, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of the father of the deceased to the city cemetery. The Rev. A. E. Green, Methodist minister at the North Arm, officiated, and the attendance was very large, the procession being nearly half a mile in length. —*News-Advertiser.*

Mr. Rowling was for several years a prominent member of Golden Lodge, and C. T. at the time the charter was surrendered. The B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR begs to extend its sympathy to the family in their hour of bereavement.

We cut the following from the letter of the R. W. G. Secretary:

"Call for the November Mission Collections will be issued soon. It is hoped that every Grand Secretary will this year interest himself in bringing to the attention of his members the importance of giving something to this worthy object. Five cents from each member of the order would give the management a magnificent sum with which to spread our noble Order. Brethren, wake up on this important question, and do something worthy of the cause."

Will British Columbia do something worthy of the cause?

We desire to impress upon correspondents the necessity of condensing their communications. Lodge reports should not contain over 150 words, and letters should be made as short as is consistent with the subject under review, otherwise correspondents may find their communications considerably curtailed.

## OUR SILENT LODGE MEMBER.

See! there he sits, sedate and grim,  
No speech we ever get from him,  
Never a motion does he make,  
Never a word you hear him speak,  
Although when voting time comes round  
His hand uplifted may be found,  
No one suggestion comes from him,  
Yet there he sits, sedate and grim.

He likes to hear the members speak,  
Although their arguments be weak,  
But no remark will he let fall,  
He lets the others do it all.  
Sometimes we ask him for a song,  
That's when our programme isn't long;  
But all our asking is in vain—  
A silent mood he will maintain.

Again we try him with a joke,  
And bits of fun we at him poke,  
But still he's proof against our "chaff,"  
He never speaks, he'll only laugh.

No robes of office will he wear—  
"No, not for Joseph," he'll take care  
He knows full well what he's about,  
He won't be Guard, inside or out;  
He dreads to fill the Chaplain's chair,  
Or offer up a closing prayer;  
He won't be Marshal, no, nor Chief,  
He won't be anything in brief;  
Nor on committee will he sit,  
He tells the Chief he is not fit.  
Nor does he with the sisters talk—  
Too bashful he with them to walk.

But still he's always in his place,  
And every member knows his face,  
And would not like to part with him,  
Although he is sedate and grim.

## THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS.

BY MRS. HELEN D. GAGE.

The gloomy night is breaking,  
Even now the sunbeams rest,  
With a warm and cheering radiance,  
On the hilltops of the west;  
The mists are slowly rising,  
From the valley and the plain;  
And a spirit is awaking,  
That shall never sleep again.

Hush! ye may hear that listen,  
The spirit's stirring song,  
That surges like old ocean,  
With its solemn bass along:  
"Ho! can ye stay the rivers,  
Or bind the wings of light;  
Or cloud the radiant morning,  
With the old and gloomy night?"

Nor shall ye check my impulse,  
Or stay it for an hour,  
Until earth's groaning millions  
Have felt its healing power.  
Old Error, with its legions,  
Shall fall before my wrath—  
No blood, no tear, no anguish,  
Shall mark my conquering path.

For my spirit is Progression,  
In the vigor of its youth—  
The foe of all oppression—  
And my armor is the Truth.  
And upward, onward, heavenward,  
My spirit still shall soar  
Till love and peace shall triumph,  
And falsehood rule no more."

A local branch of the Prohibition Club was organized at New Westminster on Friday, Oct. 6th, 1893, with the following officers: Peter Latham, President; R. Buckland, Vice-President; Miss Williams, Secretary; J. C. Smith, Treasurer. There was a fair number present at the organization.

## AMONG THE LODGES.

## NEW ERA LODGE.

We are pleased to report that New Era Lodge is increasing in membership steadily, and the prospects for the future are bright. But it is with regret that we part with so many Brothers and Sisters, Bro. Jas. Irving (one of our Charter members), Bro. and Sister Clements, and Bro. and Sister Buck. We wish them health, prosperity, and a safe voyage to their destination.

