

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business; M. W. G. Chief in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee on Union reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted:

Your Committee on the Union of Temperance Organizations beg leave to report that the following circular was issued and copies sent to all organizations in the British Empire:—

TEMPERANCE UNION.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Permit me to bring before you the important question of Temperance Union. At the last session of the M. W. G. Lodge, British Templars, holden in the City of Montreal, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That, whereas, it is most highly desirable, for the advancement of the temperance movement, that all efforts be concentrated and consolidated; and more particularly among those laboring in the same Nation or Country; therefore, be it

Resolved—That this M. W. G. Lodge, in order to accomplish so desirable an end, express its willingness to make judicious and liberal concessions whereby those nearly allied by Constitution and Government may be united into one Grand National Organization for this whole Empire.

Further, be it Resolved—That a standing Committee on union, consisting of Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., Chairman, J. F. L. Parsons, B. A., J. H. Fletcher, and J. P. Bell, to act in conjunction with two to be appointed by each W. G. Lodge, who shall make all possible efforts to bring about this object.

Believing, as we do, that the principles and objects of all the different Temperance Organizations are identical, and that their present position tends to moral and financial weakness, we are convinced that such a union is desirable, and believe it would prove beneficial to all the Temperance Organizations in the Empire. Such union could be easily brought about by mutual concessions on the part of all. We therefore bring this matter before you, and hope it will receive both the attention and immediate action of your Order. Pending the action of your Order, we shall be glad to know your own views, and so far as you are able to tell, the feeling of your Organization on the subject. All communications to be addressed to Rev. G. A. MITCHELL, B. A., Kincardine, Ontario.

Yours truly in the bonds of Union,

REV. A. M. PHILLIPS, M. W. G. C. T.
D. C. FRASER, B. A., M. W. G. S.

N. B.—I should like to have an answer by the first of August, that the Union Committee may present their report at the coming session of the M. W. G. Lodge.

REV. G. A. MITCHELL, B. A., *Chairman*.

During the year the Free Templars of St. John, in Britain, have expressed themselves, as a body, very favorable to union with us, and in their correspondence make very favorable proposals. (See Report of M. W. G. Chief and Secretary.)