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MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE ENGLAND GREAT.

The Venerable Bede, in his Ecclesiastical History, transmits to us the following conversation, that occurred in Rome, concerning the Angles about A. D. 590: "In the market place of Rome Gregory saw put up for sale, among other things, some boys of a white body and fair countenance, and with hair of remarkable beauty; whence, when he beheld, he asked from what land they were brought. He was told they were from the Island of Britain, whose inhabitants were of such an aspect. Again he asked whether these same islanders were Christians or still entangled in the errors of Paganism. It was said they were Pagans. Then, showing deep sighs, he exclaimed: Alas! for grief that the author of darkness possesses men of so bright countenance; and that so much grace of aspect bears a mind void of inward grace." He further inquired what was the name of that nation; the reply was: they were called Angles. "It is well," he said, "for they have an angelic appearance; and such it befits to be co-heirs of angels in heaven."

This conversation occurred a number of years before Gregory became Pope. As Tacitus transmits the moral, and Bede the physical qualities of the Angles, the world cannot help knowing what they were at that early period. The conversation related in the foregoing was pregnant with great results to England, for it was this meeting between Gregory and the three fair-haired English boys that led up to the advent of Augustine in Kent.

About this period—i. e. the sixth century—the Anglo-Saxons began to take an interest in literature and art, and learning began to flourish in the various kingdoms. We now begin to hear of music, numbers, calendars and many other steps in the train of civilization. About the middle of the century, A. D. 567, Ethelbert I., King of Kent and *Bretwalda*, or chief of all the kingdoms of the Heptarchy except Northumbria, and who claimed lineal descent from Odin, or Woden, through his illustrious ancestors, Hengist, Horsa and the famous *Roxena*, married the gentle Frankish Princess Bertha, daughter of Caribert, King of France.

Ethelbert was the fourth king of Kent from Hengist, and felt it to be no great favour in accepting, at the hands of the Frankish king, the hand of his daughter Bertha. The consent being given by the father and daughter, much dissatisfaction and opposition was engendered in the Frankish court, and Chilperic, whose grandfather, Clovis, had been a Frankish heathen, bitterly opposed the union of his niece with an Anglo-Saxon heathen; but Bertha, remembering the conversion of her illustrious ancestor through the prayers and entreaties of her great-grandmother, Clotilda, accepted the gallant Anglo-Saxon on condition that she and her followers should ever be unmolested in the exercise of their religion, which being cheerfully granted by Ethelbert, the nuptial rites were solemnized and the royal cortege started for Kent.

Here the pious queen and her friends practised their religion under Luidhard's guidance. Twenty-six years

glided thus away. Think you that Bertha and Luidhard were idle spectators in that distant land when the fierce rites of Odin must have singularly contrasted with those of the gentle Nazarine? That the influence of Bertha was great and good is generally admitted, and, assisted by her accomplished confessor, Luidhard, she was able to win many of the King's subject's over to her way of thinking, and as Luidhard was obliged to communicate with his superiors in Rome, it is quite natural to suppose that Gregory was kept well informed of all that passed of importance, in the Kentish court, and, remembering the beautiful boys he had seen sold as slaves in Rome, before he was yet a Pope, he determined to make an effort to christianize the island, and to this end he kept up a close correspondence with Luidhard, and through him, with the queen, and his letters will convince the most critical reader that what occurred in Canterbury A. D. 597, was a result of a well conceived, well prepared and well executed plan, some of the results of which I will endeavour to describe in my next.

FRED. T. HODGSON.
Collingwood, April 20th, 1895.

General S. O. E. Notes.

Bro. Dr. J. S. King, chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the S. O. E., is President of the Canadian Fraternal Congress.

Fire has destroyed the well equipped printing office of the *Bowmanville Statesman*, Ont., owned by our able Bro. W. A. James.

The Beneficiary Report on page 2, col. 3, last paragraph, last line, the figures should be made to read \$76,414.14, instead of \$63,814.44.

A fraternal insurance order is neither a gold mine nor a lottery. It offers investment and insurance at cost. How much will it cost? That is for each individual member to determine. Each new member reduces the cost. Sons of England, increase your insurance members.

Bro. R. Patching has been added by the Executive as the third representative to the Fraternal Association Congress. Bros. Thos. Elliott, P.S.G.P., and J. W. Carter, were elected by the Grand Lodge. Bro. Patching has worked hard and zealously for the interest of the Order. His letter in this issue is proof that his knowledge on fraternal matters are sound.

At St. George's Day celebration in Belleville, Ont., the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England was responded to by Bro. J. W. London, G.V.P., who gave an admirable address upon the working of the Order. At present there are 15,000 members in this country are banded together for the purpose of assisting each other in the various avocations of life. In closing he said, wherever the Sons of England are to be found they are a bulwark to the English Constitution.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. D. Cannon, editor and proprietor of the *Minnedosa Tribune*, Manitoba, on Good Friday. We were glad to meet friend Cannon. He spoke of many things of interest on matters affecting Manitoba. His long residence there has made him familiar with the requirements of the Province. Mr. Cannon left the east some 15 years ago, and, like all industrious fellows, has made himself comfortable with this world's goods. He speaks highly of Manitoba, and says "there is no place like home." He is going to see to the establishing of a lodge of the S. O. E. in Minnedosa.

Notice to Lodges.

Lodges who have accounts due the *ANGLO-SAXON* would favor us by remitting same to us as early a date as possible. A number of brethren have asked to have the time extended in collecting subscriptions, so that all of the brethren may be seen. We extend the time to such brethren with the hope that their list of subs will be large.

