

The G. C. Templar decided that the Certificate of Membership presented by Bro. A H Hicks was insufficient to entitle the brother to the Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of Bro. W H Rowling, seconded by Bro. U.S. Keith, it was decided: 1st, that the sessions of this Grand Lodge be from 9 a. m. to 12 noon; from 2 o'clock p. m. to 5 o'clock, and evenings from 7:30 o'clock to close. 2nd, that no member be allowed to speak more than once or longer than five minutes upon any question unless by permission of the lodge; 3rd, that all resolutions and motions be reduced to writing.

Bro S F Holt submitted the following question to the G. C. Templar, "Can a member who has received a Clearance Card be advanced in our order?" Answer—"A mere transference of membership from one sub-lodge to another does not in any way effect the standing of an officer or member in a higher body. An officer in a higher body jeopardizes his office if he delays to deposit his card beyond the end of the quarter in which it was issued." See R. W. G. L. Report, pp. 71, Sub-Sec. 27.

On motion of Bro Losee, seconded by Bro. Holt, Bro. J. M. Duval was appointed reporter for Vancouver newspapers, Bro W. C. Loys for Westminster, S Gough for Nanaimo, J. Hastie for Victoria, and A. J. Clyde for Kamloops.

On motion the question of mileage was left in the hands of the Finance Committee for report.

On motion it was decided that the regular sessions of this Grand Lodge be conducted in the Subordinate Degree.

Motion moved by Bro. Losee, seconded by Bro. Holt, that the superintendent and members of the Victoria Juvenile Temple be invited to be present at the evening session to-morrow. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHIEF TEMPLAR.

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. G. T.:

Dear Brothers and Sisters.—In the providence of God we are permitted to meet in this, another Session of the Grand Lodge of our beloved order in British Columbia. We shall miss the presence of an important officer who took a leading part in all the labors of this Grand Lodge, whose presence always gave an inspiration and shape to all the deliberations of our sessions, but we bow in meek submission to the will of Him who governs the destiny of nations, as well as that of individuals. He has gone to the everlasting reward; may his zeal inspire us to endeavor to live as he lived, and may his mantle fall on some one to lead in this glorious cause, with which we are identified in battling against the Liquor Traffic, (the greatest foe with which humanity has to contend,) until victory shall crown our efforts and Prohibition of the sale and manufacture of alcohol as a beverage shall be made a uniform national law for this broad Dominion.

In taking a retrospective view of our labors during the past year we may be able to gather lessons from our failures as well as from success. We are able to report an increase of five in the number of our Lodges; one organized at Nicola by our late Bro. Hemlaw, one on Lulu Island, organized by Bro. O. D. Sweet, one organized on Salt Spring Island by Bro. S. Gough, one at New Westminster and another at Vancouver, organized by your humble servant, making two lodges at the former and three at the latter cities, and there is a probability of the fourth being organized at Vancouver shortly, and another at Chilliwack. Total number of Lodges and membership will be reported to you by the Grand Secretary.

GRAND LECTURER.—Those who were present at the last session of this Grand Lodge will remember that the late Grand Chief Templar, Bro. R. B. Hemlaw, informed the body that he was negotiating with Mr. Lou J. Beauchamp, a distinguished Temperance Lecturer in the United States, with a view of engaging him to deliver a series in this jurisdiction.