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S. O. E. GRAND LODGE.

The Session of this body which has just terminated at London, has been marked—in so far as we can learn—by no distinguishable feature. All the great far reaching propositions on the Sessional Papers have been relegated to the calm dispassionate attention of a General Purpose Committee to report on at the next meeting.

The Grand Lodge, however, has affirmed the principle of establishing Provincial Grand Lodges, which if ultimately carried into operation will be a radical change, all the practical details of which will have yet to be considered and approved.

We are satisfied that the immature condition of mind of the subordinate lodges and of their Grand Lodge delegates, in regard to the propositions appearing on the sessional paper, is largely responsible for the somewhat barren results attending all the expense of getting Grand Lodge together. Poor attendance at lodges and a listless interest in the great aims and objects of the society account for this state of affairs.

Were all these questions intelligently discussed pro. and con. during the year in the columns of the ANGLO-SAXON, and every effort made by the Grand Executive to disseminate by such means the ripest efforts of their thought and study of such questions, they would find assembled around them a body of men who knew exactly what they wanted and prepared to vote for it without sacrificing the valuable time spent together. Our experience of such assemblies partakes very much of the attitude of one who says, "Here am I, where are you?"—each person waiting to take the cue from others what he is to think or say on the question so as to be in with the majority every time and share the honors of victory—afraid of being 'sat on' or considered visionary or cranky. At last a mysterious influence is started and a general rush to one side is made and the excitement ends.

We congratulate them on the decision to hold their next meeting in Montreal, and also for the grand officers elected. The Grand President could not have had a more zealous worthy Grand Vice-President than Bro. Elliott, of Brantford, and we look forward to the highest honors yet awaiting him. In saying this we do not disparage the able and worthy unsuccessful competitors, some of whom, doubtless, will yet adorn the Grand officers' chairs. The re-election of such tried men as the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer was a foregone matter, and we can only add the expression of our hearty satisfaction.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

The annual meeting of the League in Canada, held on the 1st inst., in the Tower Room of the House of Commons, was made additionally interesting by the passing of resolutions expressive of sympathy with the efforts of the United Empire Trade League, and the adoption of the following resolution:

"That, in the event of Inter-Imperial preferential trade relations being adopted in the British Empire, it is the opinion of this League that Canada will be found ready and willing to bear her share in a just and reasonable proportion of Imperial responsibilities."

The resolution was moved by Mr. W. H. Merritt and seconded by Mr. J. Castill Hopkins.

This resolution should have a good effect on the English elections, when considering the fiscal relations of the colonies to the Motherland. The Bri-

tish tax-payer, doubtless, looks at all political issues from the profit and loss point of view and, in seeking advantages in British markets, we have to show him that the burdens of Empire are not to rest for ever on his shoulders alone, and that while colonial produce is seeking privileges from him, British produce will obtain the same advantages in the colonies. At present the great bulk of British imports are foreign produce, but nearly half of British exports are to the British dominions. Some present felt the proposal was too mercenary to emanate from the League, but others rightly felt that until some Federal Union is established between the various parts of the Empire, it is the only practical form to evince our regard for mutual welfare by discriminating in one another's favor—between what is British and what is foreign.

WHY NOT?

Our highly esteemed contemporary, *The British American Citizen*, published in Boston, U.S.A., answers the question why they "stand up" for England, in the following dignified reply:

A correspondent, who signs himself "Yankee," complains that we always "stand up" for England. In one sense we do; in another we do not. The *Citizen* is outspoken in its condemnation of the faults of England, at times; but not so often as it would be were there not a pack of yelping hounds in the form of professional agitators and sneaking politicians, continually at her heels.

The intelligent American has long ere this discovered certain uncontrollable facts; viz., that nine-tenths of the abuse of Great Britain that we hear and read, comes from politicians and not from educated and patriotic people; that the business of catching the Irish vote and fishing for Irish trade has gone to such lengths, that a re-action must soon come.

Have the readers of the *Citizen* ever heard from the lips of such Americans as Hon. John Jay, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Mr. Robert Treat Paine, Bishop A. Cleveland Cox, Bishop Hy. C. Potter, Bishop Willard F. Mallalien, Dr. John Hall, or the other well-known patriotic men of our day, a wholesale condemnation of England and her queen and government, such as we hear from the political tricksters and Rome-ruled press nearly every twenty-four hours?

