Conservative Commoners Show Lack of Courage

leagues, the Peers.

Giadstone's Powerful Protest Against Crippling the Workingmen's Bill.

All the Lords' Amendments to the Councils' Bill Rejected.

The Queen Dreads a Clash Between the Two Houses of Parliament-No Settlement of the Dispute Over

The Paris.

the Pamirs.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20.-The American line steamer Paris has been docked in Laird's shipyard at Birkenhead for repairs.

Collision in the Thames. London, Feb. 20 .- The British steamer Oramore, Capt. Bartlett, which sailed from here yesterday for Boston, has returned. She was in a collision in the Thames with the British steamer Britannia, Capt. Kennedy, which was also outward bound. Both vessels were damaged.

Simply a Personal Visit. London, Feb. 20 .-- The correspondent at Berlin of the Daily News says not a single one of the Berlin papers this morning had anything to say editorially on the Emperor's visit yesterday to Prince Bismarck. The papers contain only brief details of the reception. This is taken to indicate that the visit is regarded by he Emperor as

simply a personal one. Dressed in Their Best.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.-Emperor William, accompanied by his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, arrived at Wilhelmshaven at haif past 11 o'clock this morning. The town and vessels in the harbor were bedecked with flags and bunting in honor of the imperial visit. The object of his Majesty's visit was to swear in the new recraits, and the ceremony was performed

The Duchess Gets Her House.

Justice Sterling that the House, No. 3 Carlton House Terrace, this city, is the property of the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Hammersley, of New York. The Duchess purchased the property with her own money, and subsequently assigned it to the Duke. After the latter's death it was claimed that the property in question belonged to the Duke's estate, but the court holds otherwise.

The Silver Market.

London, Feb. 20 .- Silver was weak today and quoted at 29d, but the real price was 28%d, and the April quotation was 281d. The India Council held a conference to-day. It is believed that the reopening of the mints some time hence is receiving consideration.

Some business was done in silver for India at 29d per ounce. The fact that the metal was selling in New York at 1 d lower

caused weakness. Disputing Over the Pamirs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20 .- The negotiations between China and Russia in regard to the Pamirs are meeting with serious obstacles, and a satisfactory conclusion now seems improbable. The Chinese maintain that the Pamirs form part of their empire. The Russians insist that the country has been theirs since 1875, owing to their conquest of Khokand. Russia, it will be remembered, declined the proposition of a joint negotiation on the Pamir question with Great Britain and China, preferring to deal with each of these powers separ-

The Sovereignty of the People. LONDON, Feb. 21.-The Daily News in commenting on the proceedings in the House of Commons yesterday says:

"Mr. Gladstone was studiously moderate. Nevertheless, the meaning of his words is unmistakable and will be appreciated by the country. They assert the sovereignty of the peeple and deny the right of the hereditary legislators to answer for anybody except themselves.'

"A more discreditable example of political cowardice than that of Messrs. Balfour and Chamberlain and their followers in refusing to vote has seldom been seen in the

House of Commons." The Dynamite Scare in Paris.

Paris, Feb. 20. - Hotels are already sufferers from the scare caused by the Anarchists, and it is probable that the latest demonstration of the willingness of the Anarchists to spread the "propaganda by the act" will cause a further falling off in their receipts. The police are at their wit's ends to discover the perpetrators of the Rue de Jacques outrage. The people are beginning to lose confidence in the authorities being able to put an end to Anarchist crimes. It was only yesterday that domiciliary visits were made to 150 houses occupied by Anarchists, and the result was the capture of a lot of literature, but no explosives. This fact, taken in connection with this morning's explosion, is thought by the general public to indicate that the police are powerless to prevent the Anarchists from making and using explosives.

The Queen Dreads a Clash.

LONDON, Feb. 20. - The Liberals plan to triumph over the Peers by compelling them to abandon their amendments to the Parish Councils Bill. They are hopeful of success, but they may experience a sharp set-back. Questions concerning the control of charities, the allotments, the poor law and boards of guardians and the reform of the London vestries are still bones of contention between the Government and the Opposition.

