LONDON'S SOCIETIES.

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ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS.

Bro. A. G. Stevens, the newly-appointed organizer for the A. O. F., is doing good work. He opened a court at Trenton on the 10th inst., and at St. George on Monday last. He expects to be successful in opening courts at the following places shortly: Georgetown, St. Catharines, Tilsonburg, Waterford, Berlin, and a few small towns in the West.

The new office of the permanent secretary in the Wesley Building, Richmond Street, Toronto, is now fitted up, and it is expected before the month closes everything will be in readiness, and Bro. Williams will be moved and settled in his new quarters.

At a regular meeting of Court Harmony, Toronto, they authorized a committee to draft a resolution of condolence to Bro. R. Drury, who has lately lost his wife. Bro. Drury publicly thanked the officers and members of Court Harmony, No. 7,045, for the great kindness he had received from time to time, and more especially for the attention shown him when sick.

The Canadian branch of the order has now $85,000 on hand to pay death claims.

The financial statement of Court Brighton, presented by Secretary Harry Sutherland at last meeting, showed the court to be in a flourishing condition. The membership of Court Brighton is now double what it was when Harry Sutherland first assumed the secretary's office. It is nearly 200 strong.

Court Stella, No. 7,047, A. O. F., of East London, are making preliminary arrangements for their coming anniversary, and they have no doubt but that it will be a success. The following were elected as a committee of management: Bro. Stead, C.R.; Bro. Nutkins, Treas.; Bro. Connor, Bro. Hogg and Bro. Kelly. There will be a supper for Foresters, their wives and friends, which will be followed by a concert. It is proposed that the members of sister courts will come out in good numbers to see what the East End can do.

The Secretary of the Demonstration Committee has at last received a check from the Toronto Demonstration Committee, and will call a meeting for Wednesday night at the Grand House.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

The London Companions of the Forest, about 60 in number paid a fraternal visit to Queen of Elgin Circle, St. Thomas, on Tuesday evening when a very enjoyable evening was spent. After the regular routine of business, a well arranged programme of songs, speeches, dialogues and recitations was presented in which the following took part: Misses Slater, Nora, McKibbin and Lilly White, George Mansbridge, Comp. T. Wright, J. J. Wallace and J. Wilson, of this city; also Comp. Scrace and Allan, of St. Thomas. Comp. H. Sutherland, grand secretary of Ontario made a very neat speech which was well received. On the conclusion of the programme the meeting adjourned to a restaurant to partake of a first-class supper which was provided by the companions of St. Thomas and was well appreciated, it being such a cold and stormy night. It reflected much credit upon the members of Queen of Elgin Circle, so much so that after the companions had partaken of it to their satisfaction a standing vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to them. The evening's enjoyment closed when all arose and sang "God Save the Queen." The London companions then started for the station accompanied by the St. Thomas circle all being apparently well pleased with their visit. The committee wish to thank the G. T. R. officials for the obliging manner in which they reduced the rates and held trains to suit their wishes. The Companies of the Forest in Western Ontario are well pleased with the progress they are making under the management of their newly-organized Grand Circle for Ontario, and signify their intentions of remaining loyal to the Supreme Circle of the United States. St. Thomas seems to have its share of the grippe, and they also seem to know something about McGinty.

La grippe has caused a slim attendance at meetings lately.

London South is the only circle now ruled by a male chief companion. The ladies make good officers.

MASONIC.

The Earl of Fife, who is married to the Prince of Wales' eldest daughter, Louise, is a Knight Templar and past provincial grand master of Banffshire, Scotland.

Bro. Hon. Theodore Brace, just elected grand master of Masons in Missouri, is a judge on the bench of the Supreme Court of that State. Judge Brace has many qualities by which he is endeared to the public. He has all the amiability characteristic of the cultured and refined scholar and jurist.

Grand Master McCalla, of Pennsylvania, distributed among the Johnstown sufferers $45,077 66, and there is more coming in. There are 19 widows, 11 orphans and 149 brethren to be cared for. The loss in Johnstown by the flood, of the Masonic fraternity, was 19 lives and $978,092.

The "Book of Constitutions" was published in 1723 and the grand secretary was first appointed in the same year. The grand treasurer was first appointed in 1724, provincial grand masters in 1726 and twelve grand stewards in 1728.

