

bers. It is to be hoped that the committee to which this matter is entrusted will act speedily and wisely. Its work is very important.

The new Executive is made of just the stuff that ought to be dominant in the councils of our Order. Heart and head, wisdom and zeal, prudence and energy, talents, acquirements, social position, kindness, will all meet in the council room of the new demonstration, in every member of which the whole Order has the fullest confidence.

Under God's blessing we look for a year of great progress and usefulness in the history of this important branch of the great temperance reform.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE.

(Continued from last week.)

THIRD DAY.

The R. W. G. Lodge met for business at 9 a.m.

The salaries for the coming year were fixed as follows:—R. W. G. Secretary, \$1,000; Chief Superintendent of Juvenile Templars, \$300. The sum of \$500 was appropriated for the office expenses of the R. W. G. T.

An important amendment to the constitution was adopted providing for the admission to lodge meetings of children as visitors. Any child from eight to twelve years of age may be admitted, when accompanied by one of his parents, who is also a member of the Order. A form of obligation to be taken by such visitors, and certificates for their use, will be prepared under the direction of a Committee, consisting of W. D. Crandall, of Missouri, Alden Chester, of New York, and Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Ontario. No fees or dues will be required from the children, and they will not be entitled to vote.

The subject of Juvenile Work was then discussed. The R. W. G. L. lecturers were instructed to call attention to this work in their speeches during the year. Whenever and wherever it is deemed advisable in the several jurisdictions the secret work may be omitted, and the temples conducted as an open organization.

A report was read from the Committee on Centennial Temperance Celebration. Details of this proposal have already appeared in THE CANADA CITIZEN. The following is the principal part of the Committee's report:—

The Committee of the R. W. G. Lodge heartily concurs in the proposition, and recommends that the entire order of Good Templars unite in commemorating the completion of the first century of the temperance reform. They recommend:—1. That every Grand and subordinate lodge be requested to hold public meetings or centennial anniversaries on Monday, September 21, or, if not then possible, some other day in the week, with appropriate ceremonies.

2. That the R. W. G. L. elect seven delegates to attend the Conference at Philadelphia, the R. W. G. T. and R. W. G. Secretary being two.

3. That each Grand Lodge be requested to send seven delegates to the meeting, and every subordinate lodge at least one delegate.

4. That the R. W. G. T. be requested to prepare and cause to be published a brief history of the Order of Good Templars, for presentation to such conference as proposed by the National Temperance Society, and to be published in the memorial volume of that conference, if one is issued.

This report was adopted, and the R. W. G. T. was authorized to appoint the delegates.

Fraternal greetings were received from the Central W. C. T. U. of Cincinnati, and suitably acknowledged.

Immediately after the opening of the afternoon session a delegation, consisting of Rev. A. L. Phillips, P. D. C., W. W. Buchanan, D. V. C., and Dr. R. E. McKenzie, M. E., representing the Royal Templars of Temperance of the Dominion of Canada, visited the R. W. G. L., and presented fraternal greetings. Speeches were made by Messrs. Phillips and Buchanan, to which a fitting response was made by the R. W. G. T.

FOURTH DAY.

Lodge reassembled on Friday, 9 a.m. A good deal of business was transacted pertaining entirely to the private work of the Order.

In the afternoon the visitors were taken by the Ontario Executive, for a drive round the city, and the Lodge met for the closing session at 7.30 p.m.

The following resolutions were adopted, and the R. W. G. Lodge adjourned.

"As the representatives of the several jurisdictions of our world-wide organization, gathered in annual session, we desire in appropriate manner to express our appreciation of the courtesies and attentions shown to us by the Good Templars and citizens of the city of Toronto and by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and to this end we direct the following entry to be made in the Journal of our proceedings:—It is the sense of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge that at no time in its history, extending over a period of 30 years, during which it has gathered in many of the foremost cities of this continent, and on one occasion in the metropolis of the world, have its members been placed under more lasting obligations for hospitable and courteous receptions and entertainments than they are now under, to the residents and local organizations of the citizens of Toronto, and the Province of Ontario. We, therefore extend our most sincere thanks to the resident Good Templars of Toronto, and particularly to the local committees of arrangements for the reception of this body, to many citizens who have rendered to them material assistance in their most successful efforts, and to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the royal reception we have received at their hands, and for the most hospitable and elaborate entertainment accorded to us during our sojourn in the capital city of Ontario."

