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POST CARD LODGE NOTES.

CALGARY, ALA.: The Odd Fellows gave a smoking concert in their hall on Monday night, when, with a good programme of songs and music by the orchestral society, a pleasant evening was spent.

VICTORIA, B.C.: The funeral of the late pioneer James Johnston took place on the 7th inst., from the family residence on Simcoe street, where Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted services; at the cemetery the impressive ritual of the Order being read by the Noble Grand and Chaplain of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, in the presence of the members of the Order and a large number of sympathizing friends.

CORNWALL: The members of Oriental Lodge have moved their furniture and other belongings to their new rooms, in the Snetsinger block, which will rank for size, comfort and convenience with any in Canada in towns of the same size. The lodge will meet in the new rooms next Tuesday, and will have an open meeting about the first of December, when the public will be invited to see the premises.

GUELPH: There was a very good attendance at the regular meeting of Reliance Lodge, Monday evening, and considerable important business was pushed through. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of the Order and the Third Degree was conferred on one brother. The report from the District Plenic Committee was read and adopted. A couple of visiting brothers briefly addressed the lodge, after which it closed in regular form.

VANCOUVER, B.C.: At the last meeting of Pacific Lodge, business of importance was transacted and the Third Degree was presented to two applicants. The degree team worked well together and the large audience of assembled brethren were delighted with the demonstration. Some fine speeches were delivered and the desirability of holding an entertainment, social and dance in about a month's time was debated. A good committee was appointed to draft out a scheme in that direction and report.

TORONTO: The attendance was necessarily small at Queen City Lodge, owing to the extreme weather of Monday last. However a few of the "faithful" transacted important business. Bro. Jno. Ball graced the meeting with his presence, and gave his fellow members the benefit of his council. "John" has not been attending very regularly of late, but then the District has a prior claim on him. On account of Concert Committee meeting, the carpet balls were dispensed with—the V. G. being spared a defeat.

TORONTO: The Toronto Lodge at its last meeting appointed the writer lodge correspondent. Although the night was very wet and unpleasant, still there was a good attendance. Bro. L. H. Pease, P. G., gave a reading, and Bro. Levey a song, which were well received. Bro. Leader paid the lodge a visit. The Toronto Lodge is progressing. We have two candidates

ready for initiation. We regret to learn that Bro. J. B. King is laid up again; the lodge extends its sympathy to Bro. King. The lodge has a committee appointed to consider the desirability of giving an entertainment soon.

L. H. P.

CHATHAM: Chatham Encampment held its regular session on Thursday night last. Committee on paraphernalia reported that the additional supplies would be on hand next meeting. Western City Lodge met last Monday night, a great deal of important business being transacted. One proposition was received and one candidate elected. Next Monday night the initiatory degree will be conferred. The members of the Western City Lodge famous Degree Staff are specially requested to be on hand. Let there be a good turn out so as visitors can see the beautiful work that can be done by this excellent degree staff.

CHATHAM: Chatham Lodge met as usual in their rooms, with Bro. Fife, N. G., in the chair. One proposition was read, and a candidate—W. A. Wanless—was instructed in the mysteries of the initiatory degree. Applications were also made for the First Degree, which will be put on next lodge night. A large attendance was present and a great deal of work gone through with. A degree team has been formed under the leadership of Bro. John McCorvie, and in a short while we may look for good work. Bro. Garrett, of Lambton Lodge, was reported sick; Bro. Blackburn, who is now at the General Hospital, is improving finely.

TORONTO: The attendance at Canada Lodge last Friday night was not as large as it should have been. There are a great number of brothers who might startle the regular attendants by putting in an appearance occasionally. The officers, in any event, might try to be present at periodic intervals. This remark does not apply to the current incumbents of the chief chairs. Noble Grand Morrison has shown himself an able and attentive presiding official, and his successor, Vice-Grand Porter, if we are to judge by the frequent occasions on which he has wielded the authoritative gavel, will adequately sustain the position of that important functionary.

ST. CATHARINES: Empire Lodge had the largest attendance last Thursday night during the present term. There was only one officer absent. The interest in the work is increasing from week to week. Bro. J. W. Grote gave notice that he would on next meeting night propose two new names for membership. The regular routine business was transacted with despatch. Empire Lodge has so far had a very successful term, the first claim for attention or pecuniary aid has yet to be presented. The regular work being closed, the Lodge Team took the chairs and initiated one candidate in their usual happy manner, after which light refreshments were partaken of. Several visiting brethren congratulated Empire Lodge on its continued prosperity. I might say the latch string is always out, and the new stained glass transom over the door of the lodge lights up the way to the same. Visiting brethren always welcome.

PACIFIC.

TORONTO: At the regular meeting of Prospect Lodge, last Friday, we were favored with a visit from Bros. E. M. Clapp, P. G., and W. J. Graham, P. D. D. G. M., of the Toronto Lodge, and Bro. J. T. Robinson, of Napanee, No. 86, who expressed themselves as much pleased with the tone and vigor of the lodge; and we must say that, for a baby, it is showing remarkable vitality and vivacity. Every meeting is lively and interesting, and it is quite a frequent expression among the members that they have enjoyed themselves very much. After regular business, an hour is usually spent in a pleasant "At-Home" style. At the last meeting Bro. Clapp, assisted by Bro. Graham, conferred the Third Degree upon three brethren who had found it impossible to attend Degree Lodge, and never anxious to attend lodge in working session. We thank the visitors for their attention, and cordially invite as many as can to spend an evening with us.

M.

TORONTO: Metropolitan Degree Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, 20th inst., and we regret to say the attendance was not large. We trust the next meeting will see the usual number present. The First and Second Degrees were conferred upon thirteen candidates, showing that the subordinate lodges are still working. It was the first night of nomination of officers for 1896. We hope the next night will see many willing workers present. A very agreeable feature of the evening was Bro. Macdonald's neat speech, referring to the entertainments provided for the visitors in September, and in consideration of good time enjoyed by the members of his lodge, and the expense incurred by the Degree Lodge, he said he had much pleasure on behalf of Laurel Lodge in handing to the Degree Master the sum of \$5.00 to assist in defraying these expenses. This was highly appreciated by this lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Laurel Lodge. Who will be next?

M.

KINGSTON: No. 59 had strong competition in the matter of attendance last Friday night, from the fact of Gilmore's band being at the Opera House, but notwithstanding such a counter-attraction a representative number of the members were on hand who went home from lodge well satisfied with their choice. The First Degree was conferred on one brother, and applications were received for one admission, First and Second Degrees respectively. The Entertainment Committee reported that the joint committee of No. 10 and No. 59 had decided on an "Odd Fellows' At-Home," to be held early in January next, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, and were given power to act, which is equivalent to saying that a successful union entertainment will result. But, as is often the case, an item that was not on the regular programme for the evening, attracted the greatest attention of the members, viz., to what extent must a brother be incapacitated from pursuing his usual avocation before he is entitled to benefits? The case was a similar one to the Hamilton case referred to Grand Lodge at its last session; and No. 59 wisely acted on this precedent and the brother was granted the benefits claimed, while incidentally the Visiting Committee came in for a mild criticism which will doubtless bear good fruit in the future. The proof sheets of our new By-Laws were received, and came in for the approval and commendation of the brothers who have that matter specially in charge. But how could it be otherwise? They are the work of THE DOMINION ODD FELLOW!

W. G.