It has long been deemed a settled point in Masonic history, says the London Freemason, that the existence of symbolical speculative Masonry in England cannot be carried back, by authentic evidence, any further than 1646, or, in other words, to the initiation of Elias Ashmore, the heraldi and antiquary, in that year. But we are now told by Bro. Gould, in his recent commentary on the Regius MS., that about the year 1400 "there was a guild, or fraternity, commemorating the science, but without practicing the art of Masonry."

The Grand Lodge of England has decided "that a resignation once tendered is final and cannot be withdrawn or canceled." The brother can only come back to the lodge as an ordinary joining member.

Whoy Deah, the grand master of Chinese Free Masonry for New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania died the other day at his home on Madison street, New York, of grippe. It is said he was one of the most influential Chinese Masons in this country. He was the fantastically attired master of ceremonies who rode the balky horse at the head of the Lee Yu Doo funeral.

The United States possesses fifteen-sixteenths of all the Knights Templar of the world.

South Australia has a masters' and wardens' association.

Bro. Whitehead, old London's recent lord mayor, has just been created a baronet by Queen Victoria.

The Grand Lodge of New York, through its officials, has received the deed of the Utica Driving Park, selected as the site for the Masonic Home of the State of New York. The amount paid was $50,000, in two checks—one for $30,000, the gift of the brethren and citizens of Utica, and the other for $20,000, the amount appropriated by resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. William James Hughan, the English Masonic historian, is hard at work on his history of Apollo Lodge, York, in relation to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

The exact amount awarded to cases of distress in 1889 by the English Freemasons' Board of Benevolence was £9,141. The number of cases amounted to 358. In the year 1888 the amount given was £11,463, but the number of cases relieved in that year reached 439.

Baillie Crombie, Aberdeen, has been invited to visit America with the view of explaining Scotch Freemasonry to the Masonic brethren here.

Mr. Robert Wylie, well known as the historian of the mother lodge of the Scottish Freemasons, has been elected the first provost of Kilwinning.

INDEPENDENT ORDER FORESTERS.

The Supreme Chief Ranger is already preparing for his visit to the Pacific coast, for which place he leaves about the beginning of March. He will visit California first, where there are now 30 subordinate courts already established. It is his intention to organize a high court.

At the last regular meeting of Court Hope, No. 1, the following officers were duly installed into their respective stations by Bros. Court Deputy Tackaberry and Bro. P. C. R. Mathews: C. R., Bro. Meguire; F. S., Bro. Calhoun; V. C. R., Bro. Earl; S. W., Bro. Montague.

Wm. Geary, lodge deputy of Court Enterprise, London South, and Thos. Ross, secretary, both have been laid up with grippe.

The Supreme Physician reports that during December there were nearly 700 applications for membership, and the Supreme Chief Ranger hopes to have at least 1,000 applicants for January.

There are now 486 courts on the register, with over 17,000 members, and the cash surplus on hand on the 1st of January was over $188,000, notwithstanding the Supreme Court has paid out over $400,000 in benefits.

The following additional courts have been reported during the past couple of weeks: Dakota, No. 481, with 20 charter members, and Park River, No. 482, with 26 charter members, both at North Dakota; Niagara, No. 484, at Buffalo, N. Y., with 20 charter members; Clayton, No. 486, at Clayton, N. Y., with 24 charter members; Eagle, No. 250, at Gladwin, Mich., with 24 charter members, and Goderich, No. 253, at Goderich, Ont., with 24 charter members.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R., reports that he was most enthusiastically received while on his visit to East Saginaw and Grand Rapids, Mich., in the interest of Forestry last week. At both places he instituted encampments of Royal Foresters, there being 40 charter members at East Saginaw and over 50 at Grand Rapids.

SELECT KNIGHTS OF CANADA.

At the last regular meeting of London Legion, No. 85, Select Knights of Canada, the following officers were elected: Past Commander, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell; commander, S. F. Glass; vice-commander, W. Lancaster; lieutenant-commander, D. F. Buchanan; recording secretary, J. W. Cunningham; recording treasurer, A. S. Murray; treasurer, J. H. Adams; standard-bearer, J. A. Murray; senior workman, Jas. Slater; junior workman, Wesley Knight; marshal, R. H. Cullis. This society seems to have met with public favor, as is shown by its rapid growth, not only in London Legion where several new members have been initiated every night, but also throughout the whole Dominion, doubling its membership since the last general meeting in May, 1889, although it has been in existence seven years.