The Church parade was well attended by the officers and members in full regalia. The Rev. Mr. Hicks preached an eloquent sermon. For the good of the Order we have been trying the Company System. It is an excellent plan, and we would suggest that the Lodges try it. R. J. T.

## HATZIC LODGE NO. 23.

We are pleased to report continued success in this quarter, and the officers and members are determined to do all in their power to advance the cause of Temperance in this part of the vineyard. The Lodge meetings are always interesting and well attended, and with such energetic and popular officers the success of this Lodge is assured. Yours in F. H. & C.,

T. A. BRETT, Reporter.

## WELLINGTON LODGE.

I am pleased to report that Wellington Lodge is on the forward march. We had thirty-three initiations last quarter, making our total membership one hundred and three, and thereby giving us the Banner Lodge of British Columbia.

J. A. McDONALD, Reporter.

The following taken from an American exchange, shows one phase of life in the land of liberty:

"The lynching of negroes continues to demand a large share of space in the newspapers. Most of the lynchings are, of course, in the South, and hardly a day passes that a new one is not chronicled. We note a change for the worse during the past few weeks. It has been the explanation that these lynchings occur only to avenge outrages committed upon white women and girls by the blacks. But the application of lynch law, as any one might have foreseen, is extended to other and less inhuman offenses. An account comes from Mississippi of the hanging, by a mob, of two black women and two black men because they were suspected of poisoning a white family. Another account comes from Louisiana, where four negroes were executed summarily because they were suspected of aiding a negro murderer (a member of their own family) to escape justice

and refused to disclose his hiding place. Still more important was the lynching of a negro in Roanoke, Va., the other day for robbing an old woman. The man was arrested and the mayor called out the militia to defend his prisoner. A conflict ensued in which a number of the mob were killed; but so violent became the prevailing sentiment that the mayor and the commander of the militia had to flee for their lives. The negro was found and hung and his body afterward burned. The rage for lynching seems to be extending, and it is this peril to which we called special attention several months ago in speaking of the burning of a negro in Paris, Texas. If a community in which the legal machinery is in running order is justified in lynching a negro because he has ravished a little girl, who is to say that it is not justified in lynching a negro for poisoning a white family; and if that, why not also for concealing the whereabouts of a negro who has shot dead an honored judge? and if that, why not in a dozen other cases? Why not for looting a bank and condemning to penury orphans and widows? Where is the line to be drawn and who is to draw it? Here is the point of peril in countenancing lynch law for any reason in a community whose penal machinery is in order or can be put in order. The Ku Klux Klan was at first organized for what seemed laudable purposes, and the disordered conditions of society in the South gave it a sort of justification; but the course was swiftly downward until midnight murder began to be meted out for purely political purposes and even at times for personal revenge. It is without the slightest sectional feeling that we say the South is again playing with firebrands. There are lynchings in the North as well, and they are no more justifiable than those in the South; but they are less perilous, for in the South the contagion which is one of the characteristics of the lynching mania is re-enforced by the racial divisions and the peril is ever present of its degenerating into a race war. It is bound to have an unfavorable effect upon the flow of capital, the development of industries and the increase of immigration if it is carried much farther. Indeed, it already has such an effect.

Bro. J. A. McDonald, reporter for Wellington Lodge, reports his Lodge as doing good work during September, and still pushing forward in the good way. We regret that for want of space we cannot publish Bro. McDonald's letter in full. We wish Wellington Lodge every success.

Subscribe for the Good Templar.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1893-4.

G.C.T.	Rev. A. E. Green	Richmond
G.V.T.	Mrs. A. Hill	Wellington
G. Com.	Rev. J. Rollins	Ashcroft
G.S.J.T.	Rev. J. Calvert	Shopland
G. Sec.	Dr. L. Hall	Box 53, Victoria
G. Treas.	S. Gough	Nanaimo
G. Chap.	Rev. J. A. Wood	Vernon
G. Mar.	A. R. Carrington	Nicola Lake
P.G.C.T.	C. S. Keith	New Westminster
<i>(The above constitute the Executive.)</i>		
G.E.S.	W. L. Gilchrist	Esquimalt
G.G.	Miss Ida Fox	Sapperton
G. Sent.	P. J. Pierson	Chemainus
G.A.S.	Mrs. L. Hall	Victoria
G.D.M.	Miss Bamfield	Spring Ridge
G. Mess.	D. C. McLaren	Kamloops
D.R.W.G.T.&C.	C. S. Keith	New Westminster
Vice-Chancellor		

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.

