

Five sons of African chiefs are attendants at the "Morris man's school," in Liberia, which I have so frequently mentioned: Eight native boys have joined the churches who never heard the name of Jesus save in this school. Mr. Morris is planning for the future for these boys and girls by introducing silk culture, having found by experiment that the mulberry grows thriftily to tree height in that climate. This he thinks will specially help African girls, and he believes in training mothers for the home since the home is father of the state.—*Western Wave*.

ROYAL TEMPLARS OF TEMPERANCE.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ONTARIO.—SEPARATE JURISDICTION FOR CANADA AND A GRAND COUNCIL FOR CANADA FORMED.

The growth of the Order of the Royal Templars of Temperance in Canada has been remarkable. Less than two years ago the Order in the Dominion consisted of less than 500 members with 37 lodges or "Select Councils," who, through their representatives, met at Hamilton to form the Grand Council of Ontario. Last week the Grand Council held their second annual session in the same city when there were representatives present from 120 Select Councils in Ontario with a membership of about 2,500. In addition to this there has been a large accession to the membership through the union with the body of the United Temperance Association, whose lodges have become the primary councils of the Order. During the past year grand councils have been formed in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Manitoba, so that the Order may be said to have fairly taken root in the Dominion.

One circumstance leading up to this extraordinary success has been the assurance given by the heads of the Order, that the desire of the Canadian membership for a jurisdiction separate and independent of the Supreme authority in the States would be acceded to, and extraordinary interest in the proceedings at Hamilton last week was awakened from the fact that this independence was to be completed at that session.

The Grand Council was formally opened at Larkin Hall, Hamilton, on Tuesday, February 11th, by the Rev. John Kay, G. C., and there were present the following officers: James H. Clark, Grand Vice-Councillor, Toronto; Rev. A. W. Phillips, Grand Past Councillor, St. Thomas; Rev. William Kettlewell, Grand Chaplain, Hamilton; Raymond Walker, Grand Secretary, Hamilton; Jeremiah Cornell, Grand Treasurer, Lynden; W. H. Bone, Grand Herald, Thorold; John Campbell, Grand Deputy Herald, Drummondville; P. M. Pattison, Grand Guard, Waterford; Harry Holman, Toronto; J. B. Meacham, Gananoque; John H. Land, Hamilton, Grand Trustee.

There were also present a number of delegates from the U.T.A., who were, on the opening of the Grand Council, formally admitted to seats in the Council, in completion of the terms of the basis of union. The Grand Councillor's report referred at length to the growth of the Order and the work accomplished in order to effect the desired independence of action and beneficial jurisdiction.

A vote of the membership has been taken through the Select Councils with the following result. The vote was taken in 74 councils:

Total for separation, 1,042. Total against, 90.

The Grand Secretary's report was an able and complete document, giving all the details of the work of the Order. It showed that at the time of organization of this Grand Council, April 26, 1882, there were 37 select councils in Ontario; Dec. 31, 1882, we had increased the number to 52. During the year 1883 we organized 62 select councils, making a total on December 31 of 114 select councils working under the direction of this Grand Council. A detailed statement (A.) giving name, location, date of institution and name of instituting officer will be found appended to this report.

It also shows that at the close of the past year the Order in the Province had 2,348 members. Six deaths occurred during the year, and \$14,000 had been paid out of the benefit funds.

The first day was occupied in receiving reports and referring them to committees, and a lengthy discussion of a proposed scheme for forming a Grand Council of Canada having power to legislate on all matters relating to the Order in the Dominion, but retaining a close friendly relation to the Order in the United States.

On Wednesday the Grand Council again assembled at 9 o'clock, and continued in session during the entire day (excepting recesses for meals) until long after midnight. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Grand Councillor, Rev. John Kay, Thorold.
G. V. C., Jas. H. Clark, Toronto.
G. Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Kettlewell, Hamilton.
G. Secretary, J. H. Land, Hamilton.
G. Treasurer, Jeremiah Cornell, Lynden.
G. Herald, Geo. Young, Trenton.
Dep. Herald, P. H. Stewart, Cookstown.
G. Guard, P. Buchanan, Wingham.
G. Sentinel, McKenny.

