

not lose the steamship in the dense mist. The sea was smooth at the time and we were in no immediate danger so long as the wind did not change, which, however, was an eventuality that might occur at any moment.

"The fog lifted after dinner, and a short time later the boat that had been sent out to find the land returned, the seamen having flowers stuck in their hats. Shortly after this a French fishing schooner hove in sight, and came alongside, and the first mate went off in her to try and get help. We threw over a number of sheep to make the best of their way to land, and quite a number reached there. Some Frenchmen who were on the island were brought out by the boat, and a life line was rigged from the steamship to the shore. The most of the crew decided to stay by the vessel on Saturday night, but two of the men insisted on going ashore by the life-line and were found on the rocks the next morning, half perished from cold and exposure.

"During the night the vessel took a list. Her bottom was stove in, and the water tanks burst, so about 3 o'clock on Sunday morning, we took to the boats and landed in a little bay. That day the French man-of-war 'Buzzard' appeared on the scene, and rendered us every assistance in getting the live stock off the steamer. We rigged up the vines, put ropes round the horns of the cattle and slung them over into the water. The boats of the French man-of-war were alongside, and they towed the cattle ashore. The sheep were lowered into the boats and taken ashore that way. By this means we saved about 160 cattle and 350 sheep.

"Then life commenced on Flat Island. There was no occasion for the French warship to take us off, for we were sure of having a vessel sent to our assistance. It was not, however, the most pleasant kind of an existence. There were between 35 and 40 of us on the island, and for shelter we had improvised tents, made with the spare sails from the steamship.

"Starve, did you say! Oh no. We had lots of food, but after a while one gets tired of mutton and we had very little else. We killed a sheep every day and roasted it, but there was a very scarce supply of knives and forks to go round, not that a little thing like a scarcity of table appointments bothered 40 hungry men very much. As for the ship's biscuits, well that is a subject I would rather not enlarge upon. We caught some smelts, however, and enjoyed them. A nice, jaggy piece of rock does not make the most comfortable pillow, either, and then the cold nights, too. Still, these after all were minor discomforts, but we were very glad when, after the sixth day of our residence on the island, the steamship 'Harlow' came along and took us all to Halifax. From that point we were conveyed at the expense of the Furness Line to Montreal, from where we had started. For my part I was glad to get back again safely."

That fellow-countryman you spoke of about joining the Sons of England can come in now for \$3. Drop round with a proposition form and get it ready for next lodge night.

Some 45,000 persons visited the Crystal Palace on Bank Holiday (August 2). As many as 22,000 went to Madame Tussaud's, 25,000 to the Zoological Gardens, 8,000 to the South Kensington Museum, and 3,000 to the Natural History Museum. The State apartments at Windsor Castle were visited by 7,928 persons, or over a thousand more than last year.

In the Lodge Room

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Lodge Secretaries are cordially invited to send in brief reports of their meetings from time to time.

This is the close season for lodges and even the most energetic find difficulty in securing more than a quorum at the fortnightly meetings. After the bustle and excitement of the Jubilee demonstrations the holidays took many away from home for longer or shorter periods; the hot weather drives everybody out of doors and the lodge room is deserted. However, fall will be with us all too soon and then the long, though by no means cheerless winter. That is the season of active, progressive work and we expect to receive columns of reports from our correspondents everywhere after this month.

ONTARIO.

Blackstock—

The annual excursion of the members of Grimsby, 106, on Saturday, June 19, to Sturgeon Point was a success. Everyone who went reports a pleasant time.

Bowmanville—

The local brethren held a very successful excursion on the 9th inst., by rail to Peterboro' and Lakefield and thence up the back lakes to Burleigh Falls, where many of the excursionists enjoyed several hours' fishing. A large number availed themselves of the facilities offered by the managers of this very enjoyable outing, and even the thunderstorm, which made them seek shelter for a time in the afternoon, only added variety to the entertainment.

Collingwood—

Canterbury, 34, held an excursion to Toronto on August 11, but that was too late for any report this issue. The lodge is holding its own first rate and promises many accessions after this month.

Deseronto—

United Empire, 125, has opened its charter and the brethren intend doubling their present membership. There were three initiations last meeting night, with seven propositions to be considered and more yet to follow.

Toronto, West—

Middlesex, 2, is going to follow up its successful excursion to the Falls by a moonlight trip on cars of Toronto Railway on the evening of the 20th August. Our advertising columns give full particulars of as pleasant an outing as will be offered by any this season and advise the brethren to take it in.

The following circular has been sent to THE RECORD with a request for publication.

"At a meeting of Lodge Surrey, No. 11, held on Monday evening, July 25th inst., it was unanimously resolved, that—In the event of the Toronto Hospital Board of the Lodges of the Sons of England Benefit Society in Toronto and District being called together again and resuming its duties so ably carried out during the past six years—such Board will have the warmest support of this lodge; but in no case can Surrey Lodge support small district Hospital Boards which it is considered will create confusion and be both ineffective and very expensive to the lodges in such districts. It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that this resolution meet with the support of every Lodge concerned and that delegates be appointed as soon as possible so as to re-

establish the Hospital Board on its former footing, that is from the entire city and district." (Signed) R. Clayton, Secretary."

QUEBEC.

East Sherbrooke—

The brethren of Gloucester, 103, held a very successful concert some time back in aid of the widow of their late brother, G. A. Parsons, and realized over \$60 after all expenses had been paid.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

St. John's—

"The S.O.E. excursion to Irvine station yesterday was a great success. Over two hundred persons left the city by the 2.30 train, and reached the Octagon in due time, where an enjoyable evening was spent. While awaiting dinner, extempore amusements were indulged in, including boating, cricket, football and swimming, and at 6 o'clock all went with good appetites to partake of the excellent spread provided. Later on in the evening dances were organized, and the amusement was kept up with great spirit till after midnight, when the happy party started to take the train for home, where they arrived at one o'clock well pleased with their holiday."—*St. John's Evening Telegram, July 16.*

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Any Brother in good standing in his lodge in need of employment is invited to make known his requirements in this column WITHOUT CHARGE. Advertisements must be limited to twenty-five words, and second or subsequent insertions will be granted when requested.

Attention is called to the following postal regulation: "Letters addressed to mere initials or fictitious names will not be delivered, unless addressed to the care of some resident, or to a box in the Post Office."

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POSITION WANTED AS NIGHT WATCH man, or caretaker, or experienced grinder, or buffer. Good references given. Situation urgently needed. H. W. Seymour, Toronto Junction.

AS ASSISTANT OR MANAGER IN THE furniture and undertaking business, ten years' experience. Good book keeper or collector. Address: "Undertaker," Sons of England Record, Toronto.

AS DRIVER FOR GROCERY, OR EMPLOYMENT of any kind. E. Besley, 11 Woodsley Street, Toronto.

BROTHER, WITH YOUNG FAMILY, IS in need of a position as Salesman or Book keeper. Excellent references. Address B. care J. T. Gerrans, 47 Northcote Ave., Toronto.

SITUATION WANTED OF ANY KIND by handy young married man. F. H. Hill, 22 Bellwoods Avenue, Toronto.

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