## COURSE OF STUDY.

C. S. KEITH, VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Bro. C. S. Keith, P. G. C. T., has been commissioned Vice-Chancellor for B. C.

It is proposed to have important graduating exercises at the Grand Lodge in 1895. Members joining the course now will be enabled to complete their readings and receive their degree by that time. The R. W. G. Templar, R. W. G. Counsellor, and P. R. W. G. T. belong to the class of 1895. Why not you? Join now.

## A Catechism Explanatory of this Department of Good Templary.

(By S. B. CHASE, P. R. W. G. T., Chancellor.)

1. — Ques. What is the plan of the Good Templar course of study?

Ans. It consists of three years' careful reading of certain prescribed books, and in order to bring it within the reach of those who have little time, the curriculum is so arranged that forty-five minutes each week day, during nine months in the year, will be sufficient.

2. — Ques. — Who prescribes the books for each year's reading?

Ans. — The Literature Committee of the I. S. Lodge makes the selection of the books to be read, changing from time to time, as may be deemed best.

4. — Ques. — What is the cost of the book?

Ans. — The books for each year, including the *International Good Templar*, and registration fee, is, for books bound in cloth, \$5.50; in paper, \$3.50.

5. — Ques. — Must each student purchase a set of books?

Ans. — No; as many may read one set of books as can find it practicable so to do, but each student must pay the fifty cents registration fee each year.

6. — Ques. — Is the privilege of taking the course confined to members of the Order?

Ans. — No; Any person can pursue the course; and it is desirable to induce as many as possible to take it outside the Order, for this will not only extend information upon the various subjects embraced in the course, but as such persons see the advanced position occupied by the Order, will be favorably impressed by it, as an instrument for work in the reform, and inclined to become connected therewith.

7. — Ques. — Will the possession of this educational degree probably be made a requisite qualification for the more important and higher offices in our Order?

Ans. — Yes: in due time, undoubtedly the I. S. Lodge will so amend our organic law as to require all the officers in I. S. Lodge, the higher in Grand Lodge, Lecturer and Deputy G. C. T.'s to be in possession of the educational degree.

8. — Ques. — Can you be enrolled as a student at any time?

Ans. — You can, though it is better to send your application to the Chancellor early in the year, so you may have ample time to read carefully all the books.

9. — Ques. — What is the object of the course?

Ans. — The object of the course is to afford our membership the opportunity to become acquainted with the principles that underlie the great temperance reform, so as to be able to discuss the questions in every aspect — historical, social, scientific, economical, political, moral and religious; and thus be qualified to go forth and labor intelligently for the reform in all the avenues of life.

10. — Ques. — What will be the effect of such a thorough training upon our membership?

Ans. — As the members become familiar with these fundamental truths and the standard literature of the reform, and the history, objects and teachings of the Order, they will become more interested in and love the Order better, and hence will be less likely to allow their membership to lapse from non-payment of dues or from any other cause. This will increase the average of our membership and thus render the Order more permanent.

11. — Ques. — What other effect?

Ans. — The standard of the membership's knowledge will be so raised as to commend our Order to the public, and particularly to all who are friends of the reform, which will induce many and valuable additions to our members.

12. — Ques. — What will be the effect upon our reformed brothers?

Ans. — As they become familiar with the effect of drink on the human system and its appalling dangers in a scientific aspect, they will be more fully determined never to touch the accursed stuff, and to fight it more earnestly than ever.

13. — Ques. — Is the course adapted to our younger members?

Ans. — Bro. A'fred Cornell, of Highland Mills, N. Y., answers this when he says: "If the young members of our Order would take the course generally, I believe it would add very materially to the advancement of temperance and the final triumph of prohibition."