G. Trustees, } J. B. Meacham, Dundas.
 } J. H. Flagg, Mitchell.
 } J. G. Y. Burkholder, Hamilton.

Medical Examiner, B. A. McKenzie, M. D., Toronto.

On the report of the committee on printing and supplies a discussion took place in reference to an organ. Mr. W. Burgess having suggested that THE CITIZEN be made the organ of the Order. The Rev. W. Burns advocated THE CITIZEN, speaking in high terms of the paper, but it was thought by a majority that the Order could not at present entertain any new scheme in this direction, and the report was adopted. It recommended that the *Royal Templars' Advocate*, published in Buffalo, be the official organ until the Grand Council is in possession of larger funds. Special thanks were expressed to Mr. F. S. Spence, editor of THE CANADA CITIZEN; Bro. Thos. Lawless, editor of the *Casket*; Bro. W. W. Buchanan, of the *Watford Advocate-Adviser*; Bro. W. H. Bone, of the *Thorold Post*, and other leading papers that have given publication to the work of the Order. In this connection the report recommended that the Grand Councillor and Secretary be desired to furnish regularly to the daily papers information on the progress of the Order.

The report of the committee on temperance and prohibition elicited some warm and eloquent speeches from Rev. W. Burns, Messrs. Wm. Ross, Port Perry; J. H. Flagg, Mitchell; W. H. Bone, Thorold, and W. Burgess, of Toronto. After some amendments it was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider our relations to the temperance work of this country in its educational and practical aspects, beg to report that your committee are pleased that the Minister of Education has recognized the importance of temperance by placing the subject on the programme of studies for public schools. We recommend that the members of the R. T. of T. be urged to use their influence with boards of trustees in their several sections to have the subject regularly taught in their schools, and we consider it desirable that suitable text books be authorized. Your committee are gratified to observe the vigorous effort being put forth by the various churches in connection with the Sabbath school in the inculcation of temperance principles upon the youth of the land. The committee recommend that immediate action be taken by this Grand Council and invitations extended to this and all other temperance organizations to devise ways and means to cause a popular vote to be taken throughout the Dominion on the question of prohibition versus the license system at our next general election in such a manner as may obtain a true expression, the subject of the popular mind without allowing party politics to interfere with such vote.

Among the visitors present were J. H. Lyth, Supreme Treasurer, and P. A. Ross, Supreme Secretary, from Buffalo, who officiated jointly at the service of the installation of officers.

A NATIONAL GRAND COUNCIL.

After the close of the business of the G. C. of Ontario the following members elect for the new Grand Council for the Dominion met for organization: Rev. A. M. Phillips, Rev. John Kay, J. H. Clark, Raymond Walker, J. Cornell, W. H. Bone, J. B. Meacham, Harry Holman, W. W. Buchanan, J. C. Robinson, Rev. G. A. Mitchell, H. Stewart, J. H. Flagg, J. G. Y. Burkholder, Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, Dr. Buchanan and Rev. W. Burns.

On Thursday the same body met again, when the following officers were elected:

The officers elected are: P.D.G.C., A. M. Phillips, St. Thomas; D.G.C., W. W. Kettlewell, Hamilton; D.G.V.C., W. W. Buchanan, Winnipeg; D.G. Chaplain, Rev. G. A. Mitchell, Niagara Falls; D. G. Secretary, J. H. Land, Hamilton; D.G. Auditor, P. H. Stuart, Cookstown; D.G.H.N.G., N. Burkholder, Hamilton; D.G.G., W. H. Bone, Thorold; D.G. Medical Examiner, J. H. McKenzie, Riverside; D. G. Trustees, J. B. Meacham, Gananoque; John Kay, Thorold; Raymond Walker, Hamilton.