The gentlemen named above are of the highest type of American citizenship. The three first named above are direct descendants of men who signed the Declaration of Independence, and naturally would have less reason to love England than those politicians of unknown ancestry who make night and day hideous with their anathemas of all things British. But these "first gentlemen of the nation," while most devotedly attached to our flag and our country, recognize the too-often forgotten truth that England stands alone among foreign nations in defence of Protestant principles, and that if she did not stand like a rock against Romanism the whole Eastern world would in a short time be submerged in the flood of darkness from the shadows of the Vatican.

These gentlemen contemplate, too, the further truth that the United States is the daughter of the little island which governs one-fifth of the world's area, and that from her shores came the men who made this nation what it is to-day; that it was the blood of the sons of England which was shed in the war for independence, though shed, perhaps, by other sons of the same sod.

Why should Americans, of all men in the world, join in the chorus of invective against the land of their forefathers? in the tide of abuse which has its source in the hearts of Rome-ruled political heebers who have been in this country not long enough to lose from their countenances the imprint of ignorance and priestcraft?

To what other nation could we turn for help and sympathy in our struggle for freedom from Romish shackles, so readily as to that which has stood as the champion of Protestant truth for more than three centuries?

That England has sinned at times, is true; but in blood, in religion, in all social ties, she is infinitely nearer to us than any other nation in existence.

Do not be misled by the cries of corrupt men—demagogues and tools of demagogues—who love the Irish Romanist vote much more than they love the Irish Romanist.

Why should we not defend England against such attacks?

Sons of England News.

S. O. E. NOTES.

J. H. Bell, Dis. Deputy, of P. E. I., writes and informs us that Eaton Lodge of Charlottetown is doing nicely. The membership is on the increase. The lodge has decided to advertise in the ANGLO-SAXON.

We regret to hear of the sickness of Bro. Jas. Critchley, of Victoria, B.C., and trust he will soon be restored to health. Bro. Critchley is the ANGLO-SAXON's representative in Victoria.

It is with pleasure we draw the attention of the members throughout the provinces, to the cards of Runnymede of Selkirk, Man., and Princess Louise card of the Daughters of England, of St. Thomas, Ont., which appears for the first time in our columns.

The decision of Grand Lodge to establish a second class of insurance so as to afford members to insure for \$2,000, is a step in time if the society is to keep abreast in progress with kindred institutions, and we doubt not will be largely taken hold of.

We have to record, with deep regret, the death, recently, of the beloved wife of our Brother, Lieut.-Colonel White, (Dept. Postmaster-General) of Bowood Lodge. Members of the Order, who know the colonel, know what a zealous, generous and whole-hearted Englishman he is, and are touched with feelings of the most sincere sympathy for him in his irreparable loss.

Past S. G. V. P. Hancock, in his report to Grand Lodge, declares he found "a great lack of attendance at the (lodge) meetings." It is an affliction that besets all purely benefit societies but should not trouble a NATIONAL organization like the S. O. E. The remedy is to hand, when each lodge consents to apply all its powers to maintain the principles of the Constitution "in their integrity," in the aggressive work of a great National and Protestant propaganda. Many lodges are almost dying for want of something to do.

The unanimous decision of the Sup. Grand Lodge to hold its next annual meeting in Montreal will be hailed with great satisfaction by members of the Order residing in eastern Ontario, the Townships and Maritime Provinces. We know of no part of Canada where racial and religious antagonisms are more keenly felt than in these sections of the Dominion; and those Englishmen who are willing to own, without blush or apology, that they are of that hated nationality and creed, proud of it and of the glorious traditions and institutions of the British nation, should be made to feel that the warm-hearted sympathy of brother Englishmen all over Canada is with them in their devotion to God and their nation's flag. We especially congratulate our Montreal brethren on the choice made and feel sure its wisdom will be justified by results.

We are being urged by many brethren of the Order, scattered over the Dominion, to enlarge the edition of the ANGLO-SAXON to double its present size, so as to be able to furnish a larger and more varied selection of news items to our readers. This could be done by increasing the subscription price to ONE DOLLAR per annum. We should be glad to receive communications hereon from our subscribers, as should we find sufficient encouragement to make the venture we would do so. We can assure our readers that the publication of this journal has been but little more than a labor of love to any one connected with it. Its promoters are not seeking exclusive honours and rewards, but will gladly welcome the co-operation, in a strong joint-stock company, of all patriotic Englishmen, to enable this journal being made, in every-way, a creditable organ of English thought and feeling. Put your shoulder to the wheel.