I Lord Salisbury should concede every thing involved in the dispute, he would do

dread an open conflict between the two houses. She is convinced that such a conflict would cause universal clamor for the abolition of the hereditary lawmakers, and the same conviction has ere this caused her to interfere, notably in 1884, when the two houses quarreled seriously over the redistribution of seats under the franchise reform. The Queen then summoned the Duke of Richmond and made him intermediary for the settlement of the questions at issue be-And Fail to Sustain Their Coltween Lord Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone. Since then popular dislike of the hereditary privileges of the Upper House has become intensified, and the royal family know that if an attack upon these privileges should be once fairly organized it would soon affect the prerogatives of the crown. For these reasons the Queen's influence has been exerted already to induce the Tory peers to act with greater prudence.

Whatever may be the result of the Queen's interference, many Liberals and all Radicals feel that the time is ripe to limit the power of the Lords to veto the decisions of the Commons. No surrender of the Lords on existing issues is likely to modify the determination of these men to deal radically with the Upper House. As the Tories have perpetual control of the Peers, they hold and will retain the power to wreck all Liberal legislation. They have not hesitated to reject the Home Rule Bill; they have made every effort to destroy the Employers' Liability and Parish Councils Bills. They have already made their preparations to defeat in the next Parliamentary session the Welsh Disestablishment, Local Option and Registration Reform Bills.

With such a Tory oligarchy permanently ruling the country, the Liberals ask how it will be possible to proceed with any reforms. The Speaker voices the opinion of the best minds in the Liberal party when it demands that the Peers' power of veto shall be abolished while the "House shall be allowed to stand as a venerable ruin, continuing such customs as are completely harmless." The Star (Radical), T. P. O'Connor's old daily, suggests: "The Cabinet ought to end the trouble by adding to some important bill the declaration of the House of Commons that it is against good government that the House of Lords interfere therewith." Another proposal is that the House of Commons shall refuse to vote the salaries of the officials of the Upper House.

Mr. Gladstone's Powerful Protest. London, Feb. 20 .- Shortly after the formal opening of the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone arose and moved the discharge of the order of the day, which was the consideration of amondments that had been made by the House of Lords to the Employers' Liability Bill. Mr. Gladstone's motion was greeted with loud cheers.

Mr. Gladstone said that he deeply regretted to have to make such a motion and that the Government had been obliged to London, Feb. 20 .- It was decided by make so many similar motions since they showed there was such a lamentable degree of divergence between the two branches of legislation. The Government, however, must confont the facts before them, acting in conformity with what they believe to be the best interests of the people and dignity of the position of the House of Commons. Substantially the difference between the two Houses on the Employers' Liability Act was the question of the contracting-out provision of the act. There was a good maxim that "half a loaf was better than no bread." If they were dealing with a bill in parts which were completely separable, and there was a question whether they could accept a limited bill, offering it to the country, rather than to see the whole of our labors absolutely wrecked, the position might be different. But this is not a case of that description. In our view the chief amendment made by the House of Lords cannot be considered apart from the general work-

ings of the whole frame of the bill. Mr. Gladstone added: "Using a strong phrase to make my meaning clear, it tends to poison the working of the bill and to seriously compromise the position of working people in the face of their employers. Therefore I hope the amendment will be rejected by a decisive majority."

At this point Mr. Gladstone was interrupted by cheers from the Government

Continuing Mr. Gladstone said: "The workingmen are directly, almost exclusively, interested in the bill. What are their sentiments concerning the amendment? The Opposition says that the workingmen are divided on the subject. The existing relations between some workingmen and the trades insurance funds have been used as an argument why the contracting-out principle should be allowed to vitiate the whole bill. These workmen have been told, for instance, that the great railway companies will stop subscribing to the insurance fund if contracting-out should be prohibited. The Government has received assurances from official representatives of every workmen's organization that they did not dread such a result. Their dominant fear was rather that the bill would be nullified by allowing contracting out of the act."

Mr. Gladstone went over the oft-repeated argument on the necessity of maintaining the bill in its integrity, and concluded by asking the House of Commons not to waste time on redebating the subject.

