

The Committee on Juvenile Temples submitted the following amendment to their report:—

"That the Executive of the Grand Lodge be appointed a committee and empowered to grant such sums as may be at their disposal in behalf of the Juvenile Temple work."

The report as amended was adopted.

The following official circular from the office of our late R. W. G. C. Templar was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:—

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE, I. O. G. T.

TEMPLAR'S OFFICE, EVANSTON, ILL., SEPT. 13TH, 1887.

To the Worthy Grand and Grand Secretaries:

Dear Brothers and Sisters.—The Constitution of the R. W. G. Lodge provides as follows:

SECTION 9. The fourth week in November of each year shall be known throughout the Order as "Missionary Week," and the entire Order, at the Subordinate Lodge meetings held during the week, shall be requested to raise at least ten cents, or its equivalent, from each member of the Order, to be sent to the Missionary Fund of the R. W. G. Lodge, to be used by that body in the circulation of temperance literature. The funds raised shall be sent by the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges to the G. S. of the Grand Lodge, and by him to the R. W. G. Secretary. The R. W. G. Secretary shall acknowledge the receipt of, and forward the same to the R. W. G. Treasurer. The R. W. G. Secretary shall show, in his annual report, the amount of this fund, and by which Grand or Subordinate Lodge contributed; *provided*, that the funds raised in W. G. Lodges shall be sent to the W. G. Secretary, and by him to the W. G. Treasurer, to be used by the W. G. Lodge.

At the Saratoga Session of the R. W. G. Lodge, the following recommendation of the Committee on Petitions was adopted:

"And we would earnestly recommend that inasmuch as the Constitution of the R. W. G. Lodge has set apart the fourth week in November of each year as "Missionary Week," that it will also be designated and observed as a special season of prayer, and that the R. W. G. Templar by proclamation invoke the Order all over the world to unite at that time in praise, prayer and generous giving for the welfare and prosperity of our Order."

In accordance with the law and instruction of the R. W. G. Lodge, I proclaim the fourth week in November, 1887, a week of prayer throughout the Order. At the regular Lodge meeting held during that week let the entire membership join in prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the wonderful blessings vouchsafed to us as an Order during the past year. The greatest blessing during the year has been union of the divided Order, and I want to urge the whole united Order in every part of the world by a contribution of at least ten cents by each member to place in the hands of the R. W. G. Lodge Executive the funds to liquidate certain debts which prevent full and perfect union of the Order. To accomplish this the collection must be general, and Worthy Grand Lodges must donate the collections in their