A sister and a mother after erasing the first year's books, "regretted that

she could not have read them earlier in life, so as to have possessed the knowledge in training her boys."

Another, and a brother who had been a drinker in former days, said "he was sure he would never have dared to touch the drink if he had read these books when a boy."

14. — Ques. — May reading circles be formed in connection with the course of study; and if so, how?

Ans. — In any Lodge or place, where a sufficient number of members or others are registered as students, a local club may be formed for the purpose of prosecuting the reading of the course, and this is recommended in all cases where practicable. No particular form is prescribed for the organization of a circle. In all cases, however, where circles are formed, it is requested that the name of the same and address of the President and Secretary be forwarded to the Chancellor.

15. — Ques. — What great benefit will accrue to the Lodge from the formation of a reading circle?

Ans. — It will elevate the standard of Lodge entertainments, and thereby educate and improve individual taste, raising Good Templary to a higher plane. Let us examine the matter a moment.

Suppose there is a class of ten, more or less, formed in a Lodge which meets weekly or bi-weekly, with reviews, essays, debates, recitations, etc., on the readings of the current week, and then each month or six weeks the Lodge holds public meetings, and invites the circle to prepare a programme and take charge of the entertainment, there will be furnished exercises which will be interesting and instructive, both to the Lodge and to the public, and also commendatory of the course of study to all who listen.

And if the Lodge has to buy the books and pay the registration fees of each member of the class, even then, it will be the best investment ever made, for it will afford a series of entertainments superior to any ten dollar lecture at much less price.

16. — Ques. — In whom did the idea of the course have its origin, and what did he say would give it success?

Ans. — In the immortal John B. Finch, who said:

"If each Templar *does his duty* the Good Templar course of study will be even a greater success than has been the celebrated Chautauqua course. I feel like leaving all my other fields of labor, and throwing all my life into the educational forces, which yet shall redeem this country."

18. — Ques. — What remark of the Chancellor on another occasion gives his views of the probable effect upon our Order of ten years' pursuit of the course of study?

Ans.—If our membership will respond to the facilities for improvement afforded by this course of study, ten years will disclose an Order, to be a member of which will be a great honor, and then instead of seeking to conceal the fact of membership, everyone will keep it to the front, and on going to a strange place will not shy around until he feels the pulse of society as to 'Templary and its principles, but will make it the *front door* for entrance into society as well as business and influence."

19. Ques.—When did the first class graduate?

Ans.—At the end of 1891 the first class completed its course and received the educational degree.

20. Ques.—How many classes are there already formed?

Ans.—Three: 1892, 1893 and 1894; and a new one will be formed at the beginning of each year hereafter, the one formed at the beginning of 1893, being called the class of 1895.

21. Ques.—Can a person take the course in less time than three years?

Ans.—Yes; a student can receive the diploma and degree as soon as the required reading and the necessary examinations on the same are completed; such student being correspondingly advanced in class relationship.

22. Ques.—How shall one proceed to be matriculated as a student?

Ans.—Write to the Chancellor, inclosing a money order, draft or check for \$5.50 or \$3.50, as you want cloth-bound or paper books, with a registration blank signed, and you will receive the books free of expense and be enrolled as a regular student. Registration blanks will be furnished by the Chancellor at any time on application. Address,

S. B. CHASE, Chancellor,  
Easton, Pa., U. S. A.

### ONE LODGE ORGANIZE ANOTHER.

Can't your lodge organize a new lodge in some adjoining place during the next quarter? Some of your members can go there and arrange a public meeting, have it announced, and either your lodge go in a body or a committee, or delegation be sent by your lodge to occupy the time at the public meeting with speeches, recitations, music and other such exercises as will interest the people and lead them to want to organize a lodge or Temperance School in their place. What lodge will first make the attempt? Write the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR what you are planning. We all pray for your success.

We want news from all the lodges such as will be of interest and profit to the Order.

### CHANGELESS.

Our fairest fancies fade away  
Like mists before the sun;  
The friends we loved in Youth's bright day  
Have altered one by one;  
Our pleasures are but brief and few—  
A while and they are fled;  
And naught is ours unchanged and true  
Except the faithful dead.