ODDFELLOWSHIP.

The employment bureau of the Chicago Oddfellows' Association obtained situations for nine out of seventeen applicants registered during the month of October.

There are over 1,000 Oddfellows in good standing in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The order, taking the name of the International Order of Oddfellows, is to be proceeded against by the grand master of Illinois, and prevented from the further use of the title of I. O. O. F.

The Jacksonville (Fla.) Oddfellows have contributed a lot, valued at $10,000, upon which to erect an Oddfellows' home for brethren who may seek that climate for their health. The Sovereign Grand Lodge allowed them to solicit from all jurisdictions money to build the home. The plan is to request a donation of 5 cents from each member of the order for that purpose, and it is hoped each one will respond to the call.

The Oddfellows of Bedford, Mass., have their $150,000 temple nearly completed, and expect to dedicate it the 26th of April next the anniversary day of the order.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its recent session authorized a synopsis of the proceedings of the National Rebekah Convention to be printed in the appendix of the revised journal o this session, under the supervision and control of the Grand Secretary, provided that such synopsis does not exceed fifteen pages.

Mr. L. G. Sellsledt, artist, of Buffalo, has been engaged to paint a life-sized portrait of Past Grand Sire John H. White. The artist has been working on the painting for some time, and when finished it will be taken to the gallery of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Columbus, O., where it will be hung with the portraits of other honored members of the order.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has reduced the tax on grand and component cantons from $12 to $6; said tax when paid entitles cantons to officers' commission without any extra cost.

Grand Treasurer Muckle reports that within one month of the date of the great calamity at Johnstown, he had received from the various Oddfellows' organizations throughout the country, for the relief of the sufferers by the flood, the sum of $61,304 69.

Vermont has 38 lodges, with a total membership of 2,539.

A NCIENT ORDER UNITED WORKMEN.

Illinois greeted the 21st anniversary of the A. U. O. W. with a roll of 356 lodges and a membership of 20,000 workingmen in good standing.

The A. O. U. W. is now disbursing over $4,000,000 per annum to the beneficiaries of deceased members.

The grand jurisdiction of Massachusetts is forging ahead and earnestly striving to increase her membership to 20,000 before the next session of the Supreme Lodge. Said jurisdiction embraces the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut. It covers a very large and densely populated territory, and there appears to be no reason why the desired number of new members should not be obtained.

Chicago contains an A. O. U. W. membership now of over 8,000.

The last report of the Supreme Recorder shows a membership for Illinois of 20,530. New York State leads with 30,199. The total membership of the order, official figures of the last report, is 225,316.

C. M. B. A.

Branch No. 115 was organized at Chepstown Bruce county, Ont., on Jan. 11 by District Deputy Jacob J. Weinert. The branch starts with fourteen members. The following is the list of officers: Spiritual adviser, Rev. Stephen Waddell; president, Joseph W. McNab; first vice-president, Christopher Kastner; second vice-president, John T. Lacey; treasurer, William Weber; recording secretary, George Leves; assistant secretary, John Clancey; financial secretary, Michael M. Schurter; marshal, Louis Yack; guard, Joseph Spitz; trustees, William Weber, Joseph McNab, Peter Dales, George M. Graf and Geo. Sayes; representive to Grand Council, Rev. Stephen Waddell.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

The Grand Lodge of the Sons of England convenes next month at Barrie and will be largely attended by representatives. The sessional papers are out, and a lot of important business will be transacted. The order in Ontario has been growing rapidly the last year, and the S. G. Secretary's report will be read with a great deal of pleasure, showing as it does a large increase numerically.

At the last meeting of Lodge Kensington, S. O. E., Bro. H. J. Carter, D. D. G. P., installed the officers elected to their respective offices, assisted by Bro. Harris, of Toronto. After the ceremony of installation was over Bro. Carter, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. T. C. Turville with a gold pin—an emblem of the order. Bro. Turville has been secretary for the last term, and was re-elected as being a good man in the right place. He made a suitable reply.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

There was a good turnout at the last regular meeting of Prospect Lodge, C. C.-elect W. S. Ryckert in the chair. After routine business, the Page rank was conferred on three candidates, and the Knight rank on one Esquire. Four propositions were received and referred to the proper committees. This lodge, although the youngest in the city, is making rapid progress and conferring degrees at every meeting. All the officers are live young fellows and thorough hustlers. There will be nine for the first rank at the next meeting.