Hon. A. J. Balfour, the Conservative leader in the House, held that the bill contained many valuable reforms, quite independent of the contracting-out clause. If the Government believed in these, why, he asked, did it desire to throw them overboard altogether. If the Government was going to commit infanticide with the bill, he did not mean in any way to resist it. But, he added, do not let the Government go afterward to the country saying what a beautiful bill the Opposition destroyed. Do not let the Government praise the virtues of its of spring at the moment of cutting its throat. Mr. Gladstone has spoken about the poisonous taint of the bill. It was taint of liberty. If it was poison it was the poison of freedom. The fact was, the Government could not think the bill spoiled, but the Liberal party wanted a bone of contention with the House of Lords more than they wished to see the position of workingmen ameliorated. That was the choice before the Lib. erals. They had chosen. It would rest not with the House of Commons, but with the country, to determine whether on

their own grounds they had chosen wisely. Joseph Chamberlain, the Unionist leader, said if the House of Commons was decided not to accept any amendments at all from the House of Lords there would always be an opportunity for collision, if the Government so desired. The policy of the Government in the present instance was decidedly wishes of the Queen, who is known to certain that the people were not going to Wednesday.

cause it reserved liberty of action to 1 per cent. of the workingmen. Every part of the House was packed and the space outside crowded. The Conserva-

tives did not take part in the division. Mr. Walter McLaren (Radical) said that he would divide the House if he could get a teller with him, as he did not think that

the whole responsibility rested upon the House of Lords. Mr. Seton-Karr (Conservative) offered to

join with him as teller. Thereupon a division was taken. The motion made by Mr. Gladstone was adopted, 225 to 6.

This evening the House rejected seriatim the majority of the Lords' amendments to the Parish Councils Bill.

Prof. Garner on Monkey Language. London, Feb. 20.-Prof. Garner, the student of the monkey language, lectured to a fair audience in London last evening. He generalized much and did not satisfy the desire of his hearers for convincing proof that he could speak with monkeys. Part of the audience became rather impatient before the end of the lecture.

Horses Sell Well.

London, Feb. 21.—There was a very arge attendance at the sale of Baron Wantage's shires at Lockinge last Wednesday. Biddings were brisk throughout the sale, which resulted in the very satisfactory average of £116 13s for 50 animals. The highest price was 300 guineas, which was twice paid by Lord Egerton of Tatton and by Sir Walter Gilbey. The Prince of Wales gave 275 guineas for a mare for the Sandringham Stud.

Heaps of Dead Men.

London, Feb. 21.-A correspondent, describing the march of the expedition under Col. Ellis against the Sofas in Sierra Leone, and the engagement between the French and the British troops near Warina, gives horrible details of the slave raids. In some cases entire towns have been wiped out and their inhabitants butchered and scattered.

The once thriving town of Tekiviama, which a few months ago had 3,000 inhabitants, is now a scene of desolution. All the houses are in ashes, and the headless and mutilated trunks of men; women and children are lying heaped among the ruins. The stench arising from these mounds of decaying bodies was horrible. The route taken by the Sofas was marked by similar evidences of wanton massacres and destruction. The absence of bodies of young men and women indicated that they were spared only to be sold into slavery. Col. Ellis liberated hundreds of slaves.

CONCISE CULLINGS.

Anarchists have been distributing literaure in McKeesport, Ind.

War news still comes from Brazil. The coming presidential election may settle it warded to her Excellency. The council

Wyndale postoffice, Alabama, was blown up by robbers and \$14,000 in booty carried Joe Hardy, the Centralia train robber. has escaped from the State prison at

Pennsylvania on Tuesday elelected a Congressman at large to serve the unexpired term of Gen. Wm. Lilley, who was Speaker of the House of Representatives 30 years ago, was the Republican candidate, and was elected by a large plurality.

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.

Durham McCarthyites Nominate a Candidate for the Legislature-Patron Nominees in Lennex.

MILLBROOK, Ont., Feb. 20.-A large political convention in the interest of the McCarthy party in Durham county was held here to day and Geo. Campbell, M. P. P., was nominated for the Legislature. After ineffectual attempts to nominate a candidate for the Dominion House, it was decided to adjourn to meet at the call of the chairman early in May.