The children leave us, and no trace  
Is left of that bright band;  
But in each vacant cheerless place  
Tired men and women stand;  
Yet still some little ones are ours  
That keep the smiles we know—  
The smile we hid 'neath pure white flow'rs  
One dark day long ago.

They grow not older with the years  
That rob us in their flight;  
Their eyes are still undimmed by tears,  
Their laugh is still and light;  
They come to us when sad and lone,  
And linger by our side,  
With childish prattle, all our own,  
As on the day they died.

Some cruel day may see us mourn,  
Our dearest hopes o'erthrown—  
May see the heart to others turn  
We fancied ours alone;  
Our rarest treasures Life may steal  
And ne'er again restore,  
But the dead hearts are true and leal,  
And changeless evermore!

### ODE TO A POTATO BUG.

Come hither, red potato bug,  
And frankly tell to me  
What makes you be so ravenous,  
And full of energy.

Is your sole purpose here on earth  
To eat potato tops?  
To sit and stuff your little hide  
And spoil potato crops?

You seem to have no nobler aim,  
No other work to do,  
Than just to sit and eat and eat,  
All day and a night too.

Now, he who only lives to eat,  
And can no reason give  
For being on this earth at all,  
Is scarcely fit to live.

But there are bigger bugs than you  
Whose lives are just as vain,  
And whose existence on this globe  
Is harder to explain.

—Punxsatawney Spirit.

### "YOU CANNOT MAKE MEN SOBER BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT."

There is no lie so hard to kill as a half lie. If a lie is a lie, pure and simple, uncompounded, containing no admixture of truth, it is soon found out and exploded; but if it is half falsehood and half truth, it dies hard because of the truth, which gives it a measure of vitality which it never otherwise could have.

One of these mischievous lies which shallow people are never tired of repeating is that at the head of this article: "You cannot make men sober by Act of Parliament." We are glad to find the stupid fallacy exposed by Judge Wilkinson, of New South Wales, in a letter printed in the memorial volume of the International Tem-

perance Convention, held at Melbourne in 1888. He says: "To endeavour to prevent drunkenness seems to me a fit subject for legislation. For although men may not be made virtuous by Act of Parliament, there can be little doubt that Acts of Parliament can diminish—if they cannot altogether remove—the opportunities of temptation." The whole fallacy lies in confounding the words "virtuous," "sober," or "moral." You cannot make men *virtuous* by Act of Parliament, but you can make them *sober*. You cannot by this means change their *inclinations* or their *character*, but you can, and do, restrain their *acts*. An Act of Parliament says that when a man commits a certain offence he shall go to gaol; but when you get him in gaol you can cut off his beer and force him to be sober, so long as he is there, whether he will or not. What is this but making him sober by Act of Parliament? Carry this a step further, and pass a law that no intoxicating drinks shall be sold or used in a whole community, except as medicines—poisons—and you will (if the law is enforced) make all the people in it sober by Act of Parliament. Let us hear no more, then, of this miserable nonsense. If we do not want men to be sober, let us honestly say so; but let us not sneak out of it by pretending that we *cannot* make them so.

I wish to say a few words to the members of the order, and especially to those Brothers who have been victims of strong drink. We should try and avoid going around saloons. If we frequent those places, no matter how much we may try to avoid drinking while there, there will be some pretending friends (real enemies) who will urge us to drink, and even attempt to drag us up to the bar and try to force it into our mouths. The difficulty is, we do not say *no* with sufficient vim. When enticed to drink intoxicating liquors, let the *no* have a ring as if you meant what you said. We should not be afraid of hearing the truth about things, and when we realize the consequences which follow from the use of intoxicating drinks, it should be enough to constrain us to pause and think before we allow one drop of the awful stuff to pass the lips. Brothers and Sisters, let us devote more of our time and energies to put down this curse—strong drink. We pass through this world but once, and if there can be anything we can do to remove the cause of, and to alleviate the suffering of our fellow beings, let us do it now; let us not defer and neglect it, for we will not pass this way again.