At the last meeting of Mizpah Lodge the rank of Page was conferred on two candidates. After a lengthy discussion a committee was appointed to try and secure a place of meeting somewhere in the city. This is a move in the right direction. The present hall is too far from the city, and this in a great measure has kept Mizpah from making as rapid progress as the new lodge. It is expected arrangements will be made whereby the lodge will hold its first meeting in the city early next month.

Fifteen members of Mizpah are reported in the clutches of la grippe.

R. E. Lee Lodge, No. 1, of Vicksburg, is the richest and largest lodge in Mississippi, having assets aggregating $2,816 46 and a membership of 204 Knights.

A Pythian temple, 32 by 80 feet and three stories high, is being erected at a cost of $10,000, by G. M. of E. C. V. N. Wilson, for Ocean Lodge, No. 83, of Long Branch, N. J.

Oregon has three divisions of the Uniform rank.

A lodge of the Knights of Pythias will probably be instituted in St. Thomas within a month.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

"DESERTED BY DOBIE."

An Interesting Breach of Promise Case.

Miss Kate Gokey, of Walkerton, the Plaintiff.

Dr. Dobie Sued for $2,000 Damages—Affectionate Epistles.

TORONTO, Jan. 25.—A breach of promise suit of unusual interest was commenced at the Civil Assize Court yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff, Miss Kate Gokey, a daughter of a cooper at Walkerton, asks for $2,000 damages from Dr. Dobie, of McCaul street. N. G. Bigelow, Q.C., and Mr. R. G. Smyth appeared for the plaintiff. W. R. Meredith, Q.C., assisted by J. B. Clarke, Q.C., conducted the defense. Among the letters put in as evidence one read as follows.

POOR LITTLE GOKEY.

WALLACEBURG, Jan. 28. 1883.

Miss Kate Gokey, Walkerton, Ont.:

Dear Kate,—I received the poor little Gokey's letter by Thursday mail. I did not go to the office until Friday morning. I was indeed glad to hear from you, for the house seemed vacant without you. We will miss you very much. For a few days after you left the rooms seemed so strange, with your vacant chair looking so lovely. I hear nothing but praise of you since you left. D. McRae was at Detroit when you left, and when he came back he says, "Is Gokey in?" I said, "Yes." He went in on tiptoe, the sly young dog, but he saw you were gone.

TOUCHING RECOLLECTIONS.

In another letter, dated Wallaceburg, Feb. 25, 1885, the doctor said:

I got a new suit, when I was in Chatham, when I bought a short coat and tight pants. I have just come home from Sunday school, and am sitting at the stand in the window where once your precious form rested, which has ever since given it a charm. Sometimes I try to imagine you are with me, but alas!

BECOMING POETICAL.

A letter sent to Miss Gokey at London has this reference to a contemplated move:

I shall sell out my interest to Daniel and go to some more congenial clime to feed upon ambrosial fruits and recline beneath amaranthine bowers. Friend as ever, D.A.D.

A second letter to Miss Gokey at London says:

Dear Friend Gokey,—It seems so unnatural to call you Kate that I must use that familiar old expression. I always feel so sorry for having treated you as I did, but I console myself by saying "she is as true as ever" and hope you will guard against the strategies of man.

THE EVIDENCE.

The first witness was the plaintiff. Miss Gokey is a tall brunette with regular features and generally attractive. She wore a fur boa and muff and a white veil.

Mr. Bigelow asked: "When did you first meet the defendant?"

"It was in 1880 at Dobie Bros'. millinery store at Wallaceburg."

"When did he promise marriage?"

"In 1882, and it was to be fulfilled in a year."

"Why was the promise not carried out?"

"Because he began his professional studies the following winter. In 1884 I came to Toronto."

"Did you leave Toronto?"

"Yes, and went to Montreal. It was there I received some of the letters."

HE PROMISED TO BE TRUE.