NAPANEE, Ont., Feb. 20 .- The Patrons of Industry held a meeting here to-day when Allen Oliver, reeve of Richmond, was nominated to contest Lennox for the Legislature and William Brandon for the Com-

DIED IN POVERTY.

A Patrol Carries Jefferson Davis' Cousin to the Chicago Morgue.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 .- Nancy Cook, a first cousin of Jefferson Davis, died yesterday at frail and worn body was rolled in a blanket and taken in a patrol wagon to the morgue. She was 50 years old and had been sick but a day or two. An old photograph good care to keep in the background. shows her to have been a handsome girl. Loyalty to a dead lover kept her single and an independent disposition separated her from family and friends, who live, most of them in the south.

Those at the house on Wells street say she was well educated and very exclusive. The meager furnishings of the little back room in which she died told only too plainly of her struggle with the world. What little she carned lately was by the needle at day's work. She was for a while supported by the wife of a prominent jour-

STORM IN THE SIERRAS.

Destruction of Property and Possible Loss of Lic.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The storm continues in the Sierras, and several great snow slides have occurred on the line of the Central Pacific road. The three men supof the snow plow near Truckee yesterday Higgins, is badly injured and may die. A Tacoma, Wash., to gram says the

worst wind storm ever known in that section is prevailing. Four feet of snow fell in 24 hours.

In Kansas the snowfall threatens great oss among the cattle. Similar accounts to come from Oklahoma.

Hon. Mr. Joly Entertained. TORONTO, Feb. 20.-Hon. Mr. Joly was entertained at a dinner to-night by Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q.C. Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. J. C. Aikens, Mr. Justice Rose, Judge probably in deference to the personal unsound. He (Chamberlain) was perfectly to meet him. Mr. Joly goes to Kingston Canada.

rise in wrath against the Upper House be- TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

Interesting Questions Discussed by Local Workingmen.

Lady Aberdeen Heartily Thanked for Her Reference to Sweating Shops -Other Matters.

One of the most interesting and best attended meetings of the Trades and Labor Council which has been held for many years took place in Labor Hall, Dufferin

avenue, last (Tuesday) night. It was reported that since last meeting Ward 6 Legislative Club had been organzed, and that No. 5 would be organized on Thursday, Feb. 22, with wards I and 2 to follow in short order.

Reports were presented from committees appointed to watch the free library and coperative store movements. Credentials were presented and accepted from delegates representing the newly-organized Boot and Shoe Makers' Union.

References were made to the violation by some city manufacturers of some clauses of the Factories Act, and the secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of the Revised Statutes of Ontario relating to matters referred to. Discussion also took place as to the best means of dealing with cases of contractors who receive city work on the basis of union wages, and fail to pay their workmen on the job the union scale of wages agreed upon according to terms of contract. Reference was also made to the city being charged (in the estimates) for uniforms for the chief of police that are never purchased or worn. Communications were read from Kansas City, U. S. A., and Toronto, Ont., referring to labor troubles between unions and the Armor Packing Company (Kansas and Chicago); also J. D. King & Co., boots and shoes, Toronto. Members of London organizations are requested to govern their purchase of pro-

ducts accordingiv.
It was moved by Bro. Henry Ashplant, and seconded by Bro, Reardon, "That, having read the published reports of Lady Aberdeen's address to the local branch of the National Council of Women at the Pavilion, Toronto, and, having noted her Excellency's references to the existence in Canada of its sweating system; also to the starvation wages and disgraceful temptations forced upon a vast number of female operatives owing to our present commercial system, we, the members of the Trades and Labor Council of the city of London. Ontario, desire to express our gratitude to Lady Aberdeen for her attention to these existing evils, and desire further to express it as our opinion that from evidence already given, the indirect influence of her Excellency upon the Government of this Dominion will be of so beneficent a nature Governor-General of this Dominion.'

A copy of this resolution will be foradjourned in due order until March 6.

BURNED OUT.

The Lucknow Cheese Factory Set on

Fire and Destroyed. LUCKNOW, Feb. 20. - The Lucknow cheese factory, about I mile north of this place, either last night or early this morning was destroyed by an incendiary fire died Dec. 1, 1893. Galusha A. Grow, who with all the machinery. Loss about \$1,000, covered by insurance.