J. A. McDONALD.

**WOULD YOU LIKE A LODGE SOMEWHERE?**

There are many members of our order who would like to see a lodge organized at certain places where they have friends residing who would, or should be interested in this work. All such should at once write to the Grand Secretary and give the name and address of the best person they could name in such places to arrange for the meetings of an organizer, that an effort may be made to plant our order at that point. It would also be well to write to such friends urging them to do what they could to secure a lodge. Who will be first to thus take an interest in the extension of our order?

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Each ballot thus received will be counted as one vote for the Deputy named therein.

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The Souvenir Number will be issued in any case, but no prizes will be given unless at least 700 votes are cast.

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In my estimation the Most Popular Lodge Deputy in British Columbia is

Lodge Deputy of .....

Lodge No. ....

(Signature of voter)

I am a member of .....

Lodge No. ....

My address is .....

*Cut this out and send to C. S. Keith, New Westminster.*

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Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow?  
Who hath contentions? Who hath wounds without cause?  
Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine;  
they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,  
when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.  
At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.—*Proverbs 23-29.*

SIX LAKES, Mich., Aug. 26, '93.  
Mrs. Harris of Iowa was here last evening and gave us a lecture. There was a very good turnout and she was well liked.

N. C. MERRIFIELD.

Bro. C. Keith, P. G. C. T., has been commissioned the Deputy R. W. G. T. for British Columbia.

**OUR SUBORDINATE LODGE DIRECTORY.**

No. of Lodge.	Name.	Location.	Date and Place of Meeting.	Lodge Deputy.	
1	Perseverance	Victoria	Tuesday	Temperance Hall, Pandora St.	Lewis Hall
3	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill	Saturday	School House	W. F. Somers
4	Dominion	Westminster	Wednesday	Templar Hall, Dupont Block	W. W. Forrester
5	Mount Benson	Northfield	Tuesday	Blackley's Hall	R. J. Wilkinson
6	Bateman	Comox	Saturday		Wm. Duncan
9	Somenos	Somenos	1st & 3rd Tues	Somenos School Room	J. W. Flett
14	New Era	Port Hammond	alt. Wed'day	Town Hall	Rev. Wm. Hicks
15	Kamloops	Kamloops	Thursday	Odd Fellows' Hall, Victoria St	J. A. Aikin
16	Triumph	Esquimalt	Thursday	St. Paul's School	W. L. Gilchrist
20	Nicola Lake	Nicola Lake	alt. Tuesday	Court House	A. R. Canington
21	Lulu	Steveston	Saturday	Opera House	Mrs. J. B. Steves
22	Matsqui	Mission City	Friday	School House	Rev. J. W. Winslow
23	Hatzic	Dewdney	Saturday	School House	R. G. Clark
24	No Retreat	Cheam			D. J. Gillanders
25	Ashcroft	Ashcroft	Thursday	School House	J. B. Bryson
29	Victoria West	Victoria West	Wednesday	Victoria West Hall	R. Simple
32	Maple Leaf	Sumas	Monday	Sumas School House	A. D. Clark
33	Western Star	Sapperton	Friday	Johnston's Hall	T. Sampson
37	Pride of the Ridge	Victoria	Monday	Odd Fellows' Hall, Fernwood Rd	B. Cooper
38	Saanich	Young's P.O., Saanich	Tuesday	School House	Wm. Mitchell
39	Cowichan	Duncan's	Saturday	Methodist Church	Robt. Grassie
41	Vernon	Vernon	Monday	School House	W. C. Pound
43	Wellington	Wellington	Saturday	Odd Fellows' Hall	G. Trites
45	Union	Union Mines	Wednesday	Union Hall	J. V. Nicholls
46	Fort Langley	Fort Langley	Monday	School Room	J. A. Shearer
48	Star	South Aldergrove	alt. Thursday	School House	Johnson Woods
51	Model	Agassiz	alt. Saturday	School House	E. E. Greyell
52	Robson	Denman Island			Miss Nellie Picket
54	Cobble Hill	Cobble Hill	Wednesday		J. J. Dougan



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