

11th, at Memphis Hall, London. A large attendance was present.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The feature of the occasion was the address of Grand Master Robert Ramsay. The Grand Master said that what opposition had existed among the brethren was gradually dying away. After referring to the new Chapters recently instituted, Osiris Chapter No. 8, of Toronto, Pyramid Chapter No. 6, St. Thomas, and Star of the East Chapter No. 10, in this city, he spoke of the efforts to secure amalgamation with the Foreign Sanctuary, and added that in his view the two Sanctuaries must unite in order to secure foreign recognition. He referred to the decision in May last, to organize a Grand Orient of Canada, and suggested that a committee from the Sovereign Sanctuary of Maitland be relegated with full and plenary powers with regard to the amalgamation question. Upon the subject of work he also suggested that an out-door drill be adopted somewhat similar in character to that of the American Knights Templar. He also announced that the charters and diplomas would be ready for distribution as soon as the members' names were engrossed. The Grand Master reported correspondence with Ill. Bro. Wilson, 96°, Grand Master of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the United States, who desires a deputation to attend his sanctuary on the 19th prox. After a reference to the Gr. L. Symbolique of France, he regretted that certain members of the Christian order had attempted to injure the rite of Memphis by daring to interpolate its solemn obligation. He said the following question had been submitted to him for decision:—

Q.—Is it necessary for an applicant for the degrees of the A. and A. E. R. of M., 96°, to be an affiliated Mason?

A.—Yes. A Mason that cares so little for Symbolic Masonry as to remain outside, a drone in the Masons' hive, is unworthy of the Egyptian de-

grees. I therefore certainly do not view an unaffiliated Mason as a fit and proper person to be admitted in our Rose Croix Chapters. Whilst upon this subject, I would also suggest that no applicant should be received unless he is a Master Mason of at least three months' standing.

Reference was made to the death of Gen. Garibaldi, 32°, 90°, 97°, Gr. Hieraphon of the Order; and M. Ex. Comp. R. F. Bower, Gen. Gr. H. P., of the United States. He next spoke at length of Symbolic Masonry, giving an account of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In conclusion he thanked the members assembled for the high honor they had conferred on him, and assured them that his endeavors would always be exerted for the honor and welfare, the dignity and prestige of this Rite.

EVENING SESSION.

A session was held in the evening, when the grand officers were elected for the year:—Robt. Ramsay, M. D., of Orillia, Grand Master; W. Wilkinson, of Toronto, Deputy Grand Master; Wm. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Representative; J. Parker Thomas, of Belleville, Grand Orator; Daniel Rose, of Toronto, Grand Senior Warden; Rev. W. C. Clark, of Belleville, Grand Prelate; W. H. Street, M. D., Grand Junior Warden; M. D. Dawson, London, Grand Secretary-General; W. Y. Brunton, Treasurer.

During the afternoon the brethren visited Victoria Park, and formally dedicated a new and neat drinking fountain that the Rite of Memphis has lately presented to the city.

The Grand Master has not yet appointed his subordinate officers. He, however, by the advice of the Executive Committee, appointed Rt. Wor. Bro. Dewar, 95°, of the *Free Press*, Prov. Grand Master for the London District.

Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677, of London, is about to erect two large stained-glass windows in St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, to commemorate the restoration of that parish church.