IN LABOR'S FIELD.

The meeting of the Amalgamated Iron Association was in session at Pittsburg, Pa., until 7 o'clock Monday, when it was finally decided that no work be done for less than \$4 75 per ton, the scale rate.

Michigan Townships for Local Option. ALLEGAN, Mich., Feb. 21.-Returns from 17 out of the 24 townships in the county gave 1,398 majority for local option. The townships yet to hear from will increase this at least 300. Only about 60 per cent. of the vote in the county was cast.

Almost a Riot in Boston. Boston, Mass., Feb. 20.-About 2,000 people gathered on the Common this evening to listen to an address by Morrison L. Swift, Herbert N. Casson and some other "Socialist-Anarchists," as they call themselves. After hearing the speeches the crowd marched to the State House, where Swift and Casson were a delegation to visit Governor Greenhalge. The Governor promised to do all he could for the unemployed. Subsequently Swift and Casson used some threatening language in the State House, but the firm stand taken by the Governor 367 Wells street, and two hours later her cowed the agitators, and a squad of police easily dispersed what threatened to become a dangerous mob. There were some shouts of "Kill the police !" but the shouters took

> Steamships Arrived. Feb. 20. At From Schiedam New York Amsterdam Augusta Victoria New York Hamburg Kaiser Wilhelm Hamburg Livernool Feb. 21. At From Rhaetia. London New York

> Senator Howlan has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island. The vacancy was caused by the death of Lieutenant-Governor Carvell.

> > ALL MEN

Young, old or middle-aged, who find them-Terrific Snew Slides, Resulting in the selves, nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the posed to have been killed by the derailment and body, itching or peculiar sensation kidneys, headaches, pimples on the face about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, escaped alive, but one of them, Conductor dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and elsewhere, bash. fulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes, surrounded with LEADEN CIRCLE, oily looking kin, etc., are all symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity unless cured. The spring or vital force having lost its tension every function wanes in consequence. Those who through abuse committed in ignorance, may be permanently cured. Send your address and 10c in J. C. Aikens, Mr. Justice Rose, Judge McDougall, Hon. G. W. Ross and William Mullock, M.P., were among those invited 24 Macdonnell avenue, Toronto, Ont., Please mention this paper.

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Election of Cfficers at the Annual Meeting-Important Committees-The Delegates-Growth in Membership.

TORONTO, Feb. 21 .- The twelfth annual session of the Grand Council of Ontario, Royal Templars of Temperance, opened in Toronto at 10 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Grand Councilor Rev. W. Kettlewell presiding. There was a splendid representation of delegates, and the officers present were as follows:

Grand Councilor-Rev. W. Kettlewell, Norwich.

Grand Past Councilor-J. H. Flagg, Mitchell. Grand Vice-Councilor-Mrs. E. Dulmage, Belleville.

Grand Chaplain-M. S. Begg. Collingwood. Grand Secretary-C. V. Emory, M.D., Hamilton. Grand Treasurer-Frank Buchanan, To-

ronto. Grand Auditor-P. H. Stewart, Barrie. Grand Medical Referee-D. Robertson, M.D., Milton.

Grand Herald-W. M. McMillan, To-Grand Deputy Herald-T. J. Sheridan,

Grand Guard-R. B. Blyth, Belwood. Grand Sentinel-Geo. Mª Baird, Blen-

Grand Trustees-Jas. Hughes (for three years), Toronto; D. J. Ferguson (for two years), Toronto; Geo. H. Dees (for one

year), Hamilton. Among the delegates present were: W. E. Beese, Walkerton; Fred E. Wilson, Geo. McBain, Springville; Wm. Kerby, Sparta, James Clyne, Fergus; J. Elgin Tom, Goderich; Charlotte Saunders, Port Robinson; T. A. Beilamy, Ingersoll; N. F. Yeo, John

Cameron, London; Wm. Donald, Cannington; James Cookson, Chatham; R. Rinker, Kincardine; W. M. Beatty, R. J. Beatty, Harriston; R. H. Calvert, Woodstock; John Ezard, Woodstock; R. J. Watson, W. J. McLean, Waters Falls; Marcus Lent, Cobourg; W. J. Armstrong, R. B. Galbraith, Milton; W. J. Kenning, R. A. Payne, Guelph; Thomas Male, Listowel; J. S. Allen, Milton; R. J. Allen, Burlington; R. J. McLeod, Wm. Baird, Galt; T. W. Mountain, Dundas; J. M. Mallery, Bloomfield; Charles Clark, Ayr; W. B. Speight, Markham; Rev. H. S. Matthews, W. G. Graham, Aurora; Rev. N. A. McDiarmid, Picton; J. F. Pirie, Brooklin; W. J. Clarke, Trenton; Sound; Mahlon Edy, Oakland; W.