MANITOBA.

WINNIPEG, February, 1892.

This is another phenomenal season with us folk in the North-west and Manitoba. So rich is our soil, so prolific its productive power that, owing to seeding being an easier process than garnering the harvest, thousands of bushels of the best wheat any country in the world can desire is lying out yet in stock in the fields, buried in snow. This statement does not include other thousands of bushels more or less properly cared for in barns or in stack. The result of such a state of affairs may be better imagined than described especially when we consider how the implement men ever insist upon taking the last ounce, of the pound of flesh to which they are by law entitled.

The cause of this state of affairs, may be laid down as the prevalence of uncultured avarice, and the term is

used advisedly for cultured avarice is the true business principle, but the fact of putting a larger area under crop than there are facilities for gathering in, is certainly about as unbusiness-like as anyone could conceive. But, experimenta docet, fill our country up with muscle, energy and brains, our soil and natural resources will do the rest.

The S. O. E. B. S. is doing good work and is gradually building itself as the foundation of a mighty fabric this city which, during the next decade, will likely astonish the natives. At the last meeting of Lodge Neptune six true Britons were added to its muster roll.

Lodge Westward Ho, the pioneer lodge, is gradually increasing its membership. The last named lodge, owing perhaps to the fact that of its being the pioneer, and so having to evolve much of its procedure from the inner consciousness of a few of its leading members, had fallen into some errors, but is now again likely to let influences dominate it which are certainly not in accord with those principles set forth by the founders of the Order, and which are so well conveyed in the valuable record published in the SAXON called "The Rise and Progress of the Sons of England." Brethren of the Order, in this section, I am happy to say, begin to realize the advantages and the necessity of having a mouthpiece.

Much of the apathy of members generally, in this matter, is owing to the fact that it is not brought prominently before their notice. It is not surely too much to say that Presidents and Secretaries do not do all their duty when they abstain from advocating the support of a thoroughly independent paper devoted to the interest of Englishmen in general, and that of the S. O. E. in particular, for without such a medium little can be done in advocating the cause for which we are bonded together, and bringing about the time when an Englishman shall be as much at Home in Quebec or Montreal as he is in London or Manchester.

Lodge Runnymede, in Selkirk, had a concert and dance on the 28th in aid of their Contingent Fund. This lodge, one of the newest lodges, is making most satisfactory progress under the skilful guidance of its genial President, assisted by an efficient staff of able officers.

I regret that the lodges at Calgary and Qu'Appelle have, so far, not responded to invitation to post report of events occurring amongst them which may be of interest to the Order, but trust that, in the near future, all the outlying lodges will see the importance, to their own interests, of having the fact of their existence occasionally brought before the minds of members more centrally situated, and not be forever content to vegetate, even if they are No. 1 Hard, upon their native prairie like products of the soil, just grown for home consumption.

I must restrict my communication as your available space for such purpose is so small, but am sure, after personal enquiry, that most of the subscribers, in this section, would willingly pay an increase in the price of the subscription of the SAXON were issued bi-monthly, with more space for news and other matter of interest to the Order.

St. George's Society; the White Rose Degree; District Lodges and other matters must stand over.

Congratulating you upon the improved appearance of your last issue, I conclude for this time.

Victoria, B. C.

Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, Victoria, B.C., has set an example which some of the older lodges might well emulate. At the last meeting it was decided to hold a course of lectures, on the St. John ambulance work, "First Aid to the Injured." The lodge surgeon, Dr. E. Hall, kindly undertook to give the series gratis, and Bro. A. Brown to act as hon. secretary in connection with them. It will be a great benefit to the fraternity generally if other medical men would volunteer as lecturers in so useful a work, injured, or apparently drowned, pending the doctor's arrival, is invaluable (and often the means of saving life), more especially to the police, firemen and persons holding public offices. In connection with this work in Victoria there are separate classes for women, on nursing and hygiene. Provided the lectures can be obtained free, the cost of acquiring this knowledge would be nominal. Who among our lodge surgeons in Ontario will take the project up?

