

Rev. Dr. Jones followed up the reading of the address by a few felicitous remarks which were warmly applauded.

The Grand Lodge President thanked the delegation for their cordial welcome, and said he would appoint a committee subsequently to draft a reply.

After the roll call of delegates the minutes of the previous session were confirmed.

The first order of business was the election of Grand Lodge officers for next year.

There were five nominations for the position of Grand President, viz: Ald. W. R. Stroud, Ottawa; T. R. Skippon, Toronto; J. W. Kempling, Barrie; Dr. S. B. Pollard, Toronto, and Ald. J. C. Swait, Toronto.

Bros. Stroud, Skippon and Swait retired, leaving Bros. Pollard, Grand President, and Kempling, Grand Vice-President, the only candidates in the field.

On the ballot being taken the scrutineers reported that Bro. J. W. Kempling had received the majority of the votes cast.

The Grand President thereupon declared Bro. J. W. Kempling President elect for the ensuing term. (Applause.) In doing so he explained that the only reason why he had permitted himself to be proposed for a second term was because some of the brethren had thought it desirable to ascertain the feeling of Grand Lodge on that point.

Bro. Kempling briefly returned thanks for his election.

For the Grand Vice-Presidency eight names were proposed and seven ballots had to be taken, the contest resolving itself into a struggle between the Ottawa and Toronto city councils as represented by Ald. W. R. Stroud and Ald. J. C. Swait. On the final ballot 77 votes were cast, 39 being necessary to a choice. Bro. W. R. Stroud received 40 votes and Bro. J. C. Swait 37. Ald. Stroud was thereupon declared Grand Vice-President elect, and briefly expressed his thanks upon his election.

The following officers were elected by acclamation.

Grand Secretary, John W. Carter, Toronto.

Grand Treasurer, B. Henchcliffe, Toronto.

Grand Lodge Trustees—Bros. J. C. Swait, R. Caddick and Dr. W. W. Ogden.

Bro. M. H. Spence (re-elected) D. G. P. South Africa.

Bros. Skippon and Purkiss, Auditors.

Committee on Constitution reported in favour of 15 amendments and 117 to be struck out.

On motion of Bro. Higginbotham it was decided that the names of the founders of the Order be read at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, wheresoever held.

After further routine business the committee adjourned.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

DERBY LODGE ROOMS,

FEB. 14th, 1889.

The Grand Lodge of the Sons of England opened its fourteenth annual session, Grand President S. B. Pollard in the chair. The other officers present were Grand Vice-President J. W. Kempling; John W. Carter, Grand Secretary; T. R. Skippon, Grand Past President; Benj. Hinchcliff, Grand Treasurer, and Rev. H. Pollard, Grand Chaplain.

After the roll call of delegates and other routine work, the next place of meeting was discussed. Port Hope, St. Thomas, Montreal and Hamilton were the places nominated Port Hope being the choice of the meeting.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into committee of the whole, but it being 12 o'clock, adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened at 2 p.m.

The convention discussed the sessional papers.

Bro. Harry Corby, M. P., West Wastings, was introduced to the Grand Lodge by Bro. J. W. London.

A reply to the address of welcome was read to the Ottawa Brethren and signed by J. W. Higginbotham, Thos. R. Skifford, Henry White, and S. F. Pessmore. The Lodge adjourned at 6.30.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 9.30 a.m. After routine work went into committee of the whole, and continued till noon. The committee rose about 3 p.m. and reported progress, with the fact that out of 133 amendments to the constitution placed before the Grand Lodge, 18 were adopted and would become laws of the Order.

The installation of officers was then taken up, with Past Grand President T. R. Skippon as installing officer. The customary speeches were made by the officers enstalled, all who promised to attend to their work faithfully during their term of office. We hope to refer to the work done at this Grand Lodge meeting in our future issues.

S. O. E. BANQUET NOTES.

The delegates to the late Grand Lodge meeting have every reason to be proud of the grand reception tendered them in that grand hotel, the Russell.

The chairman, Bro. Ald. Stroud, in proposing the toast, "Our Order," said some people thought such an order as the Sons of England ought not to exist in Canada but those who did not think so entirely mistook the mission of the society. The Sons of England order was formed for the purpose of lending a helping hand to Englishmen on their arrival in Canada and to keep alive recollections of the Motherland. The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

Past Grand President Hulme, of Belleville, replying to "Our Order," said the Sons of England society was going to be a power in the land. The aim of the society was to receive as members our countrymen and make them good citizens. Oldcountrymen are taken by the hand and welcomed. The man who has been in the Order for some time, if overtaken by adversity, is assisted by a weekly allowance. He was glad to see the clergymen taking an active part in the Order. The funds in hand amounted to \$35,254, the furniture is worth \$5,000, the new lodges during the year number 20. He advised all Englishmen to join the Order.

Past President Higginbotham of Oshawa also spoke to the toast. He briefly referred to the objects of the Society and said wherever a member of the society was to be found there an Englishman loyal to the motherland would be found. (Applause.)

Bro. H. White, of Port Hope, followed in a vigorous speech which roused the British Lion to the wildest pitch of enthusiasm. He said the Order sought to inculcate the practice of economy and foresight in its members, to aid the sick and help the fatherless and the widow. Above all the society sought to encourage the connection with old England and to perpetuate allegiance to England's Queen and this to his mind was the grandest feature of the society's principles.

Bro. J. P. Featherstone proposed the toast of "The British Empire," and judging from the manner in which he introduced it, it could not have been left to a more worthy man.

Calls for Dr. Wild, of Toronto, brought that eloquent gentleman to his feet amid tremendous applause. He said he was pleased to be present with them. During the able and edifying speech he said that if he had the choice when he first breathed the air he would have chosen that of Britain; the English language is not decreasing anywhere. It will be universal. England owned one half of the ocean and could take the other half if she wanted it. He believed Englishmen were the literal seed of Abraham, the lost tribe of Israel. In his opinion the British Empire would remain intact. He saw the Church of England represented here. The men of that church had always been loyal to British institutions. (Applause.) He urged his brethren to stand true to their guns, to be loyal to their mother country, bold, chivalrous, sincere, and above all, fresh and green as the maple leaf, and skilful and industrious as the beaver. (Applause.) God prosper that grand old banner the Union Jack, the emblem of liberty, protection and security. (Pro-