Whereas the law of the United States authorizes the importation of alcoholic liquors from foreign countries into prohibition States, counties, and municipalities in the original package, and allows the same to be sold, so long as the package is unbroken, therefore,

Resolved,—That this law is unjust and undemocratic, and we ask the American Congress to repeal it and allow the States, counties, and municipalities, and towns to continue the alcoholic liquor traffic within their own civil jurisdictions until such time as the said Congress shall see fit to submit, and the State Legislators to adopt an amendment, to the national constitution, forever prohibiting the manufacture, importation, and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage;

Resolved,—That a committee of five be appointed to memorialize Congress with reference to this subject, asking the repeal of the obnoxious and unjust law, and that the memorial be forwarded to Hon. A. H. Colquitt, of the United States Senate, and to the Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of the House of Representatives, for presentation to the American Congress.

Moved by Rev. THOMAS DIXON, of Manitoba, and seconded by Rep. Christian, of Illinois:—"The R. W. G. L. of the I. O. G. T. in session assembled, being composed very largely of citizens of the United States of America, desire very earnestly to express our deep sympathy to the citizens of the Dominion of Canada in their successful efforts to suppress the rebellion in the North-West Territories, which has brought mourning and sorrow to our hearts. We congratulate the Dominion upon the fact that Canadian volunteers have nobly and fully sustained the prowess and prestige of British and Saxon arms. We desire especially to call the attention of the civilized world to the fact that by express and pre-emptory orders of the commander of the volunteer forces, the use of all intoxicating liquors was prohibited, and the rapid marches were made, the rigours of the climate were endured, and the splendid victories were won without the aid of intoxicating liquors.

"We also cheerfully concede that the hearty thanks of the whole temperance world are due to the gallant General Middleton, and the illustrious General Lord Wolseley for testing and demonstrating that total abstinents are competent to perform the most difficult, arduous, and dangerous duties of life."

Moved by Rep. CROZIER, of Michigan:—"Resolved,—That we heartily extend the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge to the press of Toronto for the excellent reports of our sessions that have appeared in the several papers in this city during the present week."

"Whereas the Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario has very kindly placed the beautiful hall and its committee rooms in which the present session of this R. W. G. L. has been held at our disposal, free of charge.

Resolved,—That our grateful acknowledgement of the courtesy extended is hereby recorded, and that our sincere thanks are extended to the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, for his kindness in the matter mentioned.

Resolved,—That a copy of the above be presented to the Hon. G. W. Ross, under the seal of the R. W. G. L."

Parliamentary.

The Bill to amend the Scott Act and to permit the sale of ale, beer, wines, etc., in counties where that Act is in force, was finally passed by the Senate on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Scott argued at length in favor of striking out the amendments, which had been previously made to the Act by the Senate. Mr. Vidal's motion to refer the Bill back to Committee, was lost by 31 to 20, the division being as follows:—Yeas—Messrs. Alexander, Allan, Bellerose, Chaffers, Chapais, Flint, Ferrier, Girard, Grant, Haythorne, Leonard, McClellan, McInnes (B. C.), Miller (Speaker), Pelletier, Power, Scott, Stevens, Vidal, and Wark. Nays—Sir Alexander Campbell, Messrs. Smith, Almon, Armand, Baillargeon, Bolduc, Botford, De Boncherville, Carvell, Clemow, Cochrane, De Blois, Dever, Glazier, Guvreumont, Hamilton, Kaulbach, McDonald (B. C.), MacDonald, (C. B.), McKay, McKimdsay, McMillan, McInnes (Hamilton), Montgomery, Nelson, Northwood, Paquet, Porrier, Robitaille, Smith, and Turner. On motion of Sir Alexander Campbell, the Bill was then read the third time and passed by a vote of 33 to 19. One of the curiosities of division was the fact that Mr. Vidal, who introduced the Bill, and the other friends of temperance were obliged to vote against it after the Senators had amended it to suit their fancy. Of the twenty who voted to strike out the clauses permitting the sale of ale, beer, and wines, in Scott Act counties, eleven are Liberals and nine Conservatives. The majority was made up of twenty-nine Conservatives and two Liberals.—Globe.