

The remainder of the morning session was occupied in the election of officers, which resulted as follows—

G.W.C.T., J. H. Flagg, Mitchell (re-elected); G.W.C., T. Lawless, Napanee; G.W.V.T., Miss L. A. Newman, Paris (re-elected); G.W.S. T. W. Casey, Napanee (re-elected); G.W.T., J. B. Nixon, Toronto (re-elected); G.W.C., Rev. Mr. Leech; G.W.M., Mr. Gordon Florence; G.D.M., Miss Henderson, Toronto; G.W.G., Mrs. Wilde, Hamilton; G.W. Seal, Mr. A. Newell, Carlisle.

On motion of Mr. Spence a special committee was appointed to take into consideration the desirability of recommending some special form of badge to be worn at all times by the members of the Order.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 p.m.

The Committee on Constitution presented a report containing the following recommendations:—"1. That any member who is six months in arrears may be placed on the suspended list, and thereafter the subordinate lodge shall not pay capitation tax on such suspended member. 2. On the re-instatement of any member suspended, the Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the capitation tax for the quarter during which the member was under suspension."

After a good deal of discussion the report was adopted without amendment.

Mrs. Cummer, of Hamilton, was elected General Superintendent of Juvenile Templars in Ontario, after which the lodge proceeded to ballot for representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The following were declared elected:—Regular representatives, Bros. E. Storr, F. S. Spence, J. H. Flagg and Sister Newman.

Alternate Representatives.—Sister Casey and Bros. W. S. Williams, E. C. Cummer and G. Bottrell.

The Committee on Nominations recommended the appointment of the following Committee on Juvenile Work:—Mrs. Cummer, Mrs. Casey, and G. H. Lees.

The G. W. C. T. then introduced Miss Cushman, of Ohio, General Superintendent of Juvenile Templars, who, in a brief and telling address, urged on the Grand Temple the necessity of devoting more time and attention to educating the young in the nature and effects of alcoholic liquors on the human system. If they would save the nation, they must save the children. Miss Cushman's address was listened to with marked attention, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was returned to this talented young lady.

A resolution was then passed placing \$200 of the funds of the Society at the disposal of the Executive for the reception of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge at its next session in this city.

The Committee on Official Organ recommended that the *Canada Casket* be made the official organ of the Grand Lodge upon condition that the editor shall be one who is acceptable to this Grand Lodge or its executive, and that Bro. Thomas Lawless be recommended as editor; that this Grand Lodge shall not be liable for any expense connected with the publication and editorial management.

The above report was adopted.

Bro. WILLIAMS presented an exhaustive report of the representatives of the Grand Lodge to the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge. This report contained a large amount of valuable statistics in relation to various grand lodges of the world.

The report was adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes of the session.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 p.m.

The special Committee on Badges, presented the following report, which was adopted:—That the matter is one requiring some consideration and the examination of various designs, this Committee recommend that it be continued during the year with instructions to receive and examine designs and report their recommendation at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Juvenile Temperance Work presented the following report:—That this Grand Lodge deprecate the want of interest of our subordinate lodges in this branch of our work, and we recommend that the Executive be directed to issue a circular recommending the subordinate lodges to initiate juvenile temples wherever practicable and offer the necessary supplies gratis. We also beg to acknowledge the very valuable assistance rendered to the committee by Miss Cushman, the R. W. G. Superintendent of this work. The report was adopted.

The following resolution, moved by Bro. Geo. Spence, was warmly

discussed and adopted by the Grand Lodge:—"That our Executive be instructed to try and secure the co-operation of all the sister societies and all organizations favorable to the cause of Prohibition in securing at the proper time the presentation of petitions to Parliament asking that the question of Prohibition be submitted to the electors at the next general election of the Dominion, and that the necessary machinery be provided for that purpose."

Moved by Dr. Oronhyatekha, seconded by T. W. Casey, and resolved—"That this Grand Lodge tenders its hearty sympathy to our noble co-workers in the county of Halton in their contest against the concentrated forces of the liquor sellers of the Dominion; that this Executive be requested to issue a circular at the proper time to subordinate lodges requesting them to contribute as liberally of their means as possible to aid our brothers and sisters in holding the fort in the noble county of Halton; and further that the Executive be authorized to secure the attendance in the county of our noble leader, the Hon. J. B. Finch, R.W.C.T., for a brief time during the contest for the purpose of advocating our cause."

Votes of thanks were tendered to the city press for reports of the proceedings and to the Toronto members for their kind hospitalities.

During the evening the members of the Grand Lodge were entertained to a light repast of strawberries, etc., by the Toronto Lodge; and one of the most successful of Grand Lodge sessions was closed at about 12.30 a.m.

Scott Act News.

LINCOLN.—A Scott Act Convention was held at St. Catharines on the 26th inst., and an Association for the county of Lincoln was formed and officers elected. Mr. R. Murgatroid, of Smithville, was elected President. Some other business was transacted and resolutions passed looking to an early campaign for the adoption of the Scott Act.

ESSEX.—Steps are being taken to convene a meeting of the liquor men of Essex county at Windsor on the 15th inst. to determine what should be done to combat the efforts of the temperance people, who are actively working up a sentiment in favor of the Scott Act, which is to be submitted to a vote in the county. The prohibitionists are working an aggressive campaign.

PERTH.—The Good Templars have purchased a \$300 brass band to furnish music for the meetings to be held during the Scott Act campaign. Several speakers addressed a large meeting in the Temperance Hall on the 29th, and reference was made to the Scott Act. The objection that it lowers the value of hotel property was discussed. Hotel property was said to be now above par, and with the introduction of the Scott Act it will be lowered to its real value and the hotel business made more respectable.

LAMBTON.—About 150 delegates assembled in the M. E. Church at Wyoming, on the 27th, to discuss the date for submitting the Scott Act. After considerable discussion it was decided to submit the Act to the electors about the 15th Feb. next. The petitions are to be circulated and returned by the 15th October next. Reports were read from the various polling sub-divisions, which showed the sentiment to be in a healthy condition. There were delegates present from every municipality in the county. It was one of the largest and most harmonious conventions ever held in the county.

BRANT.—A convention was held at Paris on the 20th ult., when it was decided to organize and submit the Scott Act to the people. The Rev. T. H. Orme gave useful information as to steps already taken in the county of Brant, from which assurances of final success may be anticipated. The attendance, among whom were several ladies and all the clergymen of the town, gave a fair representation of active workers. Influential committees were appointed and steps taken in anticipation of the coming struggle. A mass meeting largely attended was held to-night in our town hall. The Rev. T. H. Orme gave a cheering, lengthened address, going minutely into the provisions of the Act, showing its superiority over the Dunkin Act, and comparing the outturn of the liquor traffic with the different articles turned out by the machinists, implement makers, dry goods men, etc.—the latter being all proud of their handiwork and goods they sold, whereas no one would own the poor-drunkard. Other speakers followed, and the meeting separated after passing the following