

was fully carried out. Several members of the Supreme Council made short addresses and stirring appeals to the members to carry forward the noble work of the Order.

Not the least important part of the programme was the brilliantly-lighted banqueting room, with its galaxy of beautiful ladies, and its tables loaded with the substantial comforts of life. Justice was fully done to this part of the evening's entertainment.

The first sitting of the second day was open for reception of resolutions and their reference.

At the afternoon sitting the several committees began the work of presenting their reports. There was no evening sitting. Several important committees had not completed their labors, and the evening was devoted to committee work.

The third day's morning sitting was devoted to the discussion and adoption of reports, the afternoon sitting to the election of officers. Before election the salaries of the several officers were fixed as follows: Supreme Councillor, \$800.00; Supreme Secretary, \$1,800.00; Supreme Treasurer, \$300.00; appropriation for clerk hire in office of Supreme Secretary, \$1,200.00.

Supreme Councillor appointed as tellers:

Geo. V. Benjamin, G. V. C., New York.

J. H. Land, G. Sec., Ontario.

The officers who were elected and accepted are as follows:

Sup. Councillor—Dr. J. W. Grosvenor, Lockport, N. Y.

Sup. Vice Councillor—J. H. Tatem, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sup. Chaplain—Rev. John Kay, Thorold, Ont.

Sup. Secretary—P. A. Ross, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sup. Treasurer—John Lyth, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sup. Advocate—C. A. Keller, Mt. Vernon, Ills.

Sup. Med. Examiner—Dr. L. M. Kenyon, Buffalo, N. Y.

Associate Medical Examiner—Dr. J. W. Grosvenor, Lockport, N. Y.

Sup. Herald—Elliott Harvey, Oil City, Pa.

Sup. Guard—Wm. Brigman, Louisville, Ky.

Sup. Sentinel—H. W. Bumpus, Duke Centre, Pa.

It is but justice to add that Cyrus K. Porter was re-elected Supreme Councillor, but having filled that position from the commencement of the Order, a period of fourteen years, he declined further service, and now fills the honorary position of Past Supreme Councillor.

The remainder of the afternoon's sitting and the evening sitting of the third day were devoted to the consideration of and final action upon the reports of the several committees. The session was declared closed at 11.50 Thursday evening.

Much of the time of the session was occupied in the discussion of matters coming from the different Grand Councils.

The mind of the casual observer must be impressed with the fact that each Grand Council manifests a desire to be governed by laws of its own, irrespective of the organic law of the Order or of the rights of its Sister Grand Councils.

Very few amendments to the laws of the Order that will be of practical value were adopted, while much was left in an unfinished condition.

On the question of Prohibition the Supreme Council adopted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That we, as Royal Templars, are in favor of constitutional prohibition, with proper State laws to enforce the same.

*Resolved*, That we are opposed to the taxation of or licensing the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

*Resolved*, That what we need is more profound, pronounced, pervading temperance sentiment, and to create that sentiment in communities in which we live is our duty as Royal Templars.

*Resolved*, That our great hope of success in the cause we advocate is by the ballot; without it our efforts are feeble; with it we can and will drive this enemy of mankind—rum—from the land.

*Resolved*, That it is our individual duty as Royal Templars to support no party or men that are not unalterably pledged to prohibition. Our motto is: "Principle first, party afterwards."

It also made the benefits of the Order "optional."

It repealed all laws, and rescinded all resolutions relating to its former action on the question of Supreme Council Revenue, and amended the Supreme Council constitution by striking out the twenty-five cents accompanying each assessment from the general fund of each Council, and directing the Supreme Secretary to levy a general fund assessment, which should not be less than thirty nor more than fifty cents annually, on every one thousand dollars benefit or under carried by each member of the Order, such assessment to be levied semi-annually, and to be subject to the same

general laws regarding suspension, etc., as death assessments, and that no part of an assessment levied or collected to meet deaths or total disability benefits be used for any other purpose than that for which it was collected.

It further adopted a law giving our Canadian brethren separate beneficiary jurisdiction just as soon as there was a sufficient number of members in Canada who could and would pay one full benefit upon one assessment.

It further agreed to adopt that portion of the suggestion found in the Supreme Councillor's report so far as Canada was concerned, making two degrees in the Order, the first to be known as the degree of "Royal Templar," and the second as the degree of "Select Templar." But while it gave our Canadian brethren permission to do this, it failed to appoint any committee to carry out this work, leaving them to grope along as best they might, without assistance of the Supreme Council. It gave careful consideration to the report of the Special Auditing Committee on the old accounts of the Supreme Officers, and by its action gave a practical and substantial refutation of the charges against those officers. This of itself is of more value to the Order than all the other acts of the Supreme Council combined, and it will restore confidence in the Order and remove all obstructions to its onward progress.

Taken as a whole, the session was a very important one, and the results cannot but be beneficial.—*R. T. Advocate.*

## General News.

### CANADIAN.

A terrible disaster occurred near Port Arthur last week, on the railroad in course of construction, by which six men were killed and several injured more or less seriously. The fatality was caused by the premature explosion of a blast. Of those killed the names known are Frank Boulton, A. Talonon, and James Gilbery.

At Woodstock, last Friday evening, Wm. McKay & Sons' Wax and Candle Works were destroyed by fire. Loss about \$8,000; no insurance.

Robert Ledger Wood, a respected citizen of the township of Montegale, was killed by a tree which he had cut down on the 1st inst.

At Comber, on the 4th inst., a fire broke out in the heading works and sash and door factory owned by Ludham & Jones, and completely destroyed the building. The loss is about \$10,000. No insurance.

Thomas Murray, lately of Port Huron, a son of the late ex-Alderman Murray, of London, shot himself at Skelton's hotel, Westminster, last week. He had been drinking. The bullet entered his ear, but took a slant forward instead of entering the brain, and the medical men think he will recover. Murray expresses regret that he failed to end his life.

Last night an old man named Wm. Clark accidentally walked into the canal about four miles from Dunnville, and was drowned. He was a pensioner, having served in the 79th Highlanders. His body has been recovered.

The laborers on the Kingston & Pembroke Railway grade between Iron Junction and Bedford mines have struck for \$1.25 per day. They have been getting \$1. 100 men ceased work altogether.

Mr. W. N. Hodgins, a farmer, residing on the 3rd concession of Bidulph, one mile and a half from Lucan, was engaged skidding some logs in the woods, assisted by his son, when one of the logs accidentally rolled upon him, and remained there until drawn off with the team by the boy. He was immediately carried home unconscious, and medical assistance called in, when it was ascertained that the unfortunate man's ribs were crushed into his lungs, and he was otherwise internally injured in such a manner that his life is despaired of.

At Montreal, on the 6th inst., a fire took place in the warehouse of Jesse Joseph & Co., on St. Paul street. The interior of the building was gutted; loss about \$4,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

The unfortunate man who was shot at Toronto last week has died in the hospital.

A railway accident occurred last week two miles west of Wales. The engine and seven cars of the night express from Toronto left the track. The engine was thrown over. The engineer, Thos. Donohue, of Montreal, was instantly killed. Charles King, the fireman, was buried under the cab. He was rescued with some difficulty. He is terribly scalded, and will hardly recover. Seven cars left the track. Only two passengers were hurt. One had the collar bone broken and the other a lip cut. The overturned cars took fire but were quickly extinguished.