Allandale; S. Y. Pollick, Brucefield; W. W. Buchanan, Rev. J. W. Bell, E. J. Howes, Ed. F. Smith, G. F. Fisher, O. H. Webber, J. G. Gibson, C. V. Emory, M.D., Hamil-Herbert Baker, John Mason, J. T. Richardson, Dr. E. J. Fisher, E. Willfong, W. A. Guile, G. M. Lee, G. A. Greenway, Mr. Pinkerton, J. S. Allen, John A. Bell, Miss Jennie Malcolm, Robert Rae, Toronto. The morning session was occupied in the

appointment of sessional committees and in The grand councilor appointed the fol-

lowing sessional committees: Credentials-G. H. Lees, D. J. Ferguson, James Hughes. White cross, M. S. Begg, G. H. Lees, Rev. C. W. Watch, N. F. Yoe, Thomas Male, R. R. Blythe. Distribution—J. E. Tom, J. W. Bell, P. H. Cowen. Memorials-G. M. Lees, T. A. Bellamy, J. S. Allen, W. J. Clarke J. S. Green, Rev. N. A. McDiarmid, W. H. Parsons, John Hacker. State and extension-Rev. J. W. Bell, R. H. Calvert, Marcus Lent, W. W. Buchanan, T. A. Bellamy, W. J. McLean, Rev. B. B. Keefer, John Muir, R. Y. Blythe, H. Baker. Temperance—Rev. F. E. Nugent, John Marshall, Mrs. E. Dulmage, R. J. Watson, James Clyne, O. H. Web ber, R. J. McLeod, Rev. H. S. Matthews, Marcus Lent. Cadet work-C. V. Emory, M.D., Robert Rae, R. J. Allen, D. Mor rison, John Muir, J. C. Gibson. Laws-G H. Lees, James Hughes, D. J. Ferguson, John E. Tom, Leonard Ferguson. Fraternal courtesies-P. H. Stewart, I. T. Richardson, Dr. Fisher. Decennial celebration-W. W. Buchanan, E. J. Howes, W. M. McMillan, W. G. Graham, John Stapleton. L. Vansickle, Chas. Clarke, R. A. Payne, W. H. Parsons, J. Parsons Smith. Legislative action-Frank Buchanan, Wm. Beird, A. J. Johnston, W. H. Hewson, Rev. J. W. Bell, Wm. Park, Rev. C. W. Watch, Robert Holton, W. W. Buchanan. Literature-Dr. B. E. McKenzie, Rev. J. W. Bell, W. W. Buchanan, P. K. Stewart, G. M. Lee, Rev. F. E. Nugent, Rev. H. S. Matthews. Sick and funeral benefit-Dr. Robertson, Dr. Fisher, R. A. Payne, W. J. Kenning, Henry Eggean, W. E. Beeze, John Ezard, John Morris. Finance-G. H. Lees, D. J. Ferguson, James Hughes,

P. H. Stewart. The grand councilor's annual message was very able and brilliant document. He dwelt at length with the great activity displayed in temperance work throughout the Province during the past year, and the active part taken in the front rank by the members of the Royal Templar order. He called upon the members to maintain their independence on the prohibition question. and thus bring it speedily to the supreme issue in politics. He pointed with satisfaction to the splendid record of membership of the order, which had been maintained despite the fact that the energies of the most active workers had been engaged in outside work. He spoke The best goods and fit at mighty to the order and cause rendered by the Templar and its editor, Mr. W. W. Buchanan. In conclusion he thanked the membership for their hearty co-operation for the year.

The grand secretary presented a very satisfactory report. The growth of membership for the last three months of the past year had not been up to the usual standard on account of the plebiscite campaign occupying the attention of the members, but the result had been very gratifying, and the present membership now exceeds 15,000. In the beneficiary department, or select degree, the progress bas been 136 DUNDAS STREET

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CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS. 216 Dundas St., Corner Park Ave. Branch-Corner Richmond and Piccadilly streets.

LONDON · ONTARIO most marked, and increased strengthandstability wasthus added to the order. The grand

treasurer reported a balance of over \$1,200 on hand. The collections and disbursements for the year had exceeded \$15,000 in the regular missionary work of the order, outside altogether from the select degree department of the order.

The afternoon session was spent in reseiving and discussing the reports of the sessional committees. In the evening a public meeting was held in Cooke's Presby. terian Church, which was well filled. The speakers of the evening were Grand Councilor Kettlewell, General Manager Buchanan, of Hamilton, and Dr. B. E. Mc. Kenzie, Dominion medical referee. Mayor Kennedy presented the greetings of the

MR. SPENCE EXPLAINS

His Position in Connection With the London West Reeveship. To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

Kindly permit me, through the columns of your valuable paper, a few words of explanation regarding the London West reeveship, an account of which appeared in your paper a few days ago stating that I had resigned that position and had become disqualified from holding any municipal office for two years. It is true that I have resigned the reeveship, which position my opponent, Mr. D. C. Macdonald, the thrice-defeated candidate for that position, is now trying to crawl into; but I can assure the public generally, and my friends in particular, that it was not from any wrongdoing on my part, or that of any member of E. V. Dyer, Garden Hill; Rev. C. W. last year's council, that Mr. Macdonald Watch, Oshawa; R. Y. Blythe, Ralph preferred his charge against me. It was Townsend, Belwood; T. A. Chapman, merely the technicality of a new law that Baltimore; W. H. Parson, Port Hope; Jos. | was not published till late last year, which Crozier, D. C. Robertson, Drayton; James | he took a mean advantage of, that required A. Gibson, Robert Holtom, Drew; Wm. | the assistance of other heads than his own Dominion will be of so beneficent a nature Parks, John Morris, Hespler; C. E. Marquis, to bring this about; and further, I feel that Canadians will long remember with Pickering; Wm. Brimecombe, Fairbank; T. satisfied that 99 out of every 100 municipal that Canadians will long remember with gratitude and affection her association with E. P. Henry, Bowmanville; W. H. Hewson, ignorant of Lord Aberdeen as St. Catherines: T. A. Hunt, Talbotville; A. ignorant of this new law. Why, sir, we J. Johnston, St. Marys; A. Tourjee, Orono; L. Ferguson, St. Thomas; John Whiteley, Allendale; W. S. Burd, Parry who was equally ignorant of such a law last who was equally ignorant of such a law last year, and why should the council of 1893 F. Dunk, Campbeliford; John Staple. be blamed or hold responsible for actions ton, Brantford; T. M. Little, Garden taken in July last when this new law was Hill; W. P. Hartney, Stouffville; not published till October. I have served C. Sinelair, Collingwood; J. Whitely. the village a long time in the different positions of school trustee, councilor and deputy reeve, and this year, my first time of offering, was elected to the reeveship with a good majority, showing clearly that ton; D. J. Ferguson, James Hughes, W. I retained the confidence of our people, M. McMillan, Miss Maggie McMillan, willing to do my duty honestly and faithfully as I have ever done in the past. But as I was serving the public without fee or reward, I did not care to risk the expense of a costly law suit held in the High Court at Toronto, not in London-that is too near home-notwithstanding the assurance of my solicitor that my position was ecciving the reports of the Grand Council all right. Therefore I resigned upon my opponent agreeing to pay all law costs incurred in the case, leaving me free from any disability, they having withdrawn their suit against me, and I am now ready to meet Mr. Macdonald any time if he has the courage to take the field against me, for a worse defeat than he has ever had before in London West. Thanking you kindly for this favor, yours respectfully,

WM. SPENCE, The elected reeve of London West for 1894.

She Didn't Know. The Poet's wife-They say that poetry is

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