Correspondence.

FRATERNAL GREETING.

Editor *ANGLO-SAXON*:
Any of the Sons of England settling in Chicago are earnestly invited to attach themselves to "Royal Oak Lodge, No. 400, Order Sons of St. George," of this city. Brethren, don't drop your Order. Be a Son of England or of St. George.

Yours in F. C. and L.
JOHN BINNS,
1752 W. 12th St., Chicago.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

The Editor *ANGLO-SAXON*:
The official recognition of the *ANGLO-SAXON* by the S. G. L. is an act of great wisdom. It will strengthen the Order. The great lack of the Sons of England to-day is the circulation of a good representative paper throughout the entire membership. It would greatly strengthen our growth. It is the best possible advertisement. The failure to establish an official organ in the past reflects no credit on our Society. To make use of our Supreme Grand Secretary's remark:—"Many attempts have been made to establish an official organ but all have signally failed. The only one which has survived is the *ANGLO-SAXON*." "Only the fittest survive."

Let us subscribe, pay for, and support a clean, honourable paper with a single aim—to advance the interests, to live in, and publish abroad the news, aims, and ambitions of a glorious order, fit for the descendants of a glorious people.

Yours truly,
S. L. V.

Manitoba, April 10th, 1895.

[The above is one of the many letters of congratulation we have received from all parts of the Dominion approving of the action of the Supreme Grand Lodge in recognizing the *ANGLO-SAXON* as the official organ. We take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for their kind expressions in connection with the work the *ANGLO-SAXON* has done and is doing for our beloved Order and nationality in Canada.]—Ed.

FIRE ENGINES.

Editor *ANGLO-SAXON*:
DEAR SIR,—As we have several Canadians in our lodge, and hope to get more—they are the right kind—I wish to call your attention to an error, is it not? Is not the Ronald Fire Engine, a Canadian one, and manufactured at Brussels, Ont.? Let us give credit where credit is due. I ask this as several of our members work for Mr. Ronald, and felt a little hurt at your published account of the test between the two engines in your issue of April 1st.

SON OF ENGLAND.
Chicago, April 6th, 1895.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Moore, beloved wife of Bro. N. A. Howard Moore, Secretary of Cambria Lodge, Gananoque, Ont. The sad event took place at her home on Saturday the 22nd. Mrs. Moore had been sick for some time, and after a lingering illness, borne with christian resignation, passed quietly away. Mrs. Moore was a daughter of the Rev. W. H. Dean, of North Guilford, Conn. The sorrowing husband, who has left with him two small children, has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of personal friends and brethren, as well as the general public. The floral tributes were numerous, among them

being wreaths from Cambria Lodge, S. O. E., and Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson. Mrs. Moore had been a hard worker and a valued member of the Church of England. The sympathy of the large circle of acquaintances and the brethren are extended to Bro. Moore in his sad bereavement.

Bro. Broadhead, of Stanley lodge, Ottawa, lost his little daughter last week. She was attacked with diphtheria and was unable to withstand its effects. Bro. Broadhead has the sympathy of the members of Lodge Stanley. At their last meeting a resolution of condolence was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Broadhead.

The Dominion Parliament.

The Dominion Parliament opened on the 18th of April. Ottawa is now in full swing of Parliamentary life. The address from the Throne was a carefully prepared document. It was hopeful in tone and reassuring to the trade interest. The debate upon the address was taken up vigorously, but no new features, beyond a few party pointers, were brought out by either side.

The most important delivery of the Session, so far, was that of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, when he explained the Government's position on the separate school question. In our mind this school matter is made too much of by us eastern people. If it had been left to the Province of Manitoba, eventually the public schools would become acceptable to the minority, who will, in spite of our assistance, as years advance, see the necessity of public school education. The Catholic dictators who are claiming so much will have to be brought down a few rounds. They are too dictatorial, and want too much.

The bringing down of the Budget has been promised by the Hon. Mr. Foster, Finance Minister, and leader in the House of Commons, on Friday, 3rd of May, when from that day forward a lively time may be expected.

So far we have had the pleasure of meeting Bros. E. Coatsworth, M.P., Toronto; Bro. Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P., Bradford, Ont., and Bro. R. D. Wilmot, M.P., Sudbury, N.B.

Hon. Joe. Martin, of Winnipeg, put a spurt on to give the Hon. Thos. Daly, Minister of Interior, a bump, but this time Joe was not weighty enough. Hon. Thos. was prepared with the "facts of the case," and Joe had to retire with the rim of his hat squeezed. The immigration question is irritating to Joe, consequently he has been asking for returns about a half dozen Jews who settled in Calgary. It was proven there was only a few dollars spent. There was a good deal of "Jew Jaw" over the matter, but Joe retired from the fight broken winded.

The Newfoundland conference, which was held in Ottawa last month, was of such a private character that it is not known by even a good political gusser. What took place is calculated to be of deep interest to the whole Dominion. No doubt when the labors of the convention are made public it will be of such a nature that we can hope for a union of the Island with Canada.

Englishmen's Greetings.

Here are a few sent to St. George's Society, Montreal:—

Toronto, Ont.—St. George's Society send heartiest greetings to their brethren.

Ottawa, Ont.—St. George's Society extends hearty greetings. England yet and her sons will make a Greater Britain.

Hamilton, Ont.—Sons of St. George send cordial greetings. God Save the Queen.

Guelph, Ont.—Englishmen around the festive board greet their fellow countrymen.

London, Ont.—Kindly accept our cordial greeting. God Save the Queen.

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