Smith's Falls, Ont.

At the annual dinner of Guelph lodge, No. 124, held on Thursday the 25th ult., a good time was spent by the brethren, their wives and sweet hearts, after enjoying a good supper, a well arranged programme was carried through, with Bro. G. T. Martin in the chair.

Fredericton, N.B.

I thank you on behalf of the members of Islington lodge, for the copies of the ANGLO-SAXON which you have so kindly sent us from time to time. I can say for them, as well as for myself, that we are heartily in sympathy with the principles which it advocates. I should feel highly gratified if we could have the privilege which you gentlemen in the Upper Provinces have had, that of hearing such eloquent discourses as those delivered by Dr. Beers and Col. Denison. I think, if we were fortunate enough to do so, it would be the means of giving a boom to the S. O. E. cause. I am also pleased to be able to know that Canada can claim, as her sons, men who have such perfect faith in the future of Canada, and such unswerving loyalty to our Queen and country. Hoping that your valuable paper will receive every encouragement from all loyal Canadians.—A.D.C.

The following resolution was passed by Islington lodge:

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty in his wisdom to remove by death the esteemed son of our greatly beloved Chaplain, the Rev. G. G. Roberts: A son whose promise of a useful and earnest life in the same profession in which his father has endeared himself, as well to his own parishioners as to all the residents of our city, by his benevolence, hearty and Christian consideration for his brethren of all classes:

And Whereas, the loss of such an esteemed son whose future course must have formed one of the beautiful spots in the hopes of his parenting as it did in the very bursting into full promise of a bright and good boyhood the bereavement more poignant and distant:

Therefore Resolved, That our heartfelt be tendered to our Worthy Chaplain Roberts and family in their sad bereavement, and such sympathy being joined with the prayer that the consolation offered to all who suffer and are heavily burdened, may be fully extended to them in their hour of affliction.

Signed on behalf of Islington lodge No. 151 by the committee,

C. W. BECKWITH,
G. H. BAKER,
JOHN WILSON,
A. D. THOMAS.

Fredericton, March 1, 1892.

REPLY:

To the Worthy President and members of Islington lodge:

My dear brothers,—The affectionate expression of your sympathy, conveyed to me in the resolution passed at your last meeting, has afforded sincere gratification to Mrs. Roberts and myself, and to all the members of my family.

Amidst our overwhelming sorrow at the death of our dear son, in whom our hearts and hopes were so bound up, it is profoundly comforting to know that those, among whom the greater part of his brief life had been passed, held him in such kind esteem, and shared so warmly our loving anticipations of his future usefulness. We know that our Heavenly Father's will is best and wisest.

Heartily thanking you for your fervent prayer in our behalf and for all your loving words, and praying that God may bless the Sons of England in all good works of love and mercy.

I am, your affectionate Brother and Chaplain.

G. GOODRIDGE ROBERTS,
The Rectory, Fredericton,
March 2nd, 1892.

Windsor, Ont.

Prince of Wales lodge has been almost at a standstill for some time back, owing to certain complications that will often arise in lodges, but all difficulties have become settled, and with a new and carefully settled staff of officers, new life and energy has been infused into the lodge, and we anticipate a large increase in membership in the near future. As an earnest of this, no less than seven applications were received at our last meeting. Our funds of the lodge are in a healthy condition, considering our age. The members of the W. R. Degree have compiled a code of by-laws, making it a benefit degree, which we think is going to prove very satisfactory; it will have the effect, we think, of inducing members to take the degree that would not otherwise think it worth their while for a small increase in the dues. The degree will pay \$1.00 per week sick benefit, making \$4.00 in all paid by the lodge; that, together with free doctor and medicine, sick dues, is a greater inducement than is offered by any other society here.

Bro. T. Q. Dench, our delegate, to Grand Lodge—submitted his report at our last meeting which was listened to with marked attention by all present, and at its conclusion he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

Bro. Dench is the retiring Dis. Dep of Essex District, a government employee in the Customs Department, a thoroughly loyal Englishman, and highly respected by the members of the Prince of Wales lodge. We very much regret having to lose so efficient an officer.

Bro. Hayward, of Waterloo lodge, will be his successor, he is also a government employee, an inspector of weights and measures, though young