



DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.

AIMS AND OBJECTS.

The Daughters of England Benevolent Society is formed and composed of honourable and true Protestant Englishwomen who are in good bodily health and between the ages of 16 and 50 years, in association for mutual aid; to educate our members in true principles of womanhood, whereby they learn to be charitable; to practice true benevolence, and to keep alive those dear memories of our native land to care for each other in sickness and adversity, and when death strikes down one of our members to follow her remains to its last resting place.

EXTRACTS FROM CONSTITUTION.

Rule 36.—Each Lodge shall, at its institution, consist of not less than twelve members, who must be daughters of Englishmen; but at no time shall have more than eight male financial members, who must be members of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, and every lodge can admit an unlimited number of male honorary members, who must be members of the S.O.E.B.S.

Rule 79.—The Initiation Fees into this Order shall be paid in every case before the candidate is initiated, less 50 cents paid on application. All candidates shall pay according to the under-mentioned graduated scale, (Charter members excepted), should they desire to join as financial members:

Table with 2 columns: Age range and Fee. 15 to 25 years: \$2.00; 25 to 35: 2.50; 35 to 45: 3.00; 45 to 50: 3.50.

Charter Members' Initiation Fees shall not be less than one dollar and twenty-five cents (provided they join within one month), but dispensations may be granted to remain open longer. The benefits are medical attendance and medicine on joining. New members are entitled to half sick and funeral benefits at the expiration of six months. Full benefits after being a member for twelve months. In case of sickness the benefits are three dollars per week for 13 weeks and one dollar and fifty cents per week for the next 13 weeks; fifty dollars to be paid in case of death of a benefit member to their nominee from the Grand Lodge Funeral Fund.

We are anxious to have a lodge of the Society in every town in the Dominion. Any information respecting the formation of new lodges will be cheerfully given by the following Grand Executive officers:

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Daniel Webster, in alluding to the British soldier, paid the following glowing and appropriate apostrophe to "the power which has dotted over the surface of the whole globe with her possessions and military posts—whose morning drum-beat, following the sun and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth with one continuous and unbroken strain of the martial airs of England."

The trim, well-built English soldier is met with at every known corner of the earth, and one is simply a counterpart of another. Outside of barracks, on the promenade and mingling with the passing throng—the English soldier is a marked and prominent figure. Erect and easy of carriage, chin-strap down, natty forage cap widely raking to one side, hair nicely done; chest like a peacock's, waist tightly belted, and boots shining clear as a mirror, not a trace of discontent is discernible on his features. His scarlet jacket fits like a glove, with trousers strapped, setting clean and smooth with scarcely a wrinkle, while in his sinewy right hand, a light bamboo stick is deftly twirled, which indeed forms the inseparable companion of the English soldier.

After serving twenty-one years the English soldier is supposed to be entitled to a pension of one shilling per diem for life, and a sergeant to two shillings.

Every soldier in the English army must go to school until he has mastered to a certain degree the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic, which largely transforms him from the slouchy, illiterate clodhopper into the trim, smart-appearing soldier. But despite the fact that England's prestige, at home and abroad, has been gained largely through the deeds and prowess of the English soldier, he has no standing with the trades people or the masses generally in civil life.

But the English soldier stands prominently forth upon the field of battle, and has won at the point of the bayonet upon many an historic battleground a reputation for bravery and gallantry that will go down the annals of time forever.

In looking over the records of the British army there is scarcely a regiment that has not contributed its part to the general glory of the whole, with incidents covering every battle of note from Flanders, in 1672, to the Nile and Abu Klea in 1885. For example, the reply of the grenadiers at Golden Rock in 1753, when the regiment faltered on the death of their leader, and Capt. Kilpatrick called upon them "to avenge their beloved captain," whereupon the grenadiers, roused in a moment, swore after their fashion, "we will follow him to the gates of hell!" The reply of the Highlander of the Ninety-third at the battle of Balacava (1856): "There is no retreat for you here," said the general, "You must die where you stand." Whereupon they shouted: "Ay, ay, Sir Colin, and needs be, we'll do that."

At the battle of Fontenoy the story goes that the French politely invited the English to "fire first." The reverse was the case. In the middle of the battle, according to the Duc de Broglie, a strong force of English and French having been unexpectedly brought face to face within fifty paces of each other, Lord Charles Hay, a captain in the guards, called out to the French: "Fire, gentlemen."

"No, messieurs," is said to have replied the Comte d'Anteroche, a lieutenant in the grenadiers of the Garde, Francaise; "we never fire first. Fire yourselves."

Carlyle, however, in his "Life of Frederick the Great," quotes the letter of Lord Charles Hay himself, as the true version; "It was our regiment that attacked the French guards, and when we came within twenty or thirty paces of them, I advanced towards them, drank to them, and told them we were the English guards, and hoped that they would stand still till we came quite up to them, and not swim the Scheldt, as they did the Maine at Dettingen."

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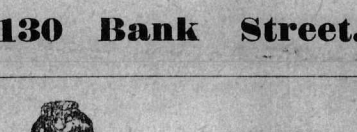
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