The witness told of a certain visit of the doctor, and Mr. Bigelow asked: "What was the general tone of the conversation?"

The witness—"At first about our acquaintances, and then he came over and sat on the sofa with me."

"What did he talk of then?"

"Love. After awhile he got on his knees and said: 'God is my witness, and I promise to be true to you.'"

"Did he say anything further?"

"Yes, he said: 'Some day I'll prove my devotion to you.'"

"Was there any more love-making that evening?"

"Yes, we were very devoted."

"Was the question of marriage brought up?"

"Not exactly—just his devotion to me. The following Monday night he called, but didn't remain long. The next time he called I was boarding on Simcoe street."

"While boarding there did he pay any attention?"

"Yes, he called often."

"What was the character of his visits?"

"Just to spend the evening and the conversation was general."

"Did he talk of your future?"

"Not every night. He called on April 15, and as the boarding-house keeper had some callers occupying the stitting room he suggested a walk."

"Did he say anything about marriage?"

"Yes; we went over behind the Observatory, and while standing on the foot-bridge he told me he would marry me."

The witness afterwards moved to another boarding house, and there the doctor paid her four or five visits.

Mr. Bigelow—"How did he treat you there?"

A WOMAN COMES BETWEEN.

"At first all right; but a woman came between us, and then he became cool."

"Did it trouble you?"

"I felt troubled and worried about the woman."

"Did you say anything to him about her?"

"It was always on my mind and I spoke to him about her?"

Soon after this the witness left Toronto and they did not hear from each other till last spring. After some correspondence she came to the city and called on the defendant.

Mr. Bigelow—"How did he receive you?"

The witness—"At first he was surprised, but before I left he seemed delighted. I asked him what he would do about the woman, as she had molested me and injured my character. I said I looked upon her as a serpent."

"What did he say to that?"

"He said: "Don't do that, but treat her as a friend. He was deceiving one of us."

"Did he make love then?"

"He got on his knees and promised to be true."

"Has he been true?"

"No."

"Has he ever married you?"

"No, hardly. During July he told me he would never marry any one."

Mr. Meredith commenced a vigorous cross-examination and brought out some important points for the defense. He asked:

"What made you jealous of this woman?"

SHE WAS NOT JEALOUS.

The witness—"It wasn't jealousy, but I was afraid she would harm the doctor."

"Who was the woman?"

"Her name is Elderwood."

"Isn't she old enough to be your mother?"

"Yes; I guess she is."

"Didn't you try to torment him since you started this action?"

"No."

"Did you take a room next door to his house?"

"No; but one very near it. I did so for the purpose of getting away from my old friends."

When questioned about some medicine she had received while in trouble the witness began to cry. This was all the evidence taken last evening.

In a letter to the plaintiff's lawyers the defendant says: "I have reason to believe that this action is simply threatened for the purpose of annoyance or blackmail."

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Appointments by the Ontario Government.

The following have been appointed license commissioners for the western section of the Province by the Ontario Government:

London—John McClary, Daniel Regan, Geo. M. Reid.

Oxford South—William Ewert, James Ryan, Justus Miller.

Essex South—Simon Fraser, Philemon Phillips, R. H. Abbott, M.D.

Bruce Center—Charles Wickham, John Humberstone, R. L. Lamont.

Kent West—David Smith, John Holmes, D. H. McNaughton.

Algoma—William A. Quibell, David Jackson, Alex. A. Smith.

Manitoulin—Robert Thorburn, Martin, L. McGrath, Hugh McLaughlin.

Brant South—Henry Cox, W. McAllister, Charles Pheips.

Brantford—Alex. Cleghorn, W. T. Wisner, Louis Benedict.

Middlesex North—L. C. McIntyre, Alexander Smith, John Gunn, M. D.

Huron South—Robert Spier, Peter Douglass, David Walker.

Grey North—James Stewart, James Sharpe, jun., Wm. Q. Brown.

Middlesex West—Thos. Gordon, Alexander Douglas, Malcolm McGregor.

Huron East—Thomas Gibson, Geo. Fortune, Geo. Murdie.

Ontario Legislature.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne in the Ontario Legislature, which opens Thursday next, will be moved by Mr. Charles Mackenzie, of Sarnia, the newly-elected member for West Lambton, and seconded by Dr. Gilmour, member for West York.

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