

Independent Order of *Rechabites*

IN NORTH AMERICA.

MEETING OF THE HIGH TENT IN NORFOLK.

The supreme body of the Order of Rechabites in America, known as the High Tent of North America, convened in Norfolk, Tuesday, August 11th. The High Tent was called to order by High Chief Ruler John R. Mahoney, of Washington, D. C., with the following other officers present: Past high chief ruler, G. W. Glenn, of Saxis, Va.; high deputy ruler, Jas. A. Cunningham, of Lonaconing, Md.; high secretary, James H. Dony, of Anacostia, D. C.; high treasurer, Jas. L. Belote, of Norfolk, Va.; high levite, J. R. Drewer, of Saxis, Va.; high guard, James H. Loveless, of Washington, D. C.; high chaplain, J. H. Mitchell, of Washington. There were about forty representatives present from Ohio, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia. Past Chief Ruler H. S. Fentress and High Treasurer James L. Belote, of Norfolk, welcomed the high tent to the city. High Chief Ruler Mahoney responded to the remarks of welcome. The session was principally taken up with the conferring of the high tent degree upon about a dozen members and the consideration of the report of the high chief ruler and high secretary. The former mapped out various plans for future active work, and the latter dealt principally with the matter of franchises and statistics. Palestine Tent, of Norfolk, in the afternoon tendered the members of the high tent a trip to Virginia Beach and supper there.

The Tent will meet in Pittsburg, Pa., first Tuesday in October, 1898.

The following officers were elected: John M. Mitchell, Washington, D. C., high chief ruler; L. G. Dover, Zanesville, Ohio; high deputy ruler; James Dony, Anacostia, D. C., high tent secretary; James L. Belote, Norfolk, Va., high treasurer; John R. Mahoney, Washington, D. C., past chief ruler.

James L. Belote, of Norfolk, Va., and George W. Glenn, of Saxis, Va., were elected as representatives to the High Conference which meets at Manchester, England, in August, 1897.

The following representatives from Accomac attended the meeting of High Tent in Norfolk on the 11th instant: G. W. Glenn, John R. Drewer, Walter J. Hall, T. O. Killmon, J. T. Lewis, F. B. Phillips, James Marks and Noah T. Miles. G.