

also to Mrs. Hayes, after which the President and Mrs. Hayes withdrew. The members then passed through the Blue, Red and Green Rooms out through into the vestibule, and returned to the Congregational Church.

The Delegates re-assembled at the appointed hour. The Committee on Constitutions submitted the seventh, eighth and ninth reports, which were adopted. The first three referred to amendments to the Constitution, and the last confirmed all the decisions made by the M. W. P., G. W. Ross, during the last year. The session then adjourned until Thursday morning.

FRUIT FESTIVAL.

In the evening the delegates attended a festival given in their honor at Masonic Temple. Besides the delegates and their ladies, there was a large attendance of outsiders.

The hall was tastefully embellished with flags, bunting and evergreens. At the east end the wall was draped with the American and the British flags twisted together, over which was the word "Welcome" in immortelles. The motto of the Order, "Love, Purity and Fidelity," and the battle-cry, "Prohibition," were displayed in emblazoned letters upon shields which were suspended from the wall, each being set off by a cluster of flags. A select orchestra rendered selections from the popular composers at intervals during the evening.

After refreshments, Bro. F. M. Bradley made a very short and appropriate welcoming address, which was responded to by the Most Worthy Patriarch, George W. Ross.

Short and interesting addresses of five minutes each were then made by Hon. Hiram Price; E. J. Morris, P. G. W. P., of Ohio; John N. Stearns, P. M. W. P., of New York; E. R. Moor, Bahama Islands; E. H. Clapp, Massachusetts; L. Wagner, P. M. W. P.; E. D. Vorse, Rhode Island; W. H. L. Cooms, Virginia; J. L. Starkwater, Michigan; George Maclean Rose, Ontario; and C. P.

McCabe, Virginia. Miss Minnie Mosher, of Baltimore, and little Annie Lewis, gave recitations, and Rep. McDonagh sang several of his most pleasing songs with fine effect.

The festival was a most brilliant affair, and was highly enjoyed by those present.

The National Division re-assembled for business on Thursday morning, G. W. Ross, M. W. P., in the chair. General Louis Wagner, of Pennsylvania, having arrived, occupied the chair of Past Most Worthy Patriarch.

The third Tuesday in June was selected as the time for holding the next annual session.

The unfinished business of the last session, relating to amendments to the Constitution, was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The list of representatives who had sent letters expressing their inability to attend this session was ordered to be entered on the record.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted their second report, which was adopted. The Committee on Printing made a special report in reference to the cost of supplies for the ensuing year, which was adopted. The Committee on Constitutions presented a report in reference to the proposed Sons of Temperance National Mutual Relief Society, upon which action was suspended for the time being.

At one o'clock, p.m., adjournment took place until nine o'clock Friday morning.

EXCURSION TO MOUNT VERNON.

At half past two o'clock the delegates, with their ladies, and a large number of others, making a party of about 300, boarded the steamer "W. W. Corcoran," Captain L. L. Blake, and paid a visit to Mount Vernon. Upon landing the party proceeded direct to the tomb, where Colonel Hollingsworth, superintendent of the place, related all the interesting facts regarding it, and invited the guests to the mansion. A select orchestra then rendered a dirge.

Rep. W. E. McDonagh sang with a great deal of expression "Washington's Grave." M. W. P. George W. Ross, on behalf of the Canadian delegation, made a few remarks, paying a beautiful tribute to the Father of his Country. Mr. F. M. Bradley responded appropriately, and the guests moved up the walk from left to right, viewed the tomb, and proceeded to the mansion, through which they were conducted by Mr. Hollingsworth.

After spending a couple of hours at the mansion and in inspecting the grounds, the party re-embarked on the "Corcoran" and returned to the city. On the boat delegate McDonagh and Miss Minnie Mosher, of Baltimore, entertained the company very agreeably with singing and recitations.

On Friday morning, at nine o'clock, the National Division resumed business. The consideration of reports from committees on Constitutions, Ceremonies and regalia, and Cadets of Temperance, occupied the attention of the session, until one o'clock, when all the business being concluded, the National Division, after a short address by the M. W. P., and prayer by the Most Worthy Chaplain, adjourned, to meet in Cincinnati next year.

Deputies' Reports.

WHEN a Deputy has been able to make a good report for the past quarter, let every member do his best to enable him to make a still better one next time. When the report has not been satisfactory, let every member resolve that during the present quarter nothing shall be left undone by him or her to enable the Deputy to make a good return. Let us be strong and temperate in our cause, but let us not yield one foot to our common foe. By way of encouragement we point you to the efforts being put forth in England, the United States and in this Canada of Ours, not only to trample down, but to stamp